This is the last in a series of Montclarion special reports that addressed critical issues affecting MSU. Look for more in-depth investigations next year.

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, 21, 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 heroine use by children 12 through 17. Marijuana use increased from seven percent in 1996 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 have 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 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..."
**Reservists called to Kosovo**

(CCNN) — President Clinton on Tuesday 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 that the Pentagon said it was sending 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.

**Alligator prows could be threat**

(Reuters) — Florida's 1 million alligators are on the prowl for food and people, posing a threat to pets and people and state wildlife officials said Tuesday.

**N. Korea has a blighted future**

(CNN) — The World Food Program has drawn a devastating portrait of widespread hunger in North Korea. Millions of people survive by eating grasses, corn stalks or whatever else they can forage, the U.N. agency reported Tuesday.

**Local News**

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**SA News & Notes**

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- Two dogs have been killed in St. Petersburg by alligators in the past two weeks, authorities said. And several alligators have been seen walking by lakes and ponds and on a golf course in recent days, they said.
- "Most alligators will quickly retreat at the approach of a human. If they don't, they've likely lost their natural fear and could become a problem," said Joy Hill, public information coordinator for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's Central Region.

**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 Piscataway, where an estimated 900 students stayed home from the high school due to rumors of violence, and a series of death threats sent to at least five New Jersey 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."

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**Police report**

- A man was observed loitering near the 300 building of the Clove Road Apartment complex. Male gave false ID to officers. Male is not an MSU student. Jonathan Fishman of Montclair was arrested and charged with trespass. A hearing is scheduled for 5/5/99 in Little Falls Municipal Court.
- Officers executed an arrest warrant issued from South Orange Police Dept. Stephanie Bryant of Newark was arrested in Mallery Hall and turned over to the custody of responding South Orange Police officers.
- Officers on patrol discovered heavy smoke coming from under the hood of a parked car in lot 4. Officers use extinguisher to put out the fire without success.
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**Montclair police report**

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**For the record**

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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 Zephrin, 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, said 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.

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 Window 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, Shariff Elhugain, the new SGA treasurer, said that he would like to create a potential insurance policy and work with organizations’ budgets. Elhugain 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 One 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 of 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 resident assistant, 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 extasy and mushrooms,” he said.

"Just a couple of weeks ago, a non-student who was visiting a couple of my friends of my friends at the Clode Road Apartments was doing hits of E [xstacy]. It’s everywhere, man, the campus is loaded with it," he said, smiling.

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 overlooking six dormitories on campus. Each RA goes through training to service their peers and maintain a safe environment for those living on campus.

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

"Marijuana is present in the dorm," Olivarra 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," Olivarra said. "Besides the dorms, a lot of students get bailed 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 their 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.

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 sees alcohol 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."

Most students admit to purchasing mari­juana in nickel and dime bags, which sell from $5 to $10 on the street.

According to NHHDA, an estimated 2.8 million Americans used marijuana for the first time in 1996. Marijuana seems to be the drug of choice for many college students living away from home as well as commuter, but it also serves as a gateway for other drugs.

Pam Gordon, a licensed social worker for Hackensack Medical Center’s Behavioral Health Services, counsels adolescents and adults with clinically diagnosed dependencies and drug addictions.

"We treat adults and adolescents who use drugs and alcohol in conjunction with other drugs," Gordon said. "We see marijuana and alcohol more prevalent in adolescents because it’s cheap and easy to get. This is the start-off point which leads to other things, but of course we have some people here that are doing harder drugs."

Krising Colon, a senior at the College of New Jersey, said marijuana use is high at her college.

"I’ve smoked pot a couple of times and I know that a lot of students on campus walk to the woods adjacent to the dorms to get high," Colon said. "It’s very common at fraternity parties and we usually do it upstairs in someone’s room or outside. If somebody is burning incense, you know they are getting high."

John Newhouse, a graphic design gradu­ate of Rowan University, served as a resi­dent assistant from 1995-97, and witnessed a drug problem on campus first hand.

"People would smoke weed in their rooms all the time," Newhouse said. "The use was so widespread that the university passed a policy that if a student was caught, or she would receive automatic expul­sion for the semester. As RA, I was pretty lenient because everyone was doing it."

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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 mell­ows.

