Blackout plunges campus into darkness; confusion and panic follow

By Christine Quigley and Rosanna DeCosta

News Staff

A campus-wide power outage on Tues­day Dec. 2, which brought campus activi­ties to a halt and caused several building evacuations and cancelled classes, was caused by a trip in a transmission wire in Cedar Grove, said PSEG spokesperson Bob Tamburo.

"Although we have a co-generation fa­cility to supply power when PSE&G has a problem," said Ed Oberhofer, Associate Direc­tor of MSU's physical plant. "This explains why MSU had to wait one hour and 15 min­utes for PSEG to fix the wire.

The fair weather conditions made it easier for maintenance workers on campus to perform their duties. "We shut down all of the large equipment that would be harmful coming back on all at once and we checked all of the elevators to see if anyone was stuck. There was one incident in Dickson Hall in which people were stuck between floors," said Oberhofer.

The evacuations stirred up some prob­lems and confusion among students. "I thought that it was a huge inconvenience, but it's something that happens. I just think there should be a little more organization when it comes to letting students know what is going on," said MSU student Stephanie Cassidy, who felt that most students did not know what was happening.

While most people were upset about the outage, Dickson Hall, supervisor of the food truck in front of Dickson Hall, was happy about it. "I loved what happened Tuesday. Due to the fact that the power went out, I was the only one who could provide food service across campus.

I had the chance to let everyone know about my services and had better business than I have on regular days," said Tamburo.

The cafeterias were not in service due to the outage. "MSU student Christine Schoenhueber was in the library when the outage occurred. "Everything was okay until I had to use the ladies room and there was no light in there. I got a flashlight from someone and many people joined me."

The power outage affected 13,500 people in ten surrounding areas. Willowbrook Mall in Wayne was out of power for about an hour according to mall officials. "The mall was not evacuated, every­one just waited it out for about an hour and it was then business as usual. There were no incidents," said a mall spokesper­son.

Staff Writer

By Chris Holmes

It was the middle of a seem­ingly normal school day, but the third floor of Dickson Hall was lit only by a few exit signs and emer­gency bulbs, in­stead of full lights. "Isn't some­body coming?" Officer Ortiz of campus secu­rity arrived roughly 15 min­utes into the or­deal, and with the help of a student, managed to pry the doors open enough for Dr. Wilkins to peer out into the dark hall.

"We're trying to get someone from maintenance to come by and fix it," Ortiz said in a reassuring tone.

A few minutes later, Dr. Wilkins entered with an elevator key. But it was the wrong one, and Dr. Wilkins' disappointment was clear.

"What's the problem?" Dr. Wilkins asked.

Just before 1 p.m., another pro­fessor took it upon himself to go to the maintenance department to see what was going on. SEE TRAPPED, ON P. 3.

By Kara L. Richardson

Managing Editor

Faulty emergency lighting, missing elevator keys, and a down power line were some of the questions about Montclair State University's safety procedures and emergency preparedness and Vice President Hewitt said it could take months to fix.

The power outage was caused by a PSE&G problem off campus, but has on campus administrators frantically compiling reports about the various potentially fatal situa­tions presented. The campus re­mains vulnerable to disaster until action is taken.

Many of the battery operated emergency lights failed to work when they were needed most. Stairwells and hallways were spa­radically lit around campus, pos­ing a dangerous situation for the hoardes of students and staff. The lights in the Dickson stairwells did not function as emergency crews funneled to find an elevator key to save Kay Wilkins. The Chair of the French Department remained trapped in between the second and third floors in Dickson Hall.

The phone systems died down 20 minutes after the power failure. Communication was dependent on the use of walkie-talkies and cell­ular phones while a campus in­cident dealt with its darkest hour. Hewitt said, "It's not some­thing that will be solved by next week."

The State College Contract Law mandates a bidding process to find a suitable contractor. Hewitt also hopes that the weather will evade the four story academic building. Some were paralyzed with fear as they edged down ner­vously. The only hope for light was an occasional door propped open with a garbage can.

"We are lucky this wasn't a fire and that it didn't happen at night," Romano said.

Hewitt said that the emergency lighting in many of the buildings is inefficient. Many are not func­tioning and some have only enough power to last long enough to evacuate the facility.

K. Williams, Physical Plant Director, said that reports are being compiled about the failure of the emergency equipment during the blackout. She said that it will be difficult to determine the many factors involved since the lighting failures come from different auxiliary power sources.

The blackout affected the enti­re campus. Jen Pylypsiyn, a sophomore, said that she had to be escorted up the stairs in Sprague Library. She was assisted up the stairs by a librarian who held a mini-flashlight.

Studying was curtailed in the library, but students were restricted from leaving the second floor be­cause of the dangerous stairwell. Students in the dorms remained in confusion. Students from Bohn.

