Fraternity faces sanctions after cops bust beer bash

SGA to prohibit Tau Phi Beta’s participation in Greek Week and the sponsoring of any social activity

By Nicholas P. Chan
News Editor

The Tau Phi Beta fraternity now faces a judicial hangover from both the SGA and administration for violating state alcohol laws at "The Bulls" last bash of the year. A New Jersey State Police sting resulted in the arrest of nine Tau Phi Beta brothers and over 30 MSU students on Monday Dec. 14 according to New Jersey State Police.

Beyond the state legal ramifications of the last bash of the year, Jamie Ruffillo, Director of Greek Affairs, an SGA cabinet position, said the four members of the letter organization’s executive board are expelled from the University for the Spring 1999 semester. They include Treasurer Daniel Doyle, 20, of Bloomsburg; Secretary Robert Jones, 19, of Mullica Hill, and President Glen Lynch, 22, of Bloomsfield.

White Dean of Students Helen Matusow-Ayres did not deny the charges brought against the e-board she described as “inaccurate” and would not dismiss the expulsion further due to federal laws. "Since I have been here there has not been anything of this magnitude," commented Matusow-Ayres.

"The Student Government Association Inc. brought its own reprimands to the organization as well. According to SGA President, Anton Wheeler, the judicial committee charged Tau Phi Beta with conduct unbecoming of a Greek organization, which was the nine members’ arrest. These conditions include 500 hours of community service to be completed by two-thirds of the fraternity, sponsorship of monthly programs that warn the campus community of the dangers of alcohol consumption, and a presentation to the Greek Council on Greek organizations’ responsibilities and appropriate behavior.

Judicial committee members also forbade the organization from acquiring new members, participating in Greek Week activities, and sponsoring social programs on or off campus.

All conditions, in which the suspension had no say, must be satisfied by March 22 or their charter will be infinitely revoked, said Wheeler.

"They are a good organization," stated Wheeler. "Note they have approximately 125 hours of community service done already." Members of the Tau Phi Beta fraternity either could not be reached or gave no comment.

Although the offenses were committed off-campus, University administration “of local, state, or federal law on college property, or off campus when such violation has an adverse effect upon the college community” and the “harmful conduct” is to protect student life. Their charter is currently suspended for failure to provide proof of insurance.

"We had to do what was best for the campus," said SGA Secretary David Pizzi.

"It’s a shame this all had to happen but we didn’t want to hurt student involvement on campus," said Ruffillo.

Matusow-Ayres hopes that the incident will prove to be a warning to other groups.

"Greek letter organizations have tremendous potential," said Matusow-Ayres. "But many Greek organizations, among others, do promote social activities with alcohol and are not always careful about who is drinking.”

Despite the consequences Tau Phi Beta is facing, and over forty arrests of party attendants, most students are not thinking anything about attending fraternity parties. "I thought about it the week after it happened but not anymore," said a member of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. "You always put yourself at risk when you go to an underage drinking party.”

"A lot of kids go to parties to have a good time and when they see the cops they usually just split,” said Jerry Somma, sophomore.

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Pipe burst dampers Freeman residents’ return

By Donald Lambeth
Staff Writer

Campus police responded to a fire alarm on the fifth floor of Freeman Hall at 9:15 a.m. on Jan. 1. Upon arrival, they discovered that a hot water steam line connected to a radiator in the fifth floor lounge had failed.

Water from the pipe then went down to the Freeman Hall main lobby, affecting two building floor lounges, public hallways and eighteen resident rooms along the way.

In addition, water caused damages to the elevator shaft, which was rendered out of service as on-campus students began returning to Freeman Hall yesterday after winter recess.

In a letter to all Freeman Hall residents from John Goscinski, Assistant to the Director of Residence Life, students were informed that several offices on campus are aiding in efforts to repair damages to common areas and resident rooms.

Freeman/Russ Hall Complex Director John Lowney contacted all students whose rooms were directly affected by water damages shortly after the incident occurred. Many of the students returned prior to yesterday’s check-in to remove damaged valuables from their rooms as well as to file for reimbursement of damaged items from the state of New Jersey.

The Office of Residence Life, the University Risk Management Office, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety and the Physical Plant Office pooled together to survey the extent of the damages as well as assess the needed repairs and the course of action.

Recently appointed Director of Residence Life, Dr. Melinda O’Brien, commented, in a recent interview, that she expects all repairs to be taken care of “by the end of spring break.” The extent of the repairs is quite significant. Sofas and chairs in the two floor lounges that were water-logged will be replaced. Carpenting in the lounges and hallways will be removed and new carpeting installed over spring break. Damaged drapes in student rooms as well as the lounges will be replaced by mini-blinds and some students with damaged desks will receive new ones. The computers formerly located in the third floor lounge will be relocated to the Russ Hall computer lab prior to winter recess and, fortunately, avoided being lost during the incident.

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Party
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Despite arrests most students are not wary of future fraternity party raids

The SGA and administrative sanctions stem from a sting operation run by the New Jersey State Police. The fraternity members were charged with selling alcohol to minors and selling alcohol without a liquor license after the police broke up the bash held at a Paterson catering hall Dec. 14, according to Star-Ledger reports. In addition to the members named previously, the others that were charged were:
Nicholas Polidora, 21, of Upper Montclair; Chris Blum of Lodi; Curt Banicki, 20, of Bergen field; Patrick Halm, 18, of Lakewood; Anthony Russillo, 19, of Hasbrouck Heights and Chris Neto, 18, of East Hanover.
Fifteen kegs valued at $750 and $370 in admission fees were also seized.

