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 had 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,” said Beric while leaning forward propping his head with his hand.

He said the first bomb landed a mile from his childhood home.

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“arperial,” 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 in-

Student member resigns from BOT

By Venessa Benfatto
Special to The Montclarion

Board of Trustees’ Alternate Student resigned on March 15 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 Cali.

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

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

According to Cali, 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 does.”

Kosovo conflict goes on in the U.S. Melinko Beric, MSU sophomore and Serbian native reads yesterday’s news reports on the conflict in Kosovo. His immediate family still resides in the war-torn region.
US red and white 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.

"We see potential evidence of genocide and that evidence will continue to be collected" for possible use in war crimes trials, Lockhart said.

Yugoslav officials say the thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees leaving Kosovo are fleeing not from atrocities, but from fighting between the Yugoslav army and "terrorists" of the separate Kosovo Liberation Army.

Milosevic talks 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.

Prime Minister Milosevic told them that Belgrade might be willing to reduce the Yugoslav troop presence in Kosovo should there be a cease-fire.

Milosevic also demanded an end to western support for the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army — which wants independence for the Serbian 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, leaving his country's political turmoil to a new leader.

Cubas resigned Sunday after being widely blamed for the March 23 assassination of Vice President Luis Maria Argana. The Brazilian government granted him asylum Monday, just hours after his political mentor, Gen. Lin-Manuel Oviedo, won asylum in Argentina.

"[Granting asylum] has been a long tradition in Latin America. Since the 1920s, when there were many dictators in the region, and I feel it very important to preserve it," Brazilian Foreign Minister Luiz Felipe Lampreia said.

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 P. Farliee wants 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 test to a 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 Hepe 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.

Weekend Weather Forecast

Thursday

PM Rain

HI: 61° LO: 46°

FRIDAY

Partly Cloudy

HI: 62° LO: 46°

SATURDAY

Mostly Cloudy

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SUNDAY

Mostly Cloudy

HI: 55° LO: 40°

U.S. News

US readies war crimes trial for Yugoslavia

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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, non-smoking policies. Robert Genser, the director of MSU’s Auxiliary Services, said that they are also there to provide for the needs of students.

“We’re checking with the local authorities to see what the town 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 what 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.

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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 to the State Board of Higher Education and to create a definite means of communication with the student body. 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 finished no more than 80 credits at the end of election and have surpassed freshman status with at least a 2.5 cumulative average.
Increase
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important," said Vitaly Satanovsky, Board of Trustees student representative. "We need to get behind this and we need to lobby (the state for better funding)."

Satanovsky 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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The mandatory military service weighs heavily on his mind. "When I was in sixth grade, I thought I would escape the danger of having to fight in a war," Beric said. With graduation two years away, he feels the possibility is imminent.

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Crash
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The student said that the wait was approximately ten minutes long around 9:15 a.m., but when he left, the lines were long enough for the office workers to appear frustrated and exasperated.

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Kosovo
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parents are also staying with their 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.

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Heater fails in Stone Hall

By Brian Pedersen
Assistant News Editor

The recurring maintenance problems that have 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 used. 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.

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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Protecting yourself and others against date rape

By Lisa Gribbin
Assistant Feature Editor

Did 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 attempted rape?

In another study, women replied that they “had been subjected to a coercive sexual encounter on date” (Koss, Gidycz & Wisner, 1987). Although 2/3 of women reported that their assailants were strangers, the remaining women reported that they knew their assailants. Studies show that 60-75 percent of rape victims were known to their victims.

This evidence suggests that millions of women a year are being sexually victimized by someone they know.

Acquaintances 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 among 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, “date rape” drugs like Rohypnol have been slipped into girls’ drinks “in hopes of lowering inhibitions and facilitating potential sexual conquest.” Unknowing 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 on a confidential basis. For further information or counseling, you can contact a rape crisis hotline in New Jersey by dialing the toll free number 1-888-RAPE.

You can also access information from the National Crime Prevention Council off the Internet at www.ncpc.org. The site is in its infancy, but contains a lot of information.

