At their request, students’ names have been changed.

By Ron Gumucio
Special to The Montclarion

Students at MSU filled the Clove Road parking lot. People sat in their cars and others walked around looking for friends. “Goonies” was the first of two movies playing on the screen of the drive-in theater, but more people were interested in getting high and concealing their cans of beer.

The smell of marijuana filled the chilly, April evening under the noses of campus police, who sat in their patrol cars in the lot. Catherine Bedford, 24, business major, was there that night, running back and forth from the Clove Road Apartments to the parking lot, with a cigarette planted in the side of her mouth and a transparent plastic cup in hand.

Sgt. Israel Rosado of campus police feels that drugs and alcohol do pose a problem on campus.

“We have seven reported incidents of CDS [Controlled Drug Substances] on campus this year to date and there have been several cases of suspicious drug use, but not enough probable cause to take action,” Rosado said.

“We were smoking weed and drinking beer in both places,” Bedford said. “The police had to know what was going on because the smell was so strong and cans and bottles were left all over the parking lot.”

“Oh yeah, there was lots going on,” said Rosado. “Students were trying to hide their alcohol. A lot of people had cups, some had their beers in mugs, and others drank in their cars so it wasn’t in plain view. We confiscated one keg from the apartments and made one arrest for trespassing.”

“Alcohol is restricted to the apartments only and is not permitted in the Clove Road parking lot, but, at the end of the night, it was littered with cans and bottles,” Rosado said. “I personally didn’t smell marijuana, at least I couldn’t.”

Students are using drugs on campus because they do not feel threatened by campus police or administration, and the simple fact that the evidence can be hidden.

According to the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, which conducted the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse in 1997, there was a significant increase in marijuana, tobacco, and heroin use by children 12 through 17. Marijuana use increased from seven percent in 1966 to 10 percent in 1997.

Another survey completed by the Drug Abuse Warning Network said that between the first half of 1996 and the first half of 1997, the increase of marijuana rose in all age groups. 32 percent between the ages of 12-17, 43 percent between 18-25 years old and 54 percent of those 35 and over had used marijuana.

Concerning the use of drugs on campus, the university Department of Campus Safety and Security attached to this year’s Annual Security Report a compiled memorandum to all students concerning a drug free campus. A copy of the student handbook’s drug and alcohol policies was printed on the back of this memorandum.

Assistant Dean of Students James Harris was unaware of the memorandum sent to the students by the university, but expressed his views on drugs and alcohol.

“Yes, there is a drug and alcohol problem here at MSU,” said Harris. “I don’t think that we are any different than any other university in the country with this problem. It’s a problem and been diagnosed with anxiety or depression, and decide to medicate themselves with drugs and alcohol.”

“I think the people who aren’t addicted are sensible about where and when they do try things, or maybe they see that the enforcement of the laws is soft,” Ellson said. “We have seen some cases where a student may have a psychiatric problem and been diagnosed with anxiety or depression, and decide to medicate themselves with drugs and alcohol.”

Health and Wellness Center offers services to students suffering from drug or alcohol addiction. The center offers drug testing to those who request it, gives referrals to drug or alcohol treatment centers, and hosts Narcotics Anonymous’ and Alcoholic Anonymous’ weekly meetings, which are open to all members of the MSU community.

“People can become addicted to almost anything,” said Nancy Ellson, Director and Nurse Practitioner of the Health and Wellness Center. “I don’t think that we are any different than any other university in the country with this problem. It’s a problem and been diagnosed with anxiety or depression, and decide to medicate themselves with drugs and alcohol.”

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News

Reservists called to Kosovo

(CNN) — President Clinton on Thursday rescinded orders to au­thorize the activation of up to 33,000 reservists for the NATO war on Yugoslavia. Pentagon sources told CNN the initial call-up will be for about 2,100 reservists, mostly Air National Guard personnel to fly and maintain 30 aerial refueling tankers. President Clinton said it was sending it to the region.

More reservists are expected to get the call in the days ahead as additional U.S. aircraft are sent to Europe.

Details on what units are being activated is expected later in the day.

U.S. News

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Local News

School violence spreads panic

With a few exceptions, New Jersey schools were calm on Mon­day and avoided a repeat of last week's frenzy of threats of school violence in the aftermath of the Colorado high school shootings, that left 12 people dead.

The exceptions included a continued walk-out in Passaic, where an estimated 900 students stayed home from the high school due to rumors of violence, and a series of death threats sent to some East Brunswick elementary school students by e-mail.

"Certainly today was much quieter than Friday," said Thomas Pagano, superintendent of Ocean Township schools, where an eighth-grade boy was disciplined Friday for sending a threatening e-mail to another student.

"That was one of my toughest days ever, with all the rumors stirring," he said. "We just had to dispel each one, one by one."

Montclair tries to set the stage

Montclair officials hope to add a portable stage to the township's cultural amenities, lure­ing audiences to neighborhoods, shopping districts and parks around town.

Municipally owned stages are rare, and Montclair would be­come the only town in Essex County to have one.

But by Monday, the bidding deadline for project, the township clerk had no bids from contractors.

The town must start the bid process from scratch, said Lonnie Brandon, the director of Parks and Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Cash cashes in on the scriptures

Country music legend Johnny Cash has recorded more than 400 of his favorite Scriptures for a soon-to-be-released line of electronic Bibles.

Cash has been a spokesman for the Burlington, N.J.-based Franklin Electronic's electronic Holy Bibles for six years.

Cash, 67, has been sidelined in recent months with a rare neurological disorder, Shy-Drager Syndrome, which causes progressive damage to the nervous system.

"I think for a great year."
Inadequate lighting and security patrols concern Clove Road residents in survey

By Joseph V. Thelusca

A safety survey distributed by campus police indicated a concern for poor campus lighting two weeks ago. Of 20 students interviewed, all felt that lighting improvements were necessary.

In the survey, Sgt. Israel Rosado of the Safety and Security Department and survey author, questioned students, faculty, and other MSU community members about their general safety concerns. With one exception, all female interviewees said that drastic improvements in campus security are necessary, and they believed that female residents should not live in the first apartment complex because of the easy visibility. Many plan to move to the second floor next year, hoping to increase their safety.

“They [the security guards and officers] are not consistent, only when something happened they showed a lot of concerns,” said Stephanie Zephirin, senior Clove Road Apartment resident.

Gomez Maritza, another Clove Road Apartment resident, said that she did not feel safe, and neither did she believe other residents felt secure because of the sexual assault and armed robbery that occurred last week.

MSU officials have taken steps to prevent future incidents by instituting 24-hour patrolling by two uniformed security officers around the Clove Road Apartments. Vitaly Satanovsky, the students' trustee.

Satanovsky said that he shared the students' concerns about the necessity of improving campus safety. He said that campus police could have been more helpful in providing a safer environment for the thousands of students who patron the university on a daily basis.

Several meetings were held last week following the two crimes at Clove Road.

Last Tuesday, at approximately 3:17 a.m., a sexual assault occurred, said Lt. Michael Potaski of the Department of Safety and Security.

On Thursday, around 12:38 a.m., five masked thieves stole cash, jewelry, and a video game system from another Clove Road Apartment, said an officer from Safety and Security.

Safety services available to students include escorts, an annual security report that contains a variety of safety tips, and suggests possible legal steps available to sexual assault victims.

POLICY ON FINAL EXAMINATIONS

1. All final examinations must be given during the regularly scheduled examination periods. The Schedule of Courses lists days and times of final examinations for each class period.

2. No final examination may be given during the last week of classes before the examination period.

3. If no formal examination is scheduled, the class must meet for one hour during the scheduled final examination time for a class evaluation session. Thus, all classes are required to meet during the examination period.

Movie rental and longer library hours in SGA’s plan

By Christine Zielinski

The newly-elected Student Government Association executive board anticipates practical improvements for 1999-2000. The movie theatre, video store, and extended library hours are projects already underway, said John Griffin, new SGA president.

“We’ve been talking to President Cole and [our] ideas sound very promising,” Griffin said. “Right after elections, we reserved the room in Calcia Hall for the Friday night movie.”

Griffin said that showing weekly, second-run movies should improve campus life and encourage students to stay on the weekends.

Other issues Griffin has discussed with Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president of Student Development and Campus Life, and Valerie Winslow of Student Activities, were voice mail for residence halls, a campus video rental store, the spring carnival, and a blue light system for increased campus safety.

“The carnival would be a successful fundraiser for the Class two, three, and four organizations,” Griffin said.

Future projects may include a 24-hour student center, shuttle bus operation on Sunday nights, and the hosting of big concerts and famous speakers in the Yogi Berra Stadium.

Ned T. Gross, Jr., Board of Trustees Student Alternate, said that, since the elections, he has thanked all the organizations that supported him, and opened an e-mail account for the board of trustees and an office in the Student Center. Gross said he has introduced himself to various vice presidents, established a monthly column in The Montclarion to report BOT information, and has researched material on his position.

Michael Kazimir, the newly elected SGA vice president, said that orientation and a SGA membership drive were his top priorities.

“I think that if students get involved in the SGA and see what we have to offer, they will be more likely to stay in school and, particularly, stay at Montclair,” Kazimir said.

Kazimir also said that he wanted to focus on fall convention SGA legislative workshops.

During the election, Shari Elhagin, the new SGA treasurer, said that he would like to create better medical insurance policy and work with organizations' budgets. Elhagin said that he wanted a more involved student body and another 24-hour computer lab.

Nidara Rourk, new SGA secretary, said that she anticipated raising students’ awareness of the SGA through Class One Organizations.

“The constitution says that the Class 1 (organizations) have mass appeal and they can reach more students,” Rourk said. “I plan to attend one meeting each month to make the SGA more visible.”