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**MSU Crime Report**

11/25 Bohn Hall DA

11/26 Cranford Police

11/29 Officers responded to Bohn Hall on the report of an odor of marijuana coming from an eighth floor room. Upon arrival, no CD's were present.

11/30 Officer on patrol discovers letters were removed from the MSU sign located at the Clove Rd entrance to campus. Other letters were damaged in an attempt to remove them.

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**For The Record**

In the Nov. 25 Montclarion, Brian Driscoll took the photograph underneath the headline, “Free Internet access available.” The Montclarion apologizes for the error.

The Montclarion willingly corrects its factual errors. If you think we have made a mistake in a story please call Editor-In-Chief, Kevin P. Hancock at 973-655-5230.

**Local News**

The incident started at 3:20 p.m. after Fournier’s girlfriend called police to report that he had threatened to kill himself by driving a vehicle through the front door of his family’s house on Passaic Avenue.

**Police confront suicidal man**

A confrontation between police and a suicidal West Caldwell man ended early yesterday without major injury after the man waved a nail gun at officers surrounding his house.

Robert Fournier, 32, was at the Essex County Jail yesterday afternoon after holding up for nearly three hours in his family’s home at 7 Nutting Place, ignoring officers’ pleas and demands that he come out peacefully, Capt. Charles Tubbs said. ________

Espy not guilty of corruption

The jury in the corruption trial of Undersecretary Espy found the former Agriculture secretary not guilty of lying to investigators Wednesday. The jury found Espy not guilty of lying to investigators.

Espy said. In contrast, Independent Counsel Donald Smeltze who spent more than four years and $17 million prosecuting Espy, had no visible reaction in the courtroom.

**Israel Cabinet suspends troop withdrawals**

In the wake of the latest outbreak of violence in the West Bank, the Israeli Cabinet decided Wednesday to suspend any further troop withdrawals until the Palestinian Authority meets a new set of conditions.

Among them: that the Palestinian Authority publicly abandon plans to unilaterally declare a Palestinian state next year.

**Some plastic toys scrutinized**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission on Wednesday asked the nation’s toymakers to investigate austria suspecting a compound that is used to give some soft toys a plastic-like feel because it may contain a chemical called diisononyl phthalate (DINP) that is a plastic-softening compound in baby-sitters and nothing toys, but has decided against trying to ban all toys made with the chemical.

"If we are children at risk from (diisononyl phthalate) because that the ingredients do not reach a level that would be harmful," the CPSC said on its Web site as it released the results of a study on the chemical and its effects on children.

**Police accident in Newark injures many**

A pre-dawn accident in Newark sent 15 people to the Jersey City Cancer Center S-Center was sent to the Student Center and put in a convenience store to get the price lower and why.

**How do C-Store prices stack up with other stores?**

Staff writer Rosanne DeCosta compared prices in the Student Center S-Center was sent to the Student Center and put in a convenience store to get the price lower and why.

**What’s to come in THE MONTCLARION**

Students provided with new fast food service

Students now get a quick bite to eat from the Red Hawk Express. This stall which is usually parked outside DeLillo would breakfast and lunch items.
Aluminum bat ban prompts lawsuit

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**Hour long search for key strands professor in elevator**

find a crowbar. A few minutes later, an EMT crew arrived on the scene. But they didn't have the elusive key, and that was what Dr. Wilkins needed the most.

"What a nightmare," Dr. Wilkins sighed. "What they could and did provide was some oxygen, dispensed from a tank the size of a small fire extinguisher. Dr. Wilkins breathed through a small, transparent face-mask that seemed to provide as much mental comfort as physical.

The space between the elevator doors for the mask was created in a most unorthodox fashion. Officer Ortiz, with the assistance of a volunteer MSU paramedic, used a pair of wooden mops to pry open a space large enough to fit a phone book. That space allowed not only the oxygen mask, but a much-needed cup of water.

"I'm doing a little bit better," said Dr. Wilkins after taking a sip of the water.

Soon after, four members of the Little Falls Fire Department arrived, replete in black and yellow jackets and blue jeans. But there was no dramatic rescue scene, no breaking down of doors with axes or gulping of water to quench raging fires. But one of the firefighters had the chance to save the day, as he produced the small metal object which released Dr. Wilkins from her nearly hour-long captivity. And just as quickly as her ordeal started, a simple turn of the key ended it.

Professor thinks like an animal

By Noreen Lewars
Special to The Montclarion

The NCBA Executive Committee has approved the change over of aluminum baseball bats to a wooden composite material, effective Aug. 1, 1999. As a result of the change over the NCBA is faced with a $367 million lawsuit filed by the industry's leading bat makers, sport officials said.

