THE BOOK BUYING BLUES

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

By Nicole Parker
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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 splitting out money 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 when it was new. In turn, the used book is then sold for 75 percent of what the book cost when it was new.

For example, a new $40 book would be sold to the bookstore for $20, which is half of the price of the book when it was new. It then resells the book the next semester for $30.

But the bookstore will only buy back textbooks if they can resell them for the next semester or sell them to a used book wholesaler.

Much like a car has a "Blue Book" value, textbooks are also subject to pricing based on the value of the book. A new edition would be worth more than an edition that is several years old, if the book division in New York City, Barnes & Noble, is worth anything at all. At the end of the semester books are given a value. They are bought back by the bookstore at either half of its retail value (the value at which it can be resold) or bought back at wholesale. The books that are bought back at 50 percent of their value are kept to be sold the next semester.

Those that have been purchased at their wholesale value are boxed and shipped to a used book dealer who, in turn, sells them to another school which has a need for them. It is for this reason that used versions may be available for a book that is being offered for the first time.

According to the NACS, 87 percent of college stores use a 25 percent margin on textbooks. They do have a text­book division in New York City, 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.

Barnes & Noble chains cannot get textbooks. They do have a text­book division in New York City, Barnes & Noble for $19.95 with a 20 percent discount we sell it for $19.95," said Paul Vichiconti, the textbook manager at the MSU bookstore.

However, if the publisher of­fers no discount, then a 25 percent markup is added. So, if the publisher's cost is $40 then the bookstore would sell that book for $50.

Often times, fiction books, such as Toni Morrison's "Par­s­" are available at local book­stores. However, in December, the MSU bookstore was selling "Par­s­" for $24.50, the same price as Barnes & Noble. The same went for Jonathan Lethem's "Girl in Landscape," which sold at both the MSU bookstore and Barnes & Noble for $29.95.

According to Frank Tooni, the former marketing director of New Horizon Press, a publisher usually charges four times the cost it took to produce one book. This price includes everything from advances to the author to the cost of the cover.

Authors can receive anywhere from $500 to over $3 million in ad­­vances plus royalties. The average royalty is 8 percent, but this percentage varies depending on the author, publisher and contract, Tooni said.

"The discounts offered to col­

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THE BOOK BUYING BLUES

College Store Margins:
How much the average store makes off of you

Department Typical Margin Margin Range
New textbooks 25% 18%-26%
Used textbooks 33.3% 28%-38%
General books 40% 20%-45%
Student supplies 50% 40%-60%
Clothing 50% 40%-60%
Electronics 15% 10%-25%
Gifts 50% 40%-60%
Food & sundries 35% 20%-40%

* Source: NACS

Products available in college stores are sold with a margin, as in any retail operation. Margin is the difference between cost and retail price, reflecting work required to bring products to the market. Different margins are used for certain product categories, or "departments."

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NEWS

U.S. News

GDP fights Clinton's budget

The release of President Clinton's $1.77 billion budget for the fiscal year 2000 is the opening shot in what is sure to be a bitter struggle with the Republican-controlled Congress over increased domestic spending or tax cuts.

While agreeing with Clinton's goal of strengthening Social Security, the GOP prefers using the bulk of the remaining federal surpluses for across-the-board tax cuts.

Republican seek a 10 percent cut in income tax rates, returning $60 billion or more to taxpayers over 65.

They say, it is critical to keep the Democrats from creating new spending programs.

Clinton also has set aside a large portion of the projected budget surplus to subsidize universal retirement savings accounts.

Net porn upheld by free speech

Supporters of a federal law designed to shield children from Internet pornography are urging the Clinton administration to fight a judge's order blocking enforcement of the law.

U.S. District Judge Lowell Reed issued a preliminary injunction on Monday — the same day the Child Online Protection Act (COPA) had been scheduled to go into effect — saying it could hinder free speech.

Reed expressed sympathy with the law's intent to protect children under 17 from contact with material that could harm them psychologically or physically, but he said the law threatened constitutional free speech rights, adding that "the greater good" would be served by barring enforcement of the law.

