Religious groups active on campus

By Carolyn Velchik

Staff Writer

Presently, there are over 60 active organizations on the Montclair State University campus, 6 of which are religious groups. Although many students may not be aware of these groups, they continue to rise through activities and services.

The first of these religious organizations is the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry. The leaders of this organization are Father A 1  and his assistant Mary Lou Vinges. This organization is not only active on campus, but see GROUPS on p. 3

Music students outraged

By Justin Velucci

Staff Writer

In a clear example of the conflict between the student population and administration, it has been decided that the music practice rooms located in the basement of Life Hall are to be changed into faculty offices and storage space. The decision has been met with resistance from students who view the Life Hall practice rooms as an invaluable and essential commodity to the Music Department.

Nathan Mello and Theresa Schmidt, both sophomores and Music Education majors, have recently started circulating a petition.

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Celebrating Chinese Culture

Several music and dance companies presented “The Chinese New Year Show” on Feb. 8 in Memorial Auditorium in celebration of the Thirteenth Annual Lunar New Year-Tiger.

Assault case still under inquiry

Incident raises questions whether or not campus police should carry guns

By Shannon Starita

Staff Writer

Campus police have made no official comments regarding the assault on officer Alex Narvaez, other than the incident is under active investigation.

However, this recent disturbance has raised questions of campus security regarding whether or not police should be carrying guns.

The MSU police station is an unaffiliated, operative police

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Shooting prompts NJ Transit to supply kits

All NJ Transit’s buses and trains will be equipped with first aid kits

By Mary Kate Frank

Staff Writer

After a public outcry following the shooting of an Upper Montclair passenger, New Jersey Transit announced on Feb. 3 that it will equip all of its buses and trains with first aid kits.

Richard Martin, 59, was struck in the back by a bullet that traveled through Branch Brook Park in Newark on January 26. There was no first aid kit available on the train.

In response, New Jersey Transit has begun to purchase a total of 3,000 first aid kits, including 1,900 for buses, 800 for rail cars, and 150 for locomotive engines. New Jersey Transit spokesperson Penny Bassett-Hackett said. She said the first aid kits should be on board in less than a month. Bassett-Hackett was uncertain what the total cost of the first aid kits would be, but said that it would not affect New...

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**International**

**U.S. troops discourage “creative thinking”**

AL-JABER AIR BASE, Kuwait - The Pentagon is sending up to 3,000 U.S. ground troops to the Persian Gulf region "to discourage any creative thinking" by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

At the same time, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ruled out any massive military invasion of Iraq. "The administration does not agree with those who suggest we should deploy hundreds of thousands of American troops to engage militarily in a ground war in Iraq," Albright said in a speech in Washington.

The latest deployment of U.S. ground forces was disclosed by a senior military official traveling in the region with Defense Secretary William Cohen. He said up to 3,000 troops from Fort Hood, Texas, will be sent to Kuwait over the next 10 days or so to help defend Iraq's southern neighbor.

**Rev. Jackson battles abroad for human rights**

KINSHASA, Congo - After being turned away from meeting Congo's president, Jesse Jackson expressed concern Wednesday at continued human rights abuses in the central African country.

Civilians convicted by military trial of murder or robbery regularly are executed by firing squad. President Laurent Kabila banned political gatherings and other activities soon after taking power of the country formerly known as Zaire in May 1996 following eight months of fighting.

"These are uncomfortable topics, but they must be faced squarely by any Congolese genuinely committed to reform," said the U.S. civil rights leader who is President Clinton's envoy to Africa.

**Yeltsin slips up in Italy**

ROME - Russian President Boris Yeltsin started out his visit to Rome with a gaffe and ended Wednesday with a stumble.

Capping his three-day state visit, Russian and Italian companies signed six lucrative business deals, including a $3 billion joint venture for oil extraction and exploration in Russia and a deal for Italy's Fiat automaker to produce cars with Gaz of Russia. But the deals had been practically sealed weeks ago.

On Wednesday, after a farewell lunch of tiny dumplings with porcini mushrooms, fish and grilled eggplant, and dry white wine at Premier Romano Prodi's private apartment, Yeltsin appeared to stumble, then regained his balance as he strolled past the honor guard picket.

**National**

**Lewinsky affair continues**

WASHINGTON - With a White House staffer saying Monica Lewinsky confided a relationship with President Clinton, Whitewater prosecutors are reaching out to witnesses besides the former intern to investigate whether there was a presidential affair and cover-up.

Prosecutor Kenneth Starr is pressing forward with his grand jury investigation while under attack on two fronts - by lawyers for Clinton as well as for Ms. Lewinsky.

Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer, William Ginsburg, says Clinton will go to court in an attempt to force Starr to grant immunity from prosecution to the 24-year-old former White House intern.

**Cigarette companies scrambling for immunity**

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Four cigarette makers want a judge to let them release more than 33 million pages of internal documents, a request the state attorney general calls a "public relations ploy."

Information contained in the formerly secret documents has been released piecemeal over the past two weeks in Minnesota's lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

By requesting the huge release Sunday, the industry may hope revelations in a massive release would have less impact than if the details are unveiled day by day during the three- to four-month trial.

"Unfortunately it's just another public relations ploy by this outlaw industry that is desperately seeking immunity in Congress," Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III said.

**Titanic still afloat at box office**

LOS ANGELES - "Titanic" topped the nation's box office for an eighth weekend and replaced "Forrest Gump," as it continued to be the No. 4 domestic moneymaker of all time, according to industry estimates Sunday.

"Forrest Gump" has grossed $337.5 million, compared with $329.7 million for "Titanic," which debuted in second place.

"Titanic" has grossed $337.5 million, compared with $329.7 million for "Forrest Gump," as it continues to steadily move up the list of all-time top-grossing films at the North American box office.

**Questions? Comments?**

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Religious groups play vital role in university life

If anybody ever needs someone to talk to, not necessarily about church or the Bible, just someone to talk to, I am here.

- Reverend Dr. Audrey Leef, Advisor for the Montclair Protestant Foundation

Thanksgiving and Ash Wednesday. Dr. Leef is available at a listening post table every Tuesday and Thursday in the Student Center from 12-2 p.m. She also has an office in Richardson 271 and her number there is 655-4267.

Dr. Leef wants the Montclair State University community to know that “if anybody ever needs someone to talk to, not necessarily about church or the Bible, just someone to talk to, I am here. I am recognized as someone who will listen and as someone who cares.”

Reverend Michael Durning and his assistant Cathleen Lewis are the advisors for Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. Their mission statement is best quoted from the 1996-1997 Montclair State University Student Handbook as, "we are a national organization of students in higher education who unite to express the claims of Jesus Christ to the campus community and call others into relationship with him.”

At least twice a month this organization holds social activities. Such as New York City trips, ice skating, and game nights in the residence halls. They took part in community service events such as helping a soup kitchen in Montclair for the Salvation Army and the Thanksgiving food drive.

They hold a main meeting every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center rooms 411 and 412. They also have student led breakdown groups, men and women, who perform Bible study, prayer, and encouragement amongst each other. Anyone interested in Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship can contact the Reverend Michael Durning or his assistant Cathleen Lewis at 655-4258.

These religious organizations could not be reached for comment, but if you are interested in acquiring information about them, here are their contacts: Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at 655-5364, The Jewish Student Union at 655-5280, and the Muslim Student Association in their office, Student Center Annex room 101.
**Rathskeller stays dry after 3 years**

**Associate Dean of Students, James Harris, cites many reasons for keeping The Ratt alcohol free**

By Brian Pedersen

Staff Writer

The decision made three years ago by the Administration at MSU to remove alcohol from the Rathskeller has had some lasting effects on both students and staff alike. This was a decision implemented by the President at the time, who had also asked for advice from the Dean of Students and the Vice President of Student Development.

The main reason for the removal of alcohol from the Rathskeller, according to James E. Harris, the Associate Dean of Students, was that “it was not profitable.” He added further, “it never really took off because the overwhelming population of our campus is under 21. [The selling of beer and wine] was always tying up a large facility for a small number of students, [most of whom] had false IDs.”

Another reason for its removal was the price. According to Harris, “Students complained that the charge by the cup was more expensive than buying at it local area bars. This was another disadvantage.” Indeed, students would not have wanted to pay more for their beer for something that cost them much less from the various bars in nearby locations.

The price of the alcohol only disguises a more interesting and revealing occurrence that may have prompted the still current prohibition of alcohol on campus. “Before the Rath had been closed as a result of a raid by the Alcohols Beverage and Control Agency, recalled Harris. “This is the agency that’s in charge of alcohol distribution in the state, [who] about ten years ago took false IDs and/or the Ratt had been closed as a result of a raid by the Alcohols Beverage and Control Agency, recalled Harris. “This is the agency that’s in charge of alcohol distribution in the state, [who] about ten years ago took false I.D.’s, and cited for a $1,000 fine,” she said. “We’ve been on notice that this is the agency that’s in charge of alcohol distribution in the state, [who] about ten years ago took false I.D.’s, and cited for a $1,000 fine,” she said. “We’ve been on notice that this is the agency that’s in charge of alcohol distribution in the state, [who] about ten years ago took false I.D.’s, and cited for a $1,000 fine,” she said. “We’ve been on notice that this is the agency that’s in charge of alcohol distribution in the state, [who] about ten years ago took false I.D.’s, and cited for a $1,000 fine.”

Perhaps the fear of another raid is what keeps the University from instilling alcohol in the Ratt again. “The only place on campus where students are allowed possession of alcohol is the apartments on Clowse Road. All residence halls, excluding the dorm rooms, have a prohibition on it. I don’t feel there is a compelling need to provide students with alcohol,” Harris added.

“The removal of alcohol from the Ratt is a good thing,” replied one student, Jeff DeFonseca. “It doesn’t promote drinking, which is a good thing. Once they got rid of it, the kids that never knew about it probably feel there’s no
Community evaluates police force

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Police may pull the trigger faster than officers in the city," Chris said.

“What do you say to an officer who tells you that this place is dangerous?” Harris replied. “The city of Montclair has a buy-back program, but they ran out of money. This shows that there are a lot of guns out there. The campus police very much want guns, and the board of trustees has debated this intensely. They have decided, after receiving a lot of campus-wide input, that the campus police should not have guns. Personally, I don’t think that Lt. Paul Cell, to use one specific example, would be very prone to draw his gun if he had one. He, like the rest of MSU’s finest, is very capable of handling tense situations very well,” Harris said.

