A campus-wide power outage on Tuesday Dec. 2, which brought campus activity to a halt and caused several building evacuations and cancelled classes, was caused by a trip in a transmission wire in Cedar Grove, said PSE&G spokesperson Beth Derin.

"Although we have a co-generation facility to supply power when PSE&G has a problem up there," said Derin, "it's not an option."

At noon, the result of a campus-wide power outage was Dr. Kay Wilkins. Dr. Wilkins, who teaches speech history and was in the third floor of Dickson Hall, could barely see.

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

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A student's first hand account of the MSU police department.

"What a nightmare."

- Dr. Kara Wilkins, Chair of the MSU French Dept.

By Chris Holmes
Staff Writer

It was the middle of a seemingly normal school day, but the third floor of Dickson Hall was lit only by dimly lit signs and emergency bulbs, in addition to whatever light December sunlight peeked through the third floor's open office door. In one of the darker recesses of that third floor, a crowd gathered. That something was Dickson Hall's western elevator, and in it was Dr. Kay Wilkins. Dr. Wilkins, Chair of MSU's French Department, was trapped alone in a dimly light cubicle on Tuesday afternoon, the result of a campus-wide power outage which hit at about 12:28. And since her elevator was stuck between the second and third floors, forcing the doors open was not an option.

The only way to get the doors open was with a special elevator key, which was nowhere to be found. So while friends and colleagues tended to Dr. Wilkins, she was forced to wait nearly an hour for a hour for her shiny, silver savior.

"I'm so frightened!" exclaimed an auditorily shaken Dr. Wilkins through the door of her temporary prison.

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"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 if anyone was stuck. There was an 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, Michael Tamburo, supervisor of fixed Hawk Express, the food truck in front of Dickson Hall, was happy about it. "I loved what happened."

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 ever had on regular days," said Tamburo.

The cafeterias were not in service due to the outage.

"I think it is a little difficult to blame only PSE&G for the outage. Many times factors in the environment can cause a power outage such as wind, and Tuesday was very windy," said MSU student Cristina Sanchez Castillo. "Although her point is a valid one, it was an outage."
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**MSU CRIME REPORT**

- **11/25** Bohn Hall DA reported seeing a known male who is persona non grata leaving Bohn Hall. A criminal pending is now present.
- **11/26** Cranford Police Dept. advised that the female of a female Blanton Hall resident reported her daughter missing. Female was observed on campus. Cranford Police Dept. was notified.
- **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 removed from the MSU sign. A first female student placed her book bag on a shelf upon entering the bookstore. After shopping she returned to retrieve her book bag and discovered it missing.
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Professor thinks like an animal

ANIMAL INSTINCTS: Dr. Roland Sitter, a MSU professor, pictured with Jackie (left) and Julia, has written a new book on animal behavior.

By Christine Quigley
Assistant News editor

A textbook on the psychology of animal behavior by MSU professor, Dr. Roland Sitter, was published in October.

What made the book such a valuable text for psychology students to study animal behavior? "Most of the students haven't had biology and the textbooks that we were using were from a biological point of view," said Sitter.

This is Sitter's first published textbook. "It took me approximately four-and-a-half years to complete it," said Sitter.

The 400-page book takes a close look at wild animals and how they live in their natural environment. The book contains entertaining and knowledgeable information with straightforward terms.

"The book is a look with evolutionary and ecological point of view. He feels that this is necessary to understand the whole aspect," Sitter said.

Sitter, a West Orange resident, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern University and his Ph.D. from Purdue University.

Blackout CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Campus blackout raises concerns about MSU's preparedness

hall were left in the dark. According to Bohn Hall resident Katrina Regna, over thirty minutes passed without any information about the situation.

Residents, as well as the rest of the campus, were cut off 20 minutes after the initial power failure when the phone system backup battery expires. "I've never been happy with the phone systems here," Hewitt said.

Hewitt said that the back up system has been in place for the three years she has been at Montclair State. Hewitt said that the university works in accordance with the Department of Community Affairs and the Pre-Safety to ensure regulations. But she was unable to provide the date of the last inspection. "My own suspicion is that those lights haven’t been checked in years," John O'Brien, Assistant Director of Academics said. O'Brien, who has worked for Montclair State University for 18 years, explained that the emergency lights were not working in parts of College Hall as well.

The campus building evacuation procedures were ordered over an hour after the power failure. According to Hewitt, the campus shut down minutes after people were asked to leave.

"We would have canceled classes at sun-rise," President Cole said. "Campus Security was prepared to set up a fire watch in each building to ensure safety."

An evacuation 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 scrambled around for the missing key.

