CRIME STRIKES CLOVE APARTMENTS

Student awakens to sexual assault

By Kara Richardson
Managing Editor

A female Clove Road Apartment resident was sexually assaulted by a man who climbed into her bedroom window early Tuesday morning last week. According to a campus police report, the woman awoke to a strange presence in her bedroom window early Tuesday morning. The perpetrator's freshly dusted fingerprints remain to her left.

Miranda (not her real name) peers outside from the window the assailant entered from early Tuesday morning. The perpetrator's freshly dusted fingerprints remain to her left.

Assault victim recalls nightmare

While the victim of last Monday's sexual assault wanted to remain anonymous, she wanted to let the campus to know her story.

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Managing Editor

Miranda awoke to cold hands on her leg. A body was creeping up her bed from beneath her covers. In her groggy state, she thought her boyfriend was making a surprise visit.

As the man's torso was completely on the bed, he tried to climb on top of her. After she was aware that it was not her boyfriend, she began squirming toward the wall in fear.

Torn with fear, she did not scream.

"I want to lick your pussy," was all he said.

She struggled, whisking away his advancing hands into her shorts.

As she struggled more, the man got up quickly and ran for the door.

"He looked like a trapped animal, not knowing what to do," said Miranda.

While he was opening the door, four or five other ski masked perpetrators forced their way into a Clove Road Apartment late Wednesday night. They locked the occupants in the bathroom, shot once, and left after stealing cash and other items.

"I got a phone call from the girls next door," said Mike Roberts [not his real name], one of the apartments' residents. "They said that some guys were ringing their doorbell but they didn't know them, and that it must have been for one of us."

Roberts said he went down to the Clove Road Apartment's 303 section front door and saw an unfamiliar man standing there.

After he opened the door, the stranger grabbed him by the throat and pushed him to the ground. Another perpetrator, wearing a ski mask, approached from the side and placed a revolver to his forehead.

The perpetrators forced Roberts up the stairs to his apartment where he knocked on his door. After his roommate opened the door, four or five other ski masked assailants rushed into and started screaming. A few of them had guns, said Roberts, and one was wearing a car club.

The assailant locked the apartment resident in their bathroom.

"I just heard a lot of noise like they were tearing the place apart," said Roberts.

After some time locked in the bathroom the door was opened and one of the gunmen pulled one resident out and quickly closed the door.

Roberts heard more rustling and then a gun shot rang out. Afterward, everything was momentarily silent.

"I thought they were gonna come in and do us one by one," said Roberts.

His roommate said that the gunmen had left and it was safe to emerge.

"We heard something, and someone said it sounded like a gunshot," said neighbor of the victims. "We didn't think it was anything until about an hour later when another student told us what happened."

Thebullet was found lodged in a closet, and was recovered by police.
Argument over abortion doctor (AP) — Demonstrators on both sides of the abortion issue shouted at each other in confrontation outside the clinic where Dr. Jannet Stepien worked before a sniper shot him to death.

The confrontation came on the third day of a planned week-long series of demonstrations organized by Operation Save America to fight abortion, teen sex and child pornography.

About three dozen abortion opponents began their demonstration before 7 a.m. outside Buffalo GYN Women'services, where a sign on the front door read “Our clinic remains open in honor of Dr. Stepien.”

India’s rulers not ready to rule (Reuters) — India’s Congress party said on Tuesday it was not in a position to form a government, and the opposition parties pushed for its early elections.

India's rulers — the Congress-led coalition — are not ready to rule, sources close to the prime minister said Tuesday.

NATO refuses to end bombings (CNN) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair vowed Tuesday that there would be no “deal” with Yugoslavia President Slobodan Milosevic to end the NATO bombing of Serbia.

NATO has no plans to end bombings.

Another year of bloodshed.

Racial profiling goes to trial (AP) — The attorney general yesterday announced the first indictment of a police officer in the State Police, accusing two troopers of lying about the race of a dying woman.

The lawyer of theagus INDIRECT

The trial was a significant development in the case of 17-year-old Indiana boy killed by law enforcement officers in 1997.

Local News

Holy wars tear up Indonesia

The Moslem "holy war" has been tearing up the country's heartland, leaving behind a trail of destruction and violence.

The conflict between the Islamic fundamentalists and the government has claimed the lives of thousands of people and has caused millions of dollars in damage.

20% of Indonesia's population is Muslim, making it one of the world's largest Muslim countries. The conflict has been fueled by a growing sense of religious nationalism and a desire to impose strict Islamic law.

The conflict has led to widespread violence, with attacks on mosques, schools, and other public buildings.

The government has been criticized for its slow response to the crisis, and there have been reports of human rights abuses by both sides.

The conflict has also led to a rise in extreme forms of religious violence, with reports of bombings, stabbings, and other attacks on civilians.

The government has been accused of not doing enough to stop the violence, and there have been calls for international intervention to bring peace to Indonesia.

For the Record

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By Raghad Al-Haddidi
Special to The Montclarion

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Mary Kate Frank submitted her highly publicized investigative article entitled “Term Papers for Sale” about Dr. Research’s business of selling term papers. Frank is an English major. “It’s been an amazing year for me, and I’m thrilled and honored to be given the Friedlander Memorial Journalism award,” said Frank.

Frank has been accepted to the New York University journalism graduate school. Out of a national selection from 16 people, Frank was chosen for a program by the Poynter Institute Journalism Fellowship. The award was instituted to commemorate Harold Friedlander, a MSU graduate from the class of 1930.
Resignation
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Rachel Fordyce, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, has been the target of a recent letter circulating among CHSS staff.

Fordyce was unavailable for comment. Six telephone calls were made to both her office in Dickson Hall and her home. Fordyce succeeded Philip Cohen as Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences in 1992.