"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 58 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.

"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 hear that case in their court. So if an arrest for marijuana was made in 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.

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

This piece was produced as an assignment in Ron Hollander’s Feature Writing class.

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The Heat of the Moment

By Jason Timochko
Staff Photographer

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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From jello eating to guys in skirts, Greeks top off year

By Carolyn Velchik
Feature Editor

Remember when winning was as simple as hitting a lucky number eight on the spinning wheel? Nowadays you have to eat a whole pound of 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 P.R. 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 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 Spear’s hit tune “Baby, one more time.”

Sleakly dressed in all black attire, Theta Kappa Chi sorority danced to Janet Jackson’s “Rhythm Nation.”

Guys dressed in uniform white body slamming eachother 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 balloons. 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 charcters 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.

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Earth Day is more than just recycling

By Lisa Gribbin
Assistant Feature Editor

The campus community participated in Earth Week 1999 by sponsoring various 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 a picnic at Van Saun Park and Bergen County Environmental Awareness. 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 a picnic at Van Saun Park and Bergen County Zoo.

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 Ballroom 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 Leonardo, former mayor of Roseland, and current entrepreneur, displayed his silver 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 about 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 people for pets. The conservation 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 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 environmentalist who began the first Earth Day in 1970.”

MSU successfully fulfilled their part by proving that the campus community is concerned with educating the young about the issue of environmental awareness.

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By Justin Vellucci
Opinion Page Editor

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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 characterized 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 affective 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 Residence 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 comprehensive 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 environment.”

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Sports Illustrated proves they are more than just swimsuits

By Lisa Gribbin
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A 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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Fabiando 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."

Fabiando will be graduating from MSU in May with a Master of Fine Arts. He was in his senior year as a business major at Seton Hall that he became interested in art. "I took a sculpture class as a free elective and I was totally sold. We were actually making things with clay. I would go from my morning sculpture class to finance or accounting or whatever and I would think, what the hell am I doing in here? You know I really love making things, living in a visual world."

Being so close to graduation, he decided to stay in business but after working in a position in human resource management he realized that was not the place for him. So he moved to the southwest, did some teaching and volunteer programs, and decided that he wanted to study art more in depth.

When Fabiando returned to school, he was again interested in sculpture. The message they convey, Fabiando explained, "What excites me about my art is making it...I appreciate it. Why so few people want to understand it. It could be diverse and it just amazes me how different people are and how many people could think about so many different things. You go to the library now there's something that you would never think of making and some interest you more than others. It's that great that there's a way of expressing in the visual world...There's writing, there's speaking, there's art."

Fabiando is interested in the formal aspects of art, "like lines, color, the size of a piece, basically how the piece looks...and just simple forms."

"Growing up in Newark has had an influence on my choice of art as well as his father who is a carpenter. "I think growing up there was an inclination for making things and the craftsmanship of making things."

The work of Constantin Brancusi, Richard Serra and David Smith have influenced him also. In his description he describes his influence, "I look to Constantin Brancusi. His working methods prescribed a tremendous investment of physical energy...I admire David Smith's physicality and I've been looking at different materials...the materials and scale of Richard Serra's work has helped me to think about my sculptures and how it is made and more importantly where it is going."

This is not Fabiando's first exhibit at MSU. He has also been a part of a first time show at the college. The most recent was in December, 1998 entitled "In Our Spare Time..." He has also shown his work at St. John's College, the Artbuilder's Gallery in Jersey City. He currently works as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at MSU and recently helped organize an Art Swap on campus.

Fabiando 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. Fabiando 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..."
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 for your autograph? Did you expect that to happen or did you think you’d get recognized a couple places but it wouldn’t be that 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 NV 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? Do you think you’d handle it?

LAURA: I think I could handle it...I think that some of the male implication I don’t really like. [If you’re] 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? Would you go hide for a while and take that break?

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 use 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. 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 Comedy Central. A lot of the jocks at 103.5 (WKTR), 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 (92.3) 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’m going to take 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 some[one] be it MTV, VH1, Comedy Central or wherever, said you had to change your appearance. Excluding acting gigs, would you ever change 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 wouldn’t take too much rejection but the people who watched it all the way through and people who said, we noticed after the first day they never had any next few days you had slammed down...and just a little more mellow. You’re letting everyone see the other side of you. Anybody can be polished and arranged. I can 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 at 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 Montclairian 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...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 shouldn’t 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 it’s not that 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 go part time?

