By Steven Benosia
Special to The Montclarion

Rain did not keep fans from Thursday's conference opener between MSU and William Paterson University, where New York Yankee's great Yogi Berra threw the first pitch.

The game marked the first New Jersey Athletic Conference baseball game played at Yogi Berra Stadium, and the 143rd meeting by the two schools, said the Office of Sports Relations.

"I don't care if it's college or the major leagues, there's nothing like the first game," Yogi Berra said before he made his way onto the field.

A special day including MSU giveaways, trivia contests, and live radio coverage by WGHT Radio (1500 AM) added to the intensity of the day, said WPU head coach Jeff Albies.

"This is the kind of attention and support college events need in order to be successful," Albies said.

The rivalry alone had coaches and players excited about the game, but Berra's presence added much more to the day.

"It allows for one of the finest gentlemen in baseball to be present at the game," said MSU head coach Norm Schoening.

After a 25-minute rain delay, Berra, wearing a MSU cap, walked out onto the tarp covered mound and threw the first pitch to MSU catcher Alex Bosch, and the crowd cheered in appreciation for Yogi as he stepped off the field.

He put a lot into this and was nice enough to give a stadium to one for Berra.

The Red Hawks trailed WPU four to one at the end of the eighth inning, the Red Hawks, fell to the Pioneers 6 to 5, failing to win the major rally, the Red Hawks, fell to the Pioneers 6 to 5.

Since the bombing, the TV is switched from CNN to MSNBC, trying to get the latest news or even a glimpse of Aunt Ayosha's face.

"Maybe she headed to Macedonia," Bruncaj said. "She would move to tears when speaking.

Albanian student's family broken

By Kara Richardson
Managing Editor

The phone has been ringing off the hook at MSU junior Basim Bruncaj's house in Bloomingdale over the past two weeks. He and his Albanian family receives invitations and donations about Kosovo.

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Bruncaj's house in Bloomingdale was well when a rocket went through her roof, Bruncaj said. "She told us they killed everyone, even the cows and the chickens," Bruncaj said.

Bruncaj said his family was relieved when they heard from his uncle who was fired from MSU, his Albanian family receives donations about Kosovo.

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Victim complained of feeling ill. Victim was involved in a motor vehicle accident and was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

• 4/2 Female reports a male classmate has been verbally abusive toward her. Victim will sign a criminal complaint if abuse continues.

• 4/1 Male reports he was sitting in his car parked on College Ave. near Blanton Hall when someone threw a bottle, smashing his windshield. It could not be determined where the bottle was thrown from.

• 4/1 Female calls police headquarters from a pay phone in lot 9 reporting feeling ill. Victim was involved in a motor vehicle accident the previous day. Officers responded. Victim complained of feeling faint all day, and having pain in her head, neck, back, shoulder and knee. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

• 4/1 Female employee reports money missing from her purse which was left unattended in the SGA office in the Student Center.

• 4/1 Female maintenance worker hurt her back while emptying garbage in Dickson Hall. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

• 4/5 Male employee reported a theft of money from his wallet which was left unattended in the Student Center.

• 4/5 Male pedestrian was struck by a car West Quarry Way. Upon officers’ arrival male was lying on the side of the road with a head injury. Victim was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

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For The Record

On page 24 of the April 1 issue of The Montclarion, in the caption under the photo for the story “Red Hawks split first two home games...” the featured player is second baseman Craig Conway from Mountainside.

The Montclarion willingly corrects its factual errors. If you think that we have made a mistake in a story please call Editor-In-Chief, Kevin P. Hancock, at 973-655-5230.

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give a huge house party on Saturday night to celebrate his home run. The guests included Coleman, along with other players such as Steve & Donnie Wells and Fred, who share custody of Rebecca.

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By Christine Zielinski
Assistant News Editor

Static cling car decals dipped into the university’s advertising campaign fund on March 5, when Dr. Susan Cole, MSU president, mailed the decals and a memo to the faculty. Dr. Gregory Waters, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, said that the decals were a spin-off of the current advertising campaign.

Waters estimated that the decals cost approximately five cents a piece. He said that the university’s entire operating budget was approximately $122 million, and the board of trustees allocated $500,000 to support advertising, less than one percent.

Waters jokingly answered “a lot” upon inquiry of the total number of decals produced.

Cole said it was more cost effective to make the decals, keep them, and use them for different occasions.

“When a university increases opportunities for support, the legislature is more willing to provide funding,” Cole said. Cole said that the decal’s purpose was to promote school pride.

“MSU really offers an extraordinary higher education program, but people don’t think of it first,” Cole said. “You can have the best university in the world, but it doesn’t mean that the students go to the mall, they go to the store, to promote school pride and awareness, but nobody knows about it.”

Cole said she wanted the university to be in the front of the public’s mind so they would look into admissions details.

Waters said that the decals were not only to promote school pride and awareness, but also to distribute at various events.

“We [administration] realize that our students go to the mall, they go to the store, and they spend a lot of time in their cars,” Cole said. “We have to get the name out there.”

The decals were made available to all students and alumni, Waters said. “They [the decals] will be used in mailings that go out later this spring.”

Waters said that boxes of the decals were deposited around campus at locations such as College Hall and Sprague Library so that every student could have one. They were also mailed to employees.

Cole said that although the decals’ use in the advertising campaign was not specifically designed to increase enrollment, they did attract model students.

Waters said that other advertising methods, such as the radio ads, billboards, and bus ads have also proven effective.

“If the data shows that radio ads have produced extremely interesting feedback... and it’s reminded people of MSU,” Cole said.

“The advertising campaign was wonderful effective and has resulted in over 1,500 visits to the web site,” Waters said. Advertising is important and the current campaign began last year to raise awareness of student/faculty relations, but now wants to focus more on students, Waters said.

“To me, anything they do extra is good,” Graff said. “I think that they should not only do this, but show what the community has to offer,” junior Besim Bruncaj said. “Distribute The Montclarion outside the campus and advertise what we have.”

HIDDEN HISTORY: Montclarion Opinion Page Editor, Justin Vellucci’s research in the Sprague library archives prompted library officials to close the archives after his November column which revealed poor preservation of university documents.

By Dan Lombardi

Staff Writer

The Sprague Archives are closed to students after a recent decision to enforce an already present rule.

The decision came after Justin Vellucci’s column in a November issue of The Montclarion calling attention to the archives’ de-crypted condition.

“He [Vellucci] gave us a wake up call,” said Patricia Sanders, head of the library’s Reference and Information department.

“There’s a lot of valuable information in there. Everyone’s starting to hear about it.”

The archives are always locked, but in the past students were granted access upon request, but they were often left unattended with the material.

Disallowing unsupervised access was always a rule for use of the archives, but it was not enforced.

South American exchange program confirmed by Cole

By Tasha Wilson
Special to The Montclarion

A faculty and student exchange program was confirmed between MSU and Universidad de Belgrano, when the Memorandum of Understanding was signed on March 18.

The program may consist of semester-long teaching exchanges, distance learning projects, short term faculty visits, collaborative research and joint grant proposals.

Dr. Susan Cole, MSU President, said the program will combine English taught Spanish language instructions, Argentine and Latin American literature, the media, and Argentine history and society.

Universidad de Belgrano offers education on information technology, humanities, agricultural sciences, architecture and urbanism, economics, engineering, health sciences, law and social sciences, natural sciences and international studies.

Cole said that not just MSU students will benefit from the program.

“MSU will sponsor this program for the College of Consortium of International Studies (CCIS), an organization of more than 100 colleges and universities nationwide. CCIS also attracts students from non-member institutions through its website (studyabroad.com) and its excellent outreach program,” Cole said.

Any interested student can visit MSU’s web site.
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banians in Kosovo in 1991. Bruncaj said Albanian people lost their jobs as Serbian President Slobodam Milosovic tried to gain popularity with the Serbian people in a nationalism campaign, but according to Bruncaj, that was just beginning.