Dean Matusow-Ayres said that MSU has more police activity than most people realize. “I have had more experience with the campus police than anyone else in this room. I have talked to them in the middle of the night. I have watched them handle many situations. Their level of experience is closer to an urban environment than to a suburban one, because there are incidents going on here constantly. They are backed up by armed police from surrounding neighborhoods, so people should feel safe,” Dean Matusow-Ayres said. She added that in the past year, MSU has had three incidents involving a gun, or suspected possession of a gun. Harris lastly proposed a measure for boosting confidence in the campus police.

“I think relations will improve when people see more of the police outside of confrontational situations. Director Phil Calitre is an excellent person to tackle this problem. He has an excellent verbal presentation, and a very professional physical appearance. He is a very good police officer,” Harris said.

Alcohol still absent in the Rathskeller

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need for it. Maybe people were drinking during school. Basically, you’re here to get an education, not get drunk. Overall, I feel it’s better off,” he added.

Another student, a Sophomore, had this to say about the subject: “I’ve been to other schools that have alcohol in [their Ratt], and I don’t see that if there was drinking, there would be a problem. [The school] could have a lot more activities that people would be interested in, if there was alcohol involved. I feel it could be put back in.”

Whether drinking has any place on this particular campus or not, is an issue that will always be openly debatable. It appears highly unlikely, however, that the Administration will allow alcohol back into the Ratt, or any other place on campus for that matter, with the only possible exception at certain special events.

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MSU POLICE REPORT
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Harassment
Male Chapin Hall lab assistant reports a known male was singing, disturbing others in the lab. Lab assistant was threatened when he asked the known male to stop. Officers escort male from the building. No criminal complaints signed.

Disorderly Conduct
Female employee reports an unknown male yelled obscenities at her in mall area near Mallory Hall for no apparent reason.

Medical
Officers respond to Partridge Hall on a report of a female having a seizure. Upon arrival victim was alert and refused any medical treatment.

Fire Alarm
Officers respond to a fire alarm at the Clove Road Apartments. Upon arrival, they discovered a pizza box left in an oven which caught on fire and caused the alarm. Little Falls Fire Department responded.

Suspicious Person
Panzer Gym employee reports observing an unidentified male sleeping behind the gym on several occasions.

Medical
Male Freeman Hall resident injured his ankle while playing basketball in Panzer Gym. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

Arrest/Disorderly Conduct/Resisting Arrest
Officers respond to a request from a unit manager at Clove Road for assistance in dispersing a loud unruly party. Two males jumped from a second floor window and attempted to flee. Both were arrested. Jarrod Andrisani of Maywood was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and under age drinking. Thomas Clearly of Union was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. A court date is scheduled for 3-4-98 in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Medical
Female visiting her daughter in Blanton Hall is transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital after experiencing abdominal cramping.

Theft
Female professor left her wallet unattended in her office for two hours. Upon her return to the office, the wallet was missing.

Bias Crime/Harassment
Male Bohn Hall resident reports receiving four harassing phone calls. The calls were of a sexual nature, then turned to ethnic slurs.

Medical
Male Freeman Hall resident reports a known male to stop. Officers escort male from the building. No criminal complaints signed.

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Administration changes practice rooms into offices

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Administration changes practice rooms into offices

The petition, the Life Hall practice rooms are described as “sound proof, acoustically ideal, and well-placed,” and while other practice rooms exist on campus, it is the opinion of both Mello and Schmidt that the Life Hall practice rooms are far superior to any other. They also claim that the proposed office space is more practical and beneficial to Music Department faculty if it were located in the McEachern Music Building, where the majority of professors hold classes, instruction, rehearsals, and performances.

“...communication problem between the students and faculty here and the administration just isn’t considering how changing the practice rooms will affect the students,” commented Mello.

Mello and Schmidt, who are performing “Our Private World,” their musical debut as a duo, on February 28, say that the rooms are used regularly and estimate that 90% of the preparation for their own performance later this month has taken place in the Life Hall practice rooms.

The purpose of their petition is not only to tell the students of this proposed conversion but, according to Schmidt, to remind the administration that, “Students should be informed and have a say in the decisions that are made within the department.”

No dates have been set for the conversion of the Life Hall practice rooms and both Dr. Ruth Rendleman, Chairperson of the Music Department, and Geoffrey W. Newman, Dean of the School of the Arts, were unavailable for comment.

Assault unsolved

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site which houses trained, professional police officers. These officers, including Narvaez, are assigned all campus police responsibilities, yet have been barred from carrying guns by university administration.

Although opinions regarding the armament of campus police vary, rumors have circulated that the MSU cops feel they are at risk.

An employee at police headquarters made the analogy that, “Requiring these officers to patrol campus without guns is comparable to sending a plumber to work without his tools. A gun is the trained tool of a police officer’s profession.”

On January 25, Narvaez engaged in a potentially dangerous wrestling match with a male subject who attempted to use a fist of keys as a weapon, and bit Narvaez after being approached in the vicinity of a stolen car parked in lot 18.

While Narvaez’s attacker is still at large, the issue of armed officers on campus comes to light once again.

Police Report

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Medical

Female Clove Road resident fell near the shuttle bus stop at Clove Road; she injured her knee and ankle. Victim was transported to the Health Center.

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Criminal Mischief

Female Clove Road resident was showering when a vent cover fell striking her in the head and hand. Victim refused medical attention.

Suspicious Activity

Officers respond to Bohn Hall on the report of a smell of marijuana on the 7th floor. No odor was present upon arrival. Male resident of suspect room allows officers in. Officers confiscate alcoholic beverages observed in room.

Fire Alarm

Officers respond to a fire alarm at Sprague Library. Upon arrival, they discover that an activated smoke detector caused by alarm. Montclair Fire Department responded.

Property Damage

Maintenance worker reports that the panic bar to an exterior door was completely severed from the door. A work order was initiated.

SGA News/Notes

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Public Relations—Wed. 3:30p.m.

Legislator Petitions are still available and are located in the SGA office and are due by 12p.m. in the SGA office on Fri. 13. Meetings are held every Wed. at 4:30p.m. in the Student Center.

Correction

In last week’s police report, the assault committed on Feb. 3 was misconstrued that a Montclair State University swim team member committed the offense. The Montclarion regrets the error.
The true story of Valentine’s Day (maybe)

By Inna Gutman
Staff Writer

There are several possible stories behind the celebration of Valentine’s Day and its meanings.

One story dates back to ancient Rome and a feast of Lupercalia, a celebration of the coming of the spring. Lupercus, a Roman god, was credited with keeping the wolves away from the city and honored for this accomplishment. Another version says that the celebration was for Pannus, a Roman god of flocks and fertility, and the protector of crops, fields, and shepherds. On the night before the festival, the night of February 14, it was customary for all the single young women to put their names in a jar. Each single man would draw one name, and that girl would be his sweetheart for the festival.

Another event celebrated on February 14 was the feast for Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. It is possible that the drawing of the names for the festival of Lupercalia was done on that date for a reason.

A different story of Valentine’s Day is set in the third century with the Roman Emperor Claudius II. He was trying to raise a powerful army and believed that single men would be better fighters because they did not have families to worry about. A Christian priest, Valentine, secretly married young couples, even though the Roman law forbade it. He was arrested and beheaded on February 14. Later, Valentine was named a saint and became a patron of lovers.

There was possibly another Christian priest named Valentine who was also arrested by Emperor Claudius II for calling the Roman gods Jupiter and Mercury contemptible. Valentine, while imprisoned, supposedly cured a blind girl and converted her father to Christianity. When the Roman emperor heard of this, he had Valentine beheaded on February 14th.

It is possible that all these stories and dates were combined and are currently celebrated as one holiday of love on February 14th.

The mystery of love: a biological perspective

By Peter Kofltsas
Staff Writer

What is so enthralling and even essential about this sensation we chase our whole lives, cherish when we’ve finally caught it (if we’re smart), and mourn when we lose? We want to spend countless hours in bed with a loved one, to help. According to anthropologist, Desmond Morris, love is a biological mechanism whose function it is to create a pair bond between two humans. It is as infants, consisting of security, protection, and trust. As we mature, we form families, brought about peace, united people, created joy, provided sexual pleasure, and vanquished loneliness. It is an elemental component of our lives that drives each of us whether we know it or not, according to Morris.

To write an article summarizing its vast meanings to humanity is seemingly futile, and yet we are so intrigued by its appeal that trepidation takes a back seat to inquisitiveness. After all, sex, one of the true pleasures of the human experience and often the result of the mature love between two caring adults, makes the study of love, as well as its application, that much more seductive.

Desmond Morris recently focused on the biological aspects of love in his program titled, “The Biology of Love.” He again asked the question, “What is love?” He contemplates that maybe love is a polite word for sex, or perhaps a romantic way of describing sexual attraction, but ultimately concludes that it is a basic biological mechanism with a very specific function, the formation of the pair bond.

He says our first encounter with love is as infants, consisting of security, protection, and trust. As we mature, we slowly break away from our paternal shelter, and inevitably make a clean break when we go away to college or move out of our homes. Morris says, this is a time when our long term love bond slips into the past, and new, prospective love bonds appear on the horizon. Hence, our excitation...
Saving the Passaic: Streamwalking with New Jersey Community Water Watch

By Shannon Starita
Staff Writer

A s El Nino’s shivering dampness confines most of us indoors throughout this melancholy season, daydreams of swelter summer evenings, sweaty games of beach volleyball and bathing in the refreshing Passaic River are enticing amid winter’s chill and seemingly unavoidable influenza. Is there a problem? Did I somehow tarnish your recollection of summer’s past?

Perhaps some of you don’t recall swimming in the Passaic River. In fact, most students at MSU, including myself, would be repulsed by the thought of diving into the sludgy blackness of this polluted waterway. However, Passaic, Paterson and Clifton rely on the Passaic River for more than half of their water supply.

Many people are unaware of the hideous condition of their “liquid assets.” Investigating pollution problems first-hand is an excellent way to become familiar with the status of our essential, limited natural resources. Volunteers often go on streamwalks to examine potential dilemmas that may be damaging our rivers and streams.