Friends tried to comfort her and instructed her to use the emergency phone. In the meantime, she was on the phone and holding 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 matches and keys.

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Aluminum bat ban prompts lawsuit

By Noreen Lewars
Special to The Montclarion

The NCAA 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 NCAA is faced with a $267 million lawsuit filed by the industry's leading bat makers, sport officials said.

The division II women's softball 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 NCAA 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. 1997 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 institution for which they play, Schoening said.

Under the new specifications, bats cannot be batted ball speed of more than 93 mph. Previously there was no limit, this therefore allowed manufacturers to produce bats that could make a ball travel in the range of 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 will, "turn things around for our league."

He believes that there will now be more emphasis on pitching and defense as opposed to the offensive part of the game. This he said will affect the total outcome of the game.

He continued by saying that the amended bats will make players concentrate more because of the sweet spot on them. He continued by saying that the concentration will need to be greater in effort to make contact in a more solid fashion.

"The new changes are designed to make the game more competitive by creating a balance between offense and defense," NCAA sources said.

This change will not affect baseball at the high school level however.

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FEATURE

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 there 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 friendships 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 miniaturized taxi van, only to see a small stream making its way along the bottom of the lush gorge. The van was leaving 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 ephemeral Chinese border post at Zhamu; we were making our way down to Nepal's opposite number, Kodaari. Both villages are perched in an unbelievably 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 me as we hovered above their wreckage.

There is a painted red line in 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 unrelaxing their arrivals in the city. When they talked about it, it would make people huddle 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 eldest of my companions, a tall thirty-year-old Londoner bearing a straggling beard and the possession of a piece-meal neck-sack, told of his entry into Tibet.

He had arrived in Singapore from Australia and made his way along the peninsula border to Lhasa. 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 paces laced with snow. It took him over three weeks of preparation haggling 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 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 wind swept, 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 irritable 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 hasn't been sanctioned by the Chinese. They found him guilty without evidence and he subsequently lost his job. He paid dearly for his unsuitability, which he gave without question to a foreigner.

There are many more realities of repression and generality, of a quest for freedom and of 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.

The Finance Column: the week in stocks

By Rob Sjolotti
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:

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This second part of a series designed to help you develop a positive mental outlook. The one thing in life you can command is your own mind. Whatever negative people and situations you face, you can always choose a positive attitude. This requires practice and a strong commitment.

**SUMMARY**

Part 1 of this series discussed developing the ability to direct and control your own mind. This will allow you to develop the skills to build a positive mental outlook. Two of the processes described were Creating a Structure For Yourself and Using Lists. The number 1 biggest mistake you can make.

**NEGATIVITY**

Negative thinking is our worst enemy. You may not realize that you are thinking negatively unless you consciously inspect your thoughts. Negative thoughts are usually motivated by one of the following four thoughts:

- You are feeling sorry for yourself. You are blaming yourself or someone else for your problems. Each time you recognize a negative thought, counteract it with an immediate, forceful, positive thought. An example:

  "If your negativity is expressed in worrying, focus on ways to make a positive result happen. Write the best outcome down on a card. Keep checking the card to re-emphasize positive feelings and introduce something positive about the same person. Tip: If the thought is about you - "I can't accomplish that" - treat it as you would if you heard it from a stranger and defend your own capabilities."

- You are being selfish. You are being mean to others and yourself. When the worry appears, check the card to inject a note of optimism and confidence.

- You are passing judgment. You are criticizing yourself or others. This helps you to see things in writing and it improves your commitment to yourself. These articles have presented a short course in how to manage your mind to think more positively and enhance your feelings of well-being. They make powerful mental and motivational tools. It can help to actually have pictures of positive people, places, or things that you have in your life or want to have. Put the pictures where you will see them every day. An example: Imagine yourself in a long corridor line with many doors walking purposefully with a large key. Any time old negative thoughts appear, say to yourself, "I have locked up that thought and I have the key." Another example: Think of someplace that you like that has positive and happy memories for you. Recall an image of this place with lots of colors and details. Think of this image often. Whenever you experience doubts or stress you can then recall this image to your mind to block the negative thoughts and to enhance your feelings of well-being.

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Evelyn Forever's brand of bubbly pop music will enthrall you

Evelyn Forever takes you to delectable heights! It's tastier than Wally Wonka's chocolate factory and livelier than newlyweds on a honeymoon. Nostalgic feelings come over adults and the burning passion of teenage lust swarms like bees over honey with the young ones once they are hooked onto Evelyn Forever's pop anthems. Enough of self-loathing, Evelyn Forever wants to simply tell it like it is.

