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

By Nicole Parker
Special To The Montclarion

At the start of each semester college students across the country whip out their check books and credit cards, ready to drop as much as $300 or more. But it's not the cost of higher education that they are spilling 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 El. Orange, corrects the science tests her seventh grade class had taken that day.

"I probably spent between $400 and $425 on books for 15 credits last semester," Glenn said, going on to explain that she usually bought two books per class.

"Sometimes I felt like I was spending as much on books as I did on the class." Two years ago Glenn graduated from Kean University with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education.

"I paid $70 for my business writing book. I got back $35," said Carol Nagoumey, an MSU sophomore. But Nagoumey recalled many times when she couldn't return books.

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

For example, a new $40 book would be sold to the bookstore by the publisher for $30. At the end of the semester the bookstore buys it back 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 edition 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 in 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."

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

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*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."

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 called Follett textbook services.

Follett, operate approximately one quarter of the college stores. Follett, is the largest, contracting with 485 stores. However, in December, the MSU bookstore was selling "Paradise" 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 $22.95.

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 $1 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 college buyers range from 25% to 40% of the publisher's cost," Tooni said.
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• 1/28 Officer on patrol discovered a scale was stolen from the dining area.

US attacks after laws broken
U.S. jets bombéd three sites in Iraq where it had moved Soviet-made anti-ship missiles Tuesday. The missiles were ready to be loaded onto launchers in southern Iraq, Pentagon sources said. The CSSC-3 missile has a range of 55 to 60 miles, which could be a threat to U.S. warships and commercial shipping in the Gulf.

U.S. officials say Iraq’s movement of missiles violates U.N. resolutions barring President Hussein from making significant improvements to his military forces below the 32nd parallel.

Kosovo rebels agree to talks
Despite conflicting statements made by Kosovo rebels, it appears that representatives will attend peace talks in France tomorrow. "We are definitely going to the talks with our proposals," Jakup Krasnigi, senior spokesman for the Kosovo Liberation Army, said during a meeting of the KLA staff.

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 anti-tumor drugs and chemical compounds.

LOCAL NEWS

South Orange queries quarry
Some South Orange residents say they are still hoping that an unused quarry site in the village’s affluent Neswood 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 wetland area of any federal or state interest. If money is available to buy the property, it is open to the public.

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EMS financial decisions under investigation

By Kara L. Richardson
Managing Editor

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

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

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

Both Hynes and his lawyer Chris Adams of 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 overstuffed couch and love seat.

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

“EMS’s funding of over $100,000 annually comes from both the SGA and the university’s commitment to providing EMS services.” Wheeler went on to state that Drakeford will not only be working with the SGA, but the administrative body also.

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

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 our commitment to providing support for the fraternities and sororities here at the university. Most colleges and universities in the state of New York have employees whose jobs include advising Greeks but they have other responsibilities. Since we have forty-two fraternities and sororities they need and require lots of support. In order for Greeks to be most positive it is imperative that we review and improve some aspects of Greek life and we are committed to doing that.” Harris said.

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- Kesha Drakeford,
Greek Council Advisor

I SMELL SPRING

A FURRY FORECASTER: Although it doesn’t matter whether or not this groundhog, spotted near Doguard Field saw his shadow or not, what his relative in Punxsutawney, PA saw yesterday does. Start putting your sweaters away because according to the groundhog spring is right around the corner.
The internet and off-campus bookstore stores are some money-saving alternatives

Leges are much less than a trade book," said Tstoni, who now works for Roxica Mulhem, a public relations firm. Tstoni explained that a publisher might sell a novel to Barnes & Noble for 40 percent off the retail price, but a college text goes for about 20 percent of the publisher's wholesale price.

According to Ammerman, the popular use of used books has spurred publishers to package books. For instance, along with the book they add a CD, a study guide and pamphlets. 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 reads "Attention! This book may not be returned if the shrink wrap is removed. A bright pink and black tag on another shelf reads, "Caution: This book is non-returnable if the enclosed diskette is used or missing."

Also, publishers release new editions of books so often that textbooks have a chance to make money Ammerman said. New releases offer another chance of making a profit.