Rourk said that it was important for the Class One Organizations to have more representation in the SGA.

“There’s a feeling that the SGA and administration are against students...but the administration has been very responsive,” Griffin said.

Griffin said that any possible problems between next year’s SGA and students would be alleviated if students brought their serious concerns to the SGA.
time we get serious about sending a clear message to students about this issue.”

Nancy Ellson, Director and Nurse Practitioner at the Health and Wellness Center, agreed with Harris.

“I have sufficient clinical evidence to support that there is drug use on our campus,” Ellson said. “I think this campus is no different than anywhere else.”

Jim Klein, a junior transfer student and former athlete, said there is a drug problem at the university that virtually goes unnoticed.

“I have friends that have smoked weed in their dorm rooms in Blanton Hall,” Klein said smirking. “You can get away with it.”

Klein has also tried drugs, but he said he does not do them now.

“When I was away at my other college, I smoked pot, dropped acid, took ecstasy and took Paxil—my room was a big problem in Bohn Hall as well. The drug problem affects students who commute as well as those who go away.

Eric Schuman, 22-year-old, graphic design major at Bergen Community College, said he regularly sees drugs at school.

“This kid in my Color Theory class was selling weed out of his room and said he regularly sees drugs at school.

45% ADMITTED TO USING

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or more is a penalty of the first degree and can carry a fine of up to $300,000, while a fourth degree offense is less than an ounce or less than five grams and carries a fine of at least $10,000.

The Wood Ridge Chief of Police, John Frank, said that marijuana and marijuana as the two most prevalent drugs among 18 to 25-year-olds.

“Most drug users buy their drugs in Paterson, Passaic and New York City,” Frank said. “I guess it’s an easy way for a poor man to make a living.”

Students have commented that they are not worried about the RAs catching them or being nailed by campus police in the residence halls.

“I don’t think anybody’s scared because everybody does it,” Melissa Webber, 20, Blanton Hall resident, said. “I never heard anything about police searching the rooms or someone getting busted.”

There are two Resident Managers and anywhere from seven to 20 Resident Assistants on staff overseeing six dormitories on campus. Each RA goes through training to service their peers and maintain a safe environment for those living on campus.

Martin Olivares, 19, a rookie RA in Blanton Hall did not deny that marijuana is prevalent in the building.

“Marijuana is present in the dorm,” Olivares said. “People are doing it. You can come here any given day and smell it. With the smell alone, it is hard to pinpoint which room it’s coming from, and since we don’t have the power to personally go in and search their room it makes it that much harder to do our job.”

“I think a majority of cases involving weed are freshmen who don’t know how to cover up the smell. I don’t kid myself, it happens here,” Olivares said. “Besides the dorms, a lot of students get baked in their cars in the parking lot or walk around campus. They play it off and do it right outside Blanton.”

Kathy Gilbert, a 20-year-old, junior, Bohn Hall resident, said that marijuana is a big problem in Bohn Hall as well.

“I smell weed on a daily basis around here,” Gilbert said. “There are people who sell it in our building. People buy it and then go down to the Exxon or any gas station and buy rolling paper or Black and Wild cigars to wrap the marijuana in it.”

“I used to smell it more outside because people used to sit on the benches and smoke. But now that the cops are on bikes, it makes it a little harder,” she said.

Students in the dorms attempt to cover up the odor by spraying air fresheners or by burning incense and lighting candles in the room.

“A lot of the students just open their windows and seal the door with damp clothes. I remember one time I was walking past a room and a girl came out of her room and sprayed the hall with air freshener, like no one knew what was going on in her room,” said another Bohn resident.

New Jersey’s criminal code for possession, distribution and manufacturing of marijuana carries several penalties consisting of fines and imprisonment and is divided into four degrees.

The law states that possession of 25 lbs.
MARIJUANA

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a popular club drug] during our spring break," Schulman said. "We’d go out to smoke butts in the parking lot and then when we were sitting in class, I’d ask him how he was feeling because he always got so mellow.

"If I were to do drugs at school, I would trip before class," he said. "Simply because it would help me stay up and it expands your mind."

In a drug survey by The Montclarion to 112 random students at MSU in December, 58 percent of the students admitted to smoking marijuana, with the majority being female. Of the 56 percent who had smoked marijuana, 27 percent reported that they had gone to class high.

Many of the students had tried a multiple assortment of drugs beside marijuana. Of the 65 people who admitted to using marijuana, 34 percent have tried magic mushrooms, 24 percent have tried cocaine, 27 percent have done LSD and Ecstasy, and 17 percent have done Special K.

Ecstasy is a pill taken orally and takes half an hour to take effect and can last up to six hours. The psychedelic drug goes for $25-$30 on the street and has been labeled the "touching drug" because of its aphrodisiac quality.

Special K, or K, comes in a powder form and is any animal tranquilizer that can be either sniffed or smoked. A student may face two penalties if caught with a controlled substance. Criminal prosecution brought by campus police and the appropriate punishment as seen fit by the administration.

Depending on the section of the campus where the CDS was made, the municipality will have that case in their court. So if an arrest for marijuana was made in Blanton Hall, then criminal charges would be brought to a Little Falls courtroom," Rosado said.

"People at Residence Life have the power to suspend students who have violated the drug policy," Harris said. "The Dean of Students is also contacted and administration becomes involved."

"Students who admit guilt face the possibility of being thrown out," Harris said. "If they feel the penalty is too harsh, they can appeal it in front of the judicial review committee which consists of administration, students, and faculty."

Associate Director of Residence Life Connie Spencer is the first line of defense against students who have been caught with a CDS.

"We have the authority to remove students from their residency," Spencer said. "We had two students removed from housing for possession compared to nine last year."

Spencer reported that there is no pattern to who gets removed. Age, sex, and ethnicity does not play a role in which students are caught using drugs.

"The quantity a student is caught with will decide if the student comes to me or faces the Dean of Students. If at any time there is possession of a CDS, campus police is involved and the student’s room is documented and he or she is arrested," Spencer said.

"A person cannot enter any resident facility, including Clove Road when charged and arrested with a CDS," Spencer said.

"The majority of the violations are marijuana. You must remember that cocaine doesn’t smell, ‘shrooms don’t smell," she said.

These all figure into the difficulty of catching drug users on campus.

Rosado explained the procedure campus police use on suspicion.

"When we receive a call of a suspicious odor or the smell of weed, we will go to the dorm and do a knock and enter. If we see marijuana in plain view, everyone in the room gets arrested, unless one individual stands up and admits to the substance," Rosado said.

Drugs are present on all campuses throughout the United States, and cases continue to grow with more incidents left unreported and undetected by universities’ administrations, and police.

Campus Police reported 10 drug abuse violations on campus for 1997 compared to the 19 cases the previous year, but the numbers may not reflect the number of cases going unreported.

MSU has suspended and expelled students over the years, but the numbers do not reflect the actual, admitted drug usage.

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The Heat of the Moment

By Jason Timochko
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In a recent workshop held in the ceramics studio at MSU, students from Watchung Hills Regional High School in Warren, NJ, learned about and participated in the exciting ceramic firing process called Raku. Pictured above and below technical assistants Jason Timochko shows off his pyrotechnical knowledge while teaching these students nuts and bolts of the process.

In the Raku process, hot pottery (2000 degrees F) is pulled out of a kiln using heat protective gear and is placed into a garbage can filled with some sort of combustable (in this case torn newspaper). After immediate combustion, a lid extinguishes the flame, but due to the extreme heat in the pots, oxygen is pulled from the molecular structures of the glaze and is burnt. The results are wonderful, lustrous colors that cannot be duplicated. Classes are held in this during regular and summer session classes for those who enjoy a little adrenaline rush.

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FEATURE
Remember when winning was as simple as hitting a lucky number eight on the spinning wheel? Nowadays you have to eat a whole pound cake or drown your face in whipped cream. At least that is how you are a winner during Greek Week.

The theme for this year's Greek Week is "Let the games begin." The event runs from April 21-29. In order to participate, all organizations must be affiliated under Greek Council and chartered by the Student Government.

Greek Week annually takes the course of four days, however this year covers six days. Sports Illustrated combined with Greek Week because the two were both booked on the same days. Overall, this worked out with events like basketball shoot-out, hockey slap shot, football toss and bungee race being added to the list of events.

"It expanded what would normally just be Greek Week into what was a campus wide event. It probably was very good PR for the campus as a whole and the greek organizations involved," stated John Griffin, SGA Vice President.

Another event added to the program this year was Readathon, a mandatory philanthropy for all participating organizations.

Each group had to take a half an hour and read to the children in the Child Care Center. Whoever pledged the most money gained extra points for the competition. All the money collected will be donated to the Child Care Center.

A major night event for the week was the Talent Show. Twelve organizations participated in this event, trying to place in order to add points to their overall totals.

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity decked out in skirts and lipstick, performed their own rendition of Britany Spears hit tune "Baby, one more time."

Sleakly dressed in all black attire, Theta Kappa Chi sorority danced to Janet Jackson's "Rhythym Nation."

Guys dressed in uniform while body slamming each other was the approach Phi Alpha Psi, Senate, took this year. They started with a short skit and then went into full out wrestling.

When a tree walked out onto the stage, no one knew what to expect. Then Theta XI fraternity brought out a mixture of the Lion King and "Ice, Ice Baby."

Halfway through, only to shock the audience again, Edward Flannery, a brother of the fraternity, grabbed the microphone and called everyone to attention. He proceeded to announce to everyone his six month anniversary with his girlfriend Jamie Ruffilo. As he called her tearing face out of the audience, out came a diamond ring and soon Ed was on his knee proposing marriage. A crying Ruffilo gave him an immediate hug and off the stage they walked arm in arm.

