Redefining the Classroom

MSU and Technology: Computerized Entrance Testing

By Christine Quigley
News Assignments Editor

A new placement exam in Spanish will soon be established for incoming freshmen and transfer students, who have no prior experience in the subject.

Representative samples are currently being taken of many Spanish I classes, to provide a benchmark for the exam, said Michael Heller, Director of Language Learning Technology.

The exam is being given again near the end of the semester, and the two scores will be averaged, said Heller.

The goal is to give this language placement exam at the same time as the basic skills test, and administer to the approximate 60 percent of students who choose Spanish over the other foreign languages, as their general education requirement, said Heller.

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Unity Collaboration is just one way the University community is combating racism

Being more aware

Many organizations on campus however, are continuously striving to help make students more aware and appreciative of our differences. Unity Collaboration is an organization led by the Dean of Students, Helen Matasow-Ayres and the Student Government Association.

"Unity Collaboration is a collective group of students, administrators and faculty, who come together to try and promote multicultural awareness on this campus through Worlds Fair, the Multicultural Food Festival and open forums on issues of race," says SGA President Anton Wheeler.

One of these forums is scheduled to take place during the week of November 4, when Robin Parker from the U.S Attorney’s Office of Civil Rights will be speaking at the University. Wheeler, who is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, feels that the campus is somewhat divided in terms of race.

"It’s a due to a lack of awareness and a lack of formal communication. It’s nothing intentional," said Wheeler.

The issue of Fraternities and Sororities of predominantly one race also raises concerns on the issue of promoting multiculturalism on campus. Wheeler assembles that Fraternities and Sororities of one predominant race causes no hindrance to racial progression.

"I think it can be an asset. You may have a group of individuals who feel comfortable with each other, and they may all just happen to be black or white, but it’s up to those organizations to socialize and do programs and services together to show that it doesn’t matter what organization you’re in, or what race you are, that we can work for a common cause; for positive progression in a collaborative effort," affirmed Wheeler. Vice President for Student Development and Campus life Karen Pennington also views the issue as one that is reflective of our society.

"It’s another factor of life. We have communities that are predominately one race and I don’t think that their existence incites racism," Pennington said.

Pennington feels assured that through activities and programs put forth by the Office of Student Development and other offices on campus, the issue of race relations can be eased to a greater extent.

"Unity Collaboration is probably one of the biggest programs to help in these efforts, and the Office of Residence Life often sponsors activities for students living on campus," affirmed Pennington.

As Associate Dean for Student Development, James Harris has also made the issue of race relations on campus one of much significance.

"The campus for most people - faculty, staff and students is more diverse than the community we live in. Unity Collaboration sponsors activities intentionally devised to bring the campus community together," said Dean Harris.

Like SGA President Anton Wheeler, Dean Harris believes that greater recognition of and appreciation for differences can be accomplished.

"Young people are more ready to deal with tolerance and are more willing than older adults who quite frankly are frightened by the interest," said Harris.

Orlando Ruiz who is President of the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) an organization now in its twentieth seventh year, also notices some segregation on campus.

"If we’re walking down the Student Center Quad, there’s the same group of people sitting together, eating their lunch and talking; not that it’s wrong, but it would be nice to see more culturally mixed groups getting together," said Ruiz. Through LASO, Ruiz hopes to make this possible.

"As of right now, we have over 200 members in this organization, and our membership is culturally diverse. They range from Latino, to African American, Asian, and Caucasian. We have a lot of events where we educate the campus community on a lot of issues, and we often do programs with other organizations like CARYPSO and OSU," affirmed Ruiz.

Easing racism through the classroom

In an effort to bridge the gap of separation between races, two professors have decided to undertake the challenge. Professor Sharon Lewis and Professor Sara Jonsberg , both of the English department will be teaching a course in the spring semester geared toward easing race relations; particularly between black and white women.

"We began this inquiry into the historical relationship of Black and White women after reading a novel called Free Enterprise by Michelle Cliff, and we think that one of the questions that Cliff raises in the novel is whether White women and Black women can experience real friendships," said Lewis.

Professor Jonsberg who joined the University for six years and both agree that New Jersey is a racially segregated state and that students here at MSU are somewhat segregated as well.

"Students are racially unattached and socially disconnected from each other in terms of race. ‘We’re sure that there are isolated cross race friendships for the most part, but it is not represented on campus,’ said Lewis.

The course, which will be entitled “Black and white women writers" will be offered as an English Literature course and students will have the opportunity to give their own reflections on the issue of race through writing. Professor Jonsberg believes that the main reason for such tension between black and white Women stems from anger.

"There is anger and mistrust on both sides. It’s not so much present anger as it is a historical one. We have to find a way to write a new story that will write out the anger and build in the trust," said Jonsberg.

Jonsberg is well aware of the sensitivity of the topic and is very optimistic about the course both the course and its intent. When asked if she thought whether or not race would hinder the ability to experience genuine friendships between black and white Women, she responded by saying, "I believe in a sisterhood that crosses racial boundaries, and this class will help us build that”.

MSU President Susan Cole failed to comment at this time on the issue of racial and racial tension on campus.
EMS feels Drop-In Center a more accommodating facility

If EMS moved in, the Drop-In Center would be moved to a room in the Student Center.

By Susan Finan
Special to The Montclarion

A school-wide vote may be needed to decide whether the Drop-In Center will have to give up their location of 27 years to provide a better space for the university Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

EMS Chief Thomas Hynes said his group’s current space, in room 105 of the Student Center, does not suit their safety requirements or operational needs. Hynes said that he asked the Student Government Association (SGA) for permission to relocate EMS’s office and suggested that an ideal space would be a maintenance area on the first floor of the Student Center but his suggestion was rejected.

According to SGA President Anton Wheeler, the idea was proposed to him by the Director of Services, Tom Wischmann, that the location between the Student Center and Richardson Hall, currently occupied by the Drop-In Center, might be able to accommodate the needs of EMS.

Hynes agreed that the suggested location would suit most of EMS’s needs, including a bathroom and alternate exit in case of fire. Hynes said that EMS “didn’t go out targeting the Drop-In Center,” but was only trying to do what was best for the organization.

If EMS were to take over the space, the Drop-In Center would be forced to move its operations into the Student Center room where EMS is currently located.

Drop-In Center Director, Susan Soria, believes that her organization, a peer counseling information and referral service, would be hurt by a move to room 105. She got together with Chief Hynes to write a joint proposal, one that would leave the Drop-In Center where it is and move EMS to the maintenance area.

The proposal listed many reasons why room 105 of the Student Center would not adequately meet the needs of the Drop-In Center. Among these reasons was that the room would be too small to provide “discrete counseling spaces, telephone stations, office space, training space, sleeping quarters as well as a display space for pertinent printed materials.” It went on to explain that the Drop-In Center’s needs were similar to those of the EMS, citing that it too needed bathroom access and a fire escape route.

