Disgruntled Financial
Aid Director resigns

After 30 years with the
Financial Aid Dept., Dr.
Randall Richards leaves
citing lack of recognition

By Roxanne DeCosta
Staff Writer

Director of Financial Aid, Dr.
Randall Richards resigned from
his position after 30 years recently,
claiming that the university failed
to show him the proper recogni-
tion he deserved for his hard work
and contributions over the years.

Dr. Richards mentioned that he
tried repeatedly to reclassify from
a director II status with a pay range
of 30, to a director I position with
a higher pay range of 32, because
he felt that with his duties and re-
sponsibilities he deserved a higher
compensation.

"I believe that as the manager
and director of such a program, I
should have received higher com-
ensation from the university," Dr.
Richards emphasized.

Richard sites that his resigna-
tion stems from another job offer.

"I enjoyed working with the
financial aid staff and students at
Montclair State University and I
would have preferred to stay. How-
ever, there was no potential growth
for me at Montclair State. Another
position of interest and good op-
portunity came about and given the
circumstance I decided it was time
to make a change," Dr. Richards
stated.

Dr. Richards was Assistant Di-
mector for five years and Director

Racial Boundaries: How MSU draws the lines - Part 1

College community assesses racism

By Maureen Samedy
Staff Writer

In 1908 when this institution
was established, the issue of rac-
ism in our country was quite evi-
dent. MSU has maintained, both
then and now, that it is an equal
opportunity institution. Almost a
century later however, the sub-
ject of race relations remains a
poignant and irascible issue on
campus.

Warren Heiss, Professor and
Graduate Advisor for Learning
Disabilities, who has been at MSU
for 27 years now and Chair of the
graduate council for almost 15
years has noticed change, not only
in student diversity, but in faculty
as well.

"In the early ‘70s the faculty
here was predominately white
males. It’s much more diverse
now more than ever, but it’s prob-
ably not as diverse as it should be
or could be. My graduate students
were predominately white female,
and that has become more diverse
as well,” said Heiss.

Students today will not argue
that race relation on campus is an
unsettling matter. Kcsnatta Monte-
gomery, a member of Zeta Phi Phi
Sorority Inc. views race

"College are microcosms of
society. All you have to do is
watch the news or look at society
as a whole,” Montgomery affirms.

Tasnisha Grier, a member of
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority believes
that there is some latent racial hos-
tility on campus.

"I’ve been here for four years
and I’ve always felt racial tension
on campus,” Grier said. Grier
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be made more aware of the issue
of race.

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should be offered, especially for
freshmen,” Grier stated.

MSU and Technology:
Redefining the Classroom - Part 3

Computerized entrance
testing being explored

By Christine Quigley
News Assignments Editor

A new placement exam in
Spanish will soon be established
for incoming freshman and trans-
fer 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 Lan-
guage 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 lan-
guage 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 lan-
guages, as their general education
requirement, said Heller.

The exam is given via com-
puter, and is more effective than
the paper and pencil test, in that
the computer adapts itself to the
students. The computer begins
with certain questions and changes
them to tougher or easier ques-
tions, depending on the student’s
strong and weak points, said
Heller.

"The exam is very accurate
because it is geared toward the stu-
dent, and if you get a certain ques-
tion wrong, it asks questions to
find out what you do know and

MULTICULTURAL MIX-UP: SGA President Anton Wheeler and daughter listen to Montclarian opinion
columnist Justin Buffor discuss his disapproval of multicultural education at the SGA meeting yesterday.

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In the Oct. 8 issue, the article entitled "Extended shuttle bus hours provide safer environment for campus night life" was written by Susan Alonzo.
Racism

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

Becoming 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 Matsus Ayres and the Student Government Association.

"Unity Collaboration is a collaborative 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 SGA, the University Council and the College of Arts and Sciences will hold a series of open forums on the issues of race, says Dean Harris.

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

The issue of Fraternity and Sorority life, say many, pose one race also raises questions on the issue of promoting multiculturalism on campus. Wheeler asserts that Fraternities and Sororities of one predominate race causes no hindrance to racial progression.

"If 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.