"With education books, many times the book is pre-sold," Tstoni said. "They have" 

Published books are often sold to students around and sell the book before it has even been written. Tstoni said trade books or books that the general public would purchase, rely heavily on publicity while academic books are priced more based on the author's credentials, such as area of expertise and where the professor teaches. For instance, a book written by an esteemed professor at Harvard would be worth more than a professor at a community college.

Having also attended Seton Hall Law, Denise Glenn remembered paying over $100 for a law book that she read six cases out of. Glenn also believes that pre-law and pre-med books tend to be the most expensive books to purchase. She estimated that most of her pre-law books cost her over $10 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 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, stockling and shipping. These books must be paid for somehow and it is the student who ends up paying.

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

"Now a lot of the times the publisher sends a CD-ROM disk with all the updated information on the disk," Glenn said. "It seems like they have the book right on the computer."

But for college students the yellow and black tag signs of change in the bookstore warn against using or opening packaged books, including those that come with CD-ROM.

At Keen, Glenn said the students signed 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 trade it for another book, give it to the other student or sell it for a few dollars.

According to Haywyk, who graduated from John Jay in Manhattan last May, "Personal contacts are a good way of trading books. Talking to people with people and seeing if maybe they had a certain teacher the semester before. Other than that, the rip-off works. You can rent them from Barnes & Noble, the second largest contracted store other than Fossil, is the supplier for John Jay." According to Glenn, there is a used bookstore outside of Rutgers-Newark that buys back students' books, sometimes at a better price than the school store. A similar bookstore 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. Now when I get $5 I get a book. I paid $60 for it."

According to Nouri, the off-campus bookstore sells both new and used books; often cheaper than the bookstore on campus does. However, she estimated that the off-campus bookstore carries half of what the school store sells.

"You go there with your schedule and maybe they have books for one out of five classes," Nouri said.

The NACS website (www.nacs.com) offers a few tips for students when it comes to buying books. They suggest that students attend one or two classes before purchasing their books. Ask the instructor why they chose that book, how often the book will be used, and if test questions will be based on the book. For classes that use books that may have many different editions, such as Huckleberry Finn, another edition is useful.

It is also suggested that students don't write in any books, especially new ones, until they are sure they aren't going to return it.

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

It is also important for instructors to place their orders for the next semester in order with the books they have chosen to teach, or they will lose orders. Glenn said this is what happened to her. The NACS suggests that professors place their book orders for the next semester before the start of finals.

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

"Of course students can keep their books."

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

"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."

University Senate leaders prepare to make Montclair State a New Jersey "Virtual University"
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, lasted from Jan. 20 to Jan. 29. This was an inconvenience to all involved, including students, cafeteria employees and cafeteria officials.

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

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

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

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

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

Many residents had to walk across campus to Freeman Hall to get breakfast because the Student Center cafeteria does not accept customers. This was an inconvenience for some, but they were able to get a quick meal at the Student Center.

“Although it was an inconvenience, I enjoyed the peace and quiet,” said MSU student Sandy Mancino. “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 Jayre Reaves, who lives in Blanton Hall. The Hall is usually loud from all of the students going to eat in the cafeteria all day.

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

“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.

Sewage and water flood laying off many food service employees.

祐WE'RE CLOSED: A common view seen by Blanton residents from Jan. 20-29 when the hall's cafeteria shut down after a sewage and water flood laying off many food service employees.

Many Greek letter organizations expect great things from Drakeford

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

John Brost, Greek Council Treasurer and a member of Theta Xi fraternity Inc. is willing to work with Drakeford and give her all the support needed to improve the Council. "Miss Drakeford seems to be extremely excited to be here at MSU and to improve the Greek systems here," Said Brost "I look forward to working with her in the upcoming months to make Greek council a more effective body."

Latasha S. Castlerow, 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 Castlerow “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 Alumna of Virginia State University where she received her Bachelors of Science in Political Science and University of Akron where she received her Masters in Public Administration.