Prior to her taking the position at MSU, Fordyce served as Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She also served as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at Eastern Connecticut State University and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Fordyce received bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in English at the University of Pittsburgh.

“I’ve taken on a job I like very, very much,” said Fordyce in the September 7, 1992 edition of Insight. “I respect the people here [at MSU] and the institution.”

Recommendations regarding Fordyce’s reappointment will be made within the next two months and go before the MSU Board of Trustees in June.

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Special science course fee could be instituted FY2000

By Brian Pedersen
Assistant News Editor

The request for a special course fee was discussed at the University Senate meeting last month.

The fiscal year 2000 is the tentative date when the request may be instituted, but no decision has been made, according to a request form from the Office of Budget and Planning.

The special course fee is an added expenditure for science labs and other courses that may involve extra equipment or materials.

"To run an art program with lots of overhead and supplies is a very costly venture," said Harry Schucke, vice president of Budget, Planning and Information Technology.

"I think there is a great misunderstanding," said Dr. Gregory Waters vice president of Academic Affairs and Institutional Advancement. "For years, there have been courses with specific course fees. The Board of Trustees only approves fees that affect a large number of classes."

"My concern is that special fees should not create a burden for students with financial difficulties," said Dr. Arlene King, Chair of the Department of Counseling, Human Development and Educational Leadership.

"Sometimes we all carry the burden to see to it that there is a certain amount of equality that we don't eliminate people with capabilities who may be in financial need," said King.

Also at the meeting, Information Technology gave a brief overview of the new e-mail system on campus.

"Some significant software problems have not been updated. By getting the software fixed, we hope to have fixed the computer problems," said Lynn Truesdell of Information Technology.

Students will remain on alpha accounts, but faculty and staff may switch from Saturn to E-roll accounts, according to Truesdell.

Among the various issues discussed at the meeting were a parking update, a report on the guidelines for outdoor artwork, and a request for additional child care space and staff.

ASSAULT

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til Thursday after an armed robbery that occurred on Wednesday night. The flyers combined two events, advising students to take "extra precautions."

"I don't think they intended to have anyone to know about this," said the victim's roommate Kristin Marthinson. "I think they wanted to keep it as quiet as possible."

Melinda O'Brien, director of Residence Life, said that she had to wait for the go ahead from Campus Police to put out a residence hall alert.

Many residents voiced their anger about not being informed about the sexual assault until after Wednesday night's armed robbery said O'Brien.

"The flyer did not go out as quickly as it should have," said Dr. Karen Pennington, Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life.

Director of Public Information, Phyllis Miller said that she was aware of both situations on Thursday morning when she received an inquiring call from Channel 7 News.

Since the sexual assault, both Matusow-Ayres and Pennington have counselled the victims and secure the Clove Road Apartments.

Marthinson said that they were lucky that they were not crime stiffer earlier. She said that their Clove Road Apartment was plagued with security problems including a screen on a front window that popped out on contact and a broken lock on their front door that were ignored by maintenance.

"This guy [the intruder] made it hard on himself by going in through her room," Marthinson said.

O'Brien said that many problems came to her attention when several Clove Road Residents had similar complaints, and that she has sent physical plant to assess each apartment for security.

Pennington said she has looked into a plate barrier that would prevent anyone from prying the screen off from the outside. The current estimate for the barriers is $44,000.

"We are looking into additional lighting, prickly bushes and the possibility of cameras," Pennington said.

The USA Security officer has been replaced by two uniformed MSU Police Staff and a marked Police car in the Clove Road Complex said O'Brien.

"We are close to Route 46, Route 3 and the Garden State Parkway," Matusow-Ayres said. "No one should have to live in fear but they should take the proper precautions."
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MSU undergraduate Laura Lifshitz utilizes her talent to place third in competition

By Kristen Anderson

MSU's own Laura Lifshitz was among five finalists during MTV's "Wannabe a VJ" contest. Applicants were competing to win $25,000, a Kia Sportage and the prized slot to replace current MTV VJ Jesse Camp during a four-hour live contest on Saturday, April 17.

Throughout the broadcast the five competitors faced various obstacles designed to help the American public vote for the best candidate for the job. Points were earned through contests such as "main that tune," in which the "Wannabes" had to name the title and artist of the song being distorted by MTV's DJ Skribble. VJ Matt Pinfield, an expert on music trivia, later quizzed the "Wannabes" on how much they truly knew about music.

During other events, such as a rap competition and fashion show, it was the viewers who chose the winner by calling in and voting for their pick. The points received from viewer calls were worth double the score, so they held more weight in the long run.

Each "Wannabe" also had to prove they could keep their cool in the interviewee seat when interviewed by MTV news reporter Kurt Loder. Each read a fake news report in which blanks were filled in with personal information given by each competitor in a poll. Laura read the news report full of energy and was cheered on by supporters in the audience.

It was obvious she had made an impression on the judges, Da Brat, MTV VJ Matt Pinfield, Steve Harwell, lead singer of Smash Mouth and Joey McIntyre, during the semi-final round. They voted her, out of the 12 semifinalists, to be one of the five "Wannabes" to move onto the finals on Saturday.

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A kiss can be deadly: the dangers of Meningitis

By Lisa Gribbin
Assistant Feature Editor

Do you ever take a sip out of someone’s drink? How about taking a bite with another’s fork because you can’t resist just trying a little? How about kissing your significant other? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you may be putting yourself at risk for Meningitis, a potentially fatal disease that is affecting college students today.