Streamwalking consists of volunteers pulling on hip-waders and surveying rivers and streams in order to identify solid waste dumps and discharge pipes. Once environmental hazards are pinpointed, research can be done to determine whether or not companies are adhering to government regulations and whether drainage into specific waterways is legal. Research can also be done to determine if particular companies have permits for discharge pipes. Streamwalking has resulted in the reporting of water pollution problems to local authorities as well as to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Since its inception, New Jersey Community Water Watch, an Americorps program, has conducted over 11,000 hours of streamwalking. Volunteers with NJCWW have mapped and investigated problems on 12 different New Jersey waterways. The Montclair site of NJCWW is focused on the clean up of the polluted Passaic River.

85% of the rivers and streams in New Jersey, including the Passaic River, are considered unsafe for fishing and swimming. New Jersey’s waterways have been terribly neglected. The rivers are endangered, but they aren’t dead yet! Experience the outdoors a little this winter. Go on a streamwalk and explore your water supply first hand!

“Relationships: Part 1”

By Dr. Susan Herman
Special to the Montclarion

Y ou meet, you fall in love, and then you have to maintain those good feelings. Communication is the key to making, keeping, and improving relationships.

When two people have an intimate relationship they often tend to reexperience patterns of communicating learned in their families. Sometimes the patterns are ineffective and make it difficult for the partners to really let each other know what is on their minds.

The following are suggestions for improving communication skills in relationships:

Create a context in which your partner can feel free to share feelings, thoughts, fantasies, hurts, and complaints, without the fear that you will condemn, attack, lecture, or simply withdraw.

We tend to be as critical of others as we are of ourselves.

Know that you have a right to your feelings as others have a right to theirs.

Working on a relationship always begins with working on ourselves.

Try not to blame all of the relational problems on your partner. Remember, you only have control over changing yourself, not others, and the temptation is to blame others for our problems.

Don’t rush yourself into sharing emotionally painful information.

Sometimes it is best to write out your concern in private and then share them with your partner at a later time.

How to build a structure for healthy communications:

1. Set aside a block of time when you and your partner can talk. (If possible make a standing date to talk.)
2. Both of you should take turns when talking about any issue.
3. When talking to your partner talk about what you think and feel, not about what the other person has done.
4. Do not assign blame or make accusations.
5. Repeat what you understand your partner says to be sure that you understood the communication correctly.
6. Try to deal with issues when they happen and bring up one thing at a time.
7. Be sure you let your partner know things that you like and appreciate as well as things you don’t like.

Applying good communication techniques can help to build and enhance all relationships. Both partners will be more likely to feel refreshed and relieved that important issues can be discussed. Good communication helps to increase intimacy by helping each partner understand the other better.
The ancient crannogs of Scotland

By Kara L. Richardson

Hidden in Scotland's thousands of lochs are ancient structures called crannogs which are believed to be protection from neighboring tribes in Neolithic period. These artificial islands were constructed as hideaways during the Iron Age in Scotland and some were lived in until the 17th century. They have been underwater archaeologist Dr. T. Nicholas Dixon's specialization for over a decade.

"Scotland has a rich underwater heritage," said Professor T. Nicholas Dixon of the University of Edinburgh. In Dixon's February 3rd lecture in Brant Lecture hall, he shared his archaeological research with an audience of about 40 people.

Crannogs require under water excavation and Dixon specializes in. He mentioned that even though they work under water, they are able to utilize the same accuracy and techniques of dry land archeology. Dixon's detailed description of the sites accompanied by a plentiful slide show demonstrated the extensive research that Dixon and his colleagues have done on crannogs.

Dixon spoke in length about his work in Loch Tay. In 1980 Dixon and a crew of archeologists began to excavate this underwater treasure. Some of the timbers used in this crannog were carbon dated at 400-595 BC. Although the wood was extremely fragile, it was well preserved according to Dixon. "You could tell which timbers were cut with the same ax because of the fresh cut marks in the wood."

Dixon has spent a large amount of time examining his findings at each crannog. "It brings you very close to the people who lived there two and a half thousand years ago." From sheep droppings to cloth, each carefully preserved piece of the crannogs adds to his research. In one case, Dixon even found the remains of a pot which has what he believes to be the remains of burnt dinner.

Since the awareness and funding for such underwater excavation, even among Scots is so little, Dr. Dixon and many volunteers built a full-sized reconstruction in the shallows of Loch Tay. The living educational resource had to be carefully planned in accordance to the building permit laws of Britain and with the years of research and excavation that Dixon had completed.

Dixon would only work with an architect who would be meticulous about using the same materials that were used 2000 years ago. Dixon did admit to using a chain saw for the log cutting. "I justified it by the fact that if I were born in the Iron age, I would be good at using an ax." Many volunteers worked on the project that was completed last July. Since its completion, the crannog reconstruction has broken even with its costs. Dixon now plans to build an educational center to supplement the crannog structure.

Dixon encouraged the crowd to come visit the crannog if they ever came to Scotland. He handed out pamphlets to those interested in more information about his project.
Valentine's Day Personal...s!

David,
You're the best thing that ever happened to me.
Love you - don't forget it.
Forever and always, Flack

Cheeks,
You will always be mine no matter how mean
you are to me! Happy Valentine's Day
Love Always, Larry

Dear Adam,
Thank you so much for always being there
through good times and I really care about you
and I love you, Ichi liebe dich.
Love, Rue

Love and Peace to my baby Dorion, my sisters
Na-Na, Kiesha, Tari, Sherrl, Tamala & Lolita
Love Jon'ai #5

Valentine love to my sisters and brothers of
Grove Phi Grove, Swing Phi Swing and the
Pipers Crescent Court
Love, Star

Dear Justin,
I love you with all my heart. Not only do you
make Valentine special. But every moment
I'm with you, I love you very much.
Love always, Michelle

Sulai,
Hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day with
Ex-Rock. Oh Yea, Where's my X-mas present?
Love, Larry

Happy Valentine's Day to my girls: Lolita,
Kiesha, Na-Na, Sherrl, Tara & Tamala and
Joanna!
Love, Star

To Scott,
With all my heart, I love you now and forever.
Love, Tombe

To my dear friends, Juliet, Danny, Monnica,
Brian, John, Jason, Mary, Lillian, Dennis,
Carlos, Jeff, Amy and to my Best roommate in
the world, Pam. Happy Valentine's Day!
XOXOXO, Colleen

Brian,
Happy Valentine's Day to my brother here at
MSU. Thanks for being there since the
beginning.
Love, Colleen

Carolyn,
I knew I was friends with Kathy for a reason...
Just kidding Kathy! - Happy Valentine's Day
sweetie.
Love, Kevin

Julie,
I'm glad you made your way out here to MSU.
Happy that you did enjoy your Valentine's Day,
Tweet God only knows if I still. You never
know with "Psycho."
Love, Chiquita Filipina

Meridith and Tiffany,
"Show me love" Happy V-day
Ed

Ed,
We will always have our private lunch patio.
Love, you know who

Erie S, You may not know me well but I'd like to get
to know you better.
From a secret admirer.

Orville,
Happy Valentine's Day
Love, Paprika

Catherine Divita,
I will always be your valentine
Love, #1 Roomie

Gena,
You are hot.
From me.

Hey Atlantic City,
The Rail Road still loves you!

DB,
I love you!

Beck

To my roomies of the Sigma House,
I love you guys! Even Bambies... You quire
Taco Bell??
Love, Joyful

Lea-
I love Pauso's on Wednesday nights!!
Can't wait to dance on the bar with you again
Love, Usher

Kris L.
Where are we going with this thing?

Love, The Queen

C & T
I wish some guy would fall asleep on top of
me. And if, you know, it just happens to...
It hurts me.
Anonymous

Weaver, Glad to have you back - CLUB rules!
Love, Jugs

Prong, Happy 1 year anniversary.
Who'd guess I'd love someone more than
this day?
Jen,
This is our second Valentine's Day together: I
know there will be many more. I love you
Ed

To my boo Dorian,
I love you forever we are "P4L" - Love ya,
Jon's

Happy Valentine's Day... This is the best one
yet, Love Monica

Jonathan,
You are the greatest gift of all. We love you,
Mom & Dad

Happy Valentine's Day to my babe Catiana, the
one who will follow me always.
Jose

SGA,
We don't luv you, we just like screwing you.
The Pelicans

Dear Ron,
I appreciate you and everything you do and
have done for me. I love you and I am so
happy that you are a part of my life. Truly
mean the world to me!

Love, Dawn

Happy Valentine's Day to my sisters of the
Precious Gem Court and the brothers of G Phi
G Phi Inc. -Star

Sigma Delta Tau
I love you guys!

To Michelle,
I feel you to be the most beautiful girl in the
world. I love you to much. I would also like
to brag you

To "Atombomb#11",
Thinking of you! XOXO!!! Will you be
my Valentine? Love, #"2"

Chris and Genie,
Happy Valentine's Day! PS we won!
Love, Kurt

Booby,
Happy 485 days!!
Te quieres?

To my roommate...
Happy Valentine's Day!!
Kara

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Valentine's Day... The Montclarion Staff

Wishing you love and
laughter this
Valentine's Day.
GIFTS cont. from p.7

Set a date. Concert tickets/broadway, sporting events make a date. It shows that you have been listening to what he or she has been talking about wanting to see or do. Putting the ticket in a decorative box is a nice keepsake to have past your dream date.

Signs of affection. Write a note or a sign in a place where you know they would see it. On the side of a milk carton, in their school bag/briefcase, on their computer. Matching body piercings/tattoos: Whatever, this is the 90’s and you’re in college. Just make sure this one is for good.

A Valentine’s Day Masterpiece: An original poem written in waterproof ink with a watercolor painted design around it is a nice idea. It doesn’t have to be that extravagant but pay extra attention to the presentation of it. This is Valentine’s Day, you can afford to be a bit corny.

Frame a picture of the two of you as a gift in a fancy store bought frame or go ahead and design the matting. You could frame the movie stub you saved from your first date or other such memorabilia. How about a painting that they have always admired. An original is sure to please.

Set the night to music. For the musically talented compose an original or go to a music store to get the sheet music of your favorite then have an intimate concert that will make your Valentine’s heart sing.

Romantic CDs or tapes are an easy but thoughtful gift. The Titanic soundtrack, the smooth sounds of Marvin Gaye, or Enya are good choices. Better yet, make a mix tape of all of the sentimental songs of your relationship.

“Driving Miss Daisy” crazy. Hit the video store for the most romantic movie that you remember. “When Harry Met Sally,” “Say Anything,” “Far and Away” and “The Truth about Cats and Dogs” are some suggestions.

