Cause For Alarm

ON-FIRE: "We turned up the heat! We were on a 20-4 run, that must have set off the alarm," coach Darryl Jacobs joked about a false fire alarm that interrupted the men's basketball team's 89-76 victory against Rutgers-Newark at Panzer Gymnasium last night. The game was delayed 14 minutes as officials from Montclair Fire Department investigated.

For full story, see page 7.

Richardson Annex construction scheduled to begin in April

By Tom Boud

An official groundbreaking ceremony for the Richardson Hall Annex is scheduled to take place on April 7, said Director of Community Relations Julie Marchini on Feb. 18. Marchini said Interim MSU President Greg Waters, Dean of the College of Science and Math Vaughn Vandegrift, and all College of Science and Math faculty and staff are scheduled to attend.

"I can’t say right now exactly at what time the ceremony will take place. I’ll be sending out memos to the entire campus community when I’m certain of the hour. I should know for sure by next week. Until then, the most I can say is that it will be taking place sometime between 8 A.M. and 4 P.M.,” Marchini said. Architecture and Engineering Services David Yen, who is personally overseeing construction of the 59,000 square foot facility, said on Feb. 18 that he is currently preparing for the ceremony by finishing up utility transfer work. The utility transfer work is a standard prerequisite to laying in the foundation.

"The transfer of telephone communications will be finished by late March. I’ll have other utilities, such as gas lines and steam lines, transferred shortly afterwards. I don’t think there will be any delay with these transfers because of the mild winter. We really lucked out because snow and ice could have held us up for months. The way it looks right now, the foundation will be done by next October, and the whole building will be finished by October, 1999. In the meantime, I will be putting up a second fence around the annex construction site during spring break for increased security."

See ANNEX on p. 7.

Tau Delta Phi denied fraternity charter

Group’s members are outraged after Greek Council placed a “cap” on new fraternities

By Lily Hodge

Staff Writer

Tau Delta Phi failed to attain chartered status at the SGA meeting last week when the vice president of the Interfraternity Council, Lou Cuomo, recommended a vote against them. His new bill at the Greek Council puts a temporary “cap” restricting new fraternities from entering the IFC subhouse and effectively eliminates the chances of Tau Delta Phi reaplying for charter this semester.

Jennifer Lynch, vice president of the SGA offered the following explanation for the rejection of Tau Delta Phi in the IFC:

"IFC is not making this a personal thing. They have spoken to other Greeks and students on campus about Tau Delta Phi. I respect their decision making and interest group doesn’t mean you receive a charter. IFC interest is not to pass this group as of now, but to have group Tau Delta Phi come back again while they focus on other areas.”

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Tau Delta Phi vice president Vincent Rubin said that they fulfilled all requirements of an interest group seeking charter. The group gave “at least 100 hours” of community service in Newark at St. John’s soup kitchen and a playground building project with their TDP brothers of New Jersey Institute of Technology. Tau Delta Phi hopefuls attended all Greek Council meetings, and at least one IFC meeting and “tried to get along with everyone,” said Rubin. "I definitely feel this is According to the SGA minutes: "IFC is not making this a personal thing. They have spoken to other Greeks and students on campus about Tau Delta Phi. I respect their decision making and interest group doesn’t mean you receive a charter. IFC interest is not to pass this group as of now, but to have group Tau Delta Phi come back again while they focus on other areas.”

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### International

**Taiwan fog takes over 200 lives**

TAIPEI, Taiwan - A China Airlines jet trying to land in fog crashed into a countryside neighborhood Monday, ripping the roofs off houses before skidding into a rice paddy and erupting in flames. Authorities said all 196 aboard and nine people on the ground were killed.

Firefighters went house to house in the blackened neighborhood, putting out the flames licking doors and windows and searching for survivors. Searchlights illuminated a life raft from the Airbus A-300, wrapped around a broken tree stump. Seats from the plane were scattered in the dirt, one with a body trapped beneath it.

China Airlines said the dead included the governor of Taiwan's Central Bank and other key financial officials; four Americans; and many Taiwanese families returning from vacations in Bali. Victims on the ground included a 2-month-old baby.

**Indian elections marked with violence**

NEW DELHI, India - Frustrated by a series of failed governments, barely half the eligible voters turned out Monday to choose a new Parliament in elections marred by at least 22 deaths.

Another 70 people were injured by land mines, in fights between rival political groups or in ambushes by rebels trying to disrupt the vote, held three years ahead of schedule. Still, Monday's violence was not unusual in a democracy that endures despite sharp differences among its people.

Thousands of troops were deployed in trouble spots Monday, but that did not prevent violent outbursts.

**Members of Korean communist group executed**

SEOUL, South Korea - North Korea executed dozens of members of a communist party youth league and a top party official in charge of agriculture last year, a top North Korean leader Kim Jong II.

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### National

**Evidence of "americana" at automobile market**

DETROIT - Pickup trucks are changing - they're getting bigger, faster and more luxurious - but Americans' devotion to the four wheelers is becoming an auto industry constant.

While sport utility vehicle sales have surged and car sales have fallen, pickup sales have remained a steady 2.7 million or more for four straight years. About one of every five new vehicles sold is a pickup.

The Ford F-Series truck in 1997 was the best-selling vehicle in America for the 16th straight year. F-Series sales nearly doubled those of the top-selling car, the Camry, and top-selling sport utility vehicle, the Explorer. "The pickup truck has been a constant," said Michael Marsden, arts and sciences dean at Northern Michigan University. "It's the blue jeans of automotive culture."

**Clinton to address the Iraq situation**

WASHINGTON - Creeping closer to conflict with Iraq, White House advisers met Monday to plan a series of public events designed to brace the American public for risky military strikes against Saddam Hussein.

"We will be increasing the pace of the dialogue both with the American people and the international community so they will understand our determination to see that Iraq complies with United Nations Security Council resolutions," spokesman P.J. Crowley said.

Advisers have privately complained that the media has paid little attention to the potential conflict, focusing instead on allegations that Clinton had an affair with a White House intern and tried to cover it up.

**B-1 bomber goes down in rural Kentucky**

MARION, Ky. - A B-1 bomber crashed in a rural section of western Kentucky Wednesday and exploded.

First Lt. Eric Elliott of Langley Air Force Base in Virginia said the bomber was flying out of Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene, Texas. The B-1 carries four weapons, but the military was not immediately sure what had happened to the crew.

The crash happened over the community of Mattoon, northeast of Marion. Witnesses said the craft burst into a ball of fire with debris raining down on the Fishtrap Road area off U.S. 60.
**Education address via satellite a success**

U.S. Secretary of Education talks to students and teachers in College Hall about college costs

By Christine Quigley

Making college more affordable for low-income students is a top priority, Federal education officials said Tuesday.

More technology in the classroom and high college enrollment figures also emerged as topics during a satellite downlink discussion in College Hall.

Education officials recently selected MSU as a regional downlink sight for Tuesday’s annual State of Education address.

About 50 students and teachers gathered in College Hall to hear U.S. Secretary of Education, Richard Riley, via satellite.

“Knowledge is exploding all around us,” Riley said during his address in Seattle, Wash.

**Financial Aid Dept. wins national award**

The U.S. Department of Education recognizes university for having an efficient financial aid program

By Conni Freestone

Montclair’s Financial Aid Department may be better than most students think. The University received an Institutional Achievement Award for its first year of participation in the US Department of Education’s Quality Assurance Program (QAP).

The award does not mean that Montclair has the most funding for students, just that the workers in charge of financial aid are doing their best to ensure the proper allocation of the available funds.

Dr. Randall Richards, Director of Financial Aid, works together with the Assistant Director, Lucy Candal-Fernandez, in the implementation of the US Department of Education’s QAP program. Fernandez is the Coordinator of Montclair’s QAP, but it takes the cooperation of many to successfully participate.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity cleared of pledging violations

After four years, fraternity has finally been absolved from any misdoings

By Brian Pedersen

Recently, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity has been plagued with rumors of pledging violations occurring at Montclair State University. The alleged violations were first revealed to various members of the campus community upon receipt of a news release letter concerning the fraternity.

The letter was circulated to several campus and local publications including the Montclarion.

Although it has been four years since there were any active members of the fraternity on MSU’s campus, questions were needed as to whether the allegations were true or false. It is possible that these allegations were designed to either stigmatize the fraternity or encourage them to close out their charter.

According to Regional Director of the fraternity, Dennis Golden, the allegations are “simply rumor and innuendo, there were no violations.” Further, he added, “The rumors came from anony-
**Beyond MSU**

**Nagano hosts XVIII Winter Olympic Games**

This year's Winter Olympics are unique for they will be the last winter games of the century.

From Saturday, February 7 through Sunday, February 22 we welcome the 1998 Winter Olympics. Nagano, Japan, the most southern location ever for the Olympics, is the host city. In addition to Nagano City, events will be held in Yamanouchi, Habuka, Karuizawa, and Nozawa Onsen.

Within these games, approximately 3,000 athletes are expected to compete. The cities participating range from Russia, to the Czech Republic, to the United States.

This year's Winter Games captures the essence of mascots, a vision statement, and many goals. Based upon the motif of an owl, the Snowlets are the official mascots. Cherished as "the wisdom of the woods," the owl symbolizes the vision for the Nagano Games.

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There are three main goals of the games this year. The first is to promote the participation of children. School tours, camps, and clubs will all be held to keep the children up to date and informed about the games. The second is to pay homage to nature. This goal will be upheld by doing such things as using recycled sources to build temporary structures, driving low emission vehicles, and promoting non-smoking at the venues. The final goal for the Nagano Games is to host a festival of peace and friendship. One aspect of this goal is the passing of the flame through all prefectures in Japan and all municipalities in Nagano Prefecture.

Many new aspects of the Games are being featured this year at Nagano. Athletic events such as curling, women's ice hockey, and snowboarding are all new to the games. Within men's ice hockey, professional players from the National Hockey League will be able to participate. Within skating, clap skates are the newest form of speed on ice. Having the unique characteristic of a detachable blade at the heel of the skate, they add seconds to a skaters time.

For those of you neglecting to watch this year's Olympics, here is an update on the progress of the United States athletes. Within the luge event, Chris Thorpe and Gordy Sweener took the silver medal, while Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin took the bronze. Their victories were the first ever for the United States in the luge division. Jonny Moseley won the gold in Men's Moguls Freestyle Skiing, while Picabo Street also took home the gold in Women's Super Giant Slalom, Alpine Skiing. To finish off, the Women's Ice Hockey team is doing remarkably well. Some of their highlights so far have been beating Canada out in a 7-4 victory and crushing Japan in a 10-0 victory.

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**Tuberculosis claims life of Bloomfield College student**

A number of recent tuberculosis cases have sparked concerns among school officials across New Jersey.

