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 DeLecuy 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.

DeLecuy was hired as a replacement in the Fine Arts department by Lillian 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 his friendly and genial manner. He leaves behind his wife and two children.

Dr. Kenneth Aman was found in his office on January 12.

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 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 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.

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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. Rink number two is slated for completion by the end of February at the latest. Montiero stated that this latest delay is in MSU’s best interest.

“...we’d rather wait until everything will be done.”

“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 residents began moving into the Residence Halls on Tuesday after the three-week winter break.

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News from the outside world

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 130,000 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, predominately 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” would 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 they 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 trans-cultural 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 these 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

FINISHED YET?: Although MSU's newest facility looks complete, workers still need to add the finishing touches before the arena's opening.

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Enterprises has been granted a certificate of occupancy for rink one.

"This grants the owner the use of the facility only through the month of January, and only for athletic team practices," 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 Boud
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 MSU 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 excellent 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.

MSU loses three staff members to illness over break

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He died suddenly of a heart attack. He began working for the university in the fall of 1973. His long commitment to Montclair state was valued only by his commitment to human rights and peace movements. He was especially focused on peace and justice in Latin America. He was the editor of several books, including: "Border Regions of Faith" and "Popular Culture in Chile." The campus community has been welcomed by his wife and daughter to attend his services at the Moriarty Funeral Home in Montclair today from 2-4 p.m. and again at 7-9 p.m. Services for his funeral will be held tomorrow, Friday January 16 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Philip the Apostle church on Clifton.

Mercer County Community College establishes joint admissions agreement with MSU
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.

1/13/98
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 Ashbrook 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.
Resolve to pay up in ’98

By Christine Tatum
College Press Service

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o you’ve decided to shop during the holidays with nothing but a credit card in your wallet, and you’re dreading the bill that’ll arrive by the end of this month.

Tad Schubring, a Western Illinois University senior knows that feeling. He and a friend flew to Las Vegas three summers ago. Because his friend had just returned home with pleasant memories of playing blackjack, Schubring figured he’d simply soak in the sights and stick to the slot machines.

“It was going to be a free vacation for me, and would have been if I hadn’t gotten so carried away with the whole Vegas atmosphere,” he said. “I don’t know what I was actually thinking.

“Actually, I wasn’t thinking at all.”

He put a few charges on the plastic. Hotel rooms, glitzy shows, cash advances for gambling and food. He returned home with pleasant memories and $2,000 on his credit card that he still hasn’t paid off.

“I don’t think about it too much, or I start to get depressed,” said Schubring, who says he can afford to make only minimum monthly payments. “I learned a big lesson. Now I use the card like it’s spending money out of my own pocket.”

Schubring isn’t the only college student who has learned the hard way how to manage their credit card spending. And he certainly won’t be the last.

The average credit card debt is $2,226 for undergraduate students and $5,800 for graduate students, according to a recent survey conducted by the nation’s largest nonprofit student loan provider. Add that consumer debt to student loans — which average $12,200 for undergraduates and $31,700 for graduates — and you’re looking at throngs of people who start their working life with a pile of debt to pay off, many financial planners say.

Enter personal advisors such as Luther Gatling, president of Budget and Credit Counseling Services in New York, who make it their business to help others climb out of debt. If clients rap on his door not fully understanding the dangers of credit card debt, Gatling launches into a sermon urging them to slice and dice their plastic.

Even if they do understand the jam they’re in, they get the sermon anyway.

Montclair observes Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 19 Federal Holiday celebrates the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Robert Oaks
Staff Writer

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early 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 reforming 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 busses 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.

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/king/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.

MSU Remembers Lloyd Blazier

By Kara Richardson
Feature Editor

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loyd 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 Farleigh 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.

Lloyd Blazier brightened many lives on the MSU campus with his friendly nature and good sense of humor.

“We liked to kid around a lot,” Principal Clerk, Al Colasounno, commented. “He liked country music. Thursday was his day for the radio station. We all did some good joshing about it, we had a lot of fun. He managed to keep a good sense of humor even under stress.”

Lloyd Blazier’s interest in flea markets introduced him to many people on campus. According to Colasounno, people would often approach Blazier with items to sell or advice on where to go. “He met a lot of people that way. I would have to say he was well liked by just about everyone he met.”

