Fraternity faces sanctions after cops bust beer bash

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 Bloomfield.

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

The Student Government Association Inc. brought its own reprisals 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.

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-Jamie Ruffillo,
Director of Greek Affairs

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

Student Handbook state that the University can bring disciplinary charges when students are in violation of “of local, state, or federal law on college property, or off campus when such violation has as adverse effect upon the college.”

While revocation of Tau Phi Beta’s charter was discussed, the SGA decided against it 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.

Matous-Ayres hopes the incident will prove to be a warning to other groups. “Greek letter organizations have tremendous potential,” said Matous-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 attendees, most students are not thinking twice about attending fraternity parties. “I thought about it the week after it happened but not anymore,” said a member of Phi Delta. They are a good organization, stated Wheeler. “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 Regulative and Disciplinary Procedures were printed in the 1998-99 SGA to prohibit Tau Phi Beta’s participation in Greek Week and the sponsoring of any social activity.

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 JHall 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. Carpeting 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 lounges were water-logged as well and were relocated to the Russ Hall computer lab prior to winter recess and, fortunately, avoided being lost during the incident.

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**MSU Crime Report**

Please check here next week for the MSU Crime Report.

**SGA News & Notes**

The first meeting of the new semester for the SGA will take place next Wednesday, January 20. Check back here next week for the latest SGA news.

**Local News**

New Montclair mini-mall to be developed

A traffic consultant hired by the Montclair Planning Board said a proposal to turn the vacant Hahne’s building into a $20 million mini-mall will not have a negative impact on the neighborhood, according to township Assistant Planner Mike Zichelli.

That means that the board will reveal for appropriations are approved

Over $550 million will be directed toward renovating college campuses. The plan allows schools to grow without losing state aid. The MSU was allocated $28 million.

**New Directors change the face of the university**

A new administration dealing with Greek life issues and student affairs, including the Montclair State University Parent Organization, will take effect in the fall.

**World News**

Brazil devalues its currency

Brazil stunned global financial markets Wednesday with a devaluation of its currency and the resignation of the currency’s staunch defender Gustavo Franco.

Franco, president of Brazil’s Central Bank, was one of the prime forces behind Brazil’s four-year economic recovery, deftly guiding the world’s eighth-largest economy back from its financial troubles.

He was succeeded by Francisco Lopes, the bank’s director of monetary policy. At the same time, the Brazilian Central Bank announced it would effectively devalue its currency, known as the real, through more flexible currency and interest rate policy.

New weapons proposal devised for Iraq

French diplomats at the United Nations have put forward a proposal for a new weapons monitor in Iraq that would result in lifting the oil embargo imposed after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

**Brutal Murder—Suicide Erupts in Texas**

A man believed to have been turking around his ex-wife’s home ambushed and killed the woman, her mother and their friend, then killed himself early Wednesday with a shotgun that police had confiscated but returned a week earlier.

Alan Dale Price, 48, was found dead inside the home in this affluent Dallas suburb. Police said he turned his shotgun on himself after guttering down Janette Jeffers, 43; her mother, Margaret Compton, 67; and family friend Mary Roland, 63.

**News**

Jordan announces retirement

It is being trumped as the end of an era, the final act of the greatest sportsman of our time.

But now that Michael Jordan has announced his retirement, it may be the most publicly fared-well in sports history, it somehow seems to be more than that.

Now, a shaky league seems destined to plunge further into uncertainty. Now, the most highly recognized athlete ever to play a game slips farther from the unceasing glare of public life.

“Everybody has [his] own reasons,” said Jordan, resplendent as always in a charcoal suit and gold tie while sitting next to his wife Juanita in a packed press conference at the United Center in Chicago. “The game is bigger than Michael Jordan.”

**U.S. News**

Explosion kills 3 in Arkansas

An explosion at an oil refinery near Snackover, about 100 miles south of Little Rock, killed three people Wednesday, police said.

