Illness claims lives of three faculty/staff members

Unrelated deaths stun the campus community

By Nikki DeBartolo

The University suffered the loss of three of its faculty/staff members over the winter break. Professor Leon DeLeeuw of the Fine Arts department, Mail Center employee Lloyd Blazier, and Dr. Kenneth Aman of the Philosophy and Religion department all died of unrelated illness.

Dr. Kenneth Aman was hired as a replacement in the Fine Arts department by Lillicia Calcia in the fall of 1963. He served the Montclair State community as a devoted faculty member in excess of 34 years. His talent as a painter, as well as his contributions to the university and its students brought him the respect of his colleagues. His death on December 15 followed a long illness.

Lloyd Blazier, a 57 year-old employee of the Mail Center, suffered an illness causing his death on December 12. He worked for the department for two years. His co-workers remember him friendly and genial manner. He leaves behind his wife and two children.

Prof. DeLeeuw was hired as a replacement in the Fine Arts department by Lillian Calcia in the fall of 1963. He served the

Presidential search committee chosen

By Tom Boud

An official presidential search committee consisting of students, staff and faculty has been assembled to find a replacement for former MSU President Irvin Reid, according to a January 12 memo from Board of Trustees Chairperson Murray Cole.

Reid left MSU last October for a new job as president of Wayne State University in Michigan. In the meantime, Dr. Gregory Waters is currently serving as interim president until a permanent replacement is chosen. No word has been made as to when the search committee will make their selection.

Cole's January 12 announcement ends a long chapter of strained relations between the BOT and the American Federation of Teachers Local (AFT) 1904. The two organizations have been at odds with one another ever since October 6 when Cole announced that the board denied AFT representation on the presidential search committee.

As a result, the AFT called upon its members to boycott participation in the search committee process. The situation began to change for the better when AFT Local 1904 representative Catherine Becker announced on December 18 that the BOT had decided to include a non-voting AFT observer on the committee. Dr. Kenneth Brook of the Department of Anthropology is currently holding that position.

Names of Committee members will be released in next week's issue.

Back to the Books

Arena opening delayed third time

By Tom Boud

The Floyd Hall Ice Arena will not be opening its doors until well into February for the benefit of public safety, Director of Architectural and Engineering Services Kathy Montiero said on January 14.

This latest delay already comes on the heels of a previous postponement. Rink one of the Floyd Hall Ice Arena was originally scheduled to open by last Thanksgiving. However, that was before officials from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) pushed the opening date up to Christmas so that additional fire alarms could be installed throughout rink one. Now rink one will still remain closed so that construction on rink number two can be finished without any potential hazard to the public.

We'd rather wait ... until everything will be done.

Kathy Montiero, Director of Architectural and Engineering Services

"In order for the university to use the arena safely, I want to wait until all construction is completed, and all inspections are done. Right now, we'd rather wait until mid-February or the end of February when everything will be done," Montiero said.

She believes rink two construction will be finished no later than the end of February, since the mild winter season has permitted continuously favorable working conditions.

Montiero said Floyd Hall is expected to be completed by the end of February at the latest. Montiero stated that this latest delay is in MSU's best interest.

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A eulogy on the life and death of Chris Farley.

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International

U.N. responds to Iraq’s resistance
WASHINGTON — Richard Butler, who heads the U.N. Special Commission charged with ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, said he had no intention of changing the makeup of a team lead by Scott Ritter, an American whom Iraq has branded a spy.

Meanwhile, the United States said it was not insisting on the presence of any U.S. national on U.N. weapons inspection teams —but it said that was a decision for the United Nations, not Iraq.

The composition of the team “depends on expertise and it’s up to the United Nations to decide [the members of the team],” U.S. State Department spokesman James Rubin said on Wednesday. “The more often that other experts come forward in the world, the less the United States will have such a dominant percentage.”

Northeasterners still without electricity
MONTREAL — Lights may be popping on across the Northeast as punishing ice storms begin to thaw, but thousands of people are facing a cold, hard fact: They could be shivering in the dark for days, if not weeks.

Repair crews have been making headway a week after a vast ice storm paralyzed the region, but 100,000 families in Maine were still without electricity Wednesday. A million Canadians were facing a second week of bitter cold without power.

Cuban Cardinal gives historic speech
HAVANA — Cuban television viewers could hardly believe their eyes Tuesday night, when the head of Cuba’s Catholic church spoke. Cardinal Jaime Ortega’s speech was unprecedented, the first of its kind since shortly after the 1959 Cuban revolution. The country, predominantly Catholic before the revolution, was officially atheist from 1962 to 1992.

To Ortega’s right sat a framed picture of the pope, to his left a statue of the Virgin of Charity of Cobre, Cuba’s patron saint. He avoided controversy, focusing on the upcoming visit of Pope John Paul II to the island nation, which he called “a passage of God through our history.”

Ortega carefully explained who the pope is, why he is called the Successor of Peter, and what his message is.

National

Clinton to swear deposition in Jones case
WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton’s sworn deposition in the Paula Jones case, with Jones in attendance, will not occur at the White House, but instead will be held at the president’s attorney’s office at 10:30 a.m. ET Saturday morning, CNN has learned.

This news comes just a day after an interview in which Clinton said the case “probably” will go to trial.

Clinton’s attorney Robert Bennett’s office is just a couple of blocks from the White House. One source warns that the time and even the location could be changed.

The president and his advisors were anxious that Jones not be seen entering the White House for this purpose, sources said. The information is leaking out despite a strict gag order covering this entire pre-trial discovery process.

Microsoft continues to fight Justice Dept.
WASHINGTON (CNN) - A Microsoft Corp. executive testified Wednesday that it was impossible for the software giant to comply with an order by the U.S. Justice Department requiring it to separate its Internet Explorer browser from the Windows 95 operating system.

Microsoft Vice President David Cole used a laptop computer hooked up to large video monitors to refute the prosecution’s position.

A day earlier, analyst Glenn Weadock, testifying for the government, used the Add/Remove program within Windows 95 to remove Internet Explorer, the program’s built-in Web browser.

“This is the full Internet Explorer browser functionality, which is still here even though we used the remove command,” Cole said.

TWA tapes provide no new information
WASHINGTON — Taped conversations between air traffic controllers and airborne pilots who witnessed the explosion of TWA Flight 800 and its fiery plunge into the Atlantic Ocean 18 months ago were released on Wednesday. The tapes are dramatic, but provide no new information on the cause of the disaster that killed 230 people.

The first report of an explosion in the sky off the coast of New York’s Long Island was radioed by the pilot of Eastwind Airlines controller.

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Low enrollment majors still provide enrichment for many

Canceling majors will eliminate the classes within them, leaving non-majors in those courses stranded

By Carolyn Velchick
Staff Writer

In Nov. 1997, the Commission on the Higher Education of NJ issued a report of draft recommendations for public comment. One of the issues raised was that of degree programs having low enrollments. In order to be considered a low enrollment major, the program for an undergraduate degree must have 25 or fewer students and the program for a graduate degree must have 10 or fewer students.