These are pretty generic ideas. Take some time to think about what makes your partner special to you before buying a gift. Just remember, as long as a gift comes from your heart, it is romantic.
The National Theatre of the Deaf put on “Peer Gynt”

By Gabrielle Wild
Assistant Arts Editor

This past Saturday, Montclair State University’s Great Event Series presented The National Theater of the Deaf in their production of “Peer Gynt,” a play by Henrik Ibsen. I was one of the fortunate ones who were this marvelous production, which was a new translation and adaptation by J. Randell.

Originally written in 1867 by a Norwegian poet, Henrik Ibsen, “Peer Gynt” is the tale of a young man who wants to live out his wild imagination and fantasies. Through his quest of wealth and fame, he discovers something even more valuable — himself. However, this does not happen quite so quickly.

Peer Gynt takes the audience along with him on his journey through life. From his many women to his many enemies, the audience watches as Peer Gynt changes from a young enthusiastic man to a lonely old man. He travels from Norway to North Africa to Cairo and back to Norway again, waging war with himself and anyone else who gets in his way. It is not until he realizes that he is like an onion — a man without a center — that he is able to prove his true self to the rest of the world, as well as, to himself.

This production of “Peer Gynt,” presented by The National Theater of the Deaf, was superb. Established in 1967, The National Theater of the Deaf chooses “pieces of literature that will provide challenge and growth for [their] acting company and artistic staff as well as a stimulating and enjoyable experience for those who choose to view them.”

The cast consisted of ten magnificent actors and actresses who took on more than one part throughout the play. Their flexibility was quite impressive, especially when the actors kept switching which signing character they were speaking for. A lot of the cast also signed, as well as, spoke, proving that they were quite a talented ensemble.

The simple, barely there costumes, subtle lighting and apparatus-type set did not take away from the play. Instead, they showed how creative the directors were in utilizing such uncomplicated backgrounds, that let the actors and actresses shine. Taking a pinpoint which actors/actresses were the best, since they all re-defined the idea of multiple characters in a play. However, credit should be given to the main character, Peer Gynt, who was played by Darby Jared Leigh. Perhaps he stood out because he was the only cast member to play one role, but he truly became the character of Peer Gynt. Although none of the other characters stood out as much as Leigh’s character did, there were many notable scenes. The scene where Peer Gynt chopped down the tree was quite remarkable. Imagine Leigh pseudo-chopping down a twenty foot high apparatus, as actors and actresses gymnastically fall to the stage floor. It was simply artistic. My favorite scene, though, was when one of the mental patients in the madhouse scene slices her neck and dies in her own pool of blood. I’m still wondering how they actually accomplished such a gruesome and realistic scene.

I have to admit that at first I was a bit concerned when I realized that the play was to be given in both sign language, and spoken word. But, my fears of not being able to understand the play were put to rest the very minute the lights dimmed. While the main actors were upstage signing, other actors were on stage speaking what the main actors were signing. It was quite remarkable to both see and hear.

So, don’t be misled by any production given by The National Theater of the Deaf. Their productions are definitely not generated only toward the hearing impaired. So, if music, dancing, and fine acting interest you, check out one of their productions. I guarantee that you will see and hear every word that is signed and spoken.

The New York Chinese Cultural Center puts on Chinese New Year Show

By Lori Meyers
Staff Writer

The Chinese New Year Show was presented in Memorial Auditorium on February 8th as part of MSU’s Great Event Series. The New York Chinese Cultural Center, featuring The Chinese Folk Dance Company, Han Tang Music Ensemble, Kunqu Opera Society and the Wang Chang Yuan Gu Zheng Ensemble presented music and dance in a celebration of their 13th Annual Lunar New Year Tiger.

The NYCCC is a community based performing arts organization. They perform music and dance throughout the United States as a way to preserve Chinese tradition and promote knowledge and appreciation of Chinese arts and culture. Chinese-Americans displayed their crafts in the lobby before the performance. A man created small, detailed animals and fish out of colored dough, which when hardened would be ornately painted and placed on sticks. A woman busily sewed an intricate quilt. One could have their name painted in Chinese on 11x16 paper with a frame, or try their own hand writing in Chinese on a red silk banner.

The show was entitled, “The Spring Festival.” It included lively musical numbers performed on zithers, gongs and reeded mouth organs. They executed several operatic dances in traditional costumes and make-up, which were elaborate and colorful. They were well rehearsed and indeed enjoyed performing. In between each segment were unnaturally long and silent pauses. This allowed the performers time to clear the stage and prepare for the next portion.

The program guide did not explain any history about the Chinese New Year. It provided extremely brief stories behind the Chinese tradition and thereby denying a fuller appreciation of their art and culture.

The absence of set design, the delivery of the show in Chinese, and the long and silent pauses placed a gap in the continuity of the show. The lack of historical background further reinforces the separation of our communities. The NYCCC failed to provide the predominantly American people in attendance with the means of understanding their traditions and thereby denying a fuller appreciation of their art and culture.
Well the soaps are still here and I've got the scoop. Sit back, read and enjoy.

One Life to Live: Kevin decides to go to Canton despite his mother’s objections. Kelly plans to go also. Todd catches Tea sneaking out of Andrew’s on her way to the hospital to see Star. In the secret rooms Dorian finds her mother alive and well. She confronts her about the past. Miss Stonecliff comes to her mother’s aid.

General Hospital: At first Carly did not want to be near her son. After an emotional conversation with Bobbie Carly agreed to see her son. Bobbie told her about the daughter that she had to give up. Seeing how much Bobbie had cared about her, Carly told her that she was Caroline, the baby girl she gave up. A distraught and confused Tony went to see Virginia. Lorraine, Carly’s scheming friend, attempted to entice him. Upon failing at her goal she lashed out at him. Felicia agreed to marry James. Meanwhile V lifted his prints off a glass and confirmed her suspicions that he was not Mac. Mac escaped and confronted James.

Port Charles: Despite Kevin’s attempt to stop the wedding, Lucy married Mac. Mac escaped and confronted James. Felicia agreed to marry James. Mean­while, a jealous Grace is more ticked off than ever but doesn’t believe it’s an­other man. A jealous Grace is more ticked off than ever about Sharon and is spending time with Cassie. Cole went to Jack to ask him to talk to Ashley for him. Of course, Jack said no way and told him to get out. Ashley told Jack that she won’t be going back to Cole.

As The World Turns: Margo tries to find Jack at his house but discovers he hasn’t been there in awhile. Ben and Lucinda trick Teague with a fake newspaper then followed him to the cabin. Kim tried to get Molly to tell the truth but she got on the stand and lied her head off. Holden prepares to take the stand.

Guiding Light: Vanessa is in a coma. Rick tells Matt that she may never come out of it. Bill rushes to see her. Annie escapes from jail using a guard outfit. She goes to Ben and tells him he didn’t put enough money in her account. She threatens to spill her guts if he doesn’t pay up. Reva worries that she’ll try to attack her. Josh arranges for a cop to guard the house. Ross finds out from Blake that Ben talked to Shayne. Ross confronts Ben on the tape missing from Shayne’s room that could clear Abby. Ben tells him about the bet.

The Bold and the Beautiful: Sheila, James and Mary are back together again. Sheila promises James that she will lay off Maggie for now but if she comes near them again she’ll have her arrested. Taylor took the baby and left. Brooke and Ridge are home. Ridge and Brooke discuss how happy their family will be Amber stolen Brooke’s bracelet.

Sunset Beach: Virginia gets angry when she finds out that Vanessa and Michael made love. Tim tried to convince Meg and everyone else that Ben was a killer. Meg went home with Ben but he left her and went to the warehouse where he has a shrine set up to her. He makes a comment to himself that she won’t live to see her wedding day. Cole prepares for his big day while Caitlin struggles with her conscience over telling him she’s not pregnant. Annie tries to convince her into taking the lactase pills and spare Cole.

Another World: The battle over Vicky comes to a head. Caleb and Shana have it out. Shana promises to stay away from her but doesn’t hold it for long. After their conversation he goes to her to tell her he’s leaving for good, she tries to convince him to stick with his research and Jack shows up just in time to see Shana take her hand. Matt tells Lila that she has to tell Shane the truth about his cure. Lila goes to see him but can’t find him so she leaves him a note. Grant makes plans to sue for custody of Kirkland. Paulina called Cindy to get her to commit for Joe & Sofia that she was not drunk the night of the fire. In an attempt to discredit her, Cindy lies.

Days of Our Lives: Peter attacked Hope and she’s in the hospital with head injuries. Bo rushes to her side professing his undying love for her. Carrie attempts to find out Mike’s feelings for her. At the circus Jack frantically searches for Jen until the FBI arrests him. Laura takes Abby to Alice’s house. Same tries to get close to Franco. Jenn wakes up and tries to escape from Peter. He overpower her and starts to choke her.

Entertainment in the 90’s: NTN Trivia

By Angela Marchetti

So, you took my advice last semester and during your winter break, happened to stop into a karaoke bar and thought, “This really isn’t my bag, baby!” (in laymen’s terms; you hated it). I found something new. Over winter break, I happened to stumble across (actually, they made me go… didn’t want to do it! They made me do it!) a relatively old game which is now sweeping the nation and is being played in thousands of bars, pubs and eateries nationwide. No, I’m not talking about beer pong, darts or billiards. It’s NTN (National Trivia Network) trivia, played seven days a week, with a new game starting every hour on the hour.

One might ask, what is this trivia thing? Every hour on the hour, a new trivia round begins, in which you enlist your cunning wits and fast-as-lightning fingerprint to answer questions and earn points. You would ask for a NTN trivia box, which you use to input your answers (the questions are located on the many different television screens around the bar). By playing each game, you match your brainpower or otherwise useless knowledge (oh, that’s why we go to college?) with other people in the bar, as well as the other 2,000 NTN locations found in North America via satellite through a series of easy, moderate and challenging trivia questions. Topics range from sports, movies, and music to science, literature and sexual topics (got your attention now, didn’t I?). Theme nights also run Wednesday’s and Friday’s at 7 p.m. Past themes have included Black Actors, Indians, The Titanic, and Winnie-the-Pooh. There’s also an hour of Trivial Pursuit trivia (for you smart people), in which you play for a piece of the “Trivial” pie beginning at 10 p.m. each night. Each round (there are two per hour) is based on 15 questions with different point values and lasts a half hour with breaks (so that you can make a potty run or do a line of shots with those guys kicking your butt on the other side of the bar). In between rounds, scores at your location are listed by ranks on the screen to give you an idea how you and everyone else is doing that round. At the end of the entire game, the top fifty na...
Kurt Richardson prepares to take the art world by storm

By Victoria Tengelics

S
ome artists work well in many different mediums, but a local artist, Kurt Eugene Richardson, is one such artist. Richardson is a Bachelor of Fine Arts major with a minor in English. Even though his concentration is in painting, Kurt’s versatility shows through in the other mediums he works in, such as film and sculpture.