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

POLL RESULTS: Apparent, students are abusing the privilege of campus parking by parking in faculty-designated lots and unmarked spaces. “The parking enforcement has gotten more strict this semester,” said Dr. Richard Wolfson, University Senate President.

The University Senate is also currently debating over committee and senatorial term limits. Dr. Richard Wolfson has been appointed to the subcommittee of technology for Governor Whitman’s Virtual University, representing the University.

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Resignations did not hurt squad, EMS
Advisor John Davis said

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the program according to EMS Advisor John
Davis.

He said the change in leadership oc­
curred over winter break. Captains Tielman,
21, psychology major, Dennis Knuk, 23,
psychology major, and Patterson, 22, biol­
ogy 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-Ayres 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 expe­
rience and knowledge, he left a huge void
in the program.” Matusow-Ayres said be­
fore explaining that while Davis is a sup­
portive advisor for the EMS squad, he lacks
EMT experience. Matusow-Ayres and
Davis were both looking for a more quali­
fied 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 orga­
nization 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-Ayres 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.

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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.

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

Suppose there was a “magic pill” and if you took it...

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

If all these things were possible, would you take the pill? I bet you would. You’d probably want a lifetime supply. Well, you don’t have to worry about going to doctors, getting prescriptions or having side effects...

...because in this article you’re going to learn how three little words can provide the same benefits as the magic pill. And here’s the guarantee: These three words will work magic in your life! As a matter of fact, when you finished reading this, you’ll have your own unlimited, lifetime supply. So what are these three words that’ll work miracles in your life? They are “the three most powerful words in the English language.”

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THE WORLD’S GREATEST STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

I tell them that in their very next class their assignment is to act as if they were the world’s greatest student... .

* sit in the front row
* sit right in the middle
* sit up straight

* 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 jumped into states of attention.

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
* “Act as if you were already happy and that will tend to make you happy.” -Dale Carnegie
* “Assume a virtue if you have it not.” - William Shakespeare
* “Anything you 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

By Stacy Jager
Staff Writer

Should I take a service-learning class? There are so many reasons why students at Montclair State University should answer yes to this question. First, wouldn’t you like to gain firsthand knowledge of the information you are learning in the classroom? Service-learning classes give you the opportunity to put your skills to work in the real world.

This past semester I volunteered at the Gatekeeper Project in Montclair, which seeks to link isolated elderly with services that may be provided to them. I was able to learn about the elderly in my “Challenge of Aging” class and then go into the real world and use that information. This type of learning also gives students a chance to hear what other classmates are doing in their place.

We would write weekly reflection papers to share what we had accomplished in the past week. This enabled me to interact with other students in my class and get to know them more on a personal level.

You may think, “What will this service-learning class do for me?” Well, the class will give you the background knowledge you need to help at your placement.

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

The best part of the service-learning class was the hands-on learning that I received. I was able to directly speak with the elderly and with the agency’s staff who provided services. I felt connected with the Montclair community and it made me more interested in finding out about my own town. Before taking this class I had never dealt with senior citizens. I was even a little fearful of working with them. I am now confident that I can work in this service field without working hardships. This class has made me more interested in working with the elderly and this experience has opened my eyes to new possible career paths I wish to pursue. If I can say one thing about service-learning classes, it would be that everyone should get involved in one because you will definitely benefit.

If you are afraid about being denied to a specific agency in which you are placed it is a terrific way to learn about the information that comes from the classroom.
ALL ABOUT TATTOOS: AN INTERVIEW WITH CLIFF BLESSINGS, PROPRIETOR OF PLEASURES OF THE FLESH.

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

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

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

Q: What do you do when someone is in pain and he doesn't feel as if he can finish getting it done?
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I hate myself" when your self esteem needs uplifting

By Andres 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 qualities and depend on these temporary qualities and things, your self-esteem may become tempered and your present self-esteem. Remember: it may be uncomfortable to talk to 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 Oceatics in a major combination that should work well for both companies. This may lead the way for other companies to combine forces to create good opportunities in this industry. In other news, many feel that Brazil’s economic problems are over. This along with other news has sent foreign markets a positive message which the economy 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 it? 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 widely feared sexually transmitted disease, there are many others that also pose an imminent risk to our health and can easily be transmitted to others. Did you know that chlamydia and gonorrhea are more common among college students, and if left untreated, can affect fertility? Were you aware that there is currently no cure for herpes, a disease that produces painful open sores and blisters? Did you know that syphilis can be fatal if left untreated? Did you also know that STDs can 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 the 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’ statistics can also make you uncomfortable, but there are things in life that just have to be put up with. Getting physically examined and tested for STDs is just one of them.

