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STUMBLING OVER DRINKING PROBLEMS

This is the fourth in a series of Montclarion special reports that will appear this spring on critical issues affecting MSU. Look for an upcoming report on illegal drug use coming this month.

By Kara L. Richardson
Managing Editor

Messmerized by the reflection of the hundreds of bottles in front of him at Shop-Rite Wine & Spirits in Totowa last Saturday, Michael Finnerty browsed quickly to pretend that he knew what he was doing. Finally, the MSU sophomore chose his favorite brew, Samuel Adams Cherry Wheat and headed to the counter.

He pulled out a crisp $20 bill and gave it to the pasty-skinned sales clerk. She took it, put the six-pack in a bag and gave Finnerty his change.

The only problem was that Finnerty was 19 years old.

The Director of the Alcohol Beverage Control, John Holl, said that the two aspects of college drinking are underage and excessive binge drinking.

With almost three-quarters of your average college student population under the legal drinking age, Holl said, many students try to drink underage.

Binge drinking is often associated with campus fraternities, Holl said.

Nurse Nancy Elison, Director of MSU’s Health and Wellness Center, said that MSU’s policies and actions are not consistent in regards to alcohol. “Inconsistency invites manipulation.”

But with only six arrests for underage drinking on campus, Elison feels that MSU and the surrounding community is not doing enough to combat drinking on campus.

Drinking in the dorms

Marie, a 19-year-old Blanton Hall resident, has a different opinion. From casual drinking in her own room, full-blowed parties in friends’ rooms to off-campus mixers, she has done it all without a single blemish on her record. She admits there is always something to do if you want to drink.

Despite the “alcohol-free” dormitories on campus, Connie Spencer, last year’s Interim Director of Residence Life, said drinking still occurs on campus.

“Students are coming to us as educated drinkers,” Spencer said about alcohol seeping into the dorms. She said that despite the legal drinking age of 21, she and her staff have to deal with drinkers from first-year students to seniors.

Marie said that great lengths are taken to drink off-campus. Every week, she accompanies her 21-year-old friends to the liquor store. After they return to the car, she wraps the bottles with towels and sticks them in her backpack. Although the backpack appears stuffed, the bottles do not clink together when passing by Residence Hall checkpoints.

Marie said that many Residence Hall staff have a “I don’t see it, I don’t know about it” policy. She said that she drank with a resident assistant last year in her dorm but it didn’t surprise her since so many of them drank.

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The secondhand effects of drinking

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SOURCE: Harvard School of Public Health Study of College Binge Drinking

Binge drinking sometimes affects people nearby as well. The chart displays the percentage of students reporting secondhand alcohol-related problems.

Under legal age and getting served

By Kara L. Richardson
Managing Editor

Michael Finnerty hardly looks 21. In fact, he is a 19 year old MSU student. The Montclarion sent him on an undercover investigation to MSU’s local bars and liquor stores to challenge their enforcement of the legal drinking age of 21. He was not dressed up to look older. He wore a beige T-shirt, black pants, and had sunglasses propped on his sandy-blond hair. He was your average looking college student. The only acting he would have to do is say, “Oops, I forgot my wallet,” any time he was asked for proof of age.

On a snowy evening, Thursday, Feb. 25, he headed out for an underaged pub-crawl.

He started at The Loop in Passaic Park. The Loop advertises weekly in The Montclarion so it was assumed they would let him in, as an MSU student, into the bar. He headed with confidence towards the door. As Finnerty pulled the club’s door open, funkedaliscious grooves and red light from the club spilled out. A large man sitting on a stool said, “IDs please.”

His next stop was Doc’s Bar & Grill on Rte. 46 in Totowa. He walked in the door, ignoring the “After 9 p.m. no minors are allowed on the premises. Management reserves the right to ask for a second ID.” He thought they had made it as he stepped into the virtually empty bar and ordered a bottle of Killian’s beer.

“You got ID?” the bartender asked as he stepped towards him with a cocktail napkin. He exited as swiftly as he came in.

Finnerty wanted to try one more on his beerless night, Pub 46 in Clifton. He strutted in but was blocked at the door by the bouncer, whom he tried to convince man to let him stay in and eat.

“Sorry, man,” the Pub 46 bouncer said.

So the bars were doing their jobs in asking for IDs. But what about our liquor stores?

He decided to do some Saturday shopping on Feb. 27. If Finnerty was carded, he would use
US secret spy mission in Iraq revealed

U.S. intelligence services spied on Iraq for three years without the knowledge of the U.N., arms control teams that it used to disguise its work, the Washington Post reported Tuesday.

The newspaper quoted U.S. government employees and documents describing the classified operation, concluding that the U.N. Special Commission, or UNSCOM, did not authorize or benefit from this channel of U.S. surveillance.

Previously, the Clinton administration acknowledged use of eavesdropping equipment but said it was done solely in cooperation with UNSCOM to uncover Baghdad's concealment of its illegal weapons.

Ski lift cutting trial underway

The court-martial of a Marine pilot accused of killing 20 people in an Italian ski lift accident ended its testimony phase Tuesday.

Capt. Richard Ashby was at the controls of the EA-6B Prowler when it sliced the cable of a ski gondola on Feb. 3, 1998.

Ashby, 31, of Mission Viejo, California, is charged with 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter and one count each of destroying private property, destroying government property, dereliction of duty and improper flight planning. He faces a maximum sentence of 206 years.

Congress reports on Y2K progress

Tuesday’s progress report on the Y2K problem warns of delays and inconveniences, but says society should not be gripped by a “hysteria that could arise from computers that are unprepared for the arrival of the year 2000.”

The report is the product of a year-long investigation by the Senate special committee on the Year 2000 technology problem.

U.S. News

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Wednesday World News

Kosovo’s agonies stack up

Yugoslav forces shelled an area along Kosovo’s border with Macedonia with tank and mortar fire on Tuesday, stepping up an offensive that has displaced thousands of ethnic Albanians in the region.

And, in a political development that could boost international efforts to persuade ethnic Albanians to accept a plan for self-rule, Adem Demaci, a prominent hardliner of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army, resigned.

At the same time, Hasim Thaçi, the head of the KLA’s political directorate, was named to form a provisional government in Kosovo.

In Tuesday’s fighting, 11 people had been recovered. A U.S. official said three tourists were still being held.

Thursday, April 8, 1999

Weather Forecast

A.M. Snow

Hi: 39° LO: 27°

Partly Cloudy

Hi: 46° LO: 23°

P.M. Rain

Hi: 43° LO: 22°

Windy

Hi: 42° LO: 23°

Local News

Whitman seeks superintendent

Amid calls for a complete State Police overhaul, Gov. Christie Whitman said on Monday she may depart from tradition and pick the next superintendent from outside the force for the first time in 78 years.

The Governor fired Col. Carl A. Williams Sunday afternoon after he was quoted in The Sunday Star-Ledger making a series of statements linking minorities to drug trafficking.

Monday, in her first interview since the firing, Whitman said she wants Williams’ successor to be someone from New Jersey, who is familiar with the quasi-military structure of the State Police, who knows what it’s like to be a trooper on the road, and an effective communicator.

Race is on in school elections

Among this year’s crop of school board candidates for the April 20 election are a childless 20-year-old, who believes he can speak for West Essex students better than a parent, and a college professor seeking to become West Orange’s first black elected official.

Races are hotly contested in Belleville, Bloomfield, Irvington, Livingston, South Orange—Maplewood, and, to a lesser extent, in Glen Ridge, North Caldwell, Nutley and West Essex. In contrast, races are uncontested in Caldwell-West Calder, Cedar Grove, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Millburn, Verona and West Orange.

Friday, April 9, 1999

Weather Forecast

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By Christine Zielinski
Staff Writer

A second round of wallet-snatching occurred throughout the day last Thursday when several wallets were reported stolen from teachers offices in Dickson Hall.

Sgt. Israel Rosado, Campus Police, said that the first two incidents happened in mid-November, 1998.

Dr. Fawzia Afzal-Kahn, English professor, walked in on the suspect in her third floor office.

"My door was wide open when I came back from class and she was standing right there (near the computer) looking at something. She said she was waiting for a student of mine, Tamar...I don't have a student by that name," Afzal-Kahn said.

She said that the suspect volunteered to show identification and sat down to look for it.

"I was on the spot here," Afzal-Kahn said. "I asked her to stand outside in the hallway while she looked for her I.D. and I stepped out to call for my colleague, Paul Arthur. I took two steps and she sped away."

English professors Paul Arthur and Grover Furr chased the girl down the hall, but lost sight of her at the stairwell.

"I was about 50 or 60 feet away and I heard Fawzia yell for help and I chased the girl up to the stairs...she went upstairs and I went down," Arthur explained.

"I sent my boys down there, but she's already gone," Rosado said.

According to Barbara Codner, Sociolog-Department Secretary, Dr. Mary Holley was a victim of theft. Although Holley had seen the suspect lurking outside her office door, Holley left the room for a moment and returned to find her purse missing. Codner said the purse was found later in Life Hall's second floor women's bathroom, but the money and credit cards were missing.

