Kosovo conflict worries MSU Serbian native

By Kara L. Richardson
Managing Editor

For eight hours, Melinko Beric, an MSU sophomore and Serbian native could only imagine the fate of his mother, sister and grandparents in Serbia as he watched footage of his homeland burning on CNN.

When Beric got news of NATO’s rain of bombing, he sped from his Bohn Hall room to his uncle’s house in Short Hills to try to reach his family by phone.

From 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., he dialed and redialed trying to hear a familiar voice. With so many other people calling, the circuits were busy, and he was left to wait and worry.

The only news he heard was from CNN telling him that targets had been hit in his hometown of Novi Sad, the second largest city in Serbia.

Finally, Beric reached his mother.

“I was in a state of disbelief. There is nothing there to aim for,” Beric said while leaning forward propping his head with his hand. He said the first bomb landed a mile from his childhood home where his mother panicked alone as the windows rattled.

His mother was not expecting his call. She had been hit in her hometown of Belgrade closed, his sister returned from the first attack, but now she responded to dozens of sirens daily.

Because the University of Belgrade closed, his sister returned home, Beric said, and his grandparents are also staying with his family. His immediate family still resides in the war-torn region.

5% tuition increase proposed for FY 2000

By Justin Velucci
Opinion Page Editor

A five percent hike in undergraduate tuition for Fiscal Year 2000 is being proposed by the MSU Board of Trustees, said Harry Schuckel, Vice President of Budget, Planning, and Information Technology, at a BOT tuition hearing held on Tuesday.

The proposed increase will raise the cost of an undergraduate credit for New Jersey residents by $5.01 for Fall 2000 and $4.78 for Summer 2000.

Non-residents will experience a $9.50, or 6.5 percent, increase for fall and a $10.45, or 6.8 percent, increase for summer semesters, respectively.

A graduate credit will increase $13.85, or 7.2 percent, for New Jersey residents and $30.77, or 12.7 percent, for non-residents.

“We have tried to keep increases modest,” said President Susan Cole.

The proposed tuition hike, if approved in its present form, will be the lowest tuition increase at MSU since 1994.

“The state is likely to give us a maximum of $1,480,000,” said Schuckel in a prepared statement before the BOT, “but the salary increases [faculty and administrative] will fall on MSU’s shoulders.

“We have to make some kind of estimate that we think is reasonable,” said Schuckel. “My guess is that it will be at, or around, 5 percent.”

In preliminary FY 2000 budget statements, Governor Christine Todd Whitman has stated that, while there will be a 2.5 percent increase in general appropriations plus a possible one percent increase if MSU meets certain indicators, the state will not assume increases in negotiated contract salaries.

The Council of New Jersey State College Locals and the American Federation of Teachers, the teacher’s union at this and eight other state institutions, begin negotiations before the BOT.

Student member resigns from BOT

By Venessa Benfatto
Special to The Montclarion

Board of Trustees’ Alternate Student resigned on March 5 because of personal commitments.

The Student Government Association replaced Alternate, Lauren Stevens, with SGA’s Attorney General, Lauren Jacoby.

“It isn’t unusual for this to happen. Students on the board take it very seriously and it does take a lot of time, so some can’t commit,” said SGA Secretary, Rose Call.

BOT member Lily K. Lai refused comment about Stevens’ resignation.

Upon inquiry, Lai said, “In that case you have the wrong number.”

According to Call, the job of the BOT is to serve the students.

“She [Jacoby] is very student oriented, she is always there when you need her. She enjoys what she is doing.”

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**US readies war crimes trial for Yugoslavia**

President Clinton is “very disturbed” by reports of Serb atrocities against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and has “redoubled his resolve” to continue NATO’s round-the-clock air campaign against Yugoslavia, his spokesman said Tuesday. “We have heard reports of atrocities, and we have clear examples of ethnic cleansing,” White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said. But he said the Clinton administration could not confirm that genocide was taking place in Kosovo, a Serbian province.

“Those who commit war crimes risk being held to account,” Lockhart said. “We have seen the kind of violence that is consistent with the use of Kosovo as a testing ground, as a means of——.”

Milosevic terms for peace

After several hours of talks, Russian Prime Minister Yegor Primakov says Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is willing to participate in new Kosovo peace talks — but only if NATO air strikes stop.

In the West, Milosevic is widely considered the force behind a reported campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Albanian population in Kosovo.

Milosevic also demanded an end to support for the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army — which wants independence for the province — and political negotiations that would respect the interests of all religious groups in Kosovo.

Cubas granted asylum in Brazil

Disgraced former President Raul Cubas of Paraguay arrived in Brazil on Tuesday, heading to review the proposal after an outbreak of a flu epidemic plagued with maintenance problems. Brian Fairlie wants his town to jump on the bandwagon and join those that resulted in a multi-million dollar bill. In the West, Milosevic is widely considered the force behind a reported campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Albanian population in Kosovo.

Prima said Milosevic told him that Belgrade might be willing to reduce the Yugoslav troop presence in Kosovo should there be a cease-fire.

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“(Granting asylum) has been a long tradition in Latin America. Since the 1920s, when there were——.”

**Local News**

Montclair aims at gun makers

Atlanta, Miami, Chicago, Bridgeport and New Orleans: the list of big cities suing gun manufacturers keeps growing, in a bandwagon effect reminiscent of the states’ litigation against the tobacco industry that resulted in a multi-billion-dollar settlement.

Now, Montclair Mayor William Fairlie wants to make gun makers feel it very important to preserve the town’s political turmoil to a new presidential election in the upcoming weeks. Fairlie wants Montclair to be on the forefront of smaller towns attacking the gun makers.

Devaluing the GED fails

Facing strong objections by teachers and other educators, the state Department of Education is backing down on a proposal to scrap the GED high school equivalency diploma.

Former Education Commissioner Leo Klugholz had proposed to downgrade the certificate in the year 2001 in an effort to draw distinction between those who meet New Jersey’s high school curriculum requirements and those who just take a test.

Incoming Education Commissioner David Hespe said yesterday he called for the department to review the proposal after an outcry from educators, who feared that offering a certificate would discourage students from taking the test. **For the Record**

In the March 25 issue of The Montclarion in “Drug raid nabs two Clove Road Apt. residents imprisioning one” Adam D. Clover was charged with three counts of possession of CDS with intent to distribute, possession with intent to distribute hypodermic syringes, possession of CDS paraphernalia and two counts of possession of CDS. John Barberio was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of CDS. The Montclarion apologizes for the error.