The suggested solutions to this problem was for “each institution’s board of trustees to justify these undergraduate and graduate programs, phase them out, or offer them in collaborations of other institutions.” These recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Task Force affect many schools in NJ including MSU. For example, at the present time, there is only one Latin major, one transcultural studies major, and six classics majors. Does this mean we should shut these programs down? Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Richard Lynde does not think so.

“A small number of majors in a program does not mean that the program is serving a small number of students,” argues Lynde. In the Latin department, there may only be one major present, but there are 61 students enrolled in the actual program for a first language course. Closing Latin would mean leaving 62 students with nothing, not just one. We also need to look at the other levels of learning. Latin is still taught at the high school level, therefore Latin may not be as prevalent as it was, but there are still students interested in the program. Many feel that maintaining these low enrollment majors produces a high cost for the school itself.

In actuality, “the incremented cost of a low enrolled major is generally very small since many of the courses would be taught even if the low enrolled major were phased out,” due to “our commitment to a strong foundation in Liberal Arts,” states Richard Lynde.

Overall, degree programs with low enrollment are not a disadvantage to the school. This does not mean that the low enrollment majors are going to be closed. At this point in time, these degree programs are creating a full range of options for the students and for the citizens of NJ.

“For this reason, these programs are less likely to be up for termination,” states Lynde.

Ice arena still awaiting completion

By Carilyn Velchick
Staff Writer

The Floyd Hall Ice Arena is built “This grants the owner the use of facilities and equipment for a minimum of 5 years.” Montiero said. Montiero added that the Department of Architectural and Engineering Services has not been informed which teams if any, are using rink one as of press time.

The Floyd Hall Ice Arena is built from a multi-million dollar donation from K-Mart Chief Executive Floyd Hall. MSU will assume ownership of the arena in the year 2037.

Mercer County Community College becomes the ninth community college to establish this agreement with MSU.

By Tom Bond
Staff Writer

Mercer County Community College (MCCC) became the ninth community college to establish a joint admissions agreement with MSU on December 3, according to the MSU Office of Public Information. The agreement will begin in August 1998.

According to the deal, MCCC graduates completing an associate’s degree with at least a 2.5 GPA will be able to automatically enroll as junior liberal arts majors at MSU. They will be able to choose any of the 12 following disciplines: anthropology, classics, English, general humanities, geography, history, linguistics, philosophy, political science, psychology, religious studies and sociology. Interim President Gregory Waters said in a January 9 interview in his College Hall office that he was thrilled by the prospect of MCCC students coming to MSU.

“For me, it’s very exciting to see more county students have the opportunity to benefit from a faculty excellence in its teaching, as well as its scholarship,” Waters said.

Waters pointed out that MSU does a lot of business with county college transfer students, “We admit a large amount of transfer students. We have a very impressive number of agreements with county community colleges,” Waters said.

According to an Office of Public Information document, MSU has previously set up admission agreements with Sussex County Community College, Warren County Community College, Bergen County College, County College of Morris, Union County College, Middlesex County College, Essex County College and Raritan Valley Community College.

Waters said county college transfer students, have been traditionally attracted by MSU’s renowned business, psychology, and English programs. Waters said business administration is the most popular major with 1,130 undergraduates as of the Fall 1997 semester. Waters indicated that psychology is the second favorite major with 888 undergraduates, followed by English with 667 undergraduates. Waters added that these statistics have not varied much during recent years.
12/28/97
Suspicious Person
Officer responds to a report of a suspicious male behind the clove Road Apt. 300 building. Description obtained. Check proved negative.

12/29/97
Burglary/Theft
Book store manager reports two candy machines were damaged on the first floor of the Student Center. Officer determines machines are entered and contacts the vending company who confirms theft occurred.

1/5/98
Fire Alarm
Officers respond to a fire at the Library. Upon arrival discover a faulty photo sensor caused the alarm. Montclair Fire Dept. responded.

Harassment
Office workers feel threatened after a male student calls the president’s office regarding non payment of a bill. Student arrives on campus and meets with dean.

Theft
Shuttle bus driver reports a seat cushion was removed from a parked bus.

1/8/98
Theft
Female employee in Morehead Hall reports person(s) unknown entered the office rummaging through personal items and stealing candy and soda.

1/9/98
Theft
Panzer Gym employee reports discovering two VCR’s missing from the female basketball training room.

CDS
Officer responds to the Clove Road Apts. on a report of the smell of marijuana. Investigation continues.

1/13/97
Theft
Female Blanton Hall resident reported a VCR was removed from her locked room during the winter break. No signs of forced entry.

Arrest Trespass/Eluding Police
Officers respond to Apartment 308 Clove Road on a report of a male present in the apartment who is persona non grata. Suspect jumped out a rear window and fled toward the wooded area behind the complex as officers arrived. Charles Abshook II of Piscataway was apprehended and charged with Defiant Trespass and Eluding Police. Court date is set for 2/11/98 in Little Falls Court.
Montclair observes Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

By Robert Oaks
Staff Writer

Nearly 35 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., while standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech to a multi-racial crowd of more than 250,000 people. This "March on Washington," intended to support the reformulation of civil rights laws, was carried out with non-violence, a mode of protest that King emphatically espoused during his lifetime.

"We will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood," the Baptist minister insisted that day. His words described an America in which people of all races and religions would freely "join hands and sing," where God, peace and justice would reign.

King devoted his life to the realization of this dream. From the 1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott to the 1963 Birmingham Protests to the 1968 sanitation workers strike in Memphis, which occurred just days before his assassination, King consistently involved himself with movements for justice and racial integration.

King delivered many speeches and penned books, essays and letters concerning freedom and equality. He met with political leaders and activists, such as President Eisenhower, President Kennedy, India's Prime Minister Nehru and Malcolm X, and in 1964, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In addition, he helped to establish the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Montgomery Improvement Association, both of which were instrumental in advancing the civil rights movement.

Despite his insistence upon non-violence, however, King suffered many attacks. His home was bombed, he was stabbed and even stoned. King was also jailed several times because of his participation in protests. The final blow occurred on April 4, 1968 when King was killed by an assassin in Memphis, Tennessee.

The dream which moved King to activism and to the ultimate surrender of his life did result in some real changes. Just one year after the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the US Supreme Court declared segregated buses unconstitutional, and for the first time, blacks and whites rode together. Also, shortly after the "March on Washington," the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed, guaranteeing equal rights to housing, public facilities, voting, public schools, impartial hearings and jury trials.

The biographical information for this article was obtained from The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center, located in Atlanta.

MSU Remembers Lloyd Blazier

By Kara Richardson
Feature Editor

Lloyd Blazier, 57, of the MSU Mail Center passed away on Sunday, December 21, 1997. Blazier spent two years as a mail clerk with the close knit Mail Center. Blazier came to Montclair State University after working for Fairleigh Dickinson University for twenty years.