Religious riots condemned

The World Council of Churches appealed for an end to religious violence in Indonesia after police fired warning shots to break up rioting in an eastern town.

Indonesian President Habibie met on Tuesday with World Council of Churches representatives and said "drastic measures" would be taken against anyone found guilty of instigating the rioting.

The World Council of Churches represents Protestant and Orthodox Christian churches.

LOCAL NEWS

Grant grants research growth

The US Department of Energy Monday awarded a $5 million federal grant to the Garden State Cancer Center, which will enable the not-for-profit organization to expand its research and treatment facility in Belleville.

Dr. David Goldenberg, the center's president, said the grant would enable his staff to press forward in its study of the use of antiobiotics as a method of treating cancer.

South Orange queries quarry

Some South Orange residents say they are still hoping that an unused quarry site in the village's affluent Newton section may never be turned into a proposed 198-unit townhouse rental development.

The board of trustees has complied with requests from residents asking the state DEP to determine if the 30-acre site is a wetlands area or of any federal or state money is available to buy the property and keep it as open space.

But maker threatens NJAC World Series chances

The NJAC is threatened to be disqualified for having wooden bats instead of aluminum. This would affect MSU's chance at the World Series.
EMS financial decisions under investigation

Separate university and SGA audits could reveal exorbitant cellular phone bills and office furnishing expenditures

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, 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 Durkin & Durkin 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 Matusow-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 over stuffed couch and loveseat.

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 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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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.

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 council and advise students on Greek affairs, enforce the constitutions, 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 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 Anton Wheeler said.

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A FURRY FORECASTER: Although it doesn’t matter whether or not this groundhog, spotted near Dioguardi Field saw his shadow or not, what’s his relative in Punxsutawney, PA saw yesterday does. Start putting your sweaters away because according to the groundhog spring is right around the corner.

I SMELL SPRING

SEE INVESTIGATION ON P. 6
The internet and off-campus bookstore stores are some money-saving alternatives

Leg was much less than a trade book," said Tooni, who now works for Rosica Mulherin, a public relations firm in Paramus. Tooni explained that a publisher might sell a novel to Barnes & Noble for 40 percent off the retail price, but a college text books are sold at 25 percent of the retail value.

According to Ammann, 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 and black 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 when new text books have one chance to make money Ammann said. New releases offer another chance of making a profit.

"With education books, many times the book is pre-sold," Tooni said, further explaining that a student who buys a book sends a CD-ROM disk with all the updated material. Students do not receive any money this way. The internet and off-campus bookstores are generally getting a 25 percent discount.

According to Glenn, there is a used book store outside of Rutgers-Newark that buys back students' books, sometimes at a better price than the school store. A similar book store exists 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. Often the bookstore on campus does not have the title. However, she estimated that the off-campus bookstore carries half of what the school store sells.

"You go there with your catalogue and maybe they have books for one out of five classes," Nouri said. Glenn also believes that pre-law and pre-med books tend to be the most expensive books. 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 want to 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 somewhere 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 that feature, it's like having the book right on the computer." But for college students the yellow and black tag attached to the shelf warn against using or opening packaged books, including those that come with CD-ROM.

At Kean, 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 would either trade it for another book, give it to the other student or sell it for a few dollars.

Tooni also explained that a publisher might sell a novel to Barnes & Noble for 40 percent off the retail price, but a college textbook will have a lower price on the inside cover. According to the NACS website (www.nacs.com) students can take it upon themselves to buy the book. For classes that use books that are priced more based on the author's creativity, the student who ends up paying.

"That's when they make a profit," Glenn said. "With education books, many times the book is pre-sold," Tooni said, further explaining that a student who buys a book sends a CD-ROM disk with all the updated material. Students do not receive any money this way. The internet and off-campus bookstores are generally getting a 25 percent discount.

The NACS website offers a few tips for students when it comes to buying books. They suggest that students order it lowers the number of buybacks the bookstore will accept, which affects students.