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No Butts About It: Cigarette Sale Rejected

By Joe Moran
Special to The Montclarion

The on-campus cigarette sale request was recently rejected by Dr. Susan Cole, MSU's president.

An SGA survey conducted by legislator Quatey Franklin determined if students thought campus cigarette sales would be financially beneficial and helpful to MSU students. 80 percent of the surveyed students were non-smokers and MSU maintains its non-smoking policies.

Representatives from the Office of Student Development and Campus Life said that MSU is nationally recognized for its Health and Physical Education programs, and selling cigarettes on campus would be hypocritical.

The new Executive Secretary of the SGA, Latacha Shena Casterlow, said that the SGA is here on campus to provide for the needs of the student on campus.

Casterlow said she does not know if the sales would financially benefit the university because the vending machine owners would collect the profit. Casterlow said vending machine sales would benefit students because they would probably be sold at regular retail price, compared to the C-Store's higher prices.

"The University should not sell them. If they don't sell alcohol, then they should not sell cigarettes," said junior, Anthony Vecheri.

"It would be nice to have the sales on campus because instead of everyone asking another person who smokes if they could 'spare' a cigarette, they could just go and buy their own," said one student.

"I would rather go on campus to purchase cigarettes than go to the local gas station down the block or on a highway somewhere," said another student.

Mr. Khan, C-Store manager, said he would not mind selling cigarettes because it would increase the store's sales. Khan said the only negative aspect about cigarette sales would be the identification checks of the students who appear underage.

Robert Genner, the director of MSU's Food Service, said that they are also there to provide for the needs of students.

"We're checking with the local authorities to see what the tuition ordinances would have been if we were to have the sales of cigarettes in vending machines," said Kahn. "If we were to have the sales though, the prices would be relatively the same as the local convenience store or 7-Eleven."

"We will do whatever we need to do about the situation. We'll respond to what we can do and will do it within a quick amount of time," Kevin Rakosky, assistant to the president of MSU's Auxiliary Services, said before the request was denied.

A past attempt to institute on-campus cigarette sales was also rejected by former President Reid. The reason for both failures was citations of smoking's harmful health effects.

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does, and she goes the extra mile," said Chief-of-Staff Brett Klein who advised SGA president Anton Wheeler on the appointment.

Since Vitaly Satanovsky, the Voting representative, is graduating, Jacoby will soon be a voting member.

"I feel that she will have more voice for the students," said Wheeler. The SGA's final decision about Jacoby was made in yesterday's legislature meeting.

Some of the responsibilities of a BOT student member, according to Article VII in the Statutes of the SGA, are to adhere to the responsibilities and confidential matters made by the State Board of Higher Education. The position also includes sharing information with the board and other concerned parties, including the SGA and the Graduate Student Council.

According to Article VII, if a vacancy occurs in either of the two student positions on the BOT - Voting or Alternate Student - the President must appoint a student who meets the outlined qualifications if the legislature consents.

The article also states that the individual must be a US citizen of at least 18 years, a regular full time student. The student must have completed at least 30 credits at the end of the semester and have surpassed freshman status with at least a 2.5 cumulative average.

VRS Crash Causes Registration Headaches

Christine Zielinski
Assistant News Editor

The new Voice Response System endured technical difficulties yesterday morning. Denise DeBlasio, of MSU's Registrar, said that the system was partially down from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"It was only down for a couple hours," DeBlasio said. "The system came on as scheduled, but then the lines slowly started to deteriorate. Then, they started slowly coming back on until we were at maximum capacity at 11 a.m."

The Long Island company, Paraphonics Corporations, had technical problems, but they repaired them shortly.

"They [Paraphonics Corporations] referred to it as a low-level software problem," DeBlasio said.

Some students endured extended waits or busy signals, but DeBlasio said that the students were cooperative.

"The students were very good about it," DeBlasio said. "Our staff took care of them individually over the phone."

"I started calling at 8 a.m., but I couldn't get through," freshman, history major, Nicole Patterson said. "I registered for one class and then it was just dead air."

Patterson said that she set the phone down and proceeded her routine preparation for class. When she picked the phone up again, she still heard nothing.

"One of my friends came in and told me to go to the Registrar," Patterson said. "After I did that, I was finished in 10 minutes."

"I saw that my roommate was having problems trying to get through for about an hour and a half," said one student. "My registration time was moved later, so I just went down to College Hall to register."

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important,” said Vitaly Satonovsky, Board of Trustees student representative. “We need to get behind this and we need to lobby (the state for better funding).”

Satonovsky said that the proposed tuition and fees increase was more than fair, considering the appropriations from the state and the rate of inflation. In addition to the tuition increase, students will see a variety of increases in special fees.

Schuckel proposed increases to the Athletic, Student Union Building, Facilities, and Computer Technology fees.

There has also been a proposed 4 1/2 percent increase to the Residence Hall rate and a three percent increase to meal plans, though these increases are contractual matters and will not be placed before the board for a vote.

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parents are also staying with his mother for safety.

Beric’s thoughts turned to how and when he can return home.

“I planned to go,” Beric said. “My mother tells me not to.”

With heavy limitations on times men can exit the war-torn county, Beric and his family fear he would not be allowed to return to the United States for school. Even his plans to travel to Serbia over summer vacation may be curtailed because of the bombing.

“I can’t just sit here and do nothing,” Beric said.

Beric said he spends his time now watching TV and checking the latest reports on the Internet. E-mail is the quickest and most reliable form of communication between Beric and his friends.

“Clinton said that NATO had nothing against the Serbian people but they are the ones affected,” Beric said. “Dealing with the people is easy, but when you deal with the political, it is hard.”

“It must be like a video game for them [NATO],” Beric said. “Our military technology is 20 years in the past. I don’t know how bombing can help the situation, they are exchanging lives for lives.”

On Beric’s last trip to Serbia over the summer, he knew something was happening, but could not see it. He said that Serbia’s government controlled the media. “I got completely opposite views,” Beric said. “The truth is probably somewhere in between.”

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“We only have our history and our heritage. The more he stands up to NATO, the more people respect him,” Beric said.

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Heater fails in Stone Hall

By Brian Pedersen
Assistant News Editor

The recurring maintenance problems that plagued Stone Hall in recent months have been fixed for weeks, according to Kiki Williams, the Director of the Physical Plant. The lack of proper heating in Stone Hall was one problem area that has been temporarily fixed, but still may pose a threat again next winter. The source of this problem can be traced to the main heating system in the mechanical control rooms in the basement of Stone Hall, said Williams.

