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 Al 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 see OUTRAGED on p. 6

Celebrating Chinese Culture

CELEBRATION: 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 see ASSAULT on p. 6

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 Basset-Hackett said. She said the first aid kits should be on board in less than a month. Basset-Hackett was uncertain what the total cost of the first aid kits would be, but said that it would not affect New see TRANSIT on p. 4

Shots fired on NJ Transit train in Newark

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**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.

**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 production 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.

"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.

**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 one of the top-grossing films at the North American box office.

"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 movies.
Religious groups play vital role in university life

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also within the community. They cosponsored a canned food drive and through it accumulated 2,000 pounds of food. The food was then sent to food centers in Essex County during Thanksgiving. During Christmas, they began a four site campus collection for toys called, he Shining Star Gift Drive. The gifts were then distributed to Our Lady Help of Christians School in East Orange. On campus, Newman Catholic Campus Ministry helps other organizations with their events, such as the health fair, AIDS awareness day through the wellness center, and the international food festival.

If you are interested in joining the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry, there are many options for you. You can contact them at 655-7240. Every Sunday a mass is given at 11 a.m. in Kopps Lounge in Russ Hall and at 6:30 p.m. in the Newman Center. The Newman Center can be easily reached from either on or off campus. If you are on campus, the steps behind Morehead Hall will take you there. If you are off campus, the address is 894 Valley Road. The Center also hosts a Newman night which occurs twice a month. This activity consists of a prayer service or mass, a free supper, and then a discussion about what is coming up. On Wednesday in the Student Center from 12-2 p.m, Father Al is available in the main lobby to talk.

He stresses that, “I want to let people know I am here. I am a full time minister and anyone who would like to see me at any time can give a call. You don’t have to be a Catholic and the talk does not have to be about God, it can be about anything.”

The Montclair Protestant Foundation’s advisor is Reverend Dr. Audrey Leef. The foundation has held events such as an advent series this past December, and speakers and study groups for the different parts of the year. They have also combined with the other religious organizations to hold events for Thanksgiving and Ash Wednesday. Dr. Leef is available at a listening post table during church or the Bible, just 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

**AMEN:** University Catholics gather at the Newman Catholic Center every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate mass. An 11:30 a.m. mass is also held every Sunday at Kopps Lounge in Russ Hall.
3,000 first aid kits on the way

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Jersey Transit’s fares. In addition, New Jersey Assemblywoman Nia Gill has announced that she will introduce legislation that would require New Jersey Transit to install first aid kits, and also to train its crews in CPR and other life-saving measures.

Bassett-Hackett said that New Jersey Transit’s decision to purchase the kits was not in light of prospective legislation, but was caused by the concerns of customers, Martin’s concerns, and “what made sense.” She stated that New Jersey Transit began looking into purchasing first aid kits the day after the shooting. In regards to whether personnel would be trained in how to use the kits or perform CPR, Bassett-Hackett said only that the train crews and customers would have complete access to the kits.

No additional security measures are planned for New Jersey Transit, Bassett-Hackett said, noting that plainclothes and uniformed police officers are regularly aboard its trains and buses. “We feel that we have a safe system,” she said. “In fact, we have one of the safest systems in the nation.” Bassett-Hackett stated that the Executive Director of New Jersey Transit, Shirley Delibero, rode the train where Martin was injured on the Wednesday following the shooting in order to assure passengers of their safety and inform them about the decision to purchase first aid kits. DeLibero also visited Martin at his home in Upper Montclair to tell him about the first aid kits personally, Bassett-Hackett said. The investigation to locate the person responsible for the shooting continues.

“We are following up on leads,” Bassett-Hackett said. Aid in the investigation is being provided by the Essex County Prosecutor’s Office, the Essex County Sheriff’s Department, and the Newark Police Department.

There has been no decrease in passengers since the shooting, Bassett-Hackett said. Concerning the students that currently use New Jersey Transit to commute to school, Bassett-Hackett said, “We hope they continue to ride New Jersey Transit.”