Freeman residents get a wet welcome back

“"We have to make sure that all residents know what happened,” commented O’Brien. While details are still sketchy as to why the pipe failed in the first place, several sources within the Maintenance Department as well as in the Office of Residence Life claim that theories about the pipe freezing due to the heat being turned down or off are not sufficient. “I don’t think it’s that,” stated O’Brien, “It’s really not an adequate explanation.”

Kiki Williams, Director of the Physical Plant, was unavailable for comment.

“"The whole thing’s a real mess, but I’m glad to see they’re cleaning everything up,” commented one Freeman Hall resident whose room was damaged by the incident, “What a way to start the new year.” While students voiced their opinions over the lack of elevator service when moving back in after winter recess or over the smell of mold in many rooms left sealed before break, maintenance worked at restoring heat to all of the rooms and fixing problems resulting from the water damages. The elevator was operational again yesterday afternoon. Residence Life hopes to rectify the immediate problems with affected rooms and common areas shortly and Dr. O’Brien stated that her biggest concern was in “responding to residents as soon as possible and preparing for the opening and the student’s return to campus.”

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The Cast of Possible Side Effects: Top Left: Matt Donnelly, Jim Festante, John Frusciante, Justin Lloyd, Steven Booth, and Tom Schmidt. Bottom Left: Rebekka Johnson, Michael Mintz, and Tamra Malaga. The troupe entertained the campus community at their second annual "Ratt Bash."

Good clean fun

PSE opened their second act with this improv gospel number.

By Timothy M. Casey
Photography Editor

At the conclusion of the Fall 1998 semester, while the rest of the campus was busy studying, there was plenty of activity to help students relax and forget their academic stress.

Possible Side Effects, an improv comedy troupe composed of MSU students, organized a major event they called "Ratt Bash." After hours in the Student Center on Dec. 10, they brought the house down with their hilarious comedy scenes and upbeat spirit.

The event featured three live bands and another comedy troupe from The College of New Jersey. The event attracted over 300 people that were rolling in the aisles by night's end. PSE sold T-shirts bearing their name, made to look like "Free Sex," and gave out pizza, soda, and their information booklet to all audience members. Prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the show to reward audience members who participated.

PSE, a chartered organization of the SGA, plans to hold shows and workshops every week this semester.
FEATURE

A closer look into the holy Islamic month of Ramadan

By Carolyn Velchik
Staff Writer

As Ramadan draws to a close, it is important to reflect on the effects of the event. Ramadan is the sacred month when all Muslims fast from first light till sundown, abstaining from food and drink. They renew their life thereafter. It is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. Depending on the phases of the moon, it begins ten to twelve days earlier each successive year.

Fasting during the month of Ramadan is the fourth of the five pillars of Islam, which all Muslims must follow. The other four pillars are the declaration of faith, the 5 daily prayers, the yearly zakah (alms-giving to the needy) and finally the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their life, if they are able to. Each pillar is meant to provide a foundation by which a person purifies him or herself, both spiritually and physically.

Muslims believe that Ramadan confers great blessings. The Revelation of the Quran started in this month, which is the reason why it is so sacred to all Muslims. Muslims fast as a religious obligation upon them, so as to please Allah (God) and to earn His blessings and rewards. The benefit of this blessed month is too much to be counted. The main function of fasting is to make the individual pure from within.

Fasting awakens the conscience of the individual, and at the same time provides strength. It reminds each individual of those who are less fortunate, makes one realize the suffering of those deprived and promotes a sense of kindness to those who are in need.

As a result, fasting during this month benefits not only the individual, but also the society as a whole. For all Muslims, irrespective of their status, must fast during the same month. This emphasizes the essential equality of all humans and thus goes a long way towards creating in them sentiments of love and brotherhood. Fasting is a pious act at any time, but there is a special significance with the month of Ramadan.

Fasting allows one to gain a greater sense of kindness, hospitality, compassion and generosity. It purifies the body, rejuvenates the mind and allows one to live life with happiness. During Ramadan one is able to improve human relations, improve society and eliminate inflation, poverty and greed.

The Quran teaches that "Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may attain piety (2:183). In this aspect the fast acts as a shield against wrongdoing. Muhammad once said: "Allah said that all of the actions of the son of Adam are for him except for fasting, for it is for Me and I will recompense it. Fasting is a shield, and when it is time for you to fast, one of you fasts, then let him not speak indelicately or argue, and if anyone abuses or seeks to fight him say, I am fasting."

The Islamic Calendar is a lunar one, and months go according to the various positions of the moon. This means that over a period of a limited number of years the Islamic fasting covers the four major seasons of the year and circulates (from autumn to summer, from summer to spring, spring to winter and winter to autumn). In a spiritual sense this means that the Muslim enjoys the inner nature of fasting of various levels and tastes its spiritual flavors at various seasons of variant climates: sometimes in the winter of cold and dark days, sometimes in the summer of long, hot days and sometimes in between. This variety of experience remains at all times an impressive feature of the liveliness of the Islamic institution. It also stands as an unfailing expression of readiness, dynamism and adaptability on the part of the Muslim.