If you have been invited on a first date, try to go with a group of friends instead of being completely alone with a stranger. If you insist on a private date, it may also help to meet your date in public and bring your own car 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 or what time of night it is 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 alone 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.

Saying brings celebrations of faith for both Christians and Jews. During this joyous time of year, Easter and Passover are times to rejoice what is sacred.

For many Christians, Easter represents decorated eggs, baskets filled with candies and gifts, and, of course, the Easter Bunny.

To Christians, this holiday means much more. It is the most important festival in the Christian year. The return to life of Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity, is this festival’s purpose. The Gospel states that Jesus returned to life two days after His Crucifixion. This is referred to as the Resurrection. Soon, his followers began to talk with him and see Him. The Christians of today believe that they can receive new life after death. The Easter festival celebrates this belief.

Christians celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the full moon following the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. The holiday occurs on any Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th. Some believe that the word Easter came from the early English word East, which was the name of the pagan goddess of spring. Others believe it came from the German word ostern, meaning dawn.

Many people see Easter as a holiday that is only celebrated on 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 repentance. Ash Wednesday is the official start of Ash Wednesday. A service is usually held on this day which includes the blessing of ashes on the forehead. This is performed in order for participants to begin their penance. The final week of Lent is referred to as Holy Week.

During Sunday marks the first day of this seven day celebration. On this day, many churches distribute palm leaves as a symbol of each branch 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 fasting and celebration.

Another holiday associated with the spring season is the Jewish festival of Passover which is also called Pesah. 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 and forced heavy labor and taxes upon them in hopes that they would stop multiplying. The people of Israel were forced to work long hours and work hard with the Pharaoh and his followers. 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 of royal royalty. When Moshe was born, he entered the palace with his brother to plead with the king to free the Israelites. He denied their request. Moshe 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 Moshe’s visit to the king. The waters of Egypt were turned to blood, frogs 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 Passover Seder.

During this time, the story of the Israelites is read from a book called the Haggadah. Foods called symbolic foods 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 had announced that 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 cultures. 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.
Which came first: the bunny or the egg?

By Lisa Gribbin
Assistant Feature Editor

With the 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 shove chocolate and marshmallow bunnies down our throats. Did you ever wonder why we all seem to participate in these traditions theyGallery has nothing to do with the religious holidays of Easter and Passover? The traditions 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 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 dyeing 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 festivities. 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 1800's. So if you decide to eat chocolate bunnies and eggs until you feel sick this Easter, at least you know how the traditions started. Happy holidays!

Sleeping with the dead

Administrators admit that Blanton Hall is built on a cemetery

By Kristen Anderson
Staff Writer

Yesterday, administrators came for ward with knowledge they have been hiding for years: MSU should be called MSC, Montclair State Cemetery. If you sleep in Blanton, be aware that dead bodies are buried right beneath you. A secret no one wanted you to know. The truth is that during the early 1800's 100 people were buried at that very spot, but their graves were left unmarked.

The burial site has somehow been kept a secret from MSU students, carefully covered up by faculty and administration as to not create unnecessary fear or panic, however We at The Montclarion know the truth and think you should too.

Furthermore, if you believe this article APRIL FOOL'S!!!

On April 1, thousands of pranksters are in their glory: having the holiday right to play jokes and pranks on unsuspecting loved ones, co-workers, classmates or any-one you want.

No one is quite sure how April Fool's Day all began. The most popular story, however, explains it all started in France when the official date of the new year was changed from April 1 to January 1.

In France during the sixteenth-century, New Year's Day was officially celebrated on April 1. That is until 1562. That year, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world with a different new year's date, January 1.

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.

Somewhere and somehow throughout this time all this evolved into the April Fool's Day celebrated in the United States and many other parts of the world today. However no one is 100 percent positive that this story is the true origin.

There are endless ways one can get an unsuspecting person on April Fool's Day. Just remember, no matter how you play tricks on your classmates and, if possible, the teacher? Perhaps there would be a group of you who got together to spread the rumor that Bobby liked Julie. Or maybe you would try to convince your teacher that the clock was an hour slow. Most likely you got the teacher with a sticky substance on her chair or a slimy animal strategically placed in the classroom.