US considers military action against Iraq

By Nicole DiTrani

Staff Writer

Seven years after the Persian Gulf War, the United States is again preparing to go head-to-head with Saddam Hussein. The United Nations Special Commission, which has been working since 1991 to rid Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, was put to a halt when Iraq’s Prime Minister told executive chairman Richard Butler that Iraq would no longer comply with the inspections being done. Instead, Mr. Aziz gave Butler a list of eight complexes containing President Hussein’s palaces and other buildings. These buildings were closed to inspectors on the grounds that inspecting them would offend the national “dignity.” In his State of the Union speech, President Clinton responded to Saddam Hussein’s refusal to cooperate with inspectors by proclaiming that the United States “is determined to deny him the capacity to use weapons of mass destruction again.” Specifically, President Clinton is referring to the use of all weapons including military force to stop Saddam Hussein. Many students at MSU expressed their hopes that the UN and United States would be able to resolve this in a more diplomatic way. “I hope the country doesn’t go to war,” said senior Amy Henries. “When I was in active duty, I was ready to go to combat, but now that I’m in college I don’t want to go,” said junior David DeCandia, who is in the Army National Guard, a division of the reserves.

Mr. DeCandia also expressed his thoughts on the reason that the United States is threatening military action, “Just because a guy won’t let you into his house is a ridiculous reason to go to war”. While it may seem like a joke to go to war over a man not letting inspectors into his palace, the weapons inside these off limits areas are not a joke. In a meeting with the New York Times reporters and editors on January 26, 1998, Mr. Butler told the press that in the previous month the weapons inspectors thought that they were going to uncover the computer hard drives that contained the records of biological and nuclear weapons. Instead, the Iraqis stalled for twenty minutes as the inspectors watched from a distance as the old hard drives were replaced by new ones. When the inspectors finally got permission to enter, the equipment only ran computer games. Mr. Butler also confirmed earlier reports that his team had evidence that Iraq had loaded biological weapons on warheads. He also said that Iraq has enough biological material like anthrax or botulin toxin into “Blow away Tel Aviv”.

These findings have led to the US and British joining forces in the decision to try to find Iraq in “material breach” of the cease fire that ended the Persian Gulf War. This would give full diplomatic cover for military action. Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, are the only foreign leaders to give unconditional endorsement to US plans to strike Iraq militarily, say it is important to realize that Hussein is not to be trusted and should be considered dangerous. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright met with leaders of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain and the Palestinian Authority. She reported that while the Arab leaders prefer a diplomatic route, they do not oppose the use of military support. She said that while none of the leaders publicly endorsed the military option, nor did they offer the use of their bases, but some said they were open to all options. Many countries including France, Japan and Russia have expressed their objection openly to the idea of military force being used. Russian President Boris Yeltsin issued a stern warning that US actions against Iraqi President Hussein “Can lead to a World War!”. Despite the pleas from other countries for the United States to hold off on its threats of military use to resolve this conflict, the United States has sent 2,200 Marines on warships to the Persian Gulf to defend US forces and help evacuate civilians in the region in the event of armed conflict with Iraq. President Clinton said that the purpose of the force, if used, is not to eliminate Hussein. The commander of US forces in the gulf has requested the Marines, in the event that Hussein launches a counter attack US airstrike. Their presence will increase the total number up of US troops to more than 30,000.
Community evaluates police force

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police may pull the trigger faster than of­

ficers 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 had

a buy-back program, but they ran out of

money. This shows that people wanted
guns and the city really needed guns.
Personally, I don’t thinkLt. Paul Cell, to use one specific ex­

ample, 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
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 ex­

ample, 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. She

added that in the past year, MSU has had

three incidents involving a gun, or sus­
ppected possession of a gun. Harris lastly

proposed a measure for boosting confi­
dence 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 pre­
sentation, and a very professional physi­

cal 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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2-3-98

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.

2-4-98

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.

2-5-98

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

Panzy 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

Panzy Gym. Victim was transported by

ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

2-6-98

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.

2-7-98

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.

2-9-98

Medical

Female faculty/staff member suffers from

chest pains in College Hall. Victim is

transported by ambulance to Montclair

Community Hospital.

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Administration changes practice rooms into offices

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ution amongst students in an effort to stop
the conversion of the practice rooms. In
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 practi-
cal and beneficial to Music Department
faculty if it were located in the McEachern
Music Building, where the majority of
professors hold classes, instruction, re-
harsals, and performances.

“There are obviously communica-
tion problems between the students and
faculty here and the administration just
doesn’t considering how changing the prac-
tice rooms will affect the students,” com-
mented Mello.

