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AFT Reaches Tentative Contract Settlement

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has reached a tentative agreement with the state of New Jersey on their 1999-2003 contracts, said Dr. Catherine Becker, President of AFT Local 1904.

A strike authorization vote of Local 1904, originally scheduled for Sept. 14-16, was cancelled due to progress in negotiations after a contract proposal was issued by the state last week.

"The devil is in the details, but the devil can turn into an angel," said Becker on the tentative contract. "People need to really read the fine print. On a scale of zero to 10, this contract, in my estimation, is a seven and a half."

The tentative contract with the AFT provides professors with 14.5 percent in across-the-board salary increases over four years in addition to increments. In the event of overloading compensation, there will be a grace period at the beginning of each semester. In the event of overloading compensation, there will be a grace period at the beginning of each semester.

The new parking rules were effective last week and classes will run as scheduled. In an effort to work and help students, "We are really trying to work and help students," said Cell. MSU police offers a free self-defense course. It takes place every Monday night from 6:30-8 p.m. in Kops Lounge, Russ Hall. The first class began last week and classes will run regularly until Nov. 8.

Lt. Cell said the MSU police, "supports fully the administration's parking decision."

MSU police offer this advice: Learn the bus schedules. There are campus phones available in lot 28, and if you feel unsafe and would like to be escorted call campus police.

The new parking rules were effective at the beginning of the fall semester. In an attempt to find a solution to limited parking, residents are not allowed to park in any lots other than 27 and 28. Commuters may park on campus, however, any vehicles that are in these lots after 2 a.m. will be towed at the owner's expense.

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In addition, the tentative contract provides for increases in overload compensation, alterations in health benefits, and the formation of a committee on the intellectual rights of professors. Associate and full professors making $725 in overload compensation in FY1999 are slated to make $755 in FY2000 and $800 in FY2002. Assist­ent professors, librarians and professional staff members received two overload step increases, going from $675 in FY1999 to $725 in FY2000 and $750 in FY2002. Instructors making $625 in FY1999 are now gauged on the level of assistant professors.

AFT members will tentatively receive free NJ PLUS healthcare. HMO enrollees will now pay 5 percent of the cost. Traditional plan members paying 25 percent in increases in Fiscal Year 1999, followed by increases of 3.5 percent in FY2000, 4 percent in FY2001 and 4.5 percent in FY2002.

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Earthquake Shakes Taiwan; Death Toll Passes 2,000 Mark

By Christina Spatz
Assistant News Editor

At 1:47 a.m. Monday morning an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.6 hit Taiwan, centering on Nantou county. Since then, three aftershocks and more than 2,000 others have shaken Taiwan.

The three hardest hitting aftershocks took place on Wednesday morning, the first registering a magnitude of 6.8 and the second and third registering magnitudes of 6.1 and 6.0 respectively. This left Taiwanese citizens running for their lives and rescuers with an even more difficult task.

Nantou, located 90 miles south of the capital, Taipei, received the most violent shocks all caused large-scale mudslides, along with cracks in the Sun Moon Lake Reservoir, which is one of the largest on the whole island.

Rescue efforts declared that the death toll exceeded the 2,000 mark with more than 5,000 additional people injured, and over 100,000 left homeless. In addition, the rescue members also said that they estimated a number of around 3,000 bodies still trapped under the rubble. Most of these victims have been found in the central city of Taichang and the area surrounding Nantou.

“Two-tall the dead out one by one, but it’s hard to get an overall picture of the fatalities,” said the rescue official for the central city of Fengyuan, Chen Wen-hsien.

Government spokesman Chen Chien-jen reported that $90 million had been allocated for immediate disaster relief, mostly for the worst-hit counties.

“As 30 hours we realized casualties were much greater than we thought. We were prepared, but more could have been done,” Chen-jen said. He said some buildings were defective and “those responsible should be investigated.”

Idaho’s governor, Dirk Kempthorne, was present in Taiwan as the head of a trade delegation. He was on the top floor of the Grand Hyatt Regency Hotel when Taiwan was struck by the quake.

“Many, many people are feeling emotionally sickened by this...this was absolutely the most violent thing imaginable,” said Kempthorne.