December 12 was the last day that Blazier worked for the Mail Center. According to the Mail Room supervisor, he went home early because he wasn’t feeling well. The Mail Center was shocked to later learn that Blazier suffered from a stroke and was brought to the hospital. Later complications from his hospital stay resulted in a short illness. Blazier died on Sunday, December 21.

King’s spirit has continued to thrive through memorials and services. Immediately following his death, his widow, Coretta Scott King, established the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center in Atlanta, Ga. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan declared the third Monday in January as a federal holiday to commemorate King’s birth. Each year on that date, schools offices and federal agencies are closed and ceremonies are held nationwide in Dr. King’s honor.

Many related events will occur throughout the country this weekend, including vigils, lectures and concerts held at universities and civic centers. More information can be obtained via the World Wide Web. At least one site provides a list of activities: www.eduplace.com/ss/mlk/mlk.html.

The biographical information for this article was obtained from The Martin Luther King, Jr. Website at Stanford University and The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta.
Keeping those New Year’s Resolutions all year long

By Peter Kofitsas
Staff Writer

We are fortunate to have a time once a year when we can discard the old and bring in the new. If we have the mind set we can prescribe for ourselves whole new attitudes, routines and experiences. We commonly refer to these phenomena as New Year’s resolutions. Unfortunately, for some of us the term may evoke negative past experiences of abandoned resolve and forgotten promises.

A different approach may be all that is necessary to help us to keep our new promises of good health, kindness to others, or pledges to become better organized. We may do this by substituting resolutions with goals. They should be realistic, sound and positive goals. Therapists tell us that realistic goals inherently bring with them strategies for success and also provide a better chance for the maker of self help book, also provide a better chance for the maker of self help book, bring with them strategics for success and satisfaction of that goal.” says Barry Farber

Pistors tell us that realistic goals inherently attainable goals one can better assure satisfaction with. This helps to make obligations less overwhelming. Instead of saying I will be a better person this year, one can say I will be more patient with my parents, or I will try to be kinder to others by respecting them. These simple steps are merely manipulations and subdivisions of a greater goal that one may want to accomplish, like being a better person. The smaller, more realistic steps will bring quicker satisfaction because they are easier to carry out. By being successful with one goal you can use the positive energy to achieve more goals.

There are plenty of resources to help you attain your goals. Health clubs may offer discounts. Self-help books may be featured at your local book store. There are plenty of people trying to make changes in their lives around the first of the year, you are not alone.

The new year is also a good time for a little self inspection. Socrates wrote that the unexamined life is not worth living. Often a truthful, good hard look within one’s self can afford the chance of repairing damaged egos, worn out patience and masked insecurities. By being honest with ourselves we can get to the root of “hang-ups,” prejudices and bad habits. Engaging in honest discussions about your views and feelings with a trusted friend, family member or yourself can do this. Very often someone else’s unbiased opinion can assist you to view issues from a perspective other than your own.

So whatever it is you may want or need to accomplish, remember to make your goals as realistic, specific and positive as possible. Call them what you want, make them personal to you and know that you are a better person for the effort. Give yourself the credit you deserve in wanting to make positive changes in the first place, and remember that success breeds success!
Eco-Tips: Don’t go with the flow!

What you can do:

When you wash your teeth just wet your brush, then turn off the water. Turn it on again when you need to rinse off your brush. You’ll save up to nine gallons of water each time! (Same goes for shaving… Turn the faucet OFF!)

When you wash dishes, just fill up a basin and rinse dishes in it, instead of just letting the water run. You can save up to 25 gallons each time. That’s enough to take a five minute shower!

For cool drinking water, leave a bottle of water in the refrigerator instead of just letting the water run. You’ll still get a cool drink without wasting water!

Eco-Tips are brought to you by the MSU Conservation Club, a class two organization of the SGA. General interest meetings are every Wednesday at 3:00, in the Student Center room 124.

Resolving to pay up credit debt in ’98

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“You might have good intentions to pay everything off as soon as you graduate,” he said. “But that $100,000 job you might think is waiting for you won’t be, and the long-arc of delinquency will follow you to places you can’t even imagine.

“With substantial credit card debt, you may not be able to rent an apartment or buy a house or get a car,” he continued. “Think you’re going to become a dentist, doctor or lawyer and pay for graduate school with student loans? Think again because you’ll be denied.

“And God forbid you want a job in finance or anything that has any fiduciary responsibilities. No one’s going to let you handle their money when they see you can’t handle your own.

“The reaper is going to come at the worst possible time,” he added. “And anything you say other than ‘Here’s the money,’ is nothing but an excuse.”

With the right attitude, students can pull themselves right out of debt — or at least prevent a bad situation from getting worse, credit counselors say. Among their suggestions:

1. Own up to your debt. “It isn’t going away, no matter how much you ignore the statements and the phone calls,” said Tahira K. Hira, professor of personal finance at Iowa State University. “And it all has to be repaid.”

2. Call your credit card right away if you’re unable to pay your bills on time. “The longer you wait, the more credibility you lose,” Hira said. “And you’re also losing your ability to negotiate payment plans and lower interest rates.”

3. Get a job, or find a higher paying one. “People have no business messing around with credit when they don’t have a steady source of income or a job,” Gatling said. “Working on the weekends might mean you can’t go to parties and football games, but this is a personal sacrifice you need to make.

4. Develop a repayment plan, ask someone to help you do it. Start by counting the number of credit cards you have and adding up their balances. Figure out the amount of interest charged to those accounts when you don’t pay the balance in full. Parents and credit card counselors are ideal resources, whose services generally come pretty cheap. “It’s a whole lot easier dealing with Mom and Dad than it is with Citibank,” Schubring said. “They helped me make sense of what was going on.”

5. Get a copy of your credit report. It’s a wonderful motivator because it lets you see what other people are saying about you,” Hira said. “They are studying your behavior, and you don’t want to start a life with a record saying you’re irresponsible following you around. Future employers can and will take a look at these reports to judge your character. Think about what you’re saying to them.” Reports can be obtained free of charge. Call Equifax at 1-800-685-1111 or Experian at 1-800-995-1141 for more information.

6. Try to negotiate a lower interest rate. “It can be done,” Hira said. “And this is where credit counselors can be helpful. The negotiate for many clients at a time so they will probably have better leverage than you would alone.”

7. Consolidate your credit card accounts at a lower interest rate. “It’s much easier to keep track of one account and owe one person than it is to owe five people,” Hira said.

8. Pay more than the minimum. “If you’re only making the minimum payment, you may as well light a match and set that money on fire,” Gatling said. “You’re essentially paying the interest, and you’re going to pay a lot more than you borrowed.” For example, Gatling said, people making minimum payments on a $2,000 charge at 18 percent will need 11 years to pay off their loan.

9. Don’t think that having multiple credit cards will help you establish good credit. “If you’ve got five cards in your pocket, but you only use one, you’ll be turned down for loans anyway,” Gatling said. “Creditors will take a look at the number of cards and add up their aggregate value. If it comes to 38 percent of your income, your life is still wrecked because in their eyes, you’re like an accident waiting to happen.”