With the crowd coming in at Arlene's Grocery (located in New York City) it was more than 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 dio stations in the U.S. and overseas, these guys have made a name for themselves.

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With a rough rock n' roll/punk voice he's the tough silent guy on stage. Matt Lewis (drums) has the classic facial expressions, they change every two seconds! He sings along the whole time and, with his animalistic charge, he's perfect for this highly energetic pop band.

With tunes like "Crush" and "Baby Blue," this may satisfy more than your sweet tooth. The longing voice of Eddie Yoo on the track "Crush" singing: "Cause I gotta crush on you and I don't know what to do, cause I can't take my eyes off you," should be appreciated for its pure simple emotion. It's life and love, that's Evelyn Forever's beauty.

Evelyn Forever clicked like a live wire on stage, and despite the occasional inside joke, their comfort on stage has grown. While straining a bit from the pop-punk strands of songs like "17" on their debut album they hit the sounds of classic unabated rock n' roll, and even blues on "Cry," "I'll say goodbye if that's what you want me to do and I'll never ask you why..." Mark swoons as Reef provides the image. An image of Green Day comes up and when performed live this song may make Billy Joel pale. "Magic of the Moment" drags 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 of their younger days. Even though Reef's voice may crack, he looks 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 website www.evelynforever.com. Although not quite as infectious as their new CD and out of bronze. James Croc's Viking Cup and Doloros Saiano's Twofold are both in yellow bronze and are very nice to look at. Two bronze pieces by Dora Dillman were on display. Enlisted 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.
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**STUFF TO SCOOBY DOOBY DO...**

- **Thurs, December 3**
  - Check out *Forms of Thought* in Gallery One
  - Orchestra concert, Memorial Auditorium, 8 p.m.

- **Fri, December 4**
  - Check out *Galileo’s Discourses Concerning the Great World Systems in University Gallery*
  - Works a Foot, Life Hall Dance Space, 8 p.m.

- **Sat, December 5**
  - **Miracle on 34th Street**, Memorial Auditorium, 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
  - **Crista Orefice**, soprano, McEachern Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

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Christine Dale, Human Ecology

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 throughout 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 for such an emergency.

The last time that a power outage of this magnitude hit campus was on April 26, 1997, what Kiki Williams, then Director of Facilities Maintenance, referred to as “a once in a lifetime incident.” During that “once in a lifetime incident,” which lasted six hours and was caused by the shorting out of three separate fuses, only the MSU campus was affected and the emergency generators worked. Did we learn any lessons then? Will we now?

Though the response time from local police and fire departments, as well as campus police and EMS, was impressive, the lack of emergency systems or any kind of back-up generator power was anything but comforting. Why were we not better prepared?

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.
VIEWPOINT

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 do not 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 whom 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 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 these instead of hoping that they'll just go away. We have to stop acting as though these are petty problems come first and realize the desperate needs of others once and for all.

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 combat injustices, consciousness is the first step that we need to take.

Training Students for Tomorrow at Target High Schools

Have you ever heard of Bergen County or Morris County Technical School, Paramus Catholic, Pope John, The NYC School of Performing Arts or Bronx Science Academy? These secondary education institutions have existed for years as an option to students choosing to specialize in a particular study or subject based on what they plan to do in the future. All of these schools are target high schools.

Target schools are not a new concept but have recently been receiving public attention. In simple terms, a target school is any school that a student attends to study a specific subject. If a student chooses to pursue a career in the performing arts, shouldn't they be able to attend a specialized high school that will focus on the performing arts? A student who plans to play college football needs to gain the exposure in order to be recruited. A school such as Paramus Catholic draws recruits because of its excellent reputation in sports. Students who wish to become electricians should be given the opportunity to study at a technical school that can certify them after graduation. These schools have been pulling students out of mainstream public system into specialized schools for years in all counties and in all states.

Target schools can now be found reaching out to students for all different types of subjects. There are schools for the advancement of computers, sciences, business and pre-medical studies. Students go through a series of rigorous standardized tests and interviews to gain entrance to some target schools.

Take, for example, The Bergen County Technical Academy, an institution comprised of five different academies. One academy is designed to be a vocational school where students are given the opportunity to learn hairstyling, auto-mechanics or plumbing in order to become certified tradespeople after graduation. The other four academies are focused on business, medical studies, science and computers. These students receive a well-rounded education which consists of many of the same types of courses that are offered in a public high school. They just have more specialized courses and are given the opportunity to get a head start on their career by being exposed to the new advances in technology, by working in a small selective competitive environment, and by earning internships.