"Students can take it upon themselves to create alternative ways of obtaining books. For instance, students can initiate a book trade where a student gets a card for each book that they donate. With the card they can buy a certain amount of books in return. Another option could be to initiate a sign-up sheet, such as was done at Kean," Glenn said.

"Buying textbooks is inevitable and it is unlikely that book prices are going to change. With a little creativity students might be able to take the burden of paying high prices for books off their backs and maybe walk out of the campus bookstore with a few extra dollars in their pocket."
Sewage flood forces 10-day Blanton Hall shut down

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

By Christine Quigley
Staff Writer

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

The shutdown of the cafeteria, which feeds approximately 1600 students daily, started 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.

“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 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. to do 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 meal plans until 11A.M. Those who decided to pay instead of walk lost money.

“I wasted about $25 on breakfast while the cafeteria was closed,” said Blanton Hall resident Sandy Manmano. “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 student and Alpha Omega’s Sorority Inc. president met and experienced the Greek systems here. "I look forward to working with Drakeford and give her all the support needed to improve the Council."

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

Moved the signs. "It had to be changed because there is no through 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."

"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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Many Greek letter organizations expect great things from Drakeford

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

Aguilante 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."

Latasha 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 Alumnae 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.
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 through 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.

Jeannine Schroeder, a BFA printmaking major, works on marbelizing a piece in the printmaking studio. The process is similar to dying Easter eggs, but with paper.
The three most powerful words in the English language

By Dr. Rob Gilbert

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uppose 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 it make you less stressed? If it would give you more energy? It would make you more productive. If you could do this, would you want a lifetime supply? Well, you 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 magic in your life! As a matter of fact, when you do it, then you’ll become the way you act. Many people say, “When I feel like it. I’ll do 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.” 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.

Some thoughts on acting as if... If you want a quality, act as if you already have it. -William James

- “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 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

Ask questions... answer questions... laugh at the professor’s jokes... then they are to write a report on what happened. Here’s a typical report:

In my next class, I was hungry, tired and bored. But because you made me, I sat in the middle of the front row, sat up straight, asked questions, answered questions and laughed at the professor’s dumb jokes. And even though I was totally bored, every once in a while an amazing thing happened. Ev­­­ery once in a while... I lapsed into states of unconsciousness such as plays and musicals taking place in both the Memorial and Studio Theatres.

As a matter of fact, Cole has performed as the narrator for a play taken from a children’s story titled “Peter and the Wolf.” Cole can’t help smiling as she brings about MSU’s basketball team and how well they’re doing. She’s shown up at many athletic events such as last semester’s Homecoming. “I encourage the students to come out to more of our athletic events,” she explains.

Not only has Cole walked and talked with students, but she’s even taken the time to eat with us in both Elston and Freeman Hall cafeteria. “I like to walk around the campus to see people and to see what’s going on,” she acknowledges.

Overall, her first semester here on campus has been very busy. She’s spent an enormous amount of time getting to know fac­­ulty, students. She’s visited each of the Academic Departments, within each depart­­ment she’s been quite successful in building strong relationships with each of the Deans. She’s also worked on making MSU the best place it can be from the outside by forming partnerships with the government such as state legislators and representatives from the business and corporate communi­­ties in the state of New Jersey.

Cole expressed how important it is to have outside support from surrounding cit­­ies to help keep Montclair State University a growing environment.

Speaking of growth, Cole has major plans for this second semester. She plans to improve the campus both physically and academically. She’s in the process of hiring new faculty members for both this year and next. She wants to make scheduling for classes easier by using the classes and class­­rooms we have more efficiently. She is looking to make classes available for each student when they need it, at all times.

Cole admits there are some critical is­­sues that are floating in the air, issues that are kinks which she is working very hard to remedy.

INFRA STRUCTURE- She applauds those who do the physical plant work around the campus. She said they do a wonderful job keeping the campus looking good by fix­­ing the visual things that need to be taken care of. However, there is a sufficient amount of repair that needs to be done un­­derneath the surface in order to help our campus run more smoothly.