10. Change your spending habits, and separate yourself from situations in which you might be tempted to use a credit card. “Cut back on your trips to the mall, and when you do go, go with a purpose,” Hira said. “Make your one purchase, and then walk out.” Avoid restaurants and have friends over instead. Make gifts and cards instead of buying them. Question whether the purchase is something you need or something you want.

“Always ask yourself, ‘How am I going to pay for this when the bill comes in two weeks?’” Hira said.

11. Stop using the cards you have, and don’t accept more. “The T-shirts and incentives are nice, but you better think twice,” Gatling said. “Credit card marketers will try and play just about anything to hook you. They’ll tell you you’re some kind of preferred customer. Truth is, you’re still the same old dog you were yesterday.”
228: Intriguing murder mystery written by MSU professor

By Victoria Tengelics  
Arts Editor

Many authors use their personal adventures as a backdrop for their writings. Author and MSU Professor, David E. Weischadle, did that when he wrote “228”, using his Vietnam experience as a Captain with the 228 Signal Company to set the scene for his murder mystery novel.

Not just another story about the trials of the Vietnam war, “228” is the fictional account of one man’s involuntary involvement in a drug smuggling ring, “228” has all the qualities of an intriguing mystery novel.

The main character, First Lieutenant David Whitehead is shipped out to Vietnam with little combat experience and ends up at the 228 Signal Company in Nhatrang. Whitehead wrongly assumes that his biggest problems are going to be leading his men. Being that 228 is not a combat troop he did not expect to be in too much danger, until he is asked to hold a carbine for Ralph Cook a.k.a. Major Benson.

Thinking he’s doing a regular favor Whitehead agrees, not realizing that there was more to the favor than meets the eye. Whitehead is quickly swept into a world of smuggling, murder, and greed. Surrounded by spies and crooks in the middle of a war it soon becomes hard for Whitehead to tell the difference between the good guys and the bad.

David E. Weischadle received this doctorate from Rutgers University. He has been a Professor of Education and Training at Montclair State University since 1979. Weischadle is the program coordinator of the Master of Arts program for Educators/Training at MSU. Dr. David E. Weischadle is also involved in research and consulting work for public and private organizations.

Although “228” is Dr. Weischadle’s first attempt at fictional writing he is not a novice writer. He has written for The New York Times, The Christian Science Monitor and The Philadelphia Inquirer. Plus Dr. Weischadle was a weekly columnist for The Business Journal of New Jersey.

One might wonder why a man with his background would write a novel; Dr. Weischadle explained, “I suppose every one thinks they have a novel in them just waiting to be written. I did, but found that no one was really interested in the kind of novel I wanted to write. So I wrote the novel I wanted in the framework of a novel other people wanted.”

Although he began writing “228” in 1980 it wasn’t until two years ago that he completed and subsequently published it. “228” is a fascinating book bringing a new twist to the Vietnam experience. Although it takes a few chapters before you get drawn in, once you get into it’s a hard book to put down. If you are in need of an escape from the drudgery of homework don’t glue your eyes to the television set, instead energize your mind with “228”.

The Fall 1997 Four Walls is a hit

By Tom Boud  
Staff Writer

The Fall 1997 Four Walls has even more personality, pep, and punch than the last one. I guess that happens when Four Walls doesn’t have to worry about managerial problems, like the ones which kept the Spring, 1997 issue in the phantom zone for quite a while.

The one truly remarkable thing about this Four Walls edition is the art. It will send your eyes pirouetting endlessly. The Asian culture photo montage on the front cover is nothing compared to Joe Gawlik’s wicked watercolor on page 1. This treat sports a winged angel with a daring décolletage amid a gaseous, kaleidoscopic background of pink, purple, orange, yellow and blue. Tamra Malaga flamboyantly flares her color on page 2. Her depiction of a bird-like figure next to a blazing bush is a sight to relish.

Also, be sure to check out Theresa (Jung OHK) Cho’s color cornucopia on page 31. She potently presents a viciously vivid vision of autumn.

The Fall 1997 Four Walls further features some pretty nifty poetry. Elizabeth Waysek’s poem entitled Auf Dem Strasse (German for on the street) combines crisp imagery with attention-getting form. Heidy Quintero’s Hello Mi Amor (Hello my love) gives a fresh perspective on love as well as a heavy-duty workout for your knowledge of espanol. Elena Ivan’s No Choice takes a trip into mysticism. The way the poem is laid out is a trip in itself. To crown it all off, Literary Genocide by D’Anna delves into the macabre. Yet, no matter which poem you read, you’ll feel more alive than a hyperactive greyhound.

Concerning prose, you’ll want to read Suzanne Snyder’s 19 Cents.

After reading it, I felt as if I really been to Switzerland, even though I’ve never been there in my life.

Last but not least, you might consider sinking your eyeballs into Laura Chi’s An Arabesque Pattern. Without letting the proverbial cat out of the bag. Its convincing tone, brisk pace, and in-depth narration will make you forget the outside world for a while.

So if you’re looking for a good as gold literary publication for the price of dirt, scamp on down to Student Center, Room 121 and get the Fall, 1997 Four Walls. Four Walls is a wall-bursting hit!
Ways of Our Lives
By Victoria Tengelics

Welcome back to MSU!! To keep in touch with your favorite soaps make sure you read on.

One Life to Live: Mel picks a fight with Dorothy while drunk. Joey shows up and tries to calm her but gets a shock when she reveals her feelings for him. Embarrassed by his reaction she throws him out. Kelly is cheered up by Joey but upset because Ian cancels plans with her to make it to a meeting with Blair. A drunken Mel goes to Club Indigo and accuses RJ of being behind the kidnapping of Max's kids. Max doesn't want Ian to know about his involvement in Blair's plans. Blair is warned that Todd is becoming suspicious.

Port Charles: Lark shoplifted prompting Julie to take action. Lucy is caught off-guard while she is searching Rex's bedroom for incriminating evidence. Scott and Kevin continue on their search into Rex's days in the mental institution.

General Hospital: Mac has been kidnapped by Tess and replaced in Port Charles by Jax. The ridiculous part is that everyone is buying the charade so far. Robin is home and has decided to move in with Brenda after the two have a long talk. Robin fears the worst from her uncle Mac but is surprised by Mac's (James's) reaction, but she still doesn't guess anything. Brenda called Gail when she learned the news that Lucy is looking for a new model to take her place. Brenda decides that she has to stop destroying herself and get better and puts a call in to Lucy.

At Tony's bidding a social worker visits Jason's home to see how the baby is. Thanks to Bobbie the social worker finds nothing wrong. Tony is less than pleased when he finds out Bobbie was there.

All My Children: Tad goes in search of Edmund after finding out that Dimitri has been gravely injured. Adam fears he has had another stroke after seeing what he at first believes is a ghostly apparition. After talking with Ruth, Adam begins to suspect it was an illusion and goes in search of the mystery woman. Jake seeks advice from Jack. David promises Allie that he will back off and keep her secret but Jake is not convinced.