The division XII and III baseball league was the first league in the region to agree to the change over and has further made recommendations to divisions II and III to use the composite wood baseball bats at all championship levels effective Aug. 1, 1999.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, 1998 the NCBA met and agreed to follow the footsteps of division I but with one exception, and that is the date be changed to May, 1999. A decision to this effect has not yet been reached, said Norm Schoening, Head Baseball Coach, Montclair State University.

Schoening said that he has been in favor of the change over for the past 2 years. He believes that the amended bats will, "bring integrity back into the game and help the pitchers to be more confident.

Several pitchers have been injured in the past by drives off the aluminum bats, including a freshman from Montclair State, Brian Byntle, who in Oct. 97 got hit below the eye. Schoening said. Although this was not a serious injury, Schoening maintains that more serious injuries can occur.

Chadwick Dempsey, head, NCAA in a letter to the institutions dated Aug. 23, 1998 suggested that institutions consider the change over because the association will no longer be responsible for injured players. These players are now the responsibility of the institutions for which they play, Schoening said.

Under the new specifications, bats cannot have been batted ball speed of more than 93 mph. Previously there was no limit, this therefore allowed manufacturers to produce balls that could make a ball travel in the 110 mph, when hit. The association recommended that bats should not exceed 1/8 in. from the previous allowable diameter, Schoening said. The bats weight to length also should not exceed 3 ounces, he said.

Schoening believes that the use of the new bats still, "turns a normal ball around." He believes that there will now be more emphasis on the fundamentals of the game in terms of scoring a run. He said that there will be greater emphasis on pitching and defense as opposed to the offensive part of the game.

This is what will affect the total outcome of the game.

An eviction was ordered but then curtailed five minutes later when the power was restored.

Although security measures were taken, Kay Wilkins, Chair of the French Department remained trapped in a Dickson Hall elevator for almost an hour as the maintenance staff scurried around for the missing key.

Friends tried to comfort her and instructed her to use the emergency phone. In the past she had said she believed there was such a phone and that she could find it. Finally, after surveying the walls with her hands she found it. But to her horror, it was not working.

According to Edward Oberhofer, Physical Plant Associate Director, tracking down the missing key was a challenge since it was in the hands of an on-campus electrician, not with Campus Security. In the meantime, the door was pried open with a broomstick and held open with a phone book to give her some air.

Eventually, the Little Falls Fire Department was called on the scene. They stumbled upon the blackened stairwell in search of Wilkins as staff people and students felt their way down the stairs with their own emergency keys.

Williams said that an order has been placed to make copies of all of the elevator keys and place them in the elevator operating rooms.

Wilkins said, "I did not see a great deal of help from the Montclair Administration. I know that the emergency services were there and my colleagues were supportive. I hope that as a result of my experience the administration will have the proper equipment available.

See this week's Main Editorial on page 10 dealing with the events that took place during the blackout.
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A student's perspective about the land of Tibet

By Daniel Fieller
Staff Writer

Since China invaded Tibet, the Tibetan people have been resisting the imposed rule, in every manner possible. This resistance manifests itself in many forms, from open riots to more clandestine insurrection. The Tibetans that one meets are willing to talk about the ravages inflicted upon their country by China. They want to help you, but they do this at their own peril, as the brutality they face if caught is remarkable. Their friendship and bravery exceeds all expectations of these forgotten people, as I discovered.

I made the mistake of glancing down from where I was clinging, in the back of a miniature open topped van, only to see a stream making its way along the bottom of the lush gorge. The van was leaning over so much that the road was no longer visible and even the old Nepali woman, in her sari, who was riding with me, had a frightened glint in her eyes. We were in no man's land, having passed through the impressive Chinese border post at Zhangmu; we were making our way down to Nepal's opposite number, Kodari. Both villages are perched on an unbelievable position on the side of a steep ravine, just waiting to slip down and share the fate of the numerous trucks, which had missed the road and gone tumbling down to the bottom. The view of these trucks was of little comfort to us as we hovered above their wreckage.

There is a painting of the middle of the bridge that spans the gorge between Nepal and China; it defines the official border. As I stepped over it, I was happy to not have the view of the trucks lying at the base of the gorge and to be in a new country. Glancing around I found the small house, which had been painted white and served as the customs building. I was expecting the harsh bureaucratic treatment that I had received from officials in China but instead was greeted by a calm voice asking me if I cared to take a seat. I slowly sat down in shock from the English and the manner of the request, I handed over my passport trying to explain that I had bought my visa in Lhasa and would the non-uniformed official like to see my receipt. The quick and almost automatic response, "You're not in China anymore, we do things differently here in Nepal," put me at ease in the company of this helpful, friendly man. This is how it should have been in Tibet.