Cap. Larry Gleghorn of the Arkansas State Police said the explosion happened around 10:30 a.m., CST (11:30 a.m. EST) as a cleaning crew from an independent contractor was working on a valve on a naphtha tank at the Cross Oil Refinery.

Three members of that crew were killed.

**Local News**

Traffic & Design Inc., said traffic generated by the Hahne’s department store.

The planning board requested the study of the applicant’s expense to determine the affect of truck traffic in the area.

New Plans revealed for Edison museum

The owner of this historic building, near the United Center, is listed on both sides of the street.

Edison museum on Main Street.

The system would be overseen by a new independent commission.

Lawrence Rosenthal, owner of the 400,000-square-foot factory, like Edison “battery building,” where the inventor’s first alkaline batteries were made, outlined the two-phase project turned down by the county five years ago after sustained community protest.

The Rosenthal building, built in 1913 by Edison, is listed on both the national and state register of historic places. The Thomas A. Edison museum, a federal land-
**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
- Chris Neto, 18, of East Hanover.

Fifteen kegs valued at $750 and $370 in admission fees were also seized.

Unfortunately, the article's content ends here, and no further information is available.

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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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**January 25**

Monday January 25 is the final deadline to turn in your application for a scholarship from the MSU Alumni Association.

Did you turn yours in yet? Do it TODAY!

Drop your completed scholarship applications at the Alumni House, 34 Normal Avenue - directly across the street from the Football Field.

Questions? Call the Alumni Office at 655-4141.

Applications that are late and/or incomplete will not be accepted.
Good clean fun

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.
A closer look into the holy Islamic month of Ramadan

By Summer Nazhal
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 resume 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 five 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 benefits of this blessed month are too many to mention.

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

By Carolyn Velichk
Feature Writer

As soon as that ball drops and we are soon kissing our loved ones, or the one person that we can see clearly in front of us, out 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 this list is virtually impossible.

Usually only one force of nature stands in the way of obeying our list and that is willpower. When told not to do something, the average person will do it anyway, even if the instruction is coming from themselves. When faced with such a task, keeping in mind why a specific resolution was made might be helpful. For example, maybe you resolved to be more responsible at parties. Being responsible at a party might be helpful as a visual reminder. Being responsible at a party might take up in your own bed, instead of in the road site. Being responsible at a party might be helpful as a visual reminder.

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 example, on the third day of the month, the Islamic fasting covers the four major seasons of the moon 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 moral experience of fasting of various levels and tastes its spiritual flavors at variant seasons of variant climates: sometimes in the winter of short and cold days, sometimes in the summer of long, hot days and sometimes in between. This variety of experiences remains at all times an inspiring 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 holiday 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 families. They also give them a chance to celebrate, laugh, 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 this. They will tell us about its importance and how all people realize the sacrifices of life and what Ramadan brings. It teaches how to look at life in a different manner and appreciate what talents and skills each individual possesses. Since the month of Ramadan is now coming to an end, it is necessary for everyone to acknowledge the impact of this blessed month. The Muslim Student Association would like to share the story of this holiday with everyone so that people of all cultures can appreciate Ramadan.

Finance Column: How to simplify stock market tables

By Rob Spilotti
Staff Writer

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The REAL WORLD

By Adam Meyer, Graduate Student
Staff Writer

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/Plage/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 on conducting 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.

It’s that time again... Tax time. Let North Jersey FCU help...

It’s time to start preparing for the dreaded deadline of April 15th. With papers and exams all due, who has time to worry about doing taxes? North Jersey FCU understands your busy lifestyle. That’s why we are offering our members some help again this year with tax and accounting services provided by Fontanella and Babitts, CPA’s. They are offering Individual tax preparation services at discounted prices for all North Jersey FCU members.

As a student or employee, here at Montclair State University, you and your Family are eligible for the benefits and services of North Jersey Federal Credit Union at 973-785-9200, just ask for Jackie Sturm @ x. 382 to get more details on how to become a member and take advantage of our valuable services.

Visit our web site at: www.njfcu.org or E-mail us at info@njfcu.org

Decision and performance are subject to change.

