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Governor Christine Todd Whitman joined MSU administrators and K-Mart President Floyd Hall in the grand opening of the Floyd Hall Ice Arena.

By Tom Boud

New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman attended the Floyd Hall Grand Opening on March 28. Whitman appeared in front of the ice arena shortly after 12 p.m., whereupon she was greeted by Congressman Bill Pascrell, K-Mart President Floyd Hall, MSU President Greg Waters, and New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority Director Rafael Perez. Former U.S. Olympic figure skater JoJo Starbuck served as ceremonial emcee.

Also present at the event were MSU Board of Trustees Chair Murray Cole, Floyd Hall Project Manager Marty Cerza, Associate Director of Architecture and Engineering Services.

Seven percent tuition increase anticipated

Administrator speaks of hike, but the final decision won't be made until July

By Justin Vellucci

As many students prepare to register for their fall 1998 classes, having thumbed through the pages of the recently-released course selection guides, the issue of a rise in the cost of tuition has started to appear in conversation here on campus.

Officials in the Student Accounts Department assure MSU students that the issue of fall tuition is still being discussed amongst the Board of Trustees. No final decisions will be made until shortly before bills for the fall semester are sent out in July.

An anonymous administrator claimed that students might be able to expect an increase of up to six to seven percent in the cost of tuition. While any estimation of the cost of fall 1998 tuition is purely speculative, many students, anticipating an increase, voiced their opinions.

"I think a rise in tuition is ridiculous. Before they ask the students for more money, it would be nice if they learned to manage it properly," commented Mike Finnerty, a freshman B.F.A. in theater. He added amongst a laundry list of complaints, that, "The piles of dirt sitting behind Richardson Hall are a great example of student negligence...."
News from the outside world

(Compiled from cnn.com by Carolyn Velchik)

**International**

**Clinton meets with African leader**

DAKAR, Senegal — After being greeted by thousands of people cheering and dancing in the street Wednesday, President Clinton met with Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, praising the West African nation for its leadership in regional peacekeeping.

Abdoulaye Wade, Senegal's main opposition politician, added some political spice to Clinton's two-day visit by saying he would boycott a reception thrown by Diouf to avoid giving a false impression of national unity.

Diouf wants everyone to see photos of the two of us smiling with Clinton to give the impression all is well in Senegal. I will not attend the reception," said Wade, leader of Senegal’s Democratic Party (PDS), who recently quit Diouf's government. While Clinton did not comment on the protest, he did state that his main task was to thank Diouf for his past support for international peacekeeping operations, recognize its history of elected presidents and work on the African Crisis Response Initiative, a U.S. program of training African military forces for peacekeeping operations.

**Cyclone hits New Zealand**

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Only a few days after cyclone Yali swept across New Zealand, high wind and rain again wreaked havoc across the country on Wednesday. The capital Wellington was battered by gusts of up to 130 km/h (80 mph), bringing misery to the general public. Commuters and pedestrians had to cope with canceled ferries as strong winds buffeted the harborside. The strong winds also forced some airliners to abort their landing approaches.

**Israeli officials accept U.N. resolution**

JERUSALEM — Top Israeli officials decided Wednesday to accept a U.N. resolution calling on Israel to withdraw its troops from Lebanon if the two countries can reach a security agreement — a move that is being greeted with some skepticism by Lebanese officials.

"We want to see Israel withdraw from our territory," Hariri said.

"But we don't want to be accountable vis-à-vis Israel on the security basis, because we don't see, in the absence of a peace agreement, that Lebanon can really be accountable to Israel if anything happens."

**National**

**Jones’ lawsuit against Clinton thrown out**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Less than two months before a trial date, a federal judge Wednesday threw out Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against President Bill Clinton.

In a 40-page ruling, Judge Susan Webber Wright [Profile of Webber Wright] granted Clinton’s motion for summary judgment, saying Jones’ allegations fell “far short” of what was required under the law to support her claim of “outrage.”

“The plaintiff’s allegations fall short of the rigorous standards for establishing a claim of outrage under Arkansas law and the court therefore grants the president’s motion for summary judgment on this claim,” Wright wrote in her opinion.

The lawsuit had been scheduled to go to trial May 27. The judge’s decision took the Jones’ legal team by surprise, and John Whitehead, one of Jones’ lawyers, said he intends to appeal the ruling.

**California schools troubled by racial bans**

BERKELEY, Calif. — Two of the state’s flagship universities reported sharp drops in the number of minority students they will admit this fall under Proposition 209, approved in November 1996, a measure that bans affirmative action and any preferential treatment based on race.

Proposition 209 also bars public agencies from giving contracts or other state benefits to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color or ethnicity.

The figures released Tuesday are for admissions to the first undergraduate classes to be affected by California’s sweeping ban on racial preferences.

"We’ve got to take this seriously. Our future as a university and the future of the state of California is at stake," Berkeley Chancellor Robert Berdahl said.

**Senate Finance Committee to improve IRS**

WASHINGTON — The Senate Finance Committee has unanimously approved legislation aimed at making the Internal Revenue Service more “taxpayer friendly.”

By a 20-0 vote Tuesday evening, the panel endorsed making far-reaching changes at the IRS and extending dozens of new rights to taxpayers. A vote by the full Senate is expected in late April after another round of hearings focusing on IRS problems.
Admission standards for Fall 98 semester go up

Out of 6,000 applicants for the fall only 1,200 freshmen will get in

By Nicole Ditran
Staff Writer

Despite the rising expectations for incoming freshman at MSU, the admissions department is making sure that it is doing all it can to make the application process as painless as possible.

“Here at MSU, we are trying to keep the applications fairly simple and as straightforward as possible,” remarked Allen Buechler, Director of Admissions.

The straightforward approach seems to be working. Since Montclair achieved University status in 1994, the number of applications has increased along with its standards. The 1998 fall freshman class will have average SAT scores of 1100 combined and be in the top 20 percent of their graduating class, which is up four percent from previous years. Buechler emphasized that applicants must maintain a mixture of courses throughout their high school careers. This mixture is apparent in the required courses for entry which include, four years of English, two of history, three of math, two of laboratory science, two of the same foreign language, and three electives in any of the given subjects.

The Admissions Department is also looking for students who not only are established in academics, but in extracurricular activities as well.

“When a student has been involved in activities such as music programs, athletics, debate teams or worked on the school newspaper, it helps us in assessing how this student will contribute to the MSU community,” added Buechler.

MSU has received 6,000 applicants for the fall out of which 1,200 will be accepted to make up the 1998 freshman class. They are looking for students who can not only benefit from what MSU has to offer, but have something to offer the campus. As a result of the rise in applications and standards, Buechler points out that this year the “competition is especially keen” among applicants.

Whitman attends arena’s opening

Next, Governor Whitman prepared to cut an ice ribbon with a chisel and gold hammer. Hall teased Whitman as she was about to begin. “This is the dangerous part,” Hall said with a slight chuckle. A thunder of applause erupted after Whitman severed the frozen ribbon with little effort. After receiving a commemorative Floyd Hall hockey shirt, Whitman busied about shaking people’s hands.

“This Floyd Hall Ice Arena will be a joy for the students, the state and the university. Such joy would not have been possible without our partnership with Governor Whitman, Floyd Hall, and the New Jersey Facilities Authority. This unique union turned a dream into a reality. On behalf of the MSU community, we wish to thank Floyd Hall for his generosity,” Hall expressed his gratitude to MSU and commended on the ice facility’s impact.

“It would not have been possible without Murray Cole and [former] President Reid. These two people who formed this idea from the beginning we’re very instrumental. When we set out to build this ice arena, we said we would accomplish three objectives. That is, to develop a national caliber facility that is to be used by students at no cost to the university. We set out with these goals two years ago, and we accomplished them all,” Hall said.

No one is sleeping here

Students enjoying a show in the Rathskellar last night. It was made possible by new live late night shows in the Student Center on Wednesdays and Fridays which now allow programming to take place until 1 a.m.

Entertainment in Ratt ends late night boredom

By Roxanne Dalhouse
Staff Writer

The Ratt is now the late night spot at MSU. The Ratt and the game room, located in the Student Center, have extended hours on Wednesdays and Fridays to 1 a.m.

According to Valerie Winslow, Assistant Director of Student Activities, residential students who attended resident hall dialogue meetings, moderated by former President, Irvin Reid, stated that there was nothing to do on campus after classes, especially on Friday nights. So, Campus Life Administrators were charged with the responsibility to respond to the requests of students to extend Student Center hours two nights a week. The theme of the late night entertainment is After Hours Wednesdays or Fridays, depending on the day.

The SGA, The Office of Student Activities and The Student Center have collaborated to design and manage after hours events. Representatives from MSU’s Auxiliary Service Office have lent their efforts, making sure the game room and coffee bar remain open to students.

Boot Strap Theory, Effluent, and the Robert Oaks Band have performed in the Ratt. Also, every Wednesday night, the Possible Side Effects Comedy Troupe fills the Ratt with laughter from the huge crowd that leaves standing room only. Don’t forget the free movie nights on Wednesday nights. Other events include casino night, Mardi Gras night, comedy shows and hypnotists, to make the after hours program enjoyable.

Ideas and suggestions from students are welcome, says Winslow. Information on after hours events are posted in residence halls and in the Student Center Lobby every Tuesday and Thursday.