"My cousin went to a secret school in an old building, taught by Albanian teachers who were earlier fired by the Serbs," Bruncaj said.

Albanians set up a shadow government as the Serbs slowly lost rights to their culture, Bruncaj said.

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SOMEONE GETS HURT: One person was taken to the hospital by the Montclair Volunteer Ambulance Unit yesterday afternoon during a Delta Chi and Pi Kappa Alpha pick-up football game in front of the Student Center. Meanwhile, the university EMS ambulance sits idle in the quad.
THE 1999 SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

Candidate for President

John Griffin

Major: History/Political Science
Year: Junior
GPA: 3.12

Experience
- SGA Vice Presidents 96-99
- President MSU Scholarship Fund 95-98
- President Pro-Temps Rory 97-98
- President of the Year 97-98
- President Pro-Temps 98-99
- SGA President 96-97
- SGA Secretary 96-97
- Food Service Search Committee
- Greek Advisor Search Committee
- VP for Facilities Search Committee
- VP of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- Men's Basketball Team Mentor
- Multicultural Diversity Weekend
- Unity Collaboration
- Phenomenal Black History Week
- President Pro-Temps my senior year
- Eagle Scout

Goals
When I came to MSU three years ago, I knew I wanted to be president of the SGA. Well the time is here and I have done what I feel I needed to do to be ready for the challenge that awaits me. I was a legislator since my first semester freshman year, also serving as President Pro-Temps my sophomore year. I received the honor of “Legislator of the Year” during that time. I then moved on to become Vice-President of the SGA, which I am proud to say has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. I have also sat on several committees for both the SGA and campus community as a whole. But my experience is only half of what qualifies me to be president. Some of my other qualifications include my potential to make serious and significant changes. I have spent many years learning the issues that are prevalent on campus. The issues include quality of life, quality of buildings on campus, security, and student services. Another ability I feel makes me best suited for president is that I am fully capable of working with organizations to create better budgets and to see more activities and events held on campus. I would like to look into obtaining a blue lighting system on campus, help create a better medical insurance policy, and work with organizations to create better budgets and to see more activities and events held on campus. Also I would like to see another 24 hour computer lab on campus.

Candidate for Vice President

Mike Kazimir

Major: Speech Communications
Year: Junior
GPA: 2.7

Experience
- 3 years SGA legislator
- VP of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- Multicultural Diversity Weekend
- Unity Collaboration
- Project Pride
- Eagle Scout
- Fundraising Chair North Jersey Boy Scout Museum

Goals
My decision to run for the office of Vice President of the SGA came with much thought and consideration. Having been a legislator for three years, I am familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the office. I am confident that my ability and my dedication to the SGA qualify me for the position. However, I intend to do more than merely fulfill the duties of the position of Vice President. I would like to continue the drive for quality programming on campus during the week and especially on the weekends. My goal is that students will no longer only go to classes, but get involved in their campus community.

Candidate for Treasurer

Latasha Casterlow

Major: Music Education
Year: Junior
GPA: 2.6

Experience
- OSAU Vice-President
- SGA Secretary
- SGA President Pro-Temps
- Legislator
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Rho Pi
- Chapter President
- President's commission on Affirmative Action Representative
- OSAU Gospel Choir Member
- OSAU Dance Troupe Member
- National Pan Hellenic Council Representative
- Greek Council Representative
- Admissions Ambassador
- Resident Assistant - Blanton Hall

Goals
I want to provide the students of MSU the most enjoyable college experience.

Candidate for Treasurer

Shariff Elhagin

Major: Music Education
Year: Junior
GPA: 3.1

Experience
- Chair of SGA appropriations committee
- Has worked with the current SGA treasurer, president and bookkeeper to learn how to fulfill the position
- SGA legislator for 2 years
- Runs an agency for disc jockeys
- Worked well with organizations all year

Goals
I would like to provide students of MSU the most enjoyable college experience.

My goals include working to see that more activities and events are held on campus.
CANDIDATE PROFILES

Candidates for Secretary

William Guardino
Major: Human Ecology
Year: Junior
GPA: 3.2

Experience
- SGA President Pro Tempore
- 3 year SGA legislator
- President of NJC WaterWatch
- International Peer Mentor
- Honor Student
- Eagle Scout
- Resident Assistant
- Member of C.L.U.B.

Goals
I wish to run an efficient but friendly office.

Nidara Rourk
Major: English
Year: Sophomore
GPA: 3.0

Experience
- Office assistant to Dr. Saundra Collins 11/97 - 5/98
- Office assistant for the SGA 9/98 - present

Goals
I plan to enhance the office and duties of the secretarial position by rejuvenating the diminishing aspect of publicity. I plan to start with the legislators, making them aware of their obligation to know the concerns of the students. Secondly, I want to directly impact the student body by flyers, more accessible open forums at least each semester, and overall accessibility and knowledge of the inner-workings of the Student Government Association, Inc.

Candidates for BOT Student Alternate

Thomas J. Esposito
Major: Business
Year: Sophomore
GPA: 3.15

Experience
- Theta Xi Fraternity, chapter treasurer 99-00
- Greek Council Rep - Fall 98
- 3 year SGO representative - Belleville High School, held fundraising committee chair senior year.

Goals
I am extremely dedicated and will not be afraid to stand up for what I believe.

Ned Gross, Jr.
Major: Accounting
Year: 2nd Year
GPA: 3.26

Experience
- Student leader with Unity Collaboration
- Leader of self-help group
- 20 years of experience in business
- 15 years experience in business dealing with decision makers

Goals
I believe that my various life experiences can and will be a great asset to the Board of Trustees. The following are goals I have as it concerns the services the student body is entitled to. I would like to establish an office and e-mail account whereas all students know and can come into direct contact with their representative. I want to petition the BOT for funds to improve computer services in Richardson Hall as well as throughout the campus. I would like to make sure we as students are represented on the various committees within the administration that we are entitled to. I wish to become more visible to the student body through a monthly column in The Montclarion called the “BOT Corner” which would inform all students of decisions directly affecting them. I will be a strong voice for the student body thereby giving them a strong and more visible representative that can achieve positive and direct change. Remember education is a we affair! Together we can make a difference!
Needles and muscles do not mix: the dangers of steroid use

By Lisa Gribbin

Assistant Feature Editor

1970's, steroid use had spread to Olympic athletes. In 1983, 19 athletes were disqualified from the Olympics for the use of steroids. Statistics compiled by the Center of Substance Abuse Research show that there are as many as one million steroid users in the United States today. Most of these users are 25 years old and younger. Although steroids can be used by men and women, statistics show that male use is generally more common. While steroid use typically was associated with athletes wishing to increase their strength, studies from the Center for Substance Abuse Research at the University of Maryland show otherwise. Many of today's steroid abusers are non-athletic and are simply trying to improve their appearance.

The Center for Substance Abuse Research at the University of Maryland defines anabolic steroids as substances that promote the building of muscle tissue or the accumulation of nitrogen in muscle protein. Altering the male sex hormone testosterone creates the steroids. An anabolic activity such as exercise results in an increase of muscle mass. Similar results, however, are achieved by the use of anabolic steroids. A person's muscle tissue will increase when they take the chemically manufactured steroids. Many people combine rigorous exercise with steroid use to achieve their desired results.

As the person focuses on what they think is a stronger, better body, they face many imminent health dangers. When the male begins using anabolic steroids, his body stops producing testosterone naturally. Without testosterone, the body stops producing testosterone, the production of sperm stops as well. It has been determined that many of these steroids will have fertility problems in the future.