Most people described Blazier as extremely friendly. Befekadu Zcgcyc of the Mail Center commented, “He was the kind of guy who would take a minute to stop and talk. He will definitely be missed by a lot of people around here.”

Services were held December 23. He is survived by a wife and two children.
Keeping those New Year’s Resolutions all year long

By Peter Kofitas

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, “Diamond in the Rough.” This helps to make obstacles to 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 the 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.

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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 arm 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 paid.”

2. Call your credit card right away if you’re unable to pay your bills on time. “You’re going to pay more interest, and you’re going to pay back 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.

3. Get a job, or find a higher paying one. “People who 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 add 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 study-
By Victoria Tengelics
Arts Editor

Many authors use their personal adventures as a backdrop for their writings. Author and MSU Professor, David E. Weischadlc, 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. Weischadlc received this doctorate from Rutgers University. He has been a Professor of Education and Training at Montclair State University since 1979. Weischadlc is the program coordinator of the Master of Arts program for Educators/Training at MSU. Dr. David E. Weischadlc is also involved in research and consulting work for public and private organizations.

Although “228” is Dr. Weischadlc’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. Weischadlc 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. Weischadlc explained, “I suppose everyone 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 the heart of 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 dazzling 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 typically presents a vividly 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 world for a while.

So if your looking for a good as gold literary publication for the price of dirt, scamper on down to Student Center, Room 121 and get the Fall, 1997 Four Walls. Four Walls is a wall-bursting hit!
Titanic is a spectacular recreation of history

By Victoria Tengelies

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 1500 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, but 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 sketch of a woman wearing "The Heart of Ocean" diamond that he has been searching for. He 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 doomed 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 chagrin of Hockley. A love story that touches even the coldest heart 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 having 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 around the clock” didn’t make the song any better, nor did the screaming at the end of the song.

The second song, “U16 Girls,” is a very catchy and funny tune about being careful when dating young girls. I liked the song “Good Day to Die” because the lyrics reminded me of the story of Hansel and Gretel. However, the band overused 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.

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’ ma 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 lead singer and the rest of the band throughout the song. This gives the track a cool echo effect.

“The Best Things” also 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.

Travis is a young English band. Frank, Andy, Dougie, and Neil may give this CD their all, but they still come across as amateurs. However, I do give them credit for putting together an album that is a good mix of different styles. My advice to them is to stop listening to other English bands, so that next time their style will sound more original.

I give this CD two stars and a high five for effort.

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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 Zeppelin 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 its 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.

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 led 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 Cochrans “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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MAIN EDITORIAL

Any day now...

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 terrible 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.

Students Speak Out!

What was your New Year’s Resolution?

- Sean Brown-Sociology
  Get in better shape for football and chew less tobacco.

- Jewel DeVaughn-Sociology
  Bring up GPA to a 3.0 and lose weight.

- Lori Algaze-Therapeutic Recreation
  Sleep more and take better care of myself.

- Brad Sisco-Business
  I have no New Year’s resolution because no one ever follows them.

- Leandra Apperson-Business
  Be a generally good person.

- Matt Dotegowski-English
  Go to class more often.

- Mekeda Breedy-Undeclared
  Be a little bit more sensitive to others.

- Brian O’Leary-History
  Quit smoking.

- Dave Angello-Business
  Stop eating after 2 a.m.

- Amy Laposa-Acting
  Be more understanding of people and their needs.

- Betsy Hollenbeck-Poli. Sci.
  Lose weight.

- David Thomas-Biology
  Drink every other day instead of every day.

  Find a pretty girl and get a double digit on the MCAT.

- Tony Grosso-Acting
  Be nicer to all of my friends—especially Amy.

- Caroline Jean-Philippe-Biology
  Stop cursing.

- Amy Kepczynski-Human Eco.
  Graduate with honors.
A eulogy of comedian Chris Farley by a fan and admirer

On the 18th of December, I was sitting in The Montclarion office checking my e-mail and listening to REM. It was a relaxing day and I had just polished off a philosophy paper. Everything in my life was comfortable and quiet. As long as I live, I don’t think I’ll ever forget how calm I was that afternoon. Then came the storm.

I was going to be sick. I remembered writing a review of Tommy Boy later that night. He had to go because all of his friends were calling to see how he was doing in this time of grief.