Once the month of fasting comes to an end it is celebrated by a vacation known as Eid Al-Fitr. On this day Muslims join in a collective prayer at the mosque (holy temple). Festivities are held during the day and throughout the week to celebrate and commemorate life, what Allah has given, and pay homage to those who have departed from life. The holidays are a time to enjoy the company of friends and family. They are also a time to spread love, cheer and the mighty blessings of God to all those who need it.

It is imperative to educate ourselves and others around us and for that reason. The Muslim Student Association would like the campus to come to a better understanding of the month. The Muslim Student Association would like to share the glory of this holiday with everyone so that people of all cultures can appreciate Ramadan.

I promise I will never do it again; tips for the New Year

By Carolyn Velchik
Feature Writer

As soon as that ball drops and we are done kissing our loved ones, or the one person that we can see clearly in front of us, come the resolutions. You know, that huge list of mistakes that we made and hope not to make again in the upcoming year. To most humans, adhering to one's resolutions is a difficult feature. When faced with such a task, keeping in mind what a specific resolution was made might be helpful. For example, maybe you resolved to be more responsible at parties. Remembering the beer-goggle theory that made quite an impression on your life might help you to accomplish your goal.

Constant thought about the actual resolution might also help. Keep in mind the company that you share. Distraction and peer pressure in the end will lead most people to forget they ever made resolutions. If you want to be more responsible, your best friend chanting a drinking song in front of you would not be good. Try to associate yourself with people who support your goals for the New Year.

A visual aide reminder can also be a beneficial resource. When you look at one reason why you made the resolution it might help you want to stick to it. Asking your best friend to occasionally give you a glance at those blackmail pictures that they have of you might be helpful as a visual reminder.

Always keep in mind the benefits that will come if you follow your list. Many times people tend to think that they are missing out on something by following their resolution, when often it is the exact opposite. Being responsible at a party might take away from throwing up and hangovers. You may also increase your chance of waking up in your own bed, instead of in the road behind a bar.

Whatever method you choose to follow, do not give up. Believe in yourself and your ability to accomplish these resolutions. Stay strong. Remember if in the end you fail at accomplishing your goal, you can always give your best friend a chance to videotape you sleeping in a bathtub after walking away your disappointment.

Finance Column: How to simplify stock market tables

By Rob Spoliotti
Staff Writer

Last week the Dow Jones dropped 316.94 points. However, Friday and Monday were moves in the right direction, showing gains in the market. As of closing time on Monday the Dow was at 9070, 47 up over 50 points for the day. The NASDAQ reached an all time high on Monday, gaining 37.47 to reach 2014.0. The Standard and Poor 500 gained 10 to reach 1187 while the Russell 2000 was up 2.8 to 401.17 on Monday.

Once again internet stocks have fueled the rocket-like performance of the NASDAQ. Some of the stock performance has been truly remarkable. For instance eBay skyrocketed from 25 a share, to 234 a share. All of this growth has investors in a frenzy. Recently, the internet has caused a spillover effect on some companies. This phantom affect pertains to many companies who are not directly related to internet companies, but will benefit from the growth. One example of this is Federal Express, due to increased internet sales more shipping is needed and this has created more business for them.

I would like to simplify the initially confusing stock tables. They generally appear in the business section of a newspaper and can easily be read and understand once the fundamentals are explained. The tables can be a useful tool to get a general idea and some basic information about a stock. They tell an investor many things. First, one can see within the last 52 weeks it has traded as low as 26 and as high as 46. The dividend column tells you what its last dividend payment was. For this company you would get $0.32 for each share you own. Its yield is what it multiplies share price by. Dividends are paid every quarter. For this company you may get $0.32 for each share you own. Volume is how many shares were traded that particular day. Its high, low, and close show how the price fluctuates during the trading day and what it ended at. The net change is how much per share it has changed since the prior day.

Another valuable term investors use to analyze the stock market is the winner/loser ratio. This is basically a ratio of how many stocks went up, declined and remained the same at the end of the day. For example, on Monday the New York Stock Exchange had 1724 winners, 1330 losers and 504 unchanged stocks. This can be used to see what kind of activity occurred that day.
By Adam Meyer, Graduate Student

While walking on campus, I kept hearing a refrain: "I have to get a job when I graduate, but I can not seem to find the time to look!" I agree because I am a busy student as well and finding the time to search for a job has proven difficult. Luckily, we are in the age of Jetsonesque job search tools: College Central and JOBTRAK. These two web-based tools are free and at my fingertips. Both of these services provide jobs listed specifically for MSU students, the ability to post my resume on-line, career information and much more.

I located College Central and JOBTRAK through the Career Services web-site: http://www.montclair.edu/Pages/CareerServices/Career.html. I clicked on New and I was there. I suggest you pay close attention to password information because remembering this information can save you a lot of time.

College Central is a regional job listing service sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association. Services therein include a Student Central link. I posted my resume at this site which can be updated at any time and remains in Student Central through the summer after I graduate. It can be submitted directly to employers and I can format on-line or cut and paste from a word-processed document. I saved myself some time by having resume information handy such as, my educational and work experience (past/present employers, dates/months of employment, and skill-oriented accomplishments). Resume page links provided me sample resumes, but be aware of grammar and spelling because College Central does not check them.