Richardson was formerly a student of Cooper Union Technical College in Columbia, South Carolina and Japanese Sumi/e Brush Painting school in Soho. Graduating this May, this South Carolina native has many avenues in the art world to choose from.

Richardson has always had a love for art, “I’ve been doing art probably since I could pick up a pencil.” He cites Andy Warhol, Vincent VanGough, Horace Pipp, and Jimi Hendrix as artists that have influenced his work. Music also has a immense impact on his work. “What I’ve been listening to a lot lately is The Doors. The Doors influence my art a lot, and Tom Waits. As far as hip-hop goes I would say the Wu Tang Clan. I like a lot of old school stuff. Also Oasis inspires a lot of my art. Jazz is another thing that inspires me.” He also cites musicians the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Mozart, The Beatles and David Bowie as other inspirations behind his work. “Another thing that inspired me was my father,” Richardson said. His parents have been very supportive of his dreams.

Richardson is also a member of a hip-hop band by the name of Seven Star Productions with Simeon, Animal, Praze, and Andre that “strive to give positive messages” to their listeners.

Kurt Richardson described his latest screen print (pictured right) called Vamperella, “I was walking down Avenue E in Soho and I passed this 24-hour record store. They were playing...the soundtrack to this film Vampyros Lesbos. Its just incredible music like 60’s lounge music. Well anyway back to the screen print, even before the soundtrack I was into Vamperella comic books. I have been a huge comic book fan for a long time. I really like Vamperella, that’s basically what inspired that screen print. That’s what it (the screenprint) says, it’s just hard to read because I haven’t completed the whole process yet. I have been working on a whole series for about a year now.”

Richardson has also been working on an animation film entitled Mic Gladiators which is about this character that I borrowed from an MSU student by the name Eddie ‘Kid Adventure’ Griffin. The character I borrowed from him was called Pure Energy but I changed a lot of things around with that character like instead of calling him Pure Energy I called him Pure Innery. Instead of it being a male, I made it a female.” Richardson has also worked on two personal films. Richardson is currently working on a sculpture from a live model.

Although he works in many mediums Richardson says, “My favorite style is all of them. I don’t really have a favorite style. I think with art the only limitation is your imagination.”

His themes differ for each piece of art he creates, however he explains, “I love art. I have a lot of respect for art and life. That’s one thing I do try to make obvious in my work. The constant struggle of all different people and all they’re going through.”

Richardson’s first exhibition was in 1991 in Columbia, South Carolina and although it was a group exhibition he still says he was nervous. His has also been shown here at Gallery 3-1/2. That exhibition was entitled Black Rider and was inspired by Tom Waits and the poetry of W.S. Burroughs. This month his work will be shown in the commuter lounge of the Student Center. Richardson also has an exhibition opening this Friday, February 13th at Collage II in Montclair.

Kurt is not sure of his plans for the future, though he would like to continue his education at the graduate level. Richardson commented on his plans, “Sometimes I want to do so many things, like doing films, paintings, fashion, animation films, illustration drawings. You have to pursue your interests and not do what other people want you to do. Go after it and don’t stop until you get it.” He has also thought about becoming an art professor.

Kurt Richardson hopes to “set the world on fire.” With his talent and ambition he will surely take the world of art by storm.

The Lox brings a return to hip-hop

By Jon’ai Sullivan

A
light here is one for the true hip-hop heads out there. The LOX album released January 13 -- for all of those people seeking a return to the real hip hop, I hope you got it. The album is titled Money, Power, and Respect. You have heard them on Puffy’s album; they did that slamming “24 hrs. To Live” joint on Mase’s album, and they are well known on every mix tape in the underground. Formerly known as the Warlocks, these three brothers, known as Styles, Jay and Sheek make up the Lox. The album is not taken over by featured artists; instead you get a full length joint from them alone, doing their thing.

The album is a combination of all nasty Bad Boy production combined with harder core flow from the Lox. Songs such as “Money, Power, and Respect” with an introduction from Lil’ Kim, show that they deserve nothing less than respect. They start off with a blessing of where they are from, Y.O. (Yonkers, NY) and end with a dedication to Biggie (RIP). In between, the tracks are straight up dope! It seems as though hip-hop took a turn for the better.

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Deconstructing Harry is a Woody Allen hit

By Colleen Lutolf
Staff Writer

Deconstructing Harry, Woody Allen's latest sacrificial offering to moviemakers, is Allen's funniest film since "Manhattan Murder Mystery." Continuing his trend of big star cameos as he did in his previous film, "Everyone Says I Love You," "Deconstructing Harry" ensemble cast consists of stars such as Kristie Alley, Demi Moore, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Robin Williams, Elizabeth Shue, Julie Kavner, and Billy Crystal. Robin William's cameo is almost useless in the film; the only explanation for it would be that Allen is doing a favor for Williams, or vice versa.

This time around Allen's character is Harry Block. Allen portrays his usual neurotic, obsessive, milk toast of a man, except instead of having affairs with three beautiful young women, in this film we find Allen with about eight. Of course, some this is just a fantasy. Harry is a writer who uses his real life as a framework for his work. This may lead to some great reading, but after the women in Harry's life get a hold of it, all hell breaks loose.

In "Deconstructing Harry" we find Allen's character in the usual sleeping-with-his-wife's-sister situation. In this film the sister is played by Judy Davis who tries to shoot him after reading his latest novel. This is one of Allen's more technical films, beginning with a series of jump cuts that continue throughout the film, enough to make one slightly dizzy.

If, at any point, the film becomes tedious, as it does when Harry descends into Hell to bargain with the Devil (Billy Crystal), who has stolen his latest girlfriend (Shue), Allen falls back on the one-liners that have saved losing scenes in the past.

Although slightly confusing, we finally recognize the plot is that Harry is being honored at his alma mater and he is looking for someone to go with him. After his friend declines, Harry asks hooker (he has a penchant for them), Cookie, to go with him. Played by Hazelle Goodman (the first African American to have more than a role as an extra in an Allen film), Cookie is a prostitute that Harry just met, but he likes her and needs the company. Some of the funniest scenes in this movie involve Cookie. The next day his friend meets him outside and decides to join them. They then decide to kidnap Harry's son because his ex-wife (Kristie Alley) has refused to let him join them. Right before accepting the award, Harry is arrested for kidnapping, prostitution, and possession of marijuana.

Allen has a formula with movies that (usually) work. Some of his techniques have become predictable and boring as in "Everyone Says I Love You." Allen's films are typically a hit or a miss. "Deconstructing Harry" is a hit.

What's Going On?

Thursday, February 12
Art Forum Lecture with Kerri Wolsky, President and Director of the Harlem Textile Works, Calcia Hall, Rm. 135, 3-4:30pm

Friday, February 13
Kurt Richardson exhibition opens @ Collage II, 399 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, more info? 655-9090

Saturday, February 14
Bernie Anderson @ McEachern Hall, 8pm

Sunday, February 15
Russell Marsh @ McEachern Hall, 7pm

Monday, February 16
President's Day but we still have classes.

Tuesday, February 17
Tune into 90.3 WMSC-FM for El Sonido Tropical with Orlando Ruiz, 7pm-9pm, requests x4256

Wednesday, February 18
OSAU and CLUB Comedy Show, student center ballroom, 8pm

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It is time to arm MSU’s police force

Last week, Security Officer Alex Narvaez of the Montclair State University campus police force was assaulted. While responding to a routine fire alarm, Narvaez was alerted to an incident at a dormitory that had been forced open. He located the car and approached the driver. In the few minutes that followed, Narvaez chased the suspect, engaged in a life-threatening wrestling match, was nearly punched with a fistful of keys and was bitten. In the end, the suspect escaped.

This fiasco would have never occurred if the MSU Campus Police force was allowed to carry guns. If Officer Narvaez approached the car and his assailant was aware that he had a gun, it is likely that the chase and assault could have been avoided.

There are four main reasons that our Security Officers should be allowed to carry guns. First, the members of Campus Police are fully trained, professional police officers. Part of police training means learning how to use a gun carefully and intelligently. Giving Campus Police guns is not giving something dangerous to people with no comprehension of what it means. It would be allowing trained professionals to use a standard tool of the trade.

Second, some students feel that there is not enough crime on campus that would warrant giving guns to campus cops. In reality, campus police are in a near constant state of peril in dealing with crime on campus. An armed police force would help to decrease that number because criminals would see them in a different light. If it is true that there is not much criminal activity at MSU, why wouldn’t students be interested in keeping that number because criminals would see them in a different light. If it is true that there is not much criminal activity at MSU, why wouldn’t students be interested in keeping that crime rate low with a police force more capable of fighting the illegal activities that do happen on campus?

Third, last year, MSU had three incidents that involved firearms in the hands of students. Those incidents are probably only a fraction of the actual number of students who are armed on campus. MSU Security Officers need guns to level the playing field. If students wanted to, they could fire on a virtually defenseless police force. It only makes sense that we would want the defenders of our campus to have a chance to protect themselves against criminals with guns.

Fourth, Campus Police suffers greatly from a lack of prestige. Too many students view MSU’s security force as a group of shopping mall rent-a-cops. If they were to possess weapons like the real cops that they are, then maybe students would take them more seriously. It would raise the status of our police force and it would make students and criminals less likely to mess with Campus Police.

It is time that we start to take campus security more seriously. Arming the Security Officers is a smart move that would keep us all much safer. Campus Police is composed of professional, trained cops and it is time the campus starts treating them accordingly. The first step towards doing that is allowing them to use the equipment available to ensure the safety of all Montclair State University students.
Censorship, gender equality, walking to Blanton, and apathy at MSU

Censorship scares me. Even at the lowest level and in its simplest form, censorship scares me a lot. This past week, Associate Dean of Students James Harris dealt a blow against our freedom of speech with his unnecessary banning of two Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity rush flyers. One flyer, a photo of a nude Cindy Crawford - nude meaning her back was exposed and the other a flyer with several items such as a girl in a bathing suit, cards, dice, and images from the movie “Blues Brothers.”