As the rubble clears and the search goes on, the number of dead and injured continues to rise.

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History of Contract Problems

The absence of the teachers’ contract is not a new problem for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). In October, 1973, negotiations have been ongoing since the expiration of the contract in June. Contract negotiations broke off between union representatives of state college teachers and the Department of Higher Education. The NJ State Federation of Teachers (NJSTF) (AFT) decided that no agreement was met in about a month, the union would call for a strike vote.

The union and the state both agreed that progress was not being made. The state had refused to “discuss salary issues and won’t move on key issues,” said Robert Baetes, AFT national representative and chief negotiator.

The director of state employee relations, Frank Mason, said that it was not the state stalling negotiations, but the union. He said they were being unrealistic and selfish to the state and students.

In November, 1973, a vote to strike was postponed because the mediator was unfamiliar with the conflicts, and because the teachers desired to wait on the results of an upcoming meeting.

The New Jersey Student Association (NJSIA) was making an effort to “press the Board of Higher Education and the AFT to hold meetings and come to a decision,” said current SGA president Angelo Genova.

Conflict between the state and AFT occurred in the fall of 1995. After contracts expired in June, the AFT and the Committee Workers of America (CWA) protested outside the Student Center, for fair contracts. The contract denied the cost of living increase, reduction of health benefits, and lowering the standard of basic working conditions, which would replace the election of department chairs with administrative appointments.

The teachers did authorize a strike vote in the spring, said Joan Ficke Internal Vice-President of Affairs for the AFT and President of Local 1904, but there was no strike date set.
Women's Studies Major to be Implented in Fall 2000

A MAJOR STEP FORWARD FOR FEMINISM: Professor Linda Gould Levine, director of the new Women's Studies Major.

By Yasemin Tunecay
Staff Writer

The Women's Studies minor has been approved to become a major by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on Sept. 9. It is expected to be in effect by fall of 2000, said Professor Linda Gould Levine, director of Women's Studies.

The proposal for the Women's Studies major will be circulated among members of the New Program Review Committee and the Presidents' Council, including the presidents' of local state colleges. It has to be approved by them before going into effect at the New Program Review Committee and the Presidents' Council, including the presidents' of local state colleges. It has to be approved by them before going into effect at the

According the the program announcement from the Women's Studies department, one of the seven objectives of the program is "to provide students with a knowledge of the history and evolution of feminist theory and practice; to situate Women's Studies within a cross-cultural context and to enhance students' comprehension and awareness of issues affecting women in different cultural, religious, ethnic, economic, and class settings."

The core courses for the new major include the following: Women's Worlds, Feminist Theory, Women's Studies, and Seminar in Women's Studies. There will be 12 credits of required courses in total. Students can also choose seven electives (totaling 21 credits). Among the classes of the Women's Studies Electives are: Anthropology of Women, Women in Art, Special Topics: Black and White Women Writers, The Novels of Toni Morrison, Women in American History and Evolution of Feminist Theory, Women's Studies, and Cultural, Religious, Ethnic, Economic, and Class Settings.

Paid Students Set to Gauge New Shuttle Bus Schedule

By Nick Chann
Staff Writer

Some students will be getting paid for riding shuttle buses in an effort to create a more complete and user-friendly bus schedule. After many students have suggested that a schedule would make intercampus travel easier. The 15 to 20 students expected to perform the task will work on the school buses to log departure and arrival times at each stop. Participants will take turns riding buses until one 24-hour weekly and weekend schedule are completed.

Each rider will be compensated $5.50 an hour, Board of Trustees Student Alternate Ned Gross said.

Although a schedule created by the Physical Plant was supposed to take effect on Sept. 20, Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life, Karen Pennington said that it was difficult to understand and "was not as complete as we would have liked them to be."

Gross was appointed by Pennington to coordinate the student buses riders.

I couldn't understand it and I ride the bus all the time," Gross said. Gross said that a schedule would make the drivers more accountable for reaching stops on time.

Although Physical Plant Director Kiki Williams was responsible for creating the schedule, Pennington took up the task after she said she didn't clearly communicate to Williams what was needed.