Hynes and Soria submitted a copy of their proposal to Dr. Karen L. Pennington, Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life. Pennington agreed to have an Environmental Health and Safety team check out the maintenance area to determine if it would be safe for a medical organization to occupy. Pennington is expecting to receive the team’s report by as early as the end of this week.

If the team’s findings are favorable, the EMS will move into the maintenance area as soon as possible. However, if it is determined that the area would be unsafe, an alternate solution will need to be reached.

If that is the case, Wheeler says that he believes the best way to decide whether or not the EMS and Drop-In Center will have to switch locations is by allowing the student body to vote on which organization they feel will "benefit more" from occupying the desired space.
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FEATURE

Coming out unifies homosexual population

National Coming Out Day promotes unity and interaction amongst the gay and lesbian community at MSU

By Kristien Anderson

Staff Writer

G ray skies are gonna clear up...well, not always as quick as you may want them to clear up. The weather on Thursday, Oct. 8 was gloomy, cloudy, and rainy - in other words, it was the kind of day that made hiking across campus even more despicable. However, not even missing sunshine could stop MSU's fourth consecutive Coming Out Day, a day dedicated to the promotion of gay and lesbian issues through various programs.

The idea of Coming Out Day at MSU is to assist in furthering positive interaction among its gay and lesbian students. It is to let students know there are people on campus to turn to for support and understanding. When asked why she thought Coming Out Day at MSU was important, Amy Marks, an MSU student, replied, "It's especially important on a college campus for people to realize there are gay and lesbian (students) like them."

The days events were organized by Sally McWilliams, Mark Kopple, and PRIDE (Montclair's gay and lesbian student and faculty association). It kicked off at 12 noon with a faculty address to the students followed by a flag raising...well, at least it was a symbolic flag raising. October 8 was also officially declared as Coming Out Day here at Montclair. The events of the day did not end but continued for hours in Dickson 178 with several programs and speakers. From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Police Officer Raymond Restrepo spoke about how to defend yourself by giving them personal coming out stories with others. Following it from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. were PRIDE presses and concluding the day was the safety demonstrations.

Coming Out Day is important not only for political reasons but perhaps even more for social reasons. Everyone needs to know there is someone else fighting the same struggles and dealing with the same issues he or she is facing. Everyone needs to know he or she is not alone.

"I think that it's important to have Coming Out Day. A lot of other organizations have a day set aside where they show the campus that they're here and founded. It has made me feel very good that MSU recognizes October as Coming Out Month," continued Marks in her statement.

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ACUI Conference held at MSU

By John Brest

Special To The Montclarion

On November 6 through November 8, 1998, the Montclair State University ACUI Region 3 Conference, ACUI (Association of College Unions International) was held at Montclair State University. The conference brought together ACUI Region 3 members and Student Unions and Student Centers found on college campuses throughout the United States. The theme for this year's conference is "Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow."

This conference will bring together members of the Student Center staffs from dozens of college campuses in Region 3, which includes parts of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, Maryland and New Jersey. Among those attending, the Assistant Director of the Student Center of Montclair State, will serve as the host director. During this conference, the Student Center staff will showcase our Student Center to the delegates from other schools, providing a valuable contribution to our university's public image.

As Host Director, Kohli is responsible for all logistical aspects of the conference, from giving tours for the attendees to arranging facility requirements for the events. Kohli's staff will also take on other roles during the conference, including the creation of the conference publication, organizing certain events being held during the conference, registration, and serving as the hosts throughout the conference. The staff will also be responsible for giving tours of the building, assisting the host director as needed, and serving numerous other responsibilities incumbent with building management and customer service.

ACUI was founded in 1914 and has sought to help Student Centers and student activities professionals improve their programs and services and contribute to individual staff and student development. To achieve this end, ACUI uses a comprehensive program of training, development and continuing education for individuals who are involved in out-of-classroom experiences. The association, which began with 100 members in 1914, is now 4,700 members strong. ACUI makes use of a wide range of educational and recreational programs, publications and a computerized information system on student unions and student activities programs.

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Therapeutic Touch: A Way to Relieve Stress

By Lisa Gribben

Feeling stressed out already this semester? Do you daydream about a day when you could feel relaxed and de-stressed? (Remember that midterms haven’t even started yet!) Although unfortunately there has been no miracle cure for abolishing stress completely, there is a method proven to instantly relieve stress and anxiety. The practice of therapeutic touch is being successfully used to help people relax, deal with pain relief and stress reduction. This process of balancing one’s energy fields has been subject to much controversy, but has been scientifically proven to help humans both physically and emotionally.

Therapeutic touch is simply a type of healing. It is a contemporary interpretation of ancient healing techniques practiced in different world cultures. Dolores Krieger, Ph.D. and R.N., who has published books on the subject, developed it in the early 1970s. She has also done scientific research at NYU regarding this practice. In her book Accepting Your Power to Heal: The Personal Practice of Therapeutic Touch, she explains that, “life sciences agree that, physically and emotionally, humans are made up of energy and energy fields. Energy fields are able to interact with one another. However, when humans are not well (either physically or emotionally), these energy systems are out of balance. In therapeutic touch, a person works with one’s energy field to make the field whole again. A healer in therapeutic touch is able to feel a person’s energy field that surrounds them. The process relies on the intuition of the healer to read it.”

A part of therapeutic touch was explained to me by Deborah Sampson, R.N., NPC and nurse practitioner, who has been teaching this healing process since 1990. It is important to note that before the process begins, each participant is completely made aware of what will happen and can stop at any time. The healer begins by an assessment of the person being treated. The person being treated breathes deeply and can use visualization to aid in the process. After the visualization process is completed, the person is then reassessed for balance. The treatment takes approximately 5-20 minutes; the healer knows when the treatment can be ended. When completed, the person will feel more relaxed for the rest of the day.

Theoretical touch has been subject to much controversy and disbelief. When any new method of healing is developed, it is always questioned and analyzed. Although it may seem skeptical, the theories that promote it are practical in nature, and simple to understand. Of course, no one will believe what they don’t understand or what isn’t fully explained to them. It is simply human nature to question the new and different. Deborah Sampson explained that scientific research proves that after the treatment there is an instantaneous relaxation response. It also has been proved to relieve pain and to speed tissue healing. Therapeutic touch has also recently been used in hospitals to calm crack addicted babies and babies in intensive care. It promotes relaxation during labor and can decrease pain after surgery. It is important to note that therapeutic touch is not a miracle cure; it is a tool to aid in the healing process. The practice promotes that on an energy level, humans have the ability to heal themselves. In her book, Dolores Krieger explains that “humans have natural abilities to transform and transcend their conditions of living.” Therefore, we may be able to use the power inside us to physically and emotionally heal ourselves.

Although this practice has been subject to disbelief, there has been legitimate research done on therapeutic touch to prove that it is beneficial in relieving stress and discomfort. This is a great way to feel relaxed and less stressed. There are many books published on this healing aid to those who powers buried deep inside you that you haven’t discovered yet.