TKE was reprimanded and reported to their national office for their supposedly “offensive” flyers. Why is it Harris’ job to determine what is offensive and what is not for me to see? Let’s let TKE make the final decision on how they want to represent themselves to the MSU community. One of the reasons why Harris wanted to meet with TKE was supposedly to discuss why a large number of people would find the posters out of place on a campus that is 64 percent women. Since when does a flyer have to appeal to 100 percent of the campus community in order to be posted? I saw a flyer promoting a bar may offend some women, a flyer promoting a bar may offend recovering alcoholics, or flyer asking people to write for the Montclarion may offend people who hate the media (there are many). Where does it end, and who has the right to make that judgment? Today, almost everything is offensive to someone - how about we just censor everything? We can live in a nice sterile environment with pretty white walls and end all self-expression as we know it, so we don’t offend those people out there who cannot handle it. Censorship starts with small things such as flyers, and song lyrics, and then moves on to bigger things like freedom of speech and press. It is a societal disease that must be stomped out as soon as it rears its ugly head.

TKE President Mark Becker may be going a little overboard when calling a photo of Cindy Crawford, “a public display of creativity,” but he is absolutely right that the moral value of such material is “purely subjective.” The flyers in question were not pornographic, and did not display any illegal activities. You are allowed to have sex. You are allowed to play card games, and assuming that you are 21 or older, you are allowed to consume alcohol. If Harris can censor such a flyer, then theoretically he could censor any plain old Greek rush flyer. For instance, let’s say that some people are reminded of alcohol and parties when they see Greek letters on a flyer. Seeing this might promote the idea of consumption of alcohol by someone under age in their mind, since many Greek members are underage, so I guess we will have to ban those flyers too…Like I said, I bet that about 90 percent of the MSU community is not Muslim, including myself - but I was in no way offended by it. Even if I was offended by it that would be my problem and would in no way justify the flyer’s removal.

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Has the media become a government spokesperson?

Why is there no investigative coverage of the pending war with Iraq? Has the US media become a voluntary state-run enterprise? For example, the media (TV and print) completely ignores opposing views and evidence; instead, it relies solely on the analysis and quotes of government officials. Does this characterize an independent media? Further, why does the media purposefully exclude from its coverage the death figures from the 1991 Gulf War? During the 42-day bombing, over 200,000 Iraqi people, mostly civilians, were killed by US bombs. This is 233% more people than the number of Americans killed during the Vietnam War. This is 53% more than died at Hiroshima. The media claims neutrality, but are they actually government spokesmen? With minor and noteworthy exceptions, what effect does their lack of investigation into substantive matters (like war, the Gulf-Syndrome, or the fact that many homeless people are Vietnam veterans) have on the public’s ability to think critically about this pending war and others? The primary source book “War Crimes,” by Rosemary Clark, reports that thousands of Iraqi people saw their houses blown away by US bombs and they remain homeless. Why in the name of God will we kill and prostrate again? If another country demanded to search the White house, should we allow it? Is the media hiding these and other facts and analyses so we will blindly support the government’s action? If so, in whose interest?

Very Sincerely,
Angel Mossucco
Graduate Student in History and Education.

Interesting findings in recent SGA student survey

Last semester, some legislators of the Student Government Association handed out surveys in some of their classes to get a rough view of what students wanted to see happen. Many responded that they would like to see better parking, even the possible construction of a parking garage, to combat this problem. The university has already set up an evaluation committee to look into the idea of a parking garage. Students also said that they would like to see better food and more money allocated to a student who gets laid. The TKE flyer features a nude Cindy Crawford with “I love TKE” tattooed on her buttocks. The caption says, “For real men who know what they want and aren’t afraid to go for it.” The ZBT flyer uses a skeleton. A bubble above her head has the caption “Your skull is so big!!” The ZBT caption “For real men who know what they want and aren’t afraid to go for it.” The ZBT flyer uses a skeleton. A bubble above her head has the caption “Your skull is so big!!”

A feminist response to offensive fraternity flyers

The recent flyer posting by Tau Kappa Epsilon and Zeta Beta Tau perpetuates the idea that men who join fraternities will be encouraged to stop at nothing to get laid. The TKE flyer features a nude Cindy Crawford with “I love TKE” tattooed on her buttocks. The caption says, “For real men who know what they want and aren’t afraid to go for it.” The ZBT flyer shows a cartoon nude in stiletto heels and loose underwear, standing in front of a skeleton. A bubble above her head has the caption “Your skull is so big!!”

The attitude displayed on these flyers comes down to beer, football, and puppy. This is not just about sex, but sexism. These depictions of women are without dignity. They are degrading to women. The message of sex as a reward for men in fraternities is dangerous.

According to Marybeth Roden, Assistant Director of the Rape Treatment Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, “One in ten American women are raped in their lifetime, and 80-90% of women are raped by somebody they know. Anything that promotes the subjugation of women is not the best thing.” She also notes that “a rape is reported once every five minutes. Random sample surveys show that 3.5 to 10 times more rapes occur than have been reported. That is our projection.”

It is also noteworthy that the flyers were not approved for posting by Montclair State University. TKE will not apologize for what it calls its “creativity” in designing the posters. You guys don’t get it.

Charlene Haug
The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

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Lauren Jacoby
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To thank all the students that participated in this survey. If any student has any problem that they would like to address to the Student Government Association, you can come to the SGA in the Student Center Annex or you can come to our meetings on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. in Room 415 of the Student Center.

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for Sodexho to even think about operating both the Freeman and Blanton cafeterias on weekends because the campus is deserted. It would be an incredible waste of money for them to both make the food and pay the employees to operate Freeman on weekends when Blanton cafeteria is barely full on those days anyway, even with the Freeman students eating there. I have class twice a week in Panzer Gymnasium and have to make that same walk from the other side of campus, as do many other students. I have not heard those students complain about making that trip, or call for another gym to be built on the other side of campus for convenience. It is just the way the campus is set up, and it was mentioned when students had the opportunity to choose what building they wished to live in. Freeman residents could have picked to live in Bohm Hall, which is mostly made up of freshmen, if they knew they didn’t like walking.

Finally, last week in Interim President Dr. Gregory Waters’s letter to the campus community, that appeared in The Montclarion, he spoke of the “baseless news accounts of student apathy,” at MSU. While I agree with Dr. Waters that there are plenty of students who are unaware and do not get involved — it pales in comparison to the number of those who do not. We still attend a university where it is impossible to get over one thousand votes for a Student Government Association executive board election. These elections are open to all undergraduate students, the polls are placed in the busy hallways of the Student Center and Blanton Hall, it takes two seconds to vote, and the election determines who will control over $500,000 of student money, and still, nobody cares. That is apathy. Hard working student organizations such as the MSU yearbook (maybe you’ve heard of it), La Campana, struggle to stay alive because recruiting students to work for a student organization can be like pulling teeth. La Campana seems to be on track thanks to a few students who are working hard to resurrect it, but when the yearbook does come out, it will be the first one for MSU in about two or three years. How can that happen at a major state university? Have you seen the attendance lately at on-campus concerts or sporting events? More people attended my high school football games than the number of people who showed up for MSU football games and other sporting events. We attend a very apathetic campus Dr. Waters, although it may not seem that way sometimes because the activity of the few who get involved will always speak louder than the masses who don’t. It makes me wonder what we could achieve at MSU if everyone did get involved, even just a little bit.
A fan defends Howard Stern

While the federal government and religious groups target him as bad for America, radio bad boy Howard Stern continues to broaden his fan base of the few who struggles to stay on the air. Already fined several million dollars by the FCC over the past 8 years, and under constant ridicule and pressure from the Christian-based American Family Association (AFA), the self-proclaimed "King of All Media" has managed to spread his four to five hour morning show across the country to 45 different markets. Recently, "The Howard Stern Show" crossed the border and is now heard in several Canadian markets. It is estimated that between 15 and 30 million listeners catch a piece of the Stern show every morning. And we, his true fans, need our morning fix, our little dose of reality in a media filled with robotic, imitating corn-balls or humorless, politically motivated hard-asses.

Stern’s fan base is his strength. It seems as though morals take a back seat to pop-culture because the controversial Stern produces phenomenal ratings in every market he enters. His power as an advertiser was proven last year when Snapple dropped the Stern show because of backlash from the religious-right. Stern’s fans immediately got the message and stopped buying Snapple. Their stock plummeted to near bankruptcy within months. Snapple sold and the new owners immediately began advertising on the show again. Snapple’s stock immediately skyrocketed and is now booming. Whenever possible, I and several of my friends buy products that are advertised on the show. This may seem extreme to the non-listener, but it’s not to the millions of fans who feel our constitutional rights are being violated every time we hear of a threat to take Stern off the air.

Accused of being a racist and a sexist by every easily-offended American who crosses his channel, a longtime listener realizes that he is anything but. Stern makes fun of everybody who will allow themselves to be angered by his humor. A sexist? Sure, Stern loves to have strippers and lipstick lesbians in the studio taking all off, but I have heard few stronger advocates for women’s rights in my lifetime, one of the few subjects he will, now and then, become completely serious about. He often speaks of women’s rights to do whatever they want with their lives. He is highly critical of the difference in salary levels between men and women, and the lack of women in government, and is an avid pro-choice advocate. But the average person who rarely listens to Stern of women in government, and is an avid pro-choice advocate.

Stern’s arch-rivals are the AFA and other religious groups who consider him offensive and fight vigorously to remove him from the airwaves. Two weeks ago, he managed to get a spokesperson from the AFA on the phone. The woman spoke for several minutes about why she considers him offensive. She finished by calling him blasphemous and racist. He snapped, "I’m racist? Isn’t it your belief that anyone who’s not saved by your savior Jesus Christ is going to hell?" She didn’t answer. To Stern continued, "What would you say to the billion and a half chinks that never heard of Jesus, that they’re all going to hell?" "Listen to how you talk," she replied. "You’re a hypocrite," he responded. "Don’t talk to me about racism. Your group of Yahoons are the most exclusive people on the planet. Go burn in hell ya ignorant bitch." She hung up.