In addition to posting and updating a resume, College Central offers a search for jobs link. New listings appear regularly, so check often. My job search results reflect the criteria entered and the jobs posted to MSU:

JOBTRAK is a nation-wide, full-time job listing service for MSU students and alumni, which exists in partnership with Career Services. Upon entering JOBTRAK, I filled out a user profile and resume which can be updated whenever I log on. My user profile contains brief information similar to a resume, while including employment preferences and demographic information.

JOBTRAK provides extensive career services, which answered my myriad of questions and provided guidance. Specifically, the job search tips section ran the gamut from networking with employers to negotiating my salary. An extremely helpful section exists within ow to conduct an effective job search. Here, JOBTRAK outlines successful strategies ranging from self-assessment to obtaining a job offer and continuing career plans. City snapshots allowed me to conveniently compare and contrast two cities according to demographic, economic, and climate information. A salary calculator was available as well.

It is not difficult to see the wide range of services offered by College Central and JOBTRAK. I'm able to look into the specifics of jobs: salary, education requirements, location, responsibilities of a job and a contact person's name, phone number, and e-mail address. As two of my job search tools, these services allow me to search for, and be searched by, potential employers. In conclusion, College Central and JOBTRAK provide the busy student with thorough and literally profitable job search tools.

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Focusing is the process of bringing together resources to accomplish a goal. First you need a plan. Then you need focus to carry yourself through each step of that plan. Focusing is particularly important when the task at hand is difficult, different and/or prolonged. An example of this is writing a paper. You focus step by step, gathering facts, outlining your structure, organizing the information, writing the text and editing the text.

The crucial element is having something to focus on. What we focus on is called the goal. Without a goal the mind wanders and becomes situation-oriented, responding to the environment rather than to an internal sense of focus.

Problems in focusing.

1. Setting the wrong goals. Although many people think they have goals, they really don't.
2. People do not know how to reach their goals. Their methods of reaching goals are inadequate.
3. Lack of interest in the goals. People who set goals to please others do not care if they achieve them.
4. They wonder if their goals are still valid. They question whether they still want the same goal(s).
5. They discover that their goals are no longer attainable. A student realizes that his major will not be able to help him/her get the job he/she wants and loses heart.
6. Anxiety can distract you from your goals. If you are easily distracted, or if you distract yourself with compulsive cleaning, phone-calling, eating etc. you are using symptomatic activities designed to relieve your anxiety.
7. Underachievers don't focus because they fear the outcome will result in failure and rejection. Paradoxically, they may also fear success and acceptance.
8. People who are very involved with other people in their life may have a clearer view of problems you have overlooked. Review your goals regularly to make sure they are still in focus and are the ones you want.
9. Disenchanted people refuse to compete and reject the goal-setting process. It is important to know when to fight and when not to.
10. Overachievers become addicted to focusing because it is reinforcing. They tend to keep increasing their goals and can wear themselves out.

HOW TO STAY IN FOCUS

11. Asking for feedback is the best way to find out if your goals and strategies for reaching them are realistic. Check with people you respect. Although you may think you have clear goals and a good strategy, other people in your life may have a clearer view of problems you have overlooked. Review your goals regularly to make sure they are still in focus and are the ones you want.
12. It's important to refocus often so that you don't lose sight of what you are trying to accomplish.
High prices at the theaters seem reasonable as long as the movies are entertaining.

By Lynette Surie

Arts Editor

It has been discouraging in recent years to watch the rise of movie theater prices and the fall of quality movies. It is true that moviemakers are spending astronomical amounts of money for the production of feature films today, take 1998’s $100 million blockbuster Titanic, for example, it was a wonder why scored, coveted, directed, and cast, all for which it claimed 11 Oscars. Yet Titanic seemed to be the only shining star in recent years, with the rise of movie theater prices last year alone. Many film critics have had the “it didn’t really thrill me” feeling for years, and more and more people began to be “blah” or “all right” to moviemakers. Moviegoers spent more than $35 billion dollars on movies last year alone.

It seems like the price of a ticket to the movies is unjustified anymore. “All right” movies are not worth the $8.25 to get in and the $40 concession price any longer, which was until a new batch of Titanic movies rushed into the theaters. A Bug’s Life, released Nov. 20, was not just your run-of-the-mill kiddie flick. While it was extremely entertaining to the younger generations, older generations flipped over it as well. Directed by John Lasseter and Andrew Stanton, this animated film is a sure bet to movie classic. With the expansion of computer animation, a full-length animated picture becomes so realistic at times that one can forget that it is a cartoon. Animation has come such a long way since Snow White, the first full length animated picture. With all the rapid advances being made in this field, who knows where movie technology will be in another year. The animation alone makes the price of fare reasonable, yet with the voices of Kevin Spacey, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Dave Foley, Madeleine Kahn, Dennis Leary, and Phyllis Diller, the ticket price seems like more pennies.

Patch Adams, released Dec. 25, is another movie with so-genius to go to the movies. Based on the real life of Hunter “Patch” Adams, Robin Williams takes this movie to the stars and beyond. The manner in which Williams portrays Adams is humorous as well as factual. Adams is a kid who needs to brighten our lives and make us just a little bit easier to smile each day. The story contains such fine example of human nature and kindness. It happens after admitting himself to a psychiatric ward, becomes a doctor in order to help people. While facing the challenges of school, his kind, humorous nature takes hold of the patients in the hospital and his fellow students. The move is really thought-provoking as it shows what a little laughter can do for a person. It really shows that a human’s compassion is truly Titanic.