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By Alex Markulov Staff Writer

I immediately following her graduation from college, Nancy Halper, a bright young woman with a simple resume, began a search for an entry level job as did so many other college graduates.

For some reason employment seekers overlook the nation's civilian workers. Consider the numbers. Uncle Sam employs over 2,980,000 workers and hires an average of 300,000 new employees each year to replace those who transfer to other federal or private jobs, retire or stop working for other reasons. Average annual salary of all full-time employees exceeded $40,000 last year.

Many college students lack information about the workings of the U.S. Government and the job opportunities available.

Dr. Zilbergeld, Montclair State University Political Science Professor, arranges for government employed guest speakers to come in and provide the student body with information concerning general functions and employment opportunities within all levels of government.

Last week Dr. Zilbergeld hosted Special Agent Nancy Roward and Inspector Matt Varisco of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. ATF offers tremendous employment opportunities which go along with sizeable salaries. Agent Roward, with 11 years of experience, commands an annual salary of $90,000. Interestingly, Inspector Varisco is a former graduate of Montclair State University.

Moreover, Dr. Zilbergeld urges all interested students to attend the upcoming engagements. All take place at 1 p.m. in Dickson Hall, Room 275. Dates are as follows:

- Oct. 19 NJ Department of Consumer Affairs
- Oct. 26 NJ State Police
- Oct. 29 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Nov. 4 NJ Oil & Gas Board

This program of speakers discussing job opportunities is available every semester. Each semester features different speakers. For further information, contact Dr. Zilbergeld at 655-7573.

There are vouchers and coupons and special places and times to buy your ticket and each one has its own advantage but most of them require a few hours idling in a queue. This may be fun if you're with a large group in the sun but on an early October Saturday complete with rain it wasn't the best way of spending our time. We decided to take our chances with the last minute ticket sellers on the door, despite this meaning going to most of the theatres in person. We tried all the big shows but as we weren't willing to spend $75 on a ticket, which is slightly more than my weekly budget would allow. Surprisingly, they wouldn't let us anywhere near the inside.

We tramped around for almost half an hour convincing ourselves that going to see a film was virtually the same thing as a show. Eventually, salvation came in the form of The Sound of Music and a standing ticket for only $16. At last we could join in the fun that had been denied for the past half hour and we could get our taste of the glitz.

The show was spectacular, full of emotion and song and not lacking anything apart from an American in the audience. I felt quite at home there with a room full of foreigners in a plush theatre. Despite having sat on the stairs at the back of the theatre for the last two hours, I was happy that I'd been to a Broadway. Well, a 100 meters off Broadway show. Just like an American burger, it's not the same in England.
**Memorial lecture inspired by cancer advance and hope**

By April Smith

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social competency. “The Student Center serves as a unifying force in the campus community,” said Kohli. “It provides a common area where students, faculty, and staff can come together to promote personal and intellectual growth. Bringing ACUI to MSU gives us a competitive advantage in the development of our strengths in programming aspects of student life.”

**The Real World**

By Jason Smith

Computer Science Major

Make no mistake, competition for anyone’s job is fierce. College graduates seeking a fulfilling career need every advantage they can get in order to stand apart from the crowd. One of the most important criteria employers look for in an applicant is experience. Cooperative Education provides an easy way to get this experience while working hands-on with the latest technology. My work as a transportation co-op at Union Camp will prove valuable in the future.

My responsibilities at Union Camp had me assisting the Information Services team with their various projects. The wide variety of tasks I was assigned allowed me to gain exposure to numerous technologies. What follows are examples of the work I performed and some of the activities one might expect during a Computer Science co-op. Early during the co-op, a fellow intern and I were required to create an automated install routine for updating the company’s PCs. Using a software title called PC-Install, we created scripts that could be easily distributed to everyone throughout the company and used to give their machines access to programs on the network. Our script eliminated the need to alter the default configuration of the user’s PC, thus saving the company a significant amount of time. We also gained experience with Microsoft Access and the company saved time by using a more convenient method of organizing important contact information.

As a result, we gained experience with ACUI and the company’s UNIX server. We were required to modify the program’s configuration to correct display and keyboard anomalies that prevented proper use of the remote systems. In the past, Union Camp used an IBM 3270 mainframe to keep track of all transportation and billing records. The Information Services team is now involved in a major project to migrate essential data away from the mainframe and onto HP-UX systems running an Oracle database. One of our tasks to assist in this involved creating a COBOL program that convert important records to a format readable on the UNIX systems. It also required learning MVS/TO, JCL, and other mainframe languages, which I had never worked with prior to the co-op.

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The broad range of skills gained while working as a co-op will allow me to flesh out my resume quite a bit. The extra income during the summer was nice too. As I begin looking for a job, I can be confident that my experience as a co-op will give me the edge over other college graduates without that distinction.
Holly McFarland has really great Stuff

By Laura Lifshitz

Staff Writer

I'm still thinking about Elmo... I highly doubt Holly McFarland is singing about the infectious, furry red-haired creature from Sesame Street most females love and adore. I would like to think she's raving about some jerk that she can't help but find the slightest bit charming. McFarland's album is, mhythm I say, a cornucopia of Stff, ergo its title. She hits you with delightful surprise and on occasion she hits you with a bomb. Unfortunately, these "bombings" ruin the rest of the album's beauty. The dates back to the early '90s revolution with some grunge, hits reality with her acoustic jams, gives you likable female rock, and even trips on the edge of techno-trance with "Mystery Song." This tough chick lyrically invited me to sing along in her pathway and even asked me to groove in her acoustic ecstasy. Holly is not your sweet voice. Jewel or your quirky, yet tough Alanis. She doesn't compare to the child prodigy and very adored Tori or even quite stand out like Bjorn. Give this woman credit, though, because she has the power to rock you in a way you can love, even if she does not portray the image of bad-girl turned fashion queen Courtney Love. Mind you all these women have tales - only they may slide into the world of your very own MTV, Holly. Bites. She is the down-to-earth girl who can control her "bitchiness." She has a light touch to her voice, not too sweet, reminding me at times of the most elegant Sarah McLachlan. Track #1, "Numb," is probably the song with the most "hooks," giving you catchy lyrics like, "You can't see if I'm not listening. You can't see with my eyes open." This song is a hard rock jam flavored with emotion. It is very radio friendly. With the hard vocals Holly tells you simply - don't cross her!