LAURA: “I would probably try both. It would depend. I have the whole summer to really see 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 like a little scary for me now is going with the flow. Is it’s a little scary for me because, you know, I like to know what’s up. But I’m also excited [about the whole thing]...Though 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’ve wanted to do forever. I guess 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 not that coffee right now because I’ve just been exposed more than some people who’ll be trying to do this for the rest of their life. And I tried it once and I’m sure here I am. And keep going for what you want...It sounds corny, you know: go for your dreams. But you should!”
Spring 4 Walls provides excellent study break

Victoria Tengelics
Staff Writer

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again 4 Walls has gathered a group of some of MSU’s most artistic

and creative students and put their work all in one place for us to admire.

The summer literary magazine is set to come out the week of finals and will provide a nice

reading break from your boring studies.

The front cover done by Melinda Beavers is a beautiful piece done in colored pencils

which has a dreamy sort of feel about it. Entitled “11 Wild Swans” it is a drawing of a girl adorning in a lovely red dress. The cover art by Melinda, a senior graduating in May, also had her work featured on last semester’s front cover.

The back cover is another intriguing piece by Melinda, entitled simply “Red.” This piece was done by the inkchrome process and is a sort of small figure crouched in red feathers on a bright red background.

“The Flowers on the Hill,” by Christine Chaplic, which has a strong rhyming pattern, is a sad story of heartbreak. The poem was done by the inkchrome process and has an eerie feel to it, the other piece “Jack” vividly captures the features of her model. There are also some very unique pieces which have a fun feel like Tamara Malaga’s “115.” This intriguing work is done with computer graphics and has mangled orange and blue colors, however the really interesting part is the small bubble in the top right corner with a very small figure crouched in it.

Jamie Dawn Apuma’s charcoal drawing is reminiscent of the X-Files with its figure resembling the stereotypical alien. A fantasy piece, also done in pencil and submitted by Figi Turgun, draws the viewer into a new dimension.

Even some of the literary works have unique structures, such as “Drink Coke” by Chris Lundy. If you look at it quickly you just see the words “DRINK COKE.” However over you will realize that the letters are made of letters spelling out the poem. This was a really clever way of getting his point across.

In “the welcome stranger” by Mary E. Mayfield the words 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 highlights 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 gaze” 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.

Rosanna DeRobertis is another talented poet. Her poem “Cloning 21st Century Madness” seems to be a warning about the dangers of cloning and technological overload.

There were a few short stories in this issue, but two in particular stand out. “Killing Time” by Jim Davison is the story of a self made man who finds himself back in the old neighborhood with a young man who causes him to reflect on his life. I liked the way the meaning seemed hidden at first. It does not have an obvious or predictable ending. Brian Pedersen’s “The Book of Jesus” was well written and gives readers an interesting explanation of faith.

Overall, this issue of 4 Walls Literary Magazine provides a very enjoyable reading experience. Do not miss it when it hits stands in the next few weeks.

11 Wild Swans, the upcoming front cover, by Melinda Beavers

DION EYES RADIO CITY RE-OPENING: Singer Celine Dion, whose career hit stratospheric heights when she recorded Thais’s “My Heart Will Go On” love theme, is currently reported to be eyeing the chance to be the first act to play in the newly revamped Radio City Music Hall. According to the New York Daily News, the diva is expected to inaugurate the new hall upon the completion of its multimillion-dollar nip-and-tuck. The event is rumored to be scheduled for around October 1999, and will be a benefit concert broadcated as a holiday special on CBS. It will probably occur just prior to Radio City’s official reopening to the general public.

WILL MICHAEL AND LAURYN GET TOGETHER?: According to an Internet report, Laarni Hill and Michael Jackson are getting ready to enter the recording studio together. They’re said to be working up what will be a “millenium single” for release later this year. The report 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.

RAMMSTEIN TO TOUR, SYMPATHIZES WITH SCHOOL VICTIMS: The media has made much of the musical tastes of the man who causes him to reflect on his life. I liked the way the meaning seemed hidden at first. It does not have an obvious or predictable ending. Brian Pedersen’s “The Book of Jesus” was well written and gives readers an interesting explanation of faith.