The use of anabolic steroids has been shown, in some studies, to cause an enlargement of the heart. The muscle cells in the heart grow faster than the blood vessel supply can keep up with. This occurs because a lack of heart circulation. Poor circulation and leads to the death of new cells, which can cause a heart attack. Steroid use affects the immune system by increasing the activity of cells that normally attack infection and bacteria. The cells become so overactive that they can attack the tissues of the body, leading to the development of autoimmune diseases. Liver damage can also result depending on the type of steroids used, how much you are using, and how long you have been using them. Certain chemicals in the bloodstream increase when damaged. These chemicals signify possible liver damage. According to studies, anabolic steroid users have up to twice the level of these chemicals in their bloodstream compared to those who are not users.

Males can develop a condition known as “gynecomastia,” which changes the anabolic steroids into the female sex hormone estrogen. Breast development results from this process. Although there have been no studies conducted that suggest permanent damage to brain tissue, users of anabolic steroids do show a change in their emotional behavior and users tend to become more aggressive.

The use of anabolic steroids can result in many dangerous consequences that can be permanent and fatal. You may develop a heart or liver condition, suffer from extreme changes in behavior and attitudes and experience bouts with infertility.

If you or someone you know is using steroids, you should seek help for this type of drug abuse. Talk to a friend or medical professional. If you would like more information about steroid use and its effects, you can contact the Center for Substance Abuse Research at the University of Maryland at www.cesar.umd.edu.

STRESS TYPES

• Physical Stressers feel tension in the body: jitters, butterflies, racing heart, sweats.
• Mental Stressers experience stress in the mind: worry, thoughts, concerns.
• Mixed Type Stressers react with both responses in about equal measure.

Scoring:

If you answered yes to the following questions: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 14 give yourself a MIND point for each answer.

If you answered yes to the following: 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13 give yourself a BODY point for each. If you have more MIND than BODY points consider yourself a mental stress type. If you have more BODY than MIND points, you stress style is physical. If you have about the same number of each you are a MIXED reactor.

TUNE INTO NEXT WEEK'S EDITION FOR WAYS TO HANDLE YOUR STRESS!!
Stepping goes beyond just a method of transportation

Phi Sigma Sigma and Greek Council sponsor philanthropic step show

By Kristen Anderson

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ny people falsely believe that Greeks do nothing but party and drink. The Greek community, however, is out to disprove that and make an example for others to follow.

They have set a goal to accomplish one philanthropic event a month in order to help out the local community and finally verify that they truly do more than just party.

On Monday, March 29, Phi Sigma Sigma, in conjunction with the Greek Council, sponsored a step show in the Student Center. According to Jillinda Briggs, who helped coordinate the program, proceeds from the event were donated to a local woman’s shelter in honor of Women’s History Month.

Numerous groups participated in last week’s step show including: Groove Phi Groove, Swing Phi Swing, Iota Phi Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Lambda Theta Phi and Sigma Gamma Rho, as well as others.

The step show, however, almost did not happen. At the last minute, the show was cancelled for unknown reasons. After the decision was made to reinstall the show, some organizations were given notice more than just party.

Due to the short notice, many groups felt that the show was lacking and could have been better with more organization.

“Basically, the event would have been better if the organizations which participated were given notice more in advance,” Wilel Fanfan, brother of Groove Phi Groove social fellowship incorporated.

“The event was not well advertised. Flyers went up at the last minute. I have never attended one before and I found it to be a very enjoyable experience.”

Briggs explained that the purpose of such charitable events is to unify the community of Greeks while pointing out to others the positive things they do.

The step show was certainly not the first philanthropy accomplished by the Greeks. Just last month, for example, a date auction was held. The money collected from it benefited Hale House, a facility specializing in the nurture and care of babies born addicted to drugs and alcohol, as well as babies born with the HIV virus.

There are also several things tentatively planned for the future. Throughout Greek week a Read-a-Thon will be conducted, the winner of which will receive 40 points towards winning overall Greek week. Additional proposed community service endeavors include either a softball game or handing out food to the homeless in Penn Station.

ART SWAP/SALE

Thursday, April 15, 1999

Calcia Room 229

3:00 – 6:00pm

All artists are invited to bring a selection of their work that they would like to trade or sell.

Here is a partial list of some of the artists that will participate:

Ryan Bradbury, Heather Campbell, Fiona Cocks, Buddy Colfer, Chris Corey, Fabio J. Fernandez, Laura Fox, Chris Gash, Karen Guancione, Lalena Kurtz, Ted Labundra, Kertu Laur, Natalie Lutsky, Keely McCool, Seth Nagelberg, Sebastian Patane, Cristina Pineros, Jeannine Schroeder, Sara Stadtmiller, George Tarr, Jason Timochko, Colin Verner

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Looking into technology

By Abigail Burford
Special to The Montclarion

If you grew up in a large extended family, you know what an amazing feat it is to organize a successful family gathering. To bring different generations and distant cousins together for a special occasion takes planning and imagination. The same applies to campus events for disparate groups in a university community.

The Technology Expo presented by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, in collaboration with Information Technology, was just such a special occasion. On March 25 in Cohen Lounge, Dickson Hall, faculty members from many different disciplines, networking and computer services personnel, student assistants and other members of the MSU community participated in an afternoon of stimulating discussion of educational technology.

As Dr. Rachel Fordyce, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, put it, "what we liked best was the turnout: faculty, staff, and IT all working together." Dr. Jim Nash, Professor of English, also noted the heterogeneous nature of the happy crowd. "It was great that so many people cooperated to make it happen and that so many people not normally involved with technology attended."

One of the presenters at the Technology Expo was Mr. Eliot Graff, Instructor of English. He presented course materials he had designed with WebCT. "I was most impressed with my colleagues' eagerness to embrace the new technology coupled with a healthy dose of skepticism regarding that technology's efficacy in the classroom. I was constantly buffeted with comments like, 'Wow! That is amazing! But from a pedagogical perspective, will it help, or is it an MTV-style approach to making the classroom more exciting?' Rather than embracing the technology as a new quanta non improvement, our faculty is deliberating about the advantages: eager to experiment; wary to be romantized."

Another presenter was Ms. Cindy Menezhi, MSU Web Manager. "I was very pleased with the input I received on the website. People told me what they want to see up there, adding to popular audio streaming and video streaming are.

Dr. Susana Sotillo, Associate Professor of Linguistics, who gave a presentation on PowerPoint, also enjoyed learning about WebCT and RealNetworks. "I think we had a chance to see state-of-the-art software and hardware. Our colleagues in CHSS and IT were extremely helpful."

By Carolyn Velehik and Lisa Gribbin
Feature Editor and Assistant Feature Editor

There she is...Ms. America?

W hen thinking of beauty pageants, most recall Miss America strutting down the runway in a ball gown or evening wear. But what if it was Mr. America? The sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon presented this event in the form of Deepher Dude held on Monday, March 29 in the Student Center ballrooms. For $15, anyone can sponsor a male model to compete. The five that walked the runway were David Pizzi, sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Matthew Kane, Director of Blanton Hall, sponsored by Sigma Delta Phi sorority, and Matt Mayemick, sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi sorority. The title of Deepher Dude was awarded to David Pizzi, who received a 2 month membership to the Powerhouse Gym. Runner-up Haitham Omar was given a 2 month membership to David Pizzi, who received a 2 month membership to the Powerhouse Gym. Runner-up Haitham Omar was given a 2 month membership to Deepher Dude. With proceeds going to help in the fight against the disease cystic fibrosis, Delta Phi Epsilon's national philanthropy, the fund-raiser collected over $300 that was donated to help in the fight against the disease.
HOW TO APPLY
1. Complete both sides of the RF100
    (ATTACHED TO ROOM SELECTION BOOKLET)
2. Bring your official RF100 card together with your $30.00 application fee to:
   Business Office, College Hall, Rm. 216 between March 25th and
   April 19th, 1999. Make checks payable to: Montclair State University.
3. Your application fee will not be accepted if your account with the
   University is outstanding. Knowing this, please be sure to clear
   any delinquent accounts.
4. Once you complete all of the above steps, you are ready to participate
   in the “Assignment Process.”