PARKING- At certain times of the day, especially for commuters, there isn’t enough parking.

CAMPUS HOURS- She is in the pro­­cess of looking into creating a campus that is open seven days a week. She wants to also extend hours in the Student Center to help ensure that food is available later. The computer labs and serving times need to be more accessible. She hopes to do this by employing the right staff to fulfill the hours. Not only does she want to expand food and com­­puter lab hours, but she is also looking toward expanding library hours as well.

So as you can see Dr. Cole has a load of goals to reach. Her second semester here has begun with her beginning to dig a little under the sur­­face. Cole very much enjoys be­­ing here and through both hard work and fun activities, Dr. Susan Cole boasts, “I’m having a great time.”
The history of body art

By Kristen Anderson

The 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 art originated in Egypt and was passed through cultures to culture. It is known that tattoos played an important role for 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 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 world wide web, 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.

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FEATURE

“I hate myself” when your self esteem needs uplifting

By Andrea Lara
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 may become temporary too. Age will take away many nice 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 must 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 Spiotti
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 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 acquiring Oceania 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 greatly 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 make sure 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 that 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 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 be 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, health 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. There are treatments 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. Remember 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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Entertainment News Breaks

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 und Jaguar is a German production telling the story of a housewife and her Jewish lesbian 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. Roland Emmerich (Godzilla) is directing the Columbia Pictures project from a script by Robert Rodat (Saving Private Ryan). The film is said to be a major summer 2000 release.

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. The site is under pressure with up to 200,000 crashing the festival. The 1994 gathering drew an estimated 350,000 to the city, opponents of the event are frustrated by the lack of public information, 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. The 1994 gathering drew an estimated 350,000 with up to 200,000 crashing the event with out tickets. The overcrowding of the area forced one resident to postpone her husband’s funeral for several days until the festival mess was cleaned up. Saugerties city officials are requiring Woodstock Ventures to put up a $150,000 escrow fund for potential expenses during the festival. That demand has pushed the promoters into talks with Rome, NY, about 150 miles from the original Woodstock site. They are offering the closed Griffiss Air Force Base as a potential site. The show is expected to take place during late July while the original Woodstock site in Bethel, NY, currently owned by local investor Alan Gerry, is expected to host another 30th anniversary celebration in mid-August. Last summer, Gerry put on a three-day show called A Day in the Garden and he hopes to turn the former Yasgur farm into a full-time music venue and theme park.

Sinise Eyes Naughty, Nice Roles: LA (Reuters) Gary Sinise has signed to star as the villain in one film and the hero in another, Daily Variety reported Tuesday. First up is Reindeer Games, in which Sinise will play a con artist who manipulates a young ex-con (Ben Affleck) into robbing the casino where the ex-con once worked. Sinise will then go for the good guy role with Mission to Mars, 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. says 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 Ouiandiós D’América: 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, if we do decide to go out and perform live shows in the summer, which is looking likely - we might spend part of the spring working with Milos and working on Man On The Moon.” Forman is currently directing Jim Carrey and Courtney Love in the film.
All The Rage at 12 Miles

By Vanessa Benifatto

Rage with blood-curling screams, jutting guns, and unholy averagers. 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, and also people’s “inner rage.” The title and the opening painting of Scream, gave viewers an instant gratification that drives many of them off the deep edge. Among the several themes that 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 end, 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 towards 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 pervasively 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.

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I starred 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 expeditiously by now. Jennifer Augustino, Undergraduate

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. Erin 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 Bazarlakian, 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. Velez Cruz, English

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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 rousing 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.

Sodexho-Marriott has been quick to sing its praises of the 1999-2000 academic calendar. Freeman Dining Hall, renovated to the nines during the summer, has remained open for weekend services and the Red Hawk Express van found a home serving students-on-the-go in front of Dickson. The Rathskellar began its late-night program, allowing students to sample a wide variety of all-you-can-eat fare between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. from Monday through Thursday. Auxiliary Services provided students the choice of a wider variety of meal plans, now offering block plans as high as 300-per-semester, and regularly claimed to be working toward improving the consistence and quality of food being served. Above all, they did this with an open ear, constantly fielding complaints and suggestions from those willing to offer them. Well . . . didn't they?