L ast Thursday, Local H, Zion, Illinois' most famous musical duo returned to NYC to play at the Bowery Ballroom. The performance was "a direct, unpretentious, youthful, inclusive, accomplished, completely fresh dose of kick-ass rock and roll," described by Boston Phoebe, a Boston native who currently lives in NYC. I have heard the name Local H for a long time and I thought it was a tale of how a naive (as far as NYC goes) girl gets lost and how I told her to get out of a small town and follows him through his journey. This could be possible. Well, allow me to explain. As he sings! Drummer Joe Daniels only adds to the mix. As Good As Dead leases include: SoundGarden - the female way. A favorite lyric of mine is "Give me a kiss across my lips, and I'll take from you all that's bliss." "Twisty Mirror," track #10, hits you with the grunge spot (kind of like Winning the Pooh honey spot). Holly's Stff happens to be pretty diverse but won't pull you in too many directions. You also won't tell her to stop whining in that oh-so-self-loathing way. She sings with an authority that doesn't overpower you. Despite the two big bombastics, the rest of the album brings her afloat. She grew on me, not quite like Tori where I can recite her lyrics backwards, but if you give her a chance she will win a spot in your heart - big or small.
Sonichrome shines Not Just Reviews

By Jon 'ai Sullivan

I f nothing else, Sonichrome, Capitol records newest family member (Breathe the Daylight, 9/22/98) are hard working self-promoters. In an article released in Billboard on 8/22/98, front man Chris Karn was quoted saying, “I was never delicate or shy about wanting to be signed...I really don’t believe in the attitude a lot of bands have that they have to stay underground to be cool...” But there must be something more to this trio from Orange County, CA if they were signed to the same record label as such bands as Everclear, Radiohead, and the Beastie Boys.

This past summer Sonichrome (Karn, bassist Rodney Mollura, and drummer Craig Randolph) began their promotional work as an opening act on tour with Everclear, Fastball, and Marcy Playground. Karn has cited Art Alexis (front man of Everclear) as being like a mentor to him. As of now until October 7, they are on tour with Everclear.

Sonichrome’s first single, “Honey Please,” has been receiving airplay on modern rock and mainstream stations since about mid-August. It’s catchy beat and mind-implanting lyrics make it an ideal choice to introduce the public to the band. “Started in December you know you’ll never get that far/What you’ve got to worry, boy you’re gonna be a star/If seeing is believing I believe I’m leaving tomorrow I’ll be gone! Honey please, please don’t bite.”

Breathe the Daylight cleverly meshes together pop, rock, with a twist of modern edge in a montage of schizophrenia molded together to create an overall fun and enjoyable debut album. Many of the songs are reminiscent of pop-rock bands from the ‘80s and leave you trying to remember just who those bands are. The album bursts lively into your ears with the energy driven song “Over Confident” (set to be the band’s second single). “But I love you. I love you. You know I’m thinking of you. I need you. I need you. You know I’ve got to have you. And I love you, I love you for myself.” As in this song, the album is filled with songs that obviously draw from Karn’s own experiences in life or that of the world around him.

The emotional attempt of the album ranges from lyrics with a true message capable of inspiration to simple silly songs. “Save Me” is a true message capable of inspiration to simple silly songs. “Save Me,” by Breathe the Daylight is not only paced with somber serious messages. On the other side of the emotional rainbow is “Saloman” who is awaiting the day he will be abducted by aliens: “I dream of the day when they’ll come take me away/The little green men come to play (come call my name) /they’ll call, they’ll call, they’ll call, they’ll call, they’ll call me saloman.”

Sonichrome takes time to like, however. When first played, there seems to be nothing special or different about them. Karn sounds like one hundred other lead singers - a slightly twangy voice attempting to convey some kind of emotion. However, the more you listen the more they do grow on you, and even Karn’s voice seems to get less and less twangy. The best part of the album is Karn’s lyrics. He writes honest and freely from the heart of a poet. Randolph and Mollura are not to be overshadowed here though, both equally contribute great musical talent to the overall success of the album.

If one thing is true about life it’s that nothing in it is ever certain. This may be even truer for the entertainment world. Capitol records may have a history of signing long lasting successful bands but that doesn’t prevent Sonichrome from being simply another one hit wonder. However, with their catchy beats, meaningful moving lyrics, and of course hard promotional work, Sonichrome may just be around for a long time.

R. Kelly’s soon to be released album Rated R will be a 28-song, double CD set featuring artists such as Keith Murray, Cam’ron, Noreaga, Jay-Z, Foxy Brown, and Nas. Rated R to be released on October 27. To be sure to check for that.

On my radio this week:
1. Jay-Z - Vol. 2... Hard Knock Life
2. OutKast - Aquemini
3. Mos Def and Talib Kweli - Black Star
4. Xzibit - 40 Dayz & 40 Nightz
5. Lauryn Hill - Miseducation of Lauryn Hill

TopTen CD’s for 10/6

1. The Brian Setzer Orchestra - The Dirty Boogie
2. Meat Beat Manifesto - Actual Sound & Voices
3. Hipster Daddio & Hand Grenades - Armed & Swingin’
4. Legendary Pink Dots - Nemesis Online
5. Royal Crown Revue - The Contender
6. Dave’s Big Deluxe - Miss Fortune
7. Shudder to Think - First Love soundtrack
8. Six String Samurai - Soundtrack
9. Goo Goo Dolls - Dizzy Up the Girls
10. Less Than Jake - Hello Rockview

Be sure to check in 2 weeks for more news! Peace

WMSC 90.3 FM
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**Mondays:**
- 3-5 p.m. Joe Pagani - Punk Hardcore and SKA
- 5-7 p.m. Anne Royce - Alternative
- 7-9 p.m. Jose Cruz - Alternative and Heavy Metal
- 9-11 p.m. Brian Coher - “The Outhouse” Country and Country Rock
- 11:15-1:30 a.m. Brendan Whelan - Alternative

**Tuesdays:**
- 8-11 a.m. Paul Simon - “Africa 2000”
- 11-1 p.m. Mike Stanislowsky - Folk and Blues
- 3-5 p.m. Prof. Tom McKenzie - “Jazz, Rhythm and All Them Blues”
- 5-7 p.m. Marisela Riveras - “Latinos in the House”
- 7-9 p.m. Jorge Garcia - Latino
- 9-11 p.m. Orlando Ruiz - “El Sonido Tropical”
- 11-1:30 a.m. David Cummings - House and R&B

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- 11-1 p.m. Jose Cruz - Alternative
- 1-3 p.m. JB - “The Bumble Bee Tuna Show” SKA/Punk
- 3-5 p.m. Joe Pagani - Punk, Hardcore and SKA
- 5-7 p.m. Troy Pavuk - SKA/Punk and Swing
- 7-9 p.m. Ted Dilorio - “Swing U” Swing, SKA and Rock-a-Billy
- 9-11 p.m. Steve Larger - “Positive Impact” Hardcore and Hip Hop
- 11:15-1:30 a.m. Orkyd - Gothic and Industrial

**Thursdays:**
- 9-11 p.m. Bobby DeMarco - Sports Talk Show
- 11-1 p.m. Lady Sky - “Jah Vibes” Reggae
- 1-3 p.m. Armando Cabeza - Alternative
- 3-5 p.m. Jeff - Jazz
- 5-7 p.m. Karen Clarke - Hip-Hop and House
- 7-9 p.m. DJ Haze - Hip-Hop and House
- 9-11 p.m. Dan & Matt - Hip-Hop and Jungle
- 11-1:30 a.m. Angel R. - Hip-Hop and House