Meningitis, an infection easily spread through direct contact with oral secretions (this includes kissing, coughing, and sharing utensils), can lead to a swelling of the brain and spinal cord. There are two different kinds of Meningitis, which are viral and bacterial. The viral infection is a more common form of the disease and is not considered as serious as bacterial Meningitis. This strain of the virus is easily spread and causes outbreaks in a specific area. If left untreated, this type of Meningitis can lead to hearing loss, seizures, amputation and brain damage. It can even be fatal. However, if the virus is detected early, it is most often curable. There is also a vaccine available to prevent the contraction of the disease.

According to statistics from the American College Health Association, there has been an increase in Meningitis outbreaks in college students during the 1990s. From 1991 to 1996, the cases among young adults from 15 to 24 years of age has nearly doubled. 1/3 of these cases occurred in schools and universities.

College students are at a greater risk for developing the disease because of the certain activities that surround college life. Crowded places such as classrooms, dorms, and bars as well as habits such as smoking and using alcohol contribute to making a student susceptible to contracting the disease. The ACHA recommends that students “consider a meningitis vaccination to reduce their risk for potentially fatal meningooccal disease.”

Nancy Ellson, director of the Health and Wellness Center at MSU, said, “This is a vaccine-preventable disease, and one you never have to have.” Ellson and her staff recently sent letters to the parents of MSU students who live on campus explaining the importance of getting vaccinated against Meningitis. She stressed that there has not been a recent outbreak in the campus community.

“We sent letters to inform the parents of the increased risks college students face and to promote awareness of the need for immunization,” she said.

If you would like to learn more about meningitis and the precautions available to prevent developing the disease, you can contact the Health and Wellness Center in Blanton Hall at x4361. If you wish to be vaccinated against the disease, MSU is administering the Meningitis vaccine on Wednesday, April 28th.

Sharing intimate moments with your significant other, including kissing and sharing a drink, could lead to the infection Meningitis.

Your life is in your hands: protection from crime

By Lisa Gribbin
Assistant Feature Editor

Have you ever been afraid of being robbed or attacked? If you have, there are ways to learn how to protect yourself. The National Crime Prevention Council provides information to help prevent people from becoming potential victims.

Statistics from the FBI report that 13 percent of crimes reported to police are violent crimes such as aggravated assault, robbery, forcible rape and murder. The remaining 87 percent are those referring to property crimes. The National Crime Prevention Council reports that in 1994 there were 111 violent victimizations for every 1,000 teenagers and young adults in the United States. The victim not only experiences an emotional loss, but a financial loss as well: becoming a victim of a sexual crime.

O ccupational success can begin by treating others respectfully and taking time out to lend a helping hand. Kenneth Key’s job in College Hall’s Financial Aid Office lives up to the philosophy of patience and respect.

“This is a place where we help find out what the students’ problems are and then help them so they can go out into the world and solve them,” said Key.

Going to the Financial Aid office may be frustrating for students who are unable to get help from a person who is patient and understands what they do not, but Key does understand because, once upon a time, he was an undergraduate at MSU. As a transfer student, Key returned from Japan and found it difficult to get financial help.

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The Mystery of Edwin Drood: a wonderful comedic killer

By Lorenda Kinsel

The Mystery of Edwin Drood, a play directed by Ramon Delgado, written by former Sepultura singer Max Cavelera, will make one more trip around the US in April. The show, which has been well received, is coming to the New York Daily News theatre this month.

The story begins during the Christmas season with the narration of the Chairman (Aaron Schurigin) in the town of Cloisterham. The choirmaster of Cloisterham, John Jasper (Michael Aquino), has a ward named Edwin Drood (Aliesa Williams). The routine lends a sense of decorum as well as depression to poverty and drug addiction. Most of the other dance numbers, however, seem cliché.

In it, Jasper, the uncle of Edwin Drood, has broken the engagement and disappears. Also in love with Rosas Nina Leandres (Nathan Mello) who is engaged to the puerile Rosa Bud (Blair Brown). Yet Drood no longer loves Rosas, the secret love of Jasper.

Drood breaks the engagement and disappears. Also in love with Rosas Nina Leandres (Nathan Mello) who is arrested for Drood's murder, but is soon released for lack of a body. Fearing that Rosas loves Leandres, Jasper confesses his love and threatens to further implicate Leandres in the murder unless she returns his love.

Dickens's story ends unfinished as Dick Datchery, a lingering detective, is introduced. From here on, because of Dickens' demise, no one is sure who he intended the murderer to be or if there was a murderer at all. It is uncertain as to whether Drood is even dead or not.

At this point, it is up to the audience to decide, through both a show of hands and rounds of applause, what ending would be most suitable for Drood. In every performance the murderer and the detective are different, depending on the audience's vote.

As well, the audience gets to vote on what two characters get to have a final romance. Depending on the audience's vote, the theatre will decide, through both a show of hands and rounds of applause, what characters get to have a final romance. Given the possibilities, the play has a multitude of different endings. The best part about it is that it's all up to the audience.

Leaving Memorial Auditorium, Theatre Royale becomes just another construction. Through welcoming the audience into the world of actors performing a play within a play, the Mystery of Edwin Drood does more than entertain. It involves.

For that reason alone, it should be seen as several curse above the rest.

If you want to see mystery, romance, wit and all-around great entertainment, go see The Mystery Of Edwin Drood on April 22, 23, 24 at 8pm or on April 23 at 1pm in Memorial Auditorium.
The Nerds had the energy, but were lacking support

By Kristen Anderson
Staff Writer

The Nerds, a cover band, played a free show sponsored by C.L.U.B and C.I.C. on Tuesday April 13. They played to a small crowd in the Student Center Ballroom, though the show was open to all MSU students and guests.

While the band was full of theatrics and energy, the majority of their audience was lacking in energy for most of the evening. The Nerds; Stretch-Guitar, vocals, Spaz-Bass, vocals, Biff-Percussion, and Mongo-Keyboard; kept their intensity during their entire set despite the fact they were playing to an audience who gave them little feedback and restrained applause. They kept at it, even though in a stand up room only venue the majority of the small crowd chose to sit on the floor.