Mello and Schmidt, who are per-
forming “Our Private World,” their musi-
cal debut as a duo, on February 28, say
that the rooms are used regularly and es-
timate 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 depart-
ment.”

No dates have been set for the con-
version of the Life Hall practice rooms
and both Dr. Ruth Rendleman, Chairper-
son 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 administra-
tion.

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.
2-10-98

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. 3:30 p.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 miscon-
strued that a Montclair State University
swim team member committed the of-
fense. 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 Paunus, 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 men 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.

Valentine’s Day Gifts for the romantically challenged

By Kara L. Richardson
Feature Editor

Two days left until Valentine’s Day. For those of you who don’t want to spend countless hours in a flower shop here are a few ideas for the romantically challenged. Valentine’s Day shopping doesn’t have to be painful for those struck by Cupid’s arrow of love.

Keep the Valentine in Valentine’s Day! The Valentine is the most important part of the present. It’s a great once a year occasion to express how you feel. If you can’t think of your own words, let Hallmark do it for you! No matter what the present, include a valentine!

Words of Love: Books of all sorts will provide great Valentine’s Day gifts. From collections of love poetry to romantic novels. Book stores should have displays this time of year and salespeople to help.

Light your Valentine’s fire! Candles and oil lamps make great romantic gifts.

Sweets for your sweetie! Chocolates, candies: even the campus stores have a supply of heart shaped boxes loaded with goodies. You can’t go wrong with chocolates!

Breakfast in bed. Fortunately, this Valentine’s day falls on a Saturday. A great opportunity to use the whole day for lovin’. Start with breakfast, the rest is up to you.

A few of her favorite things! Take a basket and fill it based on a theme. Go for the sensual: massage oils, massage books, bubble bath products.

Set the mood. Atmosphere on an inhouse date is important. Candle light desserts require candles, champagne and a scrumptious dessert from the bakery. You’d be amazed what you can do to your average college room with a few props, some music and love.

The mystery of love: a biological perspective

By Peter Kofitsas
Staff Writer

What is so entralling 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? According to anthropologist, Desmond Morris, love is a biological mechanism whose function it is to create a pair bond between two humans, produce a child, and assure that the child is provided with the necessities for life. A neat little package in theory, but unfortunately, as most of us know, less perfect in reality.

Romantics might argue that love is more than just simply a biological function, rather a spiritual rendezvous between two pre-destined soul mates. The true definition has been argued over since ancient Greek times, when the philosopher, Plato, viewed love as a desire for beauty. Subsequent scholars have also labeled it as the human sex drive, the struggle for power, and according to some feminist philosophy, a male ideology created to secure the subordination of women. So which is it? Is there one true definition for love? Does anyone know for sure, or even dare to take on the challenge of unraveling this sacred human wonder?

Many have tried to get to the bottom of the mystery, and have been forewarned that solving the subtleties of love might extinguish its allure. Love, and the sex so often accompanied with it have, literally, been on the minds of humans since our beginnings. Love has been thought to have caused wars, ruined lives, induced guilt, spurred jealousies and so on. However, it has also produced 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. The bold attempt to write an article summarizing its vast meanings to humans 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.” Morris 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 shelters, 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 excite...
A n El Nino's shivering dampness confines most of us indoors throughout this melancholy season, daydreams of sweaty 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!
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 archeologist 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 archeological research with an audience of about 40 people.

Crannogs require underwater excavation which Dixon specializes in. He mentioned that even though they work underwater, 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.

As to whether his relationship is in fact love for the sake of love, or love with the intention of securing a pair bond for the possible arrival of junior.
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 many
people try to stop us. 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. Ich liebe dich.

Kevin – uh – huh

Kara

Dear Justin,
I love you with all my heart. Not only do you
make Valentine’s 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 girl: Lolita, Kiesha, Na-Na, Sherry, Tara & Tamarre and
Joanna!
Love, Star

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

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 know 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.
Hope that you do enjoy your Valentine’s Day.
May God only knows if I will. You never
know with “Psycho.”

Love, Chiquita Filipina

Meredith and Tiffany,
“Show me love” Happy V-day

Love, Jamie

Ed,
We will always have our private lunch patio.

Love, you know who.

Eri S,
You may not know me well but I’d like to get
to know you better.

From a secret admiror.