We are pleased to report the positive feedback we have gotten from the students who come out to enjoy the after hours events. The Student Activities staff, including GAS Greg Brown and Michelle McCroy, are working diligently to publicize events so that more students will come out and have fun, says Winslow.
Beyond MSU

Five dead after ambush in Arkansas middle school

Two boys armed with rifles and dressed in camouflage clothing opened fire on scores of students at a small Arkansas middle school, killing 4 girls and a teacher and injuring 11 other people, police said.

Thirteen girls, a boy and two female teachers were hit by a storm of bullets outside the Westside Middle School, in a quiet rural area just west of Jonesboro, Arkansas, shortly after midday on Tuesday.

The four dead students were Natalie Brooks, Paige Ann Herring, Stephanie Johnson, all 12 years old, and Brittany Varner, who was 11 years old. Teacher, Ms. Shannon Wright, died on Tuesday night after surgery for wounds to her chest and abdomen. Another teacher, Ms. Sara Thetford, was in a critical condition after surgery.

Five wounded girls were listed in stable condition. Three girls and one boy were treated and released. State police said a 12th person was injured but was not treated at the hospital. They did not have any more details.

Police arrested two boys ages 11 and 13. They were both believed to be students at the school and were heavily armed with rifles and pistols, dressed in camouflage-pattern shirts and hats.

Police said the suspects were hiding between trees and “ambushed” their victims as teachers led students outside after a false fire alarm was deliberately set off inside the school by a third child working with the two killers. A spokesperson for the Arkansas State Police, Mr. Wayne Jordan, said the two boys opened fire from a wooded area about 100 meters away at about 12:40 p.m. They were caught as they tried to escape and were being questioned by police investigators but had so far said little.

It was not immediately clear what the boys’ motives were, although local reports said they may have been recently disciplined by school teachers. One student at the school said he knew one of the boys and that he had previously said he would carry out an attack.

 Conservation Club denied promotion to Class I status

The SGA believes that the group needs more responsibility

By Leigh White
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association voted against moving the Conservation Club from a Class II to a Class I organization on Wednesday, March 25, 1998.

In the past, the club did not discuss programming and budgeting with the executive board members of the SGA said Karen Cardell, President of the SGA. Some of the legislators of the SGA feel the club needs to become more responsible by maintaining programming as a Class II organization.

“Those activities do not represent a large amount of students,” said John Graven, President Pro Tempore of SGA. If the Conservation Club would have been granted Class I status they would have added new programming to their agenda. One of the new ideas that would have been implemented was to place nest boxes throughout the campus. “Building nest boxes would help to improve species. It is more positive to have a greater number of species than less. It makes for a healthy ecosystem,” said Elizabeth Carrozza, Vice President of the Conservation Club.

Other activities would have included trips such as camping, fishing, and canoeing to enhance environmental education to students.

In the Spring of 1996, the club was knocked down from a Class I to a Class II organization. There was no foresight of programming for the following year, earth week was not a big production, membership was low, and hikes were not well attended said John Brost, Attorney General of SGA.

Class II organizations receive an annual budget which enables clubs to provide programming a lower cost to students. The organizations with Class I status have more money to advertise thereby reaching more students.

Class II organizations are appropriated $750 per semester plus a matching fund of $3,500 per year. The time involved in the process of receiving funds for events leaves little time for advertising said Carrozza. Part of the process includes a bill which needs to be authored by a legislator of the SGA and passage of the bill by a 2/3 majority vote of the SGA legislature.

Currently the Conservation Club has 21 members. Some of the activities organized by the club on campus in the last six months included campus cleanup, hawk watch, fall color tree walk, and reptile presentations.

The mission of the Conservation Club is: “to foster environmental awareness and stewardship in the Montclair State University student body through education, action, and relevant social activities.”

“By far we will be the best Class II organization on campus for Fall 1998 and Spring 1999 semesters,” said Chris Malsotto, President of the Conservation Club.
3/25/98

MEDICAL
Female employee reports an unknown person tampering with her computer.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
Female returned to her parked car in lot 19 and discovered the driver side mirror broken.

THEFT
Male left his gym bag on the floor of the locker room while taking a shower. Upon his return his wallet was missing from the bag.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
Female student received a phone call at home from a male alleging to be her professor asking to meet her at a designated location. Phone call was a hoax.

MEDICAL
Female Webster Hall resident suffers from fever and aches.

Nurse requests an ambulance at the Health Center. A male tripped in a doorway in the maintenance building injuring his hand, elbow, and leg. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

ASSAULT
Officers respond to the Blanton Hall cafeteria where he confronted for reportedly disrespecting victim reported being punched by another male.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
Victim was given oxygen at the scene and then transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

MEDICAL
Victim reported being punched by another male.

3/26/98

THEFT
Male left his gym bag on the floor of the locker room while taking a shower. Upon his return his wallet was missing from the bag.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
Female student received a phone call at home from a male alleging to be her professor asking to meet her at a designated location. Phone call was a hoax.

MEDICAL
Male juvenile injured his leg while playing basketball.

COMPUTER TAMPERING
Female employee reports a male hanging around the hallways in Chapin Hall. Officers responded. The male left prior to their arrival.

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Nurse requests an ambulance at the Health Center. A male tripped in a doorway in the maintenance building injuring his hand, elbow, and leg. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

Female Webster Hall resident suffers from fever and itching caused by hives. Victim is transported to Mountainside Hospital.

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When a new addition was put on to the existing building the leakage problems started, where the two portions of the building join. Rooms 208 and 209 appear to suffer the worst from this new addition: they are located under the faulty portion of the roof. According to Charlene, “there is water leaking every day in the gallery. Also, in Room 209, water is soaked around a fluorescent lighting fixture. When it’s been raining, there’s no way to avoid turning on a light without stepping in a puddle.” This is an art history classroom, they often show slides during the course of the day and the lights have to be turned on and off repeatedly.

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Water leaks mar Calcia

Calcia Hall is still experiencing problems due to structural flaws in its roof

By Brian Pedersen
Staff Writer

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**MSU Police Report**

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**PROPERTY DAMAGE**
Officer reports a car was damaged when the gate arm to lot 4 came down prematurely. The roof was scratched.

**THEFT**
Construction Company reports dimensional lumber and a trowel machine missing from the job site at Yogi Berra Stadium.

**MEDICAL**
Male student complains of a rapid heart beat and feeling faint. Victim was sitting on a bench in a 3rd floor room in Richardson Hall and stole two scales.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**
F/S member reports the door lock and door to a cabinet in a 3rd floor room in Richardson Hall was scratched.

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**SGA e-board campaigns underway**

**ELECTIONS, cont. from p. 1**

Termate, according to acting SGA Attorney General Lauren Jacoby.

The race for president will feature SGA Attorney General John Brotz, against SGA legislator Anton Wheeler. Also on the ballot are SGA President Pro-Tem, John Griffin, who is running unopposed for vice-president, legislator Dave Pizzi running unopposed for secretary and legislator Kanyatta Montgomery running unopposed for treasurer.

According to Jacoby, students do not have to vote for the lone candidates in uncontested elections, voting booths will feature slots where other candidates, not on the ballot, can be written in. Voters will also be asked to give their votes on referendum questions that are on the ballot this year. In order for the vote on these questions to take effect however, the SGA will need a total of 20 percent of the undergraduate population to have voted. That is approximately 2000 votes, according to Jacoby. Jacoby said the low number of candidates this year presents a problem for the SGA.

“I am afraid that since there aren’t that many people running not many people will vote and the referendum questions will not get passed. People will see one person and think that they will win anyway so they don’t have to vote,” said Jacoby.

Brotz also commented on the low number of candidates this year.

“I think a lot of it has to do with apathy among the students in terms of how they see the SGA. They don’t see the SGA as a force to get anything done and so they don’t see any real need to be a part of this,” said Brotz.

The result may be a damaging effect on the organization according to the presidential candidate.

“I think it really hurts our credibility, it makes it into a tyranny of sorts because students really do not have a choice in the matter and many will not realize that they can write-in other candidates than the ones on the ballot,” he said.

Candidates are currently underway in their campaigns, which will include an SGA debate in the Student Center quad today at noon, and will continue to campaign until the polls close next Tuesday. However, candidates are restricted in what they can during their campaign.

“Candidates are not allowed to go door to door in the dorms, and they cannot make boards to advertise, but they can make fliers which they can hand out to potential voters,” said Jacoby. Also candidates will not be allowed near the polls at election time.

The elections begin this Saturday in Dickson Hall at 8 a.m., and voting will wrap up on Tuesday, April 7. The winners will be announced at Wednesday’s SGA meeting at 4 p.m. in room 411 of the Student Center. See page 8-9 for all candidate profiles, election rules and poll places and hours, and page 23 for this year’s Montclair candidate endorsements.

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Administration looks to move both baseball and softball teams to Div. 1

Montclair State Division One sports may soon be a reality, starting with the Red Hawk baseball and softball teams. The Montclarion

Thursday, April 2, 1998

Montclair State University baseball and softball teams are being considered for promotion to Division I status. The move, if approved, would be a significant step for the Red Hawks, providing them with increased opportunities for success.

**The Argument for Division I Status**

A key argument for moving to Division I is the potential for attracting better student athletes. With higher visibility and more competitive schedules, division I teams can offer a greater platform for athletes to showcase their talents. Scholarships would also play an important role, making division I programs more appealing to high school students.

**The Role of Scholarships**

Scholarships are a critical component of the decision-making process. In Division II, scholarships are limited, making it difficult for some athletes to afford college. Moving to Division I would allow for the addition of scholarships, attracting top talent to the program.