There are plans to renovate the main heating system in the mechanical control rooms of Freeman, Webster and Stone Hall for the fiscal year 2000, said Williams. "This will cost close to $85,000."

Since the building’s construction in 1955, all of the original parts, including the hot water pipes, are still in use. According to Williams, this is what contributed to the various mechanical problems that Stone Hall residents have experienced. Aside from the main problems of a malfunctioning fire alarm system and boiler rooms, Tara Morlando, the Director of Residence Life, does not anticipate any current maintenance issues with the building.

"The only problem we had was with the hot water, which we worked on with the Physical Plant," Morlando said. "The fire alarms had to be addressed a few times, and EP Read, an outside fire alarm system company took care of that."

Michelle Chafatelli, a Stone Hall resident, said that her window had fallen out of her dorm room last October, and it took the maintenance crew several weeks to fix the window. "We have a big window that opens out in our room. It fell out and it took forever to fix. It wasn’t fixed until the beginning of November," Chafatelli said. The window has now been sealed shut, according to Chafatelli. Morlando agreed that a window may have needed replacement, but said it would take a minimum of a day at most.

"I’ve never had a window break and have no one attend to the situation," said Morlando. Williams said maintenance had responded immediately, since they were on campus removing snow. "I got a call from dispatch on Sunday, March 14. We sent a carpenter up there immediately," Williams said.

She also said that it was the only window that she knew of in Stone Hall that had needed a replacement in recent months. The SGA had an open forum concerning Stone Hall on March 3. According to SGA legislator Wilie Fanfan, students at the meeting made a list of complaints about maintenance problems they had been experiencing. Some of the complaints listed were a lack of proper water temperature and blackouts which occurred only in Stone Hall.

"The students told me that since Stone Hall is the smallest building, they get shafted," said Fanfan.

"I think Stone Hall gets overlooked because it’s the oldest building," said Chafatelli. Concerning the restoration of the boiler rooms in Stone Hall, Morlando felt that maintenance was cooperative and had responded to the situation in a timely and efficient manner. "This school can’t staff maintenance 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Eric Cameron, Resident Assistant. "They managed to be here until late at night. I appreciate the effort they made to be here."

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id you know that according to information from the National Crime Prevention Council, at least one rape occurs in America every minute? Did you know that one in three women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime? How about the fact that statistical evidence suggests that 35-60 percent of women who were surveyed said they would commit sexual assault if they knew they could get away with it? Or that 28 percent of college women surveyed stated that they had either been victims of rape or an attempt at rape? In another study, women replied that they “had been subjected to a coercive sexual encounter on date rape” (Koss, Gidycz & Wisniewski). Although 25% of women reported that their assailants were strangers, the remaining women reported that they knew their assailants. Studies show that 60-75 percent of rapists said they knew their victims. This evidence suggests that millions of women a year are being sexually victimized by someone they know. 

Acquaintance or date rape is a crime. It is not a crime of passion, but one that uses sex as a weapon to gain power and control. It is sometimes fueled by the use of alcohol or drugs. It can occur if a woman feels obligated to give in to the demands of her date because he bought dinner.

The most important weapon a woman can use to protect herself from becoming another statistic is her intelligence. Although one may feel safe enough when out on a date to drink heavily, think twice. It is to your benefit to remain clear-headed so you can make the right decisions regarding your body. The same goes for drugs. People are not invincible from harm if they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. They can get hurt while they are under the influence of substances.

If you have been invited on a first date, try to go out with a group of friends instead of being completely alone with a stranger. If you insist on a private date, it is smarter to meet the person out in public and bring your own drinks rather than have them pick you up at home or go to their house. Let someone who cares about you know where you will be at that night in case of an emergency. If you happen to meet someone while you are out with your friends, do not isolate yourself from your group or take a walk with this stranger. Do not get into a stranger’s car. Remember that a potential rapist will most likely resemble someone you would know and trust.

If you are out drinking with your friends, also remember to watch your drink at all times. Do not leave it on the bar unattended or have a stranger hold it for a second while you run to the ladies room or tie your shoe. According to an article by the director of the Emergency Response and Research Institute in Chicago, the “date rape” drug called Rohypnol has been slipped into girls’ drinks “in hopes of lowering inhibitions and facilitating potential sexual conquest.” Unknown women can find themselves to be the victims of a sexual assault the next morning if someone was able to give them the drug. Remember to stay with your friends, watch how many drinks you have and do not leave your drink unattended for a second. It may be the only way that you can guarantee that you will stay safe.

If you believe you have been the victim of a sexual assault, get help immediately. Call someone you trust and tell them that you need help. Do not shower or change, but go directly to the nearest emergency room for an evaluation. There are many counseling centers and hotlines available that deal with the issue of date rape as a confidential matter. For further information or counseling, you can contact a rape crisis hotline in New Jersey by dialing the toll free number 1-888-8-RAPE. You can also access information from the National Crime Prevention Council off the Internet at www.ncpc.org. If you have or think you have been a victim of a sexual assault, you are not alone. There are many people out there willing to offer their support and guidance.

Many people see Easter as a holiday that is only celebrated on one Sunday of the year, but it is actually a festival which lasts about forty days. The first part of the season is known as Lent. This is a time for fasting and giving up the things that are dear to you. The final week of Lent is referred to as Holy Week. On Sunday marks the first day of this seven day celebration. On this day, many churches distribute palm leaves as a symbol of the leave branchings and clothing that people put before Jesus during his entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday is celebrated during Holy Week in order to recall Jesus’ last meal, His arrest, and imprisonment. Good Friday, also a part of Holy Week, signifies the death of Jesus on the cross. Holy Saturday is a day of solemn vigil. At nightfall, the observance of the resurrection approaches. Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Many churches hold outdoor masses at sunrise on this day. Many Christians then set aside the day for feasting and celebration.

Another holiday associated with the spring season is the Jewish festival of Passover, which is also called Pesach. The story of Passover recounts the birth of the people of the Jewish faith as a nation. It began when Moses arrived with his family in Egypt to be with his son Joseph, the Viceroy of all Egypt. In Egypt, Joseph provided a place for the people of Israel to prosper. After Joseph’s death, King Pharaoh became the ruler of Egypt, and ignored all that Joseph had done for the people of Israel. The Pharaoh and his council decided to enslave the Israelites before they became too powerful. He decided to limit the freedom of the Hebrews by forced heavy labor and taxes upon them in hopes that they would stop multiplying. The people of Israel were forced to work long hours in brick-making and to follow the Israelites. The Israelites, however, continued to multiply and prosper, much to the dismay of King Pharaoh. The king then decided to force the Israelites to send all of their newly born male children into the Nile. A visit from the Pharaoh’s daughter to Egypt changed the perilous fate of the Israelites. She discovered a baby boy floating along the Nile, and considered him to be a son of Pharaoh. When Moses was around six months old, he entered the palace with his brother to plead with the king to free the Israelites. He denied their request. Moses then informed him that their god would punish both him and his people if he did not oblige. He stated there would be a series of plagues that would ravage Egypt. The Pharaoh scoffed at his prophecies.