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

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

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Matthews is a musical genius

By Kara L. Richardson
Managing Editor

Dave Matthews is a musical genius. Matthews and Tim Reynolds duo make chords dance together in their newest recording, Dave Matthews Tim Reynolds Live at Luther College. The double CD was released on Jan. 6 and is the second live CD put out by Dave Matthews. The recording was done at the fifth show of his acoustic tour with Tim Reynolds on July 15, 1995. Reynolds has played on all of Matthews albums and has toured as a guest musician in various locales as a solo artist and as an acoustic duo with Matthew in both 1996 and 1997. This album left you wondering how the two left the show without their fingers bleeding. Even without the charismatic and powerful musicians of the Dave Matthews Band accompanying them, they forge through songs like “Halloween” with joyful pop-lyric and eerily guitar notes. The front man of the innovative Dave Matthews Band can hold his own, with his cracking voice, poignant song writing and guitar genius. Songs such as “Halloween” and “Ants Marching” seem to rely on the five member band were performed with ease and expertise by the duo. They fill the songs with acoustical guitar technique and Matthews improves with his voice. The same eccentricity of his solo guitarists is big heard on pieces like “Warehouse.” Matthews and Reynolds combine to produce a hypnotic sound. Ballads such as “Crush” and “Love Lay Down” took on a much more magical tone, as the chords danced together at a pure acoustical setting.

The double CD was recorded before the release of DMB’s Before These Crowded Streets and in the same year as Crash so he had to introduce songs that fans now know by the first few notes like “Crash” and “Dancing Ninnies.” Although the collection does not contain songs from “Before These Crowded Streets,” which was almost entirely written in the studio, listeners will be delighted to hear titles like “One Sweet World,” “Granny” and “Christmas Song” that can’t be found on their major albums. As he broke away from DMB, Matthews was able to experiment with a story telling the story of a housewife and her Jewish guitarist lover. It is one of 25 films from Europe, Asia and North America competing for the festival’s prestigious Golden Bear award.

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Saugerties Vs. Woodstock: According to the Associated Press, as many as 50 percent of Saugerties, NY residents are gearing up to oppose plans for the 30th anniversary celebration of the rock festival on the Winston farm site in their town, which served as the location for the 25th anniversary show in 1994. Though the festival added an estimated $830,000 to the city, opponents of the event with out tickets. The overcrowding of the area caused one resident to miss his wedding so he poster his wife’s funeral for several days until the festival 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 50 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. said that it will acquire MovieFone Inc., a dial-up movie ticket reservation service, in a stock deal worth about $388 million. AOL will purchase all outstanding shares of MovieFone, which sells movie tickets and lists local film showings over the telephone. Their 777-FILM number is an invaluable source for moviegoers.

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 Ouelandos D’Americas: A Rock En Espanol Tribute To The Police, reports Launch magazine. Drummer Stewart Copeland and guitarist Andy Summers will tour with a number of noted Latin American artists who will perform versions of Police songs in their native tongue. “I can’t decide if there is some sort of exploitation or something weird going on. All I know is that I get to play my drums and it’s going to be fun,” Copeland tells Launch. While he’s doing a Police tribute tour, Copeland still hopes of a Police reunion. “The only reason I have any hope at all that the band will get back together is the fact that Sting always says ‘Never Say Never.’ But I think that’s just because he likes me to be kissing his ass all the time.” Copeland added that he “tried to get Sting to do a tour, but he wouldn’t sing in Spanish.”