The Young and the Restless: The Phyllis/Danny ordeal is not done yet. Sasha's manuscript is in Christine's hands sending Phyllis into a state of panic. Michael tries to convince her that all is not lost since the judge could deem it inadmissible. Back in the courtroom the judge wants to read the manuscript before he makes his decision.

Neil is adamant about divorcing Dru. Malcolm warns Dru that she better work fast. Nikki paid Victor a visit to make plans for Victoria's birthday. Sarah muses about how happy Joshua will be when he finds out his wife's not dead. Victor decides to surprise Diane.

As the World Turns: Holden was supposed to marry Molly to keep himself out of prison. Holden has plans to marry Lily instead (which even Lily is unaware of). First he has Lisa stall Molly and Carly at the dress shop and with the help of some friends she succeeds (for a little while). Jack, after getting in Molly's way too many times, is unconscious.

Meanwhile Lily's mother sneakily takes her to Lakeview for her wedding. Holden proposes that they get married now regardless of Molly's threats. All may not be well as Molly starts to suspect something is up and is on her way to Lakeview.

Guiding Light: Michelle tries to make Jesse leave her by attempting to convince him that there is another man. He will not let go of her. Holly and Fletcher have a fight. Reva is upset by news of Annie's plans. Matt and Vanessa find out they are having a girl. Phillip overhears Mallet and Beth's conversation.

The Bold and the Beautiful: Taylor has her baby and must make the decision on who will be named as daddy on the birth certificate. Thorne promised to treat the child as his own if she lets him. Brooke tries to convince Ridge that it doesn't matter if Thorne and Taylor are there for the wedding. "Dr. Guthirini" and James have a heart to heart but Mike interrupts before too much information could be spilt.

Sunset Beach: Vanessa discovers Jade's body while she and Michael are playing in the woods. The killer stalks Meg as she looks for her missing engagement ring. Cole questions Annie about Caitlin. Annie discovers Caitlin trying to buy a baby from Rachel and realizes that she lost hers. Mark and Gabi decide to remain just friends.

Another World: Shane will live and Lila wants him to be hers but he feels he's a very good friend. Vicky tries to convince Jake that he's the only man for her while thoughts of Shane bounce through her mind. Tyrone asks Gary to find out if Etta Mae is his mother. Etta Mae tells Chris she misses him. Tony attempts to reconcile with Chris.

Days of our Lives: Jenn and Jack remain on the run with Abby. Peter escapes from the F.B.I. Unbeknownst to John and Marlena, Roman has found out about them. Marlena and John have another argument about telling Roman (How long will this go on?)

Billie tries to calm BO at Hope's and urges him to come home and deal with a tabloid reporter threatening to spill the beans on her.

Titanic is a spectacular recreation of history

By Victoria Tengelics

Although three hours long, "Titanic" is the best movie I have ever seen! The time flew by as Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet graced the screen with their magnetic presence. This movie realistically brings the story of the sinking of the Titanic to life.

The Titanic was one of the world's greatest cruise ships which sank to a watery grave at 2:20 a.m. on April 15, 1912. One of the greatest tragedies of this century cost the lives of 1,500 people that night in the Arctic waters. The ship grazed an iceberg on its way from South Hampton bound for New York City. Nicknamed The Ship of Dreams, its passengers ranged from the elite to the poor. Termed unsinkable, Titanic was a ship of immense proportions from bow to stern, as long as a 70 story building.

The story of the Titanic has fascinated many, it has been the theme of many movies in the past few decades, but none capture the story in such a grand way as James Cameron's "Titanic." Costing 200 million dollars to produce, the scenery and set design was exact. Cameron replicated everything with historical accuracy down to the rug patterns.

Halfway through production, Fox was ready to shut down the "Titanic" because its budget had soared higher than expected. Cameron was not willing to give up his dream and instead gave up his salary and any rights to royalties made by the movie. That in and of itself shows his dedication.

There are many stories in this movie. The first is of a man searching for treasure and fame in the wreck of the Titanic. Almost reaching his goal, in a locked safe he instead finds a naked body while he is searching for. He is contacted by a woman named Rose who claims to be that woman "Heart of Ocean" diamond that he has been searching for. It is her lost one. John is contacted by a woman named Rose who claims to be that woman and comes to his ship to tell her story of the sinking.

Kate Winslet plays Rose DeWitt Bukater an unhappy debutante deemed to marry millionaire Caledon Hockley. Leonardo DiCaprio plays Jack Dawson a poor young man who wins a ticket on the "Ship of Dreams" in a poker game. The two meet when Rose who dreads living a meaningless life of tea parties and other social engagements decides to end it all but Jack stops her and the two become fast friends much to the chargin of Hockley. A love story that touches even the coldest hearts ensues.

The captain under pressure from the president of the company that owns the Titanic orders full speed ahead through waters ridden with icebergs. The fateful mass is not spotted until the ship is too close to stop or safely turn all the way around. It strikes on its side with small gashes letting in thousands of tons of water, although there are water tight doors on some of the lower levels of the ship some holes are above those sections and the ship begins to sink. There are not enough life boats to handle the number of people on board so the class division of the period shines through when the rich have the first chance at survival.

"Titanic" is the story of a great ship that sank and the heart-wrenching tale of its victims. "Titanic" is also the story of a girl trapped by social and economic pressures learning to break free through an unexpected love. The chemistry between the two characters is brought masterfully to the screen. This is one of Leonardo DiCaprio's most powerful performances so far. Kate Winslet was the perfect choice for the strong spirited character of Rose. I also enjoyed Victor Garber as Thomas Andrews, Titanic's designer and Billy Zane as Caledon Hockley although his character was deplorable. "Titanic" is a must see! The price of the ticket and the length of the film will all be forgotten once you witness this spectacular recreation of history.
Travis: not giving the Good Feeling

By Gabrielle Wild
Assistant Arts Editor

If the first song on a CD is any indication of what the rest of the CD will sound like, then I would have pressed stop on my CD player after the first song on Travis' new CD Good Feeling. But, I continued to listen.

The first song, “All I Want To Do Is Rock,” isn’t entertaining; I think that Travis must have gone to a school where they teach you to rhyme every line in a song. For example, rhyming lines like, “I’m a foot without a sock/you seem to work out a sock,” is ridiculous. The lead singer can’t carry a note in certain parts of the tune.

Both “Midsummer Nights Dreamin’” and “Tied To The 90’s” remind me of songs you would hear from a high school garage band. “Midsummer Nights Dreamin’” is definitely reminiscent of high school with its references to drinking and non-serious love lyrics, such as “you’re breakin’ me heart/you’re stealin’ ma soul.” Whereas, “Tied To The 90’s” is more like a teenage political statement when it whines “we’re tired of the 90’s but we’re tied to the 90’s.” No offense to anyone, but it sounded like a bad Oasis rip-off.