And of course there was always that one kid who was determined to get everyone! You know, the one who had the joy buzzer, whoopee cushion and magic ink all stuffed into his desk. And if this kid touched your back on April 1, you knew, probably from experience, to check it for the famed "Kick Me" sign.

Whatever happened to you or whatever did you do on April Fool's Day when you were a child was all in good fun and a day for innocent pranks. As you got older, however, these tricks probably have either multiplied into full blown gags or all but disappeared.

A couple MSU students shared some stories about memorable April Fool's jokes they either played on or had played on them in the past. One MSU student said he was fooled one year when his ex-girlfriend said her little brother. When her brother was about five they tricked him into believing he had a miscarriage. It is possible he was also pregnant. My friend was pregnant and I called my other friend and said she had a miscarriage."

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 1800's. So if you decide to eat chocolate bunnies and eggs until you feel sick this Easter, at least you know how the traditions started. Happy holidays!

The mystery surrounding Blanton Hall is finally solved.

By Kristen Anderson
Assistant Feature Editor

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Art Editor

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 finally been rewarded with this release. Australian pop superstar Tina Arena 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 dueted 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 band, have lost another manager. Hole, Hole has not been determined whether Hole fired the company, as industry insiders are still trying to figure out who the real story is. Australian pop superstar Tina Arena 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 dueted 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.

**DAVE MATTHEWS BAND TOUR DATES:** This past Saturday, the Dave Matthews Band played at the Allstate Arena in Chicago, 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 Concord Pavilion in Concord, Virginia. Young was long rumored to be the song's subject, but it wasn't until recently that Ms. Young was among a number of young fans who used to watch the band perform at All Saints Church Hall in London's Notting Hill section, along with friends such as future artist Angelica Houston. "They knew who our father were, and I suppose we were regarded as aristocratic groupies."

Young, now a noted sculptor, tells Mejo, "I didn't know them well at all, just enough to say 'Hi' or to get passed a joint." Young was long rumored to be the song's subject, but it wasn't until Young's internal operations recently fingered her that she accepted the heresy. "I'm much too humble to have claimed it for myself," she says. "But I'm chuffed, it's a wonderful song."

**SPEAKING WITH JERRY:** Grateful Dead fans who believe in the afterlife will be overjoyed with an upcoming book called *Spirit: Conversations With Jerry Garcia*. The book, written by Wendy Weir, sister of former Dead guitarist/singer Bob Weir, will be in bookstores on June 19. Wendy Weir, a psychic, began work on the book when Bob asked her to check on Jerry Garcia shortly after his 1995 death in a drug rehab clinic.

**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, including 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 - 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.

Animal (animal) n. a living being capable of feeling.

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hip – hop top 10

1. Mobb Depp - Quiet Storm
2. Myndcrukz - 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 I
8. Aphillyation - Dry Tears
10. Rahzel from The Roots - All I Know

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

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

Fri, April 2
Galactica, 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, Maxwell’s, 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.
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
- Managing Editor
- Treasurer
- News Editor
- Feature Editor
- Arts and Entertainment Editor
- Opinion Page Editor
- Sports Editor
- Chief Copy Editor
- Humor Editor
- Cartoonist

The elections are open to the entire MSU community. All MSU students are eligible to run for positions. Please call Editor-in-Chief, Kevin P. Hancock at 973-655-5230 for more information.
Opinion

The Voice of Montclair State

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?

Charles Flannery, Graduate Student - Counseling

Well, yes and no. They do for certain people and not for others. I’m in the military, so the National Guard pays for my tuition and they have always been there to support veterans and bend over backwards for us. I’m not sure that this is so for other students, but I think that all students deserve a chance and it should be made more equal.

Dennis Petrusovich, Sociology

Basically, I don’t get any financial aid and I should because I pay for my own education. But they look at my parents’ salary.

Karina Serrano, Finance

Not as much as it should be because, when it comes to financial aid, they give you a hard time and this is a block to a lot of 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.