By Nicole DiTrani

The death of the Bloomfield College student, Nerlande Dutelly, is one of the latest and most tragic of the tuberculosis cases that has occurred in our area over the past month.

The 24 year old sophomore who is a native of Haiti, died on January 26 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center after being transferred there from Orange General Hospital where she was admitted to the hospital on January 22.

"These new cases have which occurred in institutional settings have brought more public awareness to the disease," said John Christ, the Health Officer for the City of Hackensack.

The death comes on the wake of three other tuberculosis cases this year, two in the United States and one in the Czech Republic, to the United States.

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**Players presents Holiday for Lovers**

Written by Ronald Alexander
Directed by Ian J. Antonoff

February 26, 27, and 28 at 8 p.m.
February 29 at 2 p.m.
In the Players Theatre, Room 126 in the Student Center Annex
$2 for students, $3 for non-students
Players is a Class I Org. of the SGA, Inc.
**MSU Police Report**

**2/10/98**

**Arrest Poss. of CDS Poss. of Drug paraphernalia Poss. of Hypodermic Syringes Resisting arrest**

Blanton Hall resident attempted to have hypodermic syringes mailed to his dorm room. Package was intercepted and delivered to the Blanton front desk. Resident signed for the package. Plain clothes officers approached, the male fled.

Francis Chelbian of Cartert was arrested. A search warrant was obtained for his dorm room. Anabolic Steroids and drug paraphernalia were found in the room. Chelbian was charged with possession of CDS, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of hypodermic syringes, and resisting arrest. Bail was set a $3,000.00. Chelbian was released on ROR. Arraignment is scheduled for 2-11-98 in Little Falls Court.

**2/11/98**

**Suspicious Activity**

Officers respond to Blanton Hall on the report of an odor of marijuana. Upon arrival residents allow officers into suspect room. Candles and incense were burning.

**2/12/98**

**Harassment**

Female Blanton Hall resident calls reporting her ex-boyfriend was on campus knocking at her door. Officers respond to the room. The suspect had left the dorm. Victim reports suspect has been calling and stalking her. Victim did not wish to press charges.

**2/13/98**

**Fire Alarm**

Officers respond to a fire alarm at Bohn Hall. Upon arrival discover residents cooking in the 5th floor lounge caused the smoke detector to activate the alarm. Clifton Fire Dept. responded.

**2/14/98**

**Theft of MV**

Male Blanton Hall resident parked his car on West Quarry Way. Upon his return the car discovered missing.

**2/15/98**

**Arrest**

Male Bohn Hall resident went home for the weekend. Upon his return to his dorm room he discovered his CD collection missing. No signs of forced entry.

**2/16/98**

**Fire Alarm**

Officers respond to the report of an audible fire alarm at Freeman Hall. System fault caused the alarm. Montclair Fire Dept. responded.

**2/17/98**

**Suspicious Activity**

Officers respond to Stone Hall on the report of a strong odor of marijuana. Upon arrival officer detect the odor on the second floor. Residents in the suspect room had left earlier.

**Medical**

Male faculty member fell in a Dickson Hall hallway and injured his hip, elbow, and shoulder. Victim refused medical transportation. He drove his personal vehicle to Mountainside Hospital.

**Criminal Mischief**

Officer on patrol discovers graffiti drawn on 1st floor bathroom, College Hall.

**Theft**

Female reports she was using the fitness center in the gym. As she was ready to leave she discovered her coat was missing from the room.

**2/18/98**

**Suspicious Activity**

Officers respond to Bohn Hall on the report of the smell of marijuana. Residents allow officer to enter the suspect of the 8th floor room. Residents reported burning incense. A visual check of the room revealed a 12 pack of beer.

**Harassment**

Professor reports receiving letters and a message on his voice mail from a former student.

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Five to six police and security officers. I am responsible for knowing where these people are. I am also responsible for the USA guards in the security booths and in the dorms. I basically go around and see if they have any problems. I usually drop in on each guard four times each shift,” Rivera said.

“I look for (street) lights which are not working properly. It’s my job to go through the lots and call in any lights to the dispatcher that are out. I also see to it that all patrol vehicles on my watch are up to par. Many people don’t realize it, but being a sergeant involves a number of important responsibilities,” Rivers said.

Rivera indicated that he is pleased with his newly acquired position.

“I’m really glad. I’ve spent a total of eight years with the department. I started as a security officer, then four years later, I took the test and became a patrolman. I’ve put in a lot of time and effort, so I think it’s really an honor for the department to give me the privilege of serving as sergeant,” Rivera said.

IFC denies Tau Delta Phi’s request; cap put on new fraternities

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unfair,” he said.

Tau Delta Phi, with nine current members, has been active on campus for two years as an interest group, waiting in the preliminary period required by the Greek Council before being officially recognized by the SGA and accorded class IV status.

According to Rubin, one reason the IFC objected to the chartering of Tau Delta Phi was the threat of losing potential pledges to a new fraternity and fragmenting the Greek community.

“I don’t think they would take members from anybody else...but I think our subhouse is full right now,” Cuomo stated. “We can’t afford them in our subhouse (IFC).”

As a member of the Bulls since 1994 and current vice president of the IFC, Cuomo has seen a disturbing trend in Greek life. “Fraternities are dying. We need new members. I think instead of starting new fraternities we should make the ones we have stronger. Work with what you’ve got.”

Currently, MSU has 41 fraternities and sororities, and Cuomo said, “Without Greek life there would be nothing up here and everybody knows that. It’s a suitecase college.”

Kerrie Ann Dinan, the liaison between the SGA and Greek Council says that the IFC knows most about what their organization needs and that “If they (Tau Delta Phi) are not allowed anywhere and not accepted to IFC, they die. It is this organization’s responsibility to find a subhouse in Greek Council,” as stated in the SGA minutes.

“This organization did not follow correct procedures to get into IFC. The relevance of this is slim. The question is whether they belong or not,” John Grif­fin, author of the bill said.

Rubin of Tau Delta Phi stated that the group he represents is an ethnically diverse one who planned to work with several ethnic fraternities. He feels that this was what makes Tau Delta Phi unique and believes that this was a factor in the vote against them.

“They don’t make an effort to mingle with ethnic fraternities,” he said in reference to the Greek Council and its members. “Maybe its taboo. Mixing with different racial backgrounds is unheard of here. It should be a given here at MSU.”

“I think we have enough diversity on this campus. I don’t see anything that they could bring to this campus,” said Cuomo. He suggests that Tau Delta Phi “fall in” with another subhouse of the Greek Council, for instance United Greek Council.

At the Tuesday meeting of the Greek Council, the UGC followed IFC in placing a restrictive “cap” on their membership and the Intersorority Council has expressed interest in doing the same. These temporary caps could become a permanent part of the Greek Council constitution next fall and this could end any chances of new fraternities or sororities opening on campus. Tau Delta Phi and any other fledgling Greek groups will have to wait until then to find out if there is any room for them at the Greek Council.

The next in a series of events sponsored by the Honors Program is the Sleep­ing Bag Seminar, where other Honors students from around the nation are invited to attend a weekend session of lectures and academic events. Running from February 27 through March 1, the Sleeping Bag Seminar, focusing on the theme of rhythm in life, will feature poetry, film, and music workshops by Thomas Benedictsson, Art Simon, and Eric Diamond, respectively.

On Saturday evening, the seminar will also include a dinner in New York City and a musical performance at the Knitting Factory. Throughout the 1997-1998 academic year, the Honors Program has also sponsored several student picnics and social events. The ADP Corporation, whose grant has funded many Honors Program events, also provided funds for Honors trips to the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Opera, where MSU Professor/Celloist Chaim Zemach was performing “Les Contes d’Hoffmann.”

While one might be quick to point to the success of individual students or of such events as indicators of the Honors Program, many still claim that the best definition of what it means to be part of the Honors Program cannot be put into words.

Crystal Williams, secretary and unofficial backbone of the Honors Program, commented that, “When people think of the Honors Program, they often think of a group of students. It’s a lot more than that. It’s a community within a community that takes care of its own.”

The students of the Program seem to agree.
False fire alarm interrupts men’s basketball game

PANZER GYM EVACUATED DELAYING GAME FOR 14 MINUTES, Montclair Fire Department responds to alarm

By Timothy M. Casey
Editor-In-Chief

Panzer gymnasium had to be evacuated during the men’s basketball game last night, causing a 14 minute delay in the game. A fire alarm was pulled in gym six, causing Montclair Fire Department to respond with four trucks, including two pumpers and one ladder.

“‘There’s never a dull moment,’” said Holly Gera, MSU Athletic Director. “We had a wonderful crowd response, no chaos at all. There was a quick response from the fire department.” Gera speculated that the alarm was pulled a prank. “Fortunately, we prevailed and won the game.”

Over 200 people were evacuated from the gymnasium during the men’s basketball game versus Rutgers-Newark, with 2:41 left to play in the contest. Montclair was leading 86-71 when the fire alarm went off while players were in for-

Richardson Annex Groundbreaking

Yen said, Yen also stated that, at present, it is unlikely that the Richardson Half Annex will host rooftop sessions of Public Telescope Night.

“If we had enough money, we could have the elevator reach all the way to the roof for the benefit of the astronomy club. So far, I don’t think we are going to be able to do it, because the budget is too tight,” Yen said. Yen further indicated that rooftop Public Telescope Night meetings would require a protective fence around the building’s edge and increased liability insurance costs, which would incur additional expenses.

Financial Aid dept. receives award

Beyond problems with specific questions on the FAFSA’s, Richards offered some critical advice students can use when applying for financial aid. He calls it the “Triple A Program” comprised of: “apply on time; answer your mail; and assume responsibility.” He feels that these tips can help students in managing not only their financial aid but also their lives. By doing this, he says people can have a less stressful life, in general because it helps you to become more successful.” He says that applying after the deadlines, disregarding mail, and relying on other people are basically not the best things to do if you plan to be successful in whatever you do.

Students unified through film

“How many other academic organizations have so many means for students to enrich their college experience and their lives?” asked Troy Pavuk, a freshman Molecular Biology major and Honors Student.
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION 1998-99

FILING DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 1998

• IT'S NEW - THE RENEWAL APPLICATION
If you filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 1997-98 academic year, you should receive in the mail a new kind of federal student aid application: the renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid, designed to simplify the application process for 1998-99. The form will allow you to update only that information which may have changed, rather than require you to fill out a whole new application.

• WHAT DOES THE RENEWAL APPLICATION LOOK LIKE?
The renewal application looks a lot like the 1997-98 Student Aid Report (SAR) you received this year, but it will be printed on white paper. It will also include an instruction booklet and envelope for mailing it back to the processor.