Some life did come into the audience when the band introduced their saxophone player, a current MSU student, Scott Solomon, who has been playing with them for two years.

Though far from the majority, a select few did dance and move during the performance. However, most watched the entire show as if they were watching a theatrical stage show...not a live band!

During one of their songs, when everybody actually seemed into the music, the band pointed the microphone out for the audience to sing the chorus without them...you know the saying: it was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop...well...yeah, you get it.

The Nerds cover line up for the evening included such popular songs as Sugar Ray’s “Every Morning” and Violent Femmes “Blister in the Sun” as well as old favorites like “Mustang Sally” and “Sweet Caroline”. When the band played a cover of the Brian Setzer Orchestra’s hit song “Jump Jive and Wail,” believe it or not, a lot of people actually danced besides the few who had been dancing all evening.

If you missed them on April 13, you can see The Nerds at any of their numerous NJ club appearances. They frequently play clubs such as Birch Hill in Old Bridge and TradeWinds in Sea Brite. Sure, they may only be a cover band, but their gimmick is hilarious and their covers sound great!

If you want to know where to check out the Nerds in concert you can call their Hotline at 1-877-THE-NERDS.
Drive-in still a good time, even with low attendance

By Chris Wood

O n Thursday, April 14, the annual drive-in was held. This year's movie was Footloose, the eighties classic starring Kevin Bacon, John Lithgow, Dianne West, and Sarah Jessica Parker. The movie followed a young man, Ted Stroehman (Ben Stiller), as he tracks down and woos his high school crush, Mary Jensen (played by Cameron Diaz), Ted's quest for his long lost high school crush is full of comedic disasters. The crowd seemed to enjoy this movie. First and second-time viewers were all laughing at this comedy's hysteries. The evening was fun for all who were there. The night was filled with memorable experiences for everyone, such as the sight of a movie screen in the Student Center quad. Those who saw Footloose had a lot of fun in the quiet, picnic atmosphere. Those who stayed, or arrived for Something About Mary, definitely be described as nostalgic. Every-thing from the costumes to the slang phrases used during the film were a blast from the eighties.

The second film was the farcical modern day romance There's Something About Mary, starring Ben Stiller, Cameron Diaz, and Matt Dillon. The movie follows a young man, Ted Stroehman (Ben Stiller), as he tracks down and woos his high school crush, Mary Jensen (played by Cameron Diaz). Ted’s quest for his long lost high school crush is full of comic performances to overturn the law so that a dance can be held for the town youth. The movie is filled with eighties dance classics that had some of the audience on their feet dancing. The whole experience during this film could definitely be described as nostalgic. Everything from the costumes to the slang phrases used during the film were a blast from the eighties.

"The move seemed to prompt a drop in attendance. Despite the low numbers, the crowd seemed to enjoy themselves fully.

There was a pleasant picnic like atmosphere during the film. Most of the movie viewers were scattered across the quad, sitting on blankets, and munching on pizza and popcorn as they watched. The drive-in took on a more party-like atmosphere as Something About Mary began to play. Despite the contrast of the mood felt during each movie, the experience was enjoyed by the crowd.

The first of the two movies to play was Footloose, the eighties classic starring Kevin Bacon, John Lithgow, Dianne West, and Sarah Jessica Parker. The movie follows city kid Ren MacCormack (played by Bacon), who moves into a conservative suburban community in which public dancing has been outlawed. It then tracks his efforts to overturn the law so that a dance can be held for the town youth. The movie is filled with eighties dance classics that had some of the audience on their feet dancing. The whole experience during this film could definitely be described as nostalgic. Everything from the costumes to the slang phrases used during the film were a blast from the eighties.

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The Voice of Montclair State

What do you think the SGA could do to encourage better voter turn-out?

"Publicize! Nobody knows about it. People don't know how long the elections are or where they are held. You've got to announce it in classes, put it over the radio, and put up signs."

Adria Gottle, French

“We need inspiration to vote. Maybe they could put a flyer in student mailboxes. I really think that if they had more publicity, more people would vote. I didn’t even know what all of the candidates looked like.”

Claudia Hargain, Biology

“They should make the students know that the SGA does stuff for them.”

Will Fanfan, Molecular Biology

“I think we need to have more contested positions in student government. That brings out the vote.”

William Guardino, Human Ecology

1999 SGA Candidate: Secretary

“Give away free stuff. I don’t think it’s publicized enough. There could have been more publicity about times and places to vote. I didn’t even know where to go.”

Lezard Berners, Undeclared

“Announce it more. People don’t really know the importance of it.”

Kathleen Brennan, Undeclared

Question of the Week:

How can Campus Police improve safety conditions for students at Clove Road?

Let your voice be heard!

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

Recent Clove Crimes Help Destroy the Illusion of Campus Safety

Crime happens and, sometimes, it is out of control even the most intimidating and ever-present authority figures. Last week, however, when two major incidents occurred at the Clove Road Apartments, the presence and proficiency of the Office of Campus Safety and Security showed its true colors. Rightfully so, students are scared.

The most disturbing facet of the safety disasters that took place in the 300 block of Clove Road was the lackluster efficiency of heightened security. Only two nights after a sexual assault took place in a Clove Road Apartment, a group of young men in ski masks walked right into the crime scene and held students at gunpoint. This is completely unacceptable. Clove should have been crawling with officers. Clearly, Campus Police had no idea how to handle a volatile situation and, in this instance, things just got worse.