An eighties version of the show Pop Up Video was the performance theme of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. Performers included Michael Jackson, Milli Vanilli and New Kids On The Block.

Alpha Iota Chi sorority shared their sorority song "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" with the rest of Greek Life. They added in pieces of the lyrics like a father and mother figure and at the end all came together to dance and have fun.

Delta Xi Delta sorority performed their rendition of "Everybody's Free," Montclair State style. Including phrases about parking and beer, they created much laughter throughout the crowd.

Girls in red boxing gloves and Everlast tee shirts adorned the stage when Sigma Delta Tau sorority performed. They kicked and boxed to a dance mix including "Momma's gonna knock you out."

Remember Footloose? Delta Phi Epsilon sorority danced and smiled away to the tunes from this classic movie.

Delta Chi fraternity tapped their feet as they became the main performers from Lord of the Dance. In an effort to make the crowd laugh, one member dressed up like a fairy and pretended to play a whistle.

Sigma Delta Phi sorority invited all viewers to watch the circus. Decked out in lavish costumes, they danced and passed out popcorn and ballrooms. Performers included the siamese twins and a baton twirler.

Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority reenacted the popular sequel Grease 2. They danced and dressed up as the characters from that time period.

The audience was filled with smiles all night, until the end when some members of Delta Chi fraternity and Sigma Delta Phi sorority walked across the stage and then out the door before hearing the first place winner in the fraternity competition.

The winners: For the sororities, Theta Kappa Chi took first, followed by Sigma Delta Tau and Delta Phi Epsilon. For the fraternities, Theta Xi took first, followed by Delta Chi and Pi Kappa Alpha.

It was a memorable night for all who attended of participated in the event.

By Carolyn Velchik
Feature Editor
Earth Day is more than just recycling

By Lisa Gribbin
Assistant Feature Editor

The campus community participated in Earth Week 1999 by sponsoring different activities and seminars to promote awareness of the environment. Events included a hike at Bear Mountain, a picnic at Van Saun Park and Bergen County Zoo, a cleanup day at the Passaic River and an earth week presentation of the bands Possible Side Effects and SEEDENSOL in the Ratt.

On Earth Day, April 22, MSU promoted the awareness event by providing various lectures and activities to educate the community on environmental issues. Many affiliates from different organizations and vendors set up shop in the Student Center Ballrooms from 10-3 p.m. to hand out pamphlets, discuss petitions and sell their merchandise.

The Conservation Club handed out branches that students could plant at home. Their "Adopt-a-Tree" display also included instructions for taking care of the white pine trees once they were planted.

Richard Leonard, former mayor of Roseland and current entrepreneur, displayed his invention of metal phone cards. The silver cards display different images such as tigers, bears, lighthouses and different city logos. He also said that the cards could be easily attached to a key chain, and are even rechargeable. To find out further information and the phone cards, you can contact the company on-line at www.zekeonline.com.

When asked about how he thought of such an inventive idea, he replied, "I was looking for an idea that would be unique, collectible and a benefit to the environment."

A representative from a local organization that helps feed the homeless by fostering socio-ecological awareness and encouraging the involvement of volunteers. Dan Barletta, one of the founders of One Light Planet Ltd., discussed how he and a friend started the nonprofit organization in 1997. He stated that they had a goal to operate a farm in which they could grow healthy food and donate it to food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

The key to the organization, according to Barletta, is recruiting volunteers that want to help others in need. If you would like more information about the organization, you can call (973) 983-6926 to help out.

Representative Jeanne Sylvester from the NJ Animal Rights Alliance handed out pamphlets regarding animal testing and participated to help save the black bears that are being hunted in New Jersey. Mike McLean, a member from "Speak Out," an organization started by students from Don Bosco Tech, discussed the animal rights movement and the benefits of vegetarianism.

"38% of the U.S. land mass is used to raise animals for food. One acre of prime land could be used to grow 4,000 lbs. of potatoes, but 200 lbs. of beef is being produced instead," he said.

McLean also commented that "we could feed the world three times over if we used the land for what it was meant for."

A lecture was presented in Dickinson Hall room 430 at 3 p.m. to discuss environmental ethics. The seminar, sponsored by the Philosophy and Religion Symposium, featured guest speaker Dr. Nancy McCagney from the University of Delaware. McCagney, a professor of both philosophy and marine studies, and author of "People and Place: Religion, Population, and the Environment," spoke about the topic of cross-cultural environmental ethics, the different philosophical views that surround the value of plants and animals in our society and the importance of preserving the environment for future generations.

In her presentation, she commented that: "If we take care of the land for our descendants, we have an environmental ethic that is right at the heart of the family values land."

Denis Hayes, the 54-year-old environmentalist who began the first Earth Day in 1970, stated in the April issue of Time magazine that "Earth Day is for the environment what Martin Luther King Day is for civil rights."

MSU successfully fulfilled their part by proving that the campus community is concerned with educating the young about the issue of environmental awareness.
January 4th, Dr. Melinda O'Brien's first day as Director of Residence Life, was no walk in the park. O'Brien was quickly welcomed by what many have charcterized as MSU's chronic facilities problems, working with others in the Office of Residence Life to begin repairs to Freeman Hall after a pipe burst, causing damage to five floors, several student lounges, and eighteen resident rooms, on January 1.

Within the Residence Life community, O'Brien quickly became known as an af-fective leader, replacing hallway carpeting, lounge and common area furniture, curtains in water-damaged rooms, and keeping an open ear to student issues. But, what's next?

Two weeks before students vacate the residence halls for summer recess, they will receive a survey from the Office of Resi-dence Life that O'Brien and her assistants have been working on for the past few months. The survey was drafted because, accord­ing to O'Brien, "We need to take a compre-hensive look at our program and look at it from some different perspectives in terms of national research and in terms of student satisfaction concerning their living environ ment."

The five principle indicators that Resi-dence Life will be using to gauge student survey responses are: interpersonal aspects, dining services, room/facilities satisfaction, safety and security, and issues specific to MSU. O'Brien stated that facilities issues, without big indicators on the national level, are very significant at MSU. In the next year, she hopes to work closely with the Office of the Physical Plant to ensure that student complaints regarding the proper maintenance of the residence halls are addressed.

The Residence Life survey will contain personal questions used to gauge responses on individual levels also. O'Brien hopes that questions regarding a student's on-campus activity and sexual identity will help Residence Life address the needs of all residents at MSU.

"Successfully addressing [MSU's] diversity needs doesn't mean we just have a whole bunch of people who look different living with each other," said O'Brien. "There's a dialogue."

In addition to creating this dialogue and looking at student issues and standards on an individual and campus level, O'Brien hopes to encourage incoming freshmen to become more involved in campus life.

In Fall 1999, Residence Life will be allotting three floors in Bohn Hall, floors ten through twelve, for the new STARS program. The program, an acronym for Students Transitioning toward Academic and Residential Success, was first initiated at the University of South Carolina and aims to extend the Freshman Experience orientation program by forming communities of freshman. It proposes that students, living in the same section of Bohn Hall, will take classes of the same major. O'Brien said, "It will give us an opportunity to extend the relationships that students are building before they move into their own living spaces and to keep those relationships in tact as they continue to build them in their new environment."

In O'Brien's words, all of these changes will be beneficial to residents at MSU because "when you're happy with where you live, you're happy with your academic experience."

Surveys will be distributed in the coming weeks and students will fill them out as part of the sign-out process for summer re­ cess. Any questions can be directed to Melinda O'Brien and the Office of Resi­ dence Life at 655-5252.

By Justin Vellicett
Opinion Page Editor

Dr. Melinda O'Brien: Giving direction to Residence Life

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Director of Residence Life, Dr. Melinda O'Brien talks about what she has in store for students living on-campus next semester.

Fraternity services campus with facts about Black history

By Wilet Fanfan
Special to The Montclair

The Brothers of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Inc.- Red Hawk Chapter, would like to inform the campus community of the answers to the GrooveFacts. This is a creative intellectual community service that GroovePhi Groove sponsors every semester.

The purpose of this service is to provide the MSU community with information about Black history that one might not normally hear about. This means that there are no GrooveFacts based on the lives of Malcolm X or Dr. Martin Luther King since there are easily found facts about them.

The normal format of these GrooveFacts is simple: a new question is posted every Sunday and its answer is up by Thursday. We hope that these questions motivated you to think and become aware that Black History is not just a month, but an event that happens year round.

#1 What is Juneteenth?: June 19, is the name given to emancipation day by African-Americans in Texas. On that day in 1865, Union General Gordon Granger read General Order #3 to the people of Galveston. General Order #3 said, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equal­ity of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

#2 What was important about the life of Ida Wells?: Ida Wells was a prominent anti-lynching leader, suffragist, journalist and speaker. After the 1892 lynching of three of her friends, she was diligent in her anti-lynching crusade, writing Southern Horrors: Lynch Law in All Its Phases. She also had a say in the foundation of Women suffrage.

#3 Who was August Martin?: In 1955 he was hired by Seaboard World Airlines as the first black captain of a U.S. scheduled airplane. Between 1955 and 1968, Captain Martin flew the DC-3, DC-4, Lockheed Constellation and Canadair CL-44 for Sea­ board World Airlines.

#4 What are some accomplishments of African Americans done during the week of April 25 to May 1?