Oriville, Happy Valentine’s Day

Love, Paprika

Catherine Divita,
I will always be your Valentine

Love, #1 Roomie

Gema,
You are hot.

From me.

Hey Atlantic City,
The Rail Road still loves you!

Love, DB

Dee

To my roomies of the Sigma House:
I love you guys! Even Bomb... You quire
Taco Bell!!

Love, Joyful

Linda – I love Pano’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

Kevin – uh – huh

Prong, Happy 1 year anniversary.
Who’d guess I’d love someone more than
widly bears!

Jeg,
This is our second Valentine’s Day together.

I know there will be many more. I love you

Ed

To my boo Dogo,

I love you forever and we are “P4L” - Love ya,
Jon

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 baby Catiana, the
one who will follow me always.

Jose

SGA,

We don’t live you, we just like screwing you.

The Pelicans

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

Love, Dawn

Happy Valentine’s Day to my twin sisters of
the Precious Gem Council and the brothers of G Phi
G S.Finc. – 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 so much. I would also like
to brag you

To “Atm0nBomb#2”,

Thinking of you! XXXXX!!! Will you be my
Valentine?

Luv, “#2”

Chris and Gene,

Happy Valentine’s Day! PS we won!

Love, Kurt

Booby,
Happy 485 days!

Tequier0

To my roommate...

Happy Valentine’s Day!!
Kara

Dear Rachael,
If I asked you to turn around again and close
your eyes?

Love, Liedle Liedle Le

Ken,

Hey, I know! Happy Valentine’s Day.

Love always, Nikki

Happy Valentine’s Day Boobie.

I hope you enjoy this one and the others to
come.

Love, Martha

Graae, “Anshen kimse kawai jishin.” Your
eyes are beautiful beyond description.

Scott (TX)

Though it may not be official, it’s the closest
thing we’ve got. Happy Valentine’s Day.

Love, Lauren

Delta Xi Delta,

Happy Valentine’s day to the best sisters
anyone could ask for.

Lindi, Kathy #2

To all those who don’t have a valentine.

Relax... there is someone out there for you.

Jenn Peters,

Days are nothing but trouble. Especially
those long term relationships.

Love, Kathy

Carrie and Tim,

Congrats on your 1st Valentine’s Day together.

You two definitely deserve it!

Love, Kathy

Kevin and Carolyn,

I never thought I’d see you two together but
now that it’s there... don’t screw it up!

Love, Kathy

To the sisters of Sigma Delta Phi,

Words can not express the love I have for you
boys. You are all my valentines!

Love, Joyful Delta Beta

Kim (ill), Tracie (Lil Lil) and all the members
of Delta Delta and Delta Epsilon.
Congratulations on Cotillion 1998! Always
keep Sigma in your hearts and it will bring you
more love than you can ever imagine!

Sigma forever! Joy

Karyn and Genchi,

Congratulations and Good Luck to you and
Delta Zeta during the next month! Peace Love
Happiness = Sigma

Love Jan
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.
Memorial Auditorium was the site for the Chinese New Year Show on February 8, 1998. The New York Chinese Cultural Center presents the Chinese New Year Show to celebrate their 13th Annual Lunar New Year — a man without a center — that he changes from a young enthusiastic man 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 maddhouse 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 came 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 geared 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.

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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 display 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 unnecessarily 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 some of the operatic dances, but lacked to show correlation between them and the celebrating of their New Year.

At intermission, Amy Chin, the executive director of the show gave me a brief and vague explanation of the show’s purpose. “The Chinese New Year, unlike American New Year are different. We are not celebrating a New Year, but in fact ushering in spring.” When questioned about the connection of the dances to the New Year, she stated, “They are just historical dances from plays.”

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.
W

e 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 Rex. Gail planned to disappear with Serena. She asked for Karen's assistance and watched desperately as her car went over an embankment. Matt woke up in a hospital and demanded to be brought back to Port Charles.

My Children: Liza and Jake explained their plan to Stuart and talked him into pretending to be Adam and dying. Dimitri confided in Bianca that he was not happy with himself. David told Allie about Jake and Liza. Jake showed up and professed his love for her. David then went to Liza and relayed the conversation. She pretended to be enraged and told him she should have killed Adam the first time. The mystery woman continues to haunt Adam hoping he'll confess.