First reaction was to call home to check on my brother, Sean. My mom answered the phone and the first thing she did was ask me if I was okay. Its kind of interesting the way a mother can sense the pain you feel when your idol dies. I talked to Sean for a few minutes and we set plans to watch “Black Sheep” and “Tommy Boy” later that night. He had to go because all of his friends were calling to see how he was doing in this time of grief.

Despite his boundless talent, Farley’s appetites proved to be far too excessive for his body. All the rehabilitation in the world was no match for Farley’s hard drinking and drugging lifestyle. He knew he needed help but he proved to be too weak to get it to work for him. Most of the time, I have no sympathy for drug users who overdose, but Farley was just such a sad case. He was a man who seemed so happy on the outside, but it was all just a big smoke screen. He lived his life absolutely terrified of the world. He used his outrageous behavior to mask his fear. He feared failure in the movies. He feared enormous success because then he would have to work that much harder to maintain such a high level of excellence.

I hate the fact that he was in such pain and he took the weakening way out by resorting to drugs, but I can’t help but feel sorry for him. I think that is what made him so appealing. He could see the world falling down around him and he would still just try to make us laugh. Unfortunately, it led to what one Chicago reporter referred to as the “least-surprising premature death of a celebrity in show-business history.”

If I had one wish, I would want to have had the opportunity to spend a day with Farley. I would let him know that he doesn’t have to be the most outrageous guy in the room because the people who were closest to him all said the same thing when he died. They all remarked about what a nice, warmhearted man he was. Everyone who knew the real Farley had nothing but good things to say about him. Unfortunately, they all also had to admit that he was trapped by his problems and he just couldn’t get himself on the right track. I wish I could have witnessed that warmth and fragile humanity for myself. It would have meant the world to me.

You might think that I am silly for putting so much emotion into a comedian, but Farley was so much more for me. I rarely let myself get too excited about the comings and goings of celebrities, but Farley was different. I know what it is like to want to make a scene so nobody gets to know who you are. I know what it is like to feel that wearing a mask is the only way you can get by from day to day so that nobody can hurt you. I know his pain, and the connection makes me think about my life and how avoiding excess may be what keeps me alive in the end.

As I work to put this unfortunate event behind me, I can’t help but go through my tapes so that I can see him on Saturday Night Live, Letterman and Leno. I watch his movies with a greater appreciation of what he struggled with to create such a magnificent body of comedic work. I will always remember Chris Farley. You hold on to memories that cherr, kind of like your suitcase.

In need of capital punishments

I think that the government should be allowed to reinstate capital punishment. For too long, our nation’s government has been lenient towards criminals who have done large and violent crimes, such as rape or murder, small jail sentences or probation, while those who commit minor crimes, such as theft and drug dealing, large and very unnecessary sentences. This mishandling of justice by our nation’s government show why our country is in such large disarray.

The following cases are from the textbook, “Arguments”. One night in a park in Queens, a young teenager named Clifford Smith was walking around the park. Smith approached another teenager named Robert Loftman, who was listening to the radio peacefully. Smith ordered Loftman to turn off the radio, but he refused. Smith shot and killed Loftman. Smith was sentenced to merely five years probation for the murder. Smith should have been given a lengthy sentence or even the death penalty. He killed another teenager for no apparent reason and he should not have been shown any clemency, despite his age.

William James Rummel was a young man from Texas who was arrested for theft. The last time he was caught, he was sentenced to life in prison. Hold that in your mind for a second or two. A man sentenced to life in prison for a bunch of petty thefts while a teenager gets only five years of probation. It makes me wonder why these cases turned out the way they did. Unfortunately, there is no way to turn back time and fix these mishaps. These cases show the need for a change in the system of justice.

This country needs to make capital punishment available to the justice system. Even though a handful of towns in a few states have capital punishment laws, I feel that every city in every state should reestablish it. Big cities, such as New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, would see crime rates drop. Slum towns like Newark and Detroit would be a lot safer and criminals would be afraid to walk down the streets.