ASSIGNMENT PROCESS
1. Bring your validated RF100 card to the Blanton Hall Atrium on April 21 or 22. The date
   you will be permitted to select your room assignment depends upon your label on the
   RF100 card. (schedule on other side)
2. If you wish to select roommates or suitemates, present ALL applications during the
   appropriate entry date and time. NOTE: The student with the earliest time appointment
   can present all RF100 cards; only one person will be permitted to submit the completed
   application(s).
3. Once you are admitted to the room selection arena, you are to go to the table which
   represents the hall you wish to live in to reserve your specific room for the next academic
   year.
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PLEASE NOTE: If you do not participate in Room Selection for the 1999-2000 year on April 21 or 22, you WILL NOT be guaranteed a room. If you have
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Fall 1999 Room Selection Schedule
Blanton Atrium
April 21 & 22

The time you will be permitted to select your room assignment depends upon your class
standing as of February 1, 1999. For example, if your label

Please arrive no
more than (10) minutes before your time slot; however, you may arrive any time after
your appointed time.

CLASS STATUS AS OF 2/1/99

Grad/Senior (90+ credits)*
Junior (58+ credits)
Sophomore (26+ credits)
Freshman (less than 26 credits)
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DATES & TIMES

April 21, 1999 (9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)
April 21, 1999 (10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
April 21, 1999 (1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)
April 21, 1999 (3 p.m.-5 p.m.)
April 21, 1999 (7 p.m.-9 p.m.)

April 22, 1999 (DAY TWO)
OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS
(9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)

If you believe your room application label is incorrect you must obtain a “Credit
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Pay your non-refundable application fee now!!

Any questions regarding the room selection process call ext. 7447

*Current senior residents must pick up their room selection booklet from the office of Residence Life.
The question is, what is the “Matrix”? 

By Andrew Ruiz 
Staff Writer

Seems in the last few days the question on everyone’s lips is: “What is The Matrix?” Unfortunately the answer is a piece of formula sci-fi that, while predictable, may be just quirky enough to stand out from the crowd. Maybe.

The Matrix is the latest for the Wachowski brothers, Andy and Larry. Featuring Laurence Fishburne and Keanu Reeves, The Matrix is typical science fiction, with just enough of the real to give the illusion of intellectualism. The strongest aspects of the film are the power-house performances of Fishburne and virtual unknown Carrie-Anne Moss, along with a genuinely good bit of cinematography with the scene in the incubator. You’ll know it when you see it.

The basic premise of this action adventure piece is reminiscent of a William Gibson novel. The story is fed to the audience in bite sized pieces, so if you want the full effect of the film suggest to skip the rest of this paragraph. The protagonist here is Thomas “Neo” Anderson (Reeves), a computer programmer and a freelance hacker. He is obsessed, for reasons left vague to the audience, with finding out what the “Matrix” is. He believes he is close to a truth then suddenly disappears. Neo, dis­pleased at first, has a run in with some MIB, CIA, FBI, whatever you want to call them, they’re the bad guys, wearing black Armani suits and icing dark glasses. Now con­vinced, he follows Trinity to a meeting with a man named Morpheus, excellently portrayed by Fishburne. Morpheus offers young Neo a choice, the kind that make or break an action flick. Then the film begins to pick up momentum, as all of Neo’s illusions are shattered, or perhaps “obliterated” is a better word. Anyway, go on would be to spoil the plot, so I’ll stop here.

Suffice it to say, by the end of the movie, you will know what the “matrix” is, and you will wonder why you ever cared. The surreal­istic view that the Wachowski brothers could so carefully in the first act is destroyed by the closing action sequences. Imagery that was impressive the first time it was shown is questionable on the second intera­tion. By the end of the film, the audience has seen the same effects so many times that they seem tame, if not downright corny. To sum up the film in one word, adequate. It is not a waste of time to go see it, and some of the early action sequences are quite enjoyable. However, it is not the in­tellectual piece that many are claiming. Feel free to beat anyone about the head who comes out of the theatre saying, “Makes you think.” It doesn’t. The writers dropped any possible intelligent statement midway through the movie. In fact, the only ques­tion I had in my mind as I descended the covered stairs was whether or not I would want to live in a world where Keanu Reeves is our savior. That makes you think.

Laurence Fishburne as Morpheus, the leader of the resistance of The Matrix, gets his memory scanned by secret agents.

Nas celebrates release of third album: (AOL ENTERTAIN­MENT) Platinum-plated rapper Nas (Nasier Jones) has stormed back onto the music scene with his third album, Nas I Am, which was in stores yesterday. The album, which features collaborations with Scarface, Puffy, Aaliyah and DMX, is one of the most eagerly anticipated sets in the hip-hop industry. The first single, “Nas Is Like,” is the centerpiece of the album and is blowing up on radio airwaves. During a recent inter­view, Nas spoke about what Nas I Am signifies for him: “It means life to me. You know, it means, you know. It’s like my graffiti in the history book just to say that I was here. “Nas was here. It’s like saying I’m alive. A lot of people don’t appreciate life and don’t understand how beautiful life is, rich or poor. Life is good. And a lot of people don’t respect life. So you know, I want people to realize that life is good. You live once, and you should make history here. That’s what made me make the album like that.”

Alanis to open for Dave Matthews Band: Alanis Morissette will be a featured guest on the Dave Matthews Band tour when it rolls into Denver on July 20. Morissette, who is currently on a world tour, will open for the Dave Matthews Band in Denver’s Mile High Stadium. Big Head Todd & The Monsters will also open on that date. Morissette appears on the Dave Matthews Band album Before These Crowded Streets. She sings on “Don’t Drink The Water” and “Spoon.” Matthews tells us how he got Morissette on the album: “Initially she was just a haunting voice in the background of a couple of things and then we thought well… It was a thought of mine… Actually it was Steve Harris, he’s the engineer, he said, have sug­gested it. He thought, “Why not give her a verse?” She had to learn it very quickly, but I thought she actually sang it quite beautifully.”

 WOMAN FINED FOR WEARING MANSON T-SHIRT IN KENTUCKY: In a troubling legal decision this past Thursday, a Louisville, Kentucky judge ruled that a woman against a twenty-year-old woman for wearing a “profane” Marilyn Manson T-shirt was justified. In May of 1998 Venus “Star” Morgan donned a T-shirt bearing the phrase “I am the god of f#ck” for which she was arrested and fined. This past Thursday, the court ruled to uphold the fine of $250 plus court, despite legal defense by the ACLU. He plans another appeal on the basis of First Amendment rights to freedom of speech. Morgan told the Associate Press, “I think it means being your own god, being who you want to be, unlike this community who is trying to force God down your throat.”

OZZFEST ANNOUNCES DATES: (REUTERS) This year’s OzzFest tour has been subtitled “A Last Surprize with Black Sabbath.” As previously reported, the tour will begin May 27 in the Coral Sky Amphitheater in West Palm Beach and it will also include: Rob Zombie, Slayer, Deftones, Primus, Godsmack, System Of A Down, Judas Priest, Drain STH, Static-X, HEDGE, Pushmonkey, Slipknot, Puya, Flashpoint and Apartment 26.