December

Thursday

• Free HIV Testing, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Health and Wellness Center, Blanton Hall
• International Students Organization, 12:30-2 p.m. SC 415
• Enlightened Ealing, 3:30-4 p.m. BL Hall
• Four Walls Meeting, 4 p.m. SC 121
• Conservation Club Meeting, 4:15 p.m. SC 104
• Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m. SC 412
• To go New York City and visit an art museum.

Friday

• Buy those last minute books before classes begin Monday!

Sat/Sun

• Martin Luther King Day! No classes!!!
• Narcotics Anonymous, 3:30-4:30 p.m. BL Hall
• Muslim Students Organization, 4 p.m. SC 417
• NAXCP meeting/ study hall, 7 p.m. SC Cafe C

Monday

• Free HIV Testing, 12-5 p.m. Health and Wellness Center, Blanton Hall
• LASC Meeting, 3:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 3:30-4:30 Health and Wellness Center, Blanton Hall
• Conservation Club Meeting, 5, p.m. SC 104

Tuesday

• Commuter Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. SC 104
• Free Post, 12-2 p.m. SC Game Room
• Double Helix, Molecular/ Biology Club Meeting, 4 p.m. MA 258

Wednesday

• Free Pizza, 12-1 p.m. Science Hall
• The Rough, Tough, Rocking theatrical entertainment that turns tap dancing upside down
• Double Helix, Molecular/ Biology Club Meeting, 4 p.m. MA 258

It's that time again... Tax time.
Let North Jersey FCU help...
Achieving your goals: the secret is focus

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, organizing your structure, 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.
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 their feelings need to learn how to reflect and control their emotions. Feelings are important, but it takes thinking and logic to make goals realistic.
9. Enthusiastic people refuse to compete and reject the goal-setting process. It is important to know when to fight and when not to.
10. Overachievers can 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

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.

It’s important to refocus often so that you don’t lose sight of what you are trying to accomplish.
Quality movies are worth the cash

High prices at the theaters seem reasonable as long as the movies are entertaining
By Lynette Surie
Arts Editor

It has become 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 movies today, take bug-buster Titanic, for example—it was wonderfully scored, costumed, directed, and cast, all for which it claimed 11 Oscars. Yet seems to be the only shining star in recent years. Brothels have also spent millions on flops such as Water World and so-so movies such as Scream and Scream 2. Many film critics have called the "it didn't really thrill me" feeling for years, and more and more movies began to be "blah" or "all right" to moviegoers who spent nearly $500 billion dollars on movies last year alone. It seems like the price of a ticket to the movies has justified 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 movies such as Titanic movies rushed into the theaters. A Bug's Life, released Nov. 20, was not just your run-of-the-mill kid-friendly 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 be a 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 no reason 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. Williams is able to brighten our lives and make it just a little bit easier to smile each day. The story contains such fine examples of human nature and kindness that admission to acting as a psychiatrist, becomes a doctor in order to help people. While facing challenges at 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, also released on Dec. 25, made over $10 million suit by former director Edward (Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead) and Marc Norman (Cathedral Rock) took to make this film an 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 and Pulp Fiction and shows that he cannot be typecast. 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, Firefly, and Super fastening 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.

The People's Choice Awards were held Sunday Jan. 10 and broadcast on CBS. All-Star comedian 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 thepolling of over 200 million people. Winners are as follows:

Favorite Motion Picture
Shakespeare in Love A

Favorite Motion Picture Actor A
Pulp Fiction, Harrison Ford A

Favorite Motion Picture Actress A
Titanic, Gwyneth Paltrow A

Favorite Comedy Motion Picture
A Bug's Life

Favorite Television Series
Everybody Loves Raymond

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All Time Favorite Motion Picture Star
Harrison Ford

All Time Favorite Television Star Bill Cosby

All Time Favorite Musical Performer Elton John

Favorite Female Television Performer Helen Hunt

Favorite Male Television Performer Tim Allen

Favorite Female Performer in a New Television Series Christina Applegate

Favorite Male Performer in a New Television Series Nathan Lane

Favorite New Television Comedy Series Will & Grace

Favorite New Television Drama Series L.A. Doctors
Marilyn Manson in the Raw: The gay men's magazine *Honcho* will publish nude pictures of Manson in its 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.