The Young and The Restless: The big news is first. Cole finally got nerve up and told Victoria that he wants a divorce. At first she pleaded with him and then in perfect form she got angry and told him she would not make it easy for him. Victor suspects that Sharon is having an affair with Nick. Nikki noticed that Sharon is happier than ever but doesn't believe it's another man. A jealous Grace is more ticked off than ever but doesn't believe it's another man. 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 tells 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 him into taking the lactate pills and spare Cole.

Another World: The battle over Vicki continues. Again, Jake and Shane have it out. Shane 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 Jake shows up just in time to see Shane take her hand. Matt tells Lisa that she has to tell Shane the truth about his cure. Lisa 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 confirm 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. Sami tries to get close to Franco. Jenn wakes up and tries to escape from Peter. He overpowers her and starts to choke her.

**Entertainment in the 90's: NTN Trivia**

By Angela Marchetti

Staff Writer

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, from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. each night. Each round (there are two per hour) is based on 15 questions with different point values and lasts a half hour. I'm not talking about beer pong, darts or billiards. It's NTN (National Trivia Network) trivia, played seven days a week, from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. each night. Each round (there are two per hour) is based on 15 questions with different point values and lasts a half hour. 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 game 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

Some artists work well in many different mediums, Kurt Eugene Richardson is this kind of 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 Van Gogh, Horace Pipp, John Levinb and his art teacher from Cooper-Union, Shirley Haven as just some of the 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 the artists that have influenced his work. “An...”

Richardson has also been working on an animation film entitled Micro-Plodinators 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 Innergy. Instead of it being a male, I made it a female.” Richardson has also worked on live action and conceptual 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.”

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 also has been shown here at Gallery 3-1/2. That exhibition was entitled Black Rider and was inspired by Tom Wait and the poetry of W.S. Burrwma. “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 preserve 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’al Sullivan

A bright one 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 hardcore 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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4. Wu Tang Clan & Onyx - The Worst
5. Coco Brovaz - Drama

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Tional locations and players are listed, along with how the players at your location did versus the rest of the nation. Your goal, quite simply, is to beat out other people in your location, while your location’s goal is to beat out other NTN locations in the nation.

You may have actually seen NTN being played a local bar or restaurant such as Doc’s on Route 46 or The Office on Bloomfield Avenue, but never really knew what it was or how to play. Well, now is the time to start joining in on the fun.

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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 moviegoers, 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, an 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, one 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, Room 135, 3-4:50 pm

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

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

Valentine’s Day Sucks!!!

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 ballrooms, 8pm

Tune into 90.3 WMSC-FM for Cover That Thing Up with host A.J. Springer, 11pm-1am, request line x4256

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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 a car that had come up stolen. 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, in the last year, MSU has 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 allowed 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 fliers. One flier, a photo of a nude Cindy Crawford - nude meaning her back was exposed - and the other a flier 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” fliers. 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 flier have to appeal to 100 percent of the campus community in order to be posted? I saw a flier promoting Islam once, but 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 flier’s removal.

While a flier of a nude Cindy Crawford may offend some women, a flier promoting a bar may offend recovering alcoholics, or flier 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 fliers, 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 fliers 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 flier, then theoretically he could censor any plain old Greek rush flier. For instance, let’s say that some people are reminded of alcohol and parties when they see Greek letters on a flier.

Seeing this promote the idea of consumption of alcohol by someone underage in their mind, since many Greek members are underage, so I guess we will have to ban those fliers too... Like I said, I have no idea of the ending point.

- Last week’s execution of Karla Faye Tucker showed that there is still some hope for the United States justice system. The attention this case received was obscene, and downright sexist. To create an uproar over the pending execution of a person who committed a horrific crime, simply because she is a woman and “the US has not executed many women of late” is disgusting. Arguments that she should be spared because she “found God” while on death row are also poor attempts at justifying differential treatment for this so-called person. She should have thought about finding God 15 years ago before she decided to end two innocent lives with a pickax. Many are trying to turn this into a death penalty issue, but in reality it is an issue over gender equality. If Tucker were a man she would have been killed and no one would have even blinked an eye.

- Hey Freeman Hall students: It is not that far of a walk to Blanton Hall. This is MSU not Penn State - the distance from Freeman to Blanton is not overwhelming. I can see how it can be an inconvenience especially when you have your own car. But, I have been living only for two days out of every week. It would be foolish.