**Fridays:**
- 10-12 p.m. Nadia Torres - Latino
- 12-3 p.m. Teresa - “Female Trouble” Female Pop
- 3-5 p.m. Jose Cruz - Alternative
- 5-7 p.m. Justin Vellucci - “Spiderland” Obscure/Acoustic
- 7-9 p.m. Jimmy Williams - Alternative
- 9-11 p.m. Sharon Jez - Alternative, Old School Punk
- 11-1:30 a.m. DJ First - Hip-Hop and House

**Saturdays:**
- 8-11 a.m. Carlos Pena - Spanish Rock
- 11-6 p.m. Dean Smikel and Sharon Addison - “The Reggae Experience”

**Sundays:**
- 3-5 p.m. Basim Bruncic - Islamic Talk and Music
- 5-6 p.m. Brian Toal - Sports Talk
- 6-8 p.m. Jonathan Chavis - Christian/Gospel
- 8-10 p.m. Tara Kealion - Alternative and Pop
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Seating is limited, so sign up in the Legal Studies office, DI 348 (655-4152) to guarantee a spot on the bus. All others will be seated if possible on a first come first serve basis.

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Phi Alpha Delta is a class IV organization of the SGA; The Student Paralegal Association is a class II organization of the SGA.
Do you think that racism is a big problem at MSU?

"No, I don't think there's any racism at MSU. I've been here a year and all of the people I've met seem to be pretty cool about race."

Tullo Arango, Computer Science/Mathematics

"I've been here a year and all of the people I've met seem to be pretty cool about race."

Miguel Frias, Sociology

Definitely, I feel that racism is quite prominent on this campus because there is a lack of awareness about many cultures here at MSU. I feel that many people are just uneducated about other cultures so they have stereotypes that tear down the community on campus."

Karen Clarke, English

For an in-depth look into race relations on campus, turn to Page 1.

This Week's Question:
Are you satisfied with the police escort service provided for students at night?

Let your voice be heard!
Call 655-7616 or e-mail VellucciJ@alpha.montclair.edu to respond.

Erasing Visions of Black and White

Is Montclair State University a campus divided by the color of each student's skin? For every individual who claims that MSU is a racist institution that associates each student with their assigned social and racial name tag, there is an individual who claims that the opportunity for each student, regardless of race, to acquire an education erases any hint of racism. While some may claim that Greek fraternities and sororities encourage unity amongst students of different cultural backgrounds, others claim that they encourage segregation. Is race an urgent issue facing the campus and student population of MSU and, furthermore, can there be a solution to a question that cannot even be answered?

To ensure that racism does not threaten the campus, many students and administrators have formed organizations and scheduled forums and conferences to battle racial prejudices. The Unity Collaboration, organized by the SGA and the Dean of Students, consists of various organizations encouraging minority pride and racial harmony are all vehicles meant to fight racism. Do they really work?

Administrators, often attempting to paint the portrait of MSU as a healthy, diverse and multicultural institution, seem to miss the point. Instead of encouraging students to knock down barriers between races and different social groups, they try to build new walls shaped by statistics and percentage points of "equal opportunity." The Montclarion has been criticized on several occasions by Dean Harris, the Associate Dean of Students, for not having enough editors who are minorities. The door of The Montclarion is always open to new staff members and new voices and, at no point, has race been a deciding factor in the election of our executive board. We are repeatedly told to not judge people by the color of their skin and to remember that all human beings, regardless of race, are equals. In the very next breath, however, we are told that some people are more equal than others, some not quite equal enough. To counteract racism, administrators feed us ... racism.

We could not encourage students at MSU enough to be open-minded to the ideologies of other cultures, to the thoughts of other individuals. This paper thrives on the exchange of ideas and not on the exclusion of any of them. It would be amazingly dangerous to promote a narrow-minded environment, for that is where ignorance, prejudice and racial tension preside. But, we must stop looking at the problems facing our campus in terms of black and white. It is then, and only then, that the race lines which mark our campus from the Blanton/Bohn Quad to College Hall will disappear.
Freedom of Speech and the Student Voice of Montclair State

I f the founding fathers of this nation were on the cam­ pus of Montclair State University today, they would probably feel sick to their stomachs. I can imagine them sitting on the steps of the Student Center watching people scurry from class to class, curious as to what the students of the university believe to be the most important and urgent issues of the day. They joke about how these young people hope to leave their own mark on society and the nation. If they only had remained on the tours given by red-suited Admissions machines, they might have been fairly impressed with the state of the university in the clos­ ing years of the twentieth century. But, for every minute that they spend on this campus listening in on student con­ versations, peering into the windows of classrooms, thumb­ ing through the pages of the student newspaper, they see the freedoms that they fought so hard to protect slowly wither away. It doesn’t take a visionary to understand the ill that faces us. Here at MSU, the freedom of speech might as well be as dead as the founding fathers of this nation.

Without launching into my litany of complaints about the state of this university, I think it is safe to say that there are a myriad of concerns and issues that we, as think­ ing human beings, need to address. The largest shadow hovering over us, however, is our inability to address them.

I was hoping that, as the Opinion Page Editor of The Montclarion, I could encourage some form of intelligent discourse between students and faculty members wishing to have their voices heard. The freedom of speech en­ sures that we are each given the right to express what is in our hearts and in our minds and I feel that it is a privilege to be able to give form to the section of the paper most dedi­ cated to preserving that freedom. It is a freedom that, when utilized properly, can be a powerful tool of change, a ve­ hicle to lead the individual’s words to actions, and a plat­ form on which every human being can truly make a differ­ ence. Only a few weeks into my run as editor, however, I cannot help but ask: Where have we gone wrong?

Instead of using our freedom of speech to instigate any sort of social, political or intellectual change at this univer­ sity, most of us seem to use it to justify our biases and our hatred and use it like a fire-blanket when someone becomes of­ fended by what we have to say. When was the last time that you feel that the free­ dom of speech was used as anything but an accomplice or a scapegoat? It truly upsets me to know that I have witnessed by others’ student voice.

The lack of discourse that I hoped would have been generated between students also exhibits just how useless our biases and our hatred and use it like a fire-blanket when someone becomes of­ fended by what we have to say. When was the last time that you feel that the free­ dom of speech was used as anything but an accomplice or a scapegoat? It truly upsets me to know that I have witnessed.

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Learning to understand and appreciate each facet of American culture can be

As much as I believe that students should have the right to choose whether or not they want to be multi-culturally aware, I am forced to disagree with the logic behind Mr. Buffer's argument. His interpretation of the multicultural requirement (MAR) seems to be a distortion of his perceptions and his own. Much as I'm certain that we all appreciate his sharing of these perceptions with us, I personally would like to say, "No, thank you." I believe that I speak for the majority of the students when I say that we are quite capable of drawing our own valid conclusions.

I am, however, very troubled by his argument. I cannot understand the basis of your claim about my neighbors. I want to appreciate their culture, but I am not forced to disagree, but where we also recognize our responsibility to seek consensus and to accept, to disagree, but where we also recognize our responsibility to seek consensus and to accept, with live, with, and learn from differences of view.