Before I left Lhasa, taking one of the fleet of four wheel drive vehicles, which ply the "Friendship Highway", carrying backpackers across the Himalayas, my future travelling companions had been unreliving their arrivals in the city. When they talked about it, it would make people hesitate into groups around the table where they sat, in the small cafe. The listeners could not believe what they were hearing; these were the stories one finds in the back of message books in backpacker hide-a-ways, hidden behind the useless junk and xenophobic nonsense. The oddest of my companions, a tall thirty-year-old Londoner bearing a straggling beard and the possessor of a piece-meal rucksack, told of his entry into Tibet.

He had arrived in Singapore from Australia and made his way along the peninsula into Burma. He had seen the brutality of the regime in its repression of its population and containment of travellers. He left this country only wanting to return when the current regime had been displaced, and entered into China in order to make his way up to Tibet. The reason that he took is forbidden for foreigners, mainly due to the aversion of the Chinese in dealing with the repatriation of a deceased traveller, from the wilds of 5,500 mile passes laced with snow. It took him over three weeks of periodic hitching and hiding in the back of a truck with several Tibetan families to make it to Lhasa. The Tibetans were constantly aloof of the irregularly spaced Chinese guards in order to help him make it through. Sometimes he was forced to get out from under the tarpaulin and walk with the ever hospitable Tibetans when the truck was in danger of losing the road and falling into one of the deep gulies. The drivers took great delight in avoiding the guards and taking on the dangers in acceptance of the Londoner's money. The risks that they took for him can never be accounted for, except in terms of the pride that was derived by receiving the occupying Chinese.

My second companion, a short, black haired, multi-talented Singaporean moun­tain guide, photographer and math tutor spoke of the help which he had received on his journey from the border. Instead of taking the run of the mill four wheel drive from the border to Lhasa he had crawled and bumped his way by truck and tractor over many days. He acquired the essential help of a local tourist guide who was only too happy to have a chance to use his broken English. The guide arranged transport on the windswept, open back of a lorry and on a tractor to take my friend to the sacred lakes, which are only accessible by local transport, as the roads are almost nonexistent. The trip went ahead as planned after two days, eventually being prevented by an irrepairable tractor, forcing my companion to travel onwards to Lhasa and attempt the trip again from the other direction. Ten days later, once in Lhasa, he met his former aid by chance, only to discover that the authorities had arrested him, beating and imprisoning him for several days. His charge was telling the "false history of Tibet," the unofficial version that hadn't been sanctioned by the Chinese. They found him guilty without evidence and he subsequently lost his job. He paid dearly for his unfalseness, which he gave without question to a foreigner.

There are many more realities of repression and generosity, of a quest for freedom and the loss of culture. Where once there were prayer flags flying over a monastery one now sees a red Chinese flag. One is forced to look back on the great loss that these people have suffered and the continuing repression.

An aerial view of the mountains in Tibet. MARCUS, DANIEL, TEK and ROBERT ON A 5,220 MILE HIGH MOUNTAIN PEAK.

The Finance Column: the week in stocks

By Rob Sjoltti
Staff Writer

Last week was a good week for the market overall. The Dow Jones rose and there was another NASDAQ explosion. This recent NASDAQ national market boom has shown amazing growth of internet stocks. However, this Monday showed a decline in the Dow Jones by over 200 points and the NASDAQ fell over 60 points. During this period of falling stock prices there was a very high volume as well. According to analysts, holiday shopping appeared to be heavy the day after Thanksgiving. This year internet buying is predicted to increase by approximately 5%. This is a good indicator, considering holiday shopping accounts for a large portion of yearly sales.

Exxon confirmed they will merge with Mobil. This combination will create the largest oil company by far. Prior to any serious considerations Exxon is looking for any violations of anti-trust legislation within this merger. Some economists feel this merger could cause many mergers in the future.

It is easy to see that stocks historically have shown huge growth. It is important to understand that, although there has been huge growth, there have been times of decline as well. A prudent investor will buy stock in a proven firm and be prepared to hold onto the stock through possible bad times. Hopefully with patience your investments will prosper and you can achieve your financial goals.

Here are some of the indexes used besides the Dow Jones that investors use to examine the stock market.

NASDAQ: The National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotations is an index which consists of many internet and computer companies. Standard and Poor 500: Similar to the Dow Jones Except it contains 500 large companies. It is often used as an indicator of the general market.

Russell 2000: This is a collection of smaller companies. This can be used to obtain a broader perspective of the stock market.