Egypt was overcome by a series of plagues after Moše’s visit to the king. The waters of Egypt were turned to blood, and lice infested the land, and wild animals roamed the country, destroying everything in its path. The Pharaoh promised to let the Jews go free, but when the plagues ended, he broke his promise. Egypt then continued to be destroyed by more plagues that resulted in the death of all the firstborn in the land of Egypt. The Pharaoh then had no choice but to free the Israelites. The children of Nissan were finally redeemed on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Nissan in 2448.

Today, the festival begins on this 15th day, when the Jews were finally liberated from the Egyptians after years of slavery and punishment. It is celebrated for eight days by most Jews at their homes in a ceremony called the Haggadah. Foods symbolic of the Israelites escape from Egypt are also placed on the table. The most important symbol is the unraised bread called matzo or matzah. According to the Bible, the Israelites did not have time to let their bread rise when the Pharaoh let them go free. Instead, the made flat bread. Therefore, Jews eat this flattened bread which they refer to as matzo during Passover.

Both of these holidays have become a very important part of our culture. They symbolize freedom and the coming of new life. These holidays are held close to the hearts of many people and should be respected by all. Enjoy the celebration of this holiday season and remember the traditions behind it.

Lisa Gribbin also contributed to this article.
With holiday weekend approaching, perhaps some of us will engage in some traditional Easter activities. Maybe we’ll make Easter baskets for our loved ones, go on a hunt for eggs, or shave chocolate and marshmallow bunnies down our throats. But did you ever wonder why we all seem to participate in these traditions? Why did we start the tradition of eating eggs and nothing to do with the religious holidays of Easter and Passover?

The tradition of the Easter bunny has its roots in pre-Christian times, although it seems to have first reared its head in German writings in the 1500s. The rabbit was the most fertile animal known, and symbolized new life during the season of spring. It was first introduced into the folklore of America by Germans who settled into the Pennsylvania Dutch Country in the 1700s. A visit from the Easter bunny was as exciting to the children of America as the arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. They believed that if they had behaved well all year, the Easter bunny would lay a nest full of colored eggs. The children would build a nest for the anticipated rabbit out of their caps and bonnets to hold the eggs that would await them the next morning. Ever wonder where the tradition of the dying of eggs started? Persians first began this practice in the 13th century, where they colored eggs to celebrate spring. Crusaders from the Middle East continued the tradition of dying the egg, and spread the practice throughout Europe. Europeans continued to use the colored eggs not only for Easter, but to also celebrate other spring holidays and festivals.

The coloring of Easter eggs began in the United States in the 1700s by the Pennsylvania Dutch settlers, who also started the tradition of the Easter bunny in America. A druggist from New Jersey began to sell Easter egg dye to his neighbors. The tradition caught on, and he developed the first dye for eggs to be sold in the United States. And so is the story of the bunny and the egg. If you are wondering where the tradition of eating tons of candy came from, that developed from Germany, also. The first edible bunnies were first made during the 1800s. So if you decide to eat chocolate rabbits and eggs until you feel sick this Easter, at least you know how the traditions started. Happy holidays!

**APRIL FOOLS!!!**

On April 1, thousands of pranksters are in their glory — getting a couple laughs and no hurt feelings. Pulitzer Prize winners and members of the media sometimes engage in some traditional pranks. As you got older, how many people they wish.

My friend was pregnant and I called my little brother. When her brother was placed in the classroom.

A couple MSU students shared some stories about memorable April Fools jokes they either played on or had played on them in the past. One MSU student said he was deported back to Cuba.

Some people, who either were not aware of this change or simply did not believe it to be true, continued to observe April 1 as New Year’s Day. Because of this, other people would play tricks on them, calling them “April fools” and trying to make them believe something false was actually true.

If you sleep in Blanton, be aware that you might wake up to a surprise. Several pranks have involved placing in the classroom. You know how the traditions started. Happy holidays!
The Corruptor makes corruption seem all the rage

By Dominic Banks
Staff Writer

Film director James Foley has successfully crafted an action, adult drama based on the reality of violence in New York’s Chinatown area wherein the seductive lust for power is unimaginable. The Corruptor stars the international action-movie star Chow Yun-Fat (The Replacement Killers) and Mark Wahlburg (Boogie Nights, Fear, and The Big Hit) who portray two New York police officers from opposite worlds who find themselves in a game of deceit, greed, and betrayal.

Yun-Fat plays officer Nick Chen, the NYPD’s newest recruit—a first-generation Chinese-born immigrant to be on the force. Chen has emerged to such constructive ranks by using his association with the Triads, the Chinese Mafia. Chen presently is a gold shield functionary and chief law enforcer of New York’s Asian Gang Unit whose ultimate task is to maintain peace in Chinatown. However, brutality and chaos erupts in Chinatown as its criminal nerve center, the Triads, is violently rivaled by newly arrived and dangerous Fukienese Dragons.

The film becomes more interesting when Daniel Wallace (Mark Wahlburg), enters the scene as a new recruit for the Asian Gang Unit and becomes Chen’s partner with a hidden agenda of his own. Of course, there are racial tensions between Wallace and Chen, but the two officers cooperate with one another in many life-threatening situations.

Unfortunately, the malevolent presence of Triads’ diabolical second-in-command Henry Lee (played by Ric Young from Seven Year’s in Tibet) threatens Daniel’s life as Lee plans to corrupt Wallace by gaining his loyalty through greed in a plot to take over all of Triad’s criminal enterprises. The story takes a twist as Chen discovers Lee’s plot for Wallace and severs his ties to him to protect his partner.

Lee cunningly supplies Wallace with information that helps Wallace to infiltrate and expose an illegal porn racket in Chinatown. As a result, Wallace is awarded for his heroism and bravery in active duty. However, he soon realizes that all of his accomplished dreams are orchestrated by Lee to gain Daniel’s unquestioned service. Lee also uses the matter of Daniel’s father’s debt to dangerous creditors, as a ploy to hold over his head.

Eventually, Chen and Wallace join forces to vanquish the evil powermonger.