Racism

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A TRICKY TALENT

Richards felt he should have gotten a raise

for the last 25 years. During those 25 years as Director of Financial Aid, hith and the rest of the financial aid staff provided financial assistance to over 28,000 students by awarding approximately $365 million.

"For the 1998-1999 academic year alone, we awarded $4 million to over 5,200 students. Approximately ten years ago, financial aid was in the $10-$11 million range and it has increased by over 400%," stated Richards.

"The Financial Aid staff has grown over the past 25 years from two to twenty-five. Montclair State was received the Federal Government Quality Assurance Award for the past two years and we have also been successful in recruiting students to participate in the Outstanding Scholars Recruitment Program. This provided academic grants ranging up to $7,500 per year, encouraging students with strong academic background to attend Montclair State University," Dr. Richards stated.

Dr. Richards is currently employed at the County College of Morris. There he is the Director of Enrollment Services, Admissions, Financial Aid and Registrar.

Exam

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Computerized test manipulates questions depending on students’ abilities

This exam. Students who finish in the first 15 minutes are not necessarily smarter, it simply means that their language capabilities are not as complex as other students, who may have grown up around various languages.

Heller is hopeful for the technological future of language learning. “The language lab of the future will be able to move more sophisticated with more specialized equipment and software.”

SEE “ERASING VISIONS OF BLACK AND WHITE” ON P. 16

HOMECOMING: Delta Chi was just one of the Greek organizations participating in the annual talent show held in the Student Center Ballrooms.
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 assess the area.

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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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

Gray 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 keep Montclair State University'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 was so 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 Koppel, 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 throughout the day in Dickson 178 with several programs and speakers. From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Police officers explained self-defense techniques that are used by their personal coming out stories with others. Following it from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. were PRIDE presidies and concluding the day was the safety awareness seminar.

"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. I think it's very good that MSU recognizes October as Coming Out Month," continued Marks in her statement.

"Everyone needs to know that he or she is not alone."

By April Marie

Staff Writer

Have you ever thought about what you'd do if you were suddenly attacked from behind one night? If not, tune in, now is the time to wise up and find out where you can go to be trained to protect yourself.

For the last four weeks Lieutenant Cell and assistants Sergeant Rosando, Vinny Roberson and Officer Carlos Ortiz have been holding sessions on self-defense. The focus of these classes are to offer people just like you, who don't have time to get trained formally, techniques that are easy to use and effective with minimal training. Lieutenant Cell and assistants inform participants how to shield themselves from the enemies' pressing pressure points, leverage techniques and body part breaking.

To ensure that MSU students are well prepared, the Lieutenant has been taught himself for the last 25 years. He was taught at Peaceful Path in Bloomsfield, Olympic Karate Institute in Nutley and The Self Defense Association of Japanese Tokyo Transit Police of NJ. He has also been trained at numerous Advanced Self Defense Course.

From his training has evolved the technique of Okinawa Goju-Ryu Karate which he uses to teach his students how to defend. This Karate includes such defense methods as the Hammer Hit, which is used to knock your enemy right in the bridge of the nose. The Back Kick, which is used when your opponent tries to grab you from behind. When this happens, the two of us to do is kick them in the stomach, if aiming high, in the knees, if aiming low and right where it hurts the most, in the groin, where you've kicked just that button.

Each session the participants practice on mats, using kick bags and punching bags, they even practice defense person on person. "I find it like I'm really learning because where we practice not only on bags but on real people, people who have been trained to help us learn about defense," explains energetic Enri Summa, an incoming freshman here at MSU. Believe it or not this whole self defense seminar "thang" isn't new here on campus. As a matter of fact it began about 6 years ago as a one hour annual luncheon seminar for women, requested by Dr. Ficke of the Women's Center. From this came a program put on by the Office of Police, which is called a self defense coaching session that could be beneficial to all students.

On Wednesday morning with the instruction of Lieutenant Cell, the advertisement of Montclair Cable, and Fliers many students have been given the opportunity to help themselves. "Everyone should take any type of training they can get especially when it relates to your safety," assures Lieutenant Cell.

So if you have a class late at night and end up walking to the bus stop or your residence hall alone in the dark (are you nuts!), drop in with Lieutenant Cell and see what you can learn about self defense. There are a total of six sessions and there are two more that will be held for the next two Mondays between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Nurse Student Center in RM 419. So don't wait, get moving toward your safety.