The November incidents included theft of a pager from College Hall, said Rosado, but he refused to solicit more information about the recent thefts.

"She would pretend that she was wait- ing for a student, a professor, try door knobs, and check open doors," Rosado said. "When she was questioned further, she would bolt out of the place."

Rosado said that the suspect was an Af- rican American female with shoulder length hair, and about 5 feet 9 inches in height. Although the police did not know if she was a student, Rosado said she was of college age, between 18 and 24 years old. Afzal-Kahn added that the girl had braids, "slim features," and wore a puffy coat and de- signer jeans, and wore a large backpack.

Afzal-Kahn emphasized her shock that the girl would come back to the same floor after all the "hubbub" just two hours ear- lier.

"The girl clearly needs help," Afzal- Kahn said.

Other members of the campus commu- nity were alerted to the situation.

"I don't know anything about the inci- dents, but what are these people doing? Leaving their doors wide open? I have my wallet on me, right here (movin- g to his jacket pocket)," Political science professor, Dr. Thomas Cassilly, said.

"It's a shame," Codner said. "She was clearly doing it for the cash...I'm lucky be- cause I have a place to lock my purse up."

Mike Vaccaro, freshman, on-campus resident said he felt unsafe.

"If I want to leave my stu-stuff somewhere, I can't because this girl hasn't been caught. She should be locked up," Vaccaro said. The suspect may face 18 months in jail and a $1,000 fine. For what would prob- ably be a fourth degree crime, the punish- ment is determined by the dollar amount stolen, Rosado said.

The police encourage teachers to be con- scious of locking their doors and leaving purses, coats, or wallets out of sight. The suspect was spotted in College and Dickson Halls last week. If any one has seen the previously described suspect, contact the campus police at 973-655-5222.

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MSU student arrested for sexual assault

By Mike Sanchez
Special to The Montclairion

An MSU student was arrested in Panzer Gymnasium on two charges of sexual as- sault and sexual contact by MSU police of- ficers on Feb. 18.

The search began Feb. 16 when a war- rant arrived at MSU police headquarters via a fax issued by the Ocean County Sheriff's Office.

The MSU police have often aided other agencies in arresting suspects wanted in those areas, according to Lt. Michael Postaski.

Two days later, the search ended when Sgt. Israel Rosado of MSU Investigations Unit and Sgt. Hermer Miranda found the suspect in the gym at 3:33 a.m.

Miranda declined to comment on exactly what occurred at the gym, but Rosado said on that afternoon, they called the gym, questioned about Perez's presence. Rosado was not certain if Perez was practicing or question about Perez's presence. Rosado was not certain if Perez was practicing or

"We are going to talk about what happened, "he said. Richard- ny, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. "Ultimately, as part of the regimen, one has to float the potential of a strike."

"The administration would be doing everything that's possible to get a settlement for teachers," said Lyons. "We're as un- happy with the prospect of a strike as the union .... What's good for the union is good for the university and the administration. We all have the same ends in mind."

Lynde stressed that, in the case of a strike, the administration would work as diligently as possible to ensure that the qual- ity of education at MSU was not damaged,

encouraging teachers to remain in the class- room throughout negotiations.

A similar situation occurred four years ago, in June of 1995, when the contract period for the Rutgers chapter of the Ameri- can Association of University Professors (AUPF) ended. AUPF professors contin- ued to instruct classes during contract nego- tiations and disputes, despite working without a contract.

Though no official comment was made by the Office of the President, Susan Cole, recently stated that one of her main goals for the future of MSU was "to help sustain a strong sense of com- munity at the campus, a place where people feel welcomed and re- spected."

In an AFT publica- tion, Lawrence Goldberg, AFT Higher Educa- tion Director, and Perry Robinson, AFT Deputy Higher Educa- tion Director said that, "Administrators often insist they cannot prevent the gradual decline of the full-time faculty, citing an in- adequate money supply .... As a result, it is not surprising that many higher education unions have looked past the administration to the political process to address their concerns."

"A strike is a political activity though its ultimate goal is economic," said Becker. If there is a strike, Becker anticipates it will take place in late September and early October, to correlate with legislative races for New Jersey Assembly and State Senate.

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EMT veteran appointed to resuscitate MSU EMS squad

By Jill Nober
Special to The Montclarion

A 10-year emergency medical technician veteran, eager to help MSU’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) run more smoothly, was hired as an administrative supervisor for MSU’s EMS on Feb. 4, right before their services closed down temporarily.

Robb Rehberg was appointed by Dean Matsow-Ayres, the Dean of Student Development and Campus Life, days before the EMS shut down due to a staff shortage on Feb. 16.

“I wasn’t thrilled about the shut down, but it should be viewed as something positive because we want to make things better,” Rehberg said.

During the month long shut down, Rehberg plans on helping current officials like John Davis, MSU’s EMS advisor and athletic trainer, direct their energies towards increasing the organization’s effectiveness.

“Some have a chief’s position,” Rehberg said, “I’m here to help things get on track and take some of the responsibility off of John Davis.”

The EMS wants to increase its membership by putting together a campaign drive and handing out flyers during the next few weeks. Rehberg also plans on getting courses for EMT’s such as ambulance driving, a class on hazardous materials, and an emergency care sports class. He wants to keep all EMS members up to date about things pertaining to the EMS so they can provide a more effective service.

Rehberg wants to help EMS rise from past problems so it can help the campus and community. Last December, T.J. Hynes, founder and former chief of the EMS squad, resigned from the organization after being investigated for large cellular phone bills and spending practices concerning the furnishings of the EMS office.

Rehberg also wants to help students help themselves.

“Joining the EMS would be a great opportunity for students because it offers administrative and leadership opportunities,” Rehberg said.

Robb Rehberg, recently appointed as EMS’s administrative supervisor, is busy at work in his Student Center office.

Lightning strikes WMSC’s transmitter, station shut down

By Justin Velluci
Opinion Page Editor

Lightning hit the NJN tower located on Clove Road yesterday, causing WMSC to go off the air for the second time this semester.

Problems with the station’s transmitter began around 3 p.m., according to Ted Dilorio, WMSC General Manager. Upon investigation, the station was informed that lightning had hit the tower and disabled the station’s transmitter from working properly.

“When we finally thought that things were getting better, this happens,” said Dave Cummings, WMSC Programming Director.

“We’re trying to get this fixed. It’s just one thing after another.”

WMSC was closed down earlier this semester when an impromptu FCC inspection found that the station’s equipment was not appropriate for broadcasting. With the aid of $2,500 provided by the administration and the help of WMSC Chief Engineer Steve Pepe, the station repaired its transmitter and replaced phone lines to the NJN tower that were cut during a renovation to the NJN transmitter.

Rehberg only works part-time and is not a volunteer. He said he has no definitive schedule, but he said his job is to “get the job done,” however long it takes.

Rehberg has worked as an athletic trainer at Westchester University in Pennsylvania where he graduated with a degree in athletic training and sports medicine. He has also worked for Villanova University’s EMS, briefly assisted the National College of Emergency Medical Services, was a charter member of the NJ disaster medical assistance team, and was a chairman of the National Safety Council First Aid advisory board.

Students interested in becoming a member of EMS can call 655-7836 or visit the EMS office, located in the Student Center Annex, room 105.

Assault

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resistance. Perez was taken to MSU police headquarters and held there until Ocean County sheriff’s came.

What penalties he will face is uncertain, but according to the Dean of Students, Helen Matsow-Ayres, it would depend on an off-campus charge for a student to get suspended or expelled from MSU.

If there is enough evidence against the student, however, a decision can be made before the trial.

Two sheriffs arrived from Ocean County at 7:20 p.m. and took Perez into their custody. Since then, Perez has been released on bail, but he is scheduled to go to court for the charges.

According to an Ocean County spokesperson, the date of his court trial is forthcoming.
Richardson Hall Annex budget increases $5 million

By Jennifer Zimmerman
Special to The Montclarion

The Richardson Hall Annex, with a budget increase of over $5 million, is now 75 percent complete with construction of the roof.

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously last December to increase the budget for construction of the Annex from $8.2 to $13.8 million. Bids came back higher than the university anticipated and problems occurred with underground utilities.

The BOT, in two separate motions on Dec. 10, 1998, decided to increase the total budget by over $5 million, which resulted in the construction manager’s fee jumping from $185,192 to $785,192, proportionately, according to Lisa Greene, President’s executive assistant.

The BOT acted on the recommendation of William Wimberly, Chairman of the Facilities Committee, at public session to make the increase.

In a separate motion, board member Rose Call moved to approve the increase in the construction manager’s fee.

The money for the increase will come from bonds the university refinanced, funding from a higher education facilities trust fund, the students’ facilities fee, and other institutional funds.

Rani Jenkins of Business and Finance said the Vice President of Business and Finance first submits a request to the President and then it goes to the Board of Trustees for review.