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FASTBALL CONCERT TO AIR ON PBS APRIL 3: A few months ago, Fastball taped an appearance for the PBS show Austin City Limits, and now the airing of April 3 has been announced. (Some PBS stations may hold the show for another date, so check local listings.) The program showcases music artists who “display exceptional musicianship and songwriting talents.”

HOLDING OVER FOREIGNER FANS: Foreigner fans have been patiently waiting for the band to release their first album since 1995’s Mr. Moonlight, and now they have a reason to cheer. The band members have fired their manager, their former major client, Geffen nor Q-Prime are returning calls on the matter. speculation has it, or whether it was a mutual parting of ways. As of press time, neither Corgan has been writing for the band. The tour will begin April 10 in Detroit at St. Moritz Arena recently spoke to us about the track: “It was produced by Mick Jones, who was the writer for the song. Lou Gramm, who did the original vocals in the song, has just released her latest album, In Deep, which features a cover of “I Want To Know What Love Is,” produced by Foreigner’s Mick Jones and featuring guest vocals by Lou Gramm. Arena recently spoke to us about the track: “It was produced by Mick Jones, who was the writer for the song.Lou Gramm, who did the original vocals in the song, actually did some backgrounds and was a special vocal guest on it as well, sort of duetted with me a little. And it was fun... a little spooky, too, getting into the studio with the guys, the creators of it, really.” Foreigner will be co-headlining a tour with Journey this summer, and expect to have their next album out before the end of the year.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST: High profile management firm Q-Prime, who were fired by the Smashing Pumpkins in November 1998, have lost another major client. Hole. Hole has not been determined whether Hole fired the company, as industry sources are keeping mum. As of press time, neither Geffen nor Q-Prime are returning calls on the matter. Smashing Pumpkins will be heading out on a brief club tour, possibly to road-test a few of the new songs Billy Corgan has been writing for the band. The tour will begin April 10 in Detroit at St. Andrew’s Hall, and will hit eight other cities.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND TOUR DATES: This past Saturday, the Dave Matthews Band played at The Asbury Park, and also announced tour dates for June and July. There has been a huge demand for tickets, and more dates may be added in select cities without notice. The band will kick off a tour May 1 in Tampa, Florida.

FOR R. KELLY, THE MORE TOURMATES, THE MERRIER: Singer/songwriter R. Kelly says he’s excited about his upcoming tour, which will kick off May 5 at the Compuware Arena in Detroit, and also announced tour dates for June and July. There has been a huge demand for tickets, and more dates may be added in select cities without notice. The band will kick off a tour May 1 in Tampa, Florida.

HOLLYWOOD STARS PROTEST AFGHAN ‘Gender Apartheid’: (Reuters) - Hundreds of prominent American women and Hollywood stars gathered Monday night to protest what they called “gender apartheid” by Afghanistan’s Taliban rulers against millions of abused and oppressed women. Attending the widely publicized public show of support for Afghan women were actors, musicians, activists and producers, includ­ ing Marlo Thomas, Linda Carter, Morgan Fairchild, Sidney Poitier, Lionel Richie, Melissa Etheridge, Geena Davis, Dyan Cannon and her daughter Jennifer Grant, and Naomi, Ashley and Wynonna Judd.

FORMER SPICE GIRL GERI TURNS INTO A GHOUL: (Reuters) - Former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, who metamorphosed from feisty Ginger Spice to demure sophisticate, is poised to adopt a new guise in a ghoulish video for her debut single, The Mirror reported Tuesday. In a series of pictures, the tabloid unveiled the new-look Geri — in a flowing white gown and with long, red extensions to her hair — prancing around tombstones followed by a group of nuns.
Not Just Reviews
What's the deal Montclair?

By Jon'ai Sullivan
Staff Writer

The Hip-Hop culture has again lost an other soldier to a sad act of violence. Early Saturday night, the rusty voiced member of The Lost Boyz, known as “Freaky” Tah was shot assassination style, once in the head. Raymond Rogers was shot outside of The Sheraton Hotel in South Jamaica, Queens, while talking to friends after leaving a party at the hotel. A masked gunman forcefully ambushed the 28-year-old rapper from the back and shot once. He then was rushed to Jamaica Hospital in Queens, where he was pronounced dead.

“Freaky” Tah was a father of two and devoted to his community. He, along with The Lost Boyz, including Mr. Cheeks, Pretty Lou, and Spigg Nice were role models in their Queens neighborhood where they grew up, supplying the youth with many alternatives to violence on the streets. The case is still under investigation in New York City, as the Hip-Hop culture mourns the loss.

In other news, Dr. Dre’s “Chronic:2000” project is an anticipated album after his 1992 Chronic album. The title of the album has become popular amongst others. The incarcerated CEO of Death Row Records, Suge Knight, has decided to do his own rendition of “Chronic: 2000.” The Death Row version of “The Chronic 2000” is a compilation of remixed and previously unreleased material that was recorded when Dre was still employed by Death Row. Dr. Dre’s “Chronic” however, will feature all-new tracks.

Enimen is coming to our area to promote his album “Slim Shady LP” which is now at #4 on the Billboard Charts. The April 15 show at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York will also feature appearances by The Beatnuts and Mix Master Mike, the Beastie Boys’ touring DJ. Be on the look out for that.

“Freaky” Tah (far right) was yet another hip-hop artist that was the victim of a senseless homicide.

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Hip - Hop Top 10

1. Mobb Depp - Quiet Storm
2. Myndcruzk - Remember Tha Face
3. Masterminds - Bring It Back
4. Raekwon & Am. Cream Team - Giant Size
5. Black Moon - Two Turntables & A Mic
6. Demastas - Feel No Guilt f. Nine
7. The Last Emperor - Secret Wars Part 1
8. Aphilliation - Dry Tears
10. Rahzel from The Roots - All I Know

Haze - WMSC 90.3
Thursdays 7-9 p.m.

STUFF TO SCOOBY DOOBY DO...