Look at the country of Singapore. Over the last couple of years, many have heard of why Singapore is one of the world’s safest countries. The main reason is capital punishment. Sure, many people call Singapore a

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Scientific progress should not be hindered; cloning should be pursued

By Timothy M. Casey
Editor-In-Chief

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 physicist 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 as to say that cloning might lead to the end of the world 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 were 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 Mathews 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. TC2 would have yet to learn to walk, talk, and read. Over-the-hill Tim Casey I could buy TC2 his first drink in 2019, when TC1 is 42 years old. TC2 would be an entirely 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 if 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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totalistic society because of its strict rules and regulations, but it is these 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 mistakes. 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 enforced 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.

According to writer Graeme Newman, “The solution lies in the rediscovery of punishment in all its variety.” I agree with this statement due to the fact that our correctional facilities don’t do their job properly. While in jail, criminals are getting drugs and money from the outside world while they are being evaluated by a psychiatrist. What will therapy do for a raving maniac? How will a therapist know how the criminal will act once the therapy sessions are over.

Well known columnist George F. Will stated that the annual cost of housing is $20 000 for a young criminal and nearly $69 000 for a criminal over the age of sixty. It doesn’t make any sense. Our country is throwing away money that we can use to save our schools, build affordable homes and research deadly diseases. Instead we preserve the lives of a bunch of losers picked out from the streets.

Capital punishment will save our country money and it will let criminals everywhere know that their days are numbered. Hopefully, many criminals will learn their lesson once the punishment they deserve is done. I would learn my lesson if I had my ass lashed.

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 six weeks to six months after his conviction. If the legal system of this nation followed these guidelines, our country would be in a lot better shape. It would be a shame to neglect cheaper and effective alternatives.
O'Sullivan writes another large self-indulgent article
"My ego controls my fragile existence," he says

by John J. O'Sullivan
Ego-driven maniac

[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-malaysian 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
When the hell is he going to graduate?

Aries (March 21 to April 19)
You will consult an investment broker on the stock market this week. You should have gone to Dean Witter. Bozo the Investment Clown will convince you to put all of your earnings into the Acme rubber nose company. Never trust clowns. They are evil.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)
You will leave the chain restaurant that you have worked at for a year. Your social life will be fun. Wait, that's kind of stupid. I'm sorry. The stars have a really nasty hangover from a two day bender. They apologize.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You will order Egg Fu Young from your local Chinese restaurant. Unfortunately, you should have asked them to put the Teriyaki nerve poison on the side. You know the rest—you've been dying for a semester now.

Aquarius (Feb. 19-March 20)
You and your partner think alike this week. Treat higher-ups with the proper respect. The Jets will not make it into the Acme rubber nose hobby this week: Chainsaw juggling.
Blonde hair bad, black hair good

I 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 it, and took it home with me. I feverishly opened it, took out the gloves that it. Voila, black hair! She fainted again. 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. She eventually got out of the coma, and said she liked me better as a blonde. I explained the whole "having 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 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. Whoopee!

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.

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### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

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

- **WOMEN’S BASKETBALL VS. THE COLLEGE OF NJ**
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### MSU’s Griffith wins NJAC News Player of the Week Award

Helping Montclair State to its fourth straight win and a 2-0 week, senior guard **KYLE GRIFFITH** wins his first NJAC Player of the Week Award. In the two games, Griffith scored 42 points, including a 30-point effort in a 96-44 win over Lehman College on Saturday. In that game, Griffith scored all his points in just 21 minutes and shot 13-18 (72%) from the floor. The senior, playing in his first full year at MSU, also had live assists and five steals in the two games and is currently ranked 7th in the NJAC in scoring at 17.2 points per game.

### MSU’s Peeples wins NJAC News Rookie of the Week Award

Winning his third Rookie of the Week this Season, Montclair State’s first-year player **ANTHONY PEEPLES** was dominant once again in both games that he played. Helping MSU to a 2-0 week and its fourth straight victory, Peeples opened the week with one of the best games at MSU in over 10 years as he scored 36 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in a 77-71 OT win over Widener of PA. In the Hawk’s 96-44 win over Lehman, Peeples scored 19 points and had 12 more rebounds, all in just 22 minutes of action. Peeples is MSU’s leading scorer at 18.7 points per game.

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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 Jerriel Mayo (Irvington) drove the lane and dished 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 (Bridgeton) led all scorers with 24 points, while adding eight rebounds and four steals as Rowan University (13-0, 7-0 NJAC) remained unbeaten 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 McNeil (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.