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. Rage'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."
The Voice of Montclair State

Opinion

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 down the residence halls for the students who do not want to stay or not. They are big enough to figure out how to provide themselves with food. I don't see any effect to it. 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 VellucciJ@alpha.montclair.edu to respond.

MAIN EDITORIAL

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 Goscinski, Assistant to the Director, stated, “We want to be sure that all your 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 poorly 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.

Though the cause of the steam line’s failure is still vague and somewhat unclear, the aftermath is anything but that. Though many have shouted over the need for better foresight, for Residence Life to take better care of the residence halls over extended recesses, they should be applauded for the job they are doing in cleaning up after the mess. For the newly-appointed Director of Residence Life, introduced to the campus in a baptism of fire, not to mention the dozens and hundreds of students directly affected by the incident, it’s unfortunate that such a mess ever had to happen in the first place.

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**Saving WMSC's Underground & Under-funded College Radio Station**

**VIEWPOINT**

When WMSC General Manager Ted Dilorio was elected as the station's Production Director four years ago, then-General Manager Al Reisman and station member Frank Riley were struggling with requests for new equipment and better funding from the university. From most descriptions available, they might as well have been butting their heads up against brick walls, as administrator after administrator stalled and denied the station's requests. It seems that the more that changes, the more they stay the same.

In the September 24, 1998 edition of The Montclarion, the front page boldly declared, ""I didn't understand anything that he said, I sat in the front of the class and main studios would be replaced or repaired. The article, however, was a conformation of yet another in a long line of unfairness and broken promises to 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, paid MSU $25,000 to move WMSC from its place on the dial at 101.5 FM to its present location at 90.3 FM. $100,000 of that sum came in the form of advertising on the newly-acquired 101.5. The FCC would place on the university if they were not allowed to view the station's requests. It seems that the more the administration will hope that the problems just go away, depending on the station to turn its heads and ignoring the ills and problems until graduation. When an organization becomes vocal about this negligence or mismanagement, there is apparently only one solution: more administrators.

While technician Steve Pepe has not been paid for four months of labor, Louis Anderson, the latest in a long line of administrative brick walls, was paid $73,749.67 in Fiscal Year 1998 and then received an almost $3,000 raise, slated to make $76,231.35 in Fiscal Year 1999. You decide.

Until anything is done about the administrative negligence in dealing with WMSC, this university is one without a properly-run radio station, a campus where old problems apparently never get fixed.

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**OPINION**

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**Speaking for itself:**

**Education beyond “broken English”**

Gee! It’s lucky that neither Sigmund Freud nor Albert Einstein taught at Montclair State University. Their broken English would have been so troublesome and not worth the effort to understand them.

John E. King, Sociology

**Supporting President Cole’s holiday decoration policies**

I found your article “Staff angered at Cole for prohibiting decorations” misleading and unnecessarily antagonistic. First off, 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 appropriate 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 Kloya, Institute for Community Studies

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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 chancing. I was now a man who not only ran face-first into a wall, but who had also smoked heavy concrete, turning his foot into this purple, painting appendage the size of a Volkswagen. Clearly, I had changed for the better. I needed a new name. “Finz” would not do anymore. Two suggestions, “Old Stinky” and “Mr. Silly Putty” would not cut it. I needed something indicative of who I was. I am now FINZ. I feel so different.

Naturally, FINEGAN’S WAKE needed to be buried like the sinking, fly-infested 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 would not do either. It would be too honest. It would be too real. It needed something indicative of who I was. They had seen when I looked in the mirror that by running face first into a hard plaster wall, I had actually spent thousands of dollars of improvement. 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 bunch of my friends and had them come 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 kicked the target. MIS-SION ACCOMPLISHED! My foot stuck 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……………………3 3/8 inches

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

Ahhhh….come to me, my animal friends.
The Horoscope Never Lies

CANCER (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20):
Barrier disorders will rear their ugly heads this week. A mental block just won't go away, and your mood will be off-kilter. Your best bet is to keep your cool and take things one day at a time.