ACUI Conference held at MSU

On November 6 through November 8, 1998, the Montclair State University (MSU) ACUI Region 3 Conference, ACUI (Association of College Unions International) is a conference where representatives of college 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. The Assistant Director of the Student Center of Montclair State, will serve as the host director. During this conference, the Student Center staffs 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 scheduling to responding 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 brochure, 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 performing numerous other responsibilities incumbent with building management and customer service.

ACUI was founded in 1941 and has sought to help Student Centers and student activities professionals improve their programs and services and contribute to individual staff and student growth and development. To achieve this end, ACUI uses a comprehensive program of training, development and consultation services designed to help individuals who are involved in out-of-classroom experiences. The association, which began in 1941. The ACUI regional conference makes use of a wide range of educational and recreational programs, publications and a computerized information system on student unions and student activities programs.

The ACUI regional conference is an example of the educational programs used. This year's conference will consist of educational sessions, which are designed to inform those attending the conference of the different methods used by Student Centers and student activities personnel at other institutions. Also, a showcasing of different types of entertainment will take place so that the attendees will have a better idea of the breadth of programming options available to liven up their campuses. Among others, community musical bands, singers, magicians, and storytellers for the entertainment portion of the weekend.

The privilege of hosting the conference is due to the work of Kohli. While attending last year's conference at West Chester University, Kohli arranged for this year's conference to be held at Montclair State. As Kohli put it, "his bachelor's degree and MBA from MSU and acceptance this responsibility to promote the image of Montclair State University, and experience for his staff and to illustrate his belief in the principles of ACUI."

As Kohli's last conference as the Student Center serves to expand the means through which the college educates by providing programs and opportunities for individual growth and
Therapeutic Touch: A Way to Relieve Stress

By Lisa Gribben

Feeling stressed out already this semester? Do you daydream about a day where you can just 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 becoming successfully used to help people relieve 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 process. In her book Accepting Your Power to Heal: The Restoration of the person’s energy fields. The healer knows when the treatment can be ended. When completed, the person will feel more relaxed for the rest of the day. Therapeutic touch has been subject to much more research and testing. 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 job to aid in the healing process. The practice promotes that on an energy level, 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 healthy. There are many books published on this healing aid to those skeptical of the idea. For those of you who would wish to learn more about it, you can visit the Health Fair in November.

Does it Work? Yes!

By Stephanie Materazzi

When relatives buy you clothes for holiday gifts that are horrible, but you still have to act like you like them, and wear them when they are around.

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Inspirations...

By Dr. Rob Gilbert, Ph.D.

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3. NOW. When will you begin? Many people die with their songs unsung. Right now take one step (even if it’s a small micro-movement) in the direction of your dreams.

To hear Dr. Gilbert’s daily motivational messages, call the Success Hotline at (973) 743-4690.
Professor introduces government employers

Dr. Zilbergeld brings these speakers to MSU in order to increase student knowledge about pursuing careers within the US Government.

By Alex Markalov

Staff Writer

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 United States Government, the largest employer in the United States, hiring 2.5 percent of 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 workers that 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 Rowand and Inspector Matt Varisco of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. ATF offers tremendous employment opportunities which go along with sizable salaries. Agent Rowand, 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)

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 buyer on the door, despite this meaning going to most of the theaters 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.

The Englishman in New Jersey

By Daniel Fieller

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ake no mistake, competition for today's jobs 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 invaluable 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.

In the past, Union Camp had 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. Our latest efforts involve documenting the steps performed to execute these tasks to provide a reference for maintaining the AS/400. This is just a sample of the diverse and challenging tasks and activities a prospective Computer Science student might expect during a co-op internship. As one can see, I was able to apply some of the lessons I learned at MSU toward a wide variety of projects at Union Camp.

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.
I’m still thinking about Elmo...I highly doubt Holly McNarland is singing about the infectious, furry red-haired creature from Sesame Street most females love and adore. I would like to think she’s rantoing about some jerk that she can’t help but find the slightest bit charming.