April 26: Maryann Bishop Coffey is named the first woman and the first African American co-chair of the National Confer­ ence of Christians and Jews, 1991

April 27: Maggie L. Walker is named president of Richmond's St. Luke Penny Bank and Trust Company and becomes the first African American woman to head a bank, 1903

April 27: Samuel L. Gravely becomes first black admiral in the US Navy, 1962

April 29: Harold Washington sworn in as the first Black mayor of Chicago, 1983

April 30: Robert C. Maynard becomes the first Black admiral in the US Navy, 1962

May 1: A. Philip Randolph issues a call for 100,000 African Americans to march on Washington, D.C., to protest armed forces and defense industry discrimination, 1941.

The Brothers would like to wish all "Good Luck" on your finals!!!
Sports Illustrated proves they are more than just swimsuits

By Lisa Gribbin
Assistant Feature Editor

A MSU student would've thought it was just another ordinary day on campus, but as they headed towards the Student Center to grab a snack or a cup of coffee, something appeared to be different. There were tents scattered across the lawn, and fun activities everywhere and, wait a minute; was that a sumo wrestler?

The Sports Illustrated Campus Fest was held outside of the Student Center on Wednesday April 21st and Thursday April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Billed as the “nation’s largest college touring event,” it supplied a variety of vendors handing out free samples of their products and contests in which participants could win anything from a day at a spa to a spring break vacation.

The fest also featured different sports and events that the students could try their luck or skill at. Sumo wrestling, mountain climbing, jousting and “bungee brawling” were just a few of the fun activities a student could try out while on their way to class or on their lunch break.

The sumo wrestling event, where students wear a costume remarkably similar to that of an actual sumo wrestler and charge the other to knock them down, proved to be a popular attraction.

Dawn Stevenson, an undergraduate student who attended the day’s festivities, tried her luck at sumo wrestling and said that “it was great. My roommate and I had a blast trying it out.”

Mike Finnerty, a sophomore at MSU, stated that he too, had a great time trying out the sumo wrestling. “You go in there in a big, fat, padded suit and wear this helmet... You jump around and try to knock each other over. It’s hard to get up, but it was tons of fun.”

While the day held plenty of games and fun events, it also provided the students of MSU with career opportunity information and facts about different products and testing. The vendors handed out free samples of products such as Pantene and posters of the covers of various Rolling Stone issues. There were also displays featuring aroma therapy, massages, and how to crack a safe.

The two day festival was sponsored by Sports Illustrated and brought to the campus by the MSU Student Government and produced by Cranbury-based MarketSource Corporation. Other sponsors included Pantene, Citibank, Chevrolet, Vivarin, 7UP, 1-800-COLLECT and Nintendo.

Although the rainy weather didn’t seem to cooperate with Sports Illustrated’s Campus Fest, the day proved to be a fun distraction to students who would rather climb a mountain or be a sumo wrestler for a day than to sit in class.
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Simple items become outstanding beauty in Gallery One

Victoria Tengdick
Staff Writer

Sometimes even the simplest piece can have striking beauty. Fabio Fernandez has captured this pure beauty in his recent exhibit "Consumed by Simplicity," which is showing in Gallery One. His sculptures are "minimal objects inspired by architectural forms such as cityscapes, with their strong vertical lines and imposing volumes."

Fabio will be graduating from MSU in May with a Masters of Arts. It was not until after the beginning of the year that he became interested in art. "I took a sculpture class as a free elective and at Seton Hall that he became interested in art. He wanted to study art more in depth."

Realizing that was not the place for him, he moved to Newark to work as a Graduate Technical/Teaching Assistant at MSU and recently helped organize an Art Swap on campus. Fabio is planning to explore the field of architecture further and will be going to Los Angeles after graduation for a five week program geared toward people contemplating making a career change into architecture. From there he will decide whether to pursue a Masters of Architecture or a Masters of Fine Arts. Fabio said, "I've decided that the three things that are important to me, more or less in this order, are making things, helping people and teaching. So I really want to find something where I can do that."

The titles for his pieces are interesting. "The Slanted Kiss" which is positioned in the beginning of the room is a reference to Brancusi's sculpture of two people kissing, is two slightly slanted blocks of metal just barely touching. A broken marble table stands off to one side and is titled "Unbroko..." Many of them are titled from exactly what they are such as "33ths Prop" which is simply two jugged blocks on one top of the other, the top one weighs 33 pounds. Fabio's work has an aesthetic charm which would enchant any room. "Consumed by Simplicity" will be showing in Gallery One until April 30.

In the public eye: Laura Lifshitz

Kristen Anderson
Staff Writer

Laura Lifshitz, a MSU junior psychology major captured the nation's attention as her zany attitude excelled her to a finalist position in the MTV Wannabe a VJ competition. In the following interview, Laura tells how she feels about her life has changed since she finished 3rd out of 6,000 contestants and more:

MONTCLARION: Basically, first just explain to me what you thought about the entire experience and competition. LAURA: I mean I'm so young, but as far as things go this is definitely the most amazing thing that has ever happened to me in my life. I think the competition itself was nerve racking.

MONTCLARION: How do you feel the competition on Saturday, (Apr. 17)? I really wanted that during the trivia you buzzed in first then Thalia, a co-VJ wannabe, claimed her buzzer wasn't working and she buzzed first also. LAURA: ...They definitely weren't prepared. It was the first time they had ever used the buzzers... So they must have been like a technical problem, which definitely sucked. I definitely don't think it was fair. I think there was at least about four questions I got jipped out of.

MONTCLARION: Do you think if you weren't jipped out of those questions you could have come in maybe second or even first place? LAURA: I don't think second or first place or third place matters because what they would do anyway...is work with you...(I'd) basically be doing the same stuff. Maybe even less, maybe more than I am now. We're all on a thirty-day contract. They can bring us in whenever they want.

MONTCLARION: What was your favorite part of the live competition on April 17? Excluding the street bingo you had to prepare? LAURA: (I) probably would have to be Jim Bruer...or fashionably loud. Like that was totally like fashionably loud. Sisimpeso for nothing was the band that played (during the fashion portion of it)...They use to be a Christian rock band.

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Speaking with Laura

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They called up and they’re like could you please take out the part where (I freak) the singer...for the repeats...and (MTV) was like, uh...nope.

MONTCLARION: The purpose of MTV’s wannabe a VJ Too Search was for them to find their next on air employee through the use of an open call giving any ordinary person a chance they may not other­wise have. Since you got all the way to the final round, you obviously had some TV exposure. Is it a shock to you that now kids come up to you and ask about your autograph? Did you expect that to happen or did you think you’d get recognized a couple places but it would be no big deal?

LAURA: I knew that in NJ it would be a big deal because I’m from NJ and I put Howell’s name on the map. It’s never re­ally been anything big there. But I didn’t think the whole thing [when I was recognized] at Irving Plaza [would happen]. That I did not expect because it’s like NY but I mean, like, all those kids knew me. But it was really awesome.

MONTCLARION: Imagine that you get a job at MTV, whether it be as a VJ or what have you, and it gets to the point where you really can’t go out in public without being harassed and maybe guys send you things like their underwear. How do you feel about that? Did you think you’d have to handle it?

LAURA: I think I could handle it...I think that some of the male implication I don’t really like. [It’s not] something I have to learn to deal with...

MONTCLARION: Let’s just say you wanted to have time to yourself and really wanted to escape for a while. Would you seek that solitude or go out in public despite your feelings?

LAURA: I definitely wouldn’t hide, because I’m the kind of person who can’t stand to be alone too much but I think that I’ll find myself spending more time alone then I ever used to, you know...because I’m really going to appreciate it more...

MONTCLARION: What if it falls through, have you thought of that?

LAURA: Oh yeah, I think about that all the time of course. I’m nervous about it but I’m going to be myself and if it falls through, I mean...there’s somebody who knows somebody who knows somebody...at Com­edry Central. A lot of the jocks at 103.5 (WKTK), this one guy he knows a lot of casting agents and directors, I can also work for (103.5). I have a videotape now...that I have to send to [29.5] KROCK...[and to] dif­ferent radio stations. I’ll probably spend a day just getting addresses. Also, I’m getting headshots done...so you know that’s going to take a long time...and you know, just get an agent and look for stuff...I’ll be going to a lot of hard work. I’ll probably do radio or something while I’m waiting for this stuff to happen...I really don’t know what’s going to happen.

MONTCLARION: What if [somebody] be it MTV, VH1, Comedy Central or wherever, said you had to change your appearance. Excluding acting gigs, would you ever consider changing anything about yourself to get a job at MTV VJ?

LAURA: Little tiny things that I’m not attached to. I don’t think they’re gonna want to change me too much because they already know the publics reactions. They already know what they like. I don’t want to sacri­fice my...total person...I mean little frag­ments of me aren’t important...

MONTCLARION: Did you ever think you had too much energy? I know a few people I talked to say you were awesome but they felt you needed to tone it down sometimes.

LAURA: But you see, I think I did. That’s the whole thing. [People needed] to watch [all four days of the] [Wannabe a VJ Too] competition. I would take their opinion but the people who watched it all the way through and people who said, ‘we noticed after the first day’...or ‘you had calmed down...and just a little more mellow. You’re letting everyone see the other side of you. Anybody can be polished and spiffed up and do that and I can be wild, so I think it works in my favor.

MONTCLARION: You have now had experience in front of the camera, as well as radio experience both as a DJ through 90.3 WMSC (MSU’s radio station) as well as behind scenes at 103.5. And you have also writing experience through the Montclarion and the New Brunswick Underground. By doing all of this have you had a chance to decide which area you’d rather work with?