BACKSTREET’S BACK ALL RIGHT: The Backstreet Boys will release their second U.S. album, Millennium, on May 18. It is the follow-up to their self-titled debut album, which just received the prestigious Diamond Award from the Recording Industry Association of America (R.I.A.A.), signifying sales of over ten million copies in the United States alone. To kick off the release of their new album, the Backstreet Boys will perform in an hour-long Disney Channel special titled, appropriately enough, “Backstreet Boys In Concert.” The concert will be taped in New York City in front of 1,800 fans on May 11 at the New Amsterdam Theater. The Amsterdam is currently the home of the Broadway production of Disney’s “The Lion King.” The special will world premiere on July 10 at 7:00 p.m. EST. The Boys will also release their first single from Millennium titled, “I Want It That Way” on April 12, and the band has just completed a video for the song, directed by Wayne Isham. The single is already the most requested song at New York City Top 40 radio outlets. An official track listing for the album has not yet been confirmed, but “I Want It That Way,” “Perfict Fan” and “I Need You Tonight” are three of the tracks from the upcoming album. The Backstreet Boys plan on launching an extensive world tour this summer in support of Millennium.
Family fun at MSU

By Victoria Tengelic
Staff Writer

MSU presented the Cleveland Signstage Theater company in their production of “Peter Rab­bit” on April 2. It was a lively children’s show based upon Beatrix Potter’s classic tale. As MSU children’s shows are usually interactive, children were able to make their own rabbit ears for Easter and other Easter related crafts before the production started. Although it got off to a rocky start with technical delays, those who chose to stay for the performance were conclusive, something repulsive,” from the song Comedy Tonight?

Tonight and Friday evening in the McEachern Recital Hall at 8 p.m., are Broadway Night, featuring various songs from Broadway musicals performed by students of the music and theater departments. The two-act show includes songs from the musicals “Les Miserables,” “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the For­rum,” “Cherry,” “Phantom of the Opera,” “Civil War,” “Cabaret,” and more.

The purpose of the show is to “bridge the gap between the music and theater department, and incorporate awareness and acceptance of musical theater in art and academic pursuits,” said cast member, Alex Kubic.

According to Pete Bush, “Musical theater has become like a dirty word,” in Montclair’s theater and music department. The goal of Bush’s project is to make MSU add Musical Theater as a major. Bush originally came up with the idea when Professor Jeannette Hile, told him of the Broadway Nights performed at Seton Hall. Bush wanted to make students and faculty members aware of the interest and enthusiasm many students exhibit for acting and music combined.

Bush, who had his own theater company in Tom’s River, is not only directing the show but also starring in it. He has invested a lot of time, money, and effort into this project but to him it is worth it. “I think each department could use a little help from each other,” said Bush.

According to theater minor and cast member, Beth Wayek, having the two departments work together would open more doors for the theater and music majors, and make both parties lives easier.

“The art behind musical theater is the incorporation of vocal talent with persuasive acting... It is about doing the whole thing, not just one thing, well. Indeed, the idea of musical theater as a major would particularly help singers and actors because they could develop more than one talent.

In a college that is closely connected to the city where Broadway is located, many do find it strange that musical theater is not an option in those departments. Perhaps, Broadway Night will not merely open eyes and ears, but hearts as well, for that is what music and theater are about: heart and commitment.

Musical theater joins students

By Vanessa Benefaito
Staff Writer

Thurs, April 8
Imperial Teen, The Knitting Factory, NYC
Vanilla Ice / Dial 7, Tramps, NYC
Climax Band, Roulette, NYC
Kathy Mattea, State Theater, NYC
MOE, Manhattan Center Hammer­ton Ballroom, NYC
Sun, April 11
Music Makers... Telling Tales, Merkin Concert Hall, NYC

Mon, April 12
Electric Eel Shock, Arlene Grocery, NYC
Charlie Chaplins: The Circus, The Sylvia and Danny Kaye Playhouse, NYC
Renann, Arlene Grocery, NYC
Dust, The Kitchen, NYC
Gomez, Maxwell, Hoboken, NJ

Fri, April 9
Poster Children, Maxwell, Hoboken NJ
Sat, April 10

If there are any exciting events you know of that should be placed on this calendar, please contact Lynette at x 5241.
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As the dust of the Civil War finally settles, a small group of former slaves creates a new community in the farm country of Indiana. With them they bring their hopes for a new start, not just for themselves but for America itself. But the past never lets anyone go free without a battle.

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Monday, April 12th

- **Blow up games** 11am-3pm
  SC Quad - Bouncy boxing, Rock wall, Human Bowling

- **Devils Game**, bus leaves @ 6pm behind SC - tickets are $10 purchased at the CLUB office SC Rm 112 x5232

Tuesday, April 13th

- **Blow up games**
  11am-3pm SC Quad - Off with your head, Velcro Olympics, Bungee Run

- **Nerds Concert**
  at 8pm - SC Ballrooms - Free Admission!

Wednesday, April 14th

- **Twister Tournament**
  12pm SC Quad

- **Yankees Game**
  bus leaves @5pm behind SC - tickets are $10 purchased at the CLUB office SC Rm 112 x5232

Thursday, April 15th

- **BBQ**
  12pm - 2pm SC Quad

- **DRIVE-IN!**
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How do you feel about the five percent tuition increase proposed for Fiscal Year 2000? I think that, if they raise it five percent in 2000, they'll raise it again and again until we all do something.

Jonathan Yanco, Marketing

Although I have a tuition and fees waiver and I am not directly affected by the hike, I am still concerned for other students who are not as fortunate. If, however, there is one thing that can lessen the pain caused by the proposed hike, it is the fact that MSU is still the best educational value in New Jersey.

Joan Kanner, Psychology/Spanish

This happens every year. Education should be the primary focus of the state. It should be the primary focus of society...it's the future.

Sabaustin Skenderi, Political Science

I feel that they always just rush into an increase. It doesn't seem like they really go over the options...at least, they don't tell us about the options. They do all of this in Trenton without ever going to MSU or looking at students who need to struggle to pay tuition.

Rob Blauvelt, Political Science/French

Although I'm against the increase, it seems that the school is forced to do this because of cutbacks from the state. The problem lies with Whitman and the legislature in Trenton.

Besim Bruncaj, Geography

I believe that the administration should fund-raise or get corporate sponsors to get the money to avoid raising tuition.

Debra Sudonje, Political Science/Speech

Question of the Week: Do you feel that NATO should continue its bombing campaign in the former Yugoslavia?

Let your voice be heard!

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

In the November 25, 1998 edition of The Montclarion, Justin Vellucci published a column entitled “History & Heritage: Saving the Sprague Library Archives Room.” In it, he addressed the slow deterioration of the library’s university archives, how students needed to become aware of this institution’s past to ensure a healthy academic future, and how the administration needed to hire an archivist to ensure that the archives were preserved. Some four months later, MSU has responded to Vellucci’s column - the Archives have been closed.

The head of Sprague Library’s Reference and Information Department, Patricia Sanders, said that the column “gave us a wake-up call. There’s valuable archival material and something has to be preserved.” The key to preservation, it seems, is to lock the doors to this institution’s history and call it a day.

Although officials in Sprague Library have said that the problem with students viewing the archives was that in could they remained in the room un-monitored, those that have attempted to access the archives in the last months have not been granted entrance, monitored or otherwise. While, on the surface, the move to close the Archives Room is an attempt to ensure that the materials therein are no longer damaged, misplaced, or lost, underneath, this is just another example of administrators closing their eyes and hoping that problems will just go away.

Something as essential as the Archives Room should not only be accessible to all students, faculty, and staff, its existence should be well-publicized. Accompanying Vellucci’s column were photographs of old archive materials - black and white photos, student assignments, maps, administrative documents, course books and the like - falling to pieces. The history of MSU is essential to its growth. How can we continue to expand and build upon our academic and physical infrastructure without looking to the blueprints of the institution’s foundations?

The solution to the problem is simple: Make an honest effort to preserve the archives and the Archives Room and keep student’s informed about the preservation process and the history which we are striving to save. If we simply lock the doors to the Archives Room and hope that students upset by its deterioration and poor maintenance simply graduate or disappear, we are merely locking the doors to MSU’s past - and that is exactly what the column that triggered this issue opposed so strongly.

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OPINION

Main Editorial
Taking Action Against Injustice: The Role of College Students In Affecting Change

"A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds... With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do." Ralph Waldo Emerson

The End of One Student’s Years at MSU

It is a difficult truth that everything in life must come to an end, and as I write these words, an aspect of my life plays out its end. — From the Montclarion. In coming to terms with this reality and the fact that, as a part of the class of '99, a world filled with technological, scientific and social challenges is before us. From the new frontier of medicine, computer technology, artificial intelligence and other areas, it incites the will to be prepared.