Thurs, April 1
Super Furry Animals / The Butterflies of Love,
Maxwells, Hoboken NJ
Love & Rockets / Orgy,
Irving Plaza, NYC

Fri, April 2
Galactic, Irving Plaza, NYC
Fallen Angel, Calico Jacks, Oceanside NY
Peter Rabbit, Memorial Auditorium

Sat, April 3
Buckwheat Zydeco,
Tramps, NYC
Black 47, Connollys, NYC

Sun, April 4
The Olivia Tremor Control / Elf Power,
Maxwells, Hoboken NJ

Mon, April 5
Residents, Irving Plaza, NYC
Susannah, The Met, NYC

Tues, April 6
Eileen Ivers, Bowery Ballroom, NYC
Tango Magic, Carnegie Hall, NYC

Wed, April 7
The Queen of Spades, The Met, NYC
The Tokyo String Quartet, Lincoln Center Alice Tully Hall, NYC

If there are any exciting events you know of that should be placed on this calendar, please contact Lynette at x 5241.
**movie**

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and his co-conspirators, the Fukienese Drago­

ons. The Corruptor is a well-developed drama that truly brings to light the adver­

bial transaction between good and evil in every suspenseful and intriguing manner possible. Wahlburg’s performance is utterly forceful and sincere as Yun-Fat’s modern­

day air of gallantry is a real winner on the screen.

What really made the movie were the efficient and reasonable plot combinations that were driven by the emotional states of the characters. Their covert plans and de­

sires exceeded mere ingenuity.

Director James Foley has excellently ap­plied his strong visual style and meticu­

lous direction of actors as displayed in his other films (At Close Range, After Dark My Sweet, and Glengarry Glen Ross) to this film. Other notables in The Corruptor are: Paul Ben-Actor (A Civil Action) as an FBI agent determined to put Chen behind bars for his involvement with the Triads; Eliza­

beth Lindsey (Bulworth) as Louise Deng, a

member of the Asian Gang Unit; Brian Cox (The Boxer, Bravelyheart, and Chain Reac­

tion) as Daniel’s father, and ex-cop with a destructive gambling habit; Byron Mann (Red Conery) as Bobby Vu, a young killer who uses murder, fear, and violence to climb the criminal ladder; and newcomer Jon Ki Lee as Jack, a young hoo who is entrapped in Nick Chen’s war on the Fukienese Dragons.

The complex dynamics of male relation­

ships, and the extent to which gang wars and street violence can bring misery to a com­

munity of innocent civilians are profoundly explored within this film. Its greatest weapon is the consistent and powerful theme of stunted affection and trust between com­

promised partners — including the bitter, but not broken relationship between Wallace and his father, and the nefarious scheming of archvillain Henry Lee.

The movie was produced by Oliver Stone and Den Halsted, and written by Rob­

ert Pucci.

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**THE MONTCLARION is holding its Editorial Board Elections on Thursday, April 15 at 9PM**

in the Montclarion office - SC Annex 113

The following positions will be up for election:

- Editor-In-Chief
- Opinion Page Editor
- Managing Editor
- Sports Editor
- Treasurer
- Chief Copy Editor
- News Editor
- Humor Editor
- Feature Editor
- Cartoonist
- Arts and Entertainment Editor

The elections are open to the entire MSU community. All MSU students are eli­

gible to run for positions. Please call Editor-In-Chief, Kevin P. Hancock at 973-655-5230 for more information.
Do you think that the state of New Jersey considers education an important financial priority?

No, I received very minimal financial aid as an undergraduate, and now as a graduate student at MSU, I get nothing and am forced to borrow on Stafford Loans to stay in school. If education is so important, why do criminals get four times as much money in New Jersey as the average student? What kind of message is that sending out to young people?

Shary Gonzalez, Biology

Question of the Week:

How do you feel about the five percent tuition increase proposed for Fiscal Year 2000?

Let your voice be heard!

Call 655-7616 or e-mail VellucciJ@alpha.montclair.edu to respond.

The Montclarion - Tim Casey - April 1, 1999

The Proposed FY2000 Tuition Hike

In the April 16, 1998 edition of The Montclarion, Harry Schuckel, Vice President of Budget, Planning, and Information Technology, attempted to explain to students why tuition would be hiked in Fiscal Year 1999. “This year we face a particularly difficult decision process with regard to tuition.” A few months after that statement, the MSU Board of Trustees voted to hike tuition 7.5 percent.

Well, now it’s one year later and, with the recent Board of Trustees hearing, a vote to hike tuition is again in our midst. For this, we can thank one person: Governor Christine Todd Whitman, fighter for the rights of students and champion of education funding.

On Tuesday, the BOT held a tuition hearing where Schuckel announced that the proposed undergraduate, NJ-resident tuition increase stood at five percent. The graduate tuition increase for NJ-residents is proposed at 7.2 percent. Though the state of New Jersey will be increasing general appropriations to MSU 2.5 percent, with a possible added percent based on certain academic and fiscal indicators, Governor Whitman has stated that state funds will not support any increases in negotiated salaries. With the American Federation of Teachers and several other worker unions, set to negotiate with the state in the coming months, the dependence upon student tuition funds will be significant.

But why are we talking of tuition increases in terms of what will hurt the least? Many students chose to attend MSU due to its affordability and the fact that tuition continues to steadily climb...

Attn: Opinion Page Editor, Montclair State University, 113 Student Center Annex, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043

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State Fiscal Trends & One Student's Search for Information

Campus Recreation goes beyond the rumbling of recent intramural events

In response to the "Let's Get Ready to Rumble" picture that Tim Casey took last week, I would like to emphasize the finer points of the Department of Campus Recreation and Intramural Services.

First off, let me say, I support Mr. Casey's decision to take the picture and Mr. Hancock's decision, as Editor-In-Chief, to print it. (Simply put, I support freedom of the press.)

The picture itself, however, does not tell the full story and is a poor reflection of the Department of Campus Recreation. Fourteen teams have competed in our intramural basketball league and only two have been involved in an altercation, leaving 86 percent of the league that has not been involved in an altercation. 54 games have been played as of March 19. Only two have resulted in an incident, resulting in 96 percent of the games not involving an incident. Obviously, the positives far outweigh the negatives!

After the incident took place and the picture was taken on March 17, both the student supervisor and the other officials followed through with the correct procedures so that the game could continue as scheduled and order could be restored. This was another positive! Unfortunately, incidents do happen and mistakes are made but overall the intramural basketball program runs smoothly.

Our new director, Steve Smith, has done a tremendous job in trying to build a strong foundation for the Department of Campus Recreation's programs and facilities which include flag football, basketball, 3v3 Schick Basketball Tournament, co-sponsoring of the ISO Soccer Tournament, Fitness Center, Field House, aerobics, aqua aerobics and the Recreation Board.

He has an open-door policy and he encourages students to get involved and take on the responsibility of helping to foster a strong campus recreation here at MSU.

We will continue to demand the highest of sportsmanship from our teams, and the fans that support them, and expect nothing but professionalism from our employees as we strive to build a fun and successful Campus Recreation Program.

We are open to all ideas, suggestions and feedback on how we can better reach you (undergrads, grads, faculty and staff), support you and provided you with the programs and events that you want to see happen on the MSU campus!