I care that this be a well-administered university that recognizes its heavy responsibility to provide medium of public resources for the public good.

And I care that, as a community, we are able to make the best of things, not the worst; that we are able to keep a reasonable perspective and healthy sense of humor about things.

This university was established in 1908, and since the time of its inception, it has accomplished much good. In many ways, that history is an enormous benefit, but it also means that this institution is no spring chicken. We recognize that roofs are getting old and, from time to time, will leak; that parking lots have not kept up with the proliferation of motor vehicles and will, at the most inconvenient moment, be full and inaccessible; that cables buried underground decades ago have been dug up and the earth is building suddenly into darkness. Working with the talented and dedicated employees of the university, I will do my best to contribute in the correction of these faults. We must build on our planned and prioritized, and through vigorous communication, we will keep making this grand university better.

Students have an important role to play in the process. It is critical that you "work the system." By that I mean that you use the services that are available, and, when they are not working for you, be sure to follow through. Bring the problem to the attention of the appropriate university officer, or bring the problem to the attention of your elected student government leaders. Think through the issues, and constructive suggestions about how this university can improve its services.

The university is not an abstract concept or an entity outside of ourselves. A university is people, and this university, Montclair State University, is each of us. You are correct, Justin, that it is my responsibility to lead, and I intend to do that, but it is all of us together, each day, who create this university.

Susan A. Cole
President, Montclair State University

Multiculturalism at MSU shows how truly diverse American culture can be

I would like to address Justin Buffer and his editorial regarding the eradication of the Multicultural Awareness Requirement.

The Multicultural Awareness Requirement (MAR) offers just the name indicates: awareness of more than one culture. Doing away with it is not a good idea, for without it, we all might end up with minds as narrow as yours. How could you make a comment as blind as "Multiculturalism clashes with everything this country is about?" Multiculturalism is precisely what this country is about. This country was built on, in fact, America is probably the most multicultural country in the world.

Look around—this is not an Asian nation. How many different cultures can we add to the list? Many. The people on campus are not just the people from MSU students represent? Our neighborhoods are comprised of a wide ethnic variety. Since we all live together, I would like to know about my neighbors. I want to appreciate their customs and traditions, and I want to understand how they have influenced my own. Don’t you have the slightest inkling of interest in who your fellow students and citizens are, and why they do things that are different from what you do? Do you have the slightest desire to travel to other lands and experience other cultures first hand? I do!

Based on your letter, I guess that you have not traveled much, especially outside of the United States. Being in a foreign land is the best way to learn about it. However, this is not always convenient. Therefore, we must study other cultures from books.

I agree that this is a great nation. America is the Land of Opportunity, where people have the rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." People come here from all over the world specifically for those reasons. The fact that our population is so ethnically diverse makes us multicultural, right? One would be hard pressed to classify any specific race or tradition as "American" because just about everyone and everything here besides the Native Americans-who can be studied in one of the MAR courses) is from, or influenced by, another culture.

We are admired by other countries which some, like yourself, might consider "oppressive and backwards." But does everyone that does not learn about them? Have they nothing to teach us? Do you actually believe that every aspect of our culture descended from Europe? What about Asian and African influences on medicine, farming, food, music?

Where do you think your calendar originated? When it comes to learning from these so-called "inferior" cultures is how to be, they have already taught us a valuable lesson. I don’t understand how abolishing the MAR is going to help us "remain [culturally] superior". Wouldn’t we first have to know about other cultures in order to deem them inferior to our own? Your claim that American culture is the best and we should not waste our time learning about lesser cultures is ridiculous. If everyone assumed your uni-cultural, ethnocentric philosophy, our culture would never advance; self-improvement would be impossible. But, looking back over the centuries, we have made tremendous progress due to the fact that we learn from other people’s mistakes and right-doings, as well as from our own.

The Multicultural Awareness Requirement attempts to acquaint us with various customs and traditions from around the world. And, since "American culture" is, in essence, only a mixture of other cultures, the MAR also allows us examine ourselves. It gives us a glimpse into the behind-the-scenes making of America. It offers clues to how we arrived at where we are today—what shaped us, and why we practice certain traditions and customs. We can understand ourselves based on our knowledge of other cultures.

Mr. Buffer, I hope you realize the importance of the Multicultural Awareness Requirement. Unfortunately, some students do not, and would not take the time to learn about another culture unless it was required of them. I think the MAR is a positive contribution to any education and a necessary period of transition, and a little experience that we can learn to understand and respect your wish to hear from your new president.

Carissa Borragine
Humanities

"America has long been termed the "land of opportunity." Let us not close our minds to what diversity there is."

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OPINION

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An Open Letter to Justin Vellucci from the University

Dear Justin:

I read your open letter to me, published in the Oct. 1, 1998 issue of The Montclarion, with great interest. I both understand and respect your wish to hear from your new president and to feel that the university has a sense of direction and purpose. You were granted the opportunity to do so because there is a necessary period of transition, and a little more than one month is not quite enough time for my leadership to be felt or even for my face to be readily recognized around the campus.

I have always been known as a rather forceful and outgoing personality, so I expect that it will probably not take too long before my presence begins to be more noticed. Nevertheless, I welcome the opportunity to share some of my current views about the university in The Montclarion.

I think you will find over time that there are some very specific things that I care about and to which I intend to devote a good portion of my energies:

1. That our academic programs are of the highest possible quality. How could you make a comment as blind as "he is imposed with the need to be better than one another. These partnerships, collaborations, and student and faculty service opportunities to the "real world" that surrounds our university community, and that our students are well-prepared to understand and to contribute to that world.

2. That this be a well-administered university that recognizes its heavy responsibility to provide medium of public resources for the public good.

And I care that, as a community, we are able to make the best of things, not the worst; that we are able to keep a reasonable perspective and healthy sense of humor about things.

This university was established in 1908, and since the time of its inception, it has accomplished much good. In many ways, that history is an enormous benefit, but it also means that this institution is no spring chicken. We recognize that roofs are getting old and, from time to time, will leak; that parking lots have not kept up with the proliferation of motor vehicles and will, at the most inconvenient moment, be full and inaccessible; that cables buried underground decades ago have been dug up and the earth is building suddenly into darkness. Working with the talented and dedicated employees of the university, I will do my best to contribute in the correction of these faults. We must build on our planned and prioritized, and through vigorous communication, we will keep making this grand university better.

Students have an important role to play in the process. It is critical that you "work the system." By that I mean that you use the services that are available, and, when they are not working for you, be sure to follow through. Bring the problem to the attention of the appropriate university officer, or bring the problem to the attention of your elected student government leaders. Think through the issues, and constructive suggestions about how this university can improve its services.