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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 students’ rooms watered damaged in Freeman Hall. We don’t question state funding trends until the Board of Trustees votes to hike 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 afterthought was just as horridly mistimed 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.” Taking 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 Poudural” (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.
How The Montclarion Has Shaped My Life and Education at MSU

Kevin F. HANCOCK

The importance of extra-curricular involvement to every student and administrator that I have come into contact with. The value of extra-curricular activity in the rounded education of any college student is immeasurable. In my opinion, I have learned about literature, the politics of third-world nations and how to write incredible term papers. The Montclarion has been an education in life, and I don’t have to pay a dime extra for it. For a few dollars, I have been able to have a witness to this. Some of these things are very hard this year, and good luck to all of the new editors of next year. Continue to work hard, and enjoy the whole thing.

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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 Mont clarion 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 journalistic quality that we were capable of.

It was inspiring to work with students with the same passion for journalism. As managing editor, it was easy to see how each member of the staff added to what might have been one of the Montclarion's best years ever.

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. I have known few people with such passion and talent.

Tim Casey built up a staff of photographers from next to nothing. His aesthetic sense and vision allowed our paper's visuals to be as stunning as the content.

He worked with all of the editors to make the best possible image for the section. His experience as last year's editor-in-chief gave him a greater scale of wisdom that guided his passions.

The Montclarion's News Editor Nick Clemin became a real leader in his section for the paper.

With talented assistants like Christine Zielinski, Chris Lundy, Brian Peterson and Amanda Iwanoff he took the helm to make the news section strong. Nick handled all sorts of stories this year from sexual assaults to purse-snatchers. He also managed this semester's special reports with professionalism.

Opinion Page Editor Justin Vellicci had one of the best sections this year. That, in addition to being willing to run the complete MSU payroll and professional enough to run accompanying articles made him a prize-winning journalist. Nick also possessed a superhuman determination that will no doubt carry him smoothly through his tenure as Editor-in-Chief next year.

Lynnette Sue, our Art Editor taught me what it is to go on no matter what. She came to The Montclarion with a flair that allowed the arts section to carry on its coverage.

Carolyn Velichka ran a well-balanced feature section. Her people skills kept her on the phone and on the campus beat. Sports Editor Tess Sterling made me realize that the quietest one often hears the most. She expanded the sports section to include weekly coverage of all varsity sports.

Chris "Firz" Finegan managed the section that made our newspaper unique. I was always amazed by his explosively humorous mind that could have gone on if he didn't have a page limit. Best wishes to Mr. Panhead!

Our editorial cartoonist Jean Winkski gave the Opinion Page consistency and the office quickness. Her heart and energy will go unmatched. Vikki Tengelics a staff writer will always be a hero to me. She is a mother, student and employee and still managed to write frequent reviews for Arts. After her three-year tenure at The Montclarion, she will be missed.

Our staff also included risk takers like Michael Finnerty who was willing to go undercover for the paper's sake. It was brave souls like Michael who made this newspaper a success. It was people like Joy Renee Selnick, our 4 Walls transplant and Layout Editor, and many more who ensured that the paper's overall quality was always high.

Our advisor Ron Holland's criticisms were harsh and his expectations were high. But it was his tough love attitude that pushed many of us to go above and beyond.

While my teachings from the multitude of GERs may be already forgotten, my experience at The Montclarion and the people behind it are the basis of my journalism career that will never cease to amaze.
**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 you, the students, who took the time to come 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 column to impart 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-pronged communications system that we hope will enable the BOT to hear the concerns of the student body.

First, we have established an e-mail account that students can use to voice their concerns and issues directly to their 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 the Student Center, Room 1040. We will post our office hours beginning with the Fall 1999 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 FY 2000 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, that 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 from 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.

Also, in my opinion, the board is doing everything it possibly can to help either lower the cost we pay as students or to maintain a level of future increases we can manage. In addition, I believe that the board is doing what it can to hold the state accountable for their part in funding this institution as opposed to passing the increase cost of our education on to us as students. I will continue to keep the student body informed of these state of affairs as they come about.