Two major problems surround students who attend schools such as Bergen County Technical Academy. Interested students are often discouraged from applying by their public school systems, who are fearful and resentful of the redistribution of funds from themselves, which was supposed to enhance public schools. Public schools also often feel as if target schools pull their best students that would have reflected excellently upon the system.

The other problem of students with specialized interests is that they are not seen as well-rounded and often their education is not seen as good compared to other institutions. Target school students, however, are just as qualified, if not more qualified, for acceptances to our public and private schools as well as to specialized academies.

In the next few years these schools will have built a reputation and will be easier for students to be compared to other applicants. It is important first to realize that the students are highly capable and motivated in order to go through the process of being accepted to such high schools. They should not be penalized for knowing what they are interested in studying as their career and focusing on it as early as the high school level. These students should be commended for their perseverance and should not feel guilty for leaving a school system to study at a specialized school.

MONTCLARION MAILBAG

Maintenance Department: Williams' mismanagement

Two years ago, the Maintenance Department merged into one big department in order to improve the quality services provided for students and faculty. Under the new leadership of Kiki Williams, however, there have been mixed solutions and many complaints.

Concerning hiring practices and promotional advancement opportunities, most people believe that there has been a continuous violation of labor laws, discriminating against workers who have experience. Time on the job has been constantly overlooked.

Also, most of the promotions have been hand-picked to suit the needs of maintenance personnel. Titles have been changed to suit the person that has been promised the position.

Again, many people have been overlooked who have applied for various positions. In addition, some have filed grievances for this matter and others have filed for out-of-title work.

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FINEGAN'S WAKE
70 Snippets of Happiness

By Chris Finegan

Come on, Baby. Light his fire

T IMOTHY M. CASEY/ MONTCLARION

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 the amount of cement I produce. I get the feeling that this very historic issue deserves something special and I've got just 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 got all crabs!"
3. Punch a man in the stomach.
4. Let a group of idiots with a Payload take a picture of your ass.
5. Chug a gallon of Exlax and lose weight instantly easily.
6. Need a cheap meat? Scrape some mashed potatoes off the cafeteria ceiling.
8. Hug a rabid dog. He looks like he needs a noogie.
9. You can always trust a hooker!
10. Three Words: Beanie Baby Lust
11. Quote Pauly Shore.
12. Holiday Games: 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.
17. "Do I look fat in this?" YOU BET, ma'am. This is no time for restraint.
18. Tell the radio station you want "The Anniversary.
19. Watch how my enormous teeth hasn't been ALL bad. Halloween has always been cheap and easy for me. All the way from kindergarten until I was fourteen, I put on a brown hooded - nightshirt and went out as a beaver. Then I hit high school and decided I wanted to make a change. I went out with a green hooded sweatshirt and I went out as a green beaver. Wouldn't you believe my luck, I didn't even win the Costume Contest.
20. Covered in body hair? Wear a thong to the beach.
21. Rip a tree out of the ground with your bare hands.
22. Ask random people to dance with you.
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 tampons.
29. Survive the lecture with a refreshing airtap.
30. Moon the judge.
31. I tick a department store Santa in the crotch.
32. Hire Michael Jackson as your next babysitter.
33. Who says you can't make toast in the shower?
34. Wear pants three sizes too large and don't bother with a belt.
35. Give a waitress a picture of the gift "to good use at a restaurant where I work.
36. Men: Shave your nipples off. It's not so bad.
37. Three Words: Beanie Baby Lust
38. Hire Saddam Hussein as a clown for your next party.
39. Under pressure, ask yourself, "What would Charles Manson do?"
40. Smilin' is much quicker when you use a blowtorch.
41. Snap a disgustedly mushy couple with a two-by-four.
42. You can fool everyone with a crafty comb-over.
43. At the zoo, give the silverback gorilla a noogie.
44. Pour a shot of tequila up your nose for a change of pace.
45. Discuss your bodily functions in great detail at a restaurant.
46. Talk only to her breasts. You'll seem witty and charming.
47. Wear pants three sizes too large and don't bother with a belt.
48. Arrive at a Teamsters' meeting wearing a tutu.
49. Vicks VapoRub is very, very good with a stuffy nose.
50. Sniff someone's butt for a conversation.
51. Call up a radio station and request "The Anniversary.
52. A Dom DeLouise/Estella Getty Love Story.
53. Perform acupuncture on yourself and the phrase often.
54. Molest squirrels. They deserve it.
55. Wear pants three sizes too large and don't bother with a belt.
56. Get your pets drunk. They'll love you even more.
57. Fit In Here?
58. Sniff someone's butt for a conversation.
59. Vicks VapoRub is very, very good with a stuffy nose.
60. Three Words: Beanie Baby Lust
61. Market a healthy new cereal, "Crunchy Spoons".
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64. Crash a wedding, get smashed, and hit on the bride.
65. Three Words: Beanie Baby Lust
66. You did NOT have sexual relations with "insert her name here".
67. Bean the Arts editor.
68. Teach children George Carlin's "Seven Dirty Words" bit.
69. Go up to the loudspeaker at the local K Mart and have them page "Adolf Oliver Nipples."
70. Write a newspaper column that is so crappy the piece de resistance is a picture of the author getting kicked in the crotch.