• NOW THAT IT'S HERE WHAT DO I DO WITH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION?
Essentially, you treat it like a new 1998-99 FAFSA. Carefully follow the instruction for completion, change those items which need updating, and leave the others as they are. You and your parents should copy the income and tax information from completed 1997 Federal Tax Returns or estimate the data required.

• WHEN CAN I SUBMIT THE RENEWAL APPLICATION TO THE PROCESSOR?
Just like an original FAFSA, you may file this for any time after January 1, 1998. All students must file the Renewal Application by March 1, 1998 to ensure compliance with our “on time” deadline date.

• WHAT IF I DIDN'T RECEIVE A RENEWAL APPLICATION BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1998?
Not to worry! If you have not received a Renewal Application by the end of the holiday break, come by the Financial Aid Office and pick up a regular 1998-99 FAFSA. The same applies if you misplace the one sent to you. Duplicate Renewal Applications are not available. The processor will accept either form. However, do not send both in - just submit one or the other by the priority deadline date.

• WHAT IF I DID NOT APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID IN 1997-98 BUT WANT TO APPLY FOR AID IN 1998-99?

***SPECIAL NOTE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS***
Proceed as described above and submit the “Institutional Application for Graduate Student Financial Aid - Academic Year 1998-99” by March 1, 1998. This form is available in the Financial Aid Office, College Hall, Room CO-321.

• FILE THE FAFSA ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 1998
Applicants who fail to submit the FAFSA by the MSU deadline date are not guaranteed award notification in time for Fall 1998 billing (about July 7, 1998) and must be prepared to pay the term bill in full from personal resources.

• 1998-99 FAFSA ON THE WEB/RENEWAL FAFSA ON THE WEB
You may now file your FAFSA directly over the World Wide Web! Just go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to file. You will need the Domestic Release of Netscape Navigator 3.0 or higher, Netscape Communicator 4.0 or higher, or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher. If you are not sure, FAFSA on the Web will tell you if your browser is compatible. You may also file a Renewal FAFSA on the Web from the same site (www.fafsa.ed.gov), provided you live at the same address printed on your 1997-98 FAFSA. Instructions will be provided with the paper renewal application that you will receive in the mail.
Self defense class prepares students for attacks

By Tom Boud

"There are a lot of things you can do in order to limit the chances of becoming a victim," said Department of Campus Safety and Security (DSS) Lt. Paul Cell on Feb. 16 at the Spring, 1998 Self Defense Seminar in Student Center room 419. Cell headed the seminar with the help of DSS Officers Vincent Roberson and Alex Narvaez. DSS Officer Romel Evangelista also attended as a self-defense student. The Feb. 16 class, the first in a six week series, covered common sense tips and anti-assault techniques.

In this course, we will show you target training. What I mean is, you'll learn how to identify weak spots on the body that you can strike in order to get out of a dangerous situation. The idea is to do a technique, and get away from an attacker as soon as possible. We are not looking for you to be like Bruce Lee," Cell stated.

"When you are being attacked, you should be thinking, 'I am not being attacked by a 150 pound guy, but rather a piece of that body.' Remember, a foot or a finger weighs a heck of a lot less than an attacker. Once you think like this, you'll find it easier to target pressure points on the body. My favorite pressure point is the eye. If an attacker can't see, he can't fight. All you need is to take the pad or tip of the thumb, and press down in on the eye. You won't blind him, but you'll certainly cause enough pain to break off an attack," Cell remarked.

Cell demonstrated the wishbone technique. This move entailed pulling up an assailant's five fingers with both hands, and abruptly pulling down. Cell also displayed another technique where he seized the area around the voice box and squeezed hard, thereby causing assailant to fall to the floor. Concerning assault prevention, Cell underlined that exercising common sense goes a long way in preventing attacks. "Ninety percent of all attacks can be prevented by learning how to behave when confronted with a suspicious situation. First of all, go with your instincts. Usually when your instincts tell you something is wrong, there's a very good reason. I've known many victims in my time who have told me, 'I knew I should have done this, but I didn't that instead,'" Cell pointed out.

"Secondly, always walk with confidence. It's very obvious when you are not confident. People who are not confident walk with drooped shoulders, or look around as if they don't know where they are going. The average perpetrator is always on the lookout for easy targets. He's far more likely to go after someone who doesn't look confident. For that reason, it is important that you acknowledge someone who looks suspicious. You should neither challenge him, nor stare at him. You just should glance at him to show that you're not trying to ignore him out of fear," Cell observed.

"Thirdly, don't walk across the street when you see a suspicious person. Trust me. If you walk across the street, it will not stop you from being attacked. All you are doing is putting an extra four or five feet between you and the criminal. Think about it. All that extra four or five feet is going to do is show the criminal that you are afraid, which will encourage him to come after you," Cell illustrated.

On Feb. 17, Crime Prevention Officer Carlos Ortiz said in an interview at DSS headquarters on Heating Plant Way that the MSU community needs to exercise greater self-awareness. "A lot of the time, people tend to ignore common sense. For example, it might seem to be a pain, but if you're going to get up for two minutes, you might as well pick up your stuff and take it with you. This is one thing I like to stress at my crime prevention orientations that I give around campus," Ortiz explained.

"Another problem is that people tend to leave CD players and cellular phones in their cars! If you have any Hot Spots to share with us, you can E-Mail: us at LanganH@alptra.montclair.edu or Groove13@aol.com.
By Michelle Oleski

Staff Writer

Vitamin C, also known as ascorbic acid, has become popular to some people as a prevention or treatment for the common cold. Though there have been no consistent reports that vitamin C can actually prevent or cure a cold, it can lessen the severity and duration of the symptoms.

Since vitamin C is a water soluble micronutrient and cannot be stored by your body, it should be included in your diet every day. The Recommended Dietary Allowance is 60 mg a day, and most people can meet these requirements by drinking a glass of orange juice. In spite of the RDA and inconsistent reports, many people still believe that daily megadoses of vitamin C are needed to maintain good health. However, there have been no consistent reports that vitamin C rich foods in your diet. Remember that vitamin C is a water soluble nutrient and that cooking methods are important. Boiling vegetables can cause 100% of the C to go down the drain. Consider steaming, broiling, baking and stir-frying as an alternative unless you are making soup. Below is a list of foods that can help you to meet or exceed your RDAs for vitamin C every day.

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Although Nancy is a firm believer in putting her family first, she doesn’t let it stop her from demanding high standards of herself and the very hard-working staff at the center. Her son Gregg is 6 and she’s been married to husband David for 7 years. David, a jazz musician, played at the opening ceremony of World AIDS Day last December.

The natural charisma Nancy showed as a teen led her to consider a career in acting, but her desire to help others led her to choose her more practical passion, nursing. Over the years, she has worked as an Instructor, an Assistant Professor, a School Nurse, and she even ran for public office in Long Island in 1983. Running as a female Democrat in an area that male Republicans had held for over 70 years helped open Long Island for women candidates. Although she lost the election, running alone helped her win her a fellowship with the Center For Women in Government in Albany. As a public speaker campaigning for issues like safe sex, Nancy says an active, lively, and logical argument are a must when trying to make a point and change people’s minds. As for future plans, Nancy hopes to add a Narcotics Anonymous group and maybe even a group for survivors of sexual abuse. Nancy is an incest survivor and would like to see help available to students who’ve survived similar ordeals.

We have a lot to thank Nurse Nancy for. She’s added so much to our campus in such short time. Anytime someone feels sick or even just sick at heart, the center is there as a refuge for those in need.
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“RELATIONSHIPS PART II

BREAKING UP”

By Dr. Susan J. Herman, Ph.D.

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relationships with others are im

portant to us as human beings. In

our “college years” relationships take

on added significance as you leave

your families and form serious commit-

ments with partners. We learn that it is in

those intimate relationships that our

sexual, romantic, companionship, and in-

timacy needs will be met.

It is no wonder that we find our-

selves preconditioned or consumed with

pursuing, maintaining, ending and recover-

ing from the loss of such relationships.

While each of these stages of relationships can be difficult and challenging, it is com-

mon when relationships end or “don’t work out” that we struggle the most.

Experiencing a break-up can create a

sense of crisis and trigger a mixture of

many intense feeling such as:

- Confusion (How did this happen? What went wrong?)
- Anger
- Sadness
- Ambivalence (I’m glad it’s over but I miss her/him.)
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Guilt
- Loneliness
- Betrayal
- Isolation
- Fear
- Relief
- Rejection/abandonment
- Sense of helplessness or victim-

ization

The ending of a relationship can sig-

nificantly impact our daily lives and alter

our abilities to function as we usually do.

Often there is an overall loss of energy, a

lack of direction or a sense of emptiness in

our typical routines and activities. Af-

ter “breaking up” it is common to feel

emotionally overwhelmed and experience

frequent, sometimes uncontrollable, emo-

tional outbursts or to become “numb” with

little expression of feeling.

To try to cope with this we some-

times try to avoid or deny our feelings.

We may also be preoccupied with our lost

love, withdraw from others and retreat into

fantasy, immerse ourselves in other rela-

tionships, work, or use drugs or alcohol
to numb the pain and escape the situation.

These types of reactions and behaviors

frequently create deeper despair.

The best way to deal with the ending of a relationship is to let yourself grieve (feel your sorrow). This is often a signifi-
cant loss and generates many strong and

important feelings. It is normal that

experiencing these feelings is often pain-

ful, frustrating and unpleasant.

During the grieving process we can

give up a creative, quality time in which we learn about

ourselves. Trying asking yourself these ques-

tions:

What did you notice about your-

self in the relationship?

What is positive for you?
Dear Suzie,

I work part-time and go to school full time, when I come home from work I want to study and relax. But, every time I come home my roommate always has male company sitting in the room and often times spending the night. For once I would like to study and get ready for bed in my own room, instead going to the lounge to study or going to the rest room to prepare for bed. She is really starting to get on my nerves with her constant train of men in and out of the room. What should I do?

-Out in the Cold

Dear Out in the Cold,

The first thing you need do is talk to your roommate about respect, your roommate should be aware that respecting your privacy, means letting you know in advance that she is having company. This does not mean that she should tell you an hour before they come, this means letting you know at least a day in advance that she is having company. If it gets really ridiculous and she feels that she needs more than a weekend make a schedule and post it somewhere in the room that’s noticeable. On the schedule highlight the days that you need to study and relax, make sure that you both agree on the schedule. If that doesn’t work try something else, but whatever the agreement is make sure that both of you come to a common ground, because the problem can possibly escalate and the situation can get ugly.

