First doctoral program approved; nation's only in pedagogy field

Students enrolled gain greater expertise in teaching, leadership and educational reform

By Angela Rovetto
Special to The Montclarion

The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education recently approved Montclair State University's proposal to offer the Doctor of Education degree in pedagogy, the first doctoral program in the school's 90-year history and the only one of its kind nationwide.

According to Carla Narr, Dean of the Graduate School, the program fulfills a real need in the professional world, as only 35 of the state's 83,000 classroom teachers hold a doctorate.

The doctoral program is unique in that most university doctoral programs' focus on preparing teachers for administrative positions, such as principals and superintendents. The Ed.D. in pedagogy, however, will enable in state teachers to remain in the classroom while pursuing a program where they can achieve the greater expertise in teaching, leadership, and educational reform.

This, according to President Susan A. Cole, is "a substantial step forward as we position MSU to meet the educational needs of NJ well into the 21st century."

Planned to begin in the summer of 1999, the program will initially offer two concentrations, in mathematics and philosophy for children.

The mathematics program integrates topics found under the traditional mathematics curriculum along with other subject areas.

The philosophy for children program will focus on the role of philosophy in reasoning, concept formation and sound judgment. The new program is housed within the school's Center of Pedagogy which coordinates the school's education reform efforts. In carrying out these efforts, MSU has partnerships with Caldwell, Newark, Montclair, Paterson, Dumont, Fair Lawn and Paramus school districts.

For more information on the Ed.D. program, call the graduate school at 655-5147 or e-mail at gradschool@saturn.montclair.edu.

Vote proposing to alter GER classes comes after four years in committee

By Tiffany Papu
Staff Writer

A proposal for a change regarding the General Education Requirements will be voted on by University Senate during the week of December 7, said Dr. Helen Roberts, the Graduate Coordinator for the Mathematics and Science Department.

Currently, students need a total of 58 credits of GER's to graduate. If the new change should occur, a student will need 57 credits, 47 of which will stay the same while the remaining 10 will consist of two new types of classes.

The proposed curriculum change includes Interdisciplinary Contemporary Issues courses and New Student Experience Seminar classes.

In response to the addition of some classes, students who meet certain standards might be exempt from computer science and some foreign language requirements.

There is little opportunity for any common experience," said Roberts. "This will give students some type of common ground."

The purpose of these types of classes is to take the knowledge from two or more areas of study and combine them to give students a broader perspective on different issues.

"This is going to be a great experience for the students," said Roberts.

See GER on P. 3

Car accident kills lacrosse player

By Christine Zielinski
Staff Writer

MSU student and lacrosse team member Brett Cerullo died in an automobile accident two weeks ago. While Cerullo was travelling north on Route 202, he collided with a southbound driver.

According to one policeman from the accident scene, Lt. John Ciselli, the accident occurred in Lincoln Park near the intersection of Colby Court and Boonton Turnpike at 6:24 a.m. Brett was returning to his home in Lincoln Park after he had spent the night at a lacrosse team member Mark Aliperti's Clove Road Apartment. He had a landscaping job for which he had to work at 7 a.m.

"We don't know what caused the accident," Ciselli reported.

Brett, age 21, was the son of Linda and Gary Cerullo and the younger brother of Michael. He attended Boonton High School where Domenica Evena, Brett's girlfriend, said he was captain of the basketball team and the state champion lacrosse team.

His aunt, Ms. Gail Pisicarick, added that, in addition to playing basketball, Brett also acted as a mentor to younger athletes by encouraging them to perform their best.

Brett commuted full-time to MSU and anticipated completing his third fall semester. Brett had not declared a major, but contemplated a career in either computer science or physical therapy. According to Domenica, he favored lacrosse and enjoyed basketball, but his primary interests remained with his family and friends. They emphasized his passion for lacrosse.

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NEWS

GDP worried impeachment is hurting party

WASHINGTON — As the House impeachment inquiry of President Bill Clinton kicks into high gear, some Republicans are warning that the issue is hurting the party and say the process should be halted.

Even so, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde (NY) said Thursday that the president’s efforts to conceal and cover up his relationship with ex-staffer Monica Lewinsky, brought constit­gional sources tell CNN about 20 Republicans in the full House are poised to vote against formal articles of impeachment. After last week’s election, GOP only has a six-vote majority in the House. Moderate Republican Reps. Chris Shays of Connecticut and Connie Morella of Maryland have already said there isn’t enough ev­i­dence to impeach.

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Clinton pays tribute to veterans

WASHINGTON (CNN) — President Bill Clinton and others across the United States passed Wednesday to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and in many cases died for their country in the armed forces.

Trumpet calls upon us to commemorate the many who offered the ultimate sacrifice for our country," he said.

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After three month delay, EMS finally gets the green light

By Brian Pedersen
Assistant News Editor

After much delay, MSU’s Emergency Medical Service (EMS) has now officially been in operating mode since 7 p.m. Tuesday night, after they had responded to a medical emergency concerning a Bohn Hall resident.

Over the past few months, operation of the EMS vehicle has been steeped in various setbacks, including insurance issues, the purchasing of license plates for the ambulance, as well as the search for a permanent residence for it. They are now fully staffed and free to respond as needed.

Before the delay, when there was a call, we couldn’t respond right away because of red tape. We were supposed to be on since September. Once we got the go ahead and got the equipment in place, we were on,” said Wilo Fanfan, an Emergency Medical Technician.

According to Fanfan, all EMT’s have been on dry runs for the past two weeks. During the dry run, the members of the team completed their shifts by spending time in their office, getting reacquainted with the equipment. Plus, every time a member is on duty, they perform inventory checks of the ambulance.

“Generally, I feel that it is a well-deserved program for MSU, to improve the quality they get. There’s been too much delay. Finally we can do it,” Fanfan concluded.

The EMS delay has been an on-going concern, brought to the attention of the campus community by MSU students and staff of The Montclarion.

Wheeler
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New classes posed to read better.

Roberts.

The students will be exposed to specific themes and issues that don’t exist presently. This will prepare the students for the next century, intermixing courses instead of isolating them, said Roberts.

If the proposal is approved, the new requirements will consist of nine credits of interdisciplinary classes and one credit of the New Student Experience Seminar classes.

Questionnaires and reports have currently been handed out to faculty for review and comments. They have a month to review and respond.

The committee has been working on this project for four years and consists of five Schools of College: the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, College of the Arts, College of Business, and College of Education and Human Services.