Lauren Jacoby, who recently was appointed as the voting student member of the BOT to fill the void left by the resignation of Lauren Stevens, and I will take the oath of office in June at which time we will begin addressing the current issues of the student body during the board meetings.

We also have a scheduled meeting with President Cole next week to discuss our responsibilities and our goals as your representatives.

During this meeting, we hope to address recent issues such as the security problems that exist at the Clove Road apartments and other issues brought to our attention. Should you have any immediate concerns you want us to address, please feel free to contact us via our communication systems.

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, joyful and generous summer.

Our column will reappear in the fall.

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**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 everyone'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. Accordingly I intend to explain why all human life should be seen as valuable.

Without seeing other people as important to care for and pay attention to, how can we ever judge if selfishness reigns, people are stripped of their humanity and each individual becomes a means to an individual's ends, like kitchen appliances.

Friends would be more akin to entertain- ment centers-ways we would receive understanding and companionship and love. With no regard to the way people feel, including those that we do not particularly care for, like, for example, a loathsome and a deadness. I would grow like a bad vine ready to choke anyone who came near it.

Without taking into consideration the thoughts of others, rape and murder may just as well be legal. Someone does not become a full human, but a way to unchain one's heartache, and murder is simply making another person the means of expressing anger or frustration. Both crimes are selfish.

How does it matter, if life is not innately valuable? This may seem extreme and farfetched, but this is an important matter that all people feel, including those that we do not particularly care for.

To admit that other people are valuable is even easier, given the inconsistency of what Jean-Paul Sartre said, this would not give people free reign to do whatever they wanted 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.
Karen Pennington addresses safety issues after recent Clove Road crimes

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 apartments for safety and security, handling repairs in 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

A former Clove Road Apartment resident questions campus safety

As a graduating senior from Montclair and an ex-Clove Road Apt. resident, I was neither shocked nor surprised to hear of the two alleged crimes that took place there during Spring Week.

Although the Clove Road Apartments are part of the campus college, and yet are spaced further away from the usual residence halls, it seems that they are highly overlooked in regards to security.

I can fondly remember nights during my two year stay there when I was scared to death sleeping in my apartment alone. Security issues such as people walking the outside doors open were never enforced and bringing attention to the issues at hand were always overlooked.

My roommates and I complained time and time again about our actual door lock fixed as well as a new lock for our window.

It wasn’t until we threatened to get it fixed ourselves that maintenance came to fix the problem.

Where is our security during the night? The only time I ever saw someone patrolling the apartment lot was when there were cars parked illegally, but I never saw them actually checking around the Clove Road Apartment complex in case of suspicious activity.

Surprisingly, there was more security at the Fishbone concert than I’ve seen all year while patrolling Clove Road.

Sure, I saw campus security cars once in a blue moon, but they were usually stopped up on campus chatting with other security cars.

It’s really a shame when you have to come “home” only to have to look over your shoulder every minute wondering if someone is following you.

School work and college events should be what students worry most about, not security issues such as this. I think the administration should do their best to update security measures on campus (more phones, blue lights, a better escort service) than worry about other non-important issues like stadiums and such.

Isn’t it better to be safe than sorry? I would hope the Administration of this school would put their students first in this matter and actually do something about it, not just talk about it.

Angela Marchetti

A student tries to create a fund for an HIV positive friend from Ukraine

Over six years ago, I came to the US and had very little contact with my friends who still lived in Ukraine. Recently however, I found out that one of my friends in Ukraine is HIV positive.

It broke my heart. We have been friends since I was about 10 years old. We went to high school together in Ukraine; Odessa.

We went on double dates and spent summer breaks 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 26th 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 IGreenberg@concurrenttechnologies.com for information.

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

Igor Greenberg, No major given

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.

Theater shooting is the school shooting in the past 18 months. These are not isolated incidents, this can happen anywhere at any time. The main question is why are kids choosing this way to solve their problems.

I don’t think that we can just blame it on music or parents or educators, this is a problem that starts with and affects our whole society.

Kids should spend more time with their children but I as a single mother know how difficult that can be. It is not the quantity of time spent with them but the quality of time. It is important to keep the lines of communication open and to listen to your children.

Kids are always going to rebel but they should always know that you are there watching and caring. Educators in all schools need to be trained to spot the warning signs so that incidents can be thwarted off.