MSU originally estimated, three to four years ago, that it would cost $8.2 million to finance the project, and the money was divided into six trades; general construction, structural steel, laboratory case work, plumbing and fire systems, HVAC, and electrical.

When the bids came back, the total of $13.8 million forced the university to increase its budget allocation.

Ms. Jenkins also said underground utilities contributed to the cost of the construction. For instance, gas and water pipes had to be rerouted and a steam loop was found underground.

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Drinking
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A former Stone Hall resident, Ted, 21, loved the holiday season because it was a time that he could get away with bringing a 5.16 gallon "beer ball" into the dorms by wrapping it up with Christmas paper. He said he made the same practice for his 34 years old son, David.

Spencer said that an enormous percentage of yearly harm damage is a result of intoxicated students. The most common damage is punctured eardrums and stolen signs. Housekeeping costs are high due to drinkers.

Spencer said that many staff members dread coming in on Friday mornings to face the vomit in the hallways and general mess left behind from Thursday, the most popular campus drinking night.

Calire said that Thursday was the worst drinking night for campuses because most students have a lighter class load on Friday. Most of the harm damage is done on weeknights before students go home for a weekend with their families.

Thursday is a great night to play beer pong, Marie said. In order to play beer pong, a popular Ping-Pong like drinking game, Marie said that a common technique is to unclick the board and prop them up on TV tables. Players set up cups of beer on either end of the tables and try to launch a Ping-Pong ball into their opponent's cup. If they succeed, their opponent must chug the beer. She has known students who have stolen common lounge furniture for more complex beer-pong setups in their rooms.

Ms. Spencer, who said that the in 1997-98 school year, 92 on-campus students were on probation and nine were terminated for alcohol and drug violations. According to Spencer, the majority of the violations were from room parties. The 18 percent of the violations were mostly due to multiple offenses of the drug and alcohol policy.

With only 2,100 of the 13,000 Montclair State University students living on campus, Nancy Ellson, Director of the Health and Wellness Center, is concerned that most of the MSU drinking occurs off campus and out of reach of residence hall staff.

The Bar Scene

Tony Maturo, Bar Manager of Doc's, on Route 46 in Montclair, said that college are always going to want to drink sooner than they can. They want to be a part of a crowd.

Ms. Spencer was posted by Doc's entrance that stated, "After 9 p.m. no minors are allowed on the premises. Management reserves the right to ask for a form of ID." Doc's hosts a College Night every Tuesday night for local students 18 and older.

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the same excuse: "I forgot my wallet."
He started at the Route 46 Liquors on Rte. 46 in Little Falls. Finnerty said he was nervous because of the tally of fake IDs confiscated this year on the door. He headed to the back cooler, picked up a six-pack of Killian's beer and headed to the counter.

The balking man calmly rang it up: "$6.45, please," he said. Finnerty pulled out his money, The man said, "Oh, can I see your license please," as he was putting the six-pack in a brown bag.
"Oh, I'll be right back, I must have forgotten it." Finnerty exited, blushing.

At The A&P further down Route 46 in Totowa, he got the same treatment. He thought it would be easier to buy alcohol there, a grocery store must have had more on their minds than asking for ID.

But the teenage clerk said, "Can I see some ID?" long before he asked, "Paper or plastic?"

Finnerty would call the beer quest to a close after a stop at Shop-Rite Wine & Spirits in Totowa.

The place was crowded, and he thought there was no way they would sell to a minor with so many people around. But he headed to the cooler, and then the register, and to pocket for the money, and that was it. He finally bought beer. There was no skeptical look from the party-skinned sales clerk and no pause to ask for ID.

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"I'm not too happy it happened in my store. If you were the police, the cashier would have been taken out in handcuffs and fined $500."

"He didn't look 30 did he?" Szibdat asked. "Sometimes the state will send around people dressed up to trick us."

He looked distressed as he was told that Finnerty was purposely not dressed up.

He reached into the file cabinet to pull out the schedule to see who was working at the time.

"Hm...she's a student. We're going to have to have a chat."

The Alexus was just getting ready to open for lunch. The manager Patty Thompkowitz said that about 40-50 percent of The Alexus' clientele are MSU Students.

"Students sometimes they come in during the day and of course, during happy hour. The 21 year olds that is."

Thompkowitz said that The Alexus has three days with a "happy hour." Happy hour is all day Sunday and Monday and from 4-7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Thompkowitz said that there are drink and appetizer specials during happy hour that students enjoy.

She said that she and her staff asks anyone for ID, even if there is the slightest suspicion that they are underage.

She was shocked to hear of The Montclarion's investigation. In response, she said, "Oh, he [Saied] is new. A student too."

"Her words drifted and said that the Director of Operations would like to hear of this. She rushed off to find him."

Many mirrored liquor signs decorate The Alexus' dining room. The warm glow of the neon beer logos in the window illuminated the dining room.

Al Ciccone came in with a firm handshake and an authoritative voice.

He denied The Alexus' reputation as an easy place to be served alcohol.

"I don't know anything about that," Ciccone said.

After a quick exchange of words, he took off towards the bar but then turned back to say, "We don't want any of that kind of business here. We have plenty of other business. We don’t need it. Goodbye."

Neither Szibdat nor Ciccone asked for any proof that they served alcohol to Finnerty, but neither denied that it happened.

However, when Ciccone and Thompkowitz looked at The Alexus, nothing changed in their carding policy. On Tuesday, March 2, Finnerty went back into the dining room of The Alexus. He ordered three beers for him and his friends and was served. When his beer was finished, he walked directly to the bar and ordered a beer directly from the bartender. He was served again without question.

This report was produced as an assignment in Prof. Ron Hollander's Feature Writing course.
Lights, camera, action!

By Timothy M. Casey
Photography Editor

Every Friday, 20 MSU students film, direct, and produce ‘Carpe Diem,’ a weekly television show broadcast on CTN Comcast. Broadcasting majors are given this unique hands-on opportunity to be a part of the show after completing the prerequisite TV 3 course.

“It’s very fast paced and interesting,” said David Strauss, a Junior Broadcasting major from East Brunswick. “To be a part of something one step away from the real thing is a great experience for seniors especially. It’s a great reference, people have heard of it.”

The topics for the show vary from week to week. Students rotate job responsibilities on a weekly basis as well. Students take turns directing, running audio, operating cameras, lighting, and assisting with production.

“The director is responsible for preparing for the show, calling camera shots, basically being prepared for anything that could happen,” said Mirjam Lablans, the student director of last week’s show.

The program was started by Larry Londino, the show’s executive producer. It is taped every Friday in the Dumont television center in Life Hall. It is broadcast a week later, on Friday at 5:00 on the CTN Comcast network.

The show has a very live feel to it, not very much editing is done, although the show may include roll-ins taped on campus and interviews.

Students work on ‘Carpe Diem’ as part of a broadcasting practicum class. The course is called TV Production Company. It can be taken for 1-3 credits. Students are required to work a certain amount of hours on the production of the show. The set is prepared for the show on Thursdays, with actual taping on Friday. The studio is used for TV 2 and TV 3 classes the rest of the week.

“I love television. My idol is Oprah Winfrey, I want to do what she does,” said Ophelia Johnson, a senior broadcasting major from Franklin Township. Johnson has been hosting ‘Carpe Diem’ and doing interviews for the show after auditioning in 1997.
Pete Czech (Junior-Clifton) operates a camera in the television studio. Czech also directed the audio for the show.

**CAMPUS PERSPECTIVE**

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It takes a team of 20 students to produce the weekly program.

Ophelia Johnson (Senior- Franklin Township) chats with a guest after the cameras stop rolling.
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sertiveness is expressing your needs and feelings in a direct and honest way. It is not being pushy, indirect or negatively assertive (aggressive).

What makes assertiveness important?

Assertiveness is an essential part of our self-respect. Whenever you keep quiet about your thoughts and feelings because you are afraid of disapproval, you are putting yourself second. That is a humiliating and degrading position to put yourself in. You can’t live according to your own values without being assertive. Without assertiveness, you are not likely to get what you want and not likely to make a contribution to anyone, including yourself.

How do I know the line between inappropriate and appropriate level of assertiveness?

Inappropriate assertiveness includes shouting down another person so that you are the only one to speak or getting even with someone who hurts or angers you instead of speaking to them directly. Being assertive means saying what you think even if you don’t know if your listeners agree. It is done with respect for the other person. Respect is conveyed by the words and tone you use. You can speak firmly and clearly without yelling or putting someone down and still be strong, direct and assertive. Paying a genuine compliment is assertive. Even silence is assertive, such as when you refuse to laugh at an offensive joke. Appropriately assertive advances your cause through courage, but not at the expense of others.

How can I deal with an inappropriate assertive person?

Stay calm, describe the behavior to which you object and state what you want or intend to do. By refusing to meet the other person’s aggression and hostility, you retain dignity, control and your words will be much more effective.