As an incentive to invest in stocks, I would like to present you with some interesting facts:

Investment type: value in 1919 Value in 1997
Treasury Bills: $1.00, $21.49
Long-Term Government: $1.00, $85.93
Bonds - Long Term Corporate: $1.00, $85.17
Bonds - Common Stocks: $1.00, $259.17
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Forms of Thought will give viewers something to think about

Victoria Tengdikes
Assistant Arts Editor

Forms of Thought, a compilation of contemporary sculpture pieces by 18 MSU students, opened in Gallery One last week. The show does not have one single theme but combines many different perspectives. Unlike an exhibit by just one artist, a group show allows you to experience many distinct ideas and thoughts.

The most compelling piece is the untitled piece by Lewis Cofrancesco, which creates an eerie mood for the entire room. This piece was by far the most interesting with its porcelain dolls wired together and hanging from a metal contraption. The dolls’ eyes feel like they follow you wherever you go in the small room and the creepy feeling is enhanced by the fact that the gallery is secluded from the rest of civilization in Life Hall Annex.

Another outstanding piece, yet not as creepy, is Diva by Bob Matarangis. This wall piece uses mixed media and is an opera scene with a diva who has huge lips. The intricate design is stunning, everything from the knights on stage to the chandelier in the audience are perfectly detailed.

Mike Blackkewicz’s untitled piece will make you appreciate its pure muffle, which is a muffer with the middle cut open and on the inside is the figure of a woman. It is an interesting piece and it will perplex you.

Easter Island Mishap by Chris Dreitellin is hard to describe. It looks like a tin foil creature with a human arm protruding from one side. You must see it for yourself to get the full effect.

A personal favorite was No Rest by Karen Glassman. This piece takes up the back wall of the room with a series of drawings filled with strategically placed objects. There is a draw completely filled with fragmented pieces of glass, another one filled with little packets of sauces and there are more with papers and credit cards. This piece reminds you of compulsively cleaning, I enjoyed looking at all the little things in the drawings.

Blessed Are The Meek is a strikingly simple piece by Lisa Montcalco. It is a series of wooden sticks which look like crutches held together by a copper pipe. Tara LaMotta’s piece is a mixed media and is quite intriguing. It is half of a human figure carved out with far lining. Keely McCool’s latest work, Progressions 2, in wood and slate is also featured.

There were many pieces sculpted out of bronze. James Croc’s Viking Cup and Dolores Saiano’s Twofold are both in yellow bronze and are very nice to look at. Two bronze pieces by Dora Dillman were on display. Entitled Mother Child, these greenish colored statues are very lovely. Fabio J. Fernandez’s Wrightian Construction has an ancient feel to it.

There are many other pieces that were not specifically mentioned, each one is worth going to see. Each piece of this group show will make you think and come up with your own meaning. Make sure to go to Gallery One to experience the artwork of some of MSU’s talented artists for yourself.

Evelyn Forever’s brand of bubbly pop music will enthuse you

Laura Lifshitz
Staff Writer

Evelyn Forever takes you to debatable heights! It’s tastier than Withy Wonka’s chocolate factory and livelier than newlyweds on a honey-moon. Nostalgic feelings come over adults and the burning passion of teenage lust and livelier than newlyweds on a honey-moon. Evelyn Forever’s brand of bubbly pop music will enthuse you.

With the crowd coming in at Arlene’s Grocery (located in New York City) it was more than then scarlet fever. Evelyn Forever has arrived! Playing all over the East and West Coast, spun on radio stations in the U.S. and overseas, these guys have made a name for themselves. Counting Crows, The Police, Squeeze, Elvis Costello, The Beatles and The Replacements are just some of the band’s favorites and influences. The band sets out to play their melodies sweet and darers fans to give up the old tired pop stereotype. With their own buoyant sound these guys are great, a new version of the everyday pop we all love whether we admit it or not. As the band began I started to think of my favorite, sexiest crush.

As this band continues their drive of pop punk, An image of Green Day comes up and when performed live this song may make Billy Joel pale. “Magic of the Moment” drugs listeners to the lazy summer days which you wished would never end. Adults would totally groove the nostalgic licks this song provides. It would press the replay button on their younger days. Even though Reef’s voice may crack like a small boy, the three part harmonies are lovable and fuller on CD when Matt joins in. Matt, the animalistic drummer, also sings on Lost in the Supermarket, the band’s new CD.