I reflect on the past three years here at MSU, the experience of having excellent professors, good friends, and a chance to grow has renewed and strengthened my commitment to be productive in every aspect of my life. But I think for each of us we can never cease to grow, and that is why I want to reaffirm what has become sort of a theme for me: the idea of critical engagement.

I think that we, the students, have grown to see the impact it can have as change. When we “talk with” one another as opposed to “talk at” one another, a lot can be achieved. I think Justin Velucci’s impressive work, Following the Money Trail, demonstrates the kind of critical engagement and assessment that needs to continue. So that students cannot only get the best education, but understand the means by which they are educated.

The need for understanding the lines and fossiler awareness of differences is also a critical part of each individual’s development, and I think MSU as a community has done much to foster such an environment, but the process of renaming thoughts and attitudes has to continue.

It would allow equal participation of all ideas that would result in the new problems we will confront.

In that part, I must disclose the location of the clothing vendors. It is perfectly natural that, to an adequate education. By hiring more adjuncts, named the “sweatshop workers of academia,” and less full time professors, students suffer the consequences. While colleges all over the country suffer the same money-saving problems, a student manages to research and inform the entire campus the details of the clothing factories. It is perfectly natural that, in the end of one student’s years at MSU, I myself don’t know what the answer to this is. This is not to say that I take a quickist position on this matter. The U of M’s contract with the Atlanta-based College Licensing company ends in June, the students and members walking around the protesting students.

The situation in Kosovo is a case in point. We believe that not only a few issues that concern college students. Whatever the issue, it is important for college students to initiate effective change.

Awaking from Complacency and Addressing the Crisis in Kosovo

Right now, there is a man somewhere and our government drops bombs. We are looking around his bavel of a home as he starves out of existence. He dies, having eaten nothing for weeks.

In the U.S., the poorest person has at least some recourse to government agencies and shelters or soup kitchens before his life shrinks away with his stomach. Most people in this country will never feel hunger much beyond the half an hour they must wait for lunch or dinner.

We have it good in this country, an that is a good thing. We should not be ashamed of it.

Our position has bred a great deal of complacency in us. We hear about atrocities that happen around the world everyday and shrug them off, searching for the snack that will stop our hunger, letting the people in power—power given to them by us—dicate what action is taken on matters, and letting people in the media dictate to us what our opinion on these matters should be through pictures and sound-bites.

Perhaps it is right to drop bombs, but what, really, have they accomplished? More people dead due to bombing, and the killings perpetuated by Milosevic stepped up in pace. What is accomplished is the opposite of what the government’s stated goals were.

This is somewhat predictable. We have seen it played out in scenarios like Vietnam, and most recently in Iraq. After we become involved offensively, those who we are fighting against are strengthened in their resolve. It was further predictable even without considering other cases by a bit of common sense.

In the words of one Edward Said, “No nation, no matter how badly attacked from the air is going to rally to the attackers.”

Yet still we dropped bombs, knowing that statement contains at least a little truth.

On a different side, the bombs we drop cost a lot of money. Millions of dollars each.

This is money that could go towards improving conditions in our country, towards education, towards homes for the homeless, towards food for the hungry.

On a different case in point, the wars, this quote is taken from poet and essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson’s essay, “Self Reliance.” It emphasizes the value and necessity of men’s independence and, in turn, the dangers of comfort.

During the Transcendental Era, in the eighteenth century, many artists, like Emerson, criticized society, but did not suggest that people stir up trouble simply for the sake of it. However, let there people to violate their own ignorant comfort and stand up for just causes, regardless of public opinion. These urgings do not only apply to the 1700’s, but also to present day college students and middle-aged adults.

College students face many important issues, such as racism, sexism, and corrupt politics, and many sit back and shirk their heads about the problems. While grades are indisputably the most important reason students attend college, various passions awaken as students expose themselves to more worldly issues.

One important issue that impacts practically every college campus is sweatshop labor. On March 18, however, The Detroit Free Press reported that 25 University of Michigan students held a sit-in in the president’s office against child labor practices, with a photograph of a staff member walking around the protesting students.

The students’ organization, Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality, demanded a living wage for the factory workers who produce their college apparel. Because U of M’s contract with the Atlanta-based College Licensing company ends in June, the students and administrators negotiated the contract so that the company must disclose the location of the clothing vendors.

For noncomformity the world whip you with its displeasure, when to their feminine rage the indignation of the people is added, when the ignorant and the poor are aroused, when the unintelligent brute force that lies at the bottom of society is made to growl and move,” Emerson said.

These U of M students, like most people, probably go shopping and fail to read the tags or inquire upon the conditions of the clothiing factories. It is perfectly natural that, in the United States, consumers are content to live in ignorance. People have certain issues that concern them and perhaps sweatshop labor is not one of yours. The U of M students, as well as students from other schools, like Duke University, stepped out of the comfort zone and initiated solution to a problem about which many human rights activists have just talked.

Another local example of a student’s fight to end injustices to students as well as faculty, was Following the Money Trail, recently published in The Montclarion. Justin Velucci recognized the detrimental actions of the state government to an adequate education. By hiring more adjuncts, named the “sweatshop workers of academia,” and less full time professors, students suffer the consequences. While college students are justice advocates for the next generation, and we have the power to change world situations. Child labor and governmental discrepancies are only a few issues that concern college students. Whatever the issue, it is important for college students to initiate effective change.

Learning why the United States thinks we should be involved in Kosovo is not enough. Learning why we should not be involved in Kosovo is not enough. We must hear these two sides, and all others also, so that we can make a decision that is not based on a single way of looking at the world.

Overall, we must be more than compla­"
Looking to the real victims in Kosovo

This is in response to Kara Richardson’s 4/1 article which explored the Kosovo crisis through the eyes of a Serbian national. Although Richardson’s article is objective in its portrayal of a certain human element in this political crisis, her lack of knowledge about the conflict allows her to unintentionally commit an injustice, as she likens aggressors to victims and fails to discuss the plight of the main victims of the conflict.

Richardson neglects to present the actualities of the conflict as she fails to demonstrate that the Serbian aggression has brought upon the more than 425,000 Albanian refugees who have been forcibly uprooted and driven from their homes by Serbian brutality.

How can one portray the hardships of the aggressive conflict in a way that fully highlights the true victims of war? For example, we fail to see the Stats Legislature, spent $21,524.06 on each of its 28,096 inmates in Fiscal Year 1998, but only an average of 405 inmates. Richardson neglects to present the actualities of the conflict as she fails to demonstrate that the Serbian aggression has brought upon the more than 425,000 Albanian refugees who have been forcibly uprooted and driven from their homes by Serbian brutality.

As your colleague, Mr. Davison, aptly put it, our best involved is essential. Democracy, we should be out there lobbying and working still need: our vote. You can see this at work at the local level. Local committee women and men are crucial in getting politicians elected!

Dear Mr. Vellucci:

Congratulations on your excellent coverage of “A Silent Crisis in the Making” (from Following the Money Trail). I was especially impressed with your “opinion page” remarks: “If the Board of Trustees really wanted to foster a competitive educational environment, they would lobby, instead, for better teacher salaries.”

As your colleague, Mr. Davison, aptly put it, our beloved Governor, the Ayn Rand of New Jersey, as well as the State Legislature, spent $21,524.06 on each of its 28,096 inmates in Fiscal Year 1998, but only an average of 405 inmates. Richardson neglects to present the actualities of the conflict as she fails to demonstrate that the Serbian aggression has brought upon the more than 425,000 Albanian refugees who have been forcibly uprooted and driven from their homes by Serbian brutality.

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THE 1999 SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

And The Montclarion endorses...