LAURA: I’ve had a little experience in each and I like all. I could see myself writ­ing for TV type stuff or anything. But I re­ally think that like...not to sound cocky or anything...I really play well off the camera...I think if I had the ability to look well on camera and perform well on cam­era I should give that up...I mean, I can still do radio and I can still write. I mean that was part of thing with MTV; they said oh you can write and feel that’s cool. Let’s see [some of your writing samples]...if the [MTV job] doesn’t work out I think I could meet people and then start to do sing­ing and start to maybe work in a studio.

MONTCLARION: What about that? What if you get a job on MTV? What would you do about your dream to be a singer?

LAURA: “Well look at Jesse [MTV’s first Wannabe a VJ winner] just by him be­ing on TV that made him exposed. [The record company] probably gave him a deal because he was so exposed...now I’m go­ing to be around a whole bunch of music type people I think that will be good. And I can have people work with me and I’ll probably have money to do that.

MONTCLARION: If you get a job with MTV or not have you decided what you’re planning to do about college? Do you plan to leave in order to try your luck with agents or do you hope to at least get part-time work?

LAURA: “I would probably try both. It would depend. I have the whole summer to really think what’s going to happen [with MTV or anywhere else]...everything right now is going with the flow. There’s like nothing definite. It’s a little scary...but they felt you needed to tone it down...I mean, like, all those kids knew me. But I’m also excited [about the whole thing]...I think I’m not going to get to stressed about the whole [MTV thing].”

MONTCLARION: Is there anything else you want to add before we end this?

LAURA: “Just like that music and en­tertainment is like my passion and some­thing I want to do for forever. I’ve had a dream I just feel that to have gotten that far it’s something to be proud of. And when people tell me, oh I’m sorry you didn’t win. It’s like, you’re sorry because right now I’ve just been exposed more than some people who’ll be trying to do this for the rest of their life. And I think it opens up doors here I am. And keep going for what you want...it sounds corny, you know: go for your dreams. But you should! And screw people who tell you not to.”
Spring 4 Walls provides excellent study break

Victoria Tengelics

Staff Writer

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DION EYES RADIO CITY RE-

OPENING: Singer Celine Dion, whose career hit stratospheric heights when she

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WILL MICHAEL AND LAURYN

GET TOGETHER?: According to an

Internet report by Lauren Hill and Michael

Jackson are getting ready to enter the rec­

ording studio together. They’re said to be

working up what will be a “millenium single”

for release later this year. The re­

port says the song’s working title is “This

Is Our Time,” and it will make lyrical

reference to some of the major events of the

20th Century, including the life and death

of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and man’s

first steps on the moon.

RAMMSTEIN TO TOUR, SYMPA-

thizes WITH SCHOOL VICTIMS:

The media has much of the musical tastes of the

teenage population these days, and so

the recent Littleton, Colorado high school tragedy.

The two members of the “Trench Coat Mafia”

sponsored the benefit show, and KMFDM has been men­

tioned as one of their favorite bands.

Rammstein, however, say they don’t want

that kind of notoriety, and they have issued a

statement: “The members of Rammstein

express their condolences and sympathy to all

affected by the recent tragic events in

Denver. They wish to make it clear that they

have no lyrical content or political beliefs that

could have possibly influenced such be­

havior. Additionally, members of Rammstein

have children of their own, in whom they

continually strive to instill healthy and non-violent values.”

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at first. It does not have an obvious or pre­
dictable ending. Brian Pedersen’s “The

word’s seem to twist on the page, fitting the tone of

the poem.

Of course there was the usual poems about

love and relation­ships, some of the

highlighting being “Who I am” by Brian

Peder­sen, “When You Rise” by Maria Elena

Jimenez, “A Kiss Goodnight” by Porfirio

Garcia and “At the end of the daze” by Joanne

Scarpa. The works by Shani Stephens

were especially good, her poem “Vanity” gives a

message that people often forget,

that you cannot love someone else until you truly

love yourself. Rosa nna DeRobertis is an­

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**Thurs, April 29**

Alice Texas, Mercury Lounge, NYC

Mannix, Brownies, NYC

Mighty Purple, Wetlands Preserve, NYC

**Fri, April 30**

Article 15, The Orange Bear, NYC

Book of Sun, Brownies, NYC

**Sat, May 1**

Chen & Dancers’ Adopted Land, Memorial Auditorium

American Standard; The Sharpsshooters; No Way

**Sun, May 2**

Semisonic; Sheryl Crow, Beacon Theater, NYC

**Mon, May 3**

Last Day of Classes!! - PARTY TONGIHT

Inarense, The Knitting Factory, NYC

**Tues, May 4**

Branford Marsalis Quartet, Village Vanguard, NYC

Tower Recordings; Hall of Fame; Jackie-O-Mutherfucker, The Knitting Factory, NYC

**Wed, May 5**

The Cranberries, Hammerstein Ballroom, NYC

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Article 15, The Orange Bear, NYC

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**Narc, Maxwell’s, Hoboken, NJ.**

If there are any exciting events you know of that should be placed on this calendar, please contact Lynette at x 5241.
Another Issue Goes Up In Smoke

Another year has passed and what have we all learned? Well, we learned that, here at Montclair State University, we don’t address issues until they are problems and this sense of reactivity instead of proactivity has, again, led us into a brick wall. Does MSU have a drug problem? We have fumbled over issues such as parking and campus security, only addressing student or faculty concerns when the dilemma reaches a fever pitch. We don’t address facilities problems until a pipe bursts, leaving eighteen student rooms watered damaged in Freeman Hall. We don’t question state funding trends until the Board of Trustees votes to hire tuition or teachers prepare to go into contract negotiations. Now, we find MSU pondering its drug problem. Where do we go from here?

When faced with students engaged in or victim to criminal activity, MSU falls to its knees, at an utter loss of ideas on how to deal with its problems. Case in point: the 303 block of Clove Road Apartments. In a three-day span, they fell victim to a sexual assault and an armed robbery. The aftermath was just as horribly mismanaged as the “heightened security” presence during the crimes. Why should students and staff alike be led to believe that they will take charge of the drug problem on campus? Furthermore, what exactly is the problem? While it might be abundantly clear that some individuals at MSU have substance abuse problems, does that accurately reflect the population of the whole university?

According to the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, substance abuse in children age 12 through 17 increased significantly in 1997. A survey by the Drug Abuse Warning Network noted an increase in marijuana use in all age groups between 1996 and 1997. What does this mean to MSU?

Nancy Elson, Director and Nurse Practitioner of the Health and Wellness Center, said that she has clinical proof that there is drug use on campus. Sgt. Israel Rosado of MSU Campus Police claims that while “there have been several cases of suspicious drug use,” there is no “probable cause to take action.” Take action? MSU? Let’s be grateful that they have even identified the problem. Wait, what problem?

“There is a drug and alcohol problem at MSU,” said Assistant Dean of Students James Harris. “Kathy Gilbert” (not her real name), a Clove Road resident, said “I smell weed on a daily basis around here [Bohn Hall].” “Nicole Poudrail” (not her real name), a visiting student from Boston University, said that drugs were a part of everyday life at MSU. Sgt. Rosado, though, might have said it best: “Oh yeah, there was lots of drug use in Clove Road Apartments going on.”

The use of drugs is a personal choice, though it would be ignorant to think that drug users are only hurting themselves. This should be looked at, however, as more of an individual issue than a campus one. Is it the substance that dictates the problem or the one who uses that substance? Campus Safety and Security, and the campus at large, shouldn’t think those involved in the drug bust at Clove Road earlier this semester should serve as examples for or representatives of students at MSU.

Another year has passed with a myriad of issues, many of which administrators, Campus Police officials, and others are not willing to address until almost no remedy is readily available. Is there a drug problem? If there is, how can we, as a campus, address it or solve it? Until we begin to think of ways to intelligently answer these questions, this is just another issue that, in due time, will go up in smoke.

The Montclarion Mailbox Policy

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How The Montclarion Has Shaped My Life and Education at MSU

W hen I was a freshman President Cole two weeks ago, I said, "You must be counting the days until I graduate." The most dangerous thing to administrative bodies, to those attempting to maintain a status quo, to those seeking to get re-elected to some office, to those attempting to maintain a status quo, to those seeking to get re-elected to some office, is that there is a voice out there, a student who is not quite as satisfied with the way things are going. That voice, in my opinion, is what is really true about what is going on around us.

And that kind of attitude is exactly what we need to keep going. We're a weekly newspaper. We've worked hard in the last three years to advance our level of journalism. The value of an extra-curricular involvement in a student's life is immeasurable. It can bring positive and negative events surrounding them. It is my hope that The Montclarion accomplishment this year has done for the student of MSU this year. If just one student this year learned something that they would stand up and do something to fight the rising cost of education, or to solve our problems with administrative issues, then I am satisfied that we have done our jobs. No one on this newspaper has ever worked for pay or for self-glorification. We have not generally realize what an importance it is for implementing change, and people informed and aware of the negative and positive events surrounding them. It is my hope that The Montclarion accomplished this year has done for the student of MSU this year. If just one student this year learned something that they would stand up and do something to fight the rising cost of education, or to solve our problems with administrative issues, then I am satisfied that we have done our jobs. No one on this newspaper has ever worked for pay or for self-glorification. We have just worked so hard that MSU becomes a better place. That is exactly what we are trying to do.

—and ponder the quest of my mind. There was no better feeling than nearly drowning in Panzer Gym pool during March. I was so happy to be back in the pool. I was so glad to be able to swim again. I was so glad to be able to breathe again. I was so glad to be able to think again. I was so glad to be able to laugh again. I was so glad to be able to feel again. I was so glad to be able to see again. I was so glad to be able to hear again.