Joe Young, released also released on Dec. 25, is a far cry from the Saturday Night Fever and Pulp Fiction and shows that he can be typecast. He is dramatic as well as funny, and is a different spin writers Tom Stoppard (Rosenzweig and Guildenstern Are Dead) and Marc Norman (Curtin’s Basin). Did he make this film original, not just another screen adaptation to a stage classic. The movie has been five years in the making and 10 since it was conceived. After a change in directors and studios, and a $10 million suit by former director Edward Zwick, the film was well worth the wait, and deserves all the acclaim in the world. A Civil Action stars John Travolta as slicker-than-ice lawyer Jan Schlichtmann who goes through a breakdown of his ego while helping the sick residents of a local town in the process. With his lawyer expertise he starts a suit on two multimillion dollar companies for the sake of the dying and sick; the quest to win becomes moral, not financial. Travolta really shows the range of his acting abilities in this film. It is a far cry from the Saturday Night Fever. It is dramatic as well as funny, and well worth the price of a ticket. Overall, the movies that have arrived in theaters during the holiday season have proved to be worth their price. Aside from the uncomfortable seats, flypaper floors, and super fattening food, movie theaters really have something to offer us in the entertainment field. The only thing moviegoers will have to hope for is that there is no plans for a Spice World 2 or a Halloween SO.

**PEOPLE’S CHOICE ’98**

Compiled by Lynette Surie

Arts Editor

The People’s Choice Awards were held Sunday Jan. 10 and broadcast on CBS. All-Star comedic Ray Romano, who stars in the CBS series Everybody Loves Raymond, was the host of the awards program. It was the 25th Anniversary of the PCA, the first awards honoring movies, television, and music in which Americans like us vote for our favorites. The winners represent the polling of over 200 million people. Winners are as follows:

**Favorite Motion Picture**

*Titanic*

**Favorite Motion Picture Actor**

Harrison Ford

**Favorite Motion Picture Actress**

Helen Hunt

**Best Television Series**

*ER*

**Favorite Television Series**

*Will & Grace* 

**Favorite TV Performer**

Tim Allen

**Favorite Male Television Performer**

Nathan Lane

**Favorite Female Television Performer**

Christina Applegate

**Favorite Male Motion Picture Performer**

Tom Hanks

**Favorite Female Motion Picture Performer**

Sandra Bullock

**Favorite Dramatic Motion Picture**

*Shakespeare in Love*

**Favorite Comedy Motion Picture**

*Mighty Joe Young*

**Favorite Male Television Series Performer**

Harison Ford

**Favorite Female Television Series Performer**

Christina Applegate

**Favorite Comedy Motion Picture**

*Spice World 2*

**Favorite Drama Motion Picture**

*Titanic*

**Favorite Comedy Motion Picture**

*There’s Something About Mary*

**Favorite TV Motion Picture**

*Titanic*

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*Titanic*

**Favorite TV Motion Picture**

*There’s Something About Mary*

**Favorite TV Motion Picture**

*Titanic*
**AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS**

Compiled by Lynette Surie

**Favorite Soul / R&B Album**

- Big Willie Style, Will Smith

- Sevyn, Garth Brooks

**Favorite Adult Contemporary Artist**

- Celine Dion

**Favorite Pop / Hip Hop Artist**

- Master P

- Favorite Country Band, Duo or Group

- Alabama

**Favorite New Pop / Rock Artist**

- 'N Sync

**Favorite Soul / R&B Band, Duo or Group**

- K-Ci & JoJo

**Favorite Pop / Rock Album**

- Big Willie Style, Will Smith

**Favorite Soundtrack**

- Titanic

**Favorite New Country Artist**

- Dixie Chicks

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**NEWS BREAKS**

By Lynette Surie

Art Editor

Marilyn Manson in the Raw: The gay men's magazine *Honcho* will publish nude pictures of Manson in it's March issue. The photo's were taken early in the band's career and were published after photographer Richard Kern found them "lying around." Manson's press office has not yet made any statement on whether action was being taken to prevent the pictures from being published.

No Doubt begins a new album: At the official No Doubt website (www.nodoubt.com) guitarist Tom Dumont says that the band finally found a new producer and will begin work on a new album. "There are two pieces of positive news for us at the moment. Number one, it looks like we've sort of put out our producer situation, and we expect to finally begin recording again in February. Number two, we plan to record an original song (and film a video) this month which should appear in a movie coming out in March," said Dumont.

Abu-Jamal Benefit Set: Rage Against the Machine has recruited the Beastie Boys and Bad Religion for a benefit concert in support of imprisoned writer/activist Mumia Abu-Jamal. The show will be held at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford on Jan. 28. The proceeds will be going to the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal. Tickets for the show went on sale today. Ruge's Tom Morello says, "Mumia's trial was a gross miscarriage of justice. Just unbelievable. "Highlights" included the prosecutorial (sic) misconduct, intimidation of witnesses by the police, suppression of evidence of Mumia's innocence, a jury illegally purged of African Americans, a hostile racist judge and a prosecution who argued for the death penalty based on Abu-Jamal's political beliefs! Mumia is an outspoken revolutionary, a hero to millions around the world, and we will not allow his voice to be silenced. We join with Amnesty International in demanding a new trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal. This is no ordinary show. We are playing for a man's life."