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

By Vanessa Benifatto

Rage with blood-curdling screams, jangling gunfire, and unholy avergencies. 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 Dowd, (Norton) relates, "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 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. 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 ends, the way they can survive and thrive. Each one in-turn is lost in his own world where his own beliefs are right. The play takes us through twenty-three scenes from society's elite class with a homosexual relationship involving Chris (George Macaluso) and Tim (Ed Moran) through society's lower class citizens Sidney (Gary Martins) and Annabel (Laura Eriksen), who gives a sort of new definition to the word sibling. The intertwining relationships of the characters are able to illustrate the very real antagonisms, insecurities, and hostilities we generate 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, rioting inferno. For reservations to any of their showings through Feb. 13, call (973) 746-7181.

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2. Haze - Is Not Able To Have a Top Ten
3. Therefore - We Will Use This Space
4. In Memory Of - WMSC, and all the Top Tens
5. That Will Be - Missed until WMSC is able to Reopen
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8. Up To Date - With Today's Standard
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"My daughter, Regina, suffered a cerebral aneurysm. She was 35 years old at the time. There was nothing the doctors could do. We had discussed organ and tissue donation together as a family and Regina told us she wanted to become a donor. I miss Regina very much, but every day I find comfort in knowing I did what she wanted."

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The Campus Bookstore Monopoly

Every semester, the interior of MSU's University Bookstore, located in the bowels of the Student Center Annex, is the epitome of chaos. Students wait in lines snaking in every direction, holding their weight in books, signing their names on blank checks and cutting away layers of credit to drain the last few cents of funds from their accounts and from their pockets. Meanwhile, other students finger through stacks of books in search of fluorescent labels declaring that a few used copies remain, hoping to save a few dollars off the unbelievably bloated price tag. We must have never thought that purchasing books would be one of the most difficult, and expensive, steps in our college education. What, then, if anything, is the solution?

Follett College Stores, the independent company that owns and operates MSU's University Bookstore, holds contracts with 485 institutions nationwide, providing for what many, in simple terms, have referred to as an "absolute monopoly" over the local student market. But that doesn't have to be the case. While Follett is under contract with MSU to provide these services to students, there is no clause stating that students do not have and cannot seek options elsewhere.

MSU's population is composed largely of commuters, generally those that are working either full-time or in order to pay their own way through college, and money plays a very big factor in their education. While many students chose to attend MSU in the first place because, as a state-run public institution, its tuition was extremely reasonable, many also have sought alternatives to Follett's bookstore for the very same reason.

While the University Bookstore's selection is often scarce and pricey, many visit bookstores and services on-line, such as amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com, or skim through many of the internet postings offering used textbooks for sale. Second-hand bookstores, such as the Montclair Book Center, offer discounts off a wide range of texts and are highly aware that with a few miles lay several college campuses 'f MSU, William Paterson University, Caldwell College. When funds have become completely depleted, many borrow books from Sprague Library. Follett's bookstore is only a monopoly if you allow it to be so.

The other side of this coin, unfortunately, comes at the end of each semester, when everyone and their brother decides to sell back the books which they have decided are no longer of use to them. Only this time, when the $70.00 book hits the counter, the clerk looks and may be edited for length, content and libel. Letters will not be printed unless they include the author's name, major, social security number and phone number or e-mail address. • Only one letter by an author will be printed each month. • Submission deadline: Monday, 10:00 p.m. • Letters may be submitted through e-mail to VellucciJ@alpha.montclair.edu or sent to The Montclarion - Attn: Opinion Page Editor, Montclair State University, 113 Student Center Annex, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043.
"Yeah, The Food Sucks... But What's New?"

Another Year With Sodexho-Marriott and MSU Food Services

When we were 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 cafeteri a food as a delicacy better left to unsuspecting freshmen. So, while complaints of food quality are, to be generous, a little more than common on the malnourished lips of MSU's student and faculty population, these complaints should seem out of place in a year that Sodexho-Marriott and Auxiliary Services claim to be a roaring success. Who is right? Well, many like 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 throughout the 1998-99 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 variety of wider variety of meal options. And while its own praises throughout the 1998-99 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 variety of meal options.