McNarland’s album is, in fact, I say, a cornucopia of Staff, ego to 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 too-quickly literally 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 Bjork. 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 talent and likely may slide into the world of your very own MTV MTV, Holly. She is the down-to-earth girl who can control her “bitchiness.” She has a light voice to air to her voice, not the sickly sweet, reminding me at times of the most elegant Sarah McLachlan.

This is probably the song with the most “hooks,” giving you catchy lyrics like, “You can’t see if I’m not looking. You can’t get away with my open eyes.” This song is a hard rock jam flavoured with emotion. It is very radio friendly. With the hard vocals Holly tells you simply - don’t cross her!

I was totally syked to see the show. But... I was totally syked to see the show. But the clack and bad sound... I was totally syked to see the show. But getting back to Elmo,” Holly shows her ability to give you hard rock any testosterone-fronted band would envy. If you happen to be an emo kid and sick of how many of your friends’ voices sound like a bunch of “Mystery Song,” the lyrics, “When I throw you to the floor, didn’t mean to close the door, on my personal whore,” is enough to make you just sing like the Grinch That Stole Christmas. You give her revenge, amnesty, and sarcasm in this three-course meal of a song.

In “The Box,” she hands you an alternative rock beat with lyrics that can confuse even the smartest of folk. Our girl Holly treats you with the verse of “and I had to eat you.” Believe it or not, but the guitar riffs in this song actually sound like the theme to “I Spy.” If it was intentional or not: I love it! No to the bombinings! You’ll be washed ashore with “water.” If you have heard one depressing song, give me a gun ’sing you have heard them all! The lyrics are programmed and organized, but sentimental but it comes across as overdose and bland like a no-fat rice cake. ‘Tuck. The next miss would be “coward,” which is just as no fat rice cake-like “water.” Her voice sounds great but the beat just doesn’t grab me. Holly’s “wa­ter” does not quench my thirst, yet “U.F.O” takes me to the sky with various aliens (hopefully the 8th cat-eater Alf). It is extremely catchy and my ears are totally addicted. Pulling her acoustics and rock riffs aside Holly sets me into a trance with “Mystery Song.” Kind of like the mystery meat in cafeteria food - shocking, but MUCH tastier! Where did this slow, yet pure techno trance beat come from? She chants, changing pitch in her voice. Sit in your lotus position and meditate!

“Just in me,” is one of her hardest and darkest ditties emanating from Staff. Despite the rhymin lyrics (which you will either love or hate), she comes through with a strong early ’90s grunge sound. The guitar and drum beat will put you back with the glory of Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and 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, also hits your grunge spot (kind of like Wimmen the Hoopey honey spot.) Holly’s Staff 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-louvung way. She sings with an authority that doesn’t overpower you. Despite the two big bombinings, the rest of the album brings her afloat.

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By Jill Hutchison

Staff Writer

Last Thursday, Local H, Zion, Illinois’ most famous band, set up shop at the Bowery Ballroom. The performance was “a direct, unpreten­sious, youthful, inclusive, accomplished, completely fresh dose of kick-ass rock and roll,” described by Boston Phoe­nia of "stuff ' is "Porno Mouth," By title you may expect it to be about a tale of how a naive (as far as NYC goes) girl gets lost and Holly may slide into the most elegant and very adored Sarah McLachlan. Track #1 “Numb,” is probably the most elegant and very radio friendly. With the hard vocals Holly tells you “give me a kiss across my lips, and I’ll take from you all that’s bliss.” “Twisty Mirror,” track #10, also hits your grunge spot (kind of like Wimmen the Hoopey honey spot.) Holly’s Staff 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-louvung way. She sings with an authority that doesn’t overpower you. Despite the two big bombinings, the rest of the album brings her afloat.

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Scott Lucas and Joe Daniels of Local H are the hottest duo to come out of Zion, Illinois.
Sonichrome shines

By Kristen Anderson
Staff writer

I n 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 8/32/98, 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 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, Radiohead, and the Beastie Boys.

What’s up Montclair? You know you can’t stop the hip-hop because this week in “Billboard” today’s hottest hip-hop artists dominate the charts. Only a week went by since the release of many of their chart-topping albums and they are already making it hot. The top three spots this week include Superstar Brooklynite, Jay-Z with his third album Vol. II...Hard Knock Life, which sold over 350,000 records in the first week. In at number 2 the dirty south at it’s best, OutKast, also dropped their third album Aquemini, selling a straight 227,000 units. OutKast and the Beastie Boys.