President

John Griffin

John Griffin will bring to the position of president a wealth of experience with the SGA, as a representative of the student body, a legislator, President Pro Tempore, and Vice President. His goals are clearly-stated and feasible: extended hours at Sprague Library, the opening of an on-campus video store or one-screen movie theater, a blue light system ensuring stronger campus safety, a wealth of on-campus events and stronger publicity to inform students as to what’s going on at MSU. He has the experience to know how to get things done within student government and a genuine interest in improving the quality of campus life for MSU students, ensuring that his plans and decisions will be developed, informed, and enforced as a result of student concerns.

Vice-President

Mike Kazimir

As a legislator for the last three years, Mike Kazimir has learned how to get things done within the SGA. As part of the Griffin/Kazimir/Rourk/Casterlow ticket, he plans to focus his energies if elected on improving the quality of life in MSU residence halls, working to better campus Food Services, and acknowledging the accomplishments of MSU students outside of the boundaries of campus. He supports the proposal for extended hours at Sprague Library and the installation of the campus bluelight system. He has also served as Vice President of Pi Kappa Alpha, and hopes to establish stronger lines of communication between the SGA and Greek organizations.

Secretary

William Guardino

The one thing that spoke loudest for Guardino’s dedication to serving students through the SGA was the fact that, whether he is elected or not, he promises to stay active within student government. The SGA’s current President Pro Tempore, Guardino has served as a legislator and chairperson on several committees. Guardino’s key focus seems to be on informing students about the operations and procedures of the SGA and activities on campus through stronger publicity and increased attempts to cater to student needs. Guardino has been the author of many bills within the SGA this year, as well as assisting in several campus projects (such as the recent parking survey), and will be hard-working, dedicated addition to the E-board if elected.

Treasurer

Latasha Casterlow

When David Pizzi resigned from the SGA E-board position of Secretary, Latasha Casterlow was there to step up to the challenge. A strong-willed, determined and well-spoken individual, Casterlow summarized what she feels makes a dedicated SGA representative in one word: FACTS (Flexibility, Accountability, Credibility, Tenacity, Stability). Casterlow, who is running on the same ticket as Griffin, Kazimir, and Rourk, supports the idea of extended hours at Sprague Library (described by Casterlow as an attempt to keep commuters, constituting the majority of the student population, on campus), the initiation of the bluelight safety system, and the fostering of a stronger line of communication between the Student Government and all Class I, II, III, and IV organizations.

BOT Alternate

Ned T. Gross Jr.

The position of BOT Alternate is a sensitive one - one with rules and parameters differing slightly from the rest of the SGA E-board. Gross has a wealth of ideas on how to work within the infrastructure of MSU’s Board of Trustees while keeping student interests at the top of his, and the board’s, agenda. He supports the establishment of an office for the BOT student representative in the Student Center Annex, an e-mail address where students can directly send their questions and concerns, and a monthly column in The Montclarion, titled “The BOT Corner,” where students will always be kept up to date on happenings at board meetings. Gross is a highly informed and vocal individual, exactly the type of person that students at this university would want to represent them on a highly-important, decision-making entity such as the board of trustees.

Make a difference:

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- POLLING HOURS -
  - Saturday, April 10
    - Dickson Hall • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
    - Blanton Hall • 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  - Monday, April 12
    - Student Center • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Tuesday, April 13
    - Dickson Hall • 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
  - Wednesday, April 14
    - Student Center • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
I fiddled idly with the sleeves of my Armani suit as the limousine drove Sherry and me to our destination: Deceptions. That was the name of the club where we, ironically enough, were to attempt a major deception of trying to appear as males when we were so obviously not. Sherry was practically a triple D in bra; otherwise if size F existed she was there. Her boobs seemed to come out of her ears. It isn’t like I stood there and watched her “friends”, as she called them, but every word she said was emphasized by her chest. Lesbian or not it was hard not to notice. However, she was tall, which, in this case, would do her good. We were eventually able to disguise her boobs by tying them down and flattening them. The only problem was she could hardly breathe. Right now, she was breathing in little gasps, which under different circumstances may have tickled me into laughter.

We had tried on various outfits to fit our roles as men - Sherry’s parents had dough - so I was wearing a ‘fly’ Armani and she was sporting a rather dashing Versace suit. I had always wanted to wear expensive clothing, but for a woman. I mean, this was not exactly the solution I had desired for my present circumstances, present circumstances being that I was well...single. I could only bite my lip and wonder as to the final resolution of this farce.

I was supposed to talk Sherry out of it. I told her we just could not pull it off because there were certain delicate unmentionables we did not possess thankfully! And these vital parts were, well, vital. Therefore we couldn’t possibly, but she just cut me off and said something that I blush to recall.

I also tried to tell her that I was too short to be a man and that the best I could pass something that I blush to recall. We were, well, vital. Therefore we couldn’t possess - thankfully! - and these vital parts were certain delicate unmentionables we did not possess. I wear my hair as short as I could to avoid a certain lethal when she got an idea into her head.

When taking it seriously, I had considered shaving my mustaches but still and all...I was prepared to make my way through the sunny New York City streets to the PATH station. On the way home a man tries to hijack the PATH train, but gives it up when he realizes there are only about a dozen places he can take it to. As I walk up the stairs onto the Hoboken sidewalk, I cast a gaze toward Manhattan, and recall to myself the afternoon I’d just spent, as well as all the other wonderful days and nights I’ve spent in New York City. In my whimsy I cross River Street and get hit by a car.

I wave to find I owe the Texas-Arizona bar and grill money for seven rounds of drinks, and that I’ve just made a roomful of new friends.

I’ve taken a job as a waiter to pay off my extensive tab. One of my fellow waiters is a guy who works as an actor in an off-Broadway show. You can bet I won’t be asking him for the time.
Big Ass Editor's Note

I would like to apologize to all those who looked forward to my section last week only to find that I had, as an April Fools' Joke, made the crossword and wordfind impossible.

I was just trying to be a good editor and stuff.

But it was wrong of me to do so. I am deeply sorry.

I should have known better.

I should be beaten mercilessly.

I'm shut up in this little room with no windows and an average temperature of 300 degrees.

The voices in my head told me it would be a hoot, and I listened.

I don't know who I am half the time.

I have pasta in my underwear.

And who keeps frying baloney?
The Horoscope Never Lies

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): The weekend presents Aries with a challenge. How many people can you hook up with while bronzed out of your mind? The answer is zero, but it's more if you have no dignity.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20): A visit to a maximum security prison is just what the doctor ordered! You need your evil ways. And you let havoc hideous doors you were planning to steal on the black market.

Gemini (May 21 to Jun. 21): A month work proves Gemini under stress. Break out your ARIMA to review it. YOU ARE THE LATEONE QUEEN's crew friends take a picture and laugh at you, but they can always be beat.

Cancer (Jun. 22 to Jul. 22): Gemini was not all excitement because last week settled. You find buried in your desk drawer an explosives permit for 200 pounds of T.N.T. You blow up Nighthawk and Fly in Nightwing ignores it completely.

Leos (Jul. 23 to Aug. 22): The weekend presents Leo with a challenge. How many people can you hook up with while bronzed out of your mind? The answer is zero, but it's more if you have no dignity.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22): Virgo has a retro-'70s thing going this week. You spend 18 dollars in a thrift store and walk out with a bag containing two suitcases and platforms. Go to a club and do the Hero dance until you are thrown out forcibly.

Libra (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22): Your mom isn't around and you take so much food! Too don't look both ways before crossing. You make a face and it doesn't sting like that. Too play with your food. And you jump on the bed. Take that mom! I'll show you!