The rest of the songs on Good Feelings are mostly slow ones, except for “Happy,” which has a catchy tune, but the chorus is too repetitive. “I Love You Anyways” is a basic love ballad with a slight western beat. The two songs “More Than Us” and “Funny Thing” are the best songs on the CD. I guess that Travis saved the best for last.

“More Than Us” is another slow song, except this one actually has some insightful lines, such as “and everybody wants a hand/but I’m too busy holding up the world.” This song is also cool because the vocal parts suddenly alter the rhythm guitar during this song.

“Good Feeling,” the title track of the CD, reminds me of a Radiohead song, except for the fact that the lead singer can’t carry a note in certain parts of the tune.

Travis is a young English band. Fran, Andy, Dougie, and Neil may give the band a competitive. “I Love You Anyways” has some Radioheadesque qualities to it. The strongest elements of this song are the lead singer’s high breathy voice and the way the bass just breaks in and out of the song so mysteriously.

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Get the Led out

By Kristopher LaGreca
Staff Writer

Led Zeppelin is back. Well, sort of. Atlantic Records released the BBC Sessions in November. This is the first live Zeppelin album in over 20 years, and it's been too long. For die-hard fans like me, hearing something new from the band is more than exciting, it's a piece of history.

This double-CD set includes never heard before material from the concert held at London’s Paris Cinema on April 1, 1971. The original performance was set up for BBC radio, and had since been largely forgotten. Bigwigs at Atlantic Records, thankfully, thought it was a good idea to release a CD which featured Led Zep in their raw and early stages.

Jimmy Page himself admits “It’s not the best Led Zeppelin, and it’s not the worst,” as quoted from December’s Guitar World issue.

Hey it’s Led Zeppelin, right? Live. Strong. Unfiltered. Well, not exactly. My first gripe on the BBC Sessions is that unfortunately, Jimmy Page, whose awe-some guitar flies through songs like “Communication Breakdown” and “Immigrant Song” edited the session tapes. Some songs have been cut, edited, or even overdubbed. While this is not exactly bad, it takes away from the fact that it's marketed as an “unfiltered” live CD. But what's a little “cut-and-paste” when your listening to what I consider Zeppelin's greatest live recording during what many fan's consider to be Led Zep's peak year, 71?

Throughout the two CD-set, you’ll hear improvisations and lead-ins to other songs done so well, you would think it were rehearsed. You’ll hear Robert Plant belt out “Whole Lotta Love” that will give you chills down your spine. You’ll also hear Page’s guitar which is so haunting raw that you’ll want to buy a Les Paul and play along. Remember that this isn’t a nice, soft studio album. Led Zeppelin was best known as a “concert” band whose ability to play together lead to amazingly entertaining shows. It’s in the BBC Sessions that you’ll hear Plant, Page, Bonham, and Jones play rough and the sound is awesome.

What about the songs you’ll hear on this two CD set? It has a helping of the classics. “Going to California,” “Black Dog,” and of course “Stairway to Heaven” are just a few of the 20+ classics featured on the silver platter. What’s even more exciting are the covers, like Eddie Cochran’s “Something Else,” and “That Girl I Love,” which has gotten much air play over the past two months.

Here’s my second gripe, there are more than one track of some songs, “Whole Lotta Love,” “You Shook Me,” and “Communication Breakdown,” are each featured twice. While they’re great songs, and each one is a different recording, it would have been nice to include other classics which didn’t make it onto this release.

If you’re a casual Zep listener or a drooling worshiper, BBC Sessions are a requirement for everyone’s CD collection.

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Floyd Hall Ice Arena’s opening is being delayed again. The rink, which was supposed to be open before Thanksgiving, then before Christmas and then mid January, will reportedly be open and ready by middle to late February. Ice skating enthusiasts should probably start to look for alternate sites to skate for a while. It just doesn’t seem like this place is ever going to be open.

The first delay was the decision of officials of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). They decided that the arena needed more fire alarms. Keep in mind, they already had fire alarms, they just wanted to add more. What are they making the ice out of that they need an army of fire alarms? Also, does it take over a month to hook up fire alarms? What were they doing this whole time while they were working so hard installing unnecessary safety precautions? It definitely makes you wonder.

The latest delay comes to the campus via another terribly lame excuse. Apparently, the company building the rink is wants to finish up construction in one of the rinks. As a result, both rinks are closed to the public. Director of Architectural and Engineering Services Kathy Montiero, who made the announcement about Delay III said that this move was to ensure that the university be able to use the rink safely.

Sadly, the students of Montclair State University will probably get the short end of the stick in terms of using this rink anyway. It would be nice if we could take advantage of the little ice time that we are going to be given as soon as possible. Future delays would be disappointing to the students who are anxious to get out on the ice, but the unfortunate trend set the Department Architectural and Engineering Services would be no surprise to MSU.

Another concern is that the rink is scheduled to host new physical education classes offered this spring. Figure skating and ice hockey are slated to begin this semester, and could be delayed if the rink’s opening is further delayed.

When the rink does finally open, there will be a large gala-style grand opening ceremony, which Governor Christine Todd Whitman will attend. This will attract major media coverage, so hopefully that will speed up the opening date. We all know how MSU hates bad publicity. It’s a shame that it takes a visit from the Governor to get a facility to open, rather than keeping promises made to students. It would have been a great opportunity for students to exercise during the winter break. Let’s hope we have a chance to work out during spring break in March.

A huge majority of the employees at the rink are MSU students. That was a step in right direction, bettering relations with the student body. There hasn’t been any advertising as to when public skating sessions will be, or how much it will cost to students. It would be absurd to charge MSU students more than $5.00 for a two-hour session, but we’ll have to wait and see.
A eulogy of comedian Chris Farley by a fan and admirer

I remembered how happy Farley made me, and I cried a little because he was gone forever.

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Nineteen European nations signed a treaty this past Monday that said cloning people violated human dignity and was a misuse of science. This treaty was planned months ago, but clearly took on a greater significance with the announcement last week by Chicago physician Richard Seed that he will clone a child within two years.

The great public outcry against cloning began in July 1997 when Dolly the sheep, the world's first cloned mammal, set off an international debate over the implications for human biology. President Clinton has urged Congress to pass legislation banning human cloning.

The media has not missed an opportunity to point out all of the hypothetical negative situations that could arise if Seed's experiment was successful without discussing the positive benefits from such a remarkable scientific breakthrough. He has been labeled and portrayed as a madman, treated with sarcasm in television interviews. Obviously, Seed has reasons to pursue his goal to clone a human. His research could lead to possible cures to diseases by making doctors more knowledgeable of human medicine.

Nobody really knows for sure what traits are genetic. We only know that genes dictate what physical characteristics a person will possess. Cloning is the absolute only way to prove if cancer is hereditary.

Some have gone as far to say that cloning might lead to war by implying that the next world terror, resembling Hitler, would clone himself. It seems that paranoia has already set in. We don't know that Hitler had any sort of evil gene. By cloning him, you could find out for sure, only to find that Hitler became the man he was based on his experiences.