But this was about a MSU swim team member who was almost drowne...
The 1998-99 Montclarion Editorial Board & Staff: Learning from Those Who Continue to Inspire

I've completed almost 128 credits. I've sat through hundreds, maybe thousands of hours of classes. Piles of research papers have come out of my computer. Even after all of this I've learned the most from my college career at The Montclarion. I was never asked, paid, or given credit to spend hours and sometimes days at a time in the cinderblock office of The Montclarion with no windows. My Wednesdays were sacrificed the minute I stepped into this office only two years ago, but it was the time of my life.

When I began at The Montclarion two years ago, my hope was to gain insight on the production of a newspaper and improve my writing. What I gained was so much more. I learned about the daily stresses of weekly paper. I also learned what incredible people it takes to put out a paper worthy printing 5,000 copies.

It was the staff of The Montclarion who helped us to go beyond the college rag stereotype. As we turned people's heads, they began to turn the pages to realize the journalism that we were capable of.

It was inspiring to work with students with the same passion for journalism. As managing editor, it was fun to help them continue to ask questions and learn.

This year’s Editor-In-Chief, Kevin Hancock was the backbone of this publication. His patience and vast computer knowledge protected our Macintoshes from staff who owned sledgehammers. His eye for perfection and design made this paper truly great under his wings.

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The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself for a worthy cause; who at best knows neither defeat nor victory."

With Every New Idea Comes Opposition:

Encouraging Individuals to Speak Their Minds Despite Criticism

With new ideas, there is always the ugly probability that some one will either disapprove of it, fail to understand it, or disregard it completely. All too often, authors, artists, philosophers, and scientists are afraid to show their work for fear of "what others might react.

"What if they don’t like it?", "What if they think it’s stupid?" and "What will they think of me?" are questions asked again and again.

Public speaking is one of the most fearful tasks for a large number of people, and women whose ideas were regarded as inflammatory and heretical by contemporay critics.

Yet think of how many of these have persisted throughout the centuries despite the less than warm reception they were often granted.

The world of science has been changed dramatically through the ideas of those who were not popular at the time of their conception.

Copernicus proved mathematically that the sun was not the center of the universe, but due to certain prosecution, did not have his findings published until he was gravely ill. He also lived the rest of his life in a hole covered with craters. His writings were one of many discoveries that led to his execution.

Albert Einstein, who graduated school math, was laughed at when he devised his famous equation, E=mc2.

In the 1952 elections, a computer predicted accurately based on 5% of districts reporting - that Eisenhower would win in a landslide. CBS News did not make this known until after the election for the fact that the computer was grossly incorrect.

Every new school of music and art from the Baroque to the Modern era went against the times that the "established" models of the world. Michelangelo used an opera set in a brothel. Michelangelo used "women of the street" as models for his artwork, and his paintings serve primarily as the student voice of the campus, a forum for those who wish to speak their minds.

They will continue this tradition into the next year and for years to come for the reason that students on this campus have ideas that must be expressed. Those with the courage to submit their ideas have views published. They are met with interest, sympathy, and, yes, even hatred. Odd how that does not stop them.

When one bows to a critic, one’s work suffers. Take the example of history and ignore all those who say, “It cannot be done,” or “It is wrong.”

Your personal success will be reflected by the degree to which you stand your ground and stand by your point of view in the face of criticism.

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The BOT Corner: Informing Students and Preparing for Next Year

This is the first of many columns to come from your student representatives of the MSU Board of Trustees. We first would like to take this opportunity to thank the 460+ people who took the time to get out and vote, as your support sends a message to the university community that we care about our education and the process of self-determination.

Let us assure you that we will not only listen to what you have to say but that your concerns will be addressed aggressively at the highest level of the administration, the MSU Board of Trustees. We will use this column to report to the student body those decisions made during the BOT meetings that affect them directly. We will also use this forum to bring to the student body concerns that we receive through the communication systems we have established in the past couple of weeks.

During the campaigning process of the recent elections, I stated strongly that education is a “we” affair and “together, we can make a difference.” Now that the student body has made their choice of representation for the next two years, I have three simple words: Let us begin.

We have recently established a three-prong communications system that we hope will enable the BOT to hear the voices of the student body. First, we have established an e-mail account that students can use to voice their concerns and issues directly to the BOT representatives.

The address is: BOT101@hotmail.com.

Second, we have established an office for your BOT representatives which is located in the Commuter Lounge of Room 1040. We will post our office hours beginning with the Fall semester.

Last, we have this new column that we will submit monthly to The Montclarion. We hope that these communication systems will allow all students to have direct contact with their student representatives and the MSU Board of Trustees.

During the last meeting of the BOT on April 8, the Board approved the up coming FY2000 tuition hike of five percent. The Montclarion recently reported the break down of the various cost increases. What we all overlooked was the total cost of the educational expenses that we pay as students. The total cost includes not only the tuition cost per credit but also the fees per credit. After further investigation, I found that the true increase of the total cost of tuition and fees would increase the five percent tuition hike by 4.86 percent.

This past semester, students paid $128.75 per credit in total tuition and fees. With increases coming in the fall, the figure will rise to $133.01 per credit.

We will continue to report the total cost of the increases and not just the increases in the tuition. The board also issued a statement to the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, which is considering updating its 1996 document, Looking to the New Millennium: New Jersey’s Plan for Higher Education.

In the BOT’s statement, they strongly urged the commission to reevaluate its commitment to senior public institutions such as MSU and the funds they commit to these institutions. In my opinion, the board has urged the state to increase its funding to institutions such as MSU, as opposed to the increases the state has been making consistently to our jails and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Let us assure the student body that your concerns will continue to be addressed and we will keep you informed of all outcomes.

Since this is the last edition of The Montclarion in this academic year, we wish all those graduating students God’s speed and the best of luck. To those students who will return in the fall we wish a healthy, happy, joyous and generous summer.

Our column will reappear in the fall.

Questioning the Value of Life:
The Role of the Individual and the Roots of Human Nature

My past few editorials have been about how all people have a God given right to equality in everything’s eyes. Today I would like to give an answer more than, “Because Jesus said so.”

I understand that this probably does not hold much weight, and I respect this. In all honesty, I would not take such an answer by itself either. Accordingly I intent to explain why all human life should be seen as valuable.

Without seeing other people as important to one’s life and goals like, “Let them do what they do,” in a way where selfishness reigns, people are stripped of their humanity and each individual becomes a means to another individual’s ends, like kitchen appliances.

Friends would be more akin to entertainment centers—we would receive understanding and love. With no regard to the way people feel, including those that we do not participate in—race, gender and status would grow like a bad vine ready to choke anything that comes apparent. With Christ helping us, we can inherently evil beings also be defined as inherently valuable.

This is where a Christian worldview becomes apparent. With Christ helping us, we are able to forgo our own selfish nature and accept every single person’s worth. Unlike what Jean-Paul Sartre said, this would not give people free reign to do whatever they want without considering the consequences. On the contrary, accepting consequences of what we do against others and repairing wrongs done is a part of living a Christian life.

I know I have brought up many issues, but it really is not all that difficult to see how horrible or potentially horrible we all can be.

To admit that other people are valuable is even easier, given the alternative. What may be the most strenuous part of what I write could be the involvement of the One Man able to reconcile both of these facts and help us transcend our fallen nature.

"Human nature is implicitly selfish and evil ... we have to understand this as true.

Instead of being a product of his or her environment. If no one has been able to overcome one’s environment, then there must be something wrong. Without looking into the nature of people, no amount of nurturing will solve the problem of evil.

For instance, psychologists are coming through the recent tragedy in Littleton, Colorado, to try to figure out how horrible an thing could have happened. To do so, they must have been blaming evil...
As you may be aware, the past week held two very difficult incidents for students at Montclair State University and were a frightening reminder of the world in which we live and from which the university community cannot be removed.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the actions that we have taken in response to these events.

Because the safety of our students is paramount, Montclair State University staff, administrators and student leaders have been working together to respond to student needs on several levels.

Personal safety information has been widely disseminated. University Police bulletins and Residence Life releases were posted throughout all residence halls and campus buildings. Community meetings were held in the Clove Road Apartment complex and were open to all residents who chose to attend. Meetings were conducted within the campus Residence Life community to address student and professional staff roles as resources to our students. The importance of currently-existing personal safety procedures was re-emphasized to residents.

Residents were re-advised to use door locks and viewers; to personally escort guests; to utilize the University Police escort service; to use the buddy system, especially after dark or in less-traveled areas of campus; and to immediately report unusual people or incidents to University Police.

Currently existing security has been and will continue to be enhanced on a permanent basis. Evening and early morning security guard patrols of Clove Road and the traditional residence halls have been strengthened by uniformed police officers on foot, bicycle, and in marked cars.

To supplement resident initiated requests for repairs, university maintenance staff assessed all Clove Road security related apartment facets for safety and security, handling requests on an immediate basis. Assistance in dealing with academic and personal needs continues to be offered to all affected students, both individually and as a community.

While the university has had numerous safety procedures in effect for a period of time, it is events such as this and the shootings in Littleton, Colorado that remind us of the need to utilize them. While we cannot shield our students from the realities of the external world, we will continue to educate and prepare you so that you may improve the quality of that world.

As a university, we are committed to the well-being of our students with regard to all facets of campus life.

We will continue to provide comprehensive resources, both inside and outside the classroom, and we hope to demonstrate our on-going commitment not only to you, our students, but also to the entire university community.

Karen L. Pennington
Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life

Remembering Frank Reilly

This is a special thanks to all Montclair State students, faculty and staff, from Frank Reilly’s mom.

Since he died of cirrhosis of the liver in September 1998, so much love has poured in from all over the country. I’ve heard from former MSU classmate Frank Kelly in Arizona, Texas, New York, as well as New Jersey. The outreach has had a phenomenal impact on me.