**The Impact on Competition**

Competing at the Division I level would expose Red Hawk athletes to higher levels of competition. This increased pressure can lead to improved performances and higher visibility, making it easier for athletes to be drafted after their college careers.

**The Challenge of Promotion**

Promotion to Division I is not a guarantee. The NCAA has strict criteria for institutions to meet, including academic standards, facilities, and administrative support. Montclair State, along with many other institutions, is working towards these requirements to increase its chances of promotion.

**The Benefits of Division I Status**

If promoted to Division I, Montclair State would gain several benefits. Players would have access to larger facilities, state-of-the-art equipment, and more resources to support their athletic and academic needs. The university would also benefit from increased exposure and publicity, leading to more opportunities for scholarships and professional careers.

**The Financial Considerations**

Moving to Division I would require substantial financial investment. The university would need to upgrade facilities, hire additional coaching staff, and provide increased support for student athletes. However, the long-term benefits, such as increased enrollment and donations, could offset these initial costs.

In conclusion, the decision to move to Division I is complex and requires careful consideration. Montclair State’s baseball and softball teams are poised to make a significant impact at the highest level of collegiate sports if they are successful in their endeavors.

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Candidates for President

**John Brost**

Major: Political Science  
Year: Junior  
GPA: 3.7

**Experience**
- SGA Attorney General  
- SGA legislator, 2 years  
- University Presidential Search Committee member  
- Vice-President and Treasurer, Theta Xi Fraternity  
- Greek Life section co-editor, La Campana  
- Chair, SGA Government and Administration Committee  
- Chair, SGA Academic Affairs Committee  
- Member of Appropriations Committee, Welfare and Internal Affairs Committee, and External Affairs Committee  
- Student Center Building Manager  
- Montclarion staff member

**Goals**
I want to make our SGA the best and most effective student government in the country, and to make MSU the most student friendly campus that exists! I intend to use my experience and my love for the SGA to motivate students both in and out of the SGA, to get back to the SGA's original purpose: serving students. In short, to improve programming, to advance student causes, to improve the quality of life for all students, to make the SGA a unifying body that is an influential and powerful force on campus, respected by administration, faculty and most importantly, students.

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**Anton Wheeler**

Major: Sociology  
Year: Junior  
GPA: 2.5

**Experience**
- Member of the President's Committee on Affirmative Action  
- African American Studies Committee  
- University President Search Committee member  
- SGA legislator  
- SGA Judiciary branch justice  
- Chair, SGA Welfare and Internal Affairs Committee

**Goals**
I want to schedule programming to help end the “suitcase college” dilemma we’re experiencing here at MSU.

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Candidate for Vice-President

**John Griffin**

Major: History  
Year: Sophomore  
GPA: 2.97

**Experience**
- SGA legislator, 2 years  
- President Pro Tempore, 1 year  
- Chair, SGA Constitutional Review Committee  
- Eagle Scout  
- 14 years in the Grange  
- Chair, SGA Space Allocation Committee  
- Member, Food Services Committee  
- Member, University Planning Committee

**Goals**
"With an overwhelming sense of dedication and school spirit I feel I can fulfill this final duty."

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Election Info

The elections start this Saturday. You will be able to vote in Dickson Hall, Blanton Hall and in the Student Center at various times between 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 4 and 10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7. (See opposite for poll hours) Any undergraduate Montclair State University student can vote once, and must present their MSU I-card, or some other form of picture identification upon voting. The results of the election will be tallied by the Student Government Association and announced at their weekly meeting on Wednesday, April 8th in room 411 of the Student Center. See what candidates The Montclarion is endorsing on page 23.
**Candidate for Secretary**

David Pizzi

**Major:** Psychology  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**GPA:** 3.1

**Experience**

- SGA Legislator, 1 year
- SGA Residence Life Chairperson
- Floor supervisor, Gap of Willowbrook Mall

**Goals**

“As secretary, the two most important things I have in mind for the MSU campus are more activities and events and improved publicity of these events on campus. In addition, I would work as a team with my counterparts in office in order to achieve ultimate success for the student body of MSU.” In order to prepare for the position, “I have worked hand in hand with the current active secretary at SGA meetings and I have served as acting secretary at one SGA meeting.”

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**Candidate for Treasurer**

Kenyatta Montgomery

**Major:** Psychology  
**Year:** Senior  
**GPA:** 2.5

**Experience**

- SGA legislator
- SGA Judicial branch justice
- President, Organization of Students for African Unity
- President, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
- Master of Rituals, Alpha Kappa Psi, Professional Co-ed Business Fraternity
- SGA Elections Independent Supervisor, 1997

**Goals**

“To ensure that proper financial procedures are understood and followed.”

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**B.O.T. Alternate**

There is no candidate on the ballot for the position of Board of Trustees Alternate. However, votes may be cast for the position in the form of write-in candidates.
FEATURE

April Fool’s Day laughter is the best cure

By Peter Kofitsas

Thursday, April 2, 1998

There was once a very serious person who took everything that was said and done to him personally. He was offended easily and often frustrated by everything and everyone around him. His ego became inflated and he had convinced himself that he was much more important than he really was. Then one day he cured himself of these hang-ups, he discovered humor. He learned how to laugh at himself at critical times which alleviated pressure and brought about a more real perspective of the world around him. We all have at one time or another taken ourselves too seriously. Although it is true that we are all important, not everything we say and do is.

Therapists tell us that a panacea for highly stressful situations is humor. If you have ever had the chance to observe an emergency room team you might be shocked at the things said during a trauma. A person may lie dying on the table, yet the team goes on making jokes and laughing at irrelevant things or themselves. What they have discovered is that humor can help alleviate some of the stress in their jobs. Without the humor the mental stress might prove to be too much to handle.

Humor, if handled correctly, can set everyone at ease. The American Association for Therapeutic Humor says, “We know that, in general, humor aimed at oneself is well received by others. When we are the targets of our own humor, others share our humor but are not threatened or injured by it. Humor aimed at situations is also generally appreciated by others, since it, too, has a target other than another person or group of people. Humor aimed at other individuals or groups may be harmful and not well received as it often is used to put down, insult, or degrade another.”

Nurse, Patty Wooten says “Humor is a quality of perception that enables us to experience joy even when faced with adversity.” She explains that we can remain healthy by using humor to protect us from the harmful stress we may face every day.

Many philosophers offer that humor is an integral component of happiness, the end of all means. Without it our lives can become bland and mundane. Laughing brings color into our human cheeks and we are often saved from emotional disaster by a good joke. Many say the world is a scary place. Facing it too seriously can cloud our perceptions of what is really important, like ourselves, our families, and our basic needs of love and happiness.

So as the fools of April blossom along with the flowers, laugh, smile, tell a joke and lighten up. Its good for the soul.

Deluca plays with minds

When sex becomes rape: date and acquaintance rape

By Susan Herman, Ph.D.

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When sex becomes rape

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strong, and relentless. They are taught not to take no for an answer. This leads to men misinterpreting a woman's communications. Typically in a date/acquaintance rape, a man will decide that a woman is acting coy or hard to get in a sexual situation. He may believe that she really means yes, although she has been saying no.

Communication is the most important avenue to understanding another person's desires and needs. Misinterpretation of "no" for "yes" or rationalization that what she really needs is the sex he wants. The bottom line is that YES means YES and NO means NO.

If a person says no and is still coerced or forced into having sex, then a rape has occurred.

Acquaintance rape is a crime. Rapists may use many different types of force. These include threats, coercion, intimidation, or perhaps weapons.

You cannot always avoid acquaintance rape, but you can minimize your chances of being raped.

Consider the following suggestions:

1. Set sexual limits and discuss them openly. It is your body and no one has the right to force or manipulate you.
2. Communicate your expectations clearly. Be forceful and firm if you do.

Sigma Delta Phi receives recognition

By Kara L. Richardson
Feature Editor

Sigma Delta Phi prioritizes community service in their sorority. Their work has been commended by the organizations that they have made a difference in.

The sisters of Sigma Delta Phi were recognized by the New Jersey Brain Injury Association for raising $250. The money will sponsor a person to be involved in the TREP Program. TREP is a week-long program that assists people ages 20-30 with Brain Injuries. Sigma Delta Phi also sold over $300 in ads for their Annual Ad Journal.

Karen Smith, Sigma Delta Phi Philanthropy chair said "We chose this organization because one of our sister's siblings had been in a car accident where she had receive attention from the NJBIA."

According to Smith, Sigma Delta Phi has been involved with many charitable causes this year. The sorority fundraised for the American Heart Association. Their annual King and Queen of Hearts process raised $250 and crowned the two people who's participation added the most generous monetary contributions. The couple was recognized at the Cotillion, the annual sorority "debutante's ball" which introduces newly initiated sisters of the previous year.

In addition to their major philanthropies, Sigma Delta Phi has participated and contributed to events and organizations such as: food drives, phone-a-thons, Project Graduation and Project Santa. The group plans on visiting a children's hospital on Monday, April 27.

"Greek organizations are not all about beer and parties. We play a great part on campus as well as off campus," Smith said.
Ten thousand eyes
are on me,
shouting Casey,
go all the way.
First base,
second base,
third base.
Make your
move today.
Do it, Casey,
do it.
Score,
mighty Casey,
score.
But I just don’t
get it.
Is that what
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If you don’t talk with your kids about sex, who will? Be sure to start
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you discuss all kinds of tough issues like sex, AIDS and violence.