Williams could not be reached for comment after several attempts. The schedule created by the Physical Plant is printed on 8x11-sized paper and reads horizontally, not vertically like most timetables. Arrival times are also color coded according to the route, which would make the schedule incomprehensible for color-blind riders. Pennington said.

Pennington said she wants the new timetable to fold like a pamphlet, read vertically and contain a map with stop locations.

Both Pennington and Gross said the new schedules will be distributed sometime next week to all residence and dining halls.

Pennington said she wasn't sure if buses ahead of schedule should continue at their pace or slow down to coincide with posted arrival times. She said she will consult the SGA and Williams about the matter this week.

This year's revised shuttle bus system, and having residents and overnight visitors park in lot 28 are both part of the university's short-term parking plan.

Pennington called the shuttles a "work in progress" since she and last year's SGA President Anton Wheeler ran out of planning time before school recessed for the summer.

"We worked on the plan last spring, but it took us as a whole to put everything into place," Pennington said.

Other possible short-term solutions could include adding shuttle vans driven by students and the hiring of an administrator specifically in charge of parking.

Ultimately, the university plans on constructing an on-campus parking garage, but this will not come for a couple of years, Pennington said. She expects that the project will involve more planning and more money than garages elsewhere since she said the campus is "topographically challenged."
Webster Draws Concern for Broken Doors and Alarms

By Kevin Mostre
Staff Writer

Residents and Desk Assistants in Webster Hall are complaining about feelings of insecurity. The students are wondering why the doors are not locked and why the newly installed $70,000 card swipe system is not functional.

Late night shifts are distressing due to the lack of an operational security system, and residents are claiming that people are being sneaked in and out at all hours of the night, said a two year Desk Assistant, Brenda Barrios.

“We don’t feel 100 percent safe here and the identification scanner outside doesn’t work,” said Barrios. “Anyone could just come inside.”

In order for a guest to come into the building, the “D.A.” must get up and unlock the door, said Sheria McKoy, another Desk Assistant. She is concerned with her safety because of the many recent reported assaults on campus.

“The manufacturers of the security system sent us the wrong piece of hardware [identification scanner],” said Melinda O’Brien, Director of Residence Life. “We are still in the process of resolving the situation.”

Since the Fall semester began, the doors have not been locked in any of the residence halls; however, they can be locked manually, said O’Brien.

“There’s no need for the Desk Assistants to feel they are at risk. If they do, they are welcome to speak to the staff member at their residence hall,” O’Brien said.

As a result of complaints made by students and Desk Assistants, the matter has been put at the top of the Director’s priority list.

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for police.

The move comes after a Student Government Association Inc. suggestion. Pennington called the amendment a “concession” since police protection will be divided between two locations.

“If you have to park in one place that’s the only place you have to concentrate patrols,” Pennington said. Security was one of the major motivators behind having residents park in lot 28, but having two locations will not overstress police protection, said Pennington.

Overnight visitors must stop at the main entrance’s security booth to pick-up a temporary parking pass for a visitor lot.

Campus Water Safe After Floyd Contaminates Local Reservoirs

Though areas of Essex County Found Excessive Bacteria

By Dan Lombardi
Staff Writer

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The Office of the President is currently accepting nominations for honorary degrees for Commencement 2000. Nomination forms are now available in the President’s Office and the Student Government Association Office. Students are welcome to submit nominations, which are due in the President’s Office (College Hall Room 235) by October 6.

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to start, said Dr. Bonnie Lustigman, AFT Vice President of Personnel and Chairperson of the Department of Biology. “The negotiations are in summer dorms,” said Lustigman in a prepared statement at the July 8 session of the Board of Trustees. “It’s hard to understand why there’s no money for higher education.”

Dr. Richard Frank was hired as Strike Coordinator for Local 1904 in March, though the only strike authorization vote scheduled was the one that was cancelled last week. Dr. Richard Wolfson, President of the University Senate, met the arrival of the tentative contract with relief. “I’m glad that we’ve come to a swift completion in negotiations,” said Wolfson. “We can now go back, without distraction, to the business of the university: educating the students.”

A staff meeting of AFT Local 1904 was scheduled for Wednesday to discuss the implications of the tentative contract. A ratification vote will be held during the first week of October. Anyone wishing to read the tentative contract can do so on-line at www.aftlocal1904.org/menupage.htm.