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On the top of the agenda was giving Food Services honest criticisms, compliments and feedback. Did anything go done? I have an immense amount of respect for Kevin Rakowski as an individual within Blanton Dining Hall who not only keeps his promises but maintains an open door policy with students, not merely promises to maintain one. Any mistake on their part seemed to be made into a poor or absent-minded obligation on the part of the student. Representations 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 poor or absent-minded obligation on the part of the student. Representations 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.

One student complained of pizza that tasted like cardboard. Excuses, justifications. Another asked why the catering service did not branch out into the consistancy and quality of food being served. Above all, they did this with an open ear, constantly folding complaints and suggestions from those willing to offer them. Well ... didnt they?

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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 at a height of four feet collateral 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 with the report of Blanton Dining Hall, Sodexho seemed more concerned about their then-being-negotiated contract than student health.

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

Before Food Services can really boast that they are a great, highly producive 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.

Dean Helen Matusow-Ayres at 655-4118. For details on the status of WMSC, call Public Affairs Director, WMSC.
A Cause for Student Concern: Why MSU Cancels Courses

I t was not unusual for MSU students to receive a letter over the winter break announcing a course cancella­
tion for Spring 1999. The most disturbing of all these
letters were the ones that came from departments that had a
class cancelled for the first semester.

The Psychology Department was one which experienced
the cancellation of three major classes, all of which were
full in the first semester of the Psychology Depart­
ment, said that, unfortunately, this could hap­
ten 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 classes with full-time professors but it is not
always possible.

In the Psychology Department, along with every other
department here at MSU, is advised for professors to teach
no more than three courses a semester. Teaching more than
this within the current workload is overwhelming. Though
exceptions are often
made, even if every full-time staff member teaches an
overload, there will still be not enough staff to cover
the necessary amount of sections needed by the students.

Dr. Wayne Bond is one such staff member who has cho­
sen to teach a course in Greek and is excited to read. I found
him to do this to increase the availability of classes offered
in the Communications Department. When students are able
to get into the classes they need, they can graduate on time.

Jillinda Briggs, a junior, has had a Management and
Supervision course, which is only offered in the spring,
cancelled the past two times that it was offered. Another
student, Michelle Hanusi, an Early Childhood Education
major, has also experienced this. Two semesters in a row,
the Family and Economic System class 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 cancella­
tions. This is a serious problem because it is
holding students back. Dr. Montemurro, chief of the
Psychology Department felt that it was
due to poor planning in scheduling of
classes and class availability.

Whitman University requires 28 credits in
order to graduate. This could be achieved
in eight semesters, or four years, by taking
16 credits per semester.

The catch is, though, that you would have to be able
to get into all of your needed classes. Why does that have to
be a catch?

There should be enough courses of­
ered ever 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 major­
ity 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
are not scheduled for the right courses,
registration has passed and chances are
that the courses are all filled up. This could result in push­ing
back a senior's third or fourth semester depending on what
courses they were on missing.

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By John Frusciante
That guy who does the thing

Human beings have long grappled with the existence of an afterlife. Does one exist? Where is it? Do I need a jacket?

Many people believe that they have seen what waits for us in the hereafter. They claim to have momentarily expired on the operating table (or in the hospital lounge while trying to fill out forms) and for an instant they glimpsed the other side before being yanked back to the here and now by their doctors so that they could tell their story.

Now I have heard these tales of white lights, tunnels, and what have you, and I can truly say that it's all junk. How do I know this? I've asked, I've listened, I have, John and Joan Q. Reader; no one likes an inquisitive little wisensheimer. Perhaps your nosey-Parker little mind would be best suited for the Feature section. How dare you question my integrity! Of course, I do have a story to write, so I suppose I will explain myself.

I know all those 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 long been casting about the recommended number of scoops, sometimes doubling or even quadrupling the suggested dosage, and it had finally caught up with me. As I gulped down the sugary-sweet liquid this peculiar day, I felt my chest and stomach tingling like mad as the sugar coursed through my veins. I was not getting around it this time. It took too much in. As I passed out onto the floor, which was warm from the summer's heat, I saw the Kool-Aid Man before me, shaking his head in disapproval. He's thinner in person, and I told him so.