This program was created in response that this year’s SGA is one of the best the university has ever had.

“The students are very conscientious about reading, they have really built a close knit team, and they all work together very well. The fact that they work in harmony is quite a blessing,” said Dean Harris.

Being a student, president of the SGA, a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and a general member of QSAU, seems like a lot of responsibility for a college student. However, the responsibility of fatherhood is much more work than the average college student has to bear, and is just one of the many others that Anton Wheeler has. He is father to two year old Ty’e Aminah Wheeler and is well aware of his responsibilities as both a parent and a leader. The ability to balance all of this in his opinion is thanks to God.

“The most important factor is God. It’s like juggling. I throw everything up in the air, catch what I can, and God juggles the rest; it’s maintaining my faith in God,” stated Wheeler.

Wheeler’s two-year-old is named after an African Queen. Her middle name, which means “trustworthy and truthful,” links closely to the characteristics needed to take the position of leadership like her father. Although the duties are many, Wheeler makes time for Ty’e whenever possible.

“In so many ways, she has caused me to reevaluate my goals in life, to take everything I do seriously. Everything I do, I do for her. I try to incorporate her into my life as much as I can. I bring her to work with me, so she can see why there’s a void in time, why she doesn’t see me as much,” said Wheeler.

The fact that Wheeler has not deviated from any of his responsibilities, in Dean Harris’s opinion, helps greatly in reducing common misconceptions that many have about African American males.

“The fact that he’s an African American male student and father that takes care of his child erases some stereotypes,” affirmed Harris.

When asked what he hopes to accomplish by the end of the year, Wheeler said that he wants to somehow put an end to the prevalent lack of interest he sees on campus.

“I want to crush the student apathy, to find the common interest that every student possesses and use it to unify them. I want to show them that no matter what race, creed or economic background you represent, we are all commodities in this business of education,” affirmed the SGA president.

MSU students help third graders improve reading skills

This program was created in response that 40% of third graders’ reading skills are not up to snuff.

By Carol Nagourney
Special to The Montclarion

MSU students are making a difference in the local community by helping Montclair public school third graders with their reading through the America Reads program.

The federal work-study program was initiative by President Clinton’s designed to address the fact that 40% of children are not reading on grade level by the end of the third grade.

It began in 1996 after studies showed that sustained individualized attention and tutoring after school and over the summer can raise reading levels when combined with parental involvement and quality instruction.

The President seeks 100,000 work-study students across the nation to tutor students in reading by 1999.

In a joint venture between Montclair State University and the Montclair Board of Education, a program has been implemented at MSU, headed by Dr. Ruth Handel of the Teacher Education Program, to train tutors in a course called “Tutoring for Small Group Instruction.”

Students that enrolled in the program attend the three credit class twice a week for one semester to learn tutoring skills which they will use to help young children to read better.

TUTORS IN TRAINING: Dr. Ruth Handel of the Teacher Education Program teaches “Tutoring for Small Group Instruction,” a class designed specifically to prepare America Reads tutors.

They will work with Montclair public school children twice a week, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., from October through May, earning $10 per hour, tutoring children in grades kindergarten through third.

Janelle Hobson, a tutor, says the program is perfect for her. She says she “likes working with children. I tutored children when I was a high school senior.”

Future plans for the program may include a family literacy program which will be staffed by America Reads tutors, developed by Dr. Handel, according to Reesa Greenwald, Program Coordinator.

America Reads is part of a financial-aid package and students must meet certain income criteria to be eligible.

Anyone interested in the program can apply through Reesa Greenwald at Moorehead Hall. There are openings for the Spring 1999 semester.
Model student killed in car crash

crossed his satisfaction with life, and his love for the people close to him. "Everybody he met, he touched their hearts and you never saw him without a smile," Domenica said.

Lacrosse team member Anthony Melanga described Brett as "the kind of guy I hope my son will be." Coach Alsotrom reported, "He lived to work, get good grades, play lacrosse and be with his friends. There's nothing wrong with that, he was happy.

"The team was like a family and we lost a brother," team member Steve Rabanowycz commented.

Brett's friend, John Velez, mentioned that, "It was a huge awakening for us to re-evaluate ourselves and he's best described in a quote from one of my friends, 'Brett was loved by some, envied by many, and admired by all.'

A wake took place at Keri Funeral Home in Lincoln Park on Nov. 2 and the funeral's location was St. Joseph's church, also in Lincoln Park, Nov. 3. Lacrosse team Captain Mark Hanselman, Coach Alsotrom and Father Al Bener, the MSU chaplain, are organizing a campus memorial service.

Father Al stated, "It's still in the planning stages, but we'll announce the date to the campus community when we know." Dr. Giggons from the Psychological Wellness Center invites any of Brett's friends who may have concerns or questions coping with Brett's death to utilize the center in clinic hours next week, Monday through Friday, from 10 - 12:30 a.m.

Leaders of both the Drop-In Center and EMS would not like to see the referendum question posed.

By Brenda Godbolt
Staff Writer

In upcoming weeks the student body will have a chance to decide whether the EMS should swap facilities with the Drop-In Center after the Student Government Association approved the referendum question last Wednesday.

The 14-0 vote will enable students to make their choice on Nov. 23-24 during the judiciary member election. "I believe that the undergraduate students here have a right to determine what affects their quality of life on this campus," said SGA President Anton Wheeler.

"The referendum is a recommendation," clarified Dean of Student Development and Campus Life, Helen Matsumaw-Ayres, who said that there are still some questions to be answered about deciding the right relocation area for the EMS in terms of cost. Ayres also said that the referendum does not grant students the authority to relocate the EMS because the Drop-In Center is university property.

A joint proposal was written to administrators a month ago from EMS Chief, Thomas Hynes and Drop-In Center Director Susan Soria, asking administrators to consider other relocation options.

"I hope the administration would be able to make some arrangement so we would not have to have this referendum," Hynes stated. "This can be settled without having to compete with another organization. So far administrators have been moving slowly on it.

"The referendum is going to put us in competition which is what we don't want," said Soria. Both Hynes and Soria feel that their services revolve around one mission: helping the student body.

The main issue affecting the current location of the EMS, room 105 of the Student Center Annex, is the room's single exit, which administrators and the SGA are calling a fire hazard because the room stores some supplies that are flammable.