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can History, Women and the Law and many more courses focusing on giving students a learning experience that bridges disciplines and cultures.

Levine is very excited about this program because of the courses that are interdisciplinary and cross-cultural, which can also be studied while majoring in something else like Psychology, English and Human Ecology. “The Women’s Studies program works very well in conjunction with other subjects... It’s an all purpose major.”

The department’s program announcement states that a Women’s Studies major “highlights the connections between a liberal arts education and multicultural studies.” Students also receive beneficial preparation for entering fields such as social services, education, psychology, communications and the media, the arts, and business.

There are presently 32 full time faculty members in the Women’s Studies program.

“At the present time, we are very well staffed but anticipate that in the future we will need to hire other professors as the program grows and more students enroll in the major,” said Levine.

The interest students have expressed to Levine and the faculty of the Women’s World program has also encouraged the completion of this extensive process. Two extensive surveys about the possibility of a Women’s Studies major was given to students taking classes in the program in 1997 and 1998. The results, says Levine, “was very, very favorable and positive. We wanted to make sure we were being sensitive to our constituency.”

Levine’s office is located in room 120 in Dickson Hall. She encourages students who have any further questions to visit her or call extension 9791.
By Lakia S. Curtis
Staff Writer

The class of 2003 is the largest freshman class at MSU in ten years. "We are at the highest enrollment level that we have achieved in a decade," said President Dr. Susan Cole.

According to Dr. Cole, enrollment is up at least 20 percent, increasing from 1,132 in 1998 to 1,361 in 1999.

"The extraordinarily successful recruitment effort has yielded a class that has slightly higher SAT scores, greater diversity with approximately 37 percent students of color, a 10 percent increase in Boustine Distinguished Scholars, a 15 percent increase in Outstanding Scholars."

Cole also said that the new class of Honor students with an average high school class rank at the 92 percentile and average SAT scores of 1260. "I think we are becoming more and more successful in getting out the word that MSU is an excellent place to get a quality undergraduate education at a relatively low cost," Buechler said. The increase in 1999 enrollment has augmented the number of residents on campus.

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From the Dorms to a Zoo, Christine Nagy Works Her Way Up

By Tiffany Klabin Parisi
Staff Writer

S
ome of the most successful careers begin by chance. Just ask Christine Nagy, the sexy siren whose voice slinks through radio speakers each morning on Z100’s Z Morning Zoo. Nagy, a recent graduate of Montclair State University’s Broadcasting Department while pursuing an acting career. But it wasn’t until she went to Shadow Traffic that things began to happen.

“When I was at Shadow, I was doing traffic reports for NBC TV where I was live. They really liked my work (and) encouraged me to pursue a career as a news reporter,” remembers Nagy.

Nagy decided to search for a position that offered her more creativity than television reporting would, and walked away from that opportunity to play her hand at radio. “Radio to me is so much more creative,” asserts the morning co-host. Before joining the show, she began at Q104.3, whose format has since changed.

“This is when everything turned around for me. They like me a lot and then they hired me on to co-host their morning show,” says Nagy.

She remained at Q104.3 until they changed formats and seven days later, she was whisking it up with the Z Morning Zoo. For over two years, Nagy has spent each weekday morning chatting it up with Elvis, Elliot (who recently moved to their Washington DC affiliate), and the Zoo whose primary players are Danielle Monaro, John Bell and Greg T, the frat boy.

Nagy is stunned that she is so popular. “It’s unbelievable. I always feel like I’m not worthy,” she remarks while doing her best impression of Bill and Ted (from Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventures). She is brutally unaware of her star status which is what makes her that much more appealing. She did, however, recall one incident when she was mobbed to the point that security had to be called in to rescue her. It was during last year’s Jingle Ball concert presented by Z100 when Nagy was spotted and quickly swarmed by adoring fans. “I wanted to sign every autograph and take every picture with every person who wanted a picture,” reminisces Nagy, who truly embraces her audience. “It’s an amazing feeling.”