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**Thurs, Jan 14**

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, 2p.m. and 8p.m. Papermill Playhouse, Milburn NJ

**Evil Dick, Spiral, NY NY**

**Candy Jones, Maxwells**

**Fri, Jan 15**

**Alexi Lalas, Maxwells, Hoboken, NJ**

**Lew Anderson Band, Birdland, NY NY**

**Sat, Jan 16**

**Clay Pigeons / Dog Bat Roll / Downpour / Guy Smiley, Spiral, NY NY**

**Le Clique Party, China Club, NY NY**

**Sun, Jan 17**

**Fear Factory / System of a Down / Soineshank, Irving Plaza, NY NY**

**Mon, Jan 18**

George's Open Jam, Spiral, NY NY

**Jazz Jam, Lenox Lounge, NY NY**

**Tues, Jan 19**

BoBcats / Deep Fuzz, Spiral, NY NY

**Fear Factory / System of a Down / Soineshank, Irving Plaza, NY NY**

**Lit Plastic, Arlene Grocery, NY NY**

**Wed, Jan 20**

Dentrites, The Orange Bear, NY NY

**Roots, Wetlands Preserve, NY NY**

**Speeddealer, Brownies, NY NY**

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If there are any exciting and worthwhile events you know of that would like to be placed on this calendar, feel free to contact Lynette at x5241.
The Voice of Montclair State

Should on-campus students be permitted to remain in their residence halls over winter recess?

Yes. Some of us either have nowhere to go for three weeks or have a very uncomfortable place in which we must return to. I think that they only close to give the Residence Life staff the time off, but they really don’t think of where the students will go for that time.

Charles Flannery, M.A. Candidate: Counseling

I feel it is wrong to not permit residence hall students on-campus stay at their dorms. I think that it is up to the student to make the decision if they want to stay or not. They are big enough to figure out how to provide for themselves. I don't see any effect to us. So, what is the point?

Y. Decastro, No major given

I don’t think that we should have to leave campus over winter recess or spring break. Some people have to travel far distances and others have obligations with their jobs. We should have the option to stay.

Charmaine Walker, Accounting

For a related article on what happened when students went home over winter recess, turn to page one.

Question of the Week:

What should be the first issue addressed by newly-appointed Director of Residence Life Dr. Melinda O’Brien?

Let your Voice be Heard!

Call 655-7616 or e-mail Vellucci.J@alpha.montclair.edu to respond.

Water Ravages Freeman Hall But Res. Life Offers The Solutions

Residents of the first five floors of Freeman Hall were pleasantly surprised upon returning to their rooms on Tuesday. A hot water steam line “failed”, supposedly the technical term, over recess and was not discovered until campus police responded to a fire alarm triggered by steam on the fifth floor at approximately 9 a.m. on Jan. 1. The water from this steam line had been going long enough and strong enough that rooms were damaged all the way down to the first floor of Freeman Hall, as were lounges, laundry rooms, hallways and the infamous, malfunctioning Freeman Hall elevator. Welcome back, everyone, and Happy New Year.

What was more impressive than the damages caused by this recent display of the quality of on-campus buildings, however, was the response from administrators.

The newly-appointed Director of Residence Life, Dr. Melinda O’Brien, responded to student concerns with a degree of grace, even scheduling building meetings to introduce herself and explain the aftermath of the incident. In a letter to all Freeman Hall residents, John Gosciniski, Assistant to the Director, stated, “We want to be sure that all your needs, questions and concerns have been met.” And met they were. Several administrative offices combined their efforts to ensure that student concerns were addressed to the fullest.

Physical Plant workers removed water from floors and from the fifth floor lounge, repaired broken radiators, cleaned student carpeting and water-damaged tile floors, and spent hours struggling with the elevator. A representative of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, Terry Stempel, went room to room with Freeman/Russ Hall Complex Director John Lowney answering students’ questions about the vinyl mattresses (which were not damaged) and the growth of mold on the tile floors. Dolores Pierce and the University Risk Management Office helped students file forms with the state of New Jersey to reimburse them for their damaged valuables.

Though several sources within both Residence Life and the Maintenance Department spoke poetically of Freeman Hall’s overall structural condition, complaints were not in the course of designated action and the speed at which things have started to be repaired has impressed even those who suffered most from the incident. It’s just a shame that it takes something of this magnitude to get administrators and students working to repair problems on this campus and at this university.

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Saving MSU’s Underground & Under-Funded College Radio Station

When WMSC General Manager Ted Dilorio was elected as the station’s Production Director four years ago, then-Dean of Students Dean Wilcox, presently the Dean of the College of Business, would do the paperwork. When Production Director Dilorio finally received a copy of the document, he found that it was a poorly sketched list of odds and ends which didn’t fix the problems that the station was having. In the words of one WMSC staff member, “They were just throwing money at it.” More time passed. Dean Wilcox retired and Dean Helen Matusow-Ayres, presently the Dean of Students, was assigned to the case.

The problems continued. The university began to claim that no part of the $175,000 received from Press Broadcasting was intended for station repair. The $25,000 for the change in frequency allegedly dissipated when the technician climbed the station tower. WMSC, around this time, began to broadcast on aging and aching equipment to the surrounding community. Within its radius are hundreds of thousands of potential listeners, many of whom are future MSU students. Another administrator, Curtis Jackson, then the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Development & Campus Life, was assigned to the case.