If EMS relocated to the Drop-In Center, the Drop-In Center would have to relocate to room 105. Soria thinks that her organization will suffer from the same dilemmas. She also believes that the Annex location might discourage students from visiting the peer counseling information and referral service due to a lack of privacy because of surrounding student activity offices.

Aside from the fire hazard issue, Hynes has some other concerns with their current space. Since EMS is an around-the-clock, seven days a week operation, Hynes would like his staff to have bathrooms with shower access, preferably within the room. The EMS staff is predominantly female and the nearest females' bathroom is next to The Montclarion office.

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The Campus Ministry (Interfaith) Council in cooperation with The Greek Council and The Student Government Association (S.G.A.) are once again sponsoring a Food Drive for THANKSGIVING. The food will be distributed though Meeting Emergency Needs with Dignity an anti-hunger network serving Essex County for over 14 years.

We invite you to follow the suggested menus seen on our other ad. Bring food to the Student Center, Bohn Hall, Blanton Hall, and Freeman Hall. Monday though Friday, November 16-20. Food will be dedicated during the 16th annual Thanksgiving Service at 12:15 pm in the Student Center Ballroom A. We hope you will stay for the 35 minute service. Light refreshments will follow.

The Campus Ministry Council and The Greek Council are composed of over 45 SGA chartered organizations.

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FEATURE

Quilt Across New Jersey leaves lasting impression

By April Marie
Staff Writer

From Nov. 2 through Nov. 5, Quilt Across New Jersey made its mark on the MSU community. There were six quilt panels that were laid out in our Student Center Ballroom. Each quilt symbolized loved ones who are gone because of the disease known as AIDS.

Upon entering the ballroom, voices could be heard. These, though, were not voices from people in the room having conversations, but voices of people stating the names of individuals who had been affected by AIDS. These voices were of men, women, girls and boys each with different tones, different names, and with a variety of backgrounds and cultures. However, no matter what the background was, every voice that was heard over that speaker had one thing in common: they all suffered from the incurable disease AIDS.

Each quilt panel varied in expressions of love. Some panels where decorated with family trees. Others were done to decorate the people the person enjoyed doing. A picture of a basketball was used to represent someone who had a passion for basketball and music notes were added to music lovers. The design was left up to the individual, trying to get their loved one to feel close to another physically and spiritually, with no sexual intent present.

According to a study done at Harvard Medical School in 1994 by David Elstein, one in three people are choosing to use some sort of alternative treatment. Massage therapy is an example of one of these methods that is being chosen by the American public to benefit their health. The practice of massage therapy is proving to be an effective way to relieve stress and pain.

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Although it may be believed that the use of massage therapy was developed to relieve only pain, it has also been used to aid in emergency situations and natural disasters. This type of interaction creates tension within a community and limits the possible accomplishments because of a fear of communicating with one another. The members of Unity Collaboration recognize this as an issue that needed to be addressed. They needed to come up with a solution to break down these barriers, decrease the tension and promote unity within the MSU community -- the outcome was the Multicultural Food Festival.

The Multicultural Food Festival organized by Dean James Harris and the members of the 1995 Unity Collaboration Organization initiated this celebration of diversity through education of unity.

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By Lisa Gribben
Staff Writer

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This therapy provides effective relief for those suffering from physical ailments. Lynn Mc Bride, a registered nurse who has been trained in the practice of massage as part of her education, explained how this treatment effectively aids in the treatment of stress, anxiety and discomfort. This body is made up of myofascial bands, connective tissue which link cells to one another. Massage therapy provides relief by smoothing and relaxing these bands. Massage also results in the increase of healthy blood circulation.

Although it may be believed that the use of massage therapy was developed to relieve only pain, it has also been used to aid in emergency situations and natural disasters. This type of interaction creates tension within a community and limits the possible accomplishments because of a fear of communicating with one another. The members of Unity Collaboration recognize this as an issue that needed to be addressed. They needed to come up with a solution to break down these barriers, decrease the tension and promote unity within the MSU community -- the outcome was the Multicultural Food Festival. The Multicultural Food Festival organized by Dean James Harris and the members of the 1995 Unity Collaboration Organization initiated this celebration of diversity through education of unity.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1998 marked the fourth annual celebration through education about the diversity represented within the campus. This gathering was displayed through a common interest shared by of all people -- food. The Multicultural Food Festival was sponsored by the Division of Student Development and Campus Life and the Dean of Students Department, in cooperation with Unity Collaboration, Student Government Association, United Greek Council, International Student Organization, Lambda Tau Omega Sorority, Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority, Sigma Delta Phi Sorority, Latin American Student Organization, The Newman Catholic Center, NAACP-Montclair State University Branch, The Health and Wellness Center and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

The event was filled with food, music, dance and activities by the organizations present, music by the DJ and the choir from the Organization of Students for African Unity. There was also dancing from the Latin American Dance Troupe of the Latin Student Organization and the MSU community. It reminded many that life is a good thing and it is not to be taken for granted.

...excellent representation of what college is about.

SGA Vice President John

Unity Collaboration hosts Multicultural Food Festival

A solution to breaking down communication barriers in an effort to bring our diverse campus community together as one group

By Rhoda Donat
Staff Writer

Often times we walk past people of different ethnicity, nationality and/or background and say nothing because of an invisible barrier created by a lack of education of whom that person is. This type of interaction creates tension within a community and limits the possible accomplishments because of a fear of communicating with one another. The members of Unity Collaboration recognize this as an issue that needed to be addressed. They needed to come up with a solution to break down these barriers, decrease the tension and promote unity within the MSU community -- the outcome was the Multicultural Food Festival, featured in the Unity Collaboration's mission statement is to serve as a coalition of all segments of the campus. It is committed to sponsoring activities to improve communication and interaction among the diverse members of the university community. The food festival, one of the many activities sponsored by Unity Collaboration, in essence created a platform for the education of the student body of the different parts which makes it whole.

"The food festival is an excellent representation of what college is about," stated John Griffin, Student Government Association Vice President. "It provides us with an opportunity to communicate with people who we may not have been exposed to otherwise.

Student Government President Leonard Anton Wheeler expressed the following: "The event was well planned and well [represented.] It is good to look at people of different ethnic groups, (different bodies) and backgrounds work together to educate [others] about different cultures and heritage." I'm looking forward to other events like this in the future where all the organizations within the SGA will work together to help promote the purpose of Unity Collaboration.

Those in attendance agreed that the mission of the event was accomplished. It served "as a wonderful experience in getting to learn and share cultures with one another," stated Catherine Martinez of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "Hopefully, in the future it can be expanded where there is more [participation of the different groups.]