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When copies of the March 25th edition of The Montclarion went on sale on March 30th, I was glued to my alpha account, waiting, preparing for the printing of the March 25th edition of The Montclarion. As for official commentary concerning the tuition hikes, was finally being released and I knew that working my way through the aftermath of such an undertaking would be anything but easy. My biggest fear in releasing the report was that it would be inaccessible over the Internet via New Jersey Educational Documents. This was not the end of my search. This was not the end of my search.

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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 standards for 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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12. 23 to Apr. 21: Horoscope Never Lies

I've undergone some rather interesting changes...

BY MS. PANHEAD

The Horoscope Never Lies

ABRS (Mar. 21 to Apr. 20): The Easter Bunny has been bitten by Unicorno.

He'll hide your eggs...and drink your blood.

You must drive a car through his heart.

TARUS (Apr. 21 to May 20): Mother Nature is experiencing "her time of the moons." While washing your car, you are greeted with sunshine, soaked with rain, frozen, and zapped by lightning.

GEMINI (May 21 to Jun. 21): You barbecue wrap all the toilets you can find, waiting to get some poor stickler. That's in the middle of the night, nature calls. Did we maybe forget something? Himmy?

CANCER (Jun. 22 to Jul. 22): You have discovered "Chocolate World!" You will impress family and friends, but come on! It's Chocolate World! Everything is made of chocolate! You make friends with a chocolate banana! Then you eat him.

LEO (Jul. 23 to Aug. 22): You buy the Clubbing Derby and introduce him to a female bling. In 3 weeks, you all have Romance ling chocolate eggs.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22): Spring brings Virgo with extra sweetness. You cut yourself in hurry and rumm to the moonola. A family of hippies gets stuck to you, but they aren't off your true love.

LIBRA (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22): While dancing eggs, you drink some of the coloring. A people have sets in and your good cops are always you never dreamed. And you don't even have a chocolate!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You neglect a pocket of flower seeds for spaces while making mittens. You insert a slowly bitten from each egg. Pick the flowers and present them to your lover.

The Horoscope Never Lies

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Basketball Fencing Judo
Billiards Handball Karate
Boxing Hockey Racquetball

Squash Table tennis Wrestling

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 ninnies anyway, and that they probably wouldn't notice. Besides, I read that 'Money Trail' inserted in the paper. Turns out, I only make 80 grand a year for doing whatever the hell it is that I do. I'm so embarrassed. I can't show my face in public anymore."

Tuition prices have been steadily rising for years, but what shocked many was the drastic increase in the rate. "See, a three hundred percent increase means that a student paying $105 a credit this semester will pay $420 next semester," stated Dick Fuzzie of the Math department.

"I'm so proud of myself," Fuzzie added, "I didn't even need a calculator a pen and paper to do that!"

The money is slated to go to the terminal funding of the current MSU hockey team, which is currently under-funded. Dick Fuzzie, 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-

The new majors are Keg Pounding, Small Town Bureaucracy, and Industrial Bong Manufacturing.
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Mixed Reactions to Sprague Library Theft

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

By Chris Finegan

At a press conference yesterday, students and faculty were shocked to hear that the Sprague Library, located in the dead center of the MSU campus, had been stolen.

“We think it was a bunch of frat guys being stupid,” stated a guard who wished to remain anonymous.

The library was first suspected missing almost five weeks ago when a gaping hole covering about 6,000 square feet was noticed. Several confused commuters looking for parking spots quickly piled in three cars deep. “It sure beats the Clove Lot!” one motorist said.

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 Pfeffermush 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 parking spots than we do?

All of the security guards who wished to speak at press time conveyed the same feeling of disappointment and shock: “None could understand what kind of a sick mind would lift a library. What puzzles us most is what someone would do with a whole library,” stated Orville Nuttcluster. “The books are all really 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 campus have all submitted statements formally denying any knowledge of the missing library. “We got a library? Get the hell outta here! Where?” offered Delta Mu Beta president Peter Branyfries.