If it were possible to capture the friskiness of this kitty on CD, then Evelyn Forever will be set. Check out the new CD Lost in the Supermarket or their web site www.evelynforever.com. Although not quite as infectious as their new CD and recent (not yet recorded) tunes, yet admirable and grooving, is their debut album Nighclub Jitters. As this band continues to mature, their sound is developing too fast to be ignored. While listening, I guarantee you will remember being in your loved one’s arms, being dumped and longing for the perfect kiss, which is all the wonder, hurt and anxiety a little love can produce.
BillBoard Top Ten

1. Garth Brooks - Double Live
3. Jewel - Spirit
4. Mariah Carey - #1’s
5. Celine Dion - These Are Special Times
6. The Offspring - Americana
7. Ice Cube - War & Peace Vol. 1 (The War Disc)
8. Alanis Morissette - Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie
9. 'N Sync - 'N Sync
10. Jay-Z - Vol. 2 ... Hard Knock Life

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Christine Dale, Human Ecology

“No. They’re always full and we don’t have enough. It’s a joke.”

Keltie Cross, Biology

“No, [In Freeman] there are seven floors and nine washing machines. That’s not a lot for all of these people. We pay a lot of money to live here and we should be able to have a decent number of machines.”

Thomas Demamsky, Spanish

Question of the Week:

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Safety Questions Shine Brighter In The Darkness

The entire university and the surrounding community were thrown into darkness at approximately 12:25 p.m. on Tuesday, and, outside of the panic of the ensuing hour and a half without electricity or on-campus phone services, all that remained at the end of this incident were questions.

When the power went out in the Student Center Annex, emergency systems and back-up power generators did not light the halls and, instead, students were found roaming out of offices with butane lighters and candles. Within moments of the blackout, SGA legislators began entering the offices distributing flashlights. In Dickson Hall and other academic buildings, classes remained in session, again, despite the absence of emergency electricity. Initial reports spread rapidly through campus of students being trapped in stalled elevators. EMS was unofficially inaugurated in a baptism of fire as ambulances rushed around campus, in search of students injured during the blackout. By 1 p.m., the electricity and emergency systems still not operational, Little Falls Police and Fire Department officials were roaming the halls of the Student Center Annex in search of what many claimed was a burning smell. Many questioned what would have happened if a fire had broken out in the Annex while power was out across campus. Eventually, the Annex was evacuated, students stumbling through darkened hallways, wondering what had gone wrong.

And what did go wrong? While PSE&G was the initial and primary culprit of the power outage, affecting the towns of Montclair and Cedar Grove in addition to the MSU campus, students cannot help but wonder why the university was not better prepared.

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One maintenance worker wandered into The Montclarion office asking, “What happened? What’s going on?” Standing in darkness, hearing the initial horror stories about students trapped in shower stalls, in elevators, in unsafe classrooms and stairwells, wondering what could have been done to prevent the panic and minimize the damages, we are left wondering the exact same thing.
CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE FIRST STEP: LEARNING TO HELP OTHERS

Many people agree that one of the biggest problems on this campus is not the administration or the parking or the dilapidated buildings but the increasing level of apathy among students. Participation is down at campus events, despite the rallying cry of many who are involved. Everyone, it seems, is complaining about how nobody cares about anything. I don't think this is true. All of the students on campus do have deeply-rooted passions and I feel that they do care very much about certain issues. The problem instead lies in what passions are placed; everyone, in my opinion, seems to care about the wrong things.

The only reason that people seem to take notice of anything more is to see if it directly affects them in any way. If it does not, they see no reason as to why they should give it a second thought. We have gained a very myopic worldview in our time and don't even seem to realize it. We have placed blinders over our eyes and become numb and ignorant to the people around us.

It doesn't matter if people are starving or hurting near us, just so long as we get our money's worth on our meal plan. The rest of the world then takes a back seat as we continue to argue for better parking arrangements. I will admit that I also guilty of such selfish behavior and am ashamed of myself. I am not saying that these concerns are completely without merit. It isn't completely selfish to want a comfortable and relaxing experience from our education. We begin to appreciate what we have and take a step back, we may realize that there is a world outside of this campus and there are people existing outside of our own private circles.

There no longer seems to be any sense of obligation to fellow human beings. If we don't know them, we shouldn't care about them. I suppose that it is a tall order to actually have compassion for total strangers who live in places of which we know nothing. Yet those in need of help exist right here on this campus and, often times, only a few blocks away. We need to go out of our way to help these people and others, though I doubt that most of us would.

I do realize that a number of services exist here on campus for these purposes. Food and clothing drives are held. Blood drives are brought on campus. Private counseling is provided for those seeking assistance in difficult times.

But, if these services did not exist, how often would the poor, the hungry and the troubled cross any of our minds? Even when they do, we find excuses to get out of helping, claiming that we're too busy or that needles frighten us. Sometimes, we simply forget.

A couple of weeks ago, I attended an Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship conference on racial reconciliation called “Eyes to See.” It opened my mind up to much of what is going on in the world around us. Unfortunately, many of us choose to keep our eyes closed. I still find myself turning away at certain things about which I would rather not think.