"The message passed on from this event was that although we are all different, we can all socialize, work and become friends with one and other."
Dealing with Loss and Grief

When we experience grief we experience a loss of something that we hold dear in our lives. We are moved out of our routines and habits and thrust into a time and place where we seem to be unprepared and unpreparedable. This seems to be a universal phenomena whether it is the traumatic loss of a loved one or whether it is the loss of a boyfriend or girlfriend when the relationship ends, or the loss of a job through reassignment, downsizing or firing. Even leaving friends and family. Some people are a loss that can be experienced as grief.

Chaos is the opposite pole from stability. We oscillate between these poles naturally in life, but loss creates an abrupt swing to chaos. Grief is a time when chaos is present in more than usual amounts. When we are out of our stable pattern, many things change. One of those changes is that we are extremely sensitized to the tiniest things. When you are actively grieving, the smallest incident may send you into a wave of grief. Examples such as hearing a familiar song and seeing a familiar face or sight can suddenly take on huge proportions. It taps into the grief and brings it strongly into consciousness.

It is normal and natural for people to move from stability to chaos. Grief is one of the times in a normal life cycle when we will experience more of this chaos than at others. Grief is not a pathological state; it is a normal life event that throws us into instability.

Some Frequently Asked Questions about Grief:

1. How can I get past the pain of my grief and begin to feel good again?

We don’t get past the pain. We can’t go around it or over it or under it either. We must go through it. The process of healing, whether from a physical illness or from a catastrophic life disturbance, is a trans formational journey. We feel lost because we were “wondered” once. The goal is to be more than we were before, to include the loss in our love and trust of life.

2. How can I stop thinking these thoughts that frighten and depress me?

Psychologists say we are often plagued by thoughts about our loss. It feels like they are running us. But, the truth is that we can be in charge of our thoughts and our imagination once we decide we want to be. The first step in taking responsibility for our obsessive thoughts is to acknowledge we are seeing parts of us that are hard for us to fully accept. It may be that we are so hurt by the pain, terror or shame they bring. The challenge is to make wellness choices and to listen to our spiritual guides. Ask: where do I want to be in my mind and will this thinking get me there?

3. I feel numb. Is this normal?

Sometimes, when we face overwhelming physical and emotional demands, we go “numb.” Sometimes this is a healthy response that will allow us to go on. But this feeling requires some vigilance. It is important to avoid falling into the seduction of “numbing” is always a delicate interplay of forces, a little bit is a good thing; too much causes problems. Pay attention to your inner voice and listen to the feedback of trusted friends.

4. I can’t stand being around my family and friends.

Your life is changing in response to the loss you have experienced. Friendships can become strained until you are able to be around the people you feel. When we have lost something someone significant to us and our meanings of life we feel that we are lost. It takes time to move from stability to chaos. Sometimes, when we faced a loss or a trauma, you feel that we are standing on the aftershocks before putting ourselves back together.

5. Why does my mind keep wandering and I can’t concentrate. Am I losing my mind?

It is quite unlikely you are losing your mind. Your confusion, anxiety and fear that you are losing your mind are rather the result of a catastrophic life disturbance. The process of feeling is often so strong that it takes years to recover fully. However, if you are concerned that your grieving has been going on too long seek out someone you trust and consult it. It might help to see a counselor at this time. Grief is a process to go through and it will bring up questions about sources of comfort and meaning.

6. How long should my grieving last?

There is no set amount of time for a person to stop grieving. Sometimes it takes much longer. People have gone through the process of grieving for months or years. It is normal and natural for people to move from stability to chaos. Grief is one of the times in a normal life cycle when we will experience more of this chaos than at others. Grief is not a pathological state; it is a normal life event that throws us into instability.

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**FBI Recruiter raises interest about future career choices**

Special Agent Melinda Anderson touches upon the requirements to get into the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Academy.

By Leonardo Leao Almeida

The FBI, part of the US Department of Justice, is responsible for everything within the borders of the country. However, the FBI concentrates most of its efforts on more specific offenses, such as crimes on the internet, terrorism, civil rights and white-collar crimes. The bureau has 11,275 agents in 56 offices across the country. Needless to say, the New York City office is the largest, closely followed by the Newark office, which is the sixth largest in the United States.

Joining the FBI is a lengthy process full of requirements. The original application is 12 pages long, and everything in the application must be true because the FBI checks it. To even be considered for any position, a person cannot have received any jail time, including community service. The rule is no more than five times, but must have been clean for 10 years. A four year bachelor degree is also necessary, and can be in anything, although degrees in the languages, math and computer science are preferred.

The FBI Academy is 16 weeks long and is composed of three parts: the physical training, the medical check and the firearms training. Now the FBI teaches defensive driving and tactics. There are also 15 written exams in the Academy and the grades must all be 85% or better. If anyone fails to accomplish all these tasks they are removed from the academy. Once a new agent receives his or her orders they are in active duty period to recover and, if necessary, see a counselor. They must also be able to explain each fire shot in detail for the FBI report.

A question was asked about the X-Files television show concerning the government cover-up on the existence of alien life. Mrs. Anderson claimed no knowledge and quickly changed the subject.

The idea of bringing government officials to an American Government and Politics class raised great interest not only among those students in the class, but also among students from the Political Science Department and anyone else thinking about a possible career within the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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**Tips on how to save Money**

- **Check your annual Percentage rate (APR) on all your credit cards.** Get rid of all but those with the lowest interest rates.

- **Beware of teaser rates** - Credit card company’s will offer you a low APR (7.9%) for the first three months and then raise it (20%) for the remainder of the life of the card. Look for a card that has a low APR for the entire life of the card.

- **Keep your paycheck out of your wallet** - Keeping your money in your wallet has two serious consequences:
  1. **Lost money** - everyday you keep money in your wallet verses having it in the Credit Union, you are throwing away easy cash. You are giving up interest your money could of earned for you. Let your money work for you, keep it in the Credit Union.
  2. **Out of site out of mind** - the longer you hold on to your money the more likely you are to spend it. Keeping your money in the Credit Union deters you from spending it.

- **Save all tax-refunds**, bonus checks, inheritances and other unexpected money.