So, what’s the solution? Well, instead of suggesting that USA Security guards who man the front desks and security booths during late-night hours do their jobs more effectively, or Campus Police schedule more patrols of Clove, Campus Police did what they do so well. They offered: “No comment.” With students in a panic, and national media descending upon the campus, the only suggestion that has surfaced is to arm campus officers. Now, when they’re off writing parking tickets as students are being held up, they can carry a gun. Wonderful. Dean Helen Matusow-Ayer and VP Karen Pennington support it. Why shouldn’t we? While officers carrying guns might prove effective in cutting crime in the long run, it doesn’t seem to be a completely useful suggestion in the present circumstances.

What was the administrative response to the panic? With Campus Police not saying anything about the pending investigation or the measures being taken to ensure that this would not happen again, worried parents and students alike were directed to the Office of Public Information. Wonderful. An e-mail regarding the sexual assault was apparently sent out on Tuesday by the Director of Campus Police Philip Calilire to all MSU Alpha addresses, but no student seems to have received it. Wonderful.

We at The Montclarion, as student journalists, understand that there are very rarely easy answers to serious issues and problems. There are sketchy details about the nature of these crimes and things that need to be ironed out that cannot be explained so shortly after the incidents. However, at The Montclarion, as students, however, do not understand how an armed robbery could take place only two days after a sexual assault, in the same building, with “heightened security.” We do not understand why the administration seems more concerned with Freshman orientations being tainted with questions about safety than about the real safety issues facing students already here. And, finally, we do not understand why nobody is providing answers to this simple question: Why?

Until we can answer, or even attempt to answer, that one urgent question, no student, in Clove or otherwise, is safe.
What's In a Name?

The Role of Personal Identity in the Yugoslavian Conflict

"Peace is what keeps our lives intact, our identities strengthened, and our futures reinforced."

I recently changed my first name in court. It became official a few days after the first bombing in Kosovo. Through my fleeting identity crisis, I was persuaded to put this issue aside, however, and focus my attentions on the refugees in Kosovo.

My name change was published in the news as a personal decision. I thought for myself. I felt a tinge of importance seeing my old name in print. My new name was my own undisputed testimonial to approaching 40 years old, wackiness, or just the freedom to choose a new name. It soon became a mere aside to the turmoil that was swirling far off in another land.

In between the increasing NATO air strikes and the banner of who is responsible for this disaster, I started to list the agencies that required some documentation of my name change.

The IRS, social security, mortgage, credit card, school, and various others came to mind. There wasn’t a place untouched by my presence as Lorit Meyers, right down to the town library and an A&P check cashing card.

In quieter times, I was urged to reflect upon the identity that I named with for over 38 years. I felt stirred by the mixed emotions. I was bored knowing that there is no longer a Lorit Meyers. Do we become our names or do our names become us? Certainly they intermingle.

Still pressing was the front page of almost every newspaper. Everyday more and more Albanians are forced at gunpoint to flee from their homes and belongings. They have to witness the brutal murders of their loved ones and watch in anguish, as their towns were set ablaze. 450,000 people walked side by side under a 5-foot guard, as they made an attempt to avoid land mines. Horrifying, I thought.

For here I lay in bed wondering who I am with a different name or the lack of identity that once went with my old name.

At the same time, the young and old alike in Kosovo wonder where their next meal will come from or where they will lay their heads down to sleep. The atrocious situation in Yugoslavia seems very remote. It is difficult to imagine 450,000 people stranded without control or regard, as difficult as it would be to imagine violence disrupting life in our contained and protected homeland. I thought about the Yugoslavian people as individuals and not just one big mob scene.

I imagined how many people were on life-sustaining medication, children in need of formula, women with their menstruation, women about to give birth, the exposure to the elements, having to watch family members die and to know that you must keep moving. It was more than I could fathom.

Conversely, when I thought about their vital records at banks, hospitals, schools, employment and governmental agencies all being destroyed in order to strip them of their identity, I became enraged. Does it take a mass identity-stripping for all of us to realize how grateful and appreciative we should be to our country? Or, does it take a horrific situation on human dignity to be humbled to some degree?

I think of my name change and the freedom I had in choosing to do so, and I am compelled into realizing how insignificant it is compared to the nameless people far off in another land.

Responding to allegations that Kosovo is an imperialistic action

There are several things in Professor Farr’s letter [The Montclarion, April 15] that I wish to confront in examining the Yugoslavian conflict.

The suspicion of corporate interests in Kosovo should not overlook the moral and political issues that would still be present if NATO did not intervene in Yugoslavian President Milosevic’s political and military machines.

Balkan neighbors are frightened of this war spread to its borders. The conflict between Serbs and Albanians has gone on long enough that a systematic and peaceful effort must be undertaken to bring some meaning of peace and sense of security to Europe.

When one thinks about the possible presence of corporate interests in exercising the so-called “oil motive,” one must also consider the number of other conflicts that have taken place in the Caspian Sea region, notably Turkish repressions against Kurdish and Russian attacks on Chechnya. In either of these cases, the U.S. could have justified having an occupation force of NATO troops to separate the belligerents.

Under the guise of the NATO flag, American corporate interests would have access to, and eventual control of, oil pipelines, many of which lead to the Balkans. That is assuming that many pessimists’ accusations that corporate interests are behind every government action is accurate.

This assumption, however, possible true for many cases, does not hold for the Kosovo intervention. The infrastructure of Yugoslavia would be badly damaged before the capitulation of the Serbs that whatever economic gain possible would mean nothing for the billions of dollars of military commitment and the subsequent rebuilding and loss of life that would occur. Even politicians will not sacrifice their public opinion and careers for such a possibility just so corporate interests can benefit. Furthermore, there is too much racial tension in the region to effectively exploit cheap labor. So, how valid are these sources and articles that suggest an oil motive?