Kids need to treat each other more humanly. No one has to like everyone but that does not give you the right to harass and mock those who are in some way different from you. They also need to know it is ok and essential to report threats to the proper authorities. Someone did this in my two year stay there when I was scared to death sleeping in my apartment alone. Security issues such as people walking the outside doors open were never enforced and bringing attention to the issues at hand were always overlooked.

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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 classmates in Arizona, Texas, New York, as well as New Jersey. The outreach has had a phenom­

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,

Betteanne Osorio

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

“Laately, it seems to me that respect for human life in this country has deteriorated.”

(quote taken from 1999 Nobel Peace Prize Winner)
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

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatics Play Service, Inc.
Players is a Class One organization of the SGA.
Humour Off Section

The Arena, Part II: The Revenge of Beard Man

By Chris “KIng Kong” Lundy

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 afraid of us, and they probably afraid to. They were just watching. They were not signing up to play, they were probably afraid of us. They were just watching. They were not signing up to play, they were probably afraid to. They were just watching.

Their non-womanness when four champions at work, caught in the apotheosis of victory. Through our work on the table, it transformed from Pandora’s Box to a Holy Grail. It was a finite-like symbol of an 8, pure in white on horrid black, stared at me like two eyes, watching, waiting, knowing.

My anxiety and my hopes were focused on my muscles, shattering their reliability. Sweat sheened my brow. All I could think of was whether the father of Growing Pains had taken a forward or backward career step by playing gun-nocking hick in Tremors. In my darkest hour, my body - nay, my own brain - betrayed me. If I lose, I lose nothing; it was Scott’s dollar. But lo, these rebel thoughts were simply more of the mutiny spreading like lightening throughout my entire being. This game was a calling to me to vanquish the evil without and to purge the evil from within. This was war! This was global hooligan war, and I was up to Defcon 5. I became as sure as fire. I drew back on my staff like Zeus drawing a thunderbolt. I ordered the attack and my muscles charged on, “Once more into the breach my friends!” My shot bounced twice and missed. Beard came and sank it.

Do not grieve, fair reader, for we had no time for sorrow. Scott and I nodded to each other, getting finally that we had indeed deed luck that had carried us thus far, close enough to see the short road to victory, and we could not carry ourselves the rest of the journey. The road was indeed short, my friends, for this story takes longer to read than the game took to play. Beret and Beard silently returned to their seats, looking as immovable as the guards at Lenin’s tomb.

Desolate! We, the two tragic heroes, hung up ourimpotent cues for the next challenge.

Beard had just sunk his last; the 8 remained an attainable target. Silently, he selected the corner pocket just below my immovable as the guards at Lenin’s tomb.

“Desolate!” We, the two tragic heroes, hung up our impotent cues for the next challenge.

But there were none. No new noble young men or women took our place to fight the good fight.

The bar flies had resumed their eternal perches on their stools, like twin spinach guards duty in Athens. They remained silent as we passed the threshold of the bar back out into the night.

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CATBERT: EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR

I'M STARTING AN "INACCURATE" BUDGET NUMBERS PILOT PROJECT.

THEY'RE ALL TAPPED OUT. TRY BACK TOMORROW.

BUDGET NUMBERS

1. Low-cut shoe
2. Flagman
3. Highlight
4. The Three Musketeers' author
5. Haranguer
6. Son of Sandman
7. The 20th
8. Jitterbug
9. Kay
10. Blitz
11. Jane Fonda
12. Martha Stewart
13. Trojan
14. Drawing
15. Summertime
16. Palm
17. Tree trunk
18. Neighbor of a house
19. Trequartetto
20. Soprano of an orchestra
21. Do you have those budget numbers from last month?
22. Asterisk
23. Escalade
24. Claudine of Eternity
25. Willie
26. Fork in a prodding hand
27. David Frankel
28. Frontal
29. Harling
30. Bookbinder's shears
31. Sagile
32. Precedent
33. Loki
34. Appliance
35. Badow
36. Sound or voice level
37. Loudness
38. Roman numeral 1
39. Louisiana's capital
40. Dutton
41. E. I. Dupont
42. Collector's dream
43. Bahamas' national drink
44. Role of a chambermaid in a play
45. Mini-rocket
46. Level of a water plant
47. Rainbow's color
48. Yield from a crop
49. Common room
50. Campers'
51. Connelly
52. Tinsley
53. Bird of paradise
54. Cope of a tree
55. Take the money and escape
56. Foot noise
57. Spring flower
58. Indian wildflower
59. Cow's nose
60. Curtain
61. Horse
62. I'd like you to meet a little something I call "the Fist of Death."