Imaginations run wild. Talk with your child.
Call 1-800-Child-44.
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not want sex. Sometimes men interpret passivity as permission.

3. Alcohol or drugs may disable you or your partner to make clear choices about sex.

Many times women or men who have been date or acquaintance raped do not view the assault as a rape. They may experience some or all of the symptoms of rape trauma stemming from the violation of the body and the betrayal of a friend, but still may not consider the incident rape.

Some symptoms of rape trauma are:
- Sleep disturbances
- Eating pattern disturbances
- Mood swings
- Feelings of humiliation and self blame
- Nightmares
- Anger
- Fear of Sex
- Difficulty trusting others.

Often, especially in a college situation, the rape survivor and the attacker live near each other or may see each other every day. This can be particularly stressful to the survivor because the survivor may see the rape as a conquest or "just a mistake." Bystanders and friends of both people may not view the incident as the rape it is and consequently will not lend the survivor the support they need. Friends of the survivor may misinterpret the incident and feel that somehow the rape was deserved or that the survivor "asked for it" by wearing sexy clothing or by getting drunk. Some people may belittle the survivor's traumatic experience saying things such as "She liked the guy anyway, so what's the big deal?" Some say, these attitudes that blame the survivor are embedded in our culture and help to perpetuate violence against women and sexual violence such as date and acquaintance rape. The important thing to remember is that if there are feelings of violation, if a person's lifestyle and self-esteem are negatively affected by the incident, or the survivors believe they have been raped, then it is rape.

Date and acquaintance rape is not only a women's issue. Men must be actively aware of this issue, as they can help minimize rape by educating themselves and others. Lovers, neighbors, co-workers, dates and classmates — these all can be perpetrators of date and acquaintance rape. In order for this to be minimized, men (and women) must stop "blaming the victim" and start taking responsibility for their own actions.

There are many groups on campus designed to help rape survivors, give referrals, and talk about concerns. They are all confidential.

Psychological Services ------ 655-5211.
Health and Wellness Center-655-4361.
Women's Center--------655-5114.
Campus Security-----------655-5122.
Dean of Students---------655-4118.

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1. Dust off your Picnic and our friends in an open field.
2. Learn with a loved one to watch the stars.
3. Drive with the sun with a good book.
4. Take a hike.
5. Rent a convertible for the day, grab some good friends and some good times and hit the road.
6. If you must go to the mall, go shorts and sandals shopping.
7. Fill a basket with sandwiches and other munchies and have a picnic.
8. Grab a sketch pad and draw a newly blooming flower.
9. Take an early morning drive to the shore for a sunrise breakfast.
10. Dance in your skis for in-line skating.

By Jennifer Walkup and Heather Langan

Staff Writers

It looks like spring has finally sprung and I'm sure I'm not the only one ready to enjoy the good weather. I hope you all got a chance to check out Garrett Mountain Park from last week's issue! Here are a few more spring and summer hot spots you're bound to love!

Leisure in the Park

Verona Park is a beautiful place with tons of things to do. It has all the great aspects of every other park, plus a few of its own. The park is equipped with a full playground, tennis courts and a softball field as well as a 1/2 mile track around a beautiful lake. There is a cafe in the center of the park where you can get all your favorite snacks or even lunch. There are plenty picnic areas as well as big open areas where you can sun bathe or just relax on a blanket where no one will bother you or get in your way! You are allowed to fish in the lake, just be careful not to get in the way of all the roller-bladders, runners and bikers! They also allow you to rent paddle boats to take out in the water at very good prices! Verona Park also hosts a wide variety of events throughout the spring and summer. They hold many flea markets and craft shows (great shopping deals!), as well as some short plays. For those of you who missed the "Shakespeare in the Park" performances last summer, be sure to check them out this year! You can get an update of the events at the park in either Star Ledger or the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

Direction to Verona Park from campus:
- Take Normal Ave. exit. make a left.
- Make a right onto Valley, take this all the way to Bloomfield Ave. Make a right onto Bloomfield, and follow that down a few miles, where you will see the park's entrance on your left. (approx. 10 minutes from campus)

Hot Spots

Not just for Kids
Now, some of you may be skeptical or think this plan is a little corny, but no doubt if you try it you'll have a great time! The Turtleback Zoo is open now for the season! Hours are 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily and it's so cheap! It's only $6 for adults and $4 for kids! The Turtleback isn't the biggest zoo around, but it's enough to keep you entertained, bewildered and connected with nature. The zoo is a great time and has plenty to do. You can eat, play and enjoy the sights all day! How long has it been since you have been to the zoo? It's not just for kids! It's for everyone!

Direction to The Turtleback Zoo from campus:
- Address: 560 Northfield Ave., West Orange 731-3800
- Exit from Normal Ave. exit. Make a left. Make a right onto Valley Rd. Take this out to Bloomfield Ave. Make a left onto Bloomfield. Follow this down to Mount Prospect (Exxon on corner), make a left on Mount Prospect. Stay on Mount Prospect until the end and make a right onto Northfield Ave. Follow Northfield for about a mile and the zoo is on your left. (approx. 20 minutes from campus)

Greatest Stuff on Earth

When I think summer, I think ice cream. Anyone else agree? Applegate Farms in Upper Montclair has some of the best homemade ice cream around. They feature over 20 flavors of ice cream, as well as a few frozen yogurt choices, all made right here, homemade and delicious! My personal recommendation is the strawberry cream. Anyone else agree? Applegate Farms is right off the Bloomfield exit of 287. Follow signs to Bloomfield and make a right onto Grove St., take a few blocks and Applegate Farms will be on your left. (approx. 5 minutes from campus)
New law bans alcohol advertisements from college publications

By Sam Kusic
College Press Service

A new Pennsylvania law, designed to help curb underage and excessive drinking, has left college newspaper staffs across the state claiming they’ve been hung out to dry.

The law, approved last year and commonly known as Act 199, bans alcohol advertisements from “any booklet, program, book, yearbook, magazine, newspaper, periodical, brochure, circular or other similar publication published by, for or on behalf of any educational institution.” The law also prohibits ads—drink specials and happy-hour invitations included—announcing the availability of alcohol. Violators face a $50 to $1,000 fine and could have their liquor licenses suspended or revoked.

Many college editors say the law infringes on free speech. Adding insult to injury, they say, is the loss of precious advertising revenue, which is often one of the biggest sources of income for many school papers. The Pennsylvania Newspaper Publisher’s Association is on their side. The group has come up with its own proposal to kill the new law and is looking for a legislator to sponsor it, said John Feichtel, the association’s media law counsel.

If the law isn’t changed, some student editors say they fear it will lead to more editorial restrictions.

“This is just a start,” said Robert Morrison, editor-in-chief of Bloomsburg University’s “The Voice.” “What else will they take away?”

Some proponents dismiss arguments that the law violates First Amendment rights.

“I think the concerns of young people outweigh that right,” said state Rep. Terry Van Horne, who quickly pointed to recent student deaths at Pennsylvania State University and Indiana University at Pennsylvania to bolster his view.

Far more certain is the law’s effect on many student papers’ budgets, student editors say. This year’s financial reports reveal that school papers statewide have taken hits. The “California Times” of California University of Pennsylvania, for example, stands to lose between $600 and $800 each semester, said Editor Nicole Dulin.

“It’s not an overwhelming loss, but it’s significant,” she said. “The whole law is ridiculous. It simply shouldn’t exist.”

Pennsylvania State University’s “Daily Collegian” thought it had found a way around the law when it published a list of bars, happy-hour times and drink specials and offered it as a free service to readers and local bar owners.

The paper displayed the information in a column called the “Over 21 Scene” that lasted only three weeks. Pennsylvania Liquor Control Enforcement officers gave verbal warnings to owners who had contributed information to the column. Officers did not, however, contact the paper, Editor Megan Donley said.
Stars of the Shanghai Acrobatic Theater perform feats of wonder

By J.R. Oakes
Staff Writer

On Saturday night, I had the pleasure of attending The Stars of the Shanghai Chinese Acrobatic Circus in Memorial Auditorium. This show was filled with a dazzling array of acrobatic feats that would have seemed impossible to me, had I not seen them performed right before my eyes.

The show opened with several male acrobats wrangling and jumping through hoops that were stacked vertically on stage. These hoops seemed to be no bigger than the circumference of their bodies. Yet they were able, with a running start, to fly through them, doing a series of somersaults. The circles were stacked one on top of the other; the highest was about nine feet above the stage.

There was an 11-year-old acrobat that was able to balance about 7 bowls on her head while she was standing and doing tricks on another acrobat’s shoulders. Another acrobat was able to ride a unicycle as she stacked bowls from her feet to her head. She stacked about 10 bowls on her head without dropping one of them.

Another act involved an acrobat who balanced herself on top of a multiple layer of chairs. She almost reached the stage lights! As with the other performers, after this acrobat took her act to the extreme, I wondered how she would get out of it. It was as exciting to see her get down from that stack of chairs as it was to see her climb up on them.

The acrobats performed with only a small pad on the ground to break their fall if something went wrong. There was little room for error, which made the acts that much more intense.

The master of ceremonies for the performance explained that in China, being an acrobat is like being a football player in America. Parents try to get their kids involved in the art at an early age. There are special acrobatic schools in China that accept only the best of the best, which is the reason why these skilled acrobats took the act to the next level.

One of the women acrobats displayed her ability to make the most of space by fitting herself into a long, cylindrical barrel that appeared to be no larger than her head. She was able to fit her entire body into this small space. I was anxious to see how she was going to get out. Of course, she was able to get out with ease.