Then I lost consciousness.

When I awoke, there was a strange figure watching over me. I realized I was lying in a bed in a small, dimly lit room, and the figure before me was Abraham Lincoln.

"Hello Mr. Lincoln," I said. I was surprised to see him there, and he could tell.

"Relax, dear boy, I'm your guardian angel," he said, making that big, heady gesture.

"Where am I?" I asked.

"You're here," he said.

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

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

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

"You mean Elvis? Yes, you're just in time for tonight's show." Abe spoke, "You mean 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 was a man and a dog. He was 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 you know I'm referring to, we normally return it to earth, except to make it interesting to the folks down there, 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 there, where they normally hide it near mysterious shipwrecks." Abe walked me to the check-in center of Here. As we walked, I noticed that my surroundings were actually rather plain. We were walking on a perfectly straight sidewalk that extended out in front of me and behind me to what I noticed now was a very small cottage that we had started from. On either side of me was what looked like an infinite field of grass, but the grass was not perfectly green, like I'd pictured it would be in the afterlife. Nothing was like I imagined it would be. It was plain and boring. "Abe, I have to say I always pictured the afterlife to be much more beautiful and majestic. This is all rather run-of-the-mill, if you don't mind me saying so," I said.

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

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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 grab," stated a very bold flash of white paper that was passed around the MSU bureaucracy.

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**wordfind**

**THINGS THAT RETURN**


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

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**Abe Lincoln Earns His Wings**

**CONTINUED FROM SOMEWHERE**

"Will I see the Supreme Being soon, Abe?"

"Yes son, you will," he said, "but you must have patience."

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

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

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

"I don't see him at all here around."

"Why not?" I asked.

"He's not Here. He's There," Abe said. "There?"

"Yes, There. Where the tarnished souls go."

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

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

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

"Yes, exactly," Abe replied.

We walked on. It seemed like we were walking for a while, and as we walked I began to think deeply. I was learning more and more about my surroundings, but I was yet to see the Supreme Being. But who is this Being? Is this Being a who? Where does The Being come from? Where did I come from? What will I say to the Supreme Being? Does the Supreme Being get cavities? If so, who drills them? Could it be there's a Supreme Dentist? I began to grow more and more anxious about seeing the Supreme Being. Suddenly, we came to a stop. I noticed there was no longer anyone in front of or behind me. I wondered about where they went so suddenly. They just seemed to disappear. Now in front of me was a tall brown building with tinted black windows, not unlike an earthly "skyscraper", and in gold printing on the glass front doors were the words "Supreme Being, Ltd.

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

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

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**Student Research Delves into Consequences of Alcohol Abuse**

By Scott Shappell

**Friend to animals**

In a disturbing report to be made official next week, thorough research on Montclair State University's campus is said to bolster the belief that consumption of alcoholic beverages can lead to memory loss and more.

The independent longitudinal study conducted by thousands of voluntary participants over many years at MSU leads many of these researchers to the same conclusion. "I usually can't remember everything that happened the night before," stated one student/scientist who wishes to remain anonymous for fear that his mother might open up a can of whoop-ass on him. "Sometimes I wake up not knowing where I am. And it's because I have no clue where I am," he reports. "Sometimes my pants will be missing, too."

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

Other negative effects discovered by male student researchers include perceptions of invulnerability, proclivity for calling up former girlfriends past 2 a.m., myopic "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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**Coming next week...**

**We'll be back just in time for Valentine's Day! Kiss Kiss!**

**Finz**

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**Mr. PANHEAD**

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**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, watch The Simpsons. Want to join me?
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The Princeton Review
Red Hawk Women’s Basketball stays solid with a win and a loss

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

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

The Montclair State women’s basketball team were 1-1 this past week, bringing their record to 13-5. They were victorious over the Keann University Cougars with the score of 68-34, at a game played at Keann 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 Laleetha Holland were also strong in the loss. Lawrence recorded 12 points, and grabbed 13 rebounds, while Holland had nine points and 6 rebounds.