Presently, my first meeting of a "Food Committee" about a month ago, after the Director of the Freeman/Russ Complex, John Lowney, had invited myself, as well as several other students, to express our concerns directly to the higher-ups within Food Services. Present were representatives of Sodexho-Marriott, Kevin Rakovosky of Auxiliary Services, Connie Spencer, then acting as Director of Residence Life, a few professors, and administrators whose names I have since forgotten and the like. On the top of the agenda was giving Food Services honest criticisms, compliments and feedback. Did anything get done?

I have an immense amount of respect for Kevin Rakovosky as an individual within the college community who not only keeps his promises but maintains an open door policy with students, not merely promises to maintain one. Any college student who ever had the quality of Food Services, he is on top of the issue before I even finish a sentence and I have yet to see him act in any way contrary to student interests. Representatives of Sodexho-Marriott, however, seemed more interested in how much they had accomplished in the past and not in what they could continue to accomplish. Every mistake on their part seemed to be made into a power-absent-minded observation on the part of the student.

One student complained of pizza which tasted like cardboard. Excuses, justifications, explanations. Another asked why the coffee was always gone by 11 a.m. Whiny? Usually ice cold. Response, easy answer. Nothing really seemed to sink in.

When I asked if food was recycled over a period of days (Example: fried rice served on Sunday evening and then, on Tuesday, sweet peppers stuffed with, you guessed it, fried rice), I got a response that seemed so ridiculous, it might have made a little more sense to recycle the food in the first place. Were they even listening?

This trend of only half-listening to student concerns seems to permeate the minds of many within Food Services. Last year, when several SGA officials found a container of moldy Jell-O in the C-Store, Robert Genser, Food Services General Manager, pointed fingers instead of accepting fault. Instead, he crafted a story wherein the SGA officials grew Jell-O mold and planted it in the C-Store refrigerator. Mr. Genser, repeat after me: "I am very sorry. We are working to ensure that this will never happen again."

As the Spring 1998 semester wound down, and a team of student biologists released data showing that a high percentage of fecal coliform had been found in food sampled from Blanton Dining Hall, Sodexho seemed more concerned about their then-being-negotiated contract than student health. When they do seem to take notice of these hazards, as was recently the case when they aired a new sign on the doors of Blanton, students are more than inconvenienced. Is this where our money is going?

Listen, I realize that cafeteria food is going to be considered far less than gourmet no matter what university I choose to attend and MSU, compared to others of its size, fares well in comparison. A few years back, upon an extended visit I took to The College of New Jersey, a few kids landed in the infirmary with food poisoning. It turned out that the ranch dressing at one of the salad bars was getting old and nobody noticed. Mistakes happen. We know.

The trick is in accepting conditions for what they are and working to legitimately remedy problems. For those in Sodexho-Marriott's offices that are listing close, "working to remedy" does not translate to "coming up with excuses." I don't want excuses, I just want food that I can eat. If I have a complaint, I don't want to hear about all of the things you've done to ensure excellent food quality. I want you to listen closely and then just fix the problem.

When the students at this university left home, we realized that we wouldn't be getting home-cooked meals and much of the blame heaped upon cafeteria trays is in that many of us eat in these dining halls three times a day, seven days a week.

The bottom line is that, yes, things are getting better. But, from what are they getting better?

Before Food Services can really boast that they are having a great, highly productive and growing year, they need to really look at where they've been and what mistakes have been made that have not been remedied. Until then, those suggestion sheets posted at the dining hall entrances might as well remain as untouched as the cold cardboard pizza. Without anyone on the other end listening, they're just as unappetizing and just as utterly useless.

Regardless of the outcome, any parties that have contributed in any way to allowing this beneficial resource to languish in neglect have a lot of soul searching to do.