“I think it reflects quite poorly on this university that students would steal a library,” 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...go 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 and doughnuts, students and faculty are left to wonder what is next. For now, the Sprague library snatchers are free for another day. And somewhere out there, some one is probably wetting themselves with laughter.
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Intramural Basketball

By Ed Flannery

Last Week’s Results

Thursday, March 25
Bearcats by forfeit over Social Drinkers
Feel Deeze 94, Underdogs 56
Syntsch. 38, Fast Break 38 (tie)

Sunday, March 28
Pirate Eyes by forfeit over Pi Kappa Alpha
ONN 53, OTD 30
Feel Deeze 62, The Swarm 55

Monday, March 29
Undecided 50, Underdogs 27
Fast Break 44, Theta Xi 27
Feel Deeze 77, Bears 39

Tuesday, March 30
Theta Xi 46, Social Drinkers 37
ONN 54, The Swarm 44
Pirate Eyes 68, OTD 58

Wednesday, March 31
Undecided 47, The Swarm 46
ONN 58, Syntschaholics 40

A Look Ahead

Thursday, April 1
Bearcats vs Undecided, 9:15

Sunday, April 4
Pirate Eyes vs Syntschaholics, 8:15
SOC. Drinkers vs Fast Break, 9:15

Monday, April 5
No Games Scheduled

Tuesday, April 6
Theta Xi vs Feel Deeze, 9:15
ONN vs Underdogs, 10:15

Wednesday, April 7
SOC. Drinkers vs Feel Deeze, 8:15
Theta Xi vs Undecided, 9:15

Thursday, April 8
Pirate Eyes vs Underdogs, 8:15
Fast Break vs OTD, 9:15

End of Regular Season

Action in the Intramural League got a lot hotter 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 Underdogs. The Drinkers (8-3) 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 position in the play-off stretch run, the Syntschaholics (8-3-1) and Fast Break (7-3-1) ended their meeting in a 38-38 tie. This marked the first tie of the season and it held the two squads in place in the top half of the standings.

On a sad note, Pi Kappa Alpha (2-11) was ejected from the league for too many forfeits. In doing so, they joined Delta Chi (0-13) as the only two teams to be disqualified from the league.

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Softball
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nning for a grand slam home run.
For MSU, junior infielder Tara Wisz was 5-7 for the night with two RBI’s, and senior Jamie Lasik was 4-6 with five RBI’s for both games.
In the first day of the MSU/Keen softball classic held last weekend at MSU’s Quarry Field, Montclair’s dominant presence was felt ending the day 2-0, and shared the honor along with William Paterson University and Muhlenberg, PA, as the only undefeated teams in the fifth annual softball tournament. The two-day nationally-recognized tournament features 20 games played at the campuses of Montclair State and Keen University.

In MSU’s first game of the tournament, they faced the University of California at San Diego. The Red Hawks scored four runs in the first inning, winning with the final score of 5-2. MSU went on the board when sophomore Kim Caruso drilled a two-run triple for a 2-0 Montclair lead. The Hawks scored again on a catcher’s interference and an RBI single from junior infielder Lisa Czamecki.
In the win for Montclair, pitcher Sue McCarville improved her record to 9-0 after a complete game, giving up six hits, one walk, and no strikeouts.

For the second game of the tournament, Montclair took on Bridgewater State, MA. They were once again successful in defeating their opponents, winning 5-4.

With the score even at 3-3 in the fourth inning, Montclair took advantage of a throwing error by Bridgewater’s third baseman, which scored Tara Todaro and Lasik making the score 5-3. Bridgewater managed to narrow the lead to 5-4, but failed to defeat the Red Hawks when McCarville relieved Caruso getting the final two outs for the second save of her career. Caruso relinquished seven hits and three earned runs.

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Baseball
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**Male Athlete of the Week**

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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.

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**ECAC Champions**

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, Shielah Jennings, Dwana Young, assistant coach Stefan Nguema, Felicia Ingram, Lakeitha Holland, Marlena Lawrence, Coach Gloria Bradley, Stephanie Eterbe, 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.

The Red Hawks didn't do so well in their next effort at Yogi Berra Stadium against Cortland. 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 bent single, and the extra-inning tie-break runner 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.

SPORTS TRIVIA
Which MSU softball player was named the NCAA Division III National Player of the Year in 1997?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA:
Shawn McCorkle. His average was .397.