Although a quick-witted and ground-breaking comic, Stern’s strength is his honesty. He is free thinker, his opinions change from day to day, and he always says whatever is on his mind. He refuses to affiliate with a political party and his opinions come from his heart, not from a group. He won’t butt into the mainstream media, who in return, refuse to accept him as a legitimate entity and that’s fine with him.

A few night ago, I was channel surfing and I came across the Reverend Jerry Falwell on the 700 Club. I watched him for a few minutes and I instantly became offended by what I consider his ignorance and blatant brainwashing techniques. Getting rid of Falwell, for me, was a simple as pushing a button. So please, all you uptight, humorless people out there who don’t understand the Howard Stern show, keep in mind that free speech is what separates America from the rest of the world. If you don’t like it, turn it off.

Is Valentine’s Day a positive holiday?

At this moment in time, everybody is probably thinking about the up and coming holiday, Valentine’s Day. Have you ever stopped and asked who was this St. Valentine? Or where did this Holiday originate from? Why do we give our lovers greeting cards, and choco­late hearts in boxes? Of course not. You are to busy trying to find out if someone loves you and will give you a gift. I am going to present you the facts about Valentine’s Day. The Origin of Valentine’s Day is a is in depth subject, so I will condense it to the best of my abilities. Before I present the facts let me mention that Valentine’s Day just happens to be in the middle of History Month. I think it’s a good thing to do with Nubians or African Culture and therefore dis­tracts the flow of Black History Month. Don’t think it wasn’t done on purpose.

Martyr Valentine is a roman Christian Priest who was killed during the reign of Claudius II Gothicus (268-270 A.D.). Claudius II strongly opposed marriages be­tween the opposite sex. Claudius II’s palace was filled with corruption similar to the transgressions of Sodom and Gomorrah. Orgies with animals and the same sex were performed. Homosexuality was encouraged and enforced. Martyr Valentine rebelled against Claudius’ immoral palette and secretly married couples (of opposite sex), thus breaking the law. In timet Claudius II found out and there was a massive search for all those who participated. All the new grooms were found, castrated, and their hearts were cut out. The hearts then became coagulated, were put in boxes and sent to the bride. This is sym­bolized when chocolate hearts are given in boxes to loved ones. Valentine was then beaten by clubs and later be­headed on February 14. Valentine’s heart was also cut out, then cooked and eaten by Claudius II. On the Eve of his execution, St. Valentine sent a note to the jailer’s daughter who had befriended him. In the note she thanked him for her practice of exchanging similar notes to special loved ones on February 14. This is symbolic of the notes and greeting cards given to each other on Valentine’s Day. Claudius II suffered from a disease filled body, due to his abnormal sex tendencies. He died (270 A.D.) from herpes, syphilis, gonorrhea, genital warts, and chlamydia. Since Valentine was a member of the church, it was decided in 496 A.D. by Pope Gelatius I, that Feb­ruary 14 should be dedicated to Martyr Valentine.

This is a negative holiday that most Americans celebrate. People should give gifts and show love to their loved ones every day, not just once a year. People should not participate in this holiday but if you do be unique, positive, and show love after February 14.

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This section, “The Valentine’s Day Massacre,” is a bitter diatribe against the Satanic and completely evil pagan holiday of Valentine’s Day. (Okay, it’s named after a saint, but that’s besides the point.) Those who are under the ill effects of the “love” illusion may not want to read the following scurrilous articles, angry photo-spreads, and general bitterness contained within. Proceed at your own risk. The Section takes no responsibility for any rather nasty ill effects. You have been warned. If you find any of this offensive, we really don’t care. Any angry letters sent in will be laughed at. So there. Ha.

ABANDON HOPE, ALL YE WHO ENTER HERE! YIKES! BOO!

Take your holiday and shove it.

by John J. O’Sullivan
He hates everything about Valentine’s Day.

Before I begin with the article proper, here’s a dose of offensive, but authentic, seething bitterness. Those of you who get offended over trivial matters for no good reason other than academic popularity may wish to skip it. Thank you.

“Hey, all of you people in love? You suck! Hahahahahaha! I can’t stand any of you! Hey Mr. Honey Wunny Bocy Dooby Man and Miss Sweety Peety Meety Pie—go to hell! HA! Take your Cupid and your jewelry and your crappy chalk-like conversation hearts and leave me alone! I don’t celebrate your stupid pagan holiday. In fact. I don’t ever fall victim to the Five Hour Demonic popularity may be offended over trivial matters for no good reason. Those of you who get seething bitterness. Most of the destructive bitterness is gone. We can continue.

I have been living by myself for quite some time, and I have determined, after careful experimentation and lab studies, that I will live by myself for the rest of my life. Don’t feel bad for me (unless you want to, if it increases my overall popularity) it is a pretty stable condition. I get up whenever I wish. I can watch Bond movies without ever having to rent a boring “chick flick.” Oh, and there’s the social benefits too. I don’t have to give constant status reports on the telephone when I go out with friends. I don’t get beeped 42,378,472,389 times with “911” tacked onto the end of the number. Of course you know, the 911 is for something like “why aren’t you paying attention to me” or “who are you with?” (Well, I don’t have a beeper, but that’s irrelevant.) Plus, I don’t ever fall victim to the Five Hour.

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Roses? I’d rather have an El Camino.

By Victoria Tengelics
Special Correspondent to the Humour™ Section

It is fitting this month that my least favorite holiday, Valentine’s Day lands on the day after Friday the 13th. So, on Friday I’ll probably suffer some weird accident/disaster (like getting a shish kabob stick stuck in my throat. Don’t ask.) Then, on Saturday, I and the many other single women of this world will be subjected to constant reminders of our loneliness from the TV networks and radio stations, among other sources. To prove that I have excellent reasons for my jaded and bitter attitude, (I swear I’m really not that bad. Ask my friends. well maybe you shouldn’t.) I have constructed a list of ten extremely good reasons:

THE 10 REASONS WHY I HATE VALENTINE’S DAY

1. Men — Although I promised John I wouldn’t be a “Vikki hates men” story, I must mention them. I do not feel that all men are idiots...just most. This holiday makes me want to take the whole male population and ship them to the moon with Dr. Ruth where she can explain to them the errors of their ways in all areas.

2. Couples — Have you ever been around a couple that just recently got together? No offense to those of you in a relationship, but they make me gag. They are sickeningly sweet always hanging on each other and calling each other icky names. (ie Mr. Happy Scrappy Diddly Pot or My little Wittle Cutie Hunny Bunny) It just rubs in my face that I’m alone.

3. People that feel sorry for me — Why is it that all my friends in relationships feel the need to set me up (with losers?) I guess I’m the only person who doesn’t know about “The Supreme Rule” that women cannot live without men. I know that they mean well and I thank them, but I am doing okay on my own. I will admit, however, a man could come in handy sometimes...like when I need my car fixed or my toilet unclogged.

4. Hollywood — They tend to always make movies with those sappy happy endings where the girl gets her guy and they live happily ever after. In the real world it doesn’t quite go this way. It’s more like this scenario: “Girl fails for guy. Girl does everything for him and he goes through his mid-life crisis. Guy loses his mind and buys a sports car (old men look stupid in these things) and finds a younger model girl who wants his money. Guy leaves his faithful wife, marries bimbo, goes broke and bimbo leaves him.” This Valentine’s Day, I vow not to watch any of these unrealistic sob stories.

5. America Online — If you have AOL, then you have seen the little box in the right hand corner of your screen advertising for Valentine’s Day gifts. They haven’t forgotten those of us without Valentine’s Day...through the box they periodically says something like “find your love on AOL.” Then, you are supposed to click and find your true love...that is if he’s not really some mass murderer with a butcher knife getting ready to stalk your every move.

6. Roses — In the past when I have had someone to spend Valentine’s Day with, they always buy roses. Roses are a waste of money; they die two days after I get them. Why not buy something that lasts: like gold, diamonds, or maybe a 1969 Super Sport El Camino, cherry red with black interior and a 454 under the hood? (I HATE VALENTINE’S DAY)

7. Chocolate — This is the other cliché gift that doesn’t last. I could finish off a box in an hour. Guys, this is a senseless gift. You know that women are obsessed with their weight, and you complain about it too. Yet, you still give us chocolate and for the next two weeks, we’ll be paranoid about the size of our thighs. Of course we wouldn’t be so neurotic if you didn’t drool all over pictures.

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Is your ex-Valentine not catching the hint? Try our new “Blunt Message Hearts!” Their special “I don’t give a crap about you—go away—and leave me—the hell alone” messages will tell your ex exactly how you feel. Plus, they taste great! Don’t get a restraining order—go out to your nearest candy store and ask for “Blunt Message Hearts” today!

Sardonic Confectioneries When you just don’t care anymore

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SARDONIC CONFECTIONERIES
"Your Valentine's Day is total shite," says Victoria

"Vday Bucks" cont'd. p. 20 of chicks, like the plastic Jenny McCarthy. For appropriate gifts see #6.

I love you more than having to rake.
You are the sunshine of my life
I can't believe OJ did it with a knife
Would you, could you, in a house?
Would you, could you, with a mouse?
I love you more than eating cake.

Radio - Every year they play sappy sad songs aimed at lovers which just serve to depress the hell out of me. Take for instance Celine Dion's new song or just take any of her songs and you will be on your way to a fit of tears.

Hey this blank space annoy you? Huh? Huh? Does this annoy you?
How about this? Does this annoy you now?
Hey...BLA.BLA.BLA.BLA.

"The horo...the horo..."

Written in the near future on Valentine's Day by a happy drunken John J. O'Sullivan

*Using his dirty time travelling Chevy Cavalier, driven by a designated driver.

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Gee, I'm feeling NO pain! Y'er know what? You'll win a million dollars! Congrats! You're a winner! Yeah!

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Hey, I'm a Taurus! Hey, free beers will come your way next week! Yeah! I am sooooooo drunk!

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) You'll be happy, or drunk. Me, at least I'm drunk...

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Love? I don't know anything about love...but I know you're getting a 4.0 this semester! So, come on over and have a drink!

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) Eh hoser, take off, eh? Take off to the Great White North! You'll have lots of beers, eh?

Virgo (August 23 to Sept. 22) You will win a brewery in Ireland, in which you will make lots of money...and beers. Hey—give me some!

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Wow, more beers are here! Great—this is just super! You'll...um...fall in love or something. I gotta get another beer. I love beer!