Here are some examples of what to say to a person who is behaving aggressively:

* If you are unwilling to lower your voice and speak in a normal way, I am unwilling to continue this conversation.

* Do you think that shouting louder will make you more convincing?

* Do you need to go on talking and arguing even though I have made it absolutely clear that I am not going to do what you want?

How can we learn to assert ourselves more often?

Sentence completion exercises can help you to become more aware and produce powerful changes. These are examples of sentences you can use, but you can create your own as well.

* If I were 5 percent more assertive today...

* If I had the courage to treat my needs as important...

* If I am willing to ask for what I want...

* If any of the things I write are true, it might be helpful if I...

Consciously focusing on being more assertive will help you become more aware of the situations in which you censor yourself and less willing to remain silent when it is appropriate to be assertive.

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**Soul food with culture**

Ceremony held in honor of outstanding African American students and faculty

by April Marie

Staff Writer

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n Thursday, February 25, “Soul Food With Culture” attracted many individu

als to the Student Center Ballrooms. This major affair had tremendous numbers of both faculty and student body in dresses and suits coming out to be en

volved in the celebration of African American Culture.

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the brothers of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. along with The Student Government Association and the Junior Mentor Program all worked very hard to reach out to one another so they could produce a successful event. “The purpose of the dinner was to recognize and to show appreciation to students and faculty administrators who have displayed dedication through their organizations in making Montclair State University a more productive community,” says Kenyatta Montgomery, a brother of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

“Soul Food With Culture” began with the host and hostesses, Ms. Latasha Casterlow and Mr. Kenyatta Montgomery, welcoming and thanking everyone for coming out to what would be an unforgettable experience. They gave a synopsis of African American Heritage Month by honoring the life of Carter G. Woodson. Mr. Woodson was the founder of Negro History Week, which later became Black History Month. After the synopsis, the heritage dinner moved right along with perform

ances from the Organization of African African Unity gospel choir, Eshie Ayolwa African Dance Troupe, Pure Balance, made up of Earl Gayle II, Tashira Burwell, Latasha Wheeler, John Griffin, Tashira Burwell, Earl Gayle, II, Jamillah Hargrove, Karrin Wilson, Philip Johnson, Takeem Dean and Rhoda Donat. The faculty honored were Dean Margaree Coleman-Carter, Marsha Campbell-Young, Robin Hamlett and Dean James E. Harris for the outstanding accomplishments they have achieved in the campus community. Many walked up to receive their beautiful plaques full of smiles and others shared brief words as happy tears shed from their eyes.

Not only were there hundreds of students and faculty in attendance, but many important founders and members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. were also present. Elias Dorey Jr., one of the 11 living founders of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. who is currently a successful doctor and very active in the fraternity was present as was Ms. Harrison A. Tate of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for 75 years, better known as the golden scone.

Once the evening wound down, the host and hostesses presented a number of Honorables Mentions and the audience gracefully applauded as their faces lit with joy due to the dazzling and insightful dinner full of “Soul Food With Culture.”
Ecstasy and agony: the pains of the pleasure drug

By Lisa Gribben  
Staff Writer

It's Thursday, only one more day to go until the beginning of spring break! Many of us will be celebrating in one way or the other, whether it will be on the beaches of Cancun or at a club in Manhattan. Perhaps some of us are going to do some excessive partying this week, and maybe will decide to trade in our beers and shots for a hit of ecstasy. If you are an ecstasy user or are beginning to become curious about the drug that has become so popular now, listen up. There are some important things you should know before you take that seemingly harmless pill this weekend.

Ecstasy is a designer drug that has become increasingly popular over the past few years with this generation. It costs about $25-$30 per “hit” and is promoted as a drug that enhances empathy with others. It is taken mostly at clubs where the lights and music seem to further increase the feeling that most people get from taking ecstasy. It is derived from methamphetamine and amphetamine, which is otherwise known as speed. The chemical in ecstasy known as MDMA produces hallucinogenic effects so it may not seem like you are taking speed when, in actuality, you are. Those are the ingredients of pure ecstasy, which people at your next hit. If you see some little brown specks throughout the pill, guess what? You will soon be taking ecstasy that is most likely mixed with heroin.

With so many people taking ecstasy it can appear that people are just having some harmless fun. The reality is that medical evidence is beginning to show the damaging effects of the drug on the brain. MDMA (the chemical in ecstasy that gives you the fuzzy feeling that makes you feel so close to others) has been researched and proven to negatively affect the neurotransmitter in your brain that controls your moods, sleeping and eating habits and thinking processes.

Basiclly, it goes like this: you pop a hit, dance the night away and believe it doesn’t get any better than this. The next morning you feel like your brain has shut down for a while and that you aren’t capable of doing anything that involves thinking. (In fact, you may even find it difficult to put together all the pieces of your fabulous night.) You may feel fatigued or depressed and not realize why. You feel this way not only because maybe you were out late and didn’t get enough sleep, but because the serotonin levels in your brain are out of whack and will remain that way for up to two weeks. Every time you drop ecstasy, serotonin (the neurotransmitter in your brain also known as the “happiness chemical”) levels are dramatically reduced. It will take approximately two weeks for the levels to be back to normal.

Studies conducted on monkeys have shown that serotonin levels were reduced by 90 percent during that two-week period. This means that if you do ecstasy twice a month, your serotonin levels are in a constant state of repair to undo the damage that has been done. If you are doing ecstasy more like once a week, these levels are always reduced. Although the levels will naturally repair themselves, scientists do not know if constant damage to the brain from ecstasy will allow this neurotransmitter to repeatedly repair itself after continuous use of MDMA. If you are feeling down and think you may be suffering from depression, you need to examine exactly what you have been doing to your body that may be contributing to these feelings. The ironic thing about this drug is that it is promoted as a “happy pill” and can make you feel like everything is great and totally amazing. In reality, ecstasy lowers your body’s ability to produce happiness on its own and may have you believing that you aren’t capable of ever feeling this way without taking the drug.

There are many risks to consider if you are thinking about trying ecstasy or have already made an attempt. The side effects of ecstasy include sweating, increased heart rate and blood pressure and chills. You may also experience panic attacks, blurred vision and hallucinations. Users who take ecstasy risk exhaustion and dehydration from the combination of the drug and the nonstop dancing that usually accompanies its use. The drug also prevents you from urinating as you normally would so as you continue to drink water your body is unable to get rid of it, which can cause your brain to swell from the excess of fluids, can lead to collapse and even death. If you are caught by the police with ecstasy, you also risk being arrested and having a drug possession charge on your record.

It seems that ecstasy has become so popular in our culture that it is not even considered to be a big deal anymore. It’s just something fun to do on the weekends at a club. There are a lot of damaging side effects to ecstasy that you really don’t hear too much about. Although scientists do not know the long-term effects of ecstasy yet, it is only because subjects to be studied need to have done the drug in excessive amounts for numbers of years. Since most ecstasy users tend to be in their late teens or early twenties, they are unable to be studied because they haven’t been taking ecstasy for a long period of time. Just because there is no evidence of long-term brain damage does not mean that there is none. So what are your plans for the weekend?
My name used to be 108016

Joseph Bukiet shares his life experience of the Holocaust

By Kara L. Richardson
Managing Editor

Joseph Bukiet’s name used to be 108016. It was tattooed on his arm shortly after his arrival at the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1943. Bukiet said that he speaks of his Holocaust experience to making provisions for the success of his family in the future. In essence, “We walked for weeks with no food whatsoever. We ate grass like cows. We drank water like sheep,” Bukiet said. “If we tried to eat the leaves off of trees we would be shot. I found the most delicious food then, a clump of poison ivy. No cheese cake ever tasted so good.”

Thousands died on that march. They were dying from disease, exhaustion and hunger. The only hope Bukiet felt was when the Czechoslovakians threw food toward them, trying to help. He said many Czechs were shot for their effort.

They finally arrived in another ghetto. Russian trucks came with food. They were so famished that they turned over the trucks pawing for food. Many ate themselves to death, their bodies could not take the food after starving for so long, Bukiet said.

When he was reunited with his older brother, Bukiet was overjoyed but would never let his family know. He was so accustomed to starvation that he would not leave with his brother until he finished his potatoes.

The Holocaust left Bukiet with the loss of his mother, father, sister and one of his brothers. He said that it was a long time before he could talk about it, much like many other survivors but he feels that it is important.

“I will not sleep tonight,” Bukiet said.

Examine the past and present: African American Heritage

By Rhoda Donat
Staff Writer

Celebrate your present as you examine the contents of your past. Enrich your future through the hindsight of those who have left behind a legacy. In essence, embrace your history.

The 28 days of February are devoted to making provisions for the success of African Americans. The month is dedicated to acknowledging the achievements of what we have been accepting challenges, those who put forth the effort to better themselves on a daily basis and those who renew the minds of all peoples, that of the African descendent in particular.

During the 1970s it was known as Black History Week and in 1976 it was coined Black History Month.