The Morgen, began to ask the university if they would relinquish control of the station’s license to the SGA or directly to the students of the university. They also began to question seeking funds from commercial underwriting, Coca Cola leading the pack of those that had offered to support the station. Karen L. Pennington, Vice President of Student Development & Campus Life, was assigned to the case.

The university then signed a contract with technician Steve Pepe to do the needed repairs to the station back in 1996. He worked for over four months and was not paid. The Emergency Alert System, delivered to the station back in the 1970s, was still not installed and there have been rumors circulating that administrators have started to panic over the heavy fines that the FCC would place on the university if they discovered that it had not paid to install the system. Louis Anderson, a former employee in the Student Center and presently the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Development & Campus Life, was assigned to the case.

Now, it’s 1999. WMSC’s membership has tripled since last year and it continues to support President Cole’s holiday decoration policies

Supporting President Cole’s holiday decoration policies

I found your article “Staff angered at Cole for prohibiting decorations” misleading and unnecessarily antagonistic. First of all, in a note distributed ten days before your publication date, Dr. Cole stated that the only restrictions were against decorations with specific religious connotations for two of the more public areas of the university. As a staff member, I am not angered about this in the least. As a public institution, it would not be appropriate for university space or resources to be used in a manner which could be construed as supporting one set of religious beliefs over any other. This is an inappropriate position which shows sensitivity to the myriad of religions embraced by the students and staff of Montclair State University (not to mention agnostics and atheists).

Dr. Jerry Koby, Institute for Community Studies

Taking responsibility for ourselves: In defense of Dr. Thiruvathukal

I was so angered by the attitudes toward Dr. Thiruvathukal that for the first time in 3.5 years, I am prompted to write to The Montclarion. I had Dr. “I” for General Oceanography over a year ago. I initially had to concentrate in order to understand all the work and to maintain the commitment to do well. I sat in the front of the class room and paid attention. If I didn’t understand anything that he said, I asked. I consider being a student my occupation. In the old days I would have to suffer. The following article stated what many had been hoping for: that much of the often-ailing and outdated equipment in the station’s production and main studios would be replaced or repaired. The article, however, was a confirmation of yet another in a long line of untruths and broken promises. She then attacked the station, which has been serving MSU and the surrounding community since 1967. To understand the problems which still presently plague the station, however, one must understand the history of those problems.

Four years ago, shortly before Ted Dilorio’s tenure as Production Director, an independent media corporation, Press Broadcasting, backed out of a contract with WMSC from its place on the dial at 101.5 FM to its present location at 90.3 FM. WMSC has tripled since last year and it continues to broadc
Okay, so this philosopher walks into a bar …

“How far can I kick a cinder block? I had to find out!”

It was determined later on that our champion violated regulations and wore a steel-toed army boot, but I sure as hell wasn’t going to mention it to her. There’s no way I’m messing with anyone who can split the uprights with a cinder block.)

I looked in the mirror later that day, and knew that I was no longer the ignorant fool who twenty-four hours ago was banging his head against a wall and chanting. I was now a man who not only ran face-first into a wall, but who had also smashed heavy concrete, turning his foot into this purple, pulsating corpse it had become. I wanted something more honest, more in touch with the people. I considered calling it PURE CRAP FOR YOUR DIGESTING PLEASURE, but that painted a nasty picture. UNCLE FINZ’ BEER SHRINE was another possibility, but my mother might read this column and get offended. I couldn’t let her know that I drink beer and enjoy it. She might have a coronary and ground me for two weeks. No, I decided to name this column THE BULLY PULPIT because that’s what it is. There’s no news here. Nothing is objective. My purpose is not to inform, but to spread my own tainted dogma. I can say anything I want. Watch. “Mr. Rogers needs a beat.”

“Taco Bell is the official restaurant of Hell.”

“Mr. Silly Putty” would not cut it. I like all-get-out, but I had answered my first question when I looked in the mirror that by run­ning face first into a hard plaster wall, I had actually done thousands of dollars of im­provements. I knew what I had to do. I had to question everything and find my own an­swers to the mysteries of life. Not knowing where to begin, I popped open a beer. I was about to take a sip when cruel, horrible fate smacked me in the face. I had to ask my­self, “IS BEER GOOD?” I had to find out! Well, okay. In all honesty, that wasn’t the first question that popped into my head. The first question I had was, “HOW FAR CAN I KICK A CINDER BLOCK?” I had to find out! That morning, I called up a friend and had them meet me at the Montclair State football field for a cinder-block-kicking contest. I took a few steps back, inhaled deeply, and then ran full speed until my right foot kissed the target. MIS­SION ACCOMPLISHED! My foot stung like all-get-out, but I had answered my first question and was on my way to becoming Destiny Boy. (By the way, for those of you interested in the results of our cinder-block-kicking contest, here they are. For those of you who are not interested, your mother wears cheap stockings. Piss off!)

Chris Finegan........14 1/2 inches
Martha Stewart...........8 3/4 inches
All 5 Back Street Boys
Combined..................5 3/8 inches

Ed Flannery..............15 inches
Boris Yeltsin.............10 1/2 inches
Sarah Michelle Gellar (aka Buffy The Vampire Slayer).....60 yards

TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE TO SEE THE RESULTS OF FINZ’ IN DEPTH STUDY

Ahh… come to me, my animal friends.
and asked, "And tell me, could you have written any of your columns last semester without it?"