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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-imprinting 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/What you’ve got to worry, boy you’re gonna be a star.” But the Breathe the Daylight is not only packed with somber serious messages. On the other side of the emotional rainbow may just be around for a long time. 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. Randall 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 ofsigning 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.
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- 3-5 p.m. Joe Pagani - Punk Hardcore and SKA
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- 7-9 p.m. Jose Cruz - Alternative and Heavy Metal
- 9-11 p.m. Brian Cohner - “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 Stanislawsky - Folk and Blues
- 3-5 p.m. Prof. Tom McKenzie - “Jazz, Rhym 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”
- 11:15-1:30 a.m. David Cummings - House and R&B

**Wednesdays:**
- 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 Large - “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 Cabera - 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
- 11:15-1:30 a.m. Angel R. - Hip-Hop and House

**Fridays:**
- 10-12 p.m. Nadia Torres - Latino
- 12-3 p.m. Teresa - “Female Troubles” 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
- 11:15-1:30 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 Brunica - Islamic Talk and Music
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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?

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Freedom of Speech and the Student Voice of Montclair State

Justin VELLUCCI

I commend Rubbi Huzien for representing the faith of Islam and attempting to educate the general population of its true belief systems. Unfortunately, the assertions made about Huzien, Christianity are terribly misguided. It is true that both Hitler and Truman used God as an excuse to justify their deeds. Hitler said that he did everything in the name of God while Truman claimed that God had bestowed upon him the authority to use nuclear force. I find this quite ironic, since both men were fighting on opposite sides!

Hitler’s campaign of mass slaughter was motivated by pure hatred. Jesus, Christ taught that we should all love people. “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you...” (Matthew 5:44) Nowhere in His ministry does He indicate of hate anyone appear. We are, of course, to hate sin, but this is as different from hatred as God or community commits. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23). All people are sinners, so to hate someone because of his or her sin is ridiculous! One might well hate oneself. Being Jewish could never be considered a sin in a sense, because Jesus, who was the cornerstone, Jew, ish, as were Joseph, the Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all of the Apostles! Christ was actually called the King of the Jews.

Every prophet and king and hero in the Old Testament was Jewish. To be prejudiced against Jews and maintain Christian beliefs is impossible. Racism itself is inextricable with Christianity to begin with, since the Bible states that all people of every race and creed descend from Adam. This is not the least, as a student of this university, that we not forget our freedom of speech, our ability to make the best of the community in which we live and the world into which we were born. Nothing will ever be accomplished if we cannot stand up and let our voices be heard.

Christianity Is Based On Love, Not Racism or Prejudice

Last week, there were a number of responses to Mr. Joe Guzman’s article attacking the faith of Islam. I may not agree with the tenets of Islam, but neither did I agree with the harsh statements made by Mr. Guzman. If a disagreement existed, one could find a way of saying so without hope to have their voices be heard. The freedom of speech ensures 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 dedicated to preserving that freedom. It is a freedom that, when utilized properly, can be a powerful tool of change, a vehicle to lead the individual’s words to actions, and a platform on which every human being can truly make a difference. 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 university, most of us seem to use it to justify our biases and our hatred and use it like a fire-blanket when someone becomes offended by what we have to say. When was the last time that you feel that the freedom of speech was used as anything but an accomplice or a scapegoat? It truly amazes me to know that I attended a university where the expression “freedom of speech” is thrown around more in regards to a few questionable photographs including Bennie Babies than any other issue combined.

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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 is narrow and judgmental of his perceptions and his alone. Much as I’m certain that we all appreciate his sharing those perceptions with us, I personally would love 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 conclusions.