-Suzie

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Eco-Tips

By Elisabeth Carrozza

As promised, this week’s column is about where to find good local hikes. But first, a few tips:

- Never, ever hike alone.
- Bring water to drink.
- Bring a snack even if lunch is not planned on the trail.
- Leave only footprints, take only memories.
- Dress in layers: your innermost layer should be a fabric which will wick moisture (yes, sweat) away from your skin so you do not get chilled.
- Polypropylene and silk are good wicking inside layers, and this is the time of year to get good deals on long underwear at outdoor stores. Cotton long underwear (the kind Mom buys you for the holidays every year) is NOT recommended since it overgrown, and it is very easy to get lost out there with an outdated guidebook.

Where To Go, A Few Good Day Hikes:

- Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuaries, Somerset County.
  287 south, exit 30 B, go straight at light onto Childs Road. Follow small brown NJ Audubon signs.
  About 265 acres of varied habitat make Scherman-Hoffman a very special place for wildlife. Trail maps are free at Hoffman House, which also houses a gift shop, collection of mounted bird specimens, and a small art gallery. For a longer hike you can venture into adjoining Jockey Hollow National Park. Scherman-Hoffman is THE place to be for spring migration if you are a birder.

- High Point State Park, Sussex County.
  Route 23, 7 miles north of Sussex.
  The highest point in New Jersey at 1,803 feet above sea level, High Point is situated along the crest of the Kittatinny Mountains in the northwest corner of the state. A short stretch of the Appalachian Trail runs through High Point in addition to the nine other trails which vary from less than half a mile to over four miles over rocky terrain. Trails are well marked. Pick up a trail map at the visitor center on the south side of route 23.

- Palisades Interstate Park
  US 9W to exit 2. Follow road to park headquarters or continue downhill to Alpine picnic area. (Parking at Alpine is $4.00 in-season.)

This is a tough hike, but I had to mention it here because the views along the cliffs are just breathtaking. From Alpine parking lot, a gravel road leads past a white house (Cornwallis Headquarters) and a monument. Follow the very well marked aqua trail. Be prepared for a long (4 hours), strenuous hike. Nice on a dry autumn or winter day but do NOT attempt in wet conditions due to slippery rocks. The views are better when there are no leaves on the trees (winter). The entire second half of the hike traverses sharp rocks, so do NOT attempt this without hiking boots.

For more information on these and other great local hikes, grab a copy of the book, “Fifty Hikes In New Jersey: Walks, Hikes and Backpacking Trips From The Kittatinny’s to Cape May,” by Scofield, Green, and Zimmerman, published by Backcountry Publications, Woodstock, Vermont. I got my copy at CampMor on route 17 North, a great place to pick up trail maps and guidebooks. No matter which trail guide you consult, MAKE SURE IT HAS BEEN REVISED RECENTLY! Trails get moved to prevent overuse, trail markings change, underutilized trails get overgrown, and it is very easy to get lost out there with an outdated guidebook.

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By George Raffa

The Associate Members of Theta Xi Fraternity in cooperation with the New Jersey Devils held a raffle for a hockey stick autographed by Devils Defenseman Scott Stevens. The Associate Members raised $219 in two days. Proceeds from the ticket sale were donated to Theta Xi’s national service project for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The winner of the hockey stick was an MSU student Adrian Poci, who was present at the time of the drawing to accept her prize.
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Students across the seas exchange art

By Victoria Tengelics
Art Editor

Since 1949, the cities of Montclair and Graz, Austria have enjoyed a relationship of mutual benefit, exchanging their cultures and academics as well as more than 100 students. Last year, these “sister cities” took their relationship to a new level through the international art exhibit entitled “Love and Technology.” Originally opening to very favorable response in Austria on May 14, 1997, the exhibit, which features 30 works by students from both Montclair State University and Graz University, celebrate the interaction between love and science.

On February 12, through the efforts of the project’s organization committee— including MSU art professor Sabine Eck, alumna Lisa Ertle and Loreny Socas, staff member Allison Fredericks and exchange students Beate Feichtenberger and Gerald Sutter—the exhibit opened at MSU’s Gallery One and Gallery 3 1/2. Committee members, professors, students and other folks were present at the event as well as some of the artists themselves.

Neither stone, iron or wood stops artist Keely McCool

By Robert Oakes
Staff Writer

SU artist Keely McCool links the past and the present with her sculpture. McCool is a Fine Arts major with a concentration in sculpture and a minor in archaeology. McCool describes her work “as architectural sculpture, or you could think of it as interior design. It’s kind of like the same thing but to me instead of saying interior design I would get more from architectural sculpture.”

McCool has always had a passion for art. “I just expresses how I interrupt the world and my thoughts and bringing it all together and expressing it instead of using words I use visual because I am a very visual person. Since I was little I was always sketching...” However, it wasn’t until she started at MSU that she decided upon using sculpture as her medium. “Now that I know what direction I’m going in everything is less complicated when I can focus on exactly what I want to do.”

With her talented use of materials, such as stone, wood, slate and steel, McCool brings her viewers into the past without leaving the present. She explains her love for architecture, “I’m really interested in prehistoric architecture and architecture in general and what I do is I take my own ideas from the past and I bring it to the present.”

Artistically, her influences are landscape artists Robert Smithson and Michael Heizer and minimalists/indoor sculptors Donald Judd, Carl Andre and Sol LeWitt. Her main inspirations behind her work are “just going back and looking at all this architecture from all these ruins and stuff...I’m just so fascinated. If I run out of ideas I just go back and start looking at the structures and always something comes to mind and then I just work off that and make it in my own perception, my own idea.”

To fully understand her love for prehistorical architecture, one must hear her story of her visit to Pompeii last summer. The look in her eyes revealed pure excitement as she told me about her experience in the ruins. One of the first things she did was to lie on the ground and kiss it because she was ecstatic at her chance to be there. So much was her enthusiasm that she didn’t want to leave. The guards almost locked her in the ruins since she kept going from room to room even after the rest of her group had already gone out. This passion for history is the real feeling behind her work, which she passes on to anyone who has the opportunity to see her work.

Keely McCool works in a type of art called minimal, which “is taking an idea and redefining it to only what is most important to me... I want to focus in on what is important and then have the viewer look at it how I interrupt it.”

She wants to give her viewers a different perspective and insight into the past and where we came from. Progression is a piece, featured in her current exhibit, made of railroad ties. “It’s called Progression because I was taking the idea of the very beginning of time. We were either using...”
Daytime drama is getting to be exactly that, dramatic. Here is the latest in the unbelievable plots.

One Life to Live: Nurse Graham is attacked in the hospital parking lot. Police suspect Todd committed the rape and arrest him. Tea doubts his innocence at first. The only person who can give him an alibi is Blair. Once Blair realizes what is going on she is thrilled because now she can have Star. Max warns her about perjuring herself. Tea comes to talk to her. Sonya attacked Cassie. Dorian came in struggling with Sonya. Dorian ended up hitting her with a statue. Miss Stonecliff locked herself and Sonya in a room and set it on fire as Dorian and Mel try to get in. Ian’s plane crashed and he is left unconscious fighting for his life.

General Hospital: Mac convinced Tessa that he was James and that “Mac” was dead. Once he was gone, she got on the phone and talked about the assassination plot and pulled out a picture of Jax. Jax and Ned have a heated discussion about Jason. Rob and Ned have a heated discussion over Jason. Rob missed Jason and goes to see him in the hospital. Jax and Ned have a heated discussion over Jason.

As The World Turns: Jack and Carly were found and Jack is in the hospital after undergoing surgery. Carly tries to cover for Grace because she’s been messing up at work. Victor called Grace in to discuss Sharon and told her that he wants to talk to her. To everyone’s surprise Macy proposes to Grant at Spectra and he says yes. Maggie is still in shock. Maggie goes back to Springfield to be with Stan and overhears Jesse say he’s over her. Jesse sees Michelle with Dan and reads into the situation. Dinah visits Cassie’s ex-husband Rob Lane. Annie fails at her attempt to attack Reva, but Reva arms herself for the next time. Maggie is attacked in the hospital parking lot. Poisoned Waterfall is a trio of talented professional musicians. Occasionally, one of the band members would lift his head up and shout a glance at the talkative crowd, but other than that, they just seemed to play on with one tune leading into another. A lot of their music had a quick tempo, but some of their tunes moved at a slower pace. The band members were totally in synch with each other. Every-

Bootstrap Theory entertains

Last week, I went to check out the grand opening of the new Cowboy Lounge. As a frequent commuter, I was pleased to see that MSU has finally given us lonely commuters a place to crash. However, I did have a purpose in going to check out the new bar; I went to hear Bootstrap Theory play some jazzy tunes.

Bootstrap Theory is a trio of talented MSU students. The group consists of Jason Loughlin (guitar/Trumpet), Robert Oakes (bass), and Dan Patak (drums). Both Robert and Daniel are senior English majors, while Jason is a senior Music major.

As I sat there eating my free sandwich and chips and drinking my free punch, I listened to the sultry sounds of Bootstrap Theory. Their music is pure instrumental. They don’t let words get in the way of their musical talent. The band played their funky rhythm with enthusiasm. They seemed to be totally consumed with playing their instruments. Occasionally, one of the band members would lift his head up and shout a glance at the talkative crowd, but other

Ways Of Our Lives

By Victoria Tengelies

Port Charles: Rex followed Lucy and Kevin to the catacombs. Scott and Eve get extremely close. Ellen realized that Matt was seriously sick after she saw his test results. Matt doesn’t want to be admitted to the hospital and Ellen agrees to treat him at home. Frank plans to take Lark to see her mom without Julie. Matt was serious of the baby and that he would not be able to have a lot of movement for a long time, which kills her baby plans. Ben shot Teague and the District Attorney declared that he would not be prosecuting him. James and Holden escape from jail.

Guiding Light: Vanessa is still in a coma and the baby is on the verge of death. Vanessa has an out-of-body experience and speaks with Maureen about Vanessa the future, should she give up fighting for her life. She doesn’t really like what she sees. But Maureen tells Vanessa that she is the only one who can reconnect her soul and her body. Michelle goes back to Springfield to be with Vanessa and overhears Jesse say he’s over her. Jesse sees Michelle with Dan and reads into the situation. Dinah visits Cassie’s ex-husband Rob Lane. Annie fails at her attempt to attack Reva, but Reva arms herself for the next time. Maggie is attacked in the hospital parking lot.
The Bogmen break the rules with Closed Captioned Radio

By Victoria Tengelics
Arts Editor

It’s rare these days for new bands to come out with a completely unique sound. The Bogmen are the exception to the rule. Formed five years ago in Boston this group of six guys has successfully met the challenge to create “new” music. The band eventually moved up to New York City and has become one the city’s favorites.