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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 large number of students either in or near the major course.

The Psychology Department was one which experienced the cancellation of three major classes, all of which were full. This was one reason that 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 courses with full-time professors 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 an overload. He chose to do this to increase the availability of classes offered in the Communications Department. When students are able to get into all of their classes they need, they can graduate on time, he explained.

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 Systems class has been cancelled because no one was available to teach it.

Disha 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. Montestinos, Psychology Department felt that it was due to poor planning in scheduling of classes and class availability.

Michigan State University requires 128 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 each 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 senior finds out that they need to schedule for the right courses, registration has passed and chances are that the courses are all filled up. This could result in pushing a senior 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 speaking with department heads, seniors, and graduate students, it was noted that many people who are 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 it 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 undercrowded 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 advisement 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 events that have followed. 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 each others’. While I don’t want to call Whitman’s task force a modern day witch hunt, I know that this is just the beginning of their quest to end college binge drinking. This is a serious problem because it is holding students back. Dr. Montestinos, Psychology Department felt that it was due to poor planning in scheduling of classes and class availability.

Applauding "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, well written, and credible. Why would a student pay a professional to write these stories must have required a great deal of courage, talent and perseverance. The courage of Whitman's task force was greatly enhanced by the efforts of the 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, well written, and credible. Why would a student pay a professional to write these stories must have required a great deal of courage, talent and perseverance. The courage of Whitman's task force was greatly enhanced by the efforts of the 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, well written, and credible. Why would a student pay a professional to write these stories must have required a great deal of courage, talent and perseverance. The courage of Whitman's task force was greatly enhanced by the efforts of the 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, well written, and credible. Why would a student pay a professional to write these stories must have required a great deal of courage, talent and perseverance. The courage of Whitman's task force was greatly enhanced by the efforts of the 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, well written, and credible. Why would a student pay a professional to write these stories must have required a great deal of courage, talent and perseverance. The courage of Whitman's task force was greatly enhanced by the efforts of the participants who were involved in the special report, "Term Papers for Sale."
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I know that all those stories of brief glimpses of the afterlife are false because I myself 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.

It began with an accidental overdose of Kool-Aid. I had been concocting 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 before me, shaking his head in disapproval, Mr. Lincoln — he was Abraham Lincoln, I realized I was lying in a bed in a small, dimly lit room, and the figure before me was Abraham Lincoln. I knew him. It's just like that Rooney fellow.

"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 permanent place in Here."

"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 I saw 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?"

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

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.

By John Frusciante

"I've been there, and I've been there."

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

"Many people," he said as he plundered 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 Roosevelt fellow."

"Yes, that's right," Abe said.

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"Where am I?" I asked.

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"No I mean, you know."

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

"Yes."

"The Supreme Being has no gender, but you can call him the Supreme Being soon."

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

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Your birthday will be much later in the year. Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

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Where's Finz?

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. "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 wordsmith, 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 'Can't 'Till It's Over'?" countered our source. Touche.
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 newcomers. I, too, couldn't help being anxious about my impending meeting. It was then, as we were walking, that I noticed how Abe's facial 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 didn'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 looking for a way out. 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.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Editor's note: It's not every day you wonder what life is really all about. Today is not one of those days. I'm going to sit on the couch, eat a whole bag of Cool Ranch Doritos, and watch The Simpsons. Want to join me?

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 a 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 pets 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 involuntariness, proclivity for calling up former girlfriends past 2 a.m., mysterious "round of drinks" charges on credit cards, and recurrent urinary evacuation. Also, females reported mistakenly finding men more sensitive and/or single.

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The Princeton Review
Red Hawk Women’s Basketball stays solid with a win and a loss

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 Laleethea Holland were also strong in the loss. Lawrence recorded 12 points, and grabbed 13 rebounds, while Holland had nine points and 6 rebounds.

At Kean University, Lawrence had a total 26 points and grabbed 8 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

Office of Sports Information

Montclair State University has announced that it will be hosting its first ever Winter Homecoming which will be held at Falziger 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.