I am, however, very troubled by his argument. I cannot understand the basis of his comparisons that he makes between America and other third world nations. Cultures, traditions, beliefs and people are worlds apart and we can learn to understand and appreciate one another without feeling the need to be better than one another. These are nations that he speaks about a quarter of a year of the experience and intensive history that America has behind it. Yet do not fit compare them to America anyway. To me, the argument of comparing the accomplishments of a grade school student to that of an established professional. There is no comparison. His apparent idolization of the Euro-American culture and its supposed “superiority” leaves me wondering what the American society he might be referring to when he draws such conclusions. Surely this is not the same one that we both inhabit, is it? Because, correct me if I was wrong, the last time that I checked, what I saw was not exactly the Walden society that you make it out to be. The idea is indeed the land of opportunities and I am as fiercely loyal to this nation as you are, but if you truly believe that we, as a nation, are anywhere close to the vicinity of perfection, then you are greatly mistaken. There’s an old African adage that says, “He who thinks he has it all has nothing at all and he who thinks he knows it all is the dumbest of all.”

I am under the impression that you probably have not spent any significant part of your life living in these environments, amongst the people that you so readily condemn. Until you do so, and develop an unbiased mindset and a more suitable frame of comparison, it would probably be fair not to place any judgments on them. America has long been termed the “giant melting pot.” Let us not close our minds to what diversity there is. But, rather, let us embrace, enjoy and celebrate the unique opportunities that we have to get to know one another even better. Thank you.

Sherri Olagesh
Molecular Biology

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 what 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 your own. How would you make a comment as blind as “Multiculturalism clashes with everything this country is about”? Multiculturalism is precisely what this country is about. It is who we are, that this country was built on. In fact, America is probably the most multicultural country in the world.

Look around—this is not an Arian nation. How many different countries can we see among the students from Montclair State University? 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 understand how they have influenced my own. Don’t you have the slightest inking of interest in who your fellow students and citizens are, and what makes them unique? Do you have the most 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 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 myself, consider “oppressive and backwards.” But does anyone know that they should 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 African and Asian influences on medicine, farming, food, music. Where do you think your calendar originated? When and how did you learn from these so-called “inferior” cultures is how not 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-scene 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 get to know one another even better, based on our knowledge of other cultures.

Mr. Buffer, I hope you realize the importance of the MAR. Ultimately, 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 an important graduate requirement at MSU.

Carissa Borraggine
Humanities

"America has long been termed the "giant melting pot." Let us not close our minds to what diversity there is.

Susan A. Cole
President, Montclair State University
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 know 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 sold? Maybe horror is a strong word, but I call it a story that is laughable and even more horrific. 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 had 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 word that is not for this bill abiding by the fraternity sign on campus that says “Don’t let education affect college?” This makes me sick because MSU is a university. It is not a social institution where its goal is to see how many friends a person can make. It is here to teach us about our future careers. A school such as MSU does offer some in the area of social interaction, but that is not its goal.

Another question is if anyone has taken into consideration the fact that there are numerous people on campus that are dealing with the issue of recovery? I could even name family who deal with recovery from alcohol abuse. Is this the right place to make people feel even more uncomfortable? I myself would be appalled if this school opened a bar on campus. I don’t go to bars now because I don’t want to see people drink. Therefore, I don’t want to go to school and see people drink. Someone should think about it from this point of view. Everyone needs to be respected.

I heard Dean Harris speak about a semi­annual look into our drinking (the ABC (Alcoholic Bever­age Commission) in which some other issues came forward. The issue was that if there was alcohol on campus there would also be undercover police officers to arrest those who are underage and drinking. Also, I attended a meeting in which the president of the Greek society commented on the security issues that would have to be implemented not only to keep those of age in a safe and secure environment for drinking, but to keep those that are underage away from the substance that is deemed illegal for them. There seem to be so many things that would have to occur because of the desire for alcohol on campus. Why should we have to change the campus for those few people who want to drink on campus?

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When the Europeans arrived, they found a place filled with unlimited natural resources. They began with the agricultural revolution and continued through the technological age. Americans have recently noticed that they are raising standards of living by de­pleting the natural resources. A power­ful country: it is one of the biggest pollut­ers.

Who really does honestly think that we cannot learn anything from other cultures? Who can really say that we did not play roles in the building of this nation? Any who does really needs to wake up and educate him or herself, and start by taking your Multicultural Awareness course. They are not clashing, but rather enriching and help­ing the European American culture. Evolu­tion and growth will happen by learning about many beautiful cultures.

Marizel Moncleva
Psychology

I just came to MSU that term, and have not yet had many chances to read a lot in The Montclarion, but what I found, when I opened it today, really struck me. At the first moment I was not sure whether somebody tried to tease me or whether this was just another article again, it seemed clear to me that the author meant what he wrote. And this, to me, is a sad sign about the future.