This month celebrates the past achievements and current triumphs of African Americans and examines the powerful voices of the past, voices which unlocked many doors of opportunity. Some voices include Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman. Also, those are voices that speak to African Americans in areas such as the church, arts, combat and science.

The celebration began with a dream which belonged to Carter G. Woodson who is often considered the father of Black History. Woodson voiced the idea in favor of an observance to pay tribute to the achievements of African Americans. His idea gave birth to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926.

The Organization for Students for African American Unity and the African American Studies Program put on a month of programming entitled, “We are African Whichever We Are: A Renaisance of Consciousness.” The speakers for this month were described as “intense, profound, vivid, enlightening, positive and constructive,” by Damarcus King.

This is also a time to honor the achievements of the members who serve as build community. Recognition, in this light, is given to the fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers who are strong backbones of the family unit. Those who rear the offspring are trained to bring up the children. Some lectures were on “African Origins of African Americans” by Dr. Colin Palmer, “African Traditions” by Malomda Partice Some,“African The Continent: An Educational Exhibit” by Dr. Sandra Lewis and the African American Studies Minors, “African Identity, Cohesion, and Cultural Continuity” by Audrey France Dunham and “African Influence in the Caribbean” by Lenworth Gunther.

To end the month of celebration, lectures included “A Renaissance of Consciousness: A Critical Dialogue” with Dr. Opoku Agyeman, Dr. Duke Ophori, Dr. Amos Minh, Dr. Mary Ann Rogers-Wright and Dr. Sandra-Collins. Overall, “We’ve had some scholars of great magnitude lecturing for us during this month. I am confident with our progress,” stated the chair of African American Heritage Month for OSAU, Damarcus King.
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## Gate’s live performance measures up to their new album

**By Angela Rovetto**

**Staff Writer**

I was a sell out crowd at The Budapest for Gate’s release of their new seven-song EP, Breakin’ Down. Those who came to support the band lined the streets, anxiously awaiting entrance into the bar, a buzz with excited chatter.

In the aisles, at the bar, and on top of tables - once inside, fans took to their feet as the band rocked out and new old material, with a rawer energy, fresher groove and fuller, more polished sound.

Gate worked the crowd, giving fans exactly what they’ve come to expect - a band that’s good, tight, and diverse. Whether you see them live or get the new EP, both of which I strongly recommend, these guys and gal are a welcomed breath of fresh air and change of pace from all the run of the mill, rut rock around today.

One of the main reasons why this band is so good is that they’re not limited to any one musical style. “His Wall,” track five of Breakin’ Down, demonstrates the band’s accomplished musical ability, which prevents them from being slave to any one style. “His Wall” starts out solid rock and is a hit sandal, and jazzy walking bass line before finally winding up balls out rock.

With their progressive musical diversity, Gate has something for everyone, appealing to fans of all music preference. But don’t think their progressive sound is the only thing that Gate has to offer! These guys are tight! And when I say tight, I don’t mean they get through songs with everyone playing in time. I’m talking about the kind of tight where the bass guitar (played by Joe Mullen) and drums (played by Chris Badami) are inseparable.

They’re right on top of each other, feeding off of each other’s every rhythm and turn. (Check out the EP to hear for yourself!) The incredibly creative, jazzy/blues influenced keyboards (played by Matt Palasz) and bass drum lock into each other, lying down grooves that keep you moving. No review of this band would be complete without paying lavish homage to the unbelievable harmonious vocals provided by Stu Yates and Brooke Bogart.

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Finally! A band that is good, even better live than on their albums - proving we have here a high caliber band rather than the all too familiar case of a competent recording engineer. So take my advice. Pick up Breakin’ Down now (it’s only $10), and see them live, up close and personal, while you still can. If there is any musical justice in this world, and I believe there is, it won’t be long before someone notices that the confidence, musical enthusiasm, and sound quality that is lacking in most of today’s music is all in Gate.

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**Entertainment News Breaks**

**By Lynette Surie**

**Arts Editor**

**Brad Pitt has a Fan in His Pants:** On Feb. 10, 1999, Athena Marie Rolando was barred from coming any closer than 100 feet from Brad Pitt. Anything is going to be fine. This is just another facet of life, “I told reporters outside the courthouse, “I believe [the injunction] invaded some of my amendments. . .I’d actually like to file a restraining order against Mr. Pitt himself to stay away from me.”

The 17-year-old woman has been a Pitt admirer since she was a baby and saw him on a children’s television show. She was convicted of second degree murder of a gay admirer in 1990. She was sentenced to 20 years in prison and is serving 15 years in prison. She was convicted of second degree murder of a gay admirer in 1990. She was sentenced to 20 years in prison and is serving 15 years in prison. The victim in the case was a 43-year-old gay man who had been killed in a hit-and-run crash.

**Monica Lewinsky Meets with Barbara Walters:** Last night the Monica Lewinsky interview aired on ABC. Coming out to extend her 15 minute, Lewinsky tackled such topics as the female Clintons, where she state, “I wouldn’t dream of Chelsea and Mrs. Clinton to forgive me, but I would like them to know that I am very sorry for what happened and what they’ve been through.”
A phenomenal performance is guaranteed by the cast of Così

By Michael Finnerty
Staff Writer

"They're mad as a cut snake with a wit just as poisonous"

That is what the advertisement poster for the play Così states. And they are, quite truth that and more. Così, a play by Louis Nowra, was just performed last night and has its second and final performance in this east in the Studio Theatre. Performed by a group of students from the Queensland University of Technology Academy of the Arts, Australia, on their world tour, Così is a phenomenal piece of work.

Così is a comedic story of a group of moral patients that are involved in the production of a play in order to break out of their shells and hopefully be able to be released, or at least step towards a more healthy life. However, there is much tension early on when the character Roy, skillfully played by Trenton Shipley, decides over the head of the director, Lewis, portrayed by Conrad Coleby, that the show they are going to perform is an opera by Mozart. Right away, we can tell that this is going to be a funny, but frustrating adventure.

One of the most interesting aspects of the quick-witted script is the fact that the story of Lewis, his girlfriend Ruth (Yasmin Schumacher), and a boy named Saif (Nicholas Thrain) subtly parallel the actual story of Mozart's opera dealing with infidelity and trust.

The entire cast has worked out every inch of their characters to the slightest detail in order to make the show as believable as possible. And it worked. Many times throughout the show the audience was enthralled in the performance that they could forget they were sitting in a theatre. Many problems arise throughout the play in terms of meeting the final goal; such as fights, fires caused by the pyromaniac Doug (Michael Roberts), and broken friendships. However, with the final cast consisting of a junkie named Julie (Belinda Clarke), a millionaire with the incredible writing talent of Peter Schumacher with the incredible writing talent of Peter Schumacher, and a boy named Saif (Nicholas Thrain), the show is completed in a phenomenal and brilliant fashion.

None of the atmosphere or effect is lost due to set design, rather they are very much enhanced. The design, created by Jamie Maclean, is the inside of an old abandoned theatre. Visually stimulating and intimidating, one does not realize that the set is able to be broken down for easy transportation for the use of the tour. What appears to be huge, unbreakable set pieces are actually made mostly out of foam, steel poles that collapse, and drops. The audience is led to believe that this set is not set at all, but rather a true to life broken-down theatre.

No review would be complete, however, without a large pat on the back for the director, David Fenton. Così, his sixth production for the QUT Academy of the Arts, has such incredible direction that not once is there a distracting moment, and not once is the focus placed somewhere it does not belong. Even during the scenes when the fuses are blown in the "theatre," the direction of each character fumbling in the dark is not taken for granted. On the same note, the actors never break character for any reason.

Every member of this cast and crew deserves a tremendous thank you for piecing together a show of such caliber and focus. Every aspect of the performance blends together so beautifully to create one of the greatest outside works to grace the theatres at MSU for quite some time. With such a friendly cast and intriguing and powerful script, it would be a shame to miss this incredible work of art.

So pick up your tickets for last night of Così because the show is an incredible performance by a stunning and spectacular cast and crew.

8mm leads viewers on an unimaginable journey

By Andrew Ruiz
Staff Writer

Nicholas Cage dives into the world of illegal porn in Joel Schumacher's latest film 8mm. From the writer of cult thrilling and their second and final performance in this east in the Studio Theatre. Performed by a group of students from the Queensland University of Technology Academy of the Arts, Australia, on their world tour, Così is a phenomenal piece of work.

Cosi stars (l - r): Rebecca Dale and Conrad Coleby sharing food, thoughts and comedy

The story builds to a climax as Wells pays for his mistakes in the investigation and in his moral fiber. Here the film takes a turn for the predictable, but Walker throws up a curve (a la Seven) that imprint's an idea into the heads of the viewers which doesn't fade quickly. The story line here, at first glance, is a standard mystery. Only upon deep consideration does the true message of the film come through. To quote Phoenix, "Dance with the devil, the devil don't change, the devil changes you." The plot is more focused on the degradation of a happy family man to a creature obsessed with the object of his trust. The only clear problem is the unfortunate casting of Catherine Keener as Amy Wells. There was absolutely no on-screen chemistry between her and Cage, and this distracted from the film in a noticeable, alluring and milder forerunner, Seven. Their relationship might have been...well, just about anyone. Not to question Keener's acting talents, she is not necessarily Oscar worthy, are adequate for the film. A definite must see for anyone interested in the genre, but not for those with a weak constitution. If you could stomach Walker's earlier work, then maybe, just maybe, you'll walk out of 8mm unaffected.