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The starts say that you'll gain great fortune and prestige. The stars say that I'm in no shape to drive a car.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Cool, it's karaoke time! You'll get a promotion, and I'll embarrass myself while singing "Feelings." Hey barkeep—more beers here, eh?

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Wow, I am sooooo drunk that I can't even remember that it's Valentine's Day and that I am incredibly lonely.

Thomas B. Wischman: Hey J.J., it's Valentine's Day and you are incredibly lonely.

Me: Okay, hosehead, you're dead. You're dead. Ded. ded. ded. (thump)

Thomas B. Wischman: Here let me help you off of the floor.

Me: You're still dead...I'm still drunk.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Wow, there's like five of you! All five of you will be...uh...cool this week. Yeah! I am sooooooooo drunk.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) You will have problems with your mate this week, but they will all work out. I just sicked myself, but it will all wash out.

Hey this blank space annoy you? Huh? Huh? Does this annoy you? How about this? Does this annoy you now? Hey...BLA.BLA.BLA.BLA.
I agree with them! Yeah, I think I'm some sort of alien life-form without any emotion. You know what? I'm lonely, and some may even say that I'm a bitter pudding. Either that, or I have to bite you repeatedly while she was dreaming.

It's on the other page, moron.
Do not read this if you are illiterate.

Here's the rest of the article.

But for once...for ONCE...I would like to have a Valentine’s Day that doesn’t involve me having to drink myself into oblivion to dull the pain of either a horrid break-up, or a horrid accident. Even when I am in my gleeful, resilient, powerful...lonely lifestyle, something horrible always occurs. Either some horrible physical ailment wracks my body, or something falls on me, or I get hit by a car...you catch the hint. The day is just plain EVIL.

There’s no way around it.

Oh, and the week before...you don’t want to see me the day before...you don’t want to see me the day before. I get into this horrid funk and usually end up biting the head off of anyone that annoys me (please refer to the seething bitterness on page 20.) No amount of happy pils™ could make me happy this entire week—but liquor can. Liquor can make me happy by removing the pain (physical or otherwise) that Valentine’s Day exacted upon me (please refer to the horoscope). Charles Baudelaire, famous French poet and fellow tortured soul, once said that “It is essential to be unhappy.”

The traditional happy couple.

Don’t you want to spew?

I agree. I’m gonna have another beer. Cheers!

Happy Valentine’s Day! (kiss! kiss!)
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We will be holding two focus groups on campus to get your opinion on financial themes a college student may have an interest in. Come join us and voice your opinions.

Date: February 26, 1998
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
AND: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Place: Bohn Hall Main Lounge

All students who participate will receive $20 for their time!

The focus group sessions will fill up quickly, so please call Dawn Frasca @ (973)785-9200 ext. 382 to reserve your seat.

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Calling The Shots

by Jason Lampa

Club teams should not be treated as second-class athletes by the university

If there was a student election on campus to vote for the honor of best male athlete the name Brian Stahly would probably not receive many votes. This is due to the fact that most people do not get the opportunity to see him play. You see, Stahly is on the MSU men’s volleyball team which has only two home matches in their regular season schedule. 12 of their matches are away.

Stahly a 6'1" 165-pound machine with legs resembling pogo sticks which have the ability, to explode off the ground 36 or more inches at any given time. Stahly also possesses the ability 36 inches off the ground, to spike a ball at speeds of 70 or more miles per hour.

If Stahly played on a team that had varsity status, like Jersey City State, he would be a Parade First Team Division III All-American. In fact he would probably be the best outsider in Division III volleyball. Gyms would be packed night-in and night-out to watch this amazing athlete put on a show for anyone wanting to get a glimpse of just how talented he is; but this unfortunately is not how it is.

Receiving not a single penny from the athletic department, Stahly and his teammates pay $100 fee for club team mates to vote for the honor of best male athlete.

Are they trying to say that the physical well-being of the varsity athlete is more important than the club athlete?

I have this feeling that the university is trying to pull one over on these kids and I feel the situation should be investigated.

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The Montclair State wrestling team defeated Sacred Heart 40-10 and Southern Maine 33-9 in a quad match at Western New England College on Sunday afternoon.

The two victories raise the Red Hawk’s record above .500 at 13-12 with one more regular season match to go on Saturday vs. Ithaca College before the Metropolitan Tournament next weekend.

In the match vs. Sacred Heart, the Red Hawks won six out of the 10 matches including two pins by 177-pound Andy Pote and Heavyweight John Hemingway.

The other Red Hawk winners were Betsy Montanez (118), Jason Velante (126), Florian Ghinea (134), Warner Gramajo (142), and Pat Walsh (190).

In their second match of the day, the Red Hawks again won six out of 10 matches including two pins by 142-pound Ghinea and Heavyweight Hemingway.

The other Red Hawk winners were Montanez, Velante, Pote, and Walsh.

How the men’s and women’s basketball teams won this week

By Jason Lampa

The Red Hawks got a huge performance out of floor general Wykemia Kelley. Her she led the team in rebounds (11) and assists (12). The 5’11” junior from Patterson leads the NJAC in assists per game. Senior Jill Schlutz, who came into the game averaging 12.8 ppg., was brilliant from the field nailing 75% of her shots while dishing out five assists.

As a team MSU shot 49.3% from the field in the game and set the tone early by hitting 58.1% of their shots in the first half. The Red Hawks had five players score in double figures with the team accumulating 26 assists to Kean’s 11. MSU’s top three guards, Schultz, Kelly, and Asyesha Burney, combined for 19 of those assists.

Offense: The Red Hawks forced 21 turnovers. Schultz, Kelly, and Burney were a big part of this stat accumulating 10 steals between the three of them. MSU held the Cougars of Kean University to 16 of 61 shooting from the field for the game including a lowly 6 of 27 in the first half.

Men

Offense: The second half, in the final 20 minutes of the game, MSU outscored Kean 47-27 shooting 17 of 33 from the field in the second compared to Kean’s 10 of 26. MSU went to the free throw line 21 times in the game hitting successfully on 13 occasions while Kean only went to the line nine times hitting successfully on five. MSU guards took care of the ball like their child only turning the ball over nine times in the game. Freshman guard Jermei Mayo had one turnover in 32 minutes of action while dishing out a team leading seven assists.

Defense: The statistic that jumps off the stat sheet is the amount of turnovers MSU forced Kean into. Kean had 25 turnovers in the game. 15 of those turnovers came from Red Hawk steals.

Wrestling

Keys To Victory

How the men’s and women’s basketball teams won this week

By Jason Lampa

Sports Editor

The Red Hawks received consistent serving the entire match from freshmen middle blocker Anthony Piscielli along with consistent blocking from senior outside hitter Jose Orts and the junior player-coach Doktor. The team was additionally helped by the aggressive hitting of junior outside hitter Brian Stahly and junior middle hitter Mike Duarte.

" These two victories on Sunday will give us the confidence we need to be successful this season," said Doktor. "We are only starting to see how good we can become."

The team travels to Seton Hall on Feb. 15 to face York College, Rutgers-Camden, and Seton Hall. The action begins at 11 a.m.

Volleyball

defeats

Scranton, Drew

By Jason Lampa

Sports Editor

The MSU men’s volleyball club recorded two victories on Sunday by defeating the universities of Scranton and Drew in Madison.

Scranton never arrived to the match and after a conference call with the league commissioner MSU was awarded the victory. In the second match of the day, MSU used their speed and effective hitting to defeat Drew in straight sets 15-10, 15-3, 15-1.
Women reach .500 with victory over Kean

Kelly’s triple-double leads Red Hawks to a decisive 78-52 win

By Jason Lampa
Sports Editor

The Montclair State women’s basketball team evened its record at 10-10 (7-7 in the NJAC) with a 78-52 victory over Kean University in a New Jersey Athletic Conference game at MSU’s Panzer Gym on Saturday afternoon.

Women’s Basketball

The Red Hawks were led by junior point guard Wykemia Kelley and senior guard Jill Schultz in a game which featured five MSU players scoring in double-figures. Kelley, who leads the NJAC in assists per game, recorded only the third triple-double in MSU women’s basketball history with 10 points, 11 rebounds, and 12 assists. Schultz, the team’s leading scorer, dropped in 21 points in the game on 9-12 shooting.

The Red Hawks put Kean’s heads to bed early jumping out to a 39-14 cushion with 2:19 to go in the first half. In the run, Schultz scored eight points, and freshmen Ayesha Burney scored six, as MSU took a 43-19 lead into the locker room. In the second, the game was closer with Kean scoring 33 points in the half to MSU’s 35.

Burney finished with 10 points for the game, and joined Laleethea Holland who had 12 points, and 6’2” West Orange native Collette Canfield who had 10 points and 10 rebounds, as Red Hawks who scored in double figures.

The Red Hawks last two regular season home games end with a date with Jersey City on Feb. 14 and Rutgers-Newark on Feb. 18. The game on Feb. 14 starts at 3 p.m. while the game on Feb. 18 starts at 6 p.m.

Men’s Basketball

Peeples and Reilly each score 22 in 82-65 victory

By Jason Lampa
Sports Editor

The MSU men’s basketball team snapped its six game losing streak with an 82-65 victory over Kean University at MSU’s Panzer Gym on Saturday afternoon.

Using a balanced scoring attack, the Red Hawks had four players score in double figures: junior point guard B.J. Reilly (22 points), junior forward Anthony Peeples (22 points), senior guard Kyle Griffith (13 points), and senior center Raheem Rex (11 points) to boost its record to 11-9 (7-7 in the NJAC) placing them fifth in the conference with three regular season games left to the conference tournament where only the top four teams make it.

MSU trailed by as much as 13 in the first half, but cut the lead to three at the half 38-35, and then exploded by Kean, outscoring the Cougars 47-27 in the second half. With the game tied at 52-52, with 10:45 left, MSU never looked back outscoring the Cougars 30-13 the rest of the contest. The tie was broken on a baseline jumper from the left side by 6’7” freshman Kevin Steele on a shot from the left baseline with 10:26 to play. From there, MSU went on a 16-4 run capped off by Reilly’s sixth three pointer of the game with 5:48 to left. Reilly was 6 of 10 from three-land on the day.

The Red Hawks will be at home again on Saturday Feb. 14 and then again on Wednesday Feb. 18. The game on Saturday starts at 5 p.m. while the game on Wednesday starts at 8 p.m.