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I couldn't find hostility towards American or European values such as democracy and freedom at MSU up until now (does that reflect the short time that I have stayed here?). But I could find a lot of hostility in the article by Justin Buffer.

There are some assertions in that article that have to be answered, too. Among the principles of European culture named by Buffer somehow he has forgotten (?) to mention democracy are free-market economy, private prop­erty and the rule of the law. The free-market economy has surely given opportunities to the wealthy members of Eu­ropean and American countries but, just as much, has left out those who cannot afford to cover their basic needs in these countries.

One last thing I leave you to think about is if anyone has not had any chance in life whether the free-market economy is of any help to their life. And I am not sure whether they are proud of being Americans either, no mat­ter how much you want them to be.

Private property has been invented in many other cul­tures around the globe, but here, too, the benefit for the wealthy American countries is undeniable. I would not go so far as the orthodox Marxist think that all private prop­erty is theft and should be abolished, yet I think that some groups of people, like the Africans as well as Americans have been over-emphasizing the matter of private property in the last centuries. We should rethink it at least in certain aspects. For it is responsible for the exploitation of the countries like India and other Asian countries, African countries as well as countries of South America. Isn’t it these countries where Buffer located the so called “backward cultures”? The rule of the law should also be explained by him. Laws have not been invented by America or Europe but the question arises: What law should rule? Regimes such as the Nazis had laws, too, I don’t think that was a good rule.

Yes, many people around the world try to enter America or Europe to escape oppression. But this is only one side of the coin. There are even two other things to be con­sidered. Europe and America are closing their borders to­wards refugees who really want to escape oppression or even sure death. How does this fit into the ideals of our liberal culture? And on the other hand, there are lots of people who would not even consider to enter American-European culture, for whatever reason.

Finally, I would like to state on the quote of Robert Bork: I think, that this quote is simply true. There have been lots of cultures around the world (including those destroyed suc­cessfully by "superior" Europeans and Americans) that of­fered much more freedom to the individuals. Sexual opp­ression in fact has started in Europe and has more than willingly been taken over by America. The sexual libera­tion movement has just begun a few decades ago and still has failed to include all people. Racism has neither been absent in Europe nor in America, and racist statements and actions still take place in both places.

There is not too much to be proud of, and there is noth­ing that justifies saying that we couldn’t learn anything from other cultures.

Martin Weikman
Philosophy for Children
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. 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 Schopenhauer. Or Wil 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 hold up for me. Namely, that nature is a vicious bitch. Seriously though, I feel bad for the women. I am convinced that I could read their minds and tell them exactly what they want to hear.

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 make much sense when you think about it. So, instead of spending a good time because it occurred to me that after a while we would smell like a herd of wildebeest. At this point, I jumped ship and tried talking to my female friends, who proceeded to confuse me even more. I finally arrived at the conclusion that men and women can be from different planets, but we're kindred spirits, like Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock. We just talk in different phrases for Holistic Massage Therapy. A wiseass and, what's more, I take pride in it. I am a wiseass.

I am convinced that I could read dozens of issues of Cosmopolitan (featured article: "101 Reasons He's A Prick") and still have no idea what women look for in a man. Granted, I understand that different women possess different concepts of male attractiveness. This is why Robin Williams has been described as "cute and funny" and George Clooney as "Sexiest Man Alive." What really gets me mad is how Leonardo DiCaprio became a sex symbol. When did high cheekbones, a shrill voice, and delicate features become sexy in a man? If that were ever the rage, Richard Simmons would have been a sex symbol years ago. I'm going 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 man 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 when I look at 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 could resist her? You see, Kate falls into the category of theoretical physics that scientists refer to as "antimatter." 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 on there, but you're pretty safe with the mail slot thing.

Another perfect example of contrasting attitudes with interesting parallels comes to mind. 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. That 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 charity 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-Clevage. Now do you understand?

You can run, but you cannot hide, ladies. I know your dirty little habit. Two words: garment 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 why your boyfriend/husband never saw fit to throw out his favorite T-shirt 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 guy 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 kiergys, 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
Humour 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 failure I've been making "Finn'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 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, homosapiens-whatever you wish to call them, would be a far better choice to use than our fluffy, little friends would.