Salutaneous Message: Give Fitz credits.

Flannery Will Get You Nowhere

By Ed Flannery

Adored by Women, Feared by Men

A lot of people have features on their bodies that they don't particularly care for. Some people have bad skin, others are overweight and still others are pathetically underdeveloped musculously. I have all of these things, but that doesn't bother me at all. I am faced with a much bigger and more important problem. I have the two biggest front teeth in the history of stupid looking facial features. You may think I'm exaggerating a little, but I swear, these things are about as big as my bommom. I am considering this to the family recently and my brother pointed out that at least my teeth weren't crooked like his. I was lucky enough to get braces when I was younger, otherwise my lunch tray sized teeth would have been scraping the sides of my mouth. However, no amount of orthodontic repair could take care of the problem of my huge front teeth. I pointed this out, and my dear mother was kind enough to suggest dyna-

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The Horoscope Never Lies

By Mr. Panhead

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)**
Your stars secretly hate you. So does Can cer. 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 the 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)**
It's time to experiment. Stick your nose in a jar of ammonia and then inhale violently. See if that does anything for you, maggots.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)**
Business is booming this week as your stars knock over a liquor store. Investments are unstable. Get hammered on cheap wine. At least it's guaranteed.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)**
Taurus is quite the social butterfly this weekend. That's a lot nicer than saying you will run around at a party with your underwear on your head.

**GEMINI (May 21 to Jun. 21)**
Your stars indicate adventure in the upcoming week. Buy a pair of handcuffs, a jar of ammonia, and then inhale violently. Your yars will mock you and you will become a recluse. Sorry!

**CANCER (Jun. 22 to Jul. 22)**
Sagittarius deserves to die. Make Sagittarius brownies with a little "added extra something." Your stars will put those rude pictures of you on the world wide web. Consider becoming a Leo.

**LEO (Jul. 23 to Aug. 22)**
Love is abound for Leo this week. The inflatable doll you ordered will arrive. Note: "Smack My Bitch Up" is NOT a love song. Don't slow dance to it anymore.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 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!

**LIBRA (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22)**
I don't know what your future holds. I'm pulling these horoscopes out of thin air. THIN AIR, I TELL YOU!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)**
You will have a monkey on your back this week. All attempts to get the repulsive, foul-smelling little bastard off will only result in repeated clawings. That hairy punk isn't going anywhere.

**By Mr. Panhead**

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Wrestling team returns home with three first place finishes

By Betsey Montanez

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 fifth. 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 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 Captain, Florian 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 Going (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 5:53.

The Redhawks will be wrestling this weekend in the Coast Guard tournament and will begin their dual meet season this Tuesday.
Balanced attack crushes Kean 83-55 in home opener

MSU defense plays major role in stopping the Cougar’s 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. Latelehea Holland came off the bench helping the overall offensive performance with 15 points, 9 rebounds and 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 looks 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 MSU head coach Ted Fiore.

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

Fiore debut a success

By Tom 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 University defeated Rutgers-Camden 80-61 in the Red Hawks first home opener on Wednesday night at Panzer Gymnasium.

“Our defense was so consistent, and it’s always great to come back home with the crowd’s support,” said Peeples. “We were in a slump and Jermel was in foul trouble, but we managed to pull through.”

After outscoring Rutgers-Newark 37-29 in the first half, the Red Hawks played a solid second half, never letting the Raptors get any closer than eight points behind. With 7:10 to go in the game and MSU leading 62-52, the Red Hawks scored nine unanswered points, putting them ahead of the Raptors 71-52 with 3:46 left. Sophomore point guard Jermel Mayo had four free throws in the run.

“It was beautiful coming home,” said Mayo. “We struggled on the road, but we are more comfortable at home.”

The defensive side of the ball, the Red Hawks held Rutgers-Newark’s Brian Streeter to five points, who was leading the NJAC in scoring at a clip 24.9 a game. The junior went 0-8 from the field.

Helping Peeples and Clark with the scoring was sophomore center Mitenko Berc. 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 Jermel had a strong game defensively and Anthony was very good a very strong game on the offensive end. Scott Clark was also one who impressed me tonight.”