The Bogmen are: Bill Campion (vocals/guitar), William Ryan (guitar/backing vocals), Brendan Ryan (keyboards/backing vocals), Clive Tucker (drums), P.J. O’Connor (percussion/backing vocals) and Mark Wike (Bass). Their second CD, Closed Captioned Radio, recently hit the stands and promises to keep listeners awake with awe.

They had some help from the pros on this CD starting with producer Bill Laswell and help from Godfrey Diamond, who previously worked with Lou Reed on Coney Island Baby, and Robbie Adams, who is noted for his work with U2 on Achtung Baby and Zooopha. The sound is entirely theirs.

In a recent telephone interview guitarist, William Ryan described their music as, “Six personalities clashing that somehow melt into one.” He also relayed that their influences “vary with each individual” and hit a whole range of styles. This is evident in the variety on Closed Captioned Radio. None of the songs sound alike, which makes this an exceptional listening experience. The atmosphere at their shows differs depending on their location. According to Ryan, when they play a show in this area the fans are able to “get more into it.” However, when they play a new place there is “more curiosity, first time viewers observe real closely and are better listeners.”

Ryan explained how they got their unusual name, “Our singer’s mother was跑道ing Systems” to sweet vocals for songs like “Mexico.” “Mexico” is a jaunty number that is set to be the first single released from the CD and will be accompanied in the near future by a video. Their lyrics in some songs can be a little abstract forcing the listener to use their brain. “Freeze Lullaby” is a very energized track. One of my favorite songs is “Every Man is an Orphan” because of the exotic tones it has; it uses drum sounds that make you feel like you are at a tribal meeting.

The most versatile voices I have heard, able to switch from deep tones in “Failing Systems” to sweet vocals for songs like “Mexico.” “I wish I was the messenger and all the news was good.” “I wish I was the pedal brake that you depended on.” “I wish I was the pedal brake that you depended on.”

Their plans for the future include capturing the European audiences and creating another record. The Bogmen tend to be out on the road a lot, but when they are home they deal with the business end of music and create new stuff for their next album. As Ryan says, “when you are home creative juices are flowing.” Their next tour is scheduled to kick off at the end of this month and they will hit the south and southwest before returning to the area. Though before leaving town they have a show at the Mercury Lounge on February 25, 1998. Catch them if you can, it should prove to be a show worth seeing.

Pearl Jam Yields great results

By Timothy M. Casey
Editor-in-Chief

Pearl Jam’s fifth album might be their best work yet. The Seattle based rock band released Yield and re-established themselves in the rock world after a less than spectacular fourth album, No Code.

Pearl Jam has proven to be the only grunge band to outlive the genre while expanding their musical boundaries. Yield is full of insightful lyrics and passionate rhythm. Lead singer Eddie Vedder does not dominate the album with his awe-inspiring voice. The guitars of Stone Gossard and Mike McCready continuously wail powerful riffs to the beat of drummer Jack Irons and bassist Jeff Ament.

“Wishlist” is a calm melody that sings of desire. The sweet guitar sounds provide a perfect accompaniment of Vedder’s soothing voice. The lyrics are probably the best Pearl Jam has ever written. “I wish I was the messenger and all the news was good.” “I wish I was the pedal brake that you depended on.” “I wish I was the verb to trust and never let you down.”

The only negative thing I could say about this song is that it is too short.

The album has a terrific flow to it, each song has a good transition to the next, making it an album that can be listened to in its entirety. Pearl Jam seems to really matured and put more thought than ever into their music.

Pearl Jam is one of the few rock bands continuing to produce good music in this age of alternative and hip-hop music. Their distinct vocal and instrumental presence has been felt in the music scene while they insist on playing by their own rules.

Pearl Jam will be playing at the Meadowlands on September 8, 1998 and at Madison Square Garden on September 10, 1998. Good luck getting tickets.
The Replacement Killers plays like a music video

By Kristopher LaGreca
Staff Writer

The Replacement Killers is a movie with a lot of firsts. The list tops off with Asian film star, Chow Yun-Fat, as main character John Lee. Credited with over 70 movies in the Chinese film market, “The Replacement Killers” marks his first attempt to crack the American Hollywood scene.

Director Antoine Fuqua takes up the challenge of directing a full feature length film for his first time. He is credited as a leader in the music video scene, especially rap. Although not new to the American Hollywood scene, Fuqua is the only exception to the inexperienced counterparts in “The Replacement Killers.” John Woo has been known for his ultraviolet style of film production. Movies like “Hard Target” and “Broken Arrow” have earned him a popular name in the action film industry.

“The Replacement Killers” played more like a hip-hop video. It lacked a well-developed story. The opening scene sets the tone for the entire movie. The viewers are thrown into a scene with heavy elements of being a music video. Loud techno music, dark cinematography, and fast camera action are trademarks of Antoine Fuqua’s directing style. Chow Yun-Fat’s character is introduced in a blaze of gunfire, completing a hit on a sleazy mob character in a Los Angeles night club. Chow’s acting however, is top notch. His character is hauntingly believable, as well as his chemistry with Mira Sorvino. Sorvino’s Meg Coburn is also dynamic and strong, although disappointingly, never gets to develop as is also the case with Chow Yun-Fat. The story’s plot is written around action, and not interaction.

Overall, this movie tries to do too much with too little. The characters don’t get off the ground, nor does story. Just as the story and the movie begins to develop, it’s over. Viewers will walk out of the movie theater feeling that they’ve seen only half a movie. The setting starts out strong, but eventually feels like the characters are trapped in a cardboard box. There’s only two or three really distinct sets. The entire movie is set in a overshadowed, near futuristic but run-down Los Angeles. Every scene is dark which makes for a serious and gloomy feel. This compliments the plot because John Lee’s (Fat) is on the run throughout the movie. He refuses to finish off his last job which is to kill a detective’s son. Head mobster, Mr. Wei, wants the child killed to avenge the death of his son who was murdered by Stan Zedkov (Michael Rooker) during Desert Storm. The bad guys, who fire more bullets at bad guys then were fired in Desert Storm. The bad guys, who fire an equally large amount of bullets, never seem to hit their target.

Antoine Fuqua’s directing of all this action deserves a compliment, especially since this is his first film. His quick camera and low angle shots are exactly what action lovers today are looking for. This may be the first action I’ve seen with effective use of surround sound. Shots range from all around the theater. However, since the movie doesn’t pull you in, the surround sound effects fail to be fully potent.

Collectively, viewers are left with a movie that fails to be fully potent. The dialogue is ineffectual and falls short of stimulating character growth. However, the ironic idea of a hit man failing to complete a job and being hunted by other hit men strengthens the characterization. Sound and music strengthens what is lacking in the setting department. Finally, directing and cinematography make up for the lack of the story and conflict development. There is a potential in “The Replacement Killers” but unfortunately, it never quite shows through its dark music video-like world.

John Lee (Chow Yun-Fat) and Meg Coburn (Mira Sorvino) prepare for battle.

The British beat the Pulp out of me

By Lynette Surie
Staff Writer

Pulp makes my ears bleed. I have never heard a more terrible CD than their Freaks album. The pain that the editors and I had to endure while listening to the album in our Montclarion office was unbearable.

The opening track laid the groundwork for the entire CD. Entitled, “Fairground,” it showed the groundwork for the entire album. It starts out slow but quickly picks up into a frenzied story that is written around action, and not interaction. Overall, this album tries to do too much with too little. The characters don’t get off the ground, nor does story. Just as the story and the movie begins to develop, it’s over. Viewers will walk out of the movie theater feeling that they’ve seen only half a movie. The setting starts out strong, but eventually feels like the characters are trapped in a cardboard box. There’s only two or three really distinct sets. The entire movie is set in a overshadowed, near futuristic but run-down Los Angeles. Every scene is dark which makes for a serious and gloomy feel. This compliments the plot because John Lee’s (Fat) is on the run throughout the movie. He refuses to finish off his last job which is to kill a detective’s son. Head mobster, Mr. Wei, wants the child killed to avenge the death of his son who was murdered by Stan Zedkov (Michael Rooker) during Desert Storm. The bad guys, who fire more bullets at bad guys then were fired in Desert Storm. The bad guys, who fire an equally large amount of bullets, never seem to hit their target.

Antoine Fuqua’s directing of all this action deserves a compliment, especially since this is his first film. His quick camera and low angle shots are exactly what action lovers today are looking for. This may be the first action I’ve seen with effective use of surround sound. Shots range from all around the theater. However, since the movie doesn’t pull you in, the surround sound effects fail to be fully potent.

Collectively, viewers are left with a movie that fails to be fully potent. The dialogue is ineffectual and falls short of stimulating character growth. However, the ironic idea of a hit man failing to complete a job and being hunted by other hit men strengthens the characterization. Sound and music strengthens what is lacking in the setting department. Finally, directing and cinematography make up for the lack of the story and conflict development. There is a potential in “The Replacement Killers” but unfortunately, it never quite shows through its dark music video-like world.
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IFC plan freezes new fraternities; Tau Delta Phi is denied their charter

Amidst a hail of controversy, Greek Council granted interest group status to a new fraternity. After nearly two years of overcoming all the obstacles Greek Council had been placing in front of them, it seemed as though Tau Delta Phi was finally one crucial step closer to their ultimate goal: official recognition as a fraternity by the Student Government Organization and a national charter. All of Tau Delta Phi’s hard work appeared to be paying off.

However, a recent motion passed by Greek Council has put the fraternity out of the running once again. The motion is the brainchild of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), the sub-house of Greek Council that governs MSU’s eight social fraternities. The motion puts a “cap” on the members of the IFC because of poor rush numbers. The IFC believes the Greek Council should focus on strengthening the existing fraternities before they try to establish new ones.

The IFC cited their plans for reorganization as a key reason for their bill to cap fraternity expansion. However, no one has seen any plan for this alleged reorganization. Does anyone really believe that the individual fraternities are interested in helping one another? A more likely scenario is that the fraternities are banding together simply to make sure that no one can threaten them in their time of weakness.

In effect, the fraternities of IFC are trying to stop other organizations from starting because they aren’t getting enough members. In reality, if the IFC fraternities were doing what they were supposed to be doing, they wouldn’t be having any problem at all. When was the last time you heard of anything positive from an IFC fraternity? When was the last time you saw a rush flier without a reference to alcohol, parties, or women? It seems as though the time is right for a new kind of fraternity that fills the void created by the IFC.