More meat. Just look at some of the people around you- some of the students on campus could easily feed a family of four with no problem.

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*Human flesh is supposed to taste like pork, but sweeter. According to most of my Southern friends' opinions, squirrel tastes "gamey" and stringy.*

So, cannibalism is a sane, economical choice over squirrels. Think about that the next time you feel tempted to run one of the little suckers over and serve it with a bowl of grape nuts.

(P.S. If the idea of eating human flesh morally disturbs you, just realize that most of you probably eat 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

It has come to my attention that there is a booby loose on campus. The male is said to be about 5'11." Beware of this scruffy looking creature. Squirrels are sweet, noble, and quite normal looking, yet she snaps when Pop Tarts™ are mentioned.

It has been established that he wields an axe in one hand and a rather large Pathfinder in the other hand. Rumor has it that he goes around chopping down squirrels and up the stump as a platform to recite lines from the book.

Woman should particularly fear this inhuman creature. Please carry Guinness™ or a student of MSU, but then decided to take up the teachings of Bokonon, and dropped out. The threat to students is that it is mating season for Bokononists and she is running rampent around the amphitheater and student center areas. She is known to be gentle and quite normal looking, yet she snaps when Pop Tarts™ are mentioned.

It has been planned by authorities to get the Squirrel Man and Pop Tart Lady together. This, they say, will prevent some of the attacks and sightings of these creatures on campus. The two will occupy each other's time to prevent any from running o'er and serving China food.

Let us all hope this plan works well. Until finalized, please use caution when walking to the lots or waiting for the fabled late hours shuttle at night.

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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 opener, things didn’t look good for the Montclair State Football Team. Lewis was the leading rusher from the past two seasons, and his loss was felt throughout the team.

However, the return of Ron Lewis to the playing field has solidified the already tough Red Hawk offense. The return of Lewis to the playing field has solidified the already tough Red Hawk offense.

He has returned to the field and has been a key player in the Red Hawk’s recent wins.

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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.

Sophomore forward Doug Rockhill, and senior midfielder Marlon Pollard scored the other two goals. Last Thursday, MSU defeated Caldwell College under very wet conditions at MSU’s Sprague field.

The rain seemed to intensify Montclair’s efforts since they overpowered Caldwell in a 5-1 victory. In the winning effort, Yusuf clinched his first career hat trick. He got MSU’s first goal 10:38 into the game blasting a shot past Caldwell goalie Andrew Seaman, with an assist from Doug Rockhill. Less than four minutes later; Rockhill added a goal of his own on an assist from Aydin Akdemir. With 3:25 left in the first half, Yusuf struck again for a 2-0 halftime lead. The second half proved to be as fruitful as the first when Yusuf added his third goal of the game at 48:25. Harold Gaitsa also recorded his first goal of the season at the 49:56 mark. The goal bug also hit the Caldwell Cougars when Marcello Mara slipped a shot home at the 59:55 mark of the second half. For the Red Hawks, goalkeeper Alex Luna stopped one shot in 60 minutes of work, and Seaman had 16 saves for Caldwell. MSU also had 35 shots on goal, while Caldwell had only 6.

The Red Hawks will return to action this Homecoming weekend where they will take on Rutgers-Camden on Saturday, October 17.

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

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

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

The football team had its first outing since the MSU defense dominated game in a 28-0 victory over Kean last Saturday, with a 56-yard run for a touchdown with 2:14. Sean had 64 yards running for the day.

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

The victory was sealed for MSU. The MSU scoring drive was 49 yards in 5 plays and took only 2:14. Sean had 64 yards running for the day.

The MSU defense looked like an all-star defense. The defense was totally unstoppable with a number of players making big plays throughout the game. Sam Mills(DB), Ken Fert(LB), Keith Iza(OLB), Jon Hemenway(NG), Defensive End, Sam Mickens all contributed to the overall defense of the team.

This Saturday, MSU with a record of 4-1 hosts William Patterson at Sprague Field. The game will begin at 7:00 PM. It’s a very important game for MSU. The return of Ron Lewis is the final piece of the offensive puzzle.