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200 Cigarettes is smokin’

By Chris Wood
Staff Writer

The movie 200 Cigarettes, written by Shana Larsen and directed by Bramson Garcia, is composed of a few parallel story lines tied together by a cab driver, played by David Chappelle. The movie follows a few New Yorkers on New Year’s Eve 1981 to their common destination which is a party thrown by Monica (Martha Plimpton). Due to the fact that most of the characters are split up all over the city, it isn’t until nearly the end of the film that they all end up at the party. It’s a little odd, but almost every time a character gets into a cab, it has the same driver.

The different story lines usually contain two characters in varying relationships: friends, lovers, soon-to-be lovers, and ex-lovers. While there isn’t really a central story line, the largest is the story between the characters Lucy and Jack, played by Courtney Love and Paul Rudd. Not only is it New Year’s Eve, but it is also Jack’s birthday. However, his girlfriend (Janeane Garofalo) has just dumped him. Other story lines include a pair of Long Island teenagers, Val and Stephie (Christina Ricci and Gaby Hoffman), who get lost in the city on their way to the party. A couple named Hillary and Dave (Casey Affleck and Guillermo Diaz), who run into the two Long Island girls in the city. Two best friends, Hillary and Courtney (Janeane Garofalo), has just dumped him. Other stories include a pair of Jersey teens, Tom and Dave (Casey Affleck and Guillermo Diaz), who run into the two Long Island girls in the city. Two best friends, Hillary and Courtney (Janeane Garofalo), who get lost in the city on their way to the party. A couple named Hillary and Dave (Casey Affleck and Guillermo Diaz), who run into the two Long Island girls in the city. A pair of Jersey teens, Tom and Dave (Casey Affleck and Guillermo Diaz), who run into the two Long Island girls in the city. Two best friends, Hillary and Courtney (Janeane Garofalo), who get lost in the city on their way to the party. A couple named Hillary and Dave (Casey Affleck and Guillermo Diaz), who run into the two Long Island girls in the city.

The movie shows a funny, relatively realistic view of life at twenty-something. The story lines, though they do not intermingle until the end of the movie, are tied together by the common destination. Another means of linking the stories together is through the role of the cab driver, who also helps tie up the stories with an over-view of the party’s events after all the characters finally arrive. The movie was quite humorous and the relationships of the characters were extremely entertaining. The movie’s humor comes from the clever dialogue and the situations which the characters are put into.

There is really no continuous plot to be spoken of since the characters are split up into small groups with no communication with each other for most of the movie. Each story line does have it’s own interesting plot, and the audience really can connect with and care about these people. The movie is edited in such a way that just when you begin to wonder what is happening to a certain set of characters, the next scene containing them is not far off. The different story lines of the movie allow it to take a look at each individual relationship without having overly complicated inter-character relationships.

200 Cigarettes is a charming, funny, and relatively realistic look at modern relationships. True, it is set in the early eighties, but the material explored in this movie still applies to everyday life with the problems still relevant to viewers. It is hard to keep track of the names of all the characters in each story, but even if you cannot recall a character’s name, you can still remember what they did and how they each fit into their own story. Every character is varied and distinct, allowing just about anyone to find a part of him or herself portrayed in at least one character of the movie. Although the movie does have multiple stories, in the end they all join to create a comic look at relationships.
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"As a future teacher, I would have to support any movement that teachers make. But I think that there might be a need to educate students about collective bargaining. We can't go from no publicity to a strike. We need students to speak up for the teachers." Erika Menanteaux, English/Secondary Education

"I think that teachers should be taken care of. The only people who really get hurt in a strike are the students. We need to take the happy medium." Matthew Donnelly, No major given

"I would support the staff and faculty simply for the fact that there are other people with less important jobs who get paid less more." Savrina Diaz, Anthropology

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A Student's Freedom of Choice: 
Examining the Issue of Cigarette Sales on Campus

Jim Davison

Every step of progress the world has made has been from thev fold and from stake to stake, said Wendell Phillips in 1851. Even though Phillips' statement was in a context of politics, it also applies to MSU's current expansion issue in academia as well as physical growth in terms of the number of students using the facilities or parking. As enrollment increases, classroom space decreases, academic facilities and residence halls become overpopulated and more difficult to maintain, and some may criticize that MSU does not have the means to accommodate such change.

Despite the financial obstacles, increased enrollment interest and more programs is a compliment. While there have been problems with parking, roofs, hot water, and sewage, these are not grounds on which to judge the university. Physical improvements will occur gradually as more funds are made available to enhance facilities or physical growth in academia as well.

As a member of the Residence Life committee for the SGA, I am the Freeman Hall representative for resident students. Recently, my duties as such involved me handling out surveys concerning the possibility of selling cigarettes on campus. Anytime I would do this, I would be taken to task by at least one of those sticks of fire between themselves and the rest of the world.

Finally, there is this: Were a large portion of our population told that from now on they would have to ingest a chemical that would slowly, over the course of their life time, shorten that life, make living a healthy life nearly impossible, and cause them to alienate themselves from those who do not have to take this chemical, those people who do not have to do this would be very angry indeed. Yet this anger would be as nothing compared to the anger that would be felt if this group of people were told that, in addition to all of these reasons, they would have to pay a sizable amount of money for the privilege of having their quality of life reduced. This is what a large minority of the population, people other than smokers, may feel about cigarettes.

As a student at this university, I do not choose to smoke. However, along with this freedom for a person to choose, there is the freedom to take away the freedom an individual has to choose. If this is the case, let her start here.

I do not support smoking as a habit, but I do support each person's freedom to choose to do it, should he or she so choose. However, along with this freedom for a person to smoke, I myself have also the freedom to decide that I do not want my health to be at risk from others decisions. Because of this, smokers should be reminded of the MSU smoking policy, which states that MSU "prohibits the smoking or carrying of lighted cigars, cigarettes, pipes, or any manner or substance that contains tobacco in all indoor spaces on the Montclair State campus."

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The Quality of a University: More Than Just Facilites

Christine Zielinski

"Ideally, cigarettes would not be sold anywhere...but it is not our choice."

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President Cole must decide, and this decision is what the SGA is waiting for. To go either way with the arrangements they've made should be decided that cigarettes should not be sold on campus.

The results were varied some what, but, there being a low smoking population on the Freeman side of campus, about 13.33 percent according to the surveys, the results were generally against the sale of cigarettes on campus. 60 percent of those who answered the survey on the Freeman side said that cigarettes should not be sold at MSU. I would have to agree.

Smoking is a horrible habit, one that causes 420,000 deaths in the United States every year, making smoking the number one cause of otherwise preventable deaths. Ideally, no one would smoke. Ideally, cigarettes would not be sold anywhere. Ideally, no one would partake in anything that directly contributed to the hastening of their death.

I am sure that those people who answered "no" to the survey, and the question that asked if cigarettes should be sold on campus would agree with me. That's fine, but this one thing must be remembered: It is not our choice.

Freedom is a touchy issue, one that is much like a boulder lying on the side of hill with a bunch of pebbles underneath that prevent it from rolling down that hill. The pebbles hold the boulder, our freedom, in place, but all of the pebbles need not be removed away. Remove a few, and the boulder is able to roll over the rest, down the hill, and away forever, or until a few strong individuals find it and gradually move it back to the top of the hill.

I am not saying that by restricting cigarettes we are for-feiting all freedom. It is simply one of the pebbles, a smaller one, but one that would enable others to be taken out easily. The sale of cigarettes is currently banned on campus. What's next? Soon the day may come when a student cannot have an alcoholic beverage on campus either. Wait, that rock has already been removed.

How many more pebbles can be taken away before we find ourselves faced by boulder speeding downhill towards us? Perhaps it is time to put back a few pebbles before that happens.

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I was helping her rehearse! HONEST!

The Horoscope Never Lies

PICT. 3 (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20): Your year is simple—like in bed with the cat and wait for the mutoness. When he appears, YOU STRIKE! Bite him to the butt and strip his letters. Shred them with paw teeth and grind with molars.

PICT. 5 (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): You get a buzz of a being on your neck. You wear it proudly as you strut past others who point and giggle. They envy what you were as one gazes at you.

TRASH. Mar. 5 to May 20: Twenty's work is wonderfully pure and fuzzy. Up a cross between a delicate flower and a grizzly bear. When a bee perches upon you, follow it back to the hive. This means more honeys! Hey!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): While eating the cheese you are surprised by an idiot with a camera. Observe it proudly as you strut past others who point and giggle. They envy what you were as one gazes at you.