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Ted Fiore shares insights on his Red Hawks and years of coaching experience

By Paul Lewiurz
Assistant Sports Editor

The Montclair State Red Hawks had gotten off 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 if the guys that we had would measure up to my expectations just because I didn’t have any previous experience in this league.’’ One player which in particular has measured up and beyond expectations for Fiore is Anthony Peeples who is the leading rebounder in the nation. Fiore said of Peeples, "There is no question that Anthony Peeples is this teams top guy. He has been carrying us for some time. He’s averaging 16 rebounds a game.’’ Anthony Peeples may be the teams top guy and leader but it’s the overall team effort which has led to the success of Montclair. The team has matured significantly since the beginning of the season, using both there abundance of athletic talent and on court savvy to win games. ’’The team has definitely improved, I commend the kids for that, there is no question that they have improved their level of play and I’m still hoping that there is some room for improvement for all of them,’’ said Fiore. Montclair has had to battle through great adversity. The fact that they started of the season with a 2-6 record and have been able to turn that into a winning record is a testament to the type of team that is Montclair. A blood and guts team devoted to hard work and discipline which translates into wins. The fact that they started of so slowly is probably attributed to the fact that they were a team at the beginning of the year who were unsure of themselves.

That is, they were with a new coach, new system and the feeling out process took some time to sink in. Fiore added, “The fact that we started out 2-5 and stayed together through adversity and now we’re 9-6, it’s great improvement.’’ Ted Fiore is a modest man with many years of coaching experience. His ability should be able 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 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 for me 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. I think that’s what coaching is 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 Panzer 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 3-0. 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 in the country, recording a win by fall for the season 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 Going recorded two pins and a minor decision. 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 Ojukwu went 3-0 with a pin for Williams College, while Ray Rask had two pins for Roger Williams College. WPI, ranked #20 entered the day 2-2, but sophomore Joe Tucker won all three of his matches.
Live for today, for there may be no tomorrow!

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

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.

Fusco is a 20 year old junior here at Montclair State, and is an active member on our swimming team. She has been swimming competitively since the age of five, and swam all through grammar school, high school, and is now doing her third year at MSU.

Fusco is a very well-rounded individual, who along with being enrolled for 15 credits, has regular swim meets and practices, takes classes in taek kwon do and boxing, works on Sundays, runs four miles on Sundays; and still manages to have a GPA of 3.75. “Having a social life is really hard, since sometimes it catches up with me then I get really tired and worn down. But if there’s a will, there’s a way, and I’m not going to give up swimming, taek kwon do, and boxing,” said Fusco. She also adds, “School is important to me and I commute, so I’m home with my family a lot, which is good.”

Fusco believes in the importance of teamwork and looks up to the captains of her team for motivation and leadership. She admires them for their perseverance and encouragement throughout the long season, which lasts from September to mid-February. She also admires her coach, Brian McLaughlin for his passion for winning.

Her goals for this year include placing in the top three at METS (championship meet) in at least two of her events. Her long-term goals are to make NCAA cuts, and to break one or two records.

Fusco has always been motivated, but everything changed after her father’s passing. She now dedicates everything she does to him, and has a never-die attitude. In her own words, “You have to give 100 percent, or why do it?”

Fusco is without a doubt a great role model for young people today, and in her eyes if one wants to be a good athlete and to achieve one’s goals, one has to be disciplined. She further adds, “Live for today, for there may be no tomorrow.”

MSU Swimmer Gil Castillo

By Piaa K. Easandoh III
Staff Writer

When you think of athletes today, you think of the football players, the basketball players, and the baseball players, but do you think of swimming? Swimming is a sport that doesn’t get the respect that it should, but athletes who are swimmers are as good and athletic as any regular athlete that you might think of.

Gil Castillo is a swimmer and he has been doing this since his freshman year in high school. “I was at an open house and I raced my friend in swimming, and he beat me badly. At the time I was a real competitive guy, so that made me want to improve and want to beat him,” said Castillo.