Come by our office, room 1041 in the Student Center Commuter Lounge, e-mail us at Smiths@mail.montclair.edu, or call us at 655-7443 to find out when our next Recreation Board meeting is.

James R. Whitney, Graduate Assistant - Department of Campus Recreation and Intramural Services

Responses to Following the Money Trail

Reports like The Money Trail are long overdue

Dear Mr. Vellucci,

I have been extremely impressed by your special report, Following the Money Trail. It is so well done and such a report is long overdue on this campus and others within the higher education community. It should be widely circulated.

I have been a professor at MSU for 35 years and aside from Dr. Thomas Richardson, who was president in my early years on the faculty, there has never been a president or board of trustees which have been advocates for the faculty and staff.

In fact, most of their efforts seem to have been to build monuments to themselves.

As a 1954 graduate of Montclair State it is nice to see that MSU students have not lost their candor.

Frank P. Merlo, Ed.D.
Professor of Education
The Montclarion

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The Montclarion and WMSC are Class One Organizations of the SGA.
I’ve undergone some rather interesting changes.

By MS. PANHEAD

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300% Tuition Hike
Expected In Fall 1999

By Chris Finegan

'He's just kidding. Don't have a coronary.

On Tuesday, March 30, MSU voted by an overwhelming majority to raise tuition 300 percent for the Fall 1999 semester. Students have responded by doing absolutely nothing.

When asked about the decision, Dean Oatmeal responded, “We figured that the students here are a bunch of nincompoops anyway, and that they probably wouldn’t notice. Besides, I read that ‘Money Trail’ is in the papers. Turns out, I only make 80 percent increase means that a student paying $155 a credit this semester will pay $420 next semester,” stated Dick Fuzzie, associate director of student financial aid.

‘I’m so proud of myself,” Fuzzie added, “I didn’t even need a calculator or a pen and paper to do that!”

The money is slated to go for the terminal building, which will be used to fund construction and maintenance of Clove Road. The student center president hopes to attract more students with new majors, "We feel confident that we can increase the student body significantly. And more students means more money—er—alumni. More alumni means TRUCK-LOADS of money! HAHAHAHA!”

The new majors are Keg Pounding, Small Town Bureaucracy, and Industrial Bong Manufacturing.

The Horoscope Never Lies

The Easter Bunny has been bitten by Ursula. She’ll hide your eggs and drink your blood. You must drive a chemo through your heart.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20): Mother Nature is experiencing “her time of the month.” While washing your car you are greeted with sunshine, soaked with rain, frozen, and zapped by lightening.

Gemini (May 21 to June 21): You sarcastically can’t find all the toilets you can find, waiting to get some poor sticker. Do in the middle of the night, nature calls. Did we maybe forget something? Hmmm?

Cancer (June 22 to July 22): You have discovered “Chocolate World!” You will miss friends and family, but come on! It’s Chocolate World! Everything is made of chocolate! You make friends with a chocolate being. They eat him.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22): You bid the Cockeyed Gonz and introduce him to a female blonk. In 3 weeks, you type 12 times typing chocolate eggs. Yay! Who needs a girlfriend?

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Spring fever, Virgo! With extra sweetness. You court yourself in honey and romp to the moonlight. A family of clouds gets stuck to you, but they tell off the other true love.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): While shopping eggs, you drink some of the coloring. A purple haze sets in and your good euphoria is ways you never dreamed. And you don’t even have a hangover!

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You include a basket of flower seeds for spaces while making margarita. You gather a lovely bouquet from each egg. Pick the flowers and present them to your love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Your martinis taste better. I’m just kidding. Don’t have a coronary.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): You install a banana cord over your bed and dressed to the showes. Who needs to “Argic.”

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): The flower child is you comes out. You protest about campus with clothes and recycle in the process. Last, lopyog, and 3,500 phone numbers. Rawwah!

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20): A magical Moonshine Drug bottle allows you to see into the future. A mother clock hands out your math teacher and grades are here. As a 43 calendars is sure to follow.

wordfind

INDOOR SPORTS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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You want some peace and quiet.
But the pager keeps going off.
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Mixed Reactions to
Sprague Library Theft

“Damned if I know where it is,” states campus security

By Chris Finegan

A development last week led university
officials to the conclusion that all was
not right. A mountainous pile of cars larger
than Dickson Hall loomed in the middle
of campus and blocked out most of the
sunlight that normally hits the Student
Center. Several faculty took note and were
dismayed by what they saw. Dr. Bootsy
Pfefferptz of the Tropical Plant Wrestling
department did not know what to
think at first. “It was a bit strange, but
nothing around here surprises me anymore.
Really. But it hit home when I realized that
these were students’ cars. They must
have been fifty deep, just stacked one on top of
the other.”

Then I found it shocking and repugnant. Why should the students have better
car spots than we do?

All of the security guards who wished to speak at press time conveyed the same
feeling of disappointment and shock at this heinous crime. “None could understand
what kind of sick mind would order a li-
brary. What puzzles me most is what some-
one would do with a whole library,” stated
Orville Nuttcluster. “The books are all re-
ally old and boring. They’re full of words.
Tons of ‘em. I get sick just thinking about
it. I need to sit down.”

Profiles of the thief, or thieves, are
sketchy at best. The fraternities on cam-
pus have all submitted statements formally
denying any knowledge of the missing li-
brary. “We got a library? Get the hell outta
here! Where?” offered Delta Mu Beta
president Peter Braynfrize.

“I think it reflects quite poorly on this
university that students would steal a li-
brary,” said Jenn Blondeski, of Omicron
Sigma Rho. “What’s next, the president’s
house? Oh, wow! Wait right here, I’ll be
back! I have to...uhhh...get a manicure
or something!”

The president denied all knowledge of
the theft. “It was right here last time I saw
it. Where the hell did it go? Hey, what
happened to my house?”

As Montclair and Little Falls police
work round the clock to find fresh coffee
doughnuts, students and faculty are left
to wonder what is next. For now, the
Sprague library snatchers are free for an-
other day. And somewhere out there, some
one is probably wetting themselves with
laughter.
A working man lost an arm

Pick up hammer
Pick up nail
Set nail
Pound nail
Hit thumb
Laugh it off
Work is good

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Intramural Basketball

By Ed Flannery

Action in the Intramural League got a lot better this past week when The Swarm met up with Feel Deeze on Sunday. The Swarm entered the game 10-0, but they were dealt their first loss of the season in dramatic fashion by Feel Deeze (10-1). The Swarm was dealt their second loss in a row on Tuesday night as they fell 10 points short of ONN (12-0). The game essentially locked up a first place finish for ONN, having taken victories over The Swarm and Feel Deeze. The Swarm then ended their season on Wednesday night with their third loss in a row, at narrow defeat to Team Undecided 47-46.