If Adolph Hitler had grown up in Long Valley, New Jersey, and was now attending Montclair State University, there is no way he would turn out to be anything like the original. He wouldn't even resemble me, even though I grew up that way. We are what we are because of our environments and experiences, which build us intellectually, and shape us emotionally.

By cloning a person, the only thing you are ensuring is that the clone will have the same appearance as its original.

Even then, that is not carved in stone. Fashion changes. Styles change. Trends change. If a clone was made of me the same day I was born, and raised in Pakistan, that clone would only closely resemble me as I am today. That clone wouldn't even speak English. He would never have heard of Dave Matthews or the Buffalo Bills. He might have asthma and poor eyesight, but that's not even for sure. It is entirely possible that I have poor eyesight because I sat too close to the television as a child, and I have asthma due to high pollen levels in Northwest New Jersey.

Sure, it's possible that since I was conceived it was determined that I would be 5'-11", 125 lbs. when I reached 20 years old. The only way to tell is through scientific experimentation. Maybe, if that clone made the same day I was born was raised in Rome, he might have developed a craving for pasta and be 175 lbs. I find it fascinating to wonder if I am who I am because that's the way God made me, or because life can lead you in any direction.

I drive a 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier. In 1986, Chevrolet manufactured thousands and thousands of that same model car. Twelve years later, how many of those cars look the same as the one I drive? I'm willing to bet that not one of them do. The seats in the back of my car are faded because the owner before me lived in Texas, and the sun all but bleached the fabric. The next owner damaged the front end and shattered a window in an accident. I covered it with stickers. The mileage has changed. There is barely a single thing about that car that has been consistent from when it was manufactured. Maybe comparing humans and cars is like comparing apples and oranges, but it's important to consider every aspect of this debate.

Another misconception people seem to have about cloning is that if a clone were made of a person, the clone would be identical to them in every capacity, including age.

That is far from the truth. I'll use myself as an example again. If a clone were to be made of me today, Tim Casey II, he would still have to go through the standard 9 month human gestation period and be born, making his birthday September 15, 1998, 21 years, 1 month, and 4 days younger than his clone, Tim Casey I. TC 2 would have yet to learn to walk, talk, and read. Even completely different person, based on the sole fact that he had TC1 as an influence in his life. There is no possible way to duplicate the exact environment and interpersonal experiences TC1 had in his life.

Why am I not against pursuing further research into human cloning? Because I want to know. I am curious. I would like to settle it once and for all. What is hereditary and what is not? Clone a homosexual. If their clone was also homosexual, that would make a huge social statement as to the acceptance of homosexuality. I'm sure the Catholic church would not condemn any condition that was proven to be natural, not psychological. I'd like to know if I'm doomed to have my hair fall out when I'm 40.

Richard Seed is not a doctor, but seems confidently determined to continue his pursuit of human cloning. He has already said he will move his enterprise to Tijuana, Mexico if cloning was outlawed in the United States. I'm sure there are enough people out there to help him fund his project, and he can indeed clone a human being, the advantages will be seen, and eventually it will become as acceptable as in vitro fertilization or abortion. Not ever entirely accepted, and always controversial.

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**LETTERS, continued...**

**CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, from p. 13**

totalistic society because of its strict rules and regulations, but it is the same laws that keep crime down to a whisper in Singapore. It made an American teenager, Michael Fay, regret vandalizing a car. The scars on his buttocks from his caning he received will always remind him of his stupid mistake. Crime in other Asian countries, such as Thailand, Laos, and Pakistan, are kept to a minimum thanks to capital punishment which is supported by strict policing and patrolling.

Why can’t our nation do that? Instead of wasting billions manufacturing super-subsonic laser machine guns or plutonium armed missiles, the government should invest more in our police units so that they can hire more officers and update their methods. If improving the police force doesn’t work, then capital punishment is the key.

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The degree of capital punishment should be based on the crime committed. For example, a thief, vandal, or drug dealer should get a maximum of six to eight lashes with a cane and two to ten years in prison. A rapist or child molester should be castrated or sterilized and receive life behind bars. A murderer should be sentenced to death.

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The degree of capital punishment should be based on the crime committed. For example, a thief, vandal, or drug dealer should get a maximum of six to eight lashes with a cane and two to ten years in prison. A rapist or child molester should be castrated or sterilized and receive life behind bars. A murderer should be sentenced to death.
O’Sullivan writes another large self-indulgent article
“My ego controls my fragile existence,” he says

by John J. O’Sullivan

Ego-driven manic

[WARNING: This article contains multiple tangents, and should not be used by those with heart conditions, those who have been under the influence of prescription drugs, or those who think that non-malicious is a really cool concept. The latter of the three should find the nearest cliff and jump off of it. Thank you. -ed]

Greetings and salutations. I trust that everyone had a pleasant break away from this wonderful sentinel of higher learning. I didn’t, but that’s good, because I get to bitch about it. I LOVE bitching about things. It is a ton of fun. Well, I worked for 98.3% of the break, serving food at a restaurant that didn’t have any business. When I was not doing this, I was either:

a) Drinking
b) Sleeping (after drinking)

c) Playing my sister’s Nintendo 64 (while drinking)
d) Crying about how I have absolutely no social life whatsoever and how I’ll probably end up alone as a monk with my only companion being a small cat named “Alexander” for the rest of my natural life (before/while/after drinking)

Other than the above (especially option “d”), I’ve discovered a few new twists in life that have kept me amused to no end. One of these twists is the mysterious power of hair color in daily life. Normally, my hair is a dark blonde color, which I keep short because I am too lazy and stupid to deal with a large hairdo. Elaborate hairdos just aren’t my idea of a good time. I look at Craig Kilborn’s or Kevin Bacon’s hair in utter fright. Can you imagine how long it takes to do their hair? Yikes, I just don’t have the time! I would need so much hairspray that I would probably have a hole in the ozone named after me. There’s already a couple down there in Antarctica, I don’t really think I would like to add to the collection. Imagine all of the cancer that would cause? Argh. I would probably have to wear a tag proclaiming, “John J. O’Sullivan has been proven to cause skin cancer in laboratory rats.” I have very little self-esteem as it is. Being a major cause of skin cancer cannot help boost my self-image that much. Wow! Some major tangent action is going on here. Let me continue with the hair story.

At any rate, at the beginning of the semester, I did the first of my hair-coloring experiments. I decided that it would be a good idea to make my hair lighter. I justified my actions with a really good reason: Severe Clinical Boredom. So, in went the bleach, and out came the light hair. Other than the occasional “Ken” comments, a lot of people thought it was rather keen. I sort of liked it. Besides, blondes have more fun, as the old adage says.

Well, I didn’t have much fun. Besides the whole work thing sucking real bad, the classes that I ignored, the constant illness, the losing of both of my legs and arms in a tragic log-chipping accident (I’m typing this with my nose, aren’t you impressed?), all of my friends spontaneously combusting, and the cancellation of Seinfeld, I didn’t have much fun. In fact I wanted to shoot myself, but I didn’t have any arms or legs to do it. Wait. You don’t believe that I see NO LIFE on p. 17
Blonde hair bad, black hair good

NO LIFE, cont. from p. 15

lost my limbs? Damn. I guess this feeble attempt at getting everyone to pity me for increased popularity failed. Crap.