Christine is also a hard-working actress. She spent two years as Tina, a lead role in the hit off-Broadway play, Tony and Tina’s Wedding, which still has a place in her heart. Having to wake up at 3:30 a.m. each weekend, though, along with performing each weekend, took a toll on Nagy, who chose to split from the play. She sadly explains, “After two years, I was just really, really exhausted.”

However, Nagy still continues to split her time between the airwaves and acting, now opting for plays with shorter runs and independent films. She recently performed in a play that was a limited run which was part of the Fringe Festival in New York. “They offered me the role of a girl who has multiple personalities,” explains Nagy. She has also completed four independent films, including The Rules for Men in which she plays the romantic lead. “I love performing,” says Nagy, her voice thrilled with excitement. “To me, that’s my heart and soul. It’s acting!”

All this from a girl living just a stone’s throw away from the dorms where many students reside. But success didn’t come quickly or easily for the radio personality. Nagy’s flourishing career can be accredited to the endless hours she has spent pursuing something that she earnestly wanted in combination with a talent that she was born with. However, Nagy recognizes that the education she received from Montclair State University was time well spent.

“The Broadcasting Department at Montclair is excellent. I know that Montclair has a stellar reputation because so many people who have graduated from Montclair’s Broadcasting Department are working,” declares Nagy. “If you want to get into news or radio, or anything in the field of Broadcasting, you’re in the right place!”

How to think of yourself as a savvy student, not a cheap one

By Jennifer Cannataro
Staff Writer

Are you looking for ways to save every last penny? Finding yourself short on funds this semester? This is a familiar problem for most college students. There is plenty of money at the beginning of the semester after everyone worked hard all summer, but by now the money has been squandered on books, new clothes, etc.

Many students are working to pay for tuition and other living expenses, and have little leftover for pleasure. But there are many ways to live well on a limited budget. Consider the frugal life to discover ways to save money in small places that really add up.

If you do not already have a job, you should look into a part-time position. Many retail stores need help on weekends, and offer a flexible amount of hours. This time of the year is the easiest time to find job openings.

About working on campus if you really hate the thought of commuting to work:

If you live in a dorm and are unable to cook, a good idea is to make a trip to a wholesale outlet to buy foods like cereal and snacks in bulk so you’ll always have something on hand. To save yourself extra money, shop above or below eye level because these products usually cost less. Generic brands or store brands are generally less expensive and can be nationally advertised brands.

Never shop when you are hungry, and only buy what is on your list of needed grocery items. Convenience foods like microwave popcorn and cereal are expensive. Try to prepare your own snacks and batch cook, and always use leftovers for the next day’s lunch or dinner.

If you have graduated from Montclair’s Broadcasting Department, you’re in the right place!”
### MSU Campus Calendar - September

- **"TOYS R US"** exhibit, 10-2 p.m. SC Mall
- Meeting for Class I & II's on rechartering: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. SC417
- Class 1 Concerts meeting, 4 p.m. SC117
- 4 Walls meeting, 4 p.m. SC 121
- Conservation Club meeting, 4:15 p.m. Commuter Lounge
- First day of Carnival, 5-10 p.m. Yogi Berra parking lots
- WMSC general membership meeting, 3 p.m. in station SC 110
- Second day of the Carnival, 5-10p.m. Yogi Berra parking lots
- Go see Notting Hill, 8 p.m. Calcia Hall Auditorium
- **Campus Clean Up, 10 a.m. meet at SC revolving doors,**
- Urban League Kick-off Classic, 12:30 p.m. meet behind SC
- Third day of the Carnival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Yogi Berra parking lots
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- **Mademoiselle College Tour, 10-2 p.m. SC Quad**
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- WMSC general membership meeting, 4 p.m. in station SC 110
- OSAU meeting, 7:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
- Sigma/ Bulls Rush Mixer, 9 p.m. by SC revolving doors
- Open Mic, 9:30-midnight Ratt
- Student Government Meeting, 4 p.m. SC 410
- Geology Club meeting, 4-5p.m. Mallory Hall 259
- Voter Registration, 10a.m. to 7p.m. SC, Blanton, and Russ/Freeman Halls
- CLUB meeting, 7 p.m. SC 1st floor commuter lounge

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**THE MONTCLARION • Thursday, September 23, 1999**

By Leah Soltis

Staff Writer

A new program for incoming freshmen has just arrived this year here at MSU. It’s called the Stars Program, and as those who choose to participate, the integration into campus life should become both easy and fun as they find new friends in places other than their core classes.