DO YOU HAVE THOSE BUDGET NUMBERS FROM LAST MONTH?

THEY'RE TOTALLY INACCURATE.

ACTUALLY, BUT THERE ARE THE INFINITE NUMBERS WE HAVE.

LET'S KEEP THEM IN OUR BACK POCKET IN CASE WE NEED THEM.

I'VE BEEN CALLING AND CALLING, BUT YOU DON'T PICK UP YOUR PHONE.

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET A LITTLE SOMETHING I CALL THE "FIST OF DEATH."

IT LOOKS LIKE HELanguages through the wall to escape.

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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 would be an otherwise intelligent person to spend years perfecting this is beyond me. Hooligan Golf under-
take. How you could convince an otherwise club on the ground
stands that you don’t always want to prac-tice. To improve your coordina-
tion and the other on against your fore-head and the other on the planet. This means a lifetime of great

Editor’s note: There’s no free beer. Suckers.

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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?

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 witty word games. No stories that reveal my skewed take on life.

On top of that, you can’t fill a column with nothing, so this leaves me with my di-

I have to confess that I have nothing to write. Perhaps I’m feeling a bit weepy and thank everyone. To Kevin, my editor, who most likely is reading this and thinking, “How the (expletive) does he expect me to print a column full of noth-

I wish you on one, hear a little story.

Two days away from a long time ago, Jack awoke to find someone had broken into his apartment and stolen all of his pos-

The windows were blocked as well. Actually, they weren’t so much blocked, and filled the hole with concrete so Jack

His only hope was the mailman. The mailman would be some use for the Monkees

The moral of this strange tale? Now what happens to Jack? What can

Now what happens to Jack? What can he do? He’d never heard of. The thief had put lino-

But wait, there was something the thief couldn’t possibly have found: his hidden storage space. There was a little compart-
ent was covered, and Jack was trapped. 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 be some use for the Monkees

The windows were blocked as well. Actually, they weren’t so much blocked, and the thief had stolen Jack’s doorknob.

Nothing. Absolutely nothing. I warned you when we started that I had nothing to write. No

Word Find

THINGS THAT FLOAT
Q N K M H E B Y V S P M J H E
B Y V T A O L S I G D B Y W
T R P M K S I E F P D K B Y W
U S Q O M K T F A R C I F D B
Z I N O T N O I H S X W D
C U S Q O B S N L L J H F A D
E C A W Y O S A F V T P S Q
P B N T R L B N K I Y K H K
E F E O A I U C E B L Z R Y C
R W D O W T F I R D Y
G I U S Y B S M I C E D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Boat
Bob
Bunny
Cork

Decimals
Driftwood
Duck
Flotsam

Ivory Soap
Lily pad
Oil slick
Poncho

Rain
Seaplane
Ship

The End of The Year

By John Freucante

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

Thursday, April 29, 1999

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THE PAGE O’ PIX

First place, Bloody Snowman Contest,
Fairbanks Alaska

Hit any key to continue

One more, and we’ll go.

Chris Finegan and Tim Casey relax after another successful issue.

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

“Now I am the Master!”

“Only a master of evil, Darth!”

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.

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 a low brain cells count, so the aspiring Hooligan Golfer can expect to end up “in the rough” quite often.

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Babysitter needed for 3 young children in Montclair. Monday afternoons, occasional weekends and Sat. nights. Possibility to continue through summer. Non-smoker. Call 509-0025.

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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.

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 Schatier'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-a-long directed by Ellen Pearl, a student in Professor Schatier'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.

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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 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 outdo 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, Dectris, 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 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.

By Paul Lewiarz
Assistant Sports Editor

Montclair State University’s baseball team dominated Kean University in a scorcher this past Monday, defeating them by the score of 11-1 in a conference game played at Kean’s Alumni Field.

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 Friday, 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.