The university is not an abstract concept or an entity outside of ourselves. A university is people, and this university, Montclair State University, is each of us. You are correct, Justin, that it is my responsibility to lead, and I intend to do that, but it is all of us together, each day, who create this university.
Montclair State University: An institute for thinking, not drinking

I do not support the recent proposal to allow the sale of alcohol on campus. I have read every article and other type of information that has been printed about this controversy since the beginning. I have read that the sale of alcohol in the Ratt will “improve campus life” overall. I don’t see how this could be. Has anyone read the information about the last time that alcohol was sold on campus? Has anyone read about the horrors that occurred in the Ratt while alcohol was being served? Maybe horror is a strong word, but I call a spade a spade, and I want you to know it is an injury horrible. Does anyone really think that these things wouldn’t happen now? If 20 fake ID’s were confiscated in 1985, in one night, and 11 underage drinkers were arrested in 1989, also in one night, clearly there would be a problem now.

I heard an argument that if alcohol isn’t on campus then off-campus students would be forced to drive off campus to a bar and endanger their life driving back home to campus. If there are 13,000 students at MSU and only 297 students that live on campus are of legal drinking age, wouldn’t it be more dangerous for the off-campus students to drink at school and then drive home drunk? Is anyone’s vote’s being flung by the fraternities on campus? that says “Don’t let education affect college?” This makes me sick because MSU is a university. It is not a social interaction, but that is not its goal. It is a school such as MSU does offer some of the best teaching in the area of multiculturalism as a tool to understand our own culture. Everyone needs to be respected. Not only students, but faculty as well.

I went with a friend to the Ratt on a five-minute break during a lecture. I was one of the first people to arrive at the bar, and I was not the first person to arrive. I heard that Christopher Columbus was not the first person to arrive in America. He was the first person to go back to Europe, and initiate genocide here in the Americas. The idea of freedom did not bring many groups to our country. The idea of freedom did not bring many groups to our country. The idea of freedom did not bring. The idea of freedom did not bring many groups to our country. The idea of freedom did not bring many groups to our country. The idea of freedom did not bring many groups to our country.

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I have been accused recently of being a wiseass. That I can handle. I am a wiseass and, what's more, I take pride in it. But I make a big distinction between knowledge and the ability to devise new phrases for Holistic Massage Therapy. A wise man once said, "I know nothing." That man was Al Gore. Or maybe it was Arthur Schopenhauern. Or Will E. Coyote. I forget.

The point is, I may very well be a wiseass, but I'm certainly not perfect. I have faults just like everyone else on the planet with the obvious exception of underwear model Tyra Banks. As far as I can tell, that woman has no discernable faults.

But me, I seem to have no knowledge whatsoever concerning a very integral part of my daily existence: women. There's no getting around it. I have absolutely no idea what the female gender is thinking. That whole "Women Are From Venus, Men Are From Somewhere Underneath Your Living Room Sofa" notion is not that far off base. Jack Nicholson offered his theory in "As Good As It Gets," and I could see how it might be attractive, but it doesn't work for me. The absence of reason and accountability would not automatically make one female or Michael Irwin would be a woman. I suggest we leave that one alone.

After copious brainstorming sessions, by which I mean getting drunk multiple times, I found that most of the guys I talked to were in the exact same boat as me. Well, a boat with a bunch of guys on it does not always smell like a herd of wildebeest. At this point, I jumped ship and tried talking to my female friends, who proceeded to editorialize a bit here, but Leo should not have been cast as Jack in "Titanic;" the role should have gone to a Raggedy Andy doll. Leo should son a miniskirt and pumps and replace Ginger Spice in time for the overpowering blockbuster "Space World 2: The Girls Discuss Existentialism And Nothingness." Girl Power, Leo! I mean, Girl Power, Pretty Spice!

The unfair parallel that jumps right out and bites me in the rear end is Kate Moss. The fact that this woman has gained a social status above several Supreme Court members is a testament to a firm personal belief. Namely, that nature is a vicious bitch. Seriously though, I feel bad for her. I want to give her the change in my pocket so she can buy a Big Mac with it and gain some weight. Maybe that's how she made money, people the world over felt sorry for her and sent her money. They must have been running "Save Kate Moss" ads with a weepy Sally Struthers. Who are you looking at, you see, Kate falls into the category of theoretical physics that scientists refer to as "animat­". I say that when your waist is smaller than a Slim Jim, you are no longer attrac­tive. You are one step short of being trans­parent. Please women, don't compare your­self to some genetic distortion. You will find that if you ask most men, the ability to pass through a drop in mail slot is not high on their list of appealing traits in a woman. The ability to suck a tennis ball through a cock­tail straw might be there on, but you're pretty safe with the mail slot thing.

Another perfect example of contrast­ing attitudes with interesting parallels is "contraceptive cleavage." I know I'll catch heat for this, but bear with me. Ladies, I apologize in advance for saying so, but if your outfit in any way reveals a part of your breasts, men will look. Please do not get upset or perturbed. It is not a lack of sensitivity. It is BIOLOGY, and a few years of Political Cor­rectness will not undo millions of years of evolution. Okay, maybe it's insensitive when we are so utterly consumed that we forget about more important things, such as a house burning to its foundation around us. The point is, we may try our hardest to look away and be polite, but we cannot es­cape. The human female breasts were de­signed to attract human males. If you want a guy to stop staring at your cleavage and start drooling over something else, put on a sportsbra.

Before the women out there get high and mighty and say, "I knew it!" I will point out that they, too, are guilty of such practices. Let me give you an example. Some of you ladies are Yankee fans, and I concur. I'm a Bomber fan as well. But I think of Derek Jeter as an extremely tal­ented and reliable shortstop and batter on my favorite professional baseball club. To the women, however, it seems as though Mr. Jeter is per­fect husband material and I have yet to encounter a female Yankee fan who does not have carnal lust for him. No matter what they are do­ing- be it cutting hair, homework, or chancy organ transplanting, if Derek Jeter appears on screen, they look directly at his butt. It is al­most as if Mr. Jeter installed a tractor beam to his back­side. Ladies, I cannot say this any more clearly. "Derek Jeter's Butt-Cleavage. Now do you un­derstand? You can run, but you cannot hide, ladies. I know your dirty little habit. Two words: greeting cards. Since the invention of the clay tablet, men have been trying to figure out what women see in them. For $1.25 and puppy dog eyes, they bail you out of serious hot water, but after­wards, the card constantly lives far beyond its perceived male usefulness of three point eight seconds. I had a girlfriend who re­ceived a card from me for her birthday in January. In April, when we broke up, she still had the card displayed prominently in her room so that all could see. WHY? At the risk of sounding like an uncultured cave­man holding a greeting-tablet, what the hell was she thinking? After I get a card, like most guys I know, I use it as kindling. More proof that I don't understand women. By the way, ladies, have you ever wondered what your boyfriend/husband never saw fit to throw out his favorite T­shirt with the obscene slogan from 1988? I'll bet women everywhere know just what I'm talking about. "It's full of holes! It's got sweat stains the size of tractors in the arm­ pits and its color has faded from coal black to clear. It feels like Saran Wrap. For what reason has he been holding on to it?" As I write this, I've got on my favorite shirt. It has twenty or thirty shirt molecules remain­ing and the rest is held together by the fond memories the shirt and I have shared. What comes to mind are many keggers, two girl­friends, several holiday parties, and a Su­per Bowl. Men may not always make com­mitments and have lasting relationships with women, but T-shirts are fair game. At least they don't keep greeting cards way past their prime.