So, as I was saying before tangent number two, the blonde color wasn’t giving me the good time that society promised me. So, a couple of days ago, I decided that a major drastic change was in order. I went to get my hair cut to its short, easily maintainable length. After that was done, I went to the drug store to buy some dye. I toyed with the notion of getting the blonde dye, but I didn’t want the surfer dude look again. I can’t even surf. I hate getting sand in my swimsuit. It scratches my butt up.

To the left of the blonde dye, a small box called me. It said, “John, buy me! Change! Buy me!” No, it didn’t actually talk to me. I’m not psychotic, and I have never taken Lithium. Yet.

I picked up the box of dye, bought it, and took it home with me. I feverishly opened it, took out the gloves that I had to buy it, and took it home with me. I feverish kicked out the smelling salts, and woke her from her shock-coma. I took off my hat. Voila, black hair! She fainted again. I started feeding her espresso intravenously. She eventually got out of the coma, and said she liked me better as a blonde. I explained the whole “having more fun” thing (see above), but she didn’t buy it. In fact, I bet she regrets that she started feeding her espresso intravenously.

And when it was done, I walked out of the bathroom not as a bitter, self-loathing, sardonic blonde, but as a bit- ter, self-loathing, sardonic, raven-haired man. (For most Americans who have had their brains extracted from TV shows such as “Wheel of Fortune,” raven-haired means black).

I went to work the next day (which was my last at the Restaurant at Hell, yippee!), and absolutely NO ONE recognized me at first. It was really, really cool. I could have walked in, told people to piss off, and get away with it, but I chose not to. People don’t necessarily want to tip a waiter that tells them to piss off. Heck, most people don’t want to tip well at that restaurant anyway. Sure, they’ll spend a trillion dollars at Tiffany’s on a pair of cuff links, but 15% on a bill? Nope, can’t afford it. I hope they all spontaneously combust in their stupid Land Rovers while they drink their Perrier. No, I’m not bitter. Really.

I showed my mom, knowing she was going to flip. I was wearing a hat when I came home that day. I said, “Hey, guess what I did Mom!” She said, “Oh no, not the other nipple.” I started to pull my shirt up as a ruse, and then she fainted. After I got out the smelling salts, and woke her from her shock-coma, I took off my hat. Voila, black hair! She fainted again. I started feeding her espresso intravenously. She eventually got out of the coma, and said she liked me better as a blonde. I explained the whole “having more fun” thing (see above), but she didn’t buy it. In fact, I bet she regrets that she dropped me on my head a few times during my developing years. Besides, who’d think that I couldn’t land on both of my feet after leaping from the swing at the playground. Whoopsie!

Well, that’s enough bitterness and anger for this edition of the eternally cheery and lemon-scented Humour™ Section. Have a great semester, or don’t.

John J. O’Sullivan
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Think different.
Have a type 11 system error.
Try to think different again.
Have another type 11 system error.
Think violence.

Apple

IT'S Thursday. Do you know where YOUR VIRTUAL PET is?

Answers to Super Crossword

from the puzzle on the previous page

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**MSU Red Hawk Standings**

New Jersey Athletic Conference

(Updated as of 1/12/98)

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**This week’s Red Hawk Action**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**

**MEN’S BASKETBALL VS. THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY** at 4 p.m.

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL VS. THE COLLEGE OF NJ** at 2 p.m.

Indoor Track at Lehigh Tri: 9:00 a.m.

Wrestling at East Stroudsburg at 1:00 p.m.

**MEN’S SWIMMING VS. BLOOMSBURG** at 7:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

Women’s Basketball at Kean University at 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

WRESTLING VS. USMMA at 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

Women’s Basketball at Rutgers-Newark at 5:30 p.m.

Men’s Basketball at Rutgers-Newark at 7:30 p.m.

Women’s Swimming at East Stroudsburg at 7:00 p.m.

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Red Hawks hold off Rowan in thriller, 62-59

Reilly propels Hawks to 6th straight; MSU holds on to first place

Press Release

Junior guard B.J. Reilly (Middlesex) scored 12 of his 19 points in the second half and helped hold off a late charge with his own point-guard play as Montclair State (10-3, 6-1 NJAC) won its sixth-straight game, a 62-59 thriller over Rowan University (8-3, 5-2 NJAC) before 576 in a New Jersey Athletic Conference men’s basketball game played in Panzer Gymnasium on Wednesday night.

Reilly, who scored Montclair State’s first eight points of the second half, helped MSU build up what seemed to be a comfortable 51-28 lead with 15:25 left in the game, after the Hawks lead 40-26 at the break. However, Rowan came roaring back with a stunning 31-9 run over the next 14 minutes, and when sophomore guard Rajohn Odom (Newark) stole the ball and hit a driving layup with :54 to play, the score was suddenly 60-59 in favor of Montclair State.

However, on MSU’s ensuing possession, freshman guard Jermel Mayo (Irvington) drove the lane and dish ed off to junior Anthony Peeples (Linden) for a layup with :19 showing giving Montclair a 62-59 cushion. Odom then drove the baseline for Rowan and missed a short jumper at the buzzer as time ran out.

The victory snapped a five-game losing streak to Rowan dating back to the 1995-96 season when MSU defeated the Profs in the first round of the NJAC Tournament.

Reilly finished with 19 points and had four assists and six steals, while senior guard Kyle Griffith (Newark) chipped in with 16 points. Peeples added 13 points and 10 rebounds. For Rowan, Jason Adams (Camden) scored a game-high 24 points and had seven rebounds.

The win was MSU’s sixth straight to improve to 10-3, and gives it a first-place 6-1 record in the NJAC.

Powerful Profs down Women’s basketball 74-49, Hawks record now 5-7

Press Release

Senior guard Jenn Denby (Bridge ton) led all scorers with 24 points, while adding eight rebounds and four steals as Rowan University (13-0, 7-0 NJAC) remained undefeated with an easy 74-49 win over Montclair State (5-7, 2-4 NJAC) in a New Jersey Athletic Conference women’s game played at Panzer Gymnasium on Wednesday night.

Denby led three Profs players in double figures as junior forward Suzanne Lynch (Bridgewater) dropped in 20 points on 8-13 shooting, and sophomore forward Jessica McNeill (Burlington) added 11. The win gives Rowan a perfect mark of 13-0 and keeps the Profs on top of the NJAC at 7-0.

Rowan put the game away when the Profs bridged the first and second half with a 28-10 run that turned an eight-point game at 24-16 in favor of Rowan, into a 52-26 lead with just over 15:00 to play in the game. In the run, Denby scored 10 points and Lynch scored eight.

For MSU, sophomore, Lyndsay Robinson (Shrewsbury) was high with 14 points while adding six blocked shots, and freshman Ayesha Burney (Summit) chipped in with 12.