The show also had a series of intense balancing acts. Each one was flawlessly performed. One of the acrobats balanced 21 wooden benches, that totaled 210 lbs., on his head. To verify this weight, they called upon an audience member to try it. The volunteer was unable to move the benches even an inch from the stage.

Another symbol she uses is dried fish, "On New Year’s Day and Korean Thanksgiving Day [Choo Seok], dried fish is scattered near our ancestors’ graves as a ritual offering." She also uses fragmented figures in many of her works, most of which are symbols of her mother.

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Theresa’s work contains a lot of symbolism. “My Buddhist family background is evident in the use of temple imagery. The turtle symbolizes long life and the seed refers to the idea of rebirth and reincarnation. The peach seed, in particular, is special because it reminds me of my grandmother’s peach groves.”

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By Victoria Tengelics
Arts Editor

Ever since she was a young girl in Korea, Jung Ohk Cho (Theresa) has dreamed of being an artist. She is finally realizing her dream at MSU. She transferred to MSU in the Spring of 1992 and attended Bergen Community College where she majored in fine arts.

Her love of art began when she was in middle school and once in high school she won two awards for her works in watercolor, which is her artistic background. After she completed high school she worked in a bank in Korea for nine years before deciding to come to America to pursue her interest in art.

She has always known that she loves art and that’s why she continued to pursue her dreams at MSU.

Jung Ohk Cho stands next to newly completed pieces from her “Fish” series.

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I've come to the conclusion that soaps are like nicotine, you just can't put the remote down. For those of you who like me, have realized you have a problem and want to fix it—STOP READING MY COLUMN!!! But for those of you who just can't live without (me) my column, read on!

One Life to Live: Blair pretends to be Kelly in order to steal Kelly's inheritance from Ian. Todd and Blair come to an agreement about Star. Todd asks Tea for a month to prove to her that he's changed. Andrew takes a sabbatical from the church and ends up in bed with Tea. Jacara finds the videotape and brings it to Max. Max is shocked to find out that his children are still alive.

General Hospital: Although Robin's condition worsened without her medication, Tony refused to bring her to the hospital. Jason went to Tony's, found Robin and Michael and said a prayer to the ranch and found Nikki on the floor completely. Sharon moved in with her mother since Nick left home. Jack went to the eating disorder clinic. Travis went to the Quartermaine scholarship.

All My Children: Hayley got excited when Mateo squeezed her hand and Jake tried to tell her that that is not necessarily a sign of anything. Brooke finally realized that Edmund's in serious danger after finding out Judy is dead. Bianca went to the eating disorder clinic. Travis gave Erica joint custody of Bianca. Jim realized that Edmund's in serious danger after finding out Judy is dead. Bianca went to the eating disorder clinic.

The Young and the Restless: Neil accidentally overheard Dru and Olivia arguing and confronted Olivia for answers. Keith decided to take a different approach with Tricia to avoid losing her. Kelsey overhears Scott reveal to Kevin that he likes her and was caught off guard by her admission of love for him.

As The World Turns: Barbara decided to divorce John who got hysterical at the news. Lily lost the lawsuit with David. Molly thinks David was the one behind the expensive gifts so she made love to him. Sam and Kirk finally renewed their wedding vows. Hal blamed Nikki when he found Carly's pregnancy test. At the carnival Jack and Margo chased down a drug dealer as Deena tried to make an exchange.

Guiding Light: The Reva-clone is now a teenager and realizes that she's not normal. Josh opts to tell her the truth and explain to her about Reva. He promised to stop the growth medicine once she is fully grown and to let her be free to make her own choices. Michael told Cassie the truth but she found it too hard to believe. Beth is having trouble bringing herself to help Harley get Carl. Reva tries to find out who's on the island with her.

The Bold and The Beautiful: Tom is shocked to find out that his children are still alive. Grace expresses her sympathy for him. With Frank out of town, Lark is up to the same tricks. Lucy's her sympathy for him. With Frank out of town, Lark is up to the same tricks. Lucy's her sympathy for him.

Night Court: Ellen, Matt pulls a gun on his dad. Jake finds out "Chloe's" real identity. Chris makes a deal with Bennett to find the lab data in exchange for them.

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“Visions on Three Continents” gives viewers a glimpse of culture

By Kris LaGreca
Staff Writer

Right now, until June 1, the Global Education Center will be displaying the wonderful photography of Professor Ron Hollander. This collection of photography is entitled “Visions on Three Continents.”

The Global Education center may sound unfamiliar to you, and with good reason. It is one of MSU’s newer offices located on Normal Ave, directly across from the main entrance. This University-owned house is the new center for international resources, and for the next two months, the photography of Ron Hollander.

You may be surprised to find a photography gallery in any office, but one visit to the Global Education Center will change your mind. Hollander’s photos fit perfectly within the offices. His photos also welcome people to visit the places in his work, as well as, to explore the new center.

Professor Ron Hollander is the coordinator of the Journalism Program here at MSU. His 27 years of experience as a reporter and photojournalist give him the expertise to tell a story through photography and give a glimpse of life in other cultures. His dedication to each photo is evident. “Waiting for the exact 250th of a second when the locomotive is precisely between the buildings,” says Hollander, is what makes the difference between every photo of “Visions on Three Continents” scattered throughout the offices.

Ron Hollander’s photograph of a bicyclist waiting for a train to pass in Inner Mongolia is just one of his photos on display at the Global Education Center. Hollander’s photographs of the people of Mongolia, Africa, and China. These shots are more than just a mere picture. Hollander’s attention to detail allows viewers to imagine and visualize what’s like to live in such a different culture.

On the lighter side, “Looking for me?” and “Crowd at Sunset” capture the wildlife that Hollander witnessed on his journeys.

A look behind the scenes of “The Wedding Singer”

By Kevin Schwoebel
Advertising Director

Recently I got the chance to attend a press conference with the stars of the hit movie “The Wedding Singer,” Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler. Here’s what they had to say about the film:

Q: What was the funniest thing that happened on the set?
Drew: (Laughs) Well, there was always a general vibe. I mean funny things happened all the time and that stands out to me more than specific events. What about you?(to Adam)
Adam: Like you said, I don’t have a particular story. It was all happiness, walking around laughing. We really became good friends.
Q: How was working with Billy Idol?
Drew: Good. We were really surprised at how good he was! His lines, his delivery...
Adam: He was funny as hell! (Laughter). He did nail it.
Q: The film is set in the 80’s. What was it like to relive the era of your childhood?
Adam: The 80’s was a fun time. It’s when we grew up.

Drew: We’re far enough away from it but close enough to remember it clearly.
Adam: And all the songs. Like, I’ll hear one come on the radio and think to myself, ‘I remember being in the woods.’

Q: Drew, you make a lot of references to the band VanHalen in all your work. How do you feel about all of the controversy surrounding that band?
Adam: Wow. I can’t make a political statement. I just know that VanHalen I and II...remind me of the woods. (Laughter)
Q: How much of the singing in “The Wedding Singer” was you live?
Adam: About 90% of it. Then I go back in the studio and fix a few things that sound crazy.

Q: Drew, do you want to do more comedy after this experience?
Drew: Yes, I can’t believe I finally got to be in a movie like this. And it sounds strange because I would go to see the types of movies I’ve been in. But that was really different for me. But it had such a good energy about it that I had a great time and I want to do more.

Make sure to catch “The Wedding Singer” while you still can, you won’t be disappointed.
“The Man In The Iron Mask” appeals to audiences

By Franca DiMaso
Staff Writer

hat is the most appealing aspect of “The Man In The Iron Mask”? Well, I say, and many people will agree with me, it’s the impressively talented cast. After all, not only does Leonardo DiCaprio have dual roles, but we also get a chance to enjoy performances by such great actors as John Malkovich, Jeremy Irons, Gerard Depardieu, and Gabriel Byrne.

Written and directed by Randall Wallace, who wrote the screenplay for “Braveheart,” the movie is based on the novel by Alexandre Dumas. It’s the story of how the aging musketeers, Aramis (Irons), Athos (Malkovich), Porthos (Depardieu), and d’Artagnan (Byrne) struggle with the world and with each other when it comes to replacing Louis XIV of France (DiCaprio).

Aramis has become a priest and is still struggling with himself, his past, and his new position in life. But so are the other musketeers. Athos has a grown son and it seems that he’s devoting his entire life to him and nothing else. Porthos, who’s still full of life, and wants to enjoy his food, his wine, and his women, is having trouble doing so as he’s trying to cope with his old age. d’Artagnan is the only one who is still a full-time musketeer, specifically, he’s the captain of the king’s guards but doesn’t seem to be enjoying any minute of it.

Part of the problem is that they’re not completely satisfied with King Louis XIV. He’s a young, spoiled king that takes advantage of everyone. He always has a different woman, and feeds his people rotten food. Everyone seems to be annoyed and thoroughly disgusted with the king but they are afraid to say or do anything.

When the king, however, takes an interest in Christine (Judith Godreche) the fiancé of Raoul (Peter Sarsgaard), Athos’ son, the last straw was broken. As clever and manipulative as the king is, he sends Raoul off to battle where he is killed. The chance the musketeers have been waiting for begins to fall into place. Aramis’ plan to overthrow the king is agreed upon by everyone except d’Artagnan, who wants to remain loyal to Louis XIV. So much for, “One for all, and all for one!”