PISCES (Mar. 20 to Apr. 19):
Your week will be marked by a sense of extravagance and excess. You may feel like you're spending too much, but remember, life is short, so enjoy the moment.

Aquarius

The Horoscope Never Lies

The Bully Pulpit II: Socrates vs. The Frog People

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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?"

"Good point, master," I said.

"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, and you brought me a pizza. You are now worthy of your piece of crap column, THE BULLY PULPIT. Go and be fruitful."

And I did. The animals flocked to me and welcomed me. They were my master, their shepherd. All was right with the world. Well, my foot was still swollen, and I had a criminal record now, but I had the love of the animals to comfort me. I felt bad later on when I stuffed them all in a meat grinder and made sausage out of them. Still, if I had to do it over, I would have done it with a knife in宁愿and done it for professional consumption.

On (Day 23 to Aug. 28)

The last time you made konuşable, you nearly killed those cows with your stare at your stand out of reach. Monitor life gives you knows, stuff them with PLUGS and throw them out.

Virgin (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Your Pioneer follows in the footsteps of Socrates and provides the key to the future of a simpler life. You'll enjoy a new dimension to your personality and turn your life to the dark side.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You have a certain "je ne sais quoi" in French, that means that you really need soap and water. Gnome on! If the French think you stink bad, YOU SPEAK!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You accomplished little this week on the episode of the Brady Bunch, where they all go to Hawaii in broads. You need it and wish it all over. And I'm afraid you resemble a much better being.

uales this week as an errors against you win. We don't want a repeat of last week when you threw a tantrum in the middle of the road because they were out of chicken wings. Take care to do your own digging.

wordfind

GOLD GLOVE THIRD BASEMEN

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X B V U T G H C A L L A W P A
R P O M L K I T D I M H C S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bell
Boggins
Boyett
Caminiti

Gaetti
Malzone
Nettles
Pendleton

Rader
Reitz
Robinson
Santo

Schmidt
Ventura
Wallace
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!

So come on down to The Montclarion and ask for Finz. He’ll bend over backwards. Then you can kick him in the ribs!

We aren’t family, but we fight anyway!

Paid for by Chris lineman with his own money. I could have one out and gotten liquored up if it wasn’t for this ad. You ungodly assholes better appreciate this.

Dilbert®
by Scott Adams

In this week’s "WALLY REPORT," I’ve decided to let my hair grow long on the back of my head. Eventually, I’ll put it in a ponytail to show I have an artistic side.

What’s your artistic side?

I collect coffee mugs. I don’t own a web-based business. I’m just an engineer with a cool ponytail.

That’s good enough for us. We like to get in early.

I don’t own a web-based business. I’m just an engineer with a cool ponytail.

What’ll you create... besides accounting irregularities?

I have the energy for you.

You’ll get no more funding unless you mutter empty internet words that make us swoon.

That’s all I have to say for us.

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Still, your internet start-up company coming?

My plan is to be the dominant internet source for tuna sandwiches.

So, if I buy one, you ship it overnight?

No, you have to come pick it up.

Answers...
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Sports rewind; looking back on the holidays

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 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 (141 lbs., 14-0), P.J. Mennen Arena at 7 p.m.

The men’s team had struggled 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.

On the season, Marlena Lawrence is averaging 15.6 points and 9.2 rebounds a game, Felicia Ingram is averaging a team lead of 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 Cashar line proved successful, as they each notched a goal and an assist.

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

Hawks fared during over the vacation.

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COMING NEXT WEEK
Player profiles and sports trivia.

The Men’s basketball team will go on a three-game road trip in all conference games. Meanwhile, the women’s team will go on a four-game road trip.

SPORTS RECAP
Looking back at how the Red Hawks fared during over the vacation.