THE BOOK BUYING BLUES

Do you know where your text book money actually goes? Not where you may think

By Nicole Parker
Special to The Montclarion

At the start of each semester college students across the country whip out their check books and credit cards, ready to drop as much as $300 or more. But it's not the cost of higher education that they are splurging out for. The cost of rising tuition and those ever elusive fees are the backbone of every student's education. Well, rather the backbone of every student's education: a bag full of books and empty pockets.

But it's not the backaches that make the students moan and groan; it's the idea that at the end of the semester the student might get back only a fraction of what they paid for their books when it comes time to sell them back, if they can sell them back at all.

Seated at her kitchen table, Denise Glenn, a teacher at Saint Joseph's Parochial School in E. Orange, corrects the science tests her seventh grade class had taken that day. "I probably spent between $400 and $425 on books for 15 credits in my last semester," Glenn said, going on to explain that she usually bought two books per class. "Sometimes I felt like I was spending as much on books as I did on the class."

Two years ago Glenn graduated from Kean University with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. "I paid $70 for my business writing book. I got back $35," said Carol Nagoumey, an MSU senior. But Nagoumey recalled many times when she couldn't return books.

According to the National Association of College Stores, college bookstores buy used books, either from a student or a national used book wholesaler, at 50 percent of what the book sold for when it was new. In turn, the used book is then sold for 75 percent of what the book cost when it was new.

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College Store Ownership can vary also. In 1996 there were 3,706 colleges in the United States, of which, contract firms, such as Follett, operate approximately one quarter of the book stores. Follett is the largest, contracting with 485 colleges out of a total of 1065 in 1996, according to the NACS.

Despite the fact that Follett, and other contract stores such as Barnes & Noble and Wallace, is a business out to make a profit, the NACS says that a college store's before-tax profit is 3.9 percent since most of the 25 percent markup on the books goes towards freight costs, personnel and equipment.

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US attacks after laws broken
U.S. Navy jets bombed 3 sites where Iraq had moved Soviet missiles, which were ready to be loaded onto launchers in southern Iraq. Pentagon sources said the missiles had been moved by Saddam Hussein from Air Force bases to Iraqi military units. The Chicago Sun Times reported that "Neither incident appears to be a reprise of the 1988 Round the World Cruise when U.S. Navy jets bombed 3 sites where Iraq had moved Soviet missiles, which were ready to be loaded onto launchers in southern Iraq. Pentagon sources said the missiles had been moved by Saddam Hussein from Air Force bases to Iraqi military units."
EMS financial decisions under investigation

By Kara L. Richardson
Managing Editor

The founder and former chief of MSU’s EMS Squad and the EMS organization are being investigated for “financial decision making” by both the Student Government Association and the University SGA President Anton Wheeler said.

TJ Hynes, 28, a senior Molecular Biology major gave his verbal resignation last December, Wheeler said. Two other executive members of EMS, Deputy Chief Mike Scala and Captain of Operations Tom Tascinelli also resigned in December.

“The Judicial Branch and the Attorney General are looking into questions with regard to how Mr. Hynes administered policy and financial decision making,” Wheeler said.

Both Hynes and his lawyer Chris Adams of Darkin & Darkin had no comment.

Wheeler said EMS staff reports prior to Hynes’ resignation set off sirens in the SGA office and by Dec. 22, an official investigation was launched.

Dean of Students Helen Matsus-Ayers could not disclose any information but labeled it a disciplinary case.

An anonymous former EMS staff member accused Hynes of racking up large cellular phone bills and exorbitant spending on furnishings for the EMS office. The EMS lounge is decorated with a color TV, a stereo and an overstuffed couch and love seat.

Wheeler confirmed that the SGA will have to pay in excess of $10,000 to pay off the EMS’s debts to vendors.

“EMS’s funding of over $100,000 annually comes from both the SGA and the administration,” Wheeler said. “The money allocated by the previous administration was unclear because a copy of budget can not be found.”

Kelly Tiernan, a captain of the EMS squad said that a university audit occurred last week and an SGA audit will follow.

Captain Shelly Patterson said that the audit will take place without any EMS member in the office. Patterson shrugged it off and said, “We would have taken inventory anyway, that’s how we order supplies.”

The resignation of the top three officers

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NEW ADVISOR TO CHANGE GREEKS’ IMAGE

Kesha Drakeford’s takes over as MSU’s first full-time Greek advisor

By Roxann DaCosta
Staff Writer

On January 4, 1999 Kesha Drakeford became the New Greek Council Advisor here at MSU. Among some of her responsibilities, Kesha will counsel and advise students on Greek affairs, enforce the constitution, ensure that each organization complies with the school policies, assist in planning programs and in evaluations and execute programs regarding student’s health and wellness, leadership, and liability.

“My goal is to ensure that all chapters are rechartered or off suspension. Each organization has a responsibility and I would love to see every chapter with their charter. I want to see them do their part on campus and excel. I will also see to it that they meet and comply with the standards of the university and the SGA,” Drakeford reinforced.

Drakeford thinks that the Greek system here at MSU is a strong body with a lot of potential. She would like to see them change their outlook, because they are a strong enough body to get away from the negativity and be positive.

“They are a good leadership body with the ability to lead the campus into good things rather than bad,” Drakeford commented. “They are stigmatized negatively but if they start gearing more activities towards academic (activities) instead of only social ones, faculty will eventually start taking them more seriously.”

According to the Associate Dean for Student Development James E. Harris, Drakeford is a young professional who has experience working with college students across the board. She was selected as the best candidate out of a pool of 60 people responding to a national and international search. A search committee that was made up of faculty, students and staff chose her.

“We are very, very excited about Kesha joining us at MSU. Her employment reflects the university’s commitment to providing support for the fraternities and sororities here at the university. Most colleges and universities in the state of New Jersey have employees whose jobs include advising Greeks but they have other responsibilities. Since we have forty-two fraternities and sororities they need and require lots of support. In order for Greeks to be most positive it is imperative that we review and improve some aspects of Greek life and we are committed to doing that.” Harris said.

Harris went on to state that Drakeford will not only be working with the SGA, but the administrative body also.

Harris is not the only person who is enthusiastic about Drakeford becoming apart of our team. A few sororities’ and fraternities’ members who have had the pleasure of meeting her think she is the right person for the job.

“I thought she was great. She is really helpful and supportive of our ideas for philanthropy and fundraisers for Greek council. She has made it known what she is here for, but also that she is on our side and to help us in any way possible,” cited Dawn A FURRY FORECASTER: Although it doesn’t matter whether or not this groundhog, spotted near Dogwood Field saw his shadow or not, what his relative in Punxsutawney, PA saw yesterday does. Start putting your sweaters away because according to the groundhog spring is right around the corner.

By Timothy M. Casey

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A ROCKY START: Although MSU EMS is rolling again, the group begins the spring semester without last year’s top management and financial allegations pending.

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The internet and off-campus bookstore stores are some money-saving alternatives

Senators discuss parking and technology at meeting

By Amandeep Mann

Last week's University Senate meeting brought up changes that will better the university's students and faculty, according to University Senate officials. These issues were presented by University Senator Richard Lynde.

Lynde was a large part of Governor Whitman's ideas that she announced in her State of the State address.

Lynde took on Whitman's proposals of requiring a "B" average of all who apply for state teacher's certification, initiating student exchange programs, and the New Jersey Virtual University.

Although MSU is not yet a "virtual university," the reality of virtual education is fast approaching.

"I'm glad MSU wasn't a founding mem­ber [of virtual education]," said Lynde, "but rather able to stand back at first. MSU needs to understand the reality of the virtual program," said Lynde. "As a University we are going to have to confront distance education."

The Governor's announcement of the $550 million improvement for capital improvements was well received, $38 million of which will go to the University. The University's budget increase was also higher than the Senate had expected.

"The University received a three and a half percent budget increase-two and a half percent over the card they can then take a different book in return. Another option could be to initiate a sign-up sheet, such as was done at Keansburg.

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Leges are much less than a trade book," said Tooni, who now works for Rosica Mulhern, a public relations firm. "Susan Tooni explained that a publisher might sell a novel to Barnes & Noble for 40 percent off the retail price, but a college text goes for 50 percent off the retail price.

According to Ammerman, the popular use of used books has spurred publishers to package books. For instance, along with the book they add a computer CD, a study guide or pamphlet. Once the package is opened the books are no longer worth their retail value.

The shelves of MSU's bookstore were scattered with warning signs. A yellow and black tag attached to the shelf read: "Attention! This book may not be returned if the shrink wrap is removed." A bright pink tag on another shelf read, "Caution: This book is not returnable if the enclosed diskette is used or missing."