I’m still hoping to hear from many of you. If anyone has any photos, projects, or any other items of memories pertaining to Frank, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Pennington
Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life

What shapes the lives of our children?

A single mother addresses the recent shooting in Littleton, Colorado

I am a young mother and the recent tragedy in Littleton, Colorado scares me to death. I wonder what will happen if we as a society do not come up with a solution to end this rash of teenage violence.

It breaks my heart. We have been friends since I was about 10 years old. We went to high school together in Ukiah, Odessa.

We went on double dates and spent summers together. Years went by and now I am terrified when I think that my friend just turned 25 and he might not make it to his 26 birthday.

He lives in Ukraine with his mother. His parents got divorced a long time ago and he does not have a job or much money. He told me that he doesn’t get any medical help because “Doctors are afraid of talking to him.” He is all alone.

I have tried to help him with money as much as I can. What I am trying to do is to create a fund where people can make donations. I will do my best to match all the donations once or twice as much. Please write to igpower@hotmail.com or IgorGreenberg@concentrate.com for information.

Life is a beautiful thing, but it offers us no guarantee about tomorrow.

Igor Greenberg, No major given

As a university, we are committed to the well-being of our students.

Karen L. Pennington
Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life
MSU Players Presents

**Goodbye Freddy**

by Elizabeth Diggs

Directed by Kevin Schwoebel

April 29, 30
8pm

May 1
2pm Matinee, 8pm

Player's Theatre

Student Center rm. 126
By Chris “King Kong” Landy

Get it? “King Kong Lundy?” Get it?

Now our enemies knew that we were a force to be reckoned with. Strangers had begun to gather around the table. They were just watching when he shouldn’t have. They were probably afraid to. They were just watching when they shouldn’t have. They were not signing up to play, they were probably afraid to. They were just watching. They had first approached the challenge, simple dollar bets were made. When we proved an honest adversary to the home team, hundreds were wagered. Now, in the last clash of the crusade, spouses and children were at stake. Bette had just sunk his last; the 8 remained an attainable target. Silently, he had to admit defeat. The corner pocket just below my teeth remained an attainable target. Silently, he had to admit defeat.

Beef Jerky? As a suppository? It's true. The other night, as was right. I ordered back into the night. I ordered back into the night. I ordered back into the night.

Directions: Taste the rum. Too sweet, and it may ruin the cake. Mix eggs and flour in a large mixing bowl. One more shot of rum won’t kill you. Melt butter and combine with sugar and baking powder.

Dilbert®
by Scott Adams

Thursday, April 29, 1999

By Chris “The Clapper” Lundy
Orange marmalade sucks. If they made grapefruit marmalade, I bet it would suck, too.

Everyone tells me that they have the best dog in the world. Dogs are supposed to be the loyal ones, but dog lovers will stand by their favorite breed no matter what. I’ve seen a man defend the moral values of his mixed breed pit bull/rotweiller/wolf/B-10 bomber. Let’s sit here writing, look at my coffee mug. It is graced with a picture of a Golden Retriever, my favorite breed. It also features a description of the animal’s personality. Yes, that’s right. Every animal of the same breed has the same personality. The Nature vs. Nurture debate has been ended on my $6 coffee mug.

“Golden Retriever: America’s most beloved canine. Nurturing to children. Friendly and good to the end.” Isn’t that something that everyone would like to hear about their dog? Nice, friendly, good dog. Mugs would never sell if they spoke the truth.

“Golden Retriever: China’s most beloved canine. Beautiful yet extremely stupid dog. Will fetch, but easily distracted by anything shiny. Will eat anything coated in peanut butter.”

“Rotweiller: Strong, powerful, muscular animal. Perfect hunting dog. Eats children. Could only be more dangerous if it had horns. A Rotweiller is to a roomful of children what Ted Bundy is to a roomful of coeds. Must be named something macho. I hope there are no cats in your neighborhood.”

“Pit Bull: Very powerful and cunning dog. Will take a dump on your rug on purpose and then laugh. Easily recognizable by pattern of sixes on forehead. I once saw a bit in a three-foot slab out of a moving 18-wheeler and spit it through a lion that had escaped from the zoo. Your life insurance will go up. Don’t buy this dog.”

Meanwhile, on a far distant planet lives an alien race that admires humans and keeps them as pets. A many-tentacled Jell-O-like creature with six eyes sips its Kylerelian coffee from a mug that reads: “Writer: Creative yet strange breed. Often a sickly animal with bad personal habits. Does not like daylight.”
The Horoscope Never Lies

1. Good Bye, Chris, Brian, kara, and Vikki, you'll miss you.

2. Put the ball, the size of an egg into a four ounce beverage, i.e., beer. Naturally, after polishing off a half case of the Beast™ your score will be at least 99. (Note: this drill is not referring to the balls that explode into a good way to take your opponent off his head and the firm press of your clothing. The effects will wear off in two or three seconds. Melting golf, and your awards. You'll make an excellent EIC. To Joy and Lisa, thanks for teaching me the ways of the computer, for when I needed it, Newz! Mom! Enjoy California! To Tim and Jenae, thanks for taking those really good pictures with my digital camera. I will try my best to get weepy and thank everyone. To Kevin, you're a great News Dad, and your experience will be missed next year. Thanks for kicking my butt when I needed it.

The End of The Year

I just hope I don't get hit in the face.

Well, it's the end of the year. I have to confess that I have nothing to write. No stories that reveal my skrewed take on life. Not stories that concern me... well... he was sure there was a good way to take your opponent off his game. I hope that my final column has been interesting and witty. This is the part where I get weepy and thank everyone. To Kevin, you're a great News Dad, and your experience will be missed next year. Thank you for making this section into a CAMPUS MUGRAM.

I'm an editor! And now, I'm done. I need a beer. Mmm, sweet, delicious beer! Well, it's the end of the year. I have to confess that I have nothing to write. No stories that concern me... well... he was sure there was a good way to take your opponent off his game. I hope that my final column has been interesting and witty. This is the part where I get weepy and thank everyone. To Kevin, you're a great News Dad, and your experience will be missed next year. Thank you for making this section into a CAMPUS MUGRAM.

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I figure it Santa knows where I live, what's to stop him from stealing my car when I'm asleep?

The Star Wars Prequel is chock full of nudity. Either that or I was in the wrong theater.

knock a ball the size of an egg into a four inch hole about three or four hundred yards away. This would require patience and practice. However, it is possible for anyone, even an otherwise intelligent person to spend years perfecting this is beyond me. Hooligan Golf understands that you don't always want to practice. However, don't think it's much more entertaining to play this game with your favorite beverage, i.e., beer. Naturally, after polishing off a half case of the Beast™ your score will be at least 99. (Note: this drill is not referring to the balls that explode into

Birds Decimals Ivory Soap Raft Boat

Bus Boy

Coy

Duck Ducks Floatsam

through the telephone wire into the jack, leaving the wire to just slip out whenever Jack attempted to use the phone.

Confused, Jack attempted to call the police, but he soon discovered that the thief had stolen Jack's doorknob and filled the hole with concrete so Jack would need some kind of tool to open the door. Of course, his tools had been stolen, so he was at a disadvantage.

The windows were blocked as well. Actually, they weren't so much blocked, but the thief had dug a moat around the house and filled it with alligators. Jack cursed his helplessness, the same helplessness that led him into this predicament in the first place. Everything was gone, everything. All his worldly possessions were gone, except for his pictures, which the thief left. But, since the thief stole the nails out of his walls, Jack didn't have much use for them. His only hope was the mailman. The mailman would have to deliver the mail.

Jack would knock on the door, yell for help, and be saved.

But, there was something the thief couldn't possibly have found: his hidden storage space. There was a little compartment in the floor of his attic that only he knew about. In it were a hunting rifle, bricks, and Monkeys records. It was impossible for anyone to find it. He would smash the windows with the bricks, shoot the gators, and... well... he was sure there would be some use for the Monkeys records.

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HUMOUR™ editor Chris Finegan puts the finishing touches on the final issue of The Montclarion.

"Hit any key to continue"

Chris Finegan and Tim Casey relax after another successful issue.

FIRST place, Bloody Snowman Contest, Fairbanks Alaska.

Hooligan Golf!

Justin knows that while a window may be only 10 points, ringing the bell is an amazing 200. I'd like to see Tiger Woods do THAT!

Spectators can be a distraction, but Todd handles himself with grace. He knows that nailing a moving target 50 yards away requires patience.

Here we see Finz in a bit of a predicament. This area is known by Hooligan Golfers as "the rough." This happens as a result of low brain cells count, so the aspiring Hooligan Golfer can expect to end up "in the rough" quite often.

The true gentleman does not resort to violence. Hooligan Golfers, however, encourage dueling. Swing away at your opponent, but remember to replace your divots.

When attempting to break windows, always be like John. Remember - form first!

"The green" is not always green. Jay has landed on concrete. This happens when you drink too much.

"Now I am the Master!" Only a master of evil, Darth!
**Help Wanted**

Custom Picture Framing and Art Gallery trainee. Flexible hours, for newly opened facility. Seeking energetic and personable self-starter for general business work in comfortable surroundings. Computer skills necessary. Ideal for fine arts student. Please phone Roger @ 973-746-6800.