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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, they rely 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, would 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 has a meal plan and would like to eat in the Student Center. This year the Food Services Contract is up and there is a committee from the University Senate to deal with the new contract. Student representatives will be sitting on this committee, so our needs will be addressed. The two student representatives will be our President Karen Cardell and the President Pro Tempore, John Griffin. Other topics were brought up that ranged from more activities on weekends and better advertisement of events to the shuttle-buses running on a regular schedule.

All of these topics have equal importance to the SGA and the legislators will begin to work on them. I would like to thank all the students that participated in this survey. If any student has any problem that they would like help with or would like to address to the Student Government, 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. For those students who would like to help deal with these problems legislative petitions are still available and are due at noon on Friday, February 13.

Thank you,
Lauren Jacoby
Political Science

A feminist response to offensive fraternity fliers

The recent flyer posting by Tau Kappa Epsilon and Zeta Beta Tau perpetuates the idea that men who join fraternities will always speak louder than the activity of the few who do 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 back 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 show 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 do 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.

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for Sodexo 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 not very often when students had the opportunity to choose what building they wished to live in. Freeman residents could have picked to live in Boh Halls, which is mostly made up of freshmen, if they knew they didn’t like walking.

Finally, last week in Interim President Dr. Gregory Water’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 interested and do 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 back 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 show 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 do 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 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 controversival 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 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 it 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, the lack of women in government, and is an avid pro-choice advocate. But the average person who rarely listens to Stern doesn’t really catch these things on the radio hears jokes about “chinks, kikes, niggers, spics, and faggots...” and they cringe. The don’t understand the humor coming from a man who puts absolutely no value in race and he creates a joke out of it in a society so overly concerned with prejudice.

A racist? Stern is Jew from long Island and he grew up in the predominantly black Roosevelt section.

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 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 right in the middle of History Month. So don’t think I am going to do much with Nubians or African Culture and therefore distacts 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’ tyrannical and secretly married couples (of opposite sex), thus breaking the law. In time 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 brides. 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 it he thanked her 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 406 A.D. by Pope Gelasius 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 everyday, 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. To all those who think they are falling in love this time of year, remember... “If you fall in love, the fall might hurt.”

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This section, "The Billion Section 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 Billion 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! VIKY'S 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! Hahahahaha! I can't stand any of you! Hey Mr. Honey Wunny Boboody Dooby Man and Miss Sweety Peety Meety Pie—-go to hell! Ha! Take your Cupid and your jewelry and your crappy chalk-like conversation heart and leave me alone! I don't cel-

Life sucks. Drink beer.

arachnoid throat! Ha! Your pedagogy is shite! Hahahahahaha!"

Okay, that's better. I can think now. 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 42,378,472,398 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 FMLA. I HATE VALENTINE'S DAY

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 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 not really that bad.) 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 W. I would not 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 othericky names, (ie Mr. Happy Scrappy Diddly Pot or My little Wittle Cutie Honey Bunny) It just rubs in the fact 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 unclugged.

4 Hollywood - They tend to always make movies with these 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 cri-

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 gifts. Through this box, AOL cyclically 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 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?

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 com-

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Roses? I'd rather have an El Camino.

By Victoria Tengelics

Special Correspondent to the Humour Section

So much for burning love...eh?

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“Your Valentine’s Day is total shite,” says Victoria

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of chicks, like the plastic Jenny McCarthy. For appropriate gifts see #6.

**8 Mushty cards** - It isn’t bad enough that when you walk into a card store there’s hearts and cupids everywhere, but then there are cards with icky poems. What happened to the simple cards that said “I Love You”?

**9 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? Would you, could you, with a mouse? I love you more than eating cake.

**10 It always reverts back to men.**

**Aries (March 21 to April 19)** Gee, I’m feeling NO pain! Y’er know what? You’ll win a million dollars! Congratulations! 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 sooooooooo 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 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...uhh...cool this week. Yeah! I’m soooooo drunk.