**For those of you who missed our “Budgeting seminar” here are some of the valuable tips you missed ...**

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**Does it irk you too?**

By: Stephanie Materazzi

When people don’t turn their blinkers off after they’ve made a turn.
Class I Concerts, Phi Mu Alpha, and WMSC present:

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Class I Concerts & WMSC are Class I Organizations of the SGA. Phi Mu Alpha is a Class IV Organization of the SGA.
Nunsense makes nonsense make sense

MSU's Memorial Auditorium presents

Nunsense until Nov. 20

By Kristen Anderson

Staff Writer

Five kooky prayer nuns are taking over Memorial Auditorium this weekend with Nunsense. These nuns are spastic! They’re certain to have your soul filled with the holy gift of laughter. Their mission is to raise money, of course, but the reason is not one you’d automatically expect. They need to collect enough money to bury the four dearly departed sisters killed accidentally by the poisonous cooking of their own sister Julia.

Nunsense is bubbling over the soup pot with hilariously, yet extremely corny, antics and jokes. Now don’t get confused when you go to see it, I know it’s a Grease set on stage but Montclair’s Theatre Department is not doing Grease. Anyway, there’s some bubbly nuns making small talk to the audience members before the show, (not a part of Grease if I remember the musical correctly.)

These nuns really want the audience to be involved, so study up on religion. If you know your stuff you may just win a prize. Getting these sisters to be quiet is another thing. The audience participation part of the show seemed to go on and on, and on; one could almost forget they are watching a musical and not an actual fund-raiser! The dancing and singing started again and finally the real reason for sitting in the audience chair watching a bunch of wacky spotlight seeking nuns was remembered. Entertainment, what else?

If these five nuns were at the local Catholic Church people around here would be loading the buses every single Sunday to go mass. Hell, (pardon the pun), people would go to Catholic church to see these Five Unorganized, perhaps even mentally unstable, nuns trying to raise some cash by entertaining that this paper is aware of happening this weekend with Nunsense.

Now, Nunsense is not real easy to understand. If you get there late you’ll probably have no clue what’s going on. Nunsense isn’t really about anything. It’s just a bunch of nonsense when you think about it -- five unorganized, perhaps even mentally ill, nuns trying to raise some cash by entertaining an audience. Don’t try to figure out the reasoning, or the plot, or why there is an obvious Grease set on stage, just laugh because even though it may not make any sense, it’s funny as funny can be.

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Thursday, November 19
From 8:00 - Midnight
At the Rat, Student Center, Montclair State University
What's the deal, Montclair? To all those ghetto people and hip-hop loyalists who had dreams of seeing a true hip-hop show, I know you were not let down after last week's performances. Lil' Fame and Billy Danze, collaboratively known as the underground purists group M.O.P (Mash Out Posse), as well as DJ Mix Master Mike ripped the stage during a free concert put on by Class 1 Concerts last Thursday, Nov. 5.

The show started late (as usual) with a short performance from DJ Mix Master Mike, the newest member of the Beastie Boys. He scratched it up for a few minutes, threw on a few head-bopping records until he was disrespected when an idiot in the crowd decided to get cute. So Mix Master bounced and left the stage open with the crowd waiting.

M.O.P., who released their fourth album First Family 4 Life in August, assumed their position after their DJ got the crowd back into the underground hip-hop flow. The Mash Out Posse approached the stage, getting the crowd even more amped screaming their anthem "Firing Squad!" loud. They did a few hits, including "Real N*gga Hillfiggz," "Downtown Swinga '98," "I Luv," and others. They splashed water at the fans, jumped into the crowd, threw towels, tapes and posters, then left signing off with a Salute!

The concert overall was good. It could have been better, but hey, it was FREE! Make sure to get that M.O.P album though, cause it's hot!

In other news...

Have you heard? De La Soul are currently working on a follow-up to their bomb "Stakes Is High." The new album will be their fifth in 13 years. It reportedly will drop in May, 1999. Be sure to check for it.

It's true! The lovely Lauryn Hill will be getting married to the father of her children, Rohan Marley, son of legendary Bob Marley. No date yet, but it will happen soon.

Hip - Hop Top 10

1. Method Man - Dangerous Grounds
2. Missing Links - M.I.A.
3. D. Auguste - Rain Dance/ Nowhere To Run
4. La The Darkman - Spring Water feat. Raekwon
5. Barron Ricks - Rags To Riches/ Harlem River Drive
7. The High & The Mighty - B-Boy Document
8. 7L & Esoteric - Def Rhymes/ Headswell
9. Busta Rhymes - Tear The Roof Off

Haze- WMSC 90.3 FM
Two Forces in MSU Gallery

Howard Bye taking time to look at various works by Makudy Sail and Janet Taylor Pickoff.

By Dominic Banks
Staff Writer

Indeed, two powerful forces have incredibly left their compelling mark at the MSU Gallery as well as the student community, and their names are Makudy Sail and Janet Taylor Pickett. On Thursday, Nov. 5, these two extraordinary individuals visited Montclair State University and gave their Arts Forum Lecture, which was sponsored by the MSU’s Fine Arts Department, and held in Calcila Hall’s Fine Arts Auditorium. Each artist gave his or her own survey of profound and insightful art with elaborate slides of their art pieces, and discussed their sources of inspiration. In addition, the program also included a musical band, led by band leader Hamed Fall, a diverse African musician whose pieces were culturally definitional and greatly enlightened the program.

The program, Two Forces, differentiates yet compares the undying determination of two unique visionaries who seek to bring to light the distinctiveness of the African-American cultivation. Janet Taylor Pickett is therefore the force behind the artistic expression of African-American culture. It is a fact that Pickett is known for her numerous art installations around the country, and it is a highly-esteemed truth that she succeeds in brilliantly asserting her heritage, family history and femininity in her paintings, prints, designs and quilts which define her diverse oeuvre.

Most of her art creations were displayed in the exhibit, such as “Untitled,” “Ascension 1,” “Confining Spaces,” “Interior Spaces with Fetishes,” and “Scars That Never Heal.” The latter painting indicates the tragic, long-term effects of the subjugation of African-Americans with its symbol of a vividly drawn wound mostly covered in red coloring. This piece evokes emotions about the ever present, devastating memories of brutal and dehumanizing cruelty inflicted upon a vast majority of individuals who have carried this unforgettable mark throughout the ages.

Makudy Sail is the other force who represents the African culture through his art. Born in Senegal, West Africa, the renowned artist has used his remarkable works to personify his people’s strong, ancestral presence as well as their obstacles, victories and traditions. His works, “The Eternal Queen/Life and Society,” “Age of Wisdom,” “Tribal Generations,” “Rhythm and Dance” and “The Idea” are endlessly consumed with abstract, classical and cubist forms.