After Aramis, Athos, and Porthos have gone to the Bastille and freed the mysterious prisoner the real action begins. The prisoner happens to be Philippe, the king’s own twin brother who’s been locked up for six years in an iron mask. When Philippe comes out of the mask the movie takes off.

The first half of the movie is kind of slow and it takes a while to get into the story and to follow the plot. Perhaps because there are too many main characters, it seems as if as if there are many things happening at once which is, of course, the case. Honestly, though, the movie does get more entertaining when DiCaprio switches to his role as Philippe.

All the actors give strong enough performances. Leonardo DiCaprio is great as Louis XIV, though he doesn’t really have regal bearing. I feel his performance as the submissive and tormented Philippe is what really stands out, because it suits him more, especially in those scenes where he has to look troubled and sad and emotions have to fly. Jeremy Irons is quite convincing as a priest, though he doesn’t really look like one. He fits his role well, and the best thing about his performance is his use of words, and I believe his English accent has a lot to do with it. Gerard Depardieu fits perfectly into his role as the funny man. But at times his sense of humor does get annoying, especially, when we have to see his unattractive behind.

John Malkovich has lost a son, and

Soundtrack meets Great Expectations

By Gabrielle Wild
Assistant Arts Editor

Every once in a while a really great soundtrack comes out. Well, looks like it is every once in a while again. The soundtrack for the movie “Great Expectations” is simply great! It’s so great, that they had to title the soundtrack Great Expectations — The Album.

The Album consists of sixteen tracks, four of which do not appear in the film. Great Expectations features well-known artists such as Tori Amos, Pulp, Duncan Sheik, The Verve Pipe, and the Grateful Dead. It also treats us to debuts from new solo artists, Chris Cornell and Scott Weiland.

The album begins with an instrumental track by Tori Amos and then erupts into her spellbinding song “Siren.” This romantic and intriguing track really sets the tone for the rest of the album.

My fears were laid to rest when I heard “Sunshower.” Unfortunately, Soundgarden may be dead, but Chris Cornell’s raspy voice and tender guitar make this one of those songs that cause you to smile and cry at the same time.

Reef’s “Resignation” takes the album for a quick pop music turn with its easy lyrics and catchy tune. Also, the singer has a really cool waivering voice. I’ve never heard of this Reef band before, but they remind me of one of those really good summer bands.

The Album also includes, “Wishful Thinking,” another one of those soft sounds. Poe’s “Today,” with its steady beat and cool lyrics (“standing in the doorway of my life in this house”), is a treat for any Poe fan.

The Album also features the debut solo track from Stone Temple Pilots’ Scott Weiland. “Lady, Your Roof Brings Me Down” reminds me of something you’d hear at a carnival with its accordion and slow tempo. But I have to say, I like it a lot more than I liked the stuff from Talk展开全文本。
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Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Co. in “Aide Memoire” @ Memorial Auditorium, 8pm.

Saturday, April 4
Go see “Blithedale: A Virtual Field Trip” @ the HERE Arts Center in Soho, 8pm.

Go see Mr. Slotzman in “An Afternoon of Clarinet & Strings” w/ a pre-concert by MSU’s Jack Sächer @ NJPAC in Newark, 2pm, for tickets call: 973-746-6068

Go see a “Tribute to the Nicholas Brothers” @ Carnegie Hall, 8pm; more info? 212-247-7800

Tuesday, April 7
Time into 90.3 WMSU-FM for El Sonido Tropical w/ DJ Orlando Ruiz, from 7pm to 9pm, x4256

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Thursday, April 2
Placing the seeds for 21st century students

Montclair State University is currently trying to improve on a variety of levels. If you have strolled through campus, you have undoubtedly seen the renovation of buildings. New athletic programs are sprouting up while the Baseball and Softball teams are making plans to move up to Division I. In the midst of all these alterations that might draw more students to our campus, one might wonder what the university is doing to improve the school in terms of what goes on inside the classroom.

Since MSU achieved university status, the number of applicants has sharply risen. The increased number of potential students is allowing the Admissions Department to raise the standards for the incoming freshman. In an interview with Nicole Ditrani of The Montclarion, Director of Admissions Allen Buechler said, “The 1998 fall freshman class will have an average SAT scores of 1100 combined and be in the top 20 percent of their graduating class, which is up four percent from previous years.” Also, applicants will be required to have successfully completed a number of core classes in high school, a rough counterpart of MSU’s General Education Requirement (GER).

Outside the classroom, the Admissions Department will be seeking students with a record of involvement in extracurricular activities. If MSU could pull in more students with a history of on-campus involvement, perhaps the university could kick start the sometimes drowsy student body.

For the freshman class of 1998, there are 6,000 applicants. Of these graduating seniors, MSU will be selecting 1,200. As the number of applicants goes up, the Admissions Department is taking liberty in being more selective. This will ultimately equal a much better university.

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Vote in this year's SGA elections; say "No" to the E-Board getting your money

Why is it that such a minute portion of the student body cares about the running of the SGA?

In a few days, you will be invited to take place in the election on the Student Government Association Executive Board and the Board of Trustees Alternate. This is a crucial time for the student body where every student has the right to cast his or her votes for the future of our university. Unfortunately, fewer students each year are taking advantage of the opportunity that MSU grants them. Last year, a meager 900 or so students turned out to the polls to determine this year's E-B. The voter turnout was so low, in fact, that there were not enough votes to enable the SGA to correct spelling errors in its Constitution. The way things are shaping up right now, it appears that this year's election might have the potential to break last years mark of student apathy.

Why is it that such a minute portion of the student body cares about the running of the SGA? For one thing, there really aren't any races that have the potential to arouse the interest of the campus. There are five people running for the five elected positions. Every position, with the exception of president, has a candidate who is running unopposed and there is nobody on the official ballot for the Board of Trustees Student Representative. The lack of quality candidates has inspired a few individuals to join the race as write-in candidates, such as Tim Casey for Board Of Trustees Student Representative. It is a truly sad state of affairs when there such a lack of individuals who want to step up and lead the student body. Such a predicament means that a thoroughly unqualified candidate might fall into a position of great importance simply because he or she took the time to fill out the petition and complete the application packet.

This wouldn't be the first time some one slipped into a high ranking position without beating another candidate to win. Two years ago, Amy Fisher won the vice presidential election unopposed. Amidst a hail of controversy, she became the SGA president when Julio Marenco was impeached. This time of flux lead to a lot of uncertainty on the quality of the job that Fisher could do as she was tossed into a new position with hardly any warning at all. Fortunately for Fisher, she was able to organize the one of the biggest student movements in recent MSU history as she orchestrated the "Strike the Hike" rally. Although Fisher was ultimately successful as a president, it would have been better if she first gained the confidence of the students by winning a real election.

This year, only one of the candidates will have a win an election with someone else listed at the polls. As a result, the credibility of the E-Board has the potential to be severely diminished. The last thing that the SGA needs right now is to lose any more credibility.

Not only does an election without candidates hurt the SGA in the eyes of the students, but it also sends a bad message to the administration. The point of an incorporated SGA is to function as a completely independent student-run unit. If hardly any students are willing to step up and lead the SGA, the administration might get the idea that apathy is the only thing they have to worry about on the student body. If more people don't become involved in the SGA, it might not be there much longer.

Now that I have talked about one of the reasons that students don't use their votes, I would like to give you a reason that you should vote in this election. Every year, a number of referendum questions are present in the voting booths. One of the functions of these questions is to determine the "official" opinion of the student body. This is the method by which the SGA finds out what the majority of the students think about particular issues. If at least 20% of the student body doesn't turn up to vote, the opinion cannot be considered official.

This year, there will be a question concerning whether or not the E-Board should be paid for their services to the student body. The question, which is slightly different from last year's, asks if the E-Board should receive compensation for their work. To put it simply, if the E-Board should receive a subsidy, and/or stipend, and/or remuneration, and/or pay, to cover the cost of tuition. It is absolutely imperative that students turn out to vote against this proposition. If the E-Board members were to receive payment for the work they do, it would set a ripple effect in motion where every one with any connection to a position of importance would demand payment for their work. To put it simply, it might start with the E-Board, then it might get extended to the E-Boards of the Class I organizations, then the SGA legislators, etc. Who knows when or if it would ever stop. Fortunately for you, the SGA is giving you the opportunity to try and stop this downward spiral into nonsense before it even gets started.

This referendum question poses a costly threat to the student body of MSU. Even if the SG is up to or in charge of it, you should at least be concerned with where your money is going. You should want to get the most out of your education dollar. Giving money to people who are doing what has long been strictly a volunteer position does not make any sense. Keep in mind, the SGA is giving you a chance to let them know how you feel about this. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to let get away with this, or are you going to stand up for yourself and the community?

Students often complain about the lack of programming on campus. The groups in charge of arranging and executing this programming often complain that they are underfunded. The Conservation Club recently failed in their bid to become a Class I organization and a number of the legislators who voted them down cited a lack of funds as a major factor. In reality, the Conservation Club was looking for roughly the same amount of money for an entire year to program for the whole campus and work to make MSU more beautiful as the four E-Board members would make per semester.

If you are concerned about the state of the SGA, consider what it would be like if students decided to run for the position for the money, rather than the opportunity to serve such a wide variety of students. Some might argue that a paid E-Board might convince students to participate in the SGA, and I think that is the problem in itself. Money should never be the determining factor in a person's decision to become a student leader.

Although this referendum question does not have the power to change any of the statutes, it will be used in determining whether or not the statutes should be changed. If the student body takes a strong stand against the SGA abusing power and taking money that isn't rightful theirs, the student body stands a chance to strike a blow for justice while showing the SGA that students are active in the way the SGA operates.