The letter also ranted in claiming that capitalism is behind imperialism. This is inconsistent with factual history. For example, was capitalism behind the Soviet monarchies for invading Afghanistan in 1979? Some would argue that economic motives of “state capitalism” drove the communists to invade this country, but “state capitalism” is an oxymoron, and capitalism did not exist in this “utopian society.” In Afghanistan, communist repression forced 5 million people to flee to Pakistan and 1.5 million to Iran.

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Naming the new Richardson Annex: Howard Stern’s place at MSU

Every morning, when I walk by the new Chemistry/Biology building, I wonder what the name will be. Well, I have my own idea what the new name will be. Instead of being in the usual names, some dead ex-president, this time the school should name it after a well known personality. Just like the New Student, the name of the new building would become popular due to the name. See, when I think biology, the first name that comes to mind is Howard Stern. Having a popular radio show, he has touched almost all of the lives of the students at Montclair State University at one time or another.

Whether people like him or not, his fame will undoubtedly help the school.

Boston University, the college from which he graduated, gave him the cold shoulder but Montclair State has a chance to fix that overlook.

Our university can honor him the way he truly deserves to be honored. Montclair State will take the time to consider what I have said.

Billboards of the university will only bring in so much more.

Thomas Colli, Mathematics

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“Reow! Meow, and purr,” hollered a man dressed in tiger stripes with a neon-glowing tail, and a belly full of little fluffy balls that fluffed out in the air. Walking by my roommate Sherry's boyfriend, the man smacked Weston on the butt and pushed her. Sherry was right that it was a good idea. Finally taking initiative, I grabbed a song from a Rocky Horror Picture Show, "I'm Just a Sweet Transvestite." Weston had changed into ostrich plumes and was now wiggling around with two others. A “Pig Man,” adorned in a real life, honest-to-God pink pig skin coat, with ears and a curly white tail. The other dancer/stripper was sporting the most smelly black ears and a curly white tail. The sound of discordant shouts cascaded down from the balcony. Bottles were thrown and shards of broken glass were thrown on one's skull...Sherry was right that it was a good idea. Finally taking initiative, I grabbed a song from a Rocky Horror Picture Show, "I'm Just a Sweet Transvestite." Weston had changed into ostrich plumes and was now wiggling around with two others. A “Pig Man,” adorned in a real life, honest-to-God pink pig skin coat, with ears and a curly white tail. The other dancer/stripper was sporting the most smelly black ears and a curly white tail. She told me she wanted to strip, and in - and noted that her eyebrows were as thick as mine. Nobody with a strong grip on reality is even vaguely interesting.

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The Horoscope Never Lies

TRIRUS (Mar. 20 to Apr. 20): Wire getting "reinforced" with poor significance offer a chance to do your own. Good music follows you, as do books, charities, and friends. Just be good — he's your friend and I don't want you to get happy or friendly.

GEMINI (May 21 to Jun. 21): With deadlines closing in fast, Gemini decides to blow off some steam. Go fishing! Just remember this 1980s parts dispatcher, one pitiful automobile, and a sixpence bleeding cap. These fish don't stand a diet!

CANCER (Jun. 22 to Jul. 22): Our worst night this week. Cancer will be twenty. "Homework" consists of left off the first few lines to Bionic Hal of 4 to the morning. Years of smiling people will pass you out on the crowd. It's natural. Nothing happens here anymore.

LEO (Jul. 23 to Aug. 22): You say you want something white out for a week. Your kind heart bunt friendly joke and make a laughing impression. The chances may be better, but the joke itself is worth it. "Generations" from new people will give to admiration of your superior personality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22): Think better. Think better. Think better. Think of a guy filling a rather large portion of your body with an ink that will only come out to rake one of the most excruciatingly painful methods known to man. Come one! Cara & Cara's doing it! It could be worse.

LIBRA (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22): Your work is unanswerable. Monstrous would bring solution. He, a typewriter, it could just not hurt. ...It's raining need. Lightning! ...It's raining need. Help!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Your diet is unanswerable. Gemini would bring solution. You, a typewriter, it could just not hurt. ...It's raining need. Lightning! ...It's raining need. Help!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Trecs are red. Writers are wired so you don't mess with them. Our picture's just the opposite.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): "Here, why don't you finish this." Will be the next words out of the next person you meet. No matter. It will be, you realize, be as difficult as raising the Titanic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): You're so no longer homely. That means you won't be able to wrestle that big bag for your purse. Defeat your profound honor with your lamps, those lamps, and hippie beads. And let me in occasionally your way? That bag being is getting open.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20): A long hair really explains the benefits of being connected with your forgotten to cyons your skin as a bonsai. It's only doing this because to PISCES. Stop making him hurt the ever in lives.

Guess what, MSU?

Editors' note: At my house, we haven't done the dishes in a week. It's disgusting. You should try it.

Here I am dancing on a bar. Why am I dancing on a bar, you ask? I've been re-elected as the editor of the Humor section here at The Montclarion. That means, whether you like it or not, I'll be here all of next year as well.

I'm an editor! AGAIN! Is this a great country or what?

Chris Finegan is not responsible for his own actions. We're trying giving him motivation. This body rejects it. If you can think of any applicable constitutional guarantees, do so now. God knows you're not.
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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

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c. in whole or in part depend on their own work for the economic resources for their enrollment at MSU.

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a. the essay describing the student's need, how the award will be used, and the role of higher education in the student's life; and,

b. letters of recommendation.

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**NEW JERSEY NETS BASKETBALL**
The project is worth 25 points for the students so they all know the importance of the field trip for themselves and to the senior citizens. The pressure is being felt throughout the class, but most students feel they are ready for the assignment.