Dr. Lorenzo Pace, Director of the Fine Arts Department, clarifies, “In Sail’s ‘Age and Wisdom,’ he shows the African culture’s emphasis on respect for its older members as well as in ‘Children of the World,’ wherein he uses different colored dolls surrounding the sun, as an example that color is irrelevant to who people really are inside.”

The program, Two Forces, was successful in its primary goal to expose the students to the depth of the African-American culture.
Have you been pleased with MSU's Voice Response System and the Spring '98 registration?

"I was not pleased with MSU's Voice Response System or registration for Spring '98. I was supposed to register at 9 p.m., but the machine kept telling me that it was not time for me to register. So, I did not actually register until around 9:30. Then I found out that most of the classes that I wanted were closed. I do not like the fact that we have to wait until a certain day that is set aside for us. There should be a time period to register on a first come, first served basis."

Natasha Wombble, Molecular Biology

"Yes, I'm satisfied but I feel that improvements can be made. The fact that it's an off-campus call makes no sense to me. Plus, it's our only option and we cannot give suggestions to the Office of the Registrar. Also, getting the booklets a week before we register might be enough time, but not enough for all students."

Troy Pavuk, Molecular Biology

"We shouldn't have to pay for it. People are on the phone for over a half an hour at a time. We should be able to do it on the computer."

Paul Pat, Undeclared

This Week's Question:
Do you feel that teachers with limited ability to speak English hinder a student's education?

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Building an Academic Addition on an Aching Foundation

A proposal for the first doctoral program at MSU was approved by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education recently and no less than Susan Cole, our own university president, hailed the program, set to begin in the summer of 1999, as a "substantial step forward ... to meet the educational needs of New Jersey well into the 21st century." Hold the substantial steps, Dr. Cole, we've got a long mile ahead of us.

Before every student begins to look at the further development of MSU's Graduate School as a massive improvement to the state of education at our noble institution, let's not forget that it's going to take more than the acceptance of a proposal to build a program.

The administration, and more specifically, the Board of Trustees, has to consider several key components before implementing this program. One problem, already plaguing undergraduates, is the condition of academic buildings. Stepping into the time machine that is Chapin Hall, a student cannot help but wonder why rooms are still occupied by antiquated heaters, less-than-adequate desks and chairs and cramped teaching quarters. We at The Montclarion cannot help but wonder if the irony of placing students in the Curriculum & Teaching Department, who will become the educators of tomorrow, in the most dilapidated building on campus is lost on the administrators in College Hall.

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Beyond the issue of repairing the aching foundation in order to support new academic additions, the ever-present issue of tuition is raised. While tuition fees are significantly higher for graduate students than they are for undergraduates (In Fiscal Year '98, NJ residents paid $93.15 per undergraduate credit hour vs. $186.30 per graduate credit hour), one must wonder where the money will come from to fund the increases to a $58,180,769.92 bill for full-time university salaries in Fiscal Year '99.

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Abortion and Activism: Defining What It Means To Be “Pro Life”

This week, I would like to write on a very pressing concern that has many people frightened. In this country, and even some parts of Canada, a terrorist threat is maliciously forcing its opinions on people, threatening numerous lives and endangering many citizens. I am speaking of certain pro-life activists.

In the news recently, I saw the story of the murder of an abortion doctor. It distresses me when people are brutally killed, cut down the way that this man was. What distresses me further is the self-righteous stance that certain activists have taken, claiming that God is on the side of the individual responsible for this terrible crime.

Please do not misunderstand me. I think abortion is wrong. Slaughtering someone simply because they disagree with this opinion, though, is terrible, hypocritical, contradictory, and, if not worse, just as wrong. I am actually personally insulated when a murderer claims that his actions are righteous and the work of a good Christian.

These people seem very fond of quoting Exodus 21:22, concerning harm done to a woman who is with child. Yet they ignore the much more famous law given on the previous page, despite the fact that it is one of the Ten Commandments, which are seen as the most important laws.

Exodus 20:13 states, “You shall not murder.”

One of the two most important commandments, according to Jesus Christ, is found in Leviticus 19:18: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Abuse doctors and those who work for them, count as neighbors, and slaughtering them could never be considered a Christian act. The idea that every life is precious means that and should not be applied solely to the unborn or whoever is arbitrarily chosen to be championed.

Of course, I do not agree with the abortion doctors and this should not come as a surprise. The Bible is pretty clear on the value of life given to unborn children, even if science is still debating this topic. For this reason, abortion is seen as murder.

Murder, in whatever form, is wrong, whether it is done three months before birth or forty years afterward. Who ever is behind the brutal deaths of the doctors in Canada and throughout the United States should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Any pro-life group that insists on or encourages violence is nothing but a ridiculous contradiction and should not be given a second thought.

I cannot think of one good reason why any true Christian would even think of endorsing such people. If one wanted to stop people from getting abortions, there are much more civil means to do so. Virulent acts of destruction are not going to persuade people. Even if they did, these actions would not be justified.

I hope that I have made myself clear in everything that I have written. Whether or not someone agrees with my stance on abortion is irrelevant. What really matters is that the actions of murder are not the stance that Christians take. Anyone seen invoking the name of God while brandishing a pistol or hiding behind a coward outside someone’s house is behaving like a hypocrite. I only hope that my voice can drown out theirs.

Generation X: Confronting the Challenges of Healthy Relationships

It seems that each generational period is characterized by a certain set of values and desires that tend to resonate in the choices we make. How else would we be able to explain our parents’ relationship to the icons, music, dress and other features of their youth?

Indeed each epoch seems to bring with it a whole new array of features and events that tend to breathe new life, as it were, into the way we behave and express ourselves. But some of these features, in many instances, seem to result from a fusion of older bagage that yields a sort of mosaic, touching on the new and the old.

Interesting enough, I think the case can be true for relationships. When I speak of relationships, I refer to those characterized by openness and an air of genuine and mutual respect for another’s well-being and development. Indeed this can take its course in any form: vis-à-vis the gender issue. I think, however, particularly in the male to female matrix, our so-called Generation X has numerous challenges that confront us.

In an era essentially dominated by a quest for material toys and status, we tend to project and seek out personalities that tend to breathe new life, as it were, into the music of Tyson Beckford, Gwenyth Paltrow and Tyra Banks.