Also, publishers release new editions of books so that every time a text book has one chance to make money Ammerman said. New releases offer another chance of making a sale.

"With education books, many times the book is pre-sold," Tooni said, further ex­plaining that a student will walk into the store and see the book before it has even been written.

They also sell trade books or books that the general public would purchase, rely heavily on publicity while academic books are priced more based on the author's credentials, such as area of expertise and where the professor teaches. For instance, a book written by an esteemed professor at Harvard would be worth more than a professor at a community college.

Having also attended Seton Hall Law, Denise Glenn remembered paying over $100 for a law book that she read six cases out of.

Glenn also believes that pre-law and pre-med books tend to be the most expensive books to purchase. She estimated that most of her pre-law books cost her over $100 each.

Glenn has seen both sides of the text­book dilemma, though. Now, as a teacher, Glenn said that she is constantly getting postcards from publish­ers urging her to change books. Publishers will even offer monetary incentives to the school to change books, as well as supply the teachers with free copies.

These complimentary copies, or "comp" copies, are one of the largest expenses for the publisher because of the extra expenses for printing, stocking and shipping. These books must be paid for somehow and it is the student who ends up paying.

Comp copies are often stamped "free" on the inside cover. According to the NACS, books that are stamped "free" aren't supposed to be resold because the publishers and authors don't receive any money this way.

"Now a lot of the publishers send a CD-ROM disk with all the updated information on the disk," Glenn said. "I like the idea of the thing, it's like having the book right on the computer."

But for college students the yellow and black tag signs can change from a warning sign in the bookstore warn against using or opening packaged books, including those that come with a CD. At Keansburg, Glenn said the students sign a sign-up sheet to trade books. A student would place their name, the book they needed and a way to be contacted on the sheet. If someone else had the book they either trade it for another book, give it to the other student or sell it for a few dollars.

According to Glenn, there is a used book store near William Paterson University, also, according to Jen Nouri, a former student of William Paterson said.

Nouri said, "I keep all my books. It's not worth it. Not when I get $5 back on a book I paid $60 for." According to Nouri, the off-campus bookstore sells both new and used books, cheaper often than the bookstore on campus.

"You go there with your credit card and they have books for one or two of five classes," Nouri said.

The NACS website (www.nacs.com) offers a few tips for students when it comes to buying books. They suggest that students attend one or two classes before purchasing their books. Ask the instructor why they chose that book, how often the book will be used, and if test questions will be based on the book.

For students that use books that may have many different editions, such as Huckleberry Finn, can another edition be used? It is also suggested that students don't write in any books, especially new ones, until they are sure they aren't going to re­turn them.

Glenn remembered her freshman year when she wrote her name on the inside cover of a $70 book that she didn't need. When she returned it she offered the used book value of $35. She decided to keep the book.

It is also important for instructors to place their orders for the next semester in order, according to the NACS, to accurately count the books the students will need to stock.

If a professor delays in placing a book, it lowers the number of backorders the bookstore will accept, which affects students who are trying to sell their books back. The NACS suggests that professors place their book orders for the next semester before the start of finals.

Selling books back early, such as when finals begin, will usually guarantee the best buyback price.

Or students can choose to keep their books.

Students can take it upon themselves to create alternative ways of obtaining books. For instance, students initiate a book trade day where a student gets a card for each book that they donate. With the card they can then check out other books.

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The conditions on campus during the snowstorms had some Senators questioning if maintenance was actually doing its job.

"It doesn't seem to me that maintenance is salting and plowing in a timely fashion," said a Senate Member.

Lynde made it known that maintenance crews were out for about 48 hours in an ef­fort to clean up the snow and ice.

"Sometimes the weather catches us by surprise and it takes awhile to catch up," said Lynde, offering to forward the Senators' concern to the maintenance department.

The final issue concerning campus prob­lems was the position of the traffic signs by the Bently exit. Many Senators questioned why the Department of Transportation had
**Sewage flood forces 10-day Blanton Hall shut down**

Redirection of sewage line and sanitizing forced 1600 students to dine elsewhere

By Christine Quigley

A flood of water and sewage in Blanton Hall’s cafeteria was the cause of 10-day shutdown of this busy cafeteria.

The shutdown of the cafeteria, which feeds approximately 1600 students daily, lasted from Jan. 20 to Jan. 29. This was an inconvenience to all involved, including students, cafeteria employees and cafeteria officials.

"We had to close for obvious reasons," said Robert Genser, Resident District Manager of Dining Services. The sewage flooded throughout the kitchen, destroying food and causing many sanitation problems.

"An in-depth analysis determined that there was a sewage line running into the kitchen plumbing which caused the backup," said Genser. He also said that the line should not have been there and that it was redirected to its proper place. This took up much time and was the cause for much of the delay in opening.

The other delay was getting things cleaned up. Dining Services called in the Health Dept. for direction in cleaning up. The cafeteria, after spending much time sanitizing, passed a rigorous inspection from the Health Dept.

"We wanted to be 110% sure that the situation was taken care of, and the end result is that we are in much better shape," said Genser.

Blanton and Bohn Hall residents were forced to eat elsewhere. The Student Center cafeteria, which is where many students went to eat, reported a 50% increase in customers.

Many residents had to walk across campus to Freeman Hall to get breakfast because the Student Center cafeteria does not accept customers.

"We had to close for obvious reasons," said Blanton Hall resident Sandy Mannman. "I didn’t want to walk to Freeman in the morning," she said.

While most students were upset about the closing, some looked on the bright side. "Although it was an inconvenience, I enjoyed the peace and quiet," said MSU senior Jayre Reaves, who lives in Blanton Hall. The Hall is usually loud from all of the students going to eat in the cafeteria all day.

Some cafeteria employees were also upset about the closing. Many were laid off for those ten days.

Governor's $28 million appropriation was higher than Senators had anticipated

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Many Greek letter organizations expect great things from Drakeford

Stevenson, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority Inc. and a Human Ecology major.

Celia Aquilante, Alpha Omega’s Sorority Inc. president met and experienced Drakeford’s outgoing personality even before she started her position here. “I enjoyed speaking with her and her upbeat attitude gave me a positive impression of her. Aquilante said “She seemed excited about starting at MSU and her excitement translated into an innovative outlook for Greek life.

John Brost, Greek Council Treasurer and a member of Theta Xi fraternity Inc., is willing to work with Drakeford and give her all the support needed to improve the Council.

"Miss Drakeford seems to be extremely excited to be here at MSU and to improve the Greek systems here," said Brost. "I look forward to working with her in the upcoming months to make Greek council a more effective body.”

Lataisha S. Casterlow, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. said Drakeford is the solution Greek Council has been looking for. Miss Drakeford is definitely a very knowledgeable young woman who is going to bring about a long awaited change to Greek life at MSU,” said Casterlow. “I think she has a lot of insight to improve our Greek system and to make us a more unified front.”

Drakeford is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. She is an Alumn of Virginia State University Where she received her Bachelor of Science in Political Science and University of Akron where she received her Masters in Public Administration.

"It had to be changed because there is no thorough street that crosses where the stop sign was originally placed," Dr. Karen Pennington, Vice-President of Student Development and Campus Life said. “Maintenance will be getting the white lines out of the road so people will realize they no longer have to stop.”

Besides the stop signs and the heavy exiting traffic, Senate members debated the problem of parking permits being misused.

"I was upset that I didn't have work yet, the cleanup was necessary and there is a lot involved in sanitizing," said Thomas Davids, an employee at the cafeteria. The cafeteria suffered some mild financial loss. "We discarded quite a bit of food and lost a fair amount of money," said Genser.

Senator

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Apparently, students are abusing the privilege of campus parking by parking in facility-designated lots and unmarked spaces.

"The parking enforcement has gotten more strict this semester," said Dr. Richard Wolfson, University Senate President.

The University Senate is also currently debating over committee and senatorial term limits. Dr. Richard Wolfson has been appointed to the subcommittee of technology for Governor Whitman’s Virtual University, representing the University.
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Kelly Tiernan, one of the captains on the university EMS unity, inspects the contents of the ambulance. The squad is now fully operational, despite a limited number of members.

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Resignations did not hurt squad, EMS Advisor John Davis said

of the EMS squad did not leave a gash in the program according to EMS Advisor John Davis.

He said the change in leadership occurred over winter break. Captains Tiernan, 21, psychology major, Dennis Kruk, 23, psychology major, and Patterson, 22, biology major now head the EMS program that is up and running with an active crew of over 35 students. The team has been active since Jan. 25 this semester and handled over 70 calls last semester.