CANCER. Jun. 22 to July 22: You're on a roll. Of all the lovely places to visit, you end up in Delaware. You make a vow never to return. Men does Delaware said.

LEO. Jul. 23 to Aug. 22: If you lose your joy, a friend to the environment. Fill Delaware hell with thousands of tropical plants and have it declared a Wildlife refuge. Then fill it with live pelts gone. You're done Delaware Dabies.

VIRGO. Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: We here at The Montclarion do not feel that Scorpio is worth our time this week. We look at you and one word comes to mind—deplorable. Disgust! But hope among good test we look to you.

LIBRA. (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Take advantage of Claritin's generosity. The N. is making free goes to all who want it. "Blood on you who don't deserve it." We get a pox good. Space your Biure Babes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Be with thousands of tropical plants and have it declared a wildlife refuge. Fill it with the monstrosity and stuff.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Talk about your predictions: December will be with thousands of tropical plants and have it declared a wildlife refuge. Fill it with the monstrosity and stuff.
**Critic's Corner:**

**The Misadventures of Brock McNagar** - While flying a kite, Brock is captured by an evil witch and turned into a butter churn. After spewing out several pints, the witch turns him back to normal. Not worth $8, but it's a load of laughs when nursing a hangover.

**Tom & Jerry** - This live-action version of everyone's favorite cat and mouse may be too sure to have audiences rolling in the aisles. Watch Tom get levelled with an anvil, an ironing board, and a frying pan. Jerry gets his little paws on dynamite, and the results are explosive! A sure fire hit! (No animals were harmed in the making of this movie.)

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By Chris Finigan

He must be psychic. He writes horoscopes.

We all remember the cheesy show from our formative years that went by the titles of Saved by the Bell and Saved by the Bell: The College Years. It was the story of the carefree existence of Zack and Kelly, Slater and Jessie, Screech, Mr. Belding, and everyone else at Bayside High. Their lives were peppered by beautiful people, good grades despite slacking, high school dances, touchdowns (i.e., drinking alcohol), and problems such as “Oh, no! The Big Dance is tomorrow and I haven’t a thing to wear!” In short, it made Beverly Hills, 90210 look like Masterpiece Theater, which is quite an accomplishment when you think about it.

Every episode was the same. Zack would come up with a zany scheme to get Kelly away from Slater. Slater would yell Zack “Preppie!” and Kelly would be very disappointed in Zack. Screech would hit on Lisa and get shot down every single time. Jessie would try to heal the situation and inadvertently give Zack an idea for an even zanier scheme. Zack would get caught by Mr. Belding and get detention. And everyone would be happy in the end.

My reaction? “What the hell? Did your entire life ever seem remotely like this?” Of course not. That was why I was jumping for joy when the damn thing went off the air. But I wanted to gaze into my crystal ball, just to see how the world would treat them. Besides, I had loads of time to waste and nothing better to do.

Well, Zack was able to talk his way out of an awkward situation. Wasn’t he? The charm, the charisma, the overabundance of ideas who believed and trusted him with their savings over and over again. He always got what he wanted, and no matter how many times he got caught, the next time he did it, he got away with it. Why is it that when you’re young and hadn’t skipped a beat. After bluffing his way through college, Zack will land a job as a spin doctor at The White House. Seems Bill really needs a man with Zack’s talents.

He will one day to follow in Mr. Clinton's footsteps because the American public is just stupid enough to believe him. There will be a difference between Zack and Willie. You can bet a box of Cuban cigars that Zack won’t be linked to anyone with brains enough to testify.

Slater: You'll be surprised to learn that Slater ends up playing professional football in the NFL. However, he does end up playing for the Dallas Cowboys. They win lots and lots of games, but changes in the American legal system have disastrous results. Slater, Michael Irvin, and Deion Sanders are convicted of murder and get the death penalty.

Screech: No matter what he does, no matter how hard he tries, and no matter what comes along, Screech is NEVER going to leave that damn school. Gilligan never got off the Island. Jerry never stopped whining, and Screech is never going to leave school. He is now a teacher, if you believe that. When Mr. Belding retires, he’ll be principle until he dies in a horrible pencil sharpener accident. His body will be cremated and his ashes sprinkled into the football field. Just you wait until the 50 year reunion rolls around. We’ll see who’s laughing then!

Lisa: Lisa Turtle and Screech were more or less the “Roadrunner/Coyote” in the series. Poor Screech, who had the social grace of an elephant in a tutu, was constantly on the receiving end. Mt. Turtle’s harsh disre. You would think that just once, to get him to shut the hell up, she would get her high-and-mighty paws on and go out with the poor schmuck. But no. So fate will not be kind to Lisa Turtle. She will be the most successful and end up old and wrinkly, begging Screech for a date. But Screech will say, “No, for my true love and her sunny disposition, I will be happy in the end.”

**The Muppets Take Manhattan** - A sure fire hit! (No animals were harmed in the making of this movie.)

— This live-action sequel to the timeless, heartfelt Disney classic continues the story of the favorite cat and mouse team is back! In this movie, the witch turns him back to normal. Not worth $8, but it’s a load of laughs when nursing a hangover.

Thumper compiles an arsenal that is sure to have audiences rolling in the aisles. From conception to burial. A good time! Fun for all ages. Coming soon — Cinderella II: Home on the Range. A sure fire hit! (No animals were harmed in the making of this movie.)
THE CUTTING EDGE

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

Battle-ax  Cutlass  Hatchet  Rapier
Blade  Dagger  Knife  Shiv
Chisel  Foil  Lance  Sword
Cleaver  Guillotine  Machete

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Athletes of the Week:

Male Athletes of the Week:
Michael Apa Male Swimmer
Sophomore 5-10
Harrington Park Old Tappan HS

Sophomore swimmer Michael Apa broke the school record in the 200 yard breaststroke at the Metropolitan Swimming and Diving Championships this past week. He placed sixth with a time of 2:13:50.

Steve Deckert Male Swimmer
Senior 6-1
Newton Sussex Technical

Steve Deckert was given the Joe Stetz Award for the conference as the most valuable senior swimmer at this past week's MET championships.

Female Athlete of the Week:
Janice Brenner Track

Track athlete Janice Brenner was named the Outstanding Female Student-Athlete by the conference.

MSU Rugby opens with loss to Columbia, 13-5

By Danny Marain
Special to The Montclarion

With horrid weather conditions, the men's rugby team fell short this past Sunday in the first game of the spring season. Columbia outmatched the Revelers with its quick passes and strong maneuvers off its rucks. With the muddy ground conditions, the MSU team created numerous turnovers from the Lions' sloppy ball handling. The first half saw a 22 meter field goal and a 3-0 Lions lead. In the second half, Coach Dan Marain changed the game plan to use the strength of the forwards to carry the ball down the field. With a blocked kick and quick steps, senior captain Cavan Londergan marched the Revelers downfield in route to their first try at the 15:42 mark. The Lions were able to capitalize on a tired wing and scored with eight minutes to go in the game. A late surge by lock John Mendez was stopped at the 35 meter line and the hopes of a come-back for the Revelers was gone.

If interested in taking part of the MSU Men's or Women's Rugby action, contact Campus Recreation at X7443. There are many starting positions open for the team. Beginners are welcome.

Intramural Basketball

By Ed Flannery
Staff Writer

Costly technical fouls ended a potentially great game early as Feel Deeze was disqualified against ONN last Thursday. With the score knotted at 7-7, foul language from the bench caused the game to end abruptly. This will only make for a more interesting match-up if these two titans meet in the play-offs. With the win, ONN improved their record to 5-0.

In other action, The Swarm also remained undefeated with a pair of victories, upping their record to 5-0.

Wednesday, March 3

Delta Chi vs ONN, 8:15
Feel Deeze vs Pi Kappa Alpha, 9:15
Underdogs vs Bears, 10:15

Thursday, March 4

The Swarm over Underdogs, 5-0
Feel Deeze over Pi Kappa Alpha, 9-15
OND over Bears, 10-15

Monday, March 15

Undecided vs Pirate Eyes, 9-15
OND vs Social Drinkers, 11-15

Tuesday, March 16

The Swarm vs Fast Break, 8:15
Delta Chi vs Pirate Eyes, 9:15
Feel Deeze vs OTD, 10:15

Wednesday, March 17

Undecided vs Pi Kappa Alpha, 8:15
The Swarm vs Bears, 9:15
OND vs Social Drinkers, 10-15

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A day in the life of a NY Giant athletic training intern

By Nicholas Ciarletti
Special to The Montclarion

All I look back at the fall semester of 1998, I can only remember one thing, the experience that I had with the New York Giants. As a student athletic trainer for Montclair State University, I was honored to be chosen as the intern for the 1998 NFL season. Many of you may not be aware of what athletic training is or what it involves. Therefore, I plan to discuss briefly the major concepts involved, as well as briefly discuss the experience I had working with the team.