Tau Delta Phi just might be the missing piece of the puzzle in the IFC. In their brief time at MSU, the fraternity has prided itself on two main points. First, Tau Delta Phi has a strong commitment to community service. According to the fraternity’s vice president, Vincent Rubin, the group has logged more than 100 hours of service at St. John’s Soup Kitchen in Newark. The fraternity was also pivotal in a joint project with the New Jersey Institute of Technology chapter of Tau Delta Phi to build a playground for children. When was the last time you saw community service on a rush flier? Also, Tau Delta Phi prides itself on its ethnically diverse ties. While the IFC fraternities seem to only associate with a select group of sororities, Tau Delta Phi has had a number of functions with members of other sub-houses. Tau Delta Phi could possibly benefit the IFC by breaking new ground and making contact with organizations that typically would not be associated with them. Why would the IFC want to stop a fraternity with so much potential? A new fraternity with a fresh idea could kick-start the slumping IFC.

The saddest part of all is that there is no way for Tau Delta Phi to appeal the decision. Greek Council has a monopoly on who can and who can’t be a fraternity. It is terribly unfortunate that an elitist group can get together to assure their own security at the expense of others. Who looks out for the individual in this situation?

This is merely a temporary cap. The bill only extends to the end of the semester. Next year, Tau Delta Phi will be given another opportunity to get the charter that they truly deserve. Will Greek Council pass another bill to stop that as well? Now that there is a precedent for it, Tau Delta Phi will be forced to fight harder than ever to keep Greek Council for shutting them down for good. Instead of inviting an organization with a fresh perspective, the IFC is laying the groundwork for the deterioration of relations between Greek organizations.
Root, root, root for the home team, please?

MSU athletics could use some support

The controversial flier saga goes on

To whom it may concern,

The brothers of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity would like to respond to a letter that was printed in last week's issue of The Montclarion in regards to one of our rush fliers. On our flier, there was a cartoon picture of a woman dressed in underwear standing in front of a skeleton with her back exposed. The first thing we would like to address is that the woman depicted in the flier was not nude like the letter suggested. The definition of nude is to be completely unclothed, and the woman did have clothes on.

Among other things the article accuses us of sexism. Sexism is the economic exploitation and social domination of one sex by the other. This accusation is unfounded, not to mention ludicrous. To make such an accusation of an entire organization merely on the basis of a cartoon rush flier is absurd. The brothers of ZBT are not about dominating women. In fact, last semester our fraternity took part in a national walk-a-thon and raised several hundred dollars for women suffering from breast cancer.

We did this not because we had to, but because we wanted to. Along with calling us sexist we were accused of being chauvinistic courses and taking more classes that will broaden your perspective and provide you with the social skills required to live in a diverse society. Just think, if your organization put as much time and effort into real problems that face our society as you did into our flier you could really make a difference that matters.

Despite what some feminists would have you believe, we are not a bunch of sexist pigs and date rapers. If anything, we might be guilty of bad judgment and poor taste. If we in fact offended any body, male or female, by our flier, we truly apologize.

Sincerely,

The Brothers of ZBT

Off-campus publicity is great, but on-campus marketing should be a top priority.

The students competing in our 24 different sports deserve recognition for the difficult task of managing academics and the year-round demands of playing a sport at the collegiate level. At least, they deserve to hear applause after hitting a game winning run or scoring a goal in overtime.

At this level of competition, there are not any scholarships to lure the top athletes in the country. Instead, MSU attracts athletes that have a desire to compete purely for the love of their sport. This says a lot about the character of the people involved in these programs. Why would anybody play field hockey at MSU? Obviously, because they want to participate in a sport they enjoy. If you go down to any sporting event on campus, you will find highly dedicated individuals, talented at their sport.

So why is it that MSU students do not attend our games? Are the sports not popular enough? I don't know too many people that don't enjoy watching at least one of the sports at MSU at a higher level. Are tickets too expensive? Nope, they're free for students. Are the national championships at the Division III level. Are tickets too expensive? Nope, they're free for students. Are our national championships at the Division III level. How do those students practice all year to perform at games when nobody is there to see them? Because they are dedicated to a sport they love. These students must feel some sort of school spirit. They are not going on to be professional cheerleaders. They don’t get their pictures in the paper. The athletic program should reward the cheerleading team for their efforts. Instead, they don’t even have an office. That must make it difficult to recruit new members.

I wondered what high school athletes must think when they visit any game on campus. The lack of fan support doesn’t reflect positively on the entire university. MSU would have an easier time recruiting players if there were fans at the games. That would lead to future success, which might attract better players and more fans.

MSU contested for NCAA regional and national titles every year. Last year the softball team finished second in the entire nation in the NCAA World Series. The Montclarion, Newark Star-Leder, and Bergen Record all provided coverage and schedules for anybody to read. However, I didn’t see many fans at those games. It’s too bad really, you missed a great season.

My high school had larger attendance at home football games than MSU. Most high schools do. What happened to school spirit? Ever hear of rooting for the home team? If you would rather go home and watch college basketball on ESPN than see a classmate display true sportsmanship on your own campus, go ahead. You should at least check out one game during your time in college, you just might enjoy it.

Part of the reason for poor attendance at MSU sporting events falls upon the athletic department. While they do an excellent job marketing the program off campus to the media, the sports program is not adequately marketed towards the students who fund it. Perhaps, schedule the events when the student body is on campus.

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**It is time to fix our campus**

It’s Friday afternoon. After a busy week of being engrossed in your academic pursuits, you decide to go away for the weekend. You pull your car up to your residence hall to load it up, then you go inside to finally finish packing your luggage. Then, when you opt to change into more comfortable attire, you hear an announcement over the intercom system.

In the announcement, you hear the license number of your car, that you just purchased, brand new, six months ago. You learn from the desk assistant’s announcement that your beloved vehicle has just been hit! Immediately, you finish dressing yourself and run down to the front desk as fast as you can.

This horrific tale was only part of what happened to Freeman Hall resident, Leslie Helms, last Friday afternoon about 3 p.m. When she came down to the desk to ask the desk assistant who hit her car, she told her that it was hit by maintenance.

Ms. Helms then asked which maintenance worker, and she was informed that the man in question was standing right behind her.

When the maintenance worker, Fred was confronted by Ms. Helms about hitting her car he could only say, “I was not paying attention and I hit your car.” Notice that he did not apologize.

After he had hit Ms. Helms’ 1997 Pontiac Grand Am GT, Fred called Campus Safety and Security. Shortly after, they arrived on scene to assess the situation. Ms. Helms was informed by the officer on the scene that she could pursue this matter through the University insurance policy that is handled by the State of New Jersey.

When it was all said and done, Fred caused approximately $1200 in damage from backing into the right side of Ms. Helms’ vehicle. This includes a broken side mirror, shattered right window, and the scratches and dents to the right side of her vehicle.

This area (the loading area/fire zone in front of Freeman Hall) has been cited by many as unsafe. There has been ongoing pressure from myself and a few others around them (this may not be within the job description, but it is implied).

Unfortunately, our tax dollars are like our minutes on this earth; once they are wasted, you cannot get them back. We pay all of this money for a quality education and a comfortable living environment. We pay for a team of maintenance workers that are “supposed to” care about others around them (this may not be within the job description, but it is implied).

We do not get these things, instead we get renovations done to College Hall. Ladies and gentleman, the new bridge is looking great with its little white stone columns, and let’s not forget those glass lanterns they installed on Monday, but don’t you think that it is about time our money was spent properly?

If one really wishes to renovate College Hall, why isn’t anything done about the structural cracks in the facade. Fix those before putting in new copper rain-gutters. This palatial nerve center of our campus is beginning to become a symbol of the elitist establishment that vacuums our pockets clean, right down to the list.

Then we can comment on the alarm system in Freeman Hall. Just how many times has one seen trucks from Fire Alarm Service Corporation outside to service the system? But still on Monday, the alarms went off again during dinner time. More wasted money.

Maybe they’re putting our money into fixing Bohn Hall. Nope, not there either. On the facade there are structural cracks and paint peels that could swallow the late Andre the Giant.

Maybe to further drive home our point, one could take a look at the bathrooms in Freeman Hall. With their 8 1/2” x 11” shower curtains, lack of ventilation, cracking floor tiles, and showers in which the hot water takes shifts. But I guess that this is the price one pays for peace and quiet. Sometimes it gets so quiet that I can hear the paint peeling from the ceiling above me.

I encourage all of you who are reading this right now to flood these campus offices with phone calls, urging them to tell you where exactly your (or your parent’s) hard earned money really goes. But you might be just as unsuccessful as I have been. I asked Lisa Green, Assistant to the President for a detailed summary of our fiscal year budget. The information I was given could have been written on a drink napkin at Applebee’s! If you’re reading, Ms. Green: I’ll still take it. As a matter of fact, I invite you to have the upcoming budget request published in The Montclarion. When you do this, be sure to include salaries (with increases), what amounts are going into renovations, and a breakdown of every single nickel and dime. After all, if it’s our money, Shouldn’t we be made aware of where it is going?

I am not saying that I hate this university. Actually, I like it, which is the whole reason I write this column. I always submit with the hope that I can actually bring forth needed improvements to our campus. But if the problems persist, MSU will begin to stand for Much Stupidity Unfortunately.

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MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

A “modest” proposal concerning cloning

I don’t know about you, but I’m all upset about this cloning thing. We’ve got to do something to ensure that we normalize-bred people are not overrun by clones. All we need is to have a hundred thousand little H. Ross Perot clones running around. Terrifying thought, isn’t it?

The Roman Catholic church has come out against cloning. That’s a good thing—but are they prepared to go the next step? How about denial of sacrament to anyone born of cloning? Why should we normal-bred people have to share a Mass with those clones?

I’ve noticed that it can be difficult to tell a clone from a normal-bred. Just the other day, I spotted a young white child that sang and danced to Motown classics. That could only have been the clone of Michael Jackson. But how to be sure? I propose that every clone be required to wear an orange ‘C’ on their lapel. That way, we can all know who the clones are, and treat them accordingly.

Perhaps it would be good if we gave clones a special place to live, so that they could be on their own kind. We could provide them with special schools and teachers. Lord knows, it wouldn’t be fitting to have them in school with normal-bred children.

Maybe we should restrict them from having certain jobs. The fact that they’re clones would make them a liability in any position sensitive to National security. Clones should therefore be banned from the military, and any civilian job requiring “sensitive” information. We will need an “Office of Clone Affairs” in the executive branch, to help us deal with any incidents in the clone ghettos. You know how they can get. Without our influence, they would barely be civilized.

It is only a matter of time before we will empty the ghettos, ridding ourselves, once and for all, of the abomination to humanity that clones represent. Only then can we have the perfect race.

Charles Krug, Jr.
Senior CS student

Positive experiences for a Student Center employee

This past Saturday morning, I attended a very educational meeting. In this meeting I learned more priceless information than I would have absorbed in a credited course. Not only was I encouraged to give in with a positive attitude, but I also learned important people skills that I will carry with me throughout my professional existence. “Where did you obtain this important information?” you ask. At the Student Center Staff Training workshop, of course!