Also on Tuesday night, the Social Drinkers nearly overcame a two-man disadvantage to upset the Theta Xi Underdawgs. The Drinkers (3-8) took a 3 point lead into the half before giving up a run to put Theta Xi (6-5) in the lead for good.

In other action, two teams fighting for the two squads in place in the top half of the standings.

On a sad note, Pi Kappa Alpha (2-11) and Syntschaholics (8-3-1) and Fast Break (7-3-1). The Swarm was dealt their second loss of the season in dramatic fashion by Feel Deeze (10-1). The Swarm entered the game 10-0, but they were dealt their first loss of the season in dramatic fashion by Feel Deeze (10-1). The Swarm was dealt their second loss in a row on Tuesday night as they fell 10 points short of ONN (12-0). The game essentially locked up a first place finish for ONN, having taken victories over The Swarm and Feel Deeze. The Swarm then ended their season on Wednesday night with their third loss in a row, at narrow defeat to Team Undecided 47-46.

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Softball

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MSU, they took on Muhlenberg, PA. MSU trailed 1-0 going into the bottom of the fifth, when Wisz hit an RBI single to right field, giving the game into extra innings. Muhlenberg gave the game away after making a wild throw, which gave Caruso the victory.

For the Red Hawks, McCarville was the winning pitcher improving her unattainable record to 11-0, giving up six hits and striking out two. Wisz was 3-4 with an RBI, while Lascik went 2-2 in the game.

Montclair will next be in action this evening taking on Drew University at 3 p.m.

Baseball

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he is MSU's best pure hitter. Known as the "hitman" by his teammates, Francia played primarily as a designated hitter for two seasons with the Red Hawks before being moved into the regular lineup. Francia has a career batting average of .387 with 89 hits and 65 RBIs. He was named to the Division III World Series team last season.

The infield seems sharp and crisp, looking as good or if not better than all the teams that the Red Hawks have played so far. The true test will come when arch rival William Patterson comes to town Thursday, April 1, and Rowan, Saturday, April 3. MSU will have to play the rest of their games with discipline and dedication. They have a very difficult schedule and every game will matter. MSU pitching will have to hunker down in the stretch of games. The hitting will prove whether or not MSU can run with the elite of the NJAC.

The season will end quickly and MSU needs to play every game as if it's their last. If they can keep all their players healthy, get solid pitching from their pitchers and play with a sense of urgency, then MSU can contend for a championship. We'll have to wait and see. Stay tuned.
**Male Athlete of the Week**

**Frank Francia**
First Base/Designated Hitter  
Junior  
5-11  
Greenwood Lake, NY  
Don Bosco Prep HS

MSU  
Baseball

Junior Frank Francia came up big in the home opener against RPI last Friday, hitting a two-out, two run single for MSU’s final two runs of the game.

**Female Athlete of the Week**

**Jamie Lascik**
Catcher/Infield  
Senior  
5-7  
Somerdale, NJ  
Triton Regional HS

MSU  
Softball

Senior Jamie Lascik was 4-6 with five RBI’s in two games against Western Connecticut this past Tuesday at MSU’s Quarry Field.

**ECAC Champions**

ON THE BALL: Dr. Gregory L. Waters, vice president for Institutional Advancement at Montclair State University, celebrates with MSU's women's basketball team after they captured the ECAC championship. Team members are, clockwise from bottom left, Sheshiah Jennings, Dwana Young, assistant coach Stefan Nguema, Felicia Ingram, LaLeitha Holland, Marlene Lawrence, Coach Gloria Bradley, Stephanie Ecker, Nakia Hampton and Wykemia Kelley. MSU finished the year at 20-7, its third 20-victory season under head coach Gloria Bradley. It was also MSU’s fourth ECAC Championship this decade.
Red Hawks split first two home games; record now even at 7-7

By Paul Lewiarz
Assistant Sports Editor

The Red Hawks Baseball team opened up their momentous home season against RPI at Yogi Berra Stadium with a 5-1 win improving their record to 7-7.

The game was tied up heading into the sixth inning when Jeff Schriber gave MSU a 2-1 lead with a hit. MSU then went on to generate three more runs which would prove too much for RPI to handle. It was an overall team effort however with every team member contributing to the victory. MSU's heavy hitter Frank Francia added to the total when he hit a two run single in the seventh inning.

The MSU pitching also had something to do with the win. MSU pitchers allowed a total of five hits on the day. Corey Hamman, Rob Burton and Steve Trongone all pitched flawless innings. Hamman pitched in relief and to his first ever collegiate victory.

Cortland came into Yogi Berra Stadium and ran MSU out of town with a 10-3 win. This was MSU's first loss playing at Yogi Berra Stadium.

Cortland's depth and offensive prowess proved too much for the Red Hawks who showed valiant effort. Mike LaPointe and Mike Dempsey proved to be MSU killers in the game. LaPointe scorched the MSU pitching by going two for three with two RBI's. It was a one two punch which proved too much for MSU to handle. Dempsey's pitching buried the Red Hawks in their own fox hole. Dempsey threw for five solid innings to give his Cortland Red Dragons the win.

It is too soon to judge if the Red Hawks will repeat as runners-up in the Division III World Series. MSU has its problems but I still think that all the ingredients are there to make a winning team.

Norm Schoenig will have his hands full all season as the tries to get back to the Championship. The best part's of MSU this year seems to be its infield and Frank Francia. Francia is proving once again that

MSU sweep softball tournament 4-0, ups record to 14-3

William Paterson (4-0) emerges the winner due to tie-break

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

Montclair State University's women softball team was spectacular this week, improving their record to 14-3. The Red Hawks were perfect in last weekend's softball classic held at MSU's Quarry Field, defeating Cortland State, NY, Muhlenberg, PA, UC San Diego, and Bridgewater State, MA.

In Tuesday's doubleheader against West Connecticut, MSU split the game losing the first, and winning the second which was shortened due to darkness.

In the first game on Tuesday, MSU gave up any chance of winning the game when Western Connecticut loaded the bases due to a throwing error, a bunt single, and the extra-inning tie-break run- ner who began the inning at second base. With the score even at 5-5, sophomore Joelle Della Volpe smacked a two-out, 3-2 fastball over the left center field fence in the top of the eighth inning.

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