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

At Keann University, Lawrence had a total 26 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Montclair State past Keann 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. Keann made just four of 24 shots in the first half and finished 17 percent from the floor compared to MSU’s 32 percent for the game.

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

Montclair State to host first ever Winter Homecoming

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

The day of activity will revolve around the women’s and men’s games which will begin at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. respectively and will include free throw shooting contests and an alumni reception. In addition, the New Jersey Jackal’s mascot, 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 Lewiarz
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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 he’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 with great 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 some years, I’m just trying to enjoy myself, make the kids be as good as I can make them be, and that’s what my job is. Naturally you want to win, that’s why I’m still at it because I want to win." I concluded my interview with Coach Fiore by asking him why he was so successful at St. Peters and what’s one piece of coaching knowledge he would try to implement here at Montclair. He replied, "Well, I think the most important thing in coaching 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 lbs. with Florio Ghinea, who is the number one ranked wrestler at 141 pounds in Division III, pinning Jeff Douglas in 2:18. That started a trend which led to four straight pins and a technical fall for the Hawks. Ghinea raised his record for the season to 23-1, and his two year career record to 61-2 after pinning all three of his opponents in the contest.

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

For Hunter, sophomore Bobby Guzman won all three of his matches. Ken Ojukwu went 3-0 with a pin for Williams College, while Ray Rask had two pins for Roger Williams College. WPI, ranked #20 entering the contest, saw Joe Tucker win all three of his matches.

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

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.

MSU Swimmer Gil Castillo
By Pius K. Essandoh 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.
Look within yourself and you’ll find the answer

By Pius K. Essandoh III
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Look within yourself to see what you want to do. That is what Felicia Ingram did, and now she is a well-rounded basketball player. Ingram started playing the sport seriously as a freshman, but she had been playing on the basketball courts before then. She could jump higher than anyone else, so she already had the athleticism; all she needed was to improve her shot and mature as a player. Things changed for Ingram in terms of basketball when she made the junior varsity team her freshman year, and her coach had believed in her talents and ability. “Where there is athletic ability, there is a will to succeed,” is a quote that Felicia remembers her old high school coach used to say. If it wasn’t for that coach, she might not have been playing right now. That coach believed in her and pushed her to her potential.

Ingram is a very good basketball player. Her game has gotten a lot more mature since she now sees 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,” stated Ingram.

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 black all that out and play, because you can’t let the fans take you out of your game,” said Ingram.

Another part of Ingram’s success this year is due to her work ethic. “To play well in a game has to start in practice,” stated Ingram. From the looks of it, it must be paying off. The contributing factor in a good practice and a good game is the coach.

Coach Gloria Bradley, the women’s coach, doesn’t get as much credit as she is due, according to Ingram. Every year she has approximately eight or nine players, but she always manages to do great things with them. With her and Ingram’s success, the women’s team can make the NCAAs as a goal that Felicia and her teammates have set out for this year.

“My goal is to make the NCAAs and I hope that is the goal of the rest of the team,” said Ingram. Good luck to Ingram and her teammates.
PINNED! Dominic Dellagatta (Absegami) pins his opponent last night in Panzer Gym as head coach Steve Streiter looks on.

By Betsy C. Montanez
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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 beaten a nationally ranked team, making their record 9-2. All the action was wrestled in the first period when Delaware Valley transfer and now Montclair's own Todd Going (197 lbs.) earned three takedowns. The second period was scoreless, and Going entered the third period with a score of 6-2. Delaware Valley's Paul Phillips was hit with stalling and gave Going a penalty point. Going earned a riding time point and finished the match winning 8-2.

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 then there were 10 seconds on the clock that Cervetto scored a takedown for an emotional 3-1 win.

Similarly performances were given by Florian Ghinea and Dan Geleta. Ghinea (141 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 near fall 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 near fall 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 near fall points. None of this mattered though because Dellagatta went on to pin him in 30 seconds into the second period.

Kami Ratel (149 lbs.) was once again bumped up two weight classes and wrestled at 165 lbs. Ratel earned the first take down 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, tilted Delaware's Jason Stever for three near fall points winning the match 8-5.

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

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