Although it can be granted that an attraction to such icons is more or less idealistic, why is it that we continue to gravitate more with our eyes as opposed to ours or our genuine interest in one another?

Don’t get me wrong, I am not saying that looking isn’t important. I am only concerned as to how far we can go with that. I think that to form good relationships, we can take a page from the past and make our relationships (of whatever form) more a matter of mutual respect, of love, of trust, of commitment and honest interactive dialogue.

As Cornel West has said, the degree which such values erode is the degree to which there cannot be a generation of values (from “Breaking Bread”). Of course, by a long shot, I am no authority on this but then again who can claim to be such as to?

I think it is a matter of harnessing such values from the past and of letting the generation involved in a relationship or partnership of any kind. I think that life is sacrifices and that we need to be valued thus I would hope the next person each of us interacts with is tapped beyond the surface.

While we are at it, fun has been kept it real and show ‘em what Generation X is really made of.

The true history of Halloween: A plea for research before “factology”

Mr. Guzman, may I ask you one question? I hope that you said yes because here it is. Where do you go for the information you use in your so-called “Factology” column?

I hope that I have made myself clear in everything that I have written. Whether or not someone agrees with my stance on abortion is irrelevant. What really matters is that the actions of murder are not the stance that Christians take. Anyone seen invoking the name of God while brandishing a pistol or hiding behind a coward outside someone’s house is behaving like a hypocrite. I only hope that my voice can drown out theirs.
Perspectives on Greek life from a fraternity pledge

Dear Jim Davison,

My name is Chris Finegan, and, yes, I am indeed Greek. I am in the right-heard Humor Section, but I'm stepping out from behind that veil to ask you a couple of questions regarding your column from the Oct. 29 issue.

As this is not the Humor Section, bear in mind that I am not joking. I respect your right to express yourself and I encourage all students who wish to voice an opinion to submit theirs to The Montclarion. All I ask is that you clarify some questions I had upon reading your column.

1. Are you criticizing Greeks specifically or any organization that might appear conformant?

I ask these questions because I am pledging a fraternity right now. I know that I do not speak for all, but I do not feel that my tradition is an unqualified condemned. I do not act blindly without thinking. I never chanted outside your window and I wish to join out of my own free will. I view the fraternity as a group of distinct individuals.

This is obvious upon close inspection of any Greeks in this university. I am proud of what I am doing and I cannot understand how someone so concerned with the individual is so quick to categorize us.

Chris Finegan
Philosophy

Fecal matter in Blanton Hall: A tour gone awry

Sunday, Nov. 1st was a relatively good day for me both personally and at the work place. I am a senior here at MSU and I was scheduled to work the Open House hosted by the Office of Admissions, where I have served as a Student Ambassador for nearly three years now.

Some of us, out of luck, little ambassadors were asked to perform in a short skit before prospective students and their parents. The show went off splendidly, and the energy of the entire Admission team was elevated. This was especially good to me because after the skit we were scheduled to take the prospective's and their folks out for a tour of our beautiful campus. The weather was favorable and the campus was actually triple-fold. Jim, this is a little more blatant but it's only temporary and the rewards reaped afterward are triple-fold. Jim, this is not the robbing of individuality. If you want to call it that, however, then you are just as guilty.

I was writing this response to the article published on Oct. 29, entitled "Madley's goal continues its downward struggle ..." I was very happy to see an article that shows you: how bad would your little tummy ache nightmares? Are they so subdued by the lack of effort on the part of those who work there that they are willing to grodiness of it all, the Residence Life staff saw nothing wrong with the problem unsolved for two days.

Now, I ask, what are these people being paid for? I also ask, in utter disgust, exactly why the Residence Life staff saw nothing wrong with the problem unsolved for two days.

I have a problem with a certain aspect of the scheduling system. I am in a triple in Blanton (which, granted, does generally have at least a mild moldicule factor) did not uprise in the face of this sanitation nightmare? Are they so subdued by the lack of effort on the part of those who work there that they are willing to step over a steaming pile of dung for an entire weekend?

Wake up and smell the waste product, people. This is no small issue here. More prominent is this is no way to pay an indenct amount of money to live. I vote you all either demand the sanitary, livable place you signed up for and spend your parent's money on or line up, drop your pants and leave a special gift for those who impose such a nightmare? Are they so subdued by the lack of effort on the part of those who work there that they are willing to grodiness of it all, the Residence Life staff saw nothing wrong with the problem unsolved for two days.

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Danelle N. Malyka
No major given

Registration based on athletics, not academics

With the spring semester at MSU coming up, it's time to start scheduling again. This is why I'm writing. I have a problem with a certain aspect of the scheduling process. I was talking to a friend of mine the other day and he told me that he had already scheduled his classes.

The reason he was able to do this was because he is a member of a MSU athletic team. I understand that it is necessary for students involved in sports at MSU to schedule early during their spring semester, but they are also allowed to schedule early when it is not their season.

I find this to be unfair to the rest of the school. Why do athletes get this special attention?

Sports are an important part in our university, but, in my opinion, privileges like scheduling early should be given on the basis of academics and not athletics. Obtaining the classes that you want is almost impossible in our school.

Patrick Manies
No major given

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Ultimately, the people and lives I was acquainted with made me aware of a new set of circumstances that I never thought of and introduced me to friends that have always been around but I have never met. If we each take the time to get to know another, whether you're offering a hug, a handshake or just eye contact with a smile, remember that kind-ness will cause a domino effect and hopefully be spread onto others.

Jason J. Velante
No major given

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O pry, I’ll make this relatively short and sweet. Right now, I’m hiding from some sort of Humor Section Nazi watchdog group calling themselves “The Citizens.” The caffeine/sugar rush that seized control of me the other week has withered away and I’m normal once again. This installment of the Wake is coming from an undisclosed location on the Montclair State campus where, with any luck, I can hide like a hermit in the backwoods until this mess blows over. Hah! They’ll never find me! When I took this job, I had no idea that people could be so testy and inflammatory over something as trivial as the rantings of an idiot. True, the $500 salary and infrequent retirement package were more than I had expected from a college newspaper. I had not, however, expected to be chased like an animal by a bunch of fanatics who want to drain blood from my own empty skull. Thanks for warning me, John J! (Uh oh, I gotta run. I’ll be back shortly.)

We are The Citizens For A More Caring, Loving Humour Section, and we are the voice of the only person named Chris Finegan. It has come to our attention that this newspaper has taken to task a Mr. Finegan. Take heed, for he is quite nasty. Good hunting!