When the term athletic training is mentioned, most people do not fully understand what it means. An athletic trainer is a person who tries to help prevent injuries to the athletes and help them return to full function if they are injured. In addition, they provide treatment to athletes who have already sustained injuries during practice or on game situations. Many high schools, many colleges and universities, and professional organizations provide the care of an athletic trainer for its athletes, including Montclair State University.

MSU is a university that competes on a NCAA Division III, Intercollegiate Athletic program. Included with this is a well-organized athletic training program, which is a concentration within the Physical Education program. There are two types of athletic training programs offered at the education level. They are the curriculum route and the internship route. Montclair State offers an internship route. This means a student involved with the program must complete 13-class semester hours and 1,500 hours of work before they can take the National Athletic Training Association (NATA) certification exam. Each year, John Davis, head athletic trainer for MSU, offers one senior male student the internship position with the New York Giants. For the fall semester of 1998, Davis offered me the position, which I accepted without any hesitation.

The requirements for the 4-credit internship are as follows. Every Wednesday I had to report to Giants stadium to assist with the daily activities. In addition, I was asked to work seven of the regular season games, three of which were away trips. Working for a professional football organization opened my eyes to many new situations and experiences. However, each one of those days was a long one.

At 4:45 a.m., my alarm clock would begin to ring, waking me up to anywhere within a four-block radius. I have to admit, some mornings it wasn’t fun getting out of bed. After a normal morning routine, I was on the road at approximately 6 a.m. I would arrive at the stadium usually within 15 minutes, and then the fun began.

Every Wednesday as I walked from my car to the locker room, I gazed at the enormous structure that had brought thousands of fans to the stadium. It is hard to describe the feeling of walking into the tunnel and then into the locker room. Each time I opened the door to the locker room, I remembered the sign posted outside, “NO UNAUTHORIZED ADMITTANCE!” I couldn’t help but feel like one of the team - as I entered the door.

After walking past all the players lockers and the breakfast table, the first thing I did was set up the athletic training room for the daily treatments. I filled both whirlpools, one hot and one cold. Next, I made 20 ice bags and put them in a cooler for later use. Then I turned on all the modality machines and filled the ultrasound gel bottles. After that, I rolled two dozen ace wraps. Finally, I double-checked the four taping stations and one bandage station for supplies.

The players would arrive sometime around 6:30 a.m. for their daily treatments. Not all the players had injuries, so it wasn’t a mob scene in the athletic training room. Treatment lasted until 8 a.m., which was the scheduled time for meetings. When the players were in the meeting rooms, an employee and I would set up the field for practice. Items to set up included a cooler with 10 ice bags, four water bottles with batteries, 12 towels, a split kit, and six five-gallon water bottle refills. As soon as the field was set up, we returned to the athletic training room and waited for the meetings to be over. While waiting, I restocked all of the taping stations and bandage stations for the athletic trainers to use.

At approximately 10:15 a.m., the players headed out to the field. Practice started at 10:30 a.m. and lasted until 1 p.m. During this time I walked around and made sure that the players were all taken care of. For example, some of the tasks consisted of stretching or sometimes taping a body part. In addition, there had to be clean towels at each practice station.

After practice, I would clean up the field and bring all the supplies back down into the storage room. Once that was completed, some of the players would come in for another round of treatment. It was at this point of the day that I did the most work, such as stretching, giving massages, or applying ice. As soon as all the players were taken care of, I was allowed to eat. The ARAMARK Corporation provided lunch for the entire team and staff every day.

At the conclusion of lunch, the players would have another set of team meetings from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. During this hour and a half, I would restock any of the stations that needed supplies. I would also restock any of the larger items that we needed for the next day. Also, at this time I would shut down all the machines and clean the entire athletic training room. After cleaning nine tables, two whirlpools, and one bench, I would walk over and set up for meetings.

The team doctor, Dr. Warren, made his weekly visit every Wednesday. He would come to the stadium where he had a mini-office and examined any player who the athletic trainers felt needed attention. The doctor sessions usually lasted from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Finally, after a 12-hour day I was exhausted. It was time to go home and relax.

As I think about all the Wednesdays and game days that I spent with the team, I realize how lucky I was to have this experience. Athletic training is an important part of any level of competition, since athletes are going to get hurt and the proper care can get them back on the field as soon as possible. I learned a great deal about the athletic training field while participating in the daily procedures of the NY Giants, and I realized that the players in the NFL are human beings just like the rest of us. All of them have private lives exactly like the ones we have. I also realized that professional athletes don’t have an easy job. These people work 12-hour days, six days a week, and they abuse their bodies for the love of a game.

Finally, after being on the inside at seeing what the NFL is really about, I can only say one thing; maybe someday the fans will realize that there is more to this business than dollar signs.
No. 4 ranked MSU goes to Nationals with six wrestlers

By Tom Sterling
Sports Editor

Montclair State University's wrestling team is now looking to embark on a journey never before completed by any other team in the university's history - win three national titles.

The no. 4 ranked Red Hawks have previously won two national wrestling championships in 1976 and 1986, and will try to make it number three this weekend as head coach Steve Strellner takes six wrestlers to the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Wrestling Championships at The College of New Jersey.

Strellner's six wrestlers qualified for the national tournament when the team won the 1999 Metropolitan Wrestling Tournament Feb. 20. Five wrestlers walked away with individual crowns and a sixth was selected as a "wild card" invitation. In the tournament, Montclair scored 175 team points, outscoring the host school, TCNJ, by 16 points.

"We've got a good shot at it," said Strellner, a 22-year veteran head coach. "If all six wrestle to their potential, anything can happen. I'm just proud of the way we prepared to get to this point in the season."

Sophomores Florian Ghinea, last year's individual champion at 141 pounds, will be leading MSU's group of six. Ghinea's record this year stands at 30-1, and 65-2 for his career. He will try to win the 141 weight class this year, after winning his first national individual title last season at 134 pounds. Meanwhile, sophomore teammate Dominic Dellagatta, at 157 pounds, was named the Metropolitan Tournament's Most Valuable Player with a season record of 29-2 this year. Dellagatta is ranked number two in the nation while Ghinea is number one.

Junior Florian Petrovik will also be represented by sophomore Rami Ratel at 65 pounds, junior Peter Rapps at 174, senior Todd Going at 197, and heavyweight senior Barrett Ceretto.

MSU sends men's and women's basketball teams to ECAC

By Tom Sterling
Sports Editor

The Montclair State University's women's basketball team has been invited to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament for four consecutive years. The lady Hawks' (18-7) first game will be Saturday entering as the number two seed, and will play the number three seed Vassar College (13-11) at least Mount Saint Mary's College.

MSU placed first in the ECAC Tournament as the number two seed two seasons ago and were defeated last season in the ECAC final by Mt. St. Mary's. This will also be the third consecutive season that Montclair State will go up against the number three seed Vassar College. For the past two seasons MSU has managed to be victorious over Vassar, winning 60-49 in the first round of the 1997 tournament, and 61-54 in last season's first round. This invitation to the ECAC Tournament marks the seventh appearance in the tournament for the women's team, with MSU winning three prior championships.

The MSU men's basketball team was also invited to play in the ECAC Tournament, playing their first game last night. They entered the tournament as the number five seed, and travelled to Newburgh, NY, to take on the number two seed Mount Saint Mary's (17-9).

The Red Hawks tipped off against the Blue Knights in the first round of the ECAC Tournament for the second time in three seasons. In the 1997 ECAC Tournament MSU, as the seventh seed, travelled to Mt. St. Mary's and dealt a 66-61 victory to the second seeded New York school. For highlights of the men's game, contact the Office of Sports Information's Hotline at (973) 655-7645.

Red Hawk hockey headed to Metropolitan Collegiate playoffs

Coach Maniscalco confident despite rocky semester

By Kara L. Richardson
Managing Editor

With only a year under their garter belts, the Red Hawks Men's Hockey Club has edged their way into the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference playoffs.

The team will face-off at Montmouth College on Sunday, March 7. This year, the Red Hawks are 0-2 against Monmouth, but Coach Matthew Maniscalco has confidence in his squad.

"Our two games against them, we had only one direct goal against Monmouth. Their goalie is big. Our key to victory is to hang in the rebound," Maniscalco said.

"We need to capitalize on their mistakes," Maniscalco said.

"They like to take a lot of penalties. We need to connect on the power play."

Maniscalco said that Mike Reavely and Anthony Rosillo are the best tandem in the league, making their penalty killing unit supreme.

Rosillo, who has had 62 points in 16 games has been moved back to defense.

Darren Kester has picked up his play for the Red Hawks according to Maniscalco. "He's cherry picking goals; left and right," Maniscalco said.

Sunday's game will begin a three round tournament. If the Red Hawks come out on top, they will face the winner of the County College of Morris vs. Al­bany game in the final four on Sat­urday, March 13. The championship game for the Metropolitan League is Sunday, March 14. Call Floyd Hall Arena for directions or more information (973) 746-7744.