"Learning to become an effective leader is the reason why we took this class," said Ellen Pearl. "I am excited and ready for the challenge at hand. Let's get it started." The Leadership in Recreational Services class is just one of the many courses in the Leisure and Recreation Studies program at MSU. The degree gives students the opportunity to enter the fields of Commercial Recreation, Travel and Tourism, and Therapeutic Recreation at the supervisory level in management and marketing. Courses in budgeting, programming, and marketing give the students the tools to succeed in the business.

"The field trip gives us a great opportunity to give our services to the members of the Montclair community," said Pierre, the leader of the field trip. "I'm excited about the event and believe we are ready."

Professor Schatfer, who has been supervising the event from the start, is pleased with the effort he has received from his students on the project and is confident that things will go well.

"They have worked hard throughout the semester to make sure Friday is a hit," said Schatfer. "The senior citizens are looking forward to the event for a while now. Things should go according to plan."

Baseball

Belson who has been criticized for his inconsistency and sometimes lacking ofuster gave a flawless performance against the Rutgers Camden hitting squad.

It should be also noted that the Rutgers Camden pitching effort did make six errors and a total of thirteen walks. The Rutgers Camden pitching proved to be no match against the flawless and well balanced attack of Belson. Belson looked like an assasin out there, picking off guys like a combat general on the battlefield.

Rutgers Camden pitchers looked like wounded ducks in a manure pond. Whatever effort or skill they thought they had should be re-evaluated and placed in more stable situations like perhaps piano lessons.

These wins might be all that the Red Hawks need in order to start a winning streak into the post season. What the Red Hawks need to do to win in the post season is simple; forget about their record which doesn't reflect on their tremendously talented team and play like the teams which came before them.

I haven't covered MSU Baseball before this season but the one thing that the Red Hawks possessed in all those championship years and which is not far different from all championship teams is heart and selfless character.

The Red Hawks always seem to try their best and they leave it out on the field. There are no egos on this team and they have started playing as a unit.

The post season is still an open ended question, there is a chance they will get in and there is a chance they won't. But the one thing which cannot be questioned is the desire of the Red Hawks to play and love the pure game of baseball and play it the way that it should be played with heart and character.
Male Athlete of the Week

Greg Belson
Righty Pitcher
Junior
5-11
Staten Island, NY
Tottenville HS

Baseball

Junior right hander Greg Belson pitched a shut-out game against Rutgers-Camden in a conference game played at Rutgers-Camden. In the victory, Belson pitched six innings with just four hits, striking out eight, and walking none.

Female Athlete of the Week

Jeanelle Husth
Midfielder
Sophomore
5-7
Hightstown
Hightstown HS

Lacrosse

Sophomore midfielder Jeanelle Husth scored three goals and had two assists to lead Montclair State in a victory over New Paltz, NY. The game was played this past Tuesday at New Paltz.

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Kicking the ball as a team, not a player

By Pius K. Esuandoh III
Staff Writer

Many athletes who come to Montclair State University came from schools where they were the “go to guy”. But now, they have to adjust to not being seen in that role. This is very true of George Mendoza, who was one of the sensations of the soccer team this year. Mendoza is only a freshman, but by looking at him play, you wouldn’t think so. He has been playing soccer since he was twelve years old, but one would never know. He is one of the many athletes on the soccer team who have to step up their game, since All-American player Marlon Pollard won’t be there.

Mendoza is one of the people who can just come to college and humble themselves to better the team. Simply put by Mendoza, “There is no 1 in team.” Even he himself didn’t think that he would encounter the success that he did this year. “Coming to the college level, I thought that I would basically adapt my first year, and in my later years have some success,” said Mendoza. This is an athlete who comes in with the right idea of not trying to be the man, but wait for his time to shine by taking on his proper role.

Mendoza, along with his teammates, are engaged in spring soccer which is a preseason type atmosphere in which the team tries to gain momentum. They also try to give the team some chemistry by getting used to the new players.

Mendoza is also what a coach looks for in an athlete. In that, he knows what his weaknesses are and what he can improve on. That is why he rates himself between a seven and a half to an eight on a ten-point scale, with room for improvement. He is also a coach’s dream because he doesn’t carry himself in a cocky manner.

If you kept up with the soccer team this year, you would know that Mendoza had a good year. He credits his success in being able to make the transition from high school to college, to Pollard. He views Pollard as a big brother, and a person who pushed him to the limits. Mendoza is the real deal. He has incredible talent and athleticism. He gives 110% everytime on the field, and was able to humble himself and take on a role to help his team win. He and his teammates have shoes to fill next year, but with Mendoza and the core of good players coming back, the soccer team will prove to be entertaining next year.
By Paul Lewiarz
Assistant Sports Editor

In an effort to broaden the Sport pages at The Montclarion, we will begin a series of articles chronicling great athletes right here at Montclair State University.

What are the criteria for a great athlete you might ask? First, he or she must participate in two sports or more sports. At least one of the sports must be played for Montclair State University and the others can be played or coached in the athletes own recreational time. The recreational sport can be a mainstream sport or any sport not normally found in a college athletic atmosphere. In any case, the athlete must demonstrate high proficiency at all of his/her respected sports.

Secondly, the athlete must possess an extremely high desire and proficiency to win. Thirdly, the athlete must be a role model to his/her other athletes and a pillar to the community. Yes, these athletes do exist right here at this school.

The first athlete which I came across fits these guidelines better than most. His name is Alexander Ogwu (freshman), age 19 and he is an outstanding multi-dimensional athlete. In addition to running track for the MSU track team, Ogwu also is a first degree black belt in Karate. He is a multi-talented athlete with a desire to win at all costs. Here is his story.