Castillo is more than just a swimmer since he is very talented in other sports. He could easily have played basketball, football, or even baseball. In fact, he got hurt playing baseball after going for a ball in the outfield and broke his wrist. After that incident, he used swimming as a means of rehabilitation and then took up the sport full-time.

The credentials are there for Gil. He was All-County all four years of high school, and he placed ninth at the state final in the 100 freestyle, both during his junior and senior year. He was also an All-American in swimming.

You would think all this would make him arrogant. But, Castillo rates himself as a good swimmer, not a great swimmer. “I see myself as a good swimmer and I do basically whatever the coach wants me to do. I want everyone to be good on this team, since I have been a winner for a while, so I want to see some of my teammates experience that joy,” stated Castillo.

Besides being a great athlete Castillo is also a very good student. Frankly put by the all-American, “Academically I’m a B student, and academically I’m not the best,” Castillo wants to be an athletic trainer.

Castillo is a class act athlete. His love for this sport and the knowledge of what he’s doing here is why he is a unique athlete. His putting of his team first is a great attribute that he exhibits. The only honor he wants is to receive all-American honors on the collegiate level. What an athlete!

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*Women’s Basketball vs. New Jersey City University, 2 p.m.
*Men’s Basketball vs. New Jersey City University, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9
Men’s Wrestling @ NYU

Wednesday, Feb. 10
*Women’s Basketball vs. William Paterson, 6 p.m.
*Men’s Basketball vs. William Paterson, 8 p.m.

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.

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.

By Pius K. Essandoh III
Staff Writer

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 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 things about 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. But now I’ve matured and I look out for the team’s interest first," 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 NCAA’s: a goal that Felicia and her teammates have set out for this year.

“My goal is to make the NCAA’s and I hope that is the goal of the rest of the team,” said Ingram. Good luck to Ingram and her teammates.

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.
PINNED!: Dominic Dellagatta (Absecon) pines his opponent last night in Panzer Gym as head coach Steve Streitler looks on.

By Betsy C. Montanez

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.

Caldwell was left speechless. That run single handedly gave Montclair the lead and victory. In that run, Anthony Peeples had six points, all of them coming on the offensive rebounding side of the ball. Peeples absolutely scorched offensive, defensively and offensively. He has been the missing link in Montclair's scheme all year, providing leadership and much needed veteran experience to compliment the whole host of offensive and defensive talent on the team. Montclair's attack was very balanced, with four starters coming into the third period.

Anthony Peeples (#44- Linden) was a dominant force in Monday's game, scoring 14 points. The Heavyweight match started scoreless during the first period. In the second, Barrett Cervetto (HWT) gave up an escape point. Going into the third Cervetto choose the defensive position. He escaped earning a point and tied the score 1-1. It wasn't until there were :10 seconds on the clock that Cervetto scored a takedown for an emotional 3-1 win.

Similar performances were given by Florian Ghinea and Dan Geleta. Ghinea (14 lbs.) worked in his takedowns in the first period and finished with a last minute takedown for a score of 14-2. Geleta (140 lbs.) who wrestled Delaware Valley's All-American, got a takedown and nearfall points in each period. He finished with a score of 14-3.

Dominic Dellagatta (157 lbs.) was first to score a takedown, but just collected three nearfall points in the first period. Not too much action was received from Delaware's Justin Kovacs who was hit with two stalling calls and was turned over twice giving Dellagatta a total of five nearfall points. None of this mattered though because Dellagatta went on to pin him :30 seconds into the third period.

Rami Ratel (149 lbs.) was once again bumped up two weight classes and wrestled at 165 lbs. Ratel earned the first takedown but ended the first period trailing 2-3. He remained scoreless in the second, but gave up an escape point. Still trailing in the third period with a score of 2-4, Ratel chose the defensive position earning himself an escape point. He then proceeded to get a takedown and with a minute left in the third period, tilter Delaware's Jason Stever for three nearfall points winning the match 8-5.

The 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.