Manny Kohli, Assistant Director of the Student Center, gave a motivational speech on how to turn virtually any difficult customer service situation into a positive experience through proper work disposition. Manny spoke to us about teamwork and how to serve this campus and project a promising future for our university. I and my fellow staff members (Victor Cirillo, Stephanie Cassidy, and Rebecca Ridgeway) actively participated by making brief presentations, role playing and discussing communication skills with the entire staff.

People say that we are considered an “inner city campus”. As a matter of fact, it should encourage us to try harder at our service skills. After all, the United States of America is developing into a service economy.

Being that I am a fairly new Assistant Building Manager, I was delighted to find a group of people on this campus as positive as the Student Center Building Management staff. Walking away with what I had learned in just a few hours convinced me to try even harder at providing customers with the best service I could provide, regardless of their attitude. Thank you to all of the staff members that contributed.

Yesterday, I spotted a young white child that sang and danced to Motown classics. This column won’t fill every seat in the house. If I had the answer, I’d probably be the athletic director. The administration and athletic department are obligated to the campus community and alumni to boost school spirit through promoting the athletic program. Off-campus publicity is great, but on-campus marketing should be a top priority.

The past two fall seasons were host to pep rallies prior to the annual homecoming football game. This year, the basketball teams held “Midnight Madness” to kick off their seasons. Both events had lackluster student turnout. This year’s pep rally had a decent attendance. The Greek-letter organizations came out to see who the Homecoming king and queen finalists were.

The athletic department should have seen this as an opportunity to keep students interested in the program.

It seems that nobody cares that the students whose money funds the program don’t come to the games. The “If You Build It, They Will Come” theory doesn’t apply to this campus. You have to actively promote any type of programming for it to be successful.

Remember, we have approximately ten computer labs. Well, I have and let me inform you of the situation. Yesterday, I went to the computer lab at Sprague Library. At first, I was pleased to see new Compaq screens, but to my amazement, the majority of the computers on one side of the computer lab were not functioning. The problem was either printing, a broken mouse, some applications were down or they were just flat out broken! What is the sense of going to a computer lab if every computer there is broken? At first, we did not have a sufficient number of computers on campus and time availability was a problem. What did the university do to resolve complaints from its student body? They decided to make more computer labs and place them in the Student Center and the dorms. The problem now is we have these “extra” computer labs and extended hours to make use of but what good is it if every computer is defective. The computers are not only defective in the library, but go to any of the dorms who have approximately five to eight computers and about half of the computers in the room have an “Out Of Order” sign posted on them. I agreed with the creation of more computer labs and the extended hours, but what good is it to us if they aren’t taken care of properly and all of them are broken, thus creating the same problem again: long lines and delayed computers.

Alma Muniz
Biology Major

New computer labs are of no use to students if all the computers in them are broken

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Correction!!!

In last week’s issue of The Montclarion, two letters were published with the authors’ names. “A fan defends Howard stern” was written by Alan Smith. “Is Valentine’s Day a positive holiday” was written by The Montclarion’s newest opinion columnist, Jose L. Guzman III. The Montclarion apologizes for any inconvenience.
THE END IS NEAR!
(Sombody get the beer.)

by John J. O'Sullivan
Bitter Section™ Columnist

"It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel fine!"
- R.E.M.

There used to be some guy who I saw every day walking up and down Route 23 with a clapperboard placard over him, announcing that "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR—APRIL 1993." In addition to those words, there were pictures of God, Hell, Heaven, and Biblical quotes all over this guy. Seeing him every day bought a certain sense of closure to the day, even if it meant The End was rapidly approaching.

Well, April 1993 came and went, and we were still here...but he wasn't.

Never again did he walk up and down Route 23. He must have felt really embarrassed. I wish I was a fly on his wall the day after Armageddon took a rain check. "Ah crap, we're still here. This sucks. I need a beer."

Now, I don't consider this guy to be a kook...completely. I think he's got something going, even though he screwed up the day of the appointment with our Maker. After seeing how our species has screwed just about everything up on this planet, I'm looking forward to the end of the world. Can you imagine the TV coverage on CNN? Heck, I'm sure that it will have huge ratings po-

dardly on the WP.

I don't watch much TV anymore because of this. For me, it's down to The History Channel, TLC, Discovery, CNN, MSNBC, and South Park. (Oh, and Warner Brothers cartoons, let us not forget those.) There's hundreds of stations, and yet there's rarely anything worthwhile on.

Besides, the complete and total stupidity of this species just gets far too much to look at sometimes. Television, although it shows everything that is wrong with society and culture today (which is titillating to watch), just gets too stupid for better-than-

human consumption. For example, I can't watch "Wheel of Fortune" anymore. Where do they find these idiots? Damn, the solution could be OBVIOUS and some yahoo from Middle of the sticks who was sleeping with cousin, West Virginia can't get the brain cells together to solve the puzzle. It could be something like "WASHINGTON D.C.,” and the moron on the television still can't put 2 + 2 together. "Hey that Palt is ther-

a 'Z.'?" Hey that Jimbo, thars no 'Z,' but there's a cliff. Please jump off of it to help us clean up the f*$kin' gene pool, okay?

Talk shows are also in the "unwatchable" category. People like Jerry Springer, Oprah, Rikki Lake, Christina, Maury, Montel, Wintel, Intel, et al claim that talk shows are a new social phenomenon, allowing the "average" American to speak out. Folks, this is nothing new. We had shows like these a long long time ago. They were called "freak shows." You see, freak shows were at least honest about their content. They didn't try to sell pretentious self help books in precious little book clubs. No no...they just had freaks. They had dog boys, dolphin women, "Otto the four- assorted detective," fire eating sword swallowers with low self-esteem, dysfuntional demon possessed Boy Scouts, bearded women, chicken head eaters...you name it, they had it. You looked at the freaks, laughed, and got some cotton candy. That was it. No dialogue was necessary. Modern day freak shows (alias "talk shows") feature adulerous waitresses, Dunkin Donut worker neo-Nazis, mothers who love too much, aunts that love too little, "my wife is sleeping with a col-
lie," fire eating sword swallowers with low self-esteem, overweight aliens who dress in provocative clothing, women with cats and the men who hate them...you name it, they have it.

And what is with these "average Americans" in the audience...if we may call them as such? They are still working on simple addition and the alphabet. Speaking out with any sort of cogent point is still an abstract to them.

Maybe I'm in the wrong. Does "speaking out" include screaming moronic comments while throwing chairs at Jerry Springer? I would like to know...wait...it is? Whoops, sorry! My bad.

Written this week by a psychic cat™
(John J. O'Sullivan is still recovering from Valentine's Day)

Aries (March 21 to April 19)
Meow.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)
Purr. Rub my head and you will win the lottery. Maybe. Meow

Gemini (May 21 to June 20)
Meow. I'm going to dance on your head at 3:15 a.m. tomorrow. Meow.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)
You will win the "Meow Mix trip of a lifetime" to Pengo Pongo. Congratulations! Meow.

Leo (July 23 to August 22)
Cats don't like yams. It's nothing personal, but we just don't get along. You're going to get poached and eaten by some redneck named Phil. Nothing I can do about it. I'm a cat. Meow.

Virgo (August 23 to Sept. 22)
Why does the cartoon cat never catch the friggin' mouse? We're cats! We're strong, intelligent beings who control human beings. A mouse is trivial. I eat hundreds of mice for lunch. It isn't hard to catch a mouse. Meow. I think that there's some sort of mouse conspiracy in the cartoon industry. Cats, come together and let's fight this horrible stereotype! MEOW!

Scorpio (October 23 to Nov. 21)
Two words parakeet dinner. Purr.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Don't even think of giving me Kal-Kan for dinner tonight. I'll throw the whole can at you. I don't like Kal-Kan. In fact, I hate it. You'll be damned eternally if you give me Kal-Kan.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to January 19)
A camel will fall from the sky and land on your car WHILE you're driving to school. After your car careers in front of a Mack truck, you can kiss your behind goodbye. Meow.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Life is short. Give your cat everything.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20)
Please make sure that you change the litter box, or I will pee on your dresser.

We'll scratch the Warner Brothers' eyes out!
Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Sorry about that last fortune. I get really worked up when I see those evil cartoons. To repay you, um...you'll get some money. Meow. Give me a fish.

See HAPPY THOUGHTS, on p. 25
Cure for cancer found in my hair

HAPPY THOUGHTS, cont. from p. 24

I suppose that I, being in an average demographic group (22-year old male, non-smoker), could be lumped into the “average American” population. Now, if these people are “average Americans,” sorry but I’m out of here. You’ll be seeing me on a desert island in Polynesia. I am not going to be lumped into that group.

Television isn’t the only place to spot idiots and freaks. If you want to spot the local feeding grounds of the species, their “M.C. Hammer,” go to your local nightclub. Every one I go to, you can see these creatures in the wild. They walk around with skin-tight shirts with eight tons of gold jewelry around their necks.

The mating dance of this species consists of adopting the look of a constipated gorilla, while strutting around the bar like a retarded turkey. Then, the homo moronius jumps into you in some vein attempt to feign superiority, thereby claiming turf. Many observers of this primitive culture (myself included) wish that this species would stay within a television, in virtual stupidity, instead of appearing in the “6@®!n” flesh during quickly dwindling amounts of leisure time.

I personally think the gold chains around their necks cut off the supply of oxygen to their pea sized brains, thus causing their obnoxious patterns of idiotic behavior. It’s a workable theory! Really! You don’t buy it? All right, I’ll dispense with the “Wild Kingdom” talk. I got caught up in the style. Sorry.

Why do women find these men attractive? (Other than the steroid enhanced body, I’m not that far in the black.) I read your amazing magazines while I’m in the gym. I’ve taken your stupid Cosmo quizzes. What was that what I read...hmm, I have it here...something that women like men with personalities? That “brains rule over brawn”? Crap. I guess these guys with their Mac integrals, because of their personal qualities must be utterly irresistible with their personalities. I’m sure that gold chains and steroids must make for wonderful conversation. Yes, I’m being sarcastic. Really!

Come on, somebody tell me, where do these idiots come from!? You NEVER see these morons during the day. Where do they work? Do they work? Are they smart enough to work? Are they like vampires? Do they sleep in their tinted window Trans-Ams during the day in their Cavaricci pants and their Mossintos Shirts? It would work into my second theory: I personally think they drive their Trans-Ams into a cave and get a smart enough to work. It may cost a few extra dollars to get some silver bullets to successfully dispatch these ape-like constipated moron vampires, but future generations of drinkers will thank us.