But rather than ignore the countless acts of injustice that surround us, we should become more aware of them. Yes, they are disturbing, which is why we should do something of them instead of hoping that they will just go away. We have to stay alert and be involved in problems of injustice. By being involved we can help to straighten out some of the problems and realize the desperate needs of others.

The issues that I have addressed deserve far much more space than I am able to give. In the coming semester, I hope to explore many of them further.

There are no easy solutions and I do not wish to offer any. Obviously, something must be done. If we are to come out of injustice, consciousness is the first step that we need to take.
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**FINEGAN'S WAKE**

70 Snippets of Happiness

By Chris Finegan

Come on, Baby. Light his fire.

The Montclarion proudly presents its 70th anniversary issue, and I was wondering what I could possibly contribute. I care quite a bit, because this issue is going to stick around for a while and I produce it. I get the feeling that this very historic issue deserves something special and I've just got the thing. In my columns of newspapers past, I presented creative new ideas that many had shied away from for whatever reason. In that vein, I have decided to compile 70 ideas you will not hear anywhere else. You can implement them and lead a happier life by far. Trust me. You will thank me later.

1. Go in the sink when you can't hold it any longer.
2. Answer the phone, "Barnacle Bill's Seafood Palace. We've all got crabs!"
3. Punch a mime in the stomach.
4. Get a let up of Idiots with a Porcelain take a picture of your ass.
6. Need a cheap meal? Scrape some mashed potatoes off the cafeteria ceiling.
8. Hug a rabid dog. He looks like he needs a comb-over.
9. Answer the phone, "Barnacle Bill's Seafood Palace. We've all got crabs!"
10. Three Words: Beanie Baby Lust
11. Quote Pauly Shore.
12. Holiday Game: How Many Little Twinkling Lights Can You Fit In Your Mouth?
15. Guaranteed pick-up line: "I wanna put some ice cream on them cones of yours!"
16. Give a sloppy tongue-kiss to an electrical socket.
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20. Answer "Are there any questions?" with "21".
21. Give your dog a Hordel chilli. It's sorta the same as regular canned dog food.
22. Covered in body hair? Wear a thong to the beach.
23. Rip a tree out of the ground with your bare hands.
24. Stick a Chihuahua down the front of your pants. It'll get you loads of laughs.
25. A Big Mac has all 4 basic food groups. Eat a 5 day and live a healthy life.
26. Play the piano with your ass.
27. Ask random people to dance with you to the music playing in your head.
28. Send your boyfriend to the store to buy you tampons.
29. Survive the lecture with a refreshing mental image of your teacher as a gigantic talking rodent.
30. Moon the judge.
31. Mack a department store Santa in the crotch.
32. Hire Michael Jackson as your next wedding ceremony officiant.
33. Who says you can't make toast in the microwave?
34. "What would Charles Manson do?"
35. "It's so much quicker when you use a blowtorch.
36. "Are there any questions?"
37. Wear pants three sizes too large and don't bother with a belt.
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40. Answer "Are there any questions?"
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**MONTCLAIR HOME AND BUSINESS TIMES**

By Ed Flannery

1. Eat lunch in a psychiatric hospital for colorful conversation.
2. Get your pets drunk. They'll love you even more.
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**The Horoscope Never Lies**

**By Mr. Panhead**

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Your stars secretly hate you. So does Can­cer. Foil Cancer's evil plans and don't eat the brownies. You DON'T want to know what's in them.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Your stars were on their way to the house of Aries, but they made a wrong turn and ended up in a fraternity house. THEY'LL have a good week. Yours will be godawful.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You are startled during a burrito commer­cial when the Taco Bell chihuahua instructs you to kill your family. Better do his bidding before he gets angry.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
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**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
See if that does anything for you, maggot. Consider becoming a Leo.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)
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**GEMINI** (May 21 to Jun. 21)
Don't slow dance to it anymore. Love is abound for Leo this week. The bullion of your life will run around at a party with your under­wear on your head.

**LEO** (Jul. 23 to Aug. 22)
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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22)
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**LIBRA** (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22)
You will have a torrid love affair with Horoscopes writer Chris Finegan and feel very dirty afterwards. Your stars will mock you and you will become a recluse. Sorry!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You will have a monkey on your back this week. All attempts to get the repetitive, fruit­smelling little bastard off will only result in repeated clawings. That hairy puke isn't going anywhere.
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Wrestling team returns home with three first place finishes

By Betsey Montez
Staff Writer

Last Saturday the Montclair wrestling team traveled down to Kutztown, PA to wrestle in the Kutztown Invitational. The tournament consisted of 14 teams in which the Redhawks finished first. Due to injury, only half the team wrestled. Even so, the Redhawks rapped up the tournament with three first place finishes. This was the highest number of champions any one team had.