The Stars Program is made up of approximately 140 first year students, three Stars Orientation Workshop Leaders (previously OWLs during the summer orientations), and is lead by June Giardina. The students are divided into 10 cohorts, or learning communities, with about 20 students per group.

Each student in a particular cohort takes the same section of Freshman Composition, Fundamentals of Speech and Communication, and Freshman Experience. They also live together in particular wings or sections of Bohn Hall, on floors 10, 11, or 12.

The idea behind all this togetherness is to let the new students get to know one another more quickly than they otherwise would, since they tend to see each other often throughout the day.

However, the Stars Program is also designed to not exclude anyone. Many of the cohorts include commuter students, and for those who did not place into Freshman Composition, there are also cohorts in which Freshman Seminar replaces this class.

Students are encouraged to meet outside of class or to form study groups, and the classes they take are made up of almost exclusively Stars Program participants, giving them the advantage of a smaller class size and closer teacher attention than many first year core courses tend to offer.

According to Giardina, head of Stars, this program came about solely to help incoming freshmen get adjusted to life away from home. She said that freshmen often have a hard time getting involved around campus, and that being involved generally makes the transition from home to school much easier.

Although there have been similar programs in the past in which freshman aused to give classes together, this is the first time that they have also lived in such close quarters with one another.

The Stars Orientation Workshop Leaders (S-OWLs), including Nore Oojogan, Susie Magro and Angela Mirante, perform many functions integral to the success of the Stars Program. They act as friends and mentors to the freshman, and listen to any of the students’ problems. They also put together activities for the freshman to attend, hopefully drawing them out into social situations.

The Stars Program recently started a new weekly program called Tuesday’s Tips, which meets in the main lounge of Bohn Hall from 7:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Each week, different academic departments come and give their advice on how to make the first year at college easier to handle.

Currently scheduled are programs on how to choose a major, how to avoid gaining the terrifying “Freshman Fifteen,” and how to get connected on this confusing campus.

Though Tuesday’s Tips has only been implemented with the beginning of the Stars Program, all staff were encouraged to attend and get to know their fellow freshmen.

Even though it is only in its beginning stages, everyone involved seems to be very happy about the way the Stars Program has been going.

“I’m really excited about the program. I think it’s going to change the way freshmen are viewed and the way they get involved on campus. I want students not just to go through college, but to let college pass through them,” said Giardina.

According to several freshman, some of the best benefits of the Stars Program include priority registration, help with scheduling, and the fact that the Bohn Hall computer lab is strictly open to the Stars students at certain times.

Freshman Heather Ossandson, said that, “It’s good because you get to know a lot of the kids easier.” She said that since they are all going through the same basic experiences while getting accustomed to college life, one of the best things is that you have “someone else to depend on.”

Other freshmen included lots of friends and help in classes as their favorite part of the program.

The S-OWLs were also very happy with the progression of the Stars Program. According to Susie Magro, the floors on which the freshmen are located are very active, with most doors open for the majority of the day, and students floating in and out of each other’s rooms.

Many of the commuters have also been known to stop by, thanks to the encouragement of their teachers. When I asked Nore Oojogan how she felt about her involvement with the Stars Program, she said that everything was going great and that she hoped the program sticks around MSU for a while.

All in all, the basic premise behind the Stars Program is that if students are happy, they are more likely to stay in school. For this reason, they stress community friendship and involvement.

“I want to see everybody get involved,” said Giardina. Hopefully, within the next couple of years, involvement will grow and students will be taking the Stars Program up to new heights, and many of the new freshman along with it.

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Musician Encourages Students With Star Wars Wisdom

By Vanessa Benfatto
Staff Writer

With intelligent wit, professor and pianist David Witten lives up to his name. He maintains a connection with his students by possessing a barrage of funny phrases, toys, and movie quotes. When Witten's students need encouragement the infamous Yoda phrase, "Do or do not, there is no try," comes in to play.

"I like it when my students ask questions," admits Witten. The easygoing teacher brings his inflatible referee to class, supporting his theory