Their hard-earned money, but we can do... squirrels. Laughter is not good. Neither is cruelty to animals by a bunch of fanatics who want to drink all the beer and make The Citizens... that isn’t what I meant to say. Sorry. I’m sorry for all this and for any inconvenience caused. So, here we go. George Carlin’s Seven Dirty Words are... crap, I gotta run again!

The Citizens are here, and apparently not a moment too soon! We have interrupted the transmission temporarily to demand that Mr. Finegan... I mean, his name is Chris Finegan, but... oh well. Be that as it may, we are about to discuss...? No, a better question would be...? Whatever. Let’s get to the important stuff. Mr. Finegan, you...? Oh, why do I bother? I can see this is already going to be a bit of a pain. So, here we go...

First, the long-awaited letter from some sort of Humour Section Editor-in-Chief Kevin Hancock can try to stop me, but I’ve got the dirt on him. I have a picture of him snacking on a transvestite with a beer bottle and a two- by-four in front of a national television audience. He tries anything as abusive as... as he... man, and can those cats get violent!

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Suspect armed and delusional. Proceed with extreme caution.

Well, on with this week’s rhetoric, I suppose. I got really bored the other day and thought this to myself, “Is anyone, besides The Citizens, actually reading this column?” Turns out the answer is, “Who cares? I don’t. Buffy The Vampire Slayer is on. O0 BUFFY!” It makes me think that there are people reading this because, I’m going to react in the same child-like manner if they are and if they are not. I will write whatever the hell I want to because I can. If you’ve got it, flaunt it. The Montclairian has no idea what I’ve got in store for today’s entry, kids, and neither do The Citizens. I’m going to test the boundaries of this fine publication and see if I can sink this bitch. Editor-in-Chief Kevin Hancock can try to stop me, but I’ve got the dirt on him. I have a picture of him snacking on a transvestite with a beer bottle and a two-by-four in front of a national television audience. He tries anything as abusive as... as he... man, and can those cats get violent!

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MSU Football fumbles cont. from p. 24

Offensive strategy in question going into regular season finale vs. Rowan

On my return to New Jersey after a week’s stay in Kansas City, I was pleased to hear the MSU football team was still in the hunt for an NCAA playoff spot going into the last week of the season after a 31-0 thrashing of New Jersey City University last Saturday. However, my concern about the team is not in its inability to kick the crap out of an inferior New Jersey City team, but its ability to play their best in the biggest games. Two weeks ago I was in contest vs. The College of New Jersey, the Red Hawks had not only the chance to tie for the lead in the conference, and perhaps, the opportunity to solidify their playoff hopes with a win. Instead, the offense put forth one of the worst performances I have ever seen in 15 years of watching collegiate and professional football, losing to the Lions 10-0. In perhaps the biggest game of their careers, the Red Hawks were as flat as a five-day old open can of soda.

It is my belief that the reason for this anemic production of the offense against the Lions was threefold. A below-average quarterback, the refusal of Head Coach Rich Giancola to yank him, and an offensive line that might find it hard to excel at even the high school level were all factors which contributed to the loss.

In the past, Jason DeVirgilio, the Red Hawks starting quarterback, in my opinion, is simply not ready to play in big games. He has a weak arm, lacksfoot speed and, most importantly, doesn’t seem to make those around him better. There is no question that DeVirgilio’s toughness or his 100% effort, but playing tough and doing your best are not enough to win a conference title or go far in a post-season tournament. Something DeVirgilio can’t be blamed for is being given a chance to play so poorly.

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Red Hawks in their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1996

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This past week, the MSU men’s soccer team ended its 1998 regular season with a 2-1 loss to Richard Stockton, and a 3-0 victory over New York University. Their overall record now stands at 14-2-3.

In the game at NYU, which was played in New York, freshman forward Atiba Yusuf added to his team’s 14th victory on its own at 11:12 in the first half. Stockton responded with a goal at 33:44, when midfielder Greg Rutler off a pass from senior midfielder Les Lundsford, beat freshman goalkeeper Alex Lanna to the far post. The Ospreys added an insurance goal in minute 43 of the first half when midfielder Eric Dodson headed home a crossing pass from Steve Billstein.

“We came out a bit flat in the first half. We battled in the second, but it wasn’t enough,” said Head Men’s Soccer Coach Rob Chesney.

Although the Red Hawks outshot the Ospreys six to one in the second half, they were unsuccessful in capitalizing on any of their chances, which included a rocket blasted from 30 yards out by senior midfielder Marion Pollard. This was deflected off the crossbar and subsequently cleared by the Ospreys.

The Red Hawks, who are making their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 1996, were awarded the second seed in the Metro Region. They will be playing on Rowan University on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. at Kean University in the first round of the tournament.

Second seed MSU takes on Rowan in first round of playoffs

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On a bright sunny Saturday afternoon, the Red Hawks lost a must-win game in Pride Bowl 20 to The College of New Jersey by the score of 10-0. The College of New Jersey executed better and with bigger plays as well as controlling the line of scrimmage.

MSU was shutout with the stalwart and aggressive defense of The College of New Jersey, who was better than the MSU defense. Needless to say, both defenses played extremely hard and with a lot of heart.

The MSU defense gave up an early score in the first quarter when The College of New Jersey scored with 9:07 left in the first quarter. Sam Mickens (defensive line) labeled the early touchdown against MSU a mental mistake. “Well, we gave up that first and only touchdown and it was all mental, we shouldn’t have given up that touchdown.”

Ultimately, the MSU defense gave up two scores, a touchdown and a field goal. With this scenario, one would think that the MSU offense could counter TCNJ. However, Jason DeVirgilio (QB) and the floundering offense were stagnant in four quarters of play. Ron Lewis (tailback) was held to only 57 yards on 18 carries by the TCNJ front line.

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The superior defense of TCNJ held the running offense of MSU to negative yardage all day. With no running game working for MSU, it would seem viable that MSU would pass. Well pass it did, but the freshman inexperience of Jason DeVirgilio sank the MSU Red Hawks deeper and deeper into an insurmountable hole.

Jason DeVirgilio’s offensive heroics were nonexistent against the TCNJ defense. The defense of TCNJ picked apart the poor passing of Jason DeVirgilio all day. There were no positive numbers posted by the freshman quarterback for the afternoon. MSU would not even position themselves for a field goal throughout the entire game.

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