Ogwu was born in Lagos, Nigeria. Like many other immigrants, he came to this country with great dreams and ambitions. Ogwu is living proof that America is the place to chase one’s dreams. At an early age, Ogwu began practicing Karate and subsequently achieved the very high and prominent Black Belt status. But his true love came out when he became interested in Track.

"I’d say it started in about 1988, Seoul Games in Korea, I watched Carl Lewis and other athletes, especially Ben Johnson before he started using drugs and I said to myself, someday I want to win a gold medal. That became my goal from that moment on," said Ogwu. He also spoke about how Johnson disappointed him because of his steroid use and the place that drugs play in the athletic community.

"I feel that I would be much more happy if I won without any type of drug use. It would mean a lot more to me because that would mean that I would have had to work harder for it," said Ogwu. One of the reasons to Ogwu’s great clarity and discipline can be accredited to his long and hard years of martial arts training which is how he developed in him his tremendous discipline which he later translated into running track for MSU.

"I started Karate in 1992. One of the primary reasons that I started practicing Karate was because of my brother’s influence. It definitely developed in me a great sense of discipline."

Ogwu’s specialty in track centers around sprinting. "I love sprinting, It kind of gives me a rush. It’s definitely my favorite discipline," said Ogwu. His desire doesn’t end at the college level. He sees himself running on some professional level after college. "I always wanted to reach a professional level, become a very prolific athlete.

Not only is Ogwu an outstanding athlete, he is also a model to his friends and fellow athletes. He is also an outstanding member of his community. Unlike many other athletes, Ogwu looks on today’s athletes as role models. "Tyrone Bailey is definitely my number one idol, I absolutely love everything about him.." Talking to Ogwu, you realize very quickly that he is a very smart and introspective young athlete who has a very bright and rewarding future in front of him. Only from talking with Ogwu, I could sense the tremendous amount of heart and desire that this man possesses.

Unfortunately, Ogwu is not active on the track team this semester because of an injury due to over training. But he is more than anxious to get out there and show his stuff. Next semester is only five months away but he cannot wait until he rolls around. In fact, Ogwu is already talking about the Olympics in 2004. Wow, what an athlete! If you would like to be considered for this series of outstanding athletes, or know someone whom you feel meets the criteria, Please call Tess or Paul at (973) 655-5241.
Offense, defense and a little bit of pitching prove too much for Rutgers-Camden

By Paul Lewiarz
Assistant Sports Editor

The question all season has been whether or not the Red Hawks would be able to get the necessary chemistry from their very young team in order to be able to win? MSU has responded well over the last two games.

The two wins solidify the Red Hawks mark to 16-11 and 7-4 in the NJAC. It is a great accomplishment from a young team struggling to find an identity. With just a little over ten games left, the Red Hawks will have to stay on the ball and play some of their best ball in April and into May.

One constant variable for MSU has been the power hitting of Frank Francia. Francia scorched Camden with his flawless hitting. He had two hits with four at bat and two RBI's. Francia was not alone in his effort as Dave Wurst went 2 for three with two RBI's and two runs scored. The afternoon ended with the Red Hawks victorious over Rutgers-Camden 10-2 in the double header.

MSU pitching has always been a strong variable over the years and as any baseball fan knows pitching as the offense and defense are all integral parts to a winning combination. Scott Allan, George Gallagher and Patrick Reed all combined for a consistent overall effort to give the Red Hawks the win.

The other notable contributors to the Red Hawks offensive attack were Craig Conway and Dan Wydner who provided the necessary spark off the bench which MSU so desperately needed.

The Red Hawks second game against Rutgers Camden also ended with MSU atop Rutgers Camden 3-0. The shutout proved to be one of pitcher's Greg Belson's best pitched games.

SEE BASEBALL ON P. 24

MSU's winning streak ends at 15 with four straight losses

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

Montclair State’s University’s women softball team ended their winning streak at 15 this past week, losing doubleheaders to both The College of New Jersey and Rowan University on Monday and Tuesday respectively. Despite the four straight losses, MSU still stands strong with a record of 28-7, NJAC 4-4.

The game against Rowan University was played at Rowan, with the Red Hawks losing the first game by the score of 2-1, and the second 7-6. In the first game for Montclair, centerfielder Toni Milito was 1-3 with an RBI, while teammate second-base person Tara Wisz went 1-3 with one scored.

In the second game for MSU, Milito was 1-4 with two runs batted in, first-base person Evelyn Morozzi was 1-4 with two RBI’s, pitcher Kim Caruso went 2-3 with an RBI, catcher Jamie Lascik was 2-5 with one run scored, and rightfielder Alexandra Lamont was 1-3 with two runs scored. The losing pitcher was Susan McCarville.

The College of New Jersey proved to be a very powerful force against the Red Hawks as they defeated them 3-4, and 2-0 in a conference doubleheader played at MSU’s Quarry Field on Monday evening.

In the first game, the Lions scored first and added four more runs with two out. These runs were scored as a result of an error. MSU did retaliate in the fifth inning, scoring two runs as Wisz and Lascik both had RBI singles, making the lead 5-2.

The Hawks scored again in the sixth inning, making it 5-3 when Morozzi hit a sacrifice fly. Montclair’s final hope came in the seventh inning with runners on first and second, with one out. However, Caruso smacked a line drive which was smothered by shortstop Kristen Coyne, who recorded the double play to end the game.

Montclair State women’s softball team will return to action today playing away at Caldwell College at 3:30 p.m., in a non-conference doubleheader.

SPORTS TRIVIA

Righty pitcher Steve Trongone ended last season with the best ERA. What was it?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK’S TRIVIA

Tara Wisz.

EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES

Assistant Sports Editor Paul Lewiarz, writes his first in a series of exceptional athletes.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Find out which two athletes are named Male & Female Athlete of the Week.

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