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

Hey this blank space annoy you? Hu? Hu? Does this annoy you? How about this? Does this annoy you now? He———BLA.BLA.BLA.BLA.
"Your Valentine’s Day is Shite," says John

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Pointless Phone Call™:

The Five Hour Pointless Phone Call™
Me: Hi.
Her: Hi.
Me: How’s work?
Her: It sucked.
Me: So, do you want to go out tonight?
Her: YOU THINK I’M FAT!!
Me: No I don’t, you’re slim as anything—why are you talking about this?
Her: Then why did you ask if I want to go out tonight??
Me: No, I just wanted to go out for a beer with you tonight.
Her: YOU THINK I’M REALLY FAT! ARE YOU CHEATING ON ME?!?
(ad infinitum)

Besides all of that, sleeping in a twin bed is really comfortable when you’re by yourself. Have you ever tried to sleep in a twin bed with somebody else? Your spine is like a friggin’ pretzel the next day. Your neck has a crick in it. Plus, you’re even more tired than you are by yourself. Have you ever tried sleeping in a twin bed with somebody else? It’s on the other page, moron.

Word of the day:

shite(n)

It’s what your Valentine’s Day is.
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 breakup, 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 get 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. 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 pilz™ 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 totally happy™ drunk all of the time." I agree. I'm gonna have another beer. Cheers! Happy Valentine's Day!
Classifieds...

Child Care Wanted...

Afterschool Care/Feeding/Supervising Homework for 3 kids (14, 12, and 4) in our Montclair home. M-F P/T (2:30 - 7:30 pm) school days; F/T school holidays and summer. Driver’s license. Call 973-744-2163.

Part time babysitter wanted for 9 year old boy. Flexible hours, must have own car. References required - competitive pay. Contact Priscilla at 746-9842.

Babysitter wanted for adorable 19 month old, part-time flexible days & hours, experienced with toddlers, childhood education or psychology major preferred. Must have your own transportation, convenient location, in Glen Ridge. Good pay. 973-566-6112.

Loving responsible babysitter wanted in our Montclair home M, W, TH, F: 2:30 - 6:30 and/or Tues. 8:30 - 6:30 for 4 year old and 2 year old. Will consider applicants that can work any part of the week. Call Lauri at (201) 295-7446 Days or (973) 655-8820 Evenings.

Seeking early education or special education female student to care for my 2 children, Ages 2 and 5, 3 days per week 3:30 - 6:30. Fax resume to 201-652-4683 (Washington Twsp.)

Help Wanted...

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WANTED: Non-smoking pet loving babysitter for two boys 11/8, girl 9 after school in Clifton home. 212-856-6891 days; 973-478-1019 evenings/weekends.

Female College Student wanted to live in Montclair home - (Free room and board) (973) 779-3900 x23).

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Calling The Shots

by Jason Lampa

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

I
t 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 ask pay $100 fee for club team dues, they play in front of crowds resembling those you see at a pee-wee soccer game, and are only given three days a week to practice because they are told that due to the fact that there is no more space to be allotted. To

Are they trying to say that the physical well-being of the varsity athlete is more important than the club athlete? “The university doesn’t have enough money, we have to worry about receiving varsity status they are told: “The university is trying to pull one over on these kids and I feel the situation should be investigated.”

When Stahly and his teammates ask about receiving varsity status they are told: “The university doesn’t have enough money, we have to worry about receiving varsity status; these guy’s are thankful for the six hours of gym time they receive a week from the university. Wow, how nice of the university to do such a thing, maybe a Nobel Peace Prize is in order? 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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Wrestling

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.

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).

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 held the Cougars of Kean University to 10 steals between the three of them. MSU forced Kean into 15 of those turnovers. Schultz, Kelly, and Burney were a big part of this stat accumulating those assists.

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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.

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Volleyball

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

By Jason Lampa

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Keys To Victory

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Scrabton defeats Drew

By Jason Lampa

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.

Men’s Volleyball

“ After three tough matches last week our team came together and played as one,” said MSU head volleyball coach Michael Doktor. “We realized coming into the match against Drew that they had a team much larger then us. We countered this by using our speed and effective hitting.”

The Red Hawks received consistent serving the entire match from freshmen middle blocker Anthony Piscitelli along with consistent blocking from senior outside hitter Jose Orts and the junior players 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.
Women reach .500 with victory over Kean

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

By Jason Lampa

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.

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 Lalethea 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 defeat Kean; break losing streak

Peeples and Reilly each score 22 in 82-65 victory

By Jason Lampa

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 36-33, 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.