Dominic Dellagatta (157 lbs.) showed fans why he deserved to take first place in his weight class. In a total of five matches, Dellagatta was never scored upon. He pinned three out of his five opponents, including a 5:20 fall time in the finals. He beat his other two opponents with decision of 10-0 and 7-0. Dellagatta dominated his weight class. He took his opponents to the mat early on in his matches, wrestling with great technique. Dellagatta gave a performance truly deserving of the Most Outstanding Wrestler, instead it was team Capt. Florin Ghinea who took the award.

Ghinea (141 lbs.) was returning to Kutztown seeded first after having placed first in the tournament last year. He received a bye in his first round and went on to pin his next two matches. It wasn’t until his final match that Ghinea received some competition. He pulled out a close 6-5 decision to capture his second title. Also capturing a second title was senior transfer Todd Good (197 lbs). He took first last year when he wrestled for Delaware Valley at a 190 lbs.Going was also seeded first and received a bye his first round. He continued on through the next three rounds with decisions of 15-2, 3-0, 2-0. He finished up by pinning his opponent during the finals in the first period with a fall time of 1:55.

The Redhawks will be wrestling this weekend in the Coast Guard tournament and will begin their dual meet season this Tuesday.

Men’s basketball finishes 1-2

By Tess Stirling
Assistant Sports Editor

This past week, the MSU men’s basketball team started off their season with a win and two losses. They took on Rowan University at Rowan last Tuesday, and went on a two-day trip to Pennsylvania for the Carnegie Mellon Tournament.

Their first win of the season came against Carnegie Mellon University with the score of 87-69. Junior guard Scott Clark had a total of 24 points, while senior forward Anthony Peeples pulled down 18 rebounds.

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MSU defense plays major role in stopping the Cougars' offensive attack

By Paul Lewiarz

Staff Writer

The MSU women's basketball team played its first home game last Saturday against the Kean University Cougars. MSU romped Kean 83-55 in a game which saw four MSU players score in double figures. The MSU offense was running smoothly with floor general Wykemia Kelley running the floor and the offense. With her smooth and flowing ball handling, she guided the team to another win, which gives MSU a 2-2 record on the year. Although it was Felicia Ingram who blew up for MSU, simultaneously blowing up Kean. Ingram had her best overall performance in her 2 years at MSU with 14 points, 9 assists, 5 rebounds, 6 steals and 3 blocked shots. She absolutely scorched the Kean defense, exposing every weakness that the Kean defense seemed to have. She was not alone in her scoring spree, Marlena Lawrence had a game high 19 points on the day with an absolutely flawless game. LaLethea Holland came off the bench helping the overall offensive performance with 15 points, 9 rebounds in just 21 minutes.

The offense being as perfect as it was could not have been alone and it wasn't because the defense complemented the offense by causing a whopping 41 turnovers on Kean including 24 steals, 5 coming off from the bench freshman Jennifer Seiden.

MSU expects a really big year, especially from junior forward Felicia Ingram, and senior guard Wykemia Kelley who will no doubt have big seasons.

"We definitely have a floor general in Wykemia Kelley, she will be the make and break backbone of this team as our point guard, a returning all conference player from last year. Felicia Ingram also locks very strong in her efforts, has a nice outside touch, has tremendously developed her ball handling skills, her defense has stepped up a notch. She will be one of those players who will be looked upon to take us to the next level," said head coach Gloria Bradley.

MSU is really a very talented team with a deep bench full of players and anything short of the NCAA tournament would be a disappointment to the coach and to the players. "Our goal is to make the NCAA tournament and anything short of that would be a disappointment. The goal is to make the NCAA, just going to the conference playoffs, we've done that in past years, it's not going to be easy getting there this year, it's never easy getting there, but that's not our ultimate goal, our goal is the Big Dance, the NCAA," said

Peeples and Clark lead MSU past Rutgers-Camden 80-61

by Tim Sterling

Assistant Sports Editor

MSU senior Anthony Peeples poured in 20 points and snared down 17 rebounds while teammate Scott Clark scored 20 as Montclair State head coach Ted Fiore was pleased with the overall offensive performance with 15 points, 9 rebounds in just 21 minutes.

The junior went 0-8 from the field. Peeples and Clark with the scoring was sophomore center Milenko Beric. The Yugoslavian scored 12 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. For Rutgers-Camden, Josh Samtino scored 12 points, while Cliff Tokely scored 11.

MSU head coach Ted Fiore who was making his home debut as the new Montclair State head coach had this to say about Wednesday's game:

"As a coach you're always nervous especially for your first home game. You just have to hope the guys make a good impression. I felt Felicia had a strong game defensively and Anthony was very had a very strong game on the offensive end. Scott Clark was also one who impressed me tonight."