I sincerely hope that students will take it upon themselves to go out and vote in this year's election. Even though the election itself might seem like the ultimate exercise in futility, it really does matter whether or not you get out there and let your vote speak for itself. Most importantly, the referendum questions really do have a direct impact on you. If for no other reason, get out there and let the SGA know that you disagree with any theory that concerns them using your money to pay themselves.
As we all have probably heard, last week two young boys from Arkansas stole guns from one of the boy’s grandfather and massacred students at a nearby school. The event was a tragedy and in my opinion the two boys should be tried as adults and punished to the fullest extent of the law. This is what I would anticipate most people would say after they heard of the disastrous event. I was disappointed to find differently. Many peoples’ initial reaction was to blame the event on the availability of the guns. I heard liberal activists all over television and radio shows spouting their usual knee-jerk reactions, calling for stricter gun laws. And I thought in of Ronald Reagan, “There they go again!” Sorry to say to all of these gun mongers, gun control is not the solution to less crime nor is gun control the key to stopping such heinous crimes as these. Let me start off by posing a question to gun control advocates. If the two boys had stolen the grandfather’s Cadillac and drove it into the school and killed thirty students in the process, would you propose the banning of Cadillacs? Would you want key-control laws passed that said you had to keep your keys in a hidden place so that no one could get hold of them and kill people. I think that we all would have the sense to say no. Although the comparison may seem silly at first, it illustrates the point that crimes such as the one in Arkansas are the result of defective individuals and the culture that we live in, not the gun manufacturers.

“I am not for strict gun-control, I am just for gun control laws like registering, waiting periods, and licensing.” It sounds great, right? Wrong. Registration and licensing have no effect on crime, because criminals, by definition, do not obey laws. A survey done recently by the Department of Justice on national prisoners found that 82% of prisoners agreed with the statement, “gun laws only affect law-abiding citizens.” Think about this scenario for a moment. A man of modest means has been killed or wounded with guns, but not easy to count the people who have avoided harm because they had access to weapons.”

Let us again enter the mind of the criminal. Why do criminals use guns to achieve such things as bank robberies, purse snatching, and rape? The answer is complex, and I am not a criminologist or a psychologist. But I can say that criminals prey on people’s vulnerability. Would all criminals be so quick to commit crimes knowing that every adult citizen was unconditionally allowed to carry a concealed weapon? Absolutely not.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Tim Casey announces his candidacy for BOT Rep

Fellow Students,

My name is Timothy Casey and I am running as a write-in candidate for the position of Student Trustee, also know as the Board of Trustees Alternate. I am doing so because I wish to continue my service to the students of Montclair State University. I also intend to remind the Board Of Trustees of their responsibilities to the students while helping to restructure their priorities so that the students come first.

First, I would like to give you a brief background explaining who I am. Currently, I am a junior and I have two more years left at MSU. I am an on-campus resident in Stone Hall. I am from Long Valley, NJ and I am an Eagle Scout.

I would especially like to talk about some of my experiences that I feel will help me as the Student Trustee. First and foremost, I am the Editor-In-Chief of The Montclarion. During my time as the Editor-In-Chief, I have always made sure that all students of this campus were represented. If you have attended any of the events of campus over the past two years, ranging from sports to flag raisings to gallery openings, you have probably seen me there with my camera in hand. It is because of my experiences while attending so many of MSU’s happenings that I feel I am qualified for this position.

I have been a member of Theta Xi Fraternity for the past two and a half years. As a brother, I held an Executive Board position and I have been the Rush Chairman. As a person involved in the higher workings of Theta Xi, I have first-hand knowledge concerning on how to keep a social organization thriving. When you add that to my business experience running The Montclarion, you see that my leadership skills can be adapted to cover a wide range of organizations.

Last summer, I served as an OWL for the Sew Student Orientation. As an OWL, I came into contact with a great number of new students and faculty members. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as an OWL and I am still striving to extend what I learned in that role as I listen to the needs of the campus at large while covering its various activities and events.

I encourage you to write to me in on your ballot because I feel that I am running for all the right reasons. I am not doing this because I want to help myself get into law school. I don’t have any personal agendas to push. I am merely an art student who cares about his university. If you elect me as your Student Representative, I can tell you one thing for sure. I will make some noise at the BOT meeting to make sure that students see results, not promises.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Casey
BOT Student Representative Candidate

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And The Montclarion endorses...

**President**

Anton Wheeler

#naton Wheeler earned the endorsement for president of the Student Government Association from The Montclarion on the strength of the candidate's potential to rally students behind him. We felt that the SGA is in dire straits now, and needs a candidate to rejuvenate the student body. Anton's energy and charisma should prove to maintain a cohesive executive board and fill the legislature. This decision was not made in haste, we felt that both candidates possessed excellent qualities to be a suitable president, but Anton Wheeler has what the SGA needs now.

**Vice-President**

John Griffin

T he staff of The Montclarion felt that John Griffin is the best candidate for vice-president. It isn't any surprise that there were no other students interested in the position, being that John is so qualified. John has served two years as a legislator, and represented the legislature as President-Pro-Tempore, a position comparable to speaker of the house. John has served as chair of various committees, giving him experience of running meetings. Many times this year he has sat in for the vice-president. He has been the most visible legislator, authoring many bills this year.

**Secretary**

David Pizzi

I t was not difficult to endorse Dave Pizzi for secretary. He is running uncontested, but is a splendid person to do the job. As a legislator, he is assisting the current secretary in his duties. Dave will be able to hit the ground running after election because of his initiative to learn the job responsibilities early on. Dave is in touch with the needs of the students and SGA through his affiliation with Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and serving as a legislator. If he and his running mates are elected, the SGA can work together for the first time in a while.

**Treasurer**

No Endorsement

T he staff of The Montclarion chose not to endorse a candidate for the position of SGA Treasurer because we felt we did not have enough knowledge to make an educated decision. Kenyatta Montgomery, the lone candidate, failed to attend The Montclarion's SGA Candidate debate and interview session without notice after he confirmed.

**BOT Alternate**

No Candidates

T he Montclarion will not make an endorsement for the position of Board of Trustees Alternate due to the fact that there are no candidates on the ballot for the position. However, write-in candidates may be voted for at election time. It is the wish of The Montclarion that hopefully a viable candidate will win the position on the strength of a write-in candidacy as it would be a shame to leave such a powerful student position vacant.

Hey, it's your money - Get out and vote!

- **Saturday, April 4**
  - Dickson Hall • 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- **Monday, April 6**
  - Student Center • 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Blanton Hall • 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
  - Dickson Hall • 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

- **Tuesday, April 7**
  - Dickson Hall • 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. / 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  - Blanton Hall • 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Here are the SGA Election Poll hours:
The Student Government Association, Incorporated of Montclair State University in conjunction with ArtCarved College Jewelry, will be awarding six $500 scholarships. These scholarship grants will be awarded to current undergraduates for the 1997-8 academic year. The SGA is a corporation run entirely by students. The scholarship fund is one of the many projects the SGA has undertaken to reward student leadership and to enhance student life at Montclair State University.

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2. At least 42 credits completed by January 1998
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5. Shown involvement in the above criteria

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JOHN J. O’SULLIVAN
RISSES FROM THE DEAD

“Our easy do-nothing jobs are saved,” say lazy International Staff of Humour™ Writers

by John J. O’Sullivan
He used to be a coprise.

I apologize that I have not been around to write for the past two weeks or so, but it was nothing that I could really control. I wasn’t lazy, overworked, burdened with class work, or drunk. Rather, I was...well...dead.

Yeah, I came back from the dead a couple of days ago. It was a cool trip, but like taking a cold shower, it’s something that I would not want to do for quite some time.

At any rate, I’ll tell you my story. It’s pretty long, so sit back, relax, and read. If you have a hard time following, feel free to look at the Helpful Pictorial Aid™, since a picture is always a good thing.

Well, I was at a sensitivity workshop, since I have been getting a lot of flak lately from partisan dogmaphiles who offend easily. In the class the moderator, a hyper-sensitive and high-strung woman named Madge, asked me how I felt about being a meany. I said something like, “Well, hon, it’s a lot of fun.”

She didn’t like that too much, so she killed me with a pistol that she pulled out of her N.O.W. tote bag. Bam. I was dead, but at least I could never question another P.C. dictate again—I think I made progress in my becoming more sensitive.

Now, dying really sucked. Imagine the picture is always a good thing. I was burying the hyper-sensitive and high-strung woman named Madge, I was thinking about being a meany. I said something like, “Well, hon, it’s a lot of fun.”

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"Wow, Heaven is really cool! I can eat all of the ice-cream I want!"... "I don't see anywhere to buy coffee. There has to be some coffee up here somewhere!"

"Wait...THIS ISN'T COOL! THIS IS HELL! AAGGHHH! I WANT COFFEE! AAAAGHH!"

"Wow, my body is as good as new...I just have to wipe the dirt and stuff off..."

"ACK! WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HAIR! MY HAIR IS DUOTONE™! I soda like it! Neat-O."

Possessing the body of an old Swedish man named Jorge, John goes to his grave to pick up his body.

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**Pouched Animals**

from the puzzle on the next page.
Lazarus ain’t got nothing on me.