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): But wasn't vodka. It was liquid hair growth potion. 'Too don't get hair on your head, but you grow a killer beard. Too look like the gyps from ZZ Top. Rock on!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Too have remarkable gas mileage for a sport utility vehicle of your class. But too tip over at every corner, killing passengers and pedestrians alike. Too mother is very disappointed in you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Richard Simmons shows up at your door uninvited. He barges in and hypnotizes you. Too WILLSweat to the oldies! Too WILLShake your bootie! Too WILLSink in a bucket of oil and platforms. Go to a club and do the Hero dance until you are thrown out forcibly.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): The classes you registered for got cancelled. Take new ones. Too sign up for "Ristar of EejR"N, "Naming the Residents since Tomfoolery", "Ojipics for Barf", and "It's 8am, let's Visit The Resident In Our Barn.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20): Your mom isn't around and you take so much food! Too don't look both ways before crossing. You make a face and it doesn't sting like that. Too play with your food. And you jump on the bed. Take that mom! I'll show you!

All right, ONE LAST TIME...

This is your brain on drugs.

This is Finz getting beaten up by tray-wielding manics.

Any questions?
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 Editor
- Opinion Page Editor
- Sports Editor
- Chief Copy Editor
- Humor Editor
- Cartoonist
- Photo Editor

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.
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Intramural Basketball

Last Week's Results

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*Teams ejected from the league for too many forfeits
#Teams disqualified from the playoffs for a forfeit during the regular season

By Ed Flannery
Staff Writer

As the Intramural Basketball season comes to a close, most of the playoff matchups have been decided. Playoff action starts this Sunday, April 10. Games in the single-elimination will go from Sunday until the championship game on Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.

One of the two games remaining to be played Thursday night have major playoff implications. If the Pirate Eyes (7-5) defeat the Underdogs (2-10), they will secure the number six spot in the playoffs and a first round bid. If the Underdogs manage the upset, the Eyes take the seven seed and play the Underdogs again Sunday night in the first round, and the Syntschabolics (7-5-1) will take on the number three team, The Swarm (10-3). The winner of the game against the Underdogs will be faced with the ominous challenge of Feel Deeze (12-1), whose sole loss came on a disqualification.

Elsewhere, the undefeated Regular Season Champions, ONN (13-0), will await the winner of a Sunday night match-up between the Theta Xi Underdawgs (6-7) and the Blanton Bearcats (6-7). Although both teams have the same record, Theta Xi took the higher seed by beating the Bearcats 44-21 earlier in the regular season.

In another tight pairing, number four Fast Break (8-3-1) faces number five Team Undecided (8-5). Fast Break won the regular season game against the Riddlers, but this is the playoffs, and anything can happen.

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Left foot
First steps
Baby steps
Giant steps

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smashed his first homerun of the year. This scored two runs, and the third was scored on a bloop RBI single by Mark Migliori.

The Red Hawks managed to touch homebase four times in the sixth inning making the score 11-5, but failed to narrow the lead further. Wydner went 3-4 with and RBI, sophomore Dave Wurst finished with two RBI’s, while sophomore Scott Allan and senior Alex Bosch both had two hits.

Montclair defeated Rowan in the second game 6-4 after breaking a 1-1 tie to take the lead in the bottom of the fifth with four hits in a row that scored two runs, making the score 3-1. Second baseman Craig Conway hit an RBI single making the lead 2-1, which was followed by Francia’s RBI single for the 3-1 lead. MSU’s fourth run came off an error by the Profs.

For the Red Hawks, Wydner and Francia both went 2-5 in the game, while Wurst scored three runs on two hits.

Montclair visited Ramapo College last Friday in a conference game and were defeated 6-5 by the Roadrunners.

Ramapo enjoyed the lead for a while after senior Mike Pasch scored Carl Lorelli in the first inning on a sacrifice fly. The Roadrunners added three more runs in the top of the eighth inning. However, Montclair fought back in the top of the eighth with the bases loaded, and finished the inning 5-4. Ramapo’s sophomore right fielder Chris Niskock then smashed an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth leading to the Roadrunners’ 6-5 victory.

Senior Jason Schuchard enjoyed his first win of the year for Ramapo, giving up one run on two hits, and striking out two. Kevin Rakowski-Kuhlman was the losing pitcher for the Hawks, falling to 0-1 on the year, giving up two runs on two hits, six walks and five strikeouts.

In last Saturday’s game against William Paterson University, the Red Hawks were defeated 6-5. The legendary Yogi Berra came out to MSU to throw out the first pitch to start the Red Hawks conference season in a game that wasn’t decided until the last inning.

Montclair fought back from a 5-2 deficit and made it even at 5-5 in the bottom of the eighth inning. William Paterson rallied in the top of the ninth to win 6-5. For MSU, Francia was 1-4 with two runs batted in, while Kermizian was 3-5. The Red Hawks will return to action today to take on Rutgers-Newark in a conference game to be played at Rutgers-Newark.

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Female Athlete of the Week

Alexandra Lamont
Outfielder
Sophomore
5-3
Hawthorne, NJ
De Paul HS

Softball

Sophomore outfielder Alexandra Lamont went 4-5 with four RBI's on Monday at Richard Stockton College, and went 2-3 against Drew University last Saturday in a non-conference doubleheader played at MSU's Quarry Field.

Male Athlete of the Week

Dan Wydner
Centerfield
Senior
6-0
Port Murray, NJ
West Morris Cnt. HS

Baseball

Senior centerfield Dan Wydner was superb this past week tripling in last Saturday’s game against William Paterson, going 5-9 total in two games against Rowan University, and also leading the NJAC in triples with four.

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MSU softball too hot to handle; cruising along with winning record of 18-3

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

Montclair State University’s softball team had another excellent week sweeping both Drew University and Richard Stockton College, improving their record to 18-3. In the first game against Richard Stockton, Montclair State came out strong scoring the first two runs of the game. The Red Hawks first run was scored by junior infielder Tara Wisz off an RBI single to right field by senior infielder Jamie Lascik. This hit advanced sophomore outfielder Alex Lamont to third, and she subsequently scored when sophomore Kim Caruso smacked an RBI single to second base. MSU would go on to have four single-run innings, making the score 6-1 in their favor.

For MSU, Wisz was 2-3 with an RBI, and Lascik was 3-4 with two runs batted in. The winning pitcher was Sue McCarville who gave up five hits, one run, two walks, and striking out five, improving her record to 13-1.

The second game of the doubleheader against Richard Stockton proved to be as fruitful in runs as the first. Although Montclair came up empty in the first two innings, they produced multiple-run innings thereafter. For the Red Hawks, Lamont was 4-5 with four RBI’s, junior infielder Lisa Czarnecki was 2-4 with one run batted in, and sophomore Evelyn Morozzi was a perfect 3-3 with four RBI’s. Sophomore pitcher Caruso won the game on the mound, pitching five innings with five strikeouts, one walk, and four hits. With this win, Caruso improved her record to 5-1 on the season.

Montclair State University women’s softball will next be in action today at Rutgers-Newark in a conference game starting at 3:30 p.m.

Baseball still searching for solid ground

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

Montclair State’s baseball team went 2-3 this past week, losing to William Paterson University, Ramapo College, splitting with Rowan University, and defeating Division II Adelphi University. Their record now stands even at 10-10, NJAC 1-3.

In the game against Adelphi University played at MSU’s Yogi Berra Stadium on Tuesday afternoon, junior Frank Francia hit a two-run single, while senior Dan Wydner smacked a three-run triple which were all the runs Montclair would need for the victory. The Red Hawks were behind 1-0 at the beginning of the third inning, when Francia drove in runners from second and third with a two-out, two-run single which made it a 2-1 lead for MSU. Wydner cleared the bases in the next inning with a triple down the right field line making it a 5-1 lead.

The Panthers retaliated, however, scoring in the fifth inning making the score 5-2. However, with great defensive plays by the Red Hawks, Adelphi failed to put the score past 5-4 in favor of Montclair.

For the Red Hawks, senior lefty Mike Orth had the victory, giving up one run and one hit in three innings of play. He improved his record to 2-0 on the season. Senior outfielder Brian Kermizian was 3-4.

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