**Enthusiastic Students to work part-time with special needs child in a home behavioral therapy program. Training provided. Great pay. Located in Bergen County. Call (201)798-7680.**

**Data Entry, flexible hours. Must have good phone skills. Please call 973-773-9300 between 11AM-5PM.**

**Enthusiastic person needed to work/ play with very sweet 5 yr. old boy with developmental delays. Will train. Experience in discrete trials a plus. Weekends and/or evenings. Springfield. 973-379-9011.**


**Feng Shui today for good grades, success, knowledge, career, wealth & romance with the Chinese art of placement. Call Jade for a consultation at 201-417-6135 or 201-237-4268. $25.00 student discount.**

**Child Care Wanted**

Seeking responsible, reliable, MOTHER’S HELPER/BABYSITTER a few hours per week as needed. Child development student a plus. References required. Call 973-509-2078.

**Help Wanted: Experienced person to babysit on Saturday evenings. Local references and own transportation required. Call 973-744-7341.**

**Babysitter needed for 3 young children in Montclair. Monday afternoons, occasional weekends and Sat. nights. Possibility to continue through summer. Non-smoker. Call 509-0026.**

**Mother’s Helper Needed PT a few evenings (5-7) immediately/summer hours flexible for 6 month old twins. Experienced, non-smoker with references a must. Please call Tara 973-256-1771 or fax resume 973-256-0336.**

**Full-time babysitter needed from June 28 to July 23. Two children, boy 10, girl 12. D/L required. Call Denise 783-4324.**

**We are seeking an energetic babysitter to play with and care for 2 toddlers ages 3 and 4 1/2. Pick-up from Montclair nursery school. Afternoons - M,T,W & F 1:00pm - 6:00pm. Must have reliable car w/ excellent driving record. Call Vivian at 973-842-0075 x120 9am-6pm; after 6:00pm call 973-450-9644.**

**Volunteers Needed!! Last Passaic River Cleanup of Semester!**

**When: This Saturday May 1st 10AM – 12PM**

**Where: Pennington Park (On Mcbride Ave, Paterson)**

**Free Food and Drinks**

**Need a ride? Need more info? Call us at 655-5320!**

**New Jersey Community Water Watch is a Class 2 Organization of SGA**

**A Project of NJPIRG Law and Policy Center**
Female Athlete of the Year

Jill Gastelu
Senior
Outside Hitter
5-9
Rutherford, NJ
Rutherford HS

Senior Jill Gastelu finished her 1998-1999 season with First Team All-Conference honors, and she also received the Cathy Vayianos Coach’s Award for demonstrating leadership, team spirit, coaching ability and, a willingness to learn. This award was given to her at the Panzer Honors Convocation held this past Tuesday at Montclair State University.

Male Co-Athlete of the Year

Anthony Peeples
Senior
Forward
6-3
Linden, NJ
Linden HS

Senior forward Anthony Peeples finished his 1998-1999 season as the 19th player in the history of Montclair State to reach the 1,000 point mark, scoring 1,008 points in just two years. Peeples was also named to the first team NJAC for the second consecutive year, a National Association of Basketball Coaches/Chevy Silverado Division III All-American, the first in men’s basketball since 1986. He was also named the 1999 Division III NCAA individual rebound leader with a 14.1 rebounding average.

Male Co-Athlete of the Year

Marlon Pollard
Senior
Midfielder
5-9
Georgetown, Guyana
East Orange HS

Senior midfielder Marlon Pollard and captain of Montclair State University’s soccer team finished his 1998-1999 season with All-American honors, and led the team to a remarkable 14-3-3, 4-2-3 NJAC season.
MSU students give back to the community

By Jason Lampa
Sports Consultant

Last Friday the sun shined a little brighter on The First Montclair House situated on Walnut St. in Montclair. Though the warmth caused by the increase in sunshine may not have been felt by those outside the senior-citizen apartment complex, those within it’s confines were definitely feeling the heat.

Professor Ben Schatffer’s Leadership in Recreational Services class, part of the Recreation and Leisure Studies program at Montclair State put into action a semester of hard work and dedication in developing a day of fun and relaxation for all those who lived at the First Montclair House.

“I think it’s wonderful that these kids come down and give us a morning of entertainment,” said Annabelle, an 89 year-old women who has lived at The First Montclair House for 18 years.

The festivities began with a continental breakfast for the residents of the home that included bagels, pastries, and orange juice. This gave the students and the seniors a chance to get to know each other. Everywhere you looked during that hour, every single student was either engaged in conversation or serving the seniors with food and beverages.

After everyone had gotten to know each other, a contest was held to see who could make the best hat out of a balloon, cone, and straw. The seniors were very excited about the activity, putting their best effort into it while having a great time. Prizes were given out for the best hat at each table and the overall best hat.

The final activity for the day was a sing-along directed by Ellen Pearl, a student in Professor Schatffer’s class. Pearl did a fantastic job motivating the seniors to sing out loud. Everyone was laughing and smiling as the songs, “Take me Out to The Ball Game” and “You’re a Grand Old Flag”, were sung in unison by seniors and students alike.

The event marked the last day of class for the students in the Leadership class, a class in which they will always remember, for the people they made happy and the many hours they had spent producing it.
**RED HAWK ACTION**

**Thursday, April 29**
Softball @ NJAC Playoffs  
*Baseball @ William Paterson, 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 30**
Women's Lacrosse vs. Springfield, MA, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, May 1**
Softball @ Gallaudet, DC (DH), 12 p.m.  
*Baseball vs. The College of NJ (DH), 2:30 p.m.  
Women's Lacrosse @ West Point, NY, 2 p.m.  
Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field, NJAC Championships @ Rowan University, 9 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 4**
Baseball vs. York College, PA, 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 5**
Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field @ St. John's University, 3 p.m.

**Thursday, May 6**
Baseball vs. Johns Hopkins, MD, 7 p.m.

* - NJAC matchup  
** - Home game  
** - Doubleheader

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**animal** (an • i • mal) n. a living being capable of feeling.

— To find out what you can do to help animals, contact PETA.

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**Thank You**

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

Now that this semester of late Wednesday nights that are necessary for the production of *The Montclarion* is finally over, I would like to say THANK YOU to all who gave of their time and efforts in making the sports section one of the best that this paper has ever seen, or so I've heard.

First, I thank God for giving me the strength to produce a sports section week in and week out. Secondly, thanks to all my writers who contributed to the sports pages, for without them there wouldn't be a sports section.

Thanks to the entire staff of *The Montclarion* (Newzfrat) for tolerating all my questions and for putting up with me. I really appreciate it. Thank you to my assistant, Paul Lewiarz, who put in hard work, and he will be returning as my assistant next year. Thanks to Jason Lampa, who passed on his title to me. I'm trying my best to out do him in every way. Jase, thanks for all your support and your advice.

Special thanks to *The Montclarion's* Faculty Adviser Ron Hollander for his constructive criticisms. Believe it or not, they were greatly appreciated.

I must also extend thanks to all athletes and their coaches for a wonderful year in sports. Last, but surely not least, thank you to the staff of the Office of Sports Information who patiently put up with me every week. Thank you Al, Dettris, and Jack.

See you all next year for another great year in sports.
Montclair State dominates St. Thomas 15-0
Wisz’ three triples lead Montclair’s 22 hit attack

By Jason Lampa
Sports Consultant

Junior Tara Wisz tripled three times while junior Toni Milito went 4-4 with four RBI’s to lead the MSU to a 15-0 victory over St. Thomas Aquinas University of New York in collegiate softball action on Tuesday at Quarry Field on the campus of Montclair State.

Wisz’s three triples set a single game MSU record, while also giving her the single season record with eight. Sophomore Kim Caruso also played a major role in MSU’s 22 hit attack by going 3-3 with three RBI’s. MSU’s third straight victory gave them a 31-7 heading into the first round of the NJAC Playoffs this coming Thursday.

In Tuesday’s game, the Red Hawks started the game with six consecutive hits in the bottom of the first, taking a quick 3-0 lead.

Caruso and Milito each had RBI singles in the inning. The Red hawks scored two more in the second, and then in the third, MSU exploded for 12 runs to take a 12-0 lead. Caruso had a two-run single in the third, while Wisz smashed a two-run triple.

In all, Wisz ended the day 3-4 with two RBI’s, two runs scored and the three triples, while Alex Lamont went 2-3 with two RBI’s. Senior pitcher Sue McCarville improved her already outstanding record to 22-4 on the year. Freshman Tara Todaro pitched the final two innings of the game and combined with McCarville on a one-hitter.

As a team, MSU had four triples, three doubles, and allowed just two baserunners in the game. The Hawks also set a single-inning record by smashing nine hits in the third inning.

MSU RHD HAWK SPORTS
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MSU’s senior pitcher was the central factor in helping the Red Hawks beat the Cougars. He struck out 13 batters in seven innings of work to win his sixth straight game. Montclair State improved its record to 20-11, 11-4 NJAC.

With the victory, the Red Hawks made the NJAC Playoff Tournament, along with The College of New Jersey, Rowan University, and William Paterson University. This marks the 23rd consecutive time that the Red Hawks will be making the tournament since its initiation. The four-team NJAC tournament kicks off May 14 and will last until May 17 at Yogi Berra Stadium.

This win was MSU’s eighth consecutive victory, a streak which began with an 8-5 win over Kean on April 13. The Red Hawks have now won 12 of their last 13 games following an 8-10 start. It is also the 17th consecutive season that MSU has won 20 games or more.

Montclair State University’s baseball team returns to action today playing at William Paterson University in a conference game scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m.

Red Hawks playoff bound as they defeat Kean 11-1

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ANSWER TO LAST WEEK’S TRIVIA:
Steve Trongone’s ERA was 2.60.

GIVING BACK
Sports Consultant Jason Lampa
shares a day in the activities of Recreation and Leisure.
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ATHLETES OF THE YEAR
Find out the deserving athletes who received athlete of the year honors.
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There will be no sports trivia this week, since this is the last issue of The Montclarion for this year. See you all next year for more trivia.