And I said, "NO! NEVER! MY COLUMN WOULD HAVE BEEN CRAP WITHOUT BEER!!"

"Your column is not already crap?"

"Your column still sucked royally, but it didn't matter. The voice returned to me and said, "I'm proud of you, Finz. You've come a long way,""

"I did. The animals flocked to me and the shepherd. All was right with the world."

West of Goofus, I spread the good word to all.

"Good point, master," I said.

"And I did. The animals flocked to me and the shepherd. All was right with the world."

"We now have a certain bond between us, but don't let it get out of hand. If your boss walks in wearing mutton and chaps, get the hell out of there.

Santo

"We don't want a repeat of last week, when you threw a tantrum in the middle of the room because they were out of raisins. Spend your time in the gym instead of crying in the office."

"Brooks

"And the last time you made lemonade, you almost killed those cows with sharpened at your stand out of hate."

"But now Lemonade gives you brown, stiff stuff with R&P and throws at ears.

"Beer was good! It could be drunk without it?"

"I don't drink beer, wine, or spirits ever."

"Beer was good! It could be drunk without it?"

"Without beer!"

"And now!"

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Are You An Aspiring Wiseass? Do Acquaintances Hate You AND Your crappy jokes? Are You Willing To Give Me Money To Appease Your Own Ego?

If you've answered "Yes" to these questions, you may have what it takes to write for the Humour Section! You won't notice that you are slowly pissing away your college experience because the benefits are amazing! Here's a sample:

- Throw Stuff At Ed Flannery's Gigantic Front Teeth!
- Get Bombed And Pass Out With Finz!
- Piss Off Everyone!
- Perfect The Art Of Tray smashing!

....and that's just the stuff I can tell you about!

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By Tess Sterling and Paul Lewiarz
Sports Editorial Staff

There seems to be no New Year's hangover for Montclair State sports, as all sporting teams are showing signs of improvement.

MSU wrestles with consistency

The Red Hawk Wrestling team didn’t see much action over the holiday break winning at Hunter College, NY, losing at Wilkes, PA, and taking first place in the Invitational Tournament at Hunter, NY. Top contenders at these events were Romi Ratel (157 lbs., 13-0), P.I. Rapps (174 lbs., 7-0), Todd Going and Florian Ghinea (141 lbs., 16-2).

The wrestling team will have their next match on Jan. 16 at Copin, MD.

Swim teams stay above water

Men’s and Women’s Swimming fared well during the break. The men’s team improved their record to 2-4 while the women were consistent at 3-4, 1-2 NJAC.

Meanwhile, the women’s team will go on a four-game road trip.

MSU’s women’s team will next meet against East Stroudsburg, PA in the Panzer Gym, Saturday Jan. 16, 1 p.m.

The Red Hawks women’s swimming team, the top 3 individuals were Joanne Fusco, Elissa Kaplan, and A. Sivo. Fusco dominated the freestyle races, capturing four of five categories. She also won the gold medal in the 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly, and 400 freestyle relay. Meanwhile, her teammate Kaplan was victorious in the 100 breaststroke, 200 backstroke, 200 medley relay, and the 400-medley relay. Sivo captured the gold in the 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, and shared first in the 200-medley relay.

MSU’s women’s team will next meet against East Stroudsburg, PA in the Panzer building at 1 p.m. Both teams will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 20 in Misericonda, PA at 7 p.m.

Basketball slam dunks in 1999

The MSU men and women’s basketball have been perfect this new year. They will now embark on one of its most significant times of this season as the next five games will be played against NJAC opponents, and only one game being played at home. These games are very important if MSU expects to be invited to the conference tournament at the end of the year.

The men’s team had struggled to date. However, they each notched a goal and an assist.

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The Red Hawks next game will be on Sunday, Jan. 17 against The County College of Morris at Mennen Arena at 7 p.m.

The men’s team had struggled at the start of the season with a record of 2-5, but has won all its games in 1999 to reach the 500 mark for the second time this season. The Red Hawks success has been attributed to their star forward, senior Anthony Peeples, and sophomore forward and Yugoslavian native, Milenko Beric. In three wins for MSU, Peeples scored 82 points, and has now scored 202 points in ten games. As a reward for his hard work, he was named the ECAC Metro Player of the Week. Meanwhile, in three games Beric has scored 64 points, and recorded double-digit rebounds in all three games. In the game against Ferrum College, VA on January 6, he scored a career-high 33 points to help his team defeat the visitors.

Montclair will next match up against Richard Stockton on Jan. 16 at 4:00 p.m.

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On the season, Marlena Lawrence is averaging 15.6 points and 9.2 rebounds a game, Felicia Ingram is averaging a team lead ing 10.7 rebounds and 11.5 points, and Wykemia Kelley averages 8.9 points, 6.3 rebounds, and 5.7 assists a game. Stephanie Ellerbe leads the team in three point attempts with 54, and three pointers made with 12.

The Hawks will next take on Richard Stockton on Jan. 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Hockey has the winning edge

The Montclair State men’s hockey team demolished William Paterson for the second time in regular season play. The game was called in the second period when the Redhawks had a 12-0 lead.

Anthony Rosillo had a double hat trick, scoring six goals and an assist. Frank Arena had two goals, while the Nick Lawlor and Nick Cashin line proved successful, as they each notched a goal and an assist.

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