There are many analogies I could make, but they would take up too much time and I need some Guinness, anyway. All this thinking about men and women not getting along is eating away at my brain. Besides, I like women a lot. If that means we won't always understand each other, I can live with that so long as no one tries to burn my fa­vorite shirt. A wise man once said, "Vive le difference!" For those of you who do not speak French, that means, "Nice cleavage!" That man was Leonardo DiCaprio. I'm Fin's, and that ends my discussion. Get off the throne, you toilet hog. Other people need it.
A Word From Your Editor...

By Teresa DeFabrizio
Humor Mistress

"I found this article disturbing, gross, and tasteless." - T. DeFabrizio, squirrel lover

"I thought it was good eating." - C. Finegan, road warrior

Due to last week's horrendous recipe for "Fin's Mountain Man Squirrel-Grape Nuts Surprise," I am forced to respond with a kinder, gentler take. For all of you who have read my previous article, you now know my affection for the small, furry rodents. Squirrels are sweet, noble creatures who should not be used in such brutal acts. Might I suggest a better alternative: people. Yes, people, human beings, not furry rodents. Squirrels are sweet, noble creatures who should not be used in such brutal acts. Might I suggest a better alternative: people. Yes, people, human beings, not furry rodents.

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Women should particularly fear this inhuman creature. Please carry Guiness® with you at all times ladies. The potent beverage is know to stall and slow the beast. If you think about that strange, soft, pink meat they serve in Chinese food. God only knows what is, but you eat it anyway...

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Psychos invade campus

By Lynette Surie
Arts Editor

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Ron Lewis’ return is the final piece of the offensive puzzle

By Jason Lampa
Sports Editor

When Ron Lewis went down with an injury in the first half of the season opening things didn’t look good for the Montclair State Football Team. Lewis, the leading rusher from the 1997 season was the one-game breaking back the Red Hawks had in their arsenal, and his loss would put extra pressure on Jason DeVirgilio, a freshman quarterback making his first collegiate start, and an unproven receiving core.

The receiving core may have panicked and let the loss of a starting player put a damper on the season, but the Red Hawks under the leadership of Head Coach Rich Giancola, turned the loss of Lewis into a vehicle of empowerment.

In Lewis’s absence, senior Reggie Johnson moved from his fullback position to tailback, to run for over 400 yards in the Red Hawks first four games. Although not the fleetest of foot, Johnson used his north-south running style to punch opposing defenses week after week.

Along with Johnson, freshmen running back Sean Brown took advantage of the injury to Lewis.

Brown, like Johnson, will never be mistaken for Carl Lewis, but his toughness and quickness through the holes has given the Red Hawks another offensive threat.

He leads the team in touchdowns with eight and has rushed for 250 yards on 42 carries. The list of contributors from the running back position would not be complete if fullback John Yessis wasn’t mentioned. Yessis, a junior from Midland Park, has played a solid role in MSU’s 4-1 record with his ability to catch the ball coming out of the back field. On the season Yessis has caught six passes for 125 yards.

DeVirgilio, who has started every game at quarterback this season, has been a pleasant surprise this season after beating out eight other players for the starting role in pre-season.

He has completed 60 of 104 passes this season for 831 yards and six touchdowns, while only being intercepted twice.

The receiving core that DeVirgilio has thrown to is doing an outstanding job, with 15 different players catching passes.

Leading the way has been freshmen Jamal Dorsey from Roselle. Dorsey has become the Red Hawks deep threat; catching eight passes for 181 yards, including a 90 yard touchdown reception against Brookport in the third game of the season.

Second to Dorsey in receptions is fellow freshman Mike Orlando. Orlando had caught seven passes for 87 yards.

Now, with Lewis returning from his injury, the Red Hawks have the final piece of their offensive puzzle intact. In his first game back on Saturday, Lewis exploded for 177 yards on 18 carries, including a 56 yard touchdown run.

This time Lewis was filling in for Johnson, who sprained his ankle and was unable to play. Johnson should return to action this week, opening up the possibility of Lewis and Johnson lining up together in the back field for the first time since the opener.

When Lewis returns to the playing field has solidified the already tough Red Hawk offense.
Men's Soccer kicks it to the competition

By Tess Sterling
Staff Writer

The MSU Men's Soccer team was impressive this past week with victories over Caldwell College, Roger Williams University of Rhode Island, and Keene State of New Hampshire.

The Red Hawks took on Roger Williams University in Rhode Island on Sunday, October 11 on what was supposed to be a three game road trip.

MSU dominated RWU outscoring them 4-1 with freshman forward Atiba Yusuf scoring two goals. Those two goals marked Yusuf’s twelfth on the season, setting a new record for goals in a season by a freshman, which was formerly held by teammate Sebastian DiBello.

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Offensive Player of the Week

Ron Lewis
Running Back
5’11
190 lbs.
Ashbury Park

Having not played since opening day due to an injured knee, Lewis came back in dramatic fashion against Kean on Saturday in the Red Hawks 28-0 victory. Lewis rushed for 177 yards on 18 carries, including a 56-yard touchdown run at the start of the third quarter.

Defensive Player of the Week

Jason Bratcher
Safety
5’11
200 lbs.
Bloomfield

Bratcher has been a major contributor to a Red Hawk defense that has allowed only three touchdowns in five games. Bratcher leads the team with three interceptions, getting his third on Saturday against Kean.

Football gains momentum for Homecoming Weekend after a 28-0 victory over Kean College

Red hot Hawks dominate game in Kean shutout

By Paul Lewiarz
Staff Writer

The football team refreshed themselves with a stunning victory over Kean College last Saturday. The win leads the Red Hawks into the Homecoming game this weekend against William Patterson.

The first quarter was like a chess match for both teams, each team analyzing the other with exacting precision trying to reveal any known weakness.

After the second quarter, it was a one-sided football game with MSU dominating the game offensively and defensively. The Red Hawks went onto win the game 28-0.

The Red Hawk’s scoring drive was 78 yards that went for 5 plays and took only 2:26 to complete. DeVigilio had 130 rushing on the afternoon for 2 touchdowns.

In the third quarter, MSU looked like the Denver Broncos playing the Dallas Cowboys in the Super Bowl. MSU out hustled, out fought, out run and muscled the Keans Cougars. At the end of the third quarter, the score was 28-0 with MSU scoring three touchdowns in the quarter.

The fourth quarter culminated with Kean being penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct giving the MSU offense 15 yards. This is when the final MSU touchdown came for the day when Running Back Sean Brown slashed through the Kean defense for 34 yards. The score was now 28-0 and Kean was totally out of the game.

This will be a very important weekend for head coach Rob Chesney who currently has 99 career wins.

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