While I’m on the subject, here are other people who I could do without: Larry River drivers, readers with huge baby strollers in malls, people who tell me that I have too much free time, non-alcoholic beer drinkers, fans of John Tesh, Regis, Kathy Lee Gifford, Kathy Lee Gifford’s kids, who say “rad” or “swell,” Winger, Valentine’s Day lovers feasting last week’s articles, (most of which) they emerge and flock to the nightclubs! It may cost a few extra dollars to get some silver bullets to successfully dispatch these ape-like constipated moron vampires, but future generations of drinkers will thank us.

But none of these people really matter in the scheme of things. Sit back and relax. Drink ‘em up, and turn on the CNN. The world’s gonna end soon, and I want to see the commercials! Yee-haw!

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We at the Humour Section™ didn’t have enough room to run this last episode, but we had to prove, without doubt, that Valentine’s Day is EVIL. The grand total of all of the props (excluding myself) came out to a grand total of $6.66 after the 6% New Jersey sales tax was added. It doesn’t take Jerry Falwell to note that Satan™ endorses Valentine’s Day, and Valentine’s Day candy. Boycott Hallmark—they worship demons!
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Red Hawks win 77-73 thriller over Jersey City State

By Bill Rawson
Staff Writer

Saturday at Panzer Gym, the Montclair State men’s basketball team had the ball in the final seconds of a tie game. The play that the Red Hawks ran didn’t exactly unfold as coach Daryl Jacobs had envisioned it, but the first-year coach was certainly pleased with the results.

Senior center Raheem Rex scooped up a loose ball and hit a lay-up with 3.5 seconds left, propelling MSU to a thrilling 77-73 win over Jersey City State.

Anthony Peeples’ bucket with 2:27 left had given MSU (13-9, 9-7 NJAC) a 73-69 lead, but a thunderous dunk by Danel Allen and Jeff Harrington’s baseline jumper helped the Gothic Knights (16-6, 11-5 NJAC) knot the score at 73 with 37 seconds remaining.

The Red Hawks held the ball for a final shot, but freshman guard Jermel Mayo lost the handle. Rex grabbed the ball off the floor to the right of the basket and drove to the hoop. A JCSC player caught a piece of the ball on the downward arc of Rex’s shot, and goaltending was going to be whistled. But Rex’s shot fell through the hoop, so the goaltending was a moot point.

“Trust me, it wasn’t by design,” a chuckling Jacobs said of the game-winning play. “Jermel lost the ball, and it was just a great play by Raheem to take it to the rim.”

Mayo hit two free throws one second later to provide the final margin of victory.

Peeples turned in yet another spectacular effort, scoring 20 of his game-high 31 points in the second half. The junior forward shot an astounding 14-16 from the floor and yanked down 11 rebounds.

“I think [Peeples] is the best player in the league, no question about it,” said a beaming Jacobs. “He outplayed Allen [tonight], and he’s a candidate for player of the Year.”

Allen, a senior center, entered the game averaging 18.2 points per game, but was held to 11 on 5-for-16 shooting.

Early on, it was looking like a Valentine’s day massacre for the Red Hawks, as they opened the game with a 23-5 run. Peeples scored eight and senior guard Kyle Griffith contributed six points to the run, giving MSU a 41-32 lead going into the half.

“I was surprised we jumped on them like that,” said Jacobs. “But they’re a good team. I knew they would make a run. I always tell my guys, it’s not how you start, it’s how you finish. My guys gave a 110 percent effort.”

Griffith chipped in with 13 points, 13 boards, and seven assists in his 38 minutes. Guard B.J. Reilly played only 12 minutes before leaving the game with an apparent ankle injury. He didn’t return.

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The Editor-and-Chief of the Montclarion, Timothy M. Casey, wrote an editorial this week about the lack of fan support at MSU athletic events.

Anyone who has attended an MSU men’s basketball can sympathize with Tim’s comments. The men’s team is 14-9 and has two of the best players in the conference in Anthony Peeples and Kyle Griffith.

So why do I see more spectators at a local beer belly softball game than I do at the men’s games?

Nobody knows the games are being played.

The only reason I know when the games are is because I run the Sports section of the paper.

You now how the athletic department informs the other students when the games are?

Little booklets with the athletic season schedule are placed around campus.

Most people notice them and don’t even bother to read them because they would get a headache from eye-strain if they did.

I have not once seen a flyer on campus mentioning an upcoming game this winter season.

If I asked people around the campus who Anthony Peeples was, you know what most of them would say?

“Who?”

But, ask a sports writer from The Star Ledger who Anthony Peeples is and they could probably tell you his life history. And you know why?

Because the athletic department could care less about the number of students at the game. They don’t pay to get in, right?

The athletic department is more concerned about attention from the outside sources than its student body. This could be compared to a father who treats the people he works with like royalty and then goes home and beats his wife.

What is the athletic department trying to accomplish?

Yeah, its great that they try to get state, regional, and national attention for your team and players, but the students are being robbed when you don’t bother to inform them what is going on.

How many people on campus know that both of the MSU head basketball coaches are former professional basketball players? The women’s coach, Glory Bradley, was the New Jersey College Player of the Year in 1984.

You know something, the people in the athletic department will probably read this and think that this Jason Lampa is just some young punk who has no idea what he is talking about. Maybe or maybe not, but the facts are pretty clear, the fan support at MSU athletic events is a joke. The athletic department does nothing to solve the problem.

I feel the whole situation is summed up best by the way my staff and I are treated by the athletic department (excluding Deatrix Murray the Assistant Sports Information Director who always treats those who work for the sports section of the paper with kindness and respect). Honestly, the whole thing is ridiculous. Here my staff and I are trying to help the athletic department reach the student-body and they think we’re against them. They do very little to help us out whatsoever because the “little people” like us at the paper, who do nothing to reach the outside media, are expendable, right? You know what it’s like trying to get an interview with a player through the athletic department? Heck, it’s one of the reasons the Sports Editor before me called it quits.

So what are you going to do? The student body, my staff, and myself are being shut out.

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By Jason Lampa
Sports Editor

How the men’s and women’s teams won their games against Rutgers- Newark last night

Men
• Senior guard Kyle Griffith shot 14 of 28 from the field including five three pointers for 37 points
• Freshmen Jermel Mayo dished out 12 assists and tied a school record eight steals
• Senior Yha’ru Jones scoring a career high 16 points, 14 in the second half.
• The Red Hawks shot 52.8% from the field in the second half

Women
• Held Rutgers- Newark to 28.2% from the field for the game
• The Red Hawks made 14 of 25 field goals in the first half
• Junior Wykemia Kelley scored 15 points, grabbed nine rebounds and dished out six assists.
• Freshmen Marlena Lawrence scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds

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Montclair State University has announced that Red Hawk head softball coach, Anita Kubicka, and her staff and players will be holding its annual Fastpitch softball clinic Sunday, March 1, 1998 from 1pm. to 4pm. on the campus of Montclair State University. The clinic features offensive techniques as well as defensive fundamentals with a focus on developing the tools necessary to maximize individual potential as a fastpitch player. The application deadline is February 20, 1998 and enrollment is limited. For further information regarding the clinic or MSU softball, please call (973) 655-5233.

Montclair State University has announced that Red Hawk head football coach Rick Giancola and his staff will be hosting the 15th annual head Start football camp, from Monday, June 29 to Thursday, July 2, 1998. The camp, for boys in grades 9-12, will be held on the campus of Montclair State University. For further information regarding the camp or MSU football, please call (973) 655-5238 or (973) 655-7079.

**Men's volleyball club evens record with 2-1 weekend**

**Hawks have won four out of last five matches with victories over Elizabethtown, Rutgers-Camden**

By Jason Lampa

The MSU men's volleyball club evened it's record at 4-4 with two victories and a loss on Sunday afternoon at Seton Hall University. The Red Hawks have won four out of their last five matches after losing to Seton Hall, the Red Hawks came back to defeat Elizabethtown College, three games to one, and Rutgers-Camden, three games to none.

**Men's Volleyball**

"Although we played well in the Seton Hall match the loss was still heart breaking," said Head Volleyball Coach Michael Doktor.

The Red Hawks, in the first game of their match vs. Seton Hall, were down early 11-2. Most teams, including last year's squad, would have packed it in," said Doktor. "But not this team." MSU clawed their way back into the game, eventually winning 15-13. After losing game two, the Red Hawks came back strong in game three with a 15-6 victory. "Game three vs. Seton Hall was the best volleyball I have ever seen an MSU men's volleyball team play," said Doktor. However, MSU has not maintained the momentum, losing the last two games of the match.

In the game vs. Elizabethtown, the Red Hawks lost the first game of the match, but fought back and swept the next three games for the win. The Red Hawks handled Rutgers-Camden with even greater ease winning all three games in the match, highlighted by a 15-0 shutout in the last game of the match. "Consistency was the key for us today," said Doktor. "Team serving has improved dramatically since the first match."

Doktor also commented on the leadership and overwhelming hitting and blocking of junior outside hitter Brian Stahly and the improved all-around play of Chris Ackerman: "Chris has been doing a great job this year. With two more years of eligibility, he has nowhere to go but up."

The team's next match will be a tri-match at Lehigh University on Saturday Feb. 21 at 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. In the first game the Red Hawks will face Kings College, followed by Lehigh in the second. Both teams are division opponents and are important to MSU's hopes of making the conference tournament.
Griffith scores a career-high 37 points to lead MSU
By Jason Lampa
Sports Editor

Senior guard Kyle Griffith scored a career-high 37 points, including 21 in the first half, to lead MSU to victory over Rutgers-Newark 89-76 last night at MSU’s Panzer Gymnasium.

Men's Basketball

With the win, MSU moves into the fourth and final playoff spot in the NJAC with one game to play.

In the game, MSU went into half time down 45-35, but exploded in the second half, outscoring Rutgers-Newark 28-10 over the first eight minutes of the half to take a 73-45 lead.

Montclair took over the lead for good at 15:27 when Griffith nailed a three-pointer, snapping a 53-53 tie, and giving Montclair a 56-53 lead they would never lose. Griffith scored 16 points in the second half, while senior Yha'ru Jones scored 14 of his career-high 16 points in the second half as well.

Griffith hit 14 of his 28 shots from the field including five three-pointers. He also stole the ball three times and played every minute in the game. All five MSU second half starters played all 20 minutes of the second half.

MSU senior Raheem Rex, playing in his final home game of his career added to the effort with 12 points and nine rebounds, while Anthony Peeples added 12 points and a game-high 16 rebounds. MSU’s point guard Jermel Mayo dished out 12 assists as the game ended tied a Red Hawk record with eight steals.

With the win, MSU moved one game ahead of Richard Stockton and William Paterson for the fourth and final playoff spot in the NJAC with one game to play. If MSU can defeat The College of NJ on Saturday, they will claim the final spot by themselves.