Matusow-Ayers said that the hiring of an outside advisor with EMT experience was expedited due to Hynes’ resignation. She said that Hynes had worked for over three years to put an Ambulance Squad on this campus.

“TJ had a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge, he left a huge void in the program.” Matusow-Ayers said before explaining that while Davis is a supportive advisor for the EMS squad, he lacks EMT experience. Matusow-Ayers and Davis were both looking for a more qualified advisor to assist the squad.

Davis said although the students are doing a good job, a nonstudent will provide the checks and balances and that the organization lacked. He also said the program needed an advisor who would be a long term advisor, unlike students who would leave the program after graduation.

Although a candidate has been selected, Matusow-Ayers would not release the name because he has not been officially hired.
PURSUIT OF PERFECTION: Tom Levicky, a BA studio art major with a metalwork and jewelry concentration, works on a jewelry project in a Calcia Hall studio.

Hand Crafted

By Timothy M. Casey
Photography Editor

Everyday at MSU, students are hard at work in the art studios of Calcia Hall. These students, mostly comprised of art majors, are working to enhance their artistic talents with hopes of a career in the field they enjoy. Many study art education, but others work in the field of producing their own fine art pieces.

Just by taking a stroll though Calcia Hall, one may encounter numerous interesting and enlightening people. Graduates and undergraduates work in the many fields which the Fine Arts Department has to offer: filmmaking, fibers, metalwork and jewelry, ceramics, photography, graphic design, painting, illustration, sculpture, printmaking, art history and art education. Students in this department are sometimes seen as inferior college students since their course work includes studio time, not the traditional academic work. Those same art students would argue that they spend up to 40 hours per week on class work, striving to capture their creative energy.

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ATTENTION TO DETAIL: Teresa Stevens, an education major, works on a ceramics piece in her beginning ceramics class.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL: Teresa Stevens, an education major, works on a ceramics piece in her beginning ceramics class.

Jeannine Schroeder, a BFA printmaking major, works on marbelizing a piece in the printmaking studio. The process is similar to dyeing Easter eggs, but with paper.
Suppose there was a "magic pill" and if you took it...

* it would make you more motivated
* it would give you more confidence
* it would make you more productive
* it would give you more energy
* it would make you less stressed

If all these things were possible, would you take the pill? I bet you would. You'd probably want a lifetime supply. Well, you don't have to worry about going to doctors, getting prescriptions or having side effects... because in this article you're going to learn how three little words can provide the same benefits as the magic pill. And here's the magic in your life! As a matter of fact, when you do it, then you'll feel like it. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way, never has and never will. The truth is: When you do it, then you'll feel like it.

After completing the assignment, many students start to realize the power of these three little words. ACT THE WAY YOU WANT TO BECOME AND YOU'LL BECOME THE WAY YOU ACT. Many people make the mistake of thinking, "When I feel like it, then I'll do it." Fortunately, it doesn't work that way, never has and never will. The truth is: When you do it, then you'll feel like it.

Some thoughts on acting as if...

* "If you want a quality, act as if you already have it." -William James
* "Act as if you were already happy and that will tend to make you happy." -Dale Carnegie
* "Assume a virtue if you have it not." -William Shakespeare
* "Anything you can pretend, you can master." -Milton Erickson
* "It is good to act as if. It is better to grow to the point where it is no longer an act." -Charles Caleb Colton

Upon completion of the semester, you will feel that you have honestly helped someone and made an impact on someone's life. You can make a difference by taking one of these classes and you will definitely feel better about yourself in the end.

The best part of the service-learning class was the hands-on learning that I received. I was able to directly speak with the elderly and with the agency's staff who provided services. I felt connected with the Montclair community and it even made me more interested in finding out about my own town. Before taking this class I had never dealt with senior citizens. I was even a little fearful of working with them. I am now confident that I can work in this service field without working hand in hand. I have overcome some of my fears about the elderly and this experience has opened my eyes to new possible career paths I wish to pursue. If I can say one thing about service-learning classes, it would be that every student should get involved in one because you will definitely feel better about yourself in the end.
A close up look: question and answer with the artists

by Kristen Anderson
Staff Writer

ALL ABOUT TATTOOS: AN INTERVIEW WITH CLIFF BLESSINGS, PROPRIETOR OF PLEASURES OF THE FLESH.

Q: What exactly is a tattoo? How is it actually made?
A: It's made with organically inert ink. (The tattoo is made) by a series of needles that repeatedly puncture the skin. As the skin heals the ink is trapped under the new layer of skin and makes the tattoo.

Q: How much do tattoos generally cost?
A: Most shops base prices on how long the tattoo will take. Generally, it's $100 an hour, but [the final price] may run over or under. We try to be as fair as possible. We guesstimate according to where [the person wants the tattoo] and how detailed it is. If it's a huge tattoo then it's started off with an outline and finished in a series of sessions. Not many people know this, but tips aren't included in the price and tattoo artists do like to be tipped.

Q: What about tattoo removal?
A: There's a stenciling method we use where we draw up the tattoo where they want it to appear on their body. [It's put on using alcohol. They can wear it for a day and it just washes off or externally wears away. This way they can see how it's going to look first and get friends' opinions before they actually get the tattoo.

Q: Where's the most painful place on the body to be tattooed?
A: Everyone has different levels of pain tolerance. I tell women [who have had a baby] that if you can have a kid you can do anything and [I tell] everyone else that if you can tolerate dental work, you can tolerate getting a tattoo! But as to where it is most painful, areas close to the joint are likely to be more painful because there is less flesh there. Areas like the buttocks and thigh where there is more flesh are likely to be less painful. Areas that are spongy with a rebound effect make it harder to tattoo. Muscular areas such as the biceps, which are not spongy, are easier to get tattoo ink through.

Q: Has anyone ever not been able to finish getting his or her tattoo done because of pain factors?
A: Some people [are not able to handle the pain, mostly older people. However, I've never had a woman pass out, but a lot of men have slumped over [in pain.]

Q: What do you do when someone is in pain and he doesn't feel as if he can finish getting it done?
A: We ask them to at least finish the outline and most say yes to this.

Q: What colors fade the quickest?
A: Red, yellow and white fade the quickest.

Q: How long will a tattoo usually last and look good?
A: If the tattoo's not exposed to ultraviolet light, it will last for many years.

Q: What do you suggest a person do in order for him to decide if he truly wants a tattoo before he gets something he may later regret?
A: There's a stenciling method we use where we draw up the tattoo where they want it to appear on their body. [It's put on and answer with the artists

The history of body art

By Kristen Anderson
Staff Writer

T he practice of tattooing and body piercing dates back thousands of years. Originating within tribal cultures, they somehow found their way into today's American society and into many an argument between parent and teenager. But before you go out and get either a tattoo or a piercing there are several things you should be aware of before doing so.

The way the art of tattooing was brought over to America is not quite clear. The original art originated in Egypt and was passed through various cultures and tribes. As the Mayas, Incas and Aztecs in various religious rituals, but how they were actually brought across the vast Oceans is the question. Since it was the Polynesians who were credited with spreading the art of tattooing to the furthest, it is suspected this may also be how they reached America.

For these early cultures and tribes a specific tattoo held a special meaning. (The same can also be said for many today.) Different tattoos denoted such things as one's tribal community, family and/or rank. Often tattoos held either magical or religious meanings, but they could also be for pure decorative purposes. The reason people get tattooed in today's U.S. society varies from decorative purposes to a way to symbolize a specific personal characteristic or memory.

The way body piercing became common in the late 1990s, most noticeably among teenagers and young adults, is also quite interesting. According to the information written by Anne Greenblatt on The Montclarion, body piercing, as we know it today, began in the 1970s among the San Francisco gay leather S&M scene. Then during the late 1970s it grew in underground popularity among the U.S. and English punk scenes, but did not surface to mainstream society until the 1990s when it did so via musical subcultures. Therefore, it is the media and fashion runways that can be credited with introducing so many to body piercing.

For whatever reason people in the United States started tattooing and piercing themselves, they did. If you are currently considering getting either done, the following interviews hopefully will prove quite useful toward your final decision.

ALL ABOUT PIERCINGS: AN INTERVIEW WITH ADAM BLOCK, SALES MANAGER AT PLEASURABLE PIERCINGS

Q: On an average about how many college students go to Pleasurable Piercings on any given day?
A: About 30-40 college students.