CRACK cont. from p. 28

Swedish. How could I ask for directions sounding like the Swedish Chef? Crap. Luckily for me/Jorge (and for brevity’s sake) I stumbled upon a cemetery, and amazingly enough (wow) it was where I was buried. My Swedish container walked around the cemetery until I found my freshly covered grave. Some dim-witted grave digger left his shovel behind (irony) so I...err.. Jorge picked it up and began to dig up my grave site-and the coffin was there! He uncovered it, and opened it up. My body was in it. Yay! My soul jumped out of Jorge, and jumped into my old English speaking container. I got up, brushed off the dirt, and spit out some embalming fluid that was in my mouth. Jorge, who was Jorge once again said something that I didn’t understand, and fainted. I carried Jorge out of the ditch, wrote “just kidding” under my name on the grave stone, and left Jorge propped up under a nearby tree. The yap-yap dog ran over to Jorge. I kicked it again.

I went home to take a shower because embalming can just make you feel so skeevy afterwards. I disrobed and looked into the mirror... “Damn I look good.” I said. “Even after death I look...er...WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HAIR?!” My hair mysteriously became duotone-I had blonde hair on the sides, and black hair on top. I look like a duck. Quack.

And that, I swear, is the truth. Really. I swear...and if it isn’t, may I drop dead right now:

ap-a-thy (n.) 1. An intense feeling opposite that of outrage, often experienced by faculty members and homophobes. To read more about peoles with apathy, see page XX.
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Men's rugby plays first official game
Young team loses two, but gains valuable experience

By Nicholas P. Clunn

The MSU Men's Rugby Club traveled to Seton Hall University on Sunday, March 28 for a series of two games against Seton Hall and Columbia University. Although MSU played the Pirates last year, this was the team's first official game. The young rugby squad faced two experienced teams and lost, but gained the experience necessary to build a solid foundation for a first year team. Seton Hall defeated MSU 8-0 in the first match, and Columbia beat MSU 19-0 in the second match.

"With two games under our belt we now have a better understanding of what each player needs to do on the field," said MSU coach and player Danny Marain.

In the match against Seton Hall MSU's best opportunity came in the second half when winger, James Patterson sprinted 30 yards down the right sideline positioning MSU less than 10 yards from the tryline (the equivalent of an end zone in American football). Down in the trenches, the ball went to Marain, but he was stopped just short of the try.

After an hour rest, MSU took to the field again to face a fresh Columbia side. Although their fatigue was evident, the forwards held strong, only losing two scrums out of 15 put-ins.

"Our inexperience showed at times, but we physically overwhelmed both Columbia and Seton Hall," stated Marain.

Between the games some MSU players assisted The College of New Jersey, another new club, in their match against Seton Hall's B-side. The informal match ended in a draw, but some MSU players did not leave the field without leaving their impressions. Damian Albanese, a forward, displayed his running abilities that he rarely gets to use in his regular position.

"A tremendous effort was noted from Damian during the Trenton-Seton Hall-MSU game. Damian's relentless energy allowed him to exhibit his fine running abilities," noted Marain.

The MSU Men's Rugby Club's spring season is still young. This weekend the men's team will travel to play in the Rutgers Tournament, at Rutgers University. Coach Marain encourages those interested to try the rugby experience.

"We are always looking for players to come learn the game of Rugby," Marain said.

Those who are interested in joining the MSU Men's Rugby Club please contact Steve Rednap of Campus Recreation at 655-7443.
MSU picks up three victories in softball classic

Red Hawk pitching gives up only 2 runs in four games
By Jason Lampa
Sports Editor

MSU’s loss 1-0 to Cortland State early Saturday afternoon would be the difference as Cortland State won the 4th Annual Montclair/Keen Softball Classic at the Quarry Field in Upper Montclair.

Baseball defeats Cortland 14-6
By Jason Lampa
Sports Editor

Junior first baseman Shawn McCorkle belted his sixth home run of the season and collected three RBIs, while junior Dan Wydner drove in four runs as MSU used two six-run innings to give Cortland State University its first loss of the season, 14-6, at MSU’s Pittser Field on Friday afternoon.

Who’s who in MSU Athletics

Khalid Sahid
Tennis

Year: Senior
Major: Computer Science
Position: #4 singles
#2 doubles

Coaches quote: “Khalid is the heart and soul of MSU tennis,” said Brian McLaughlin. “He is an outstanding co-captain with senior Keith Suchadowsky.”

Baseball

Sophomore pitcher A.J. Economou improved to 1-1 with the win, throwing 6 1/3 innings and giving up four runs on nine hits, striking out three. Scott Landers was given the loss, pitching 4 1/3 innings, giving up six runs on five hits, striking out five.

After trailing 2-0 in the top of the fifth, MSU captured the lead for good with six runs in the bottom half of the innings as Wydner drove home Dave Wurst with a sacrifice fly and the innings third runs.

Cortland cut the lead to 6-4 with two more runs with a single, giving MSU a 6-2 lead. Cortland committed two errors in the inning, leading to four unearned runs.

Cortland State 1, Montclair State 0

Junior pitcher Sue McCarvill surrendered only one hit to Chowan, striking out two, walking only one, while boosting her record to 4-1 on the season. MSU leading 2-0 after six innings, exploded in the top of the seventh for five runs for the 7-0 victory. Jamie Lascik had a two-run double and an RBI single in the contest, while Acevedo and Tara Wizx each had RBI singles in the seventh.

Montclair State 7, Allegheny, PA 0

Junior pitcher Sue McCarville tossed her second shutout in-a-row in the tournament, this a three-hitter. McCarville improved to 5-1 with the victory, following up yesterday’s one-hit shutout. Jamie Lascik went 2-4 with an RBI, as was Wendy Saladino. All seven runs that Allegheny allowed were unearned on six errors.

Montclair State 6, Springfield 1

Senior pitcher Sharon Ormsbee went all seven innings allowing only four hits with six strikeouts to improve her record to 7-2. Freshman Keri Caruso belted a two-run double in the third inning for the final runs in a 6-0 MSU lead. All-American catcher Jerri Acevedo knocked in an RBI in the top of the first with a ground ball, and Wendy Saladino finished the game with two hits in three trips to the plate.

Montclair State 7, Chowan 0

In the loss, MSU’s Sharon Ormsbee gave up six hits and struck out three, as her record fell to 7-3.

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Red Hawks 2-1-1 in first week of home games

Complete 2-1-1 week by defeating Elizabethtown College 8-4; McCorkle smashes team leading 8th home run

By Jason Lampa
Sports Editor

Junior first baseman Shawn McCorkle, junior right fielder Brian Kermizian and senior left fielder E.J. Sebelle each hit a home run, as lefty pitcher Mike Brennan won his fourth game over Elizabethtown College of PA 8-4 at MSU's Pittser Field on Tuesday afternoon.

Trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the third inning, Kermizian hit his second home run of the season, scoring Dan Wydner who had walked. The two-run homer gave MSU a 5-4 lead, never to trail again. Kermizian's home run extended his hitting streak to 15 games as he has hit in every game he has ever played for the Red Hawks.

Sebelle made his presence felt in the fourth with a two-run homer extending the lead to 7-4 and McCorkle smashed his team-leading eighth home run of the season, a solo shot to right in the fifth for MSU's final run of the game.

McCorkle is now hitting .401 with a team-high 25 RBIs and a slugging percentage of .825. He finished the game 2-4 with three RBIs as he knocked in two runs with a single in the bottom of the first to give MSU a 3-1 lead.

Brennan, whose record now stands at 4-0, went 6 1/3 innings, giving up four runs, only two earned, seven hits, with six strikeouts and only two walks.

Derik Aassan took the loss for Elizabethtown, pitched the first six innings of the game, giving up all eight runs on ten hits.

Brad Karli and Chris Romig each had two hits and a run scored for Elizabethtown in the loss.

Lombardi pinch hit home run clinches tie against Allentown; game called for darkness

By Jason Lampa
Sports Editor

Freshman Bart Lombardi made his first collegiate home run a memorable one.

In only his 14th at bat of the season, Lombardi came off the bench in a pinch hit appearance to hit a two-run bomb in the bottom of the ninth to give MSU a 5-5 tie against Allentown College at MSU's Pittser Field on Monday afternoon, March 30.

The game was called in the top of the 10th inning due to darkness.

Lombardi's home run was the icing on the cake in a fourth run ninth inning rally for Montclair, as MSU trailed 5-1 entering their final at bat of the game. Right fielder Brian Kermizian led off the ninth with a double and was followed by first baseman Shawn McCorkle who smacked his seventh home run of the season, cutting the lead to 5-3.

With two out MSU freshman second baseman Craig Conway drew a walk which gave Lombardi the opportunity to perform his heroics.

The second home run of the inning came from the arm of pitcher Steve Raysely of Coplay, PA, who came in relief of starter Stephen Strocki. Strocki pitched a magnificent 8 2/3 innings before being taken out after issuing a walk to Conway. He ended up allowing four runs on seven hits, with tree runs earned. Strocki did not give up a hit to MSU from the fifth inning through the ninth until Kermizian's double.

McCorkle's two RBIs in the game brought his team-leading RBI total to 22. Kermizian's ninth inning double extended his hitting streak to 14 games, as the junior has hit safely in all 14 MSU games this season. The tie game was head coach Norm Schoenig's seventh in 11 seasons at MSU.

McCorkle finished 2-3, while E.J. Sebelle was 2-4. Freshmen pitcher Scott Allen tossed 6 2/3 innings, giving up five hits and two runs before being taken out.

Baseball players celebrate after their 8-4 win over Elizabethtown College at Pittser Field on Tuesday.