Q: Okay, I know that there are some crazy places people get pierced. It seems you can get pierced virtually anywhere. Is there anywhere your shop won't pierce?
A: We won't pierce areas like the hand, legs and feet. (A tattoo) can be removed using a laser, through skin grafting, or dermabrasion.

Q: What is involved in a clean piercing association, but also with introducing so many to body piercing. For whatever reason people in the United States started tattooing and piercing themselves, they did. If you are currently considering getting either done, the follow­ ing interviews hopefully will prove quite useful toward your final decision.

Pleasures of the Flesh is located in Belleville, N.J. and deals with both tattoos and piercings. If you have any questions about either, you can call the shop at (973) 450-1723 or visit their web site at http://home.eartklink.net/~odysseyshop.

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- Free HIV Testing, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Health and Wellness Center, Blanton Hall
- Speaker: Judith M. Burton, 3-4:30 p.m. CA 135
- Enlightened Eating, 3:30-4:30 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
- Theta Xi rush mixer, 9 p.m. SC revolving doors
- Auction sponsored by Greek Council on Thursday, February 11 from 7-11 p.m. in the SC Ballrooms, for more info, call Dawn x5023
- C.L.U.B. meeting, 9 p.m. SC 112D
- Double Helix, Molecular/Biology Club Meeting, 4 p.m. MA 258
“I hate myself”, when your self esteem needs uplifting

By Andrea Lars
Staff Writer

Self-esteem is the sense of highly valuing yourself. It is to have a positive and solid self-image. A potent self-esteem sprouts from the inside-out, leaving roots in the deepest spot of your soul. It germinates with inner strength and expands with your benevolence.

An attractive body or a good figure, the latest clothes on the market, a brand new car, plenty of friends and tons of cash most certainly strengthen anyone’s self-image. Yet all of these are not fundamental means for us to be at the peak of our self-esteem. All of these are transitory and superficial factors that are volatile.

If your self-esteem depends on these temporary qualities and things, your self-esteem may become temporary too. Age will take away many new features of your body, the loss of a job might take away some of your very valued possessions and even your friends. So at this time, when you most need to be strong, your self-esteem might fade away.

Self-esteem is something that needs to be nurtured by our awareness that we are of supreme value, no matter what. Self-esteem arises from satisfying our desires to be loved, acknowledged and cared for. Self-esteem is something that needs to be constantly fed by our positive actions, taking risks, being kind, honoring and respecting others, trusting our instincts and most importantly, believing that our best is good enough. What you have done in the past has little to do with your present self-esteem. Remember: treat it as a plant, which needs to be taken care of for it not to die. Plant it, nurture it and “constantly” feed it. When we go through this internal process of building up our self-esteem, our self-esteem will become more solid, stronger and harder for others to destroy.

The Finance Column

By Rob Spilotti
Staff Writer

Last week was a good one for many investors. Overall, the atmosphere was positive and trading pushed the Dow up over two hundred points. The NASDAQ ended the month up over fourteen percent and at near record level. The Standard and Poor 500 also seems to be ready to reach new levels. In the smaller stocks which have shown some growth but small in comparison to the larger companies there still seems to be caution from investors causing the Russell 2000 to remain around 430.

Some of the news recently involved Yahoo acquirer Oceatics in a major combination that should work well for both companies. This may lead the way for other companies to combine forces to create good opportunities in this industry. In other news, many feel that Brazil’s economic problems are over. This along with other news has sent foreign markets a positive message which is desperately needed.

Although the market has had great expansion recently, there are many value stocks left to choose from. This expansion has completely missed the oil stocks, which are having a difficult time and are extremely low. Also, many of the pharmaceutical companies have not really moved as much as expected. These sectors and many strong companies, such as Disney, are at relatively low prices and may increase with the months to come.

The lowdown on sexually transmitted diseases

By Lisa Gribben
Staff Writer

Here is a fun little quiz to take if you believe you are prepared for any emergency that may arise. Do you wear a raincoat or bring an umbrella when the weather calls for rain? How about when you venture out for an evening on the town? Do you make sure to bring your Mac card with you in case you run out of cash? How about that necessary make up bag that all of us girls must get to bring with us before going anywhere? How about gum to cover up nasty breath? Maybe some of us even carry mace to ward off a possible attack.

Although we all seem prepared for any emergency, it seems protecting our health has not yet become a priority. The number of college students who contract sexually transmitted diseases continues to rise despite the information and education available for our protection.

Although HIV remains the most widely feared sexually transmitted disease, there are many others that also pose an imminent risk to our health and can easily be transmitted to others. Did you know that chlamydia and gonorrhea are more common among college students, and if left untreated, can affect fertility? Were you aware that there is currently no cure for herpes, a disease that produces painful open sores and blisters? Did you know that syphilis can be fatal if left untreated? Did you also know that STDs can spread orally? Are women aware that if you are taking birth control pills, your chances of contracting a STD are increased due to a change in your body’s hormones? When choosing to be sexually active, there are many responsibilities that we as adults must accept in order to protect our lives and the lives of others.

There are many ways we can avoid or stop the spread of sexually transmitted diseases to others. Protection, of course, is most important. This is not just recommended for sexual intercourse, but oral and anal sex as well. Condoms should be worn with any type of sexual contact in order to reduce the risk of contracting a disease.

It is also vital to pay attention to your body in order to keep yourself healthy and disease free. If males or females are experiencing symptoms such as genital discharge, itching, cold sores in the genital or mouth area, it is vital that you visit a health professional in order to discover the problem. It may be uncomfortable to talk to others about it, but this is your life you are dealing with. Besides, the cafeteria food at MSU and classes and other statistics can also make you uncomfortable, but there are things in life that just have to be put up with. Getting physically examined and tested for STDs is just one of them.

If you happen to be too shy to go to your regular doctor or a gynecologist, there are qualified doctors and nurses available at the campus health center that can examine and test you for these diseases. There are both women and men health care practitioners that you can confidentially talk to about any symptoms you are experiencing for all sexual diseases and pap smears can be performed for a fee that is mainly covered by your student insurance. Mary Ann Sharpe, a student nurse practitioner at the MSU Health Center stated that it is important to get tested if you are experiencing any symptoms that seem to be out of the ordinary. Even if you aren’t experiencing signs of infection at the moment, you can be checked anyway if you are concerned about your health.

It can’t be stressed enough about the importance of taking care of your body for your personal welfare and the welfare of others. Make sure to protect yourself every time that you decide it is time for some action. If you do not really care about your health, then do it for your partner, a loved one, your imaginary friends, whoever. JUST DO IT! Remembem you are playing with fire if you are immature enough to think that these things don’t happen to people like you.

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Matthews is a musical genius

By Kara L. Richardson
Managing Editor

D ave Matthews is a musical genius. Matthews and Tim Reynolds duo make chords dance together in their newest recording, Dave Matthews Tim Reynolds Live at Luther College. The double CD was released on Jan. 6, and is the second live CD put out by Dave Matthews.

The recording was done at the fifth show of his acoustic tour with Tim Reynolds on Feb. 6, 1996. Reynolds has played on all of Matthews albums and has toured as a guest musician with the Dave Matthews Band for the past seven years, and as an acoustic duo with Matthew in both 1996 and 1997.

This album left you wondering how the two left the show without their fingers bleeding. Even without the charismatic and powerful musicians of the Dave Matthews Band accompanying them, they forge through songs like "Halloween" with juggling popperty lyrics and feverish guitar notes.

Matthews' voice in "Little Thing" is at its best in this song as he sings his experience of love at first sight. The double CD will appeal to both Dave Matthews and wow acoustic guitar fans because of its guitar expertise. It includes their chatting and mates with audiences throughout the country as the chords danced together acoustic style.

Ballads such as "Crush" and "Love Lay Down" took on a much more magical tone, as the chords danced together as Dave Matthews Band paints a much more intimate picture of the performers. It includes their chatting and Mathews' typical "I hope you're all having a good time." Although this album is proof of Matthews' and Reynolds' guitar expertise and excellence, perhaps a videotape or seeing them live would give a greater appreciation of the sheer skill involved in producing such a complete and wonderful album.

Entertainment News Breaks

By Lynette Surie
Arts Editor

WWII Lesbian Drama To Open Berlin Film Festival: Berlin (Reuters) - The true story of a lesbian love affair in Nazi Germany will open the 49th annual Berlin Film Festival on Feb. 10. Aimee and Jaguar is a German production telling the story of a housewife and her Jewish journalist lover. It is one of 25 films from Europe, Asia and North America competing for the festival's prestigious Golden Bear award.

Gibson May Serve In "Patriot": LA (Reuters) Mel Gibson, whose new film Payback opens in theaters soon, is negotiating to star in the Revolutionary War drama Patriot. Daily Variety reported in its Monday edition. If talks work out, Gibson could be firing his musket by summer.

Saugerties Vs. Woodstock: According to the Associated Press, as many as 50 percent of Saugerties, NY residents are gearing up to oppose plans for the 30th anniversary celebration of the rock festival on the Winston farm site in their town, which served as the location for the 25th anniversary show in 1994. Though the festival added an estimated $300,000 to the city, opponents of the event point to the virtual shutdown of local services and the area's being complicated by heavy rains Saturday night and Sunday. Yes, it was very much like the original Woodstock, but that's exactly what they were trying to avoid.

Aimee und Jaguar is a German production that can't be found on their major albums. It includes the weeping of Sinise will then go for the good guy role with a sci-fi film being eyed as Disney's big release for summer 2000. He will play the leader of a group of astronauts charged with rescuing some comrades from Mars.

AOL and Moviefone one stock deal: America Online Inc. said that it will acquire Moviefone Inc., a dial-up movie ticket reservation service, in a stock deal worth about $388 million. AOL will purchase all outstanding shares of Moviefone, which sells movie tickets and lists local film showings over the telephone. Their 777-FILM number is an invaluable source for movie goers.

Ex-Police Members Take Part In A Tribute Tour: Two former members of the Police are planning a March tour of the U.S. and South America to support the recent release of a Spanish tribute album titled Outlandos D'Americas: A Rock En Espanol Tribute To The Police, reports Launch magazine. Drummer Stewart Copeland and guitarist Andy Summers will tour with a number of noted Latin American artists who will perform versions of Police songs in their native tongue. "I can't decide if there is some sort of exploitation or something really weird going on. All I know is that I get to play my drums and it's going to be fun," Copeland tells Launch. While he's doing a Police tribute tour, Copeland still hopes of a Police reunion. "The only reason I have any hope at all that the band will get back together is the fact that Sting always says 'Never Say Never.' But I think that's just because he likes me to be kissing his ass all the time." Copeland added that he "tried to get Sting to do a tour, but he wouldn't sing in Spanish."

Stipe Says R.E.M. To Tour: R.E.M. is planning to contribute to the forthcoming Andy Kaufman biopic Man On The Moon directed by Milos Forman. Singer Michael Stipe told Newsweek that he wants to do it before the band embarks on a possible summer tour. "You know, I'm hoping that we might spend part of the spring working with Milos and working on Man On The Moon." Forman is currently directing Jim Carrey and Courteney Love in the film.
All The Rage at 12 Miles

By Vanessa Benifatto

Rage with blood-curling screams, jailing guns, and unholy avengers. 12 Miles West's production of All The Rage leaves many an audience staggered in stunned speechlessness. "We're not trying to be sensational," says Laura Eriksen, who plays Annabel, the purpose of the play instead is to "over dramatize violence" and show people the results of their foolish and/or careless deeds. Keith Reddin's dark comedy tells of a society "unable to cope" as Brian Dowd, (Norton) relates, "the idea of what the play's characters are feeling, and the psychological frustration and lack of control that drives many of them off the deep edge. Among the several threats of All The Rage deals with are gun control, "unconstitutional sex" (incest, homosexuality, and sex with a minor to name a few) and the basic principles of our society, like trust and honesty. Indeed, as Eriksen said, "instant gratification" is what the play carries out. Each character strives to find the mean to his own ends, the way they can survive and thrive. Each one in-turn is lost in his own world where his own beliefs are right. The play takes us through twenty-three scenes from society's elite class with a homosexual relationship involving Chris (George Macaluso) and Tim (Ed Moran) through society's lower class citizens Sidney (Gary Martins) and Annabel (Laura Eriksen), who gives a sort of new definition to the word sibling. The intertwining relationships of the characters are able to illustrate the very real antagonisms, insecurities, and hostilities we generate to-wards each other because of a certain lack of trust and jealousy we inhibit. Although the play may seem a bit Pulp-Fiction-like, taking serious issues and adding humor to them, it helps people see how ridiculous their behavior is, how unjustified their anger is, and how fickle and comically suspicious we are of people, even the ones we love. The idea of sex, money, drugs and violence may sound perversely inter­esting to many, but when taken too seri­ously, they can really make one stop one's actions. Thought provoking and surprising, the audience never knows what the confused and angry characters will do. Like real life, one can never guess what will happen during the course of the play. We must con­stantly look to suppress the anger within us and around us, before it flares into a roar­ing, raging inferno. For reservations to any of their showings through Feb. 13, call (973) 746-7181.

Non -Hip -Hop Top 10

1. Since WMSC - Is Closed Down

2. Haze - Is Not Able To Have a Top Ten

3. Therefore - We Will Use This Space

4. In Memory Of - WMSC, and all the Top Tens

5. That Will Be - Missed until WMSC is able to Reopen

6. Turn On Your Radio - And Listen to Dead Air

7. Everyone Fight - For WMSC To Become

8. Up To Date - With Today's Standard

9. Of Radio Broadcasting - We All Have To Want

10. WMSC-FM Back - In Order To Fix It

In Memory of Haze

Matthew Marino
Killed by a drunk driver on September 29, 1992 on Roundtree Lane in Melville, New York.

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Thurs, Feb. 4
Backseat / Bolivia, Spiral, NYC
Cartidigans, Irving Plaza, NYC
Gospel Choir rehearsal, Cafe C 8p.m. Student Center
Fri, Feb. 5
Bird Gets The Worm, Smalls, NYC
Julio Inglesias, Radio City, NYC

Sat, Feb. 6
Black Sabbath: Reunion Tour, Nassau Coliseum, NYC
Bob Marley Birthday Celebration, Irving Plaza, NYC

Sun, Feb. 7
Harvey Sid Fisher, Maxwells, Hoboken

Mon, Feb. 8
Natalie Cole / Freddy Cole, Blue Note, NYC
William Bolcom, Carnegie Hall, NYC
Sloan, Maxwells, Hoboken

Tues, Feb. 9
Floxy Bee, Sounds Of Brazil, NYC

Wed, Feb. 10
Fun Lovin' Criminals, Irving Plaza, NYC
Ringo Starr, Beacon Theater, NYC
Willie Nelson, Tramps, NYC

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I starved last week because I wasn’t able to eat a lot of times.

Lora Jackson, Biology

It’s completely ridiculous that it took so long to fix the problem. They should know how to fix things expediently by now.

Jennifer Augistens, Undeclared

The problem is that they don’t actually fix things here. They just slap Band-Aids on them.

Spring Ayers, Fine Arts

I don’t eat there anymore. I’m scared.

Eren O’Riley, Physical Education

They should have invested in better pipes in the first place.

Lind Campanel, Commercial Recreation

It seems that they’re taking a lot of time to fix the problem.

Rachel Baziktan, Computer Science

I don’t think that they’re dealing with it properly. They’re not being fair to the students. They know about it last semester; they should have fixed it then.

Vied Cruz, English

Question of the Week:

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"Yeah, The Food Sucks ... But What's New?"

Another Year With Sodexho-Marriott and MSU Food Services

When we served at college in the first place, we had to see this coming. Even all of those idyllic portraits of college life painted for us on the big screen throughout our youth depicted cafeteria food as a delicacy better left to unsuspecting freshman. So, while complaints of food quality are, to be generous, a little more than common on the malnourished lips of MSU's student and faculty population, these complaints should seem out of place in a year that Sodexho-Marriott and Auxiliary Services claim to be a roaring success. Who is right? Well, like many things at this university, it all depends on how you look at things and to whom you listen.

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A Cause for Student Concern: Why MSU Cancels Courses

It was not unusual for MSU students to receive a letter over the winter break announcing a course cancellation for Spring 1999. The most disturbing of all these letters were the ones that came from departments that had a heavy concentration of Greek members.

The Psychology Department was one which experienced the cancellation of three major courses, all of which were full, and a reduction of the Psychology Department, said that, unfortunately, this could happen at the last minute. It was explained to me that courses must be scheduled and given to the Office of the Registrar one year in advance. If a professor leaves or an adjunct does not return, a section is left uncovered and needs to be quickly filled. Dr. Koppel explained how he always tries to schedule professors with full-time positions but it is not always possible.

In the Psychology Department, along with every other department here at MSU, it is advised for professors to teach no more than three courses a semester. Teaching more than this is considered an overload. Though exceptions are often made, even if every full-time staff member teaches an overload, there will still not be enough staff to cover the necessary amount of sections needed by the students. Dr. Wayne Bond is one such staff member who has chosen to teach only one course a semester. He explained that to do this increased the availability of classes offered in the Communications Department. When students are able to get the classes they need, they can graduate on time.

Students need to understand that if a section is cancelled, it means that there is a lack of staff to teach major classes. Jillinda Briggs, a junior, has had a Management and Supervision course, which is only offered in the spring, cancelled the past two times that it was offered. Another student, Michelle Hanusi, an Early Childhood Education major, has also experienced this. Two semesters in a row, the Family and Economic System class had been cancelled because no one was available to teach it.

Dish Lynch, a senior Biology major said that this was the first semester that she did not have to get signed into her classes after cancellations. This is a serious problem because it is holding students back. Dr. Montesinos, Psychology Department felt that it was due to poor planning in scheduling of classes and class availability. The University requires 28 credits in order to graduate. This could be achieved in eight semesters, or four years, by taking 16 credits per semester. The catch is, though, that you would have to be able to get into all of your needed classes. Why does that have to be a catch?

There should be enough courses offered every semester. From speaking with department heads, seniors, graduate students, and other undergraduates, I found that there are five main examples of poor planning which prohibit a majority of students from graduating in four years without summer courses. One, the senior audit is returned in January. If a student finds out that they are scheduled for the right courses, registration has passed and chances are that the courses are all filled up. This could result in pushing back a semester depending on what courses they were missing.

Two, underclassmen and athletes who receive priority registration often take up crucial spots in classes that seniors need to get into. Three, there may only be one section of a course offered although it is a required course in a major. When the number of students is in a particular major, and have required courses to complete, there must be the appropriate number of sections offered.

Fourth, the lack of full time staff in large departments. Finally, the fifth and trickiest reason: the cancellation of classes due to lack of enrollment. Does the university really believe that when major classes are cancelled due to low enrollment that is because students don't want to take the course? It is mainly because of the times these sections are offered.

The registrar requires a number of sections to be offered on Tuesdays and Fridays. At 8 a.m. on a Friday, no section is going to fill up regardless if it is required. We have 13,000 enrolled students at MSU and only 2,500 live on campus, which means that there are 10,500 commuters, the majority of whom work.

Class size must also be more carefully considered when canceling a course. Who ever complained that their classroom had enough desks for everyone and that their class was small enough to get to know the people in their classes and have more small group discussion?

When you consider the fact that staff members get paid a flat fee for the classes they teach, and not the number of students enrolled, shouldn't the amount of overcrowded classes balance out the undergradrewed ones, at least in some cases?

Departments need to hire more full-time staff and try to ensure that adjuncts will remain to course from being cancelled due to lack of teachers. Classes also must be scheduled more towards the needs of the students to prevent low enrollment cancellations.

Whether a student is aiming to graduate in four, five, or six years, they should have faith in their academic program and believe that they are receiving all they are entitled to including advising and class availability when they need it. A university education is a serious investment and the concerns of students should not be ignored.

Supporting the Rights of Greeks at MSU

Now that the smoke has cleared over my organization, I have a few thoughts I'd like to discuss regarding those events and all everyone has been discussing it. If it isn't obvious, after the Tau Phi Beta bust, this campus, as well as the state, is undergoing major changes concerning underage alcohol consumption and college drinking in general.

When Tau Phi Beta was busted on Dec. 16, many of my colleagues advised me not to speak on the issue due the apparent conflict of interest. Those who truly know me, however, know that I cannot sit back and ignore the issue because my role is to be objective and I owe this to all Greeks at MSU.

All Greeks: watch your backs as well as your needed classes. While I don't want to call Whitman's task force a modern day witch hunt, I also believe that we must all recognize this new era as well as feel the responsibility of doing so.

All Greeks: if your organization needs help, I will personally see that you get it by Feb. 28. Be a part of our future and not our past because I, for one, am sick of fighting and I'm sure all of you are too.

Lou Cuomo
President, Greek Council

Appraising "Term Papers for Sale"

I would like to congratulate Mary Kate Frank, Nicole Parker, and all of the other participants who were involved in the special report, "Term Papers for Sale." This was a professional level report on an important subject. The stories were dramatic, Greeks are involved. If you didn't read it, you should. It was well written, clear and exciting to read. I found it easy to read. I found it easy to follow the stories as they unfolded. It is a well written paper that reports all of the major events of the county, choose to run such a little event on its front page? Secondly, if the article did report the front page, would the ramifications against Tau Phi Beta, as well as the issue itself, be as elaborate as it seems to be?

This campus is undergoing major changes that are bigger than Greek Council, SGA and the administration. We are facing new issues that go beyond our fables in the Student Center. We have liability issues at stake and it's time to start taking control of our organizations. I hope all Greek organizations can now recognize this new era as well as feel the winds of change blowing at their backs and breathing down our necks. I ask you all to watch yourself for we are being watched like hawks by this campus, the state and the country. The ball is in our court so let's not drop it.

All we need now is for the remaining organizations without insurance to get it so we can progress at Greek Council and continue our reign over all major social functions at Montana State University. So I advise all Greeks: if your organization needs insurance, get it by Feb. 28. Be a part of our future and not our past because I, for one, am sick of fighting and I'm sure all of you are too.

Lou Cuomo
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Montclair State University

Drop In Center
Staff Training Session

Feb 7th 10:00 - 5:00

655-5271

Located between Richardson Hall and the Student Center

Application Deadline:
Feb 5th
always look on the afterlife of life

By John Frusciante

human beings have long grappled with the existence of an afterlife. Does one claim to have momentarily expired on earth? Where is it? Do I need a jacket?

I've been there, and I've been there, and I've seen the genuine article. And, knowing what I know, I feel it my responsibility to set the record straight.

I know that all those brief glimpses of the afterlife are false because by myself I have truly seen the afterlife. That's right. I've been there, and I've seen the genuine article. And, knowing what I know, I feel it my responsibility to set the record straight.

I had become an accidental overdose of Kool-Aid. I had long ceased counting under the recommended number of scoops, sometimes doubling or even tripling the suggested dosage, and it had finally caught up with me. As I gulped down the sugary-sweet liquid that peculiar day, I felt my chest and stomach tingling like mad as the sugar coursed through my veins. There was no getting around it this time. I'd put too much in. As I passed out onto the floor, which was warm from the summer sun, I saw the Kool-Aid Man before me, shaking his head in disapproval. He's thinner in person, and I told him so.

And I was able to do a story to write, so I suppose I will explain myself.

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Joan Q. Reader; no one likes an inquisitive story. I've been there, and I've been there, and I've seen the genuine article. And, knowing what I know, I feel it my responsibility to set the record straight.

The truly great figures in history have passed to the other side. But what was it that the truly great figures in history got chosen as guardian angels in Here... He explained to me that around Here a guardian angel was an orientation leader of sorts. Someone who was assigned to a new person (in Abe's case, me) around the grounds, helping them to get acquainted. In other words, orienting them.

I asked Abe about who else was chosen for a duty like this in Here.

"Many people," he said as he plucked his memory banks, "George Washington, Shakespeare, Tom Snyder." I cut him off, "Tom Snyder? But he's not dead!"

"Yes, he is. It's just that no one's told him. It's just like that Rooney fellow."

"You mean Andy?"

"Yes. Well, actually, Mickey too now that I think of it."

I had to believe Abe on this one. After all, that's why they had him honest. Abe walked me to the check-in center of Here. As we walked, I noticed that my surroundings were actually rather plain. We were walking on a perfectly straight sidewalk that extended out in front of me and behind me to what I noticed now was a very small cottage that we had started from. On either side of me was what looked like an infinite field of grass, but the grass was not perfectly green, like I'd pictured it would be in the afterlife. Nothing was like I imagined it would be. It was plain and boring. Abe, I have to say I always pictured the afterlife to be much more beautiful and majestic. This is all rather run-of-the-mill, if you don't mind me saying so," I said.

"Well, son," Abe replied, "you've not yet been accepted into Here. This is only a small portion of Here. As we walked, I noticed that my surroundings were actually rather plain. We were walking on a perfectly straight sidewalk that extended out in front of me and behind me to what I noticed now was a very small cottage that we had started from. On either side of me was what looked like an infinite field of grass, but the grass was not perfectly green, like I'd pictured it would be in the afterlife. Nothing was like I imagined it would be. It was plain and boring. Abe, I have to say I always pictured the afterlife to be much more beautiful and majestic. This is all rather run-of-the-mill, if you don't mind me saying so," I said.

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"Where am I?" I asked.

"You're Here." He said

"What do you mean? Where's Here?"

Suddenly I knew exactly where I was. I'd passed to the other side. But what was waiting for me? I had to know.

"Will I be seeing... him?" I asked.

"You mean Elvis? Yes, you're just in time for tonight's show."

"No I mean... you know.

"Oh," Abe spoke, "You mean the Supreme Being?"

"Yes."

"The Supreme Being has no gender, but you used to be seeing the Supreme Being soon."

"Oh, I see."

"And so I saw. This was just the beginning of my adventure. Mr. Lincoln - he asked me to refer to him as Abe - explained to me that the truly great figures in history got chosen as guardian angels in Here. He explained to me that around Here a guardian angel was an orientation leader of sorts. Someone who was assigned to a new person (in Abe's case, me) around the grounds, helping them to get acquainted. In other words, orienting them.

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"And that's where we're headed now? To see the Supreme Being?"

"Yes."

"When we arrived at the check-in center, there was a long line of people that led to a metal detector like those in airports, and past the metal detector a longer line extended outward for what seemed like forever. At the metal detector, people placing their jewelry and other possessions into a small bowl before walking through. What was unusual is that the people were not getting their possessions back once through the detector. I asked Abe about this.

"You see," he explained, "People seem to think that if they're buried with their material belongings, these belongings, which are mostly jewelry, will travel with them to Here, where they'll get to keep them. Unfortunately, this just isn't true."

"So what happens to their stuff once it gets to Here?" I asked.

"Oh, we normally return it to earth, except to make it interesting to the folks down there, we normally hide it near mysterious landmarks."

Fortunately, I had no material possessions on me, except for a coupon for artichoke hearts which, strangely enough, was valid in Here, so they let me hang on to it, and I passed easily through.

The guys used to dunk your head in the toilet in elementary school are now bosses. Here's a tip: Bring a towel in tomorrow.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You are a seeker, always looking for the answers to life's most complex philosophical questions. To put your mind at ease, now I give you the answer to all of your questions: Buttfuckero.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The guys who used to dunk your head in the toilet in elementary school are now bosses. Here's a tip: Bring a towel in tomorrow.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your birthday will be much later in the year. Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Eat healthy, focus on personal fitness, rid yourself of stress, think happy thoughts, and die of a heart attack tomorrow anyway. Damn, I love killing-off Capricorn...
**Dilbert**

_by Scott Adams_

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**MSU Name Change Becomes Final**

_by Scott Shappell_  

**Disjointed ramble**

In a surprising turn of events this week, unconfirmed sources have confirmed that Montclair State University will be following the recent trend around the state of changing the school name to something completely different.

"It's really a prestige thing," stated a high-up source within the MSU bureaucracy, "First everyone else is doing it. First Glassboro State became Rowan. Then Trenton State became The College of New Jersey. Now Jersey City State has become The City University Of New Jersey. Why should they get all the fun?"

When asked if the other colleges jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge, would MSU follow suit, the source replied, "No, but we have been actively seeking a benefactor for whom to name the school after." And they seem to have found him right in our own backyard. Yogi Berra, hall-of-fame Yankee and noted wossnopolis, will be donating somewhere in the range of $200 to $500 for the right to be the namesake of the former Montclair Normal School. Yogi Berra University, or YBU, will reportedly maintain the same operations structure and academic standards it currently has, although it has been stated that the school motto will be changed from the traditional "Carpe Diem."

"What could possibly explain the college experience better than 'It Ain't Over 'Till It's Over'?" countered our source. Touché.
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bad food  Checks  Prodigal son  Replies
Bad penny  Lies  Radar  Reuns
Boomerang  Orbits  Reflections  Rockets
Bottles  Pigeons  Rentals

Student Research Delves into Consequences of Alcohol Abuse
By Scott Shappell
Friend to animals

In a disturbing report to be made official next week, thorough research on Montclair State University's campus is said to bolster the belief that consumption of alcoholic beverages can lead to memory loss and more. The independent longitudinal study conducted by thousands of voluntary participants over many years at MSU leads many of these researchers to the same conclusion. "I usually can't remember everything that happened the night before," stated one student/scientist who wishes to remain anonymous for fear that his mother might open up a can of whoop-ass on him. "Sometimes people say 'hi' to me and call me by name. But I don't remember meeting them."

Another well-respected researcher into the dynamics of the alcohol induced stupor related another effect. "Sometimes I wake up not knowing where I am. And it's because I have no clue where I am," he reports. "Sometimes my pants will be missing, too."

"It's a frightening prospect," confirmed one fraternity officer. "And one to which finding the solution could be very dangerous and years away. But we are committed to protecting the general public, so the research must go on. For the sake of the children."

Other negative effects discovered by male student researchers include perceptions of invulnerability, proclivity for calling up former girlfriends past 2 a.m., and eating a whole bag of Cool Ranch Doritos while watching The Simpsons. Want to join me?

Abe Lincoln Earns His Wings
CONTINUED FROM SOMEWHERE

"Will I see the Supreme Being soon, Abe?"
"Yes son, you will," he said, "but you must have patience."

And with that he stepped in front of me and we joined the long line of anxious new-comers. I, too, couldn't help being anxious about my impending meeting. It was then, as we were walking, that I noticed how Abe's fatal head wound had vanished. This made me curious about something, and I had to know the answer.

"Abe," I began, "Now that you're Here, have you patched up things with John Wilkes Booth?"

His feet stopped suddenly. I thought he'd be mad at me for bringing the subject up, but when he turned to answer me his face displayed total calm, as did his voice. Perhaps he had gotten mad at first, but realized just as quickly that it was only a harmless question.

"I don't see him at all around Here." "Why not?" I asked.

"He's not Here. He's There," Abe said. "There?" "Yes, There. Where the tarnished souls go."

"Oh, I see," I said, "There. The other place."

"No, The Other Place is something altogether different."

"Well, I said, "I'm sure that's neither here nor there."

"Yes, exactly," Abe replied.

We walked on. It seemed like we were walking for a while, and as we walked I began to think deeply. I was learning more and more about my surroundings, but I was yet to see the Supreme Being. But who is this Being? Is this Being a who? Where does The Being come from? Where did I come from? What will I say to the Supreme Being? Does the Supreme Being get cavities? If so, who drills them? Could it be there's a Supreme Dentist?"

I began to grow more and more anxious about seeing the Supreme Being. Suddenly, we came to a stop. I noticed there was no longer anyone in front of or behind me. I wondered about where they went so suddenly. They just seemed to disappear. Now in front of me was a tall brown building with tinted black windows, not unlike an earthly "skyscraper", and in gold printing on the glass front doors were the words "Supreme Being, Ltd."

Upon seeing this, all my anxiety came to a head. I felt a tingling of excitement rise up in my chest like a fire. Here it was before me, the office of the Supreme Being, and I was about to meet this Being. I began to sweat profusely. And if the Being had hands I hoped I wouldn't have to shake them. To think I had Kool-Aid to thank for all of this.

Just then I noticed Abe holding the door open, motioning for me to enter the building. I was nervous, but I walked towards the door. Somewhere in this building which stood before me, I would come face to face with whatever power created me and all that existed around me.

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Classes Are Starting Soon!
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Red Hawk Women's Basketball stays solid with a win and a loss

Coach Gloria Bradley encourages her team to be all they can be.

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

The Montclair State women's basketball team were 1-1 this past week, bringing their record to 13-5. They were victorious over the Kean University Cougars with the score of 68-34, at a game played at Kean University last Saturday. They were defeated by Mount Saint Mary's College of Maryland this past Monday 61-71.

In the game against Mount Saint Mary's, Wykemia Kelley recorded game-high points of 26 points. She also totalled 11 rebounds, five assists, and four steals. Marlena Lawrence and Larethea Holland were also strong in the loss. Lawrence recorded 12 points, and grabbed 13 rebounds, while Holland had nine points and six rebounds.

For Mount Saint Mary's College, Kenya O'Kelley had 18 total points, and took down 13 boards. Diane Sheehan, Shannan Fish, and Sara Liebi also had a spectacular day. Sheehan totalled 14 points, and nine rebounds, while Fish recorded 13 points and had five assists. Liebi had 13 points and 4 assists.

At Kean University, Lawrence had a total 26 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Montclair State past Kean in a New Jersey Athletic Conference game.

Lawrence outscored the Kean team in the first half as the Hawks led 31-11. For the Cougars, freshman guard Leigh Vogtman was the only player in double figures with 12 points. Kean made just four of 24 shots in the first half and finished 17 percent from the floor compared to MSU's 32 percent for the game.

For MSU, senior guard Kelley had eight rebounds, seven points, five assists and five steals.

Montclair State to host first ever Winter Homecoming

Montclair State University has announced that it will be hosting its first ever Winter Homecoming which will be held at Panzer Gymnasium on the MSU campus on Saturday, Feb. 6. in conjunction with a men's and women's basketball double header against the Gothic Knights of New Jersey City.

The day of activity will revolve around the women's and men's games which will begin at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. respectively and will include free throw shooting contests and an alumni reception. In addition, the New Jersey Jackal's mascot, Jack the Jackal and MSU mascot, the Red Hawk are scheduled to appear.

For more information, please contact the Montclair State University Athletic Department at (973) 655-5234.
Ted Fiore shares insights on his Red Hawks and years of coaching experience

By Paul Lewiarz
Assistant Sports Editor

The Montclair State Red Hawks had gotten of to a slow start under head coach Ted Fiore, but since has been able to light it up with great team play. Ted Fiore was head basketball coach at St. Peters College, a Division I school before taking the job at Montclair.

Recently I sat down to a one on one session with Coach Fiore to go over his vast insights and many years of experience coaching the game of basketball. When asked about expectations at the beginning of the year, Fiore said, “To be very honest with you I didn’t have any expectations because I didn’t know what to expect. I didn’t know the level of play in the league really because it was brand new to me. I didn’t know the level of play in the league really well.”

Fiore has had to battle through great adversity with a 2-6 record and has been able to turn that around and come out with great team play. Ted Fiore was head coach, new system and the feeling of adversity and now we’re 9-6, it’s great improvement.”

Fiore added, “The fact that we are 9-6, it’s great improvement.” Ted Fiore is a modest man with many years of coaching experience. His ability to lead Montclair into the post season and beyond. When asked if he wanted to prove anything his first year at a new school, Fiore responded modestly, “No, at this point in time I’m not trying to prove anything. I’ve been doing this for thirty some years, I’m just trying to enjoy myself, make the kids be as good as I can make them be, and that’s what my job is. Naturally you want to win, that’s why I’m still at it because I want to win.”

I concluded my interview with Coach Fiore by asking him why he was so successful at St. Peters and what’s one piece of coaching knowledge he would try to implement here at Montclair. He replied, “Well, I think the most important thing in coaching is the relationship between coach and player. I think the one thing that the coach has to do is make certain that he passes on his knowledge to the kids but in a way that doesn’t turn them off, offend them, or disrespect them. It has to be a very truthful thing. I think that you can be demanding yet be respectful, and make them understand that what you’re demanding is just part of this thing that you are sharing between a coach and a player. Because the whole thing is really about a transferal of knowledge between the coach and the players. Think that’s what coaching is all about.”

New Jersey teams dominate dual challenge

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

Montclair State University and The College of New Jersey, the number six and seven-ranked teams respectively in Division III wrestling, dominated the action in the 6th Annual Metropolitan/New England Duals Challenge at Montclair State’s Panther Gymnasium last Saturday afternoon.

In a contest where NY/NJ schools take on three schools from the New England region, MSU and TCNJ both finished at 2-1. Meanwhile, Hunter College of New York finished with a record of 1-2.

The Red Hawks, which outscored its opponents 127-22, made its mark early by recording a school match-record of seven pins in its opening 50-6 defeat of Roger Williams College of Rhode Island. Montclair State started the match at 141 with Florian Ghinea, who is the number one ranked wrestler at 141 pounds. Ghinea has raised his record for the season to 23-1, and his two year career record to 61-2 after pinning all three of his opponents in the contest.

Sophomore Dominic Dellagatta was also victorious in his efforts with two pins and a major decision, while teammate Todd Gowing recorded two pins and a major. For TCNJ, the Lions broke its two-match losing streak with an opening 28-15 decision over Worcester PolyTech (WPI) of Massachusetts. Senior Justin Totten (141 lbs.) pinned his first two opponents to finish 2-1 on the day, while teammates Scott Pressman, Kay DeMartino, and Ryan Normandin each won two matches as well.

For Hunter, sophomore Bobby Guzman won all three of his matches. Ken Ojuaku went 3-0 with a pin for Williams College, while Ray Rask had two pins for Roger Williams College. WPI, ranked #20 entered, saw Joe Tucker win all three of his matches.
Live for today, for there may be no tomorrow!

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Today's youth are always looking for that 'perfect' role model. Someone who leads a model life, has had some achievements, and who's good at what they do. The problem, however, is not finding the role model, but where they are being sought. Young people sometimes look to the media and Hollywood for inspiration, when their inspiration could be staring them in the face. Instead of looking for famous people to emulate, they should look at normal, average people like themselves... like Joanna Fusco.

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Look within yourself and you’ll find the answer

By Pius K. Essandoh III

Female Athlete of the Week

Wykemia Kelley
Guard
Senior
5-1
Paterson, NJ
Paterson Kennedy HS

Senior guard Wykemia Kelley recorded a game-high 26 points and had five assists and 11 rebounds against Mount Saint Mary’s College, MD this past Monday night at the Kaplan Recreation Center in Newburgh, NY.

Male Athlete of the Week

Milenko Beric
Center
Sophomore
6-6 200
Novi Sad, Yugoslavia
J.J. Zmaj HS

Sophomore center Milenko Beric scored a game-high 22 points and made 10 of 14 shots this past Monday night against the Caldwell College Cougars in a non-conference men’s basketball game.

Look within yourself to see what you want to do. That is what Felicia Ingram did, and now she is a well-rounded basketball player. Ingram started playing the sport seriously as a freshman, but she had been playing on the basketball courts before then. She could jump higher than anyone else, so she already had the athleticism; all she needed was to improve her shot and mature as a player.

Things changed for Ingram in terms of basketball when she made the junior varsity team her freshman year, and her coach had believed in her talents and ability. “Where there is athletic ability, there is a will to succeed,” is a quote that Felicia remembers her old high school coach used to say. If it wasn’t for that coach, she might not have been playing right now. That coach believed in her and pushed her to her potential.

Ingram is a very good basketball player. Her game has gotten a lot more mature since she now sees the game that she hadn’t realized before. “When I first came it was all about me, and why didn’t I do this and why didn’t I get the ball on this play,” stated Ingram.

As part of her maturing process, Ingram has gotten even more mentally tough. “Going to a hostile environment, makes it hard but you have to be able to block all that out and play, because you can’t let the fans take you out of your game,” said Ingram.

Another part of Ingram’s success this year is due to her work ethic. “To play well in a game has to start in practice,” stated Ingram. From the looks of it, it must be paying off. The contributing factor in a good practice and a good game is the coach. Coach Gloria Bradley, the women’s coach, doesn’t get as much credit as she is due, according to Ingram. Every year she has approximately eight or nine players, but she always manages to do great things with them. With her and Ingram’s success, the women’s team can make the NCAAs; a goal that Felicia and her teammates have set out for this year.

“My goal is to make the NCAAs and I hope that is the goal of the rest of the team,” said Ingram. Good luck to Ingram and her teammates.
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Junior guard Mike Bult added 20 points as Montclair State improved its record to 11-7. The Red Hawks held a late game surge by the Cougars of Caldwell College. In the end, Montclair had the advantage as the score proved everything, 71-65.

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Montclair wrestling team will travel to Cortland and take on Ithaca (#13) this weekend.

CORRECTION- PJ. RAPPS DEFEATED THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY’S NATIONALLY RANKED #3 WRESTLER-RAY DEMARTINO.

SPORTS TRIVIA

The first major league baseball team to head west was not from NY or Brooklyn. What N.L. team started the franchise-shift ball rolling in 1955?

RED HAWK SPORTS

6th ranked Red Hawks shutdown #10 Delaware Valley 23-16

By Paul Lewiarz

Assistant Sports Editor

Montclair State's wrestling team (#4) defeated Delaware Valley (#10) last night in Panzer with a score 23-16. This marks the second time this week Montclair has beat a nationally ranked team, making their record 9-2.

The first period when Delaware Valley transferred and now Montclair's own Todd Going (197 lbs.) earned three takedowns. The second period was scoreless, and Going entered the third period with a score of 6-2. Delaware's Paul Phillips was hit with stalling and gave Going a penalty point. Going earned a riding time point and finished the match winning 8-2.

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Dominic Dellagatta (Absegami) pins his opponent last night in Panzer Gym as head coach Steve Streitler looks on.

By Betsy C. Montanez

Assistant Sports Editor

Anthony Peeples (#44- Linden) was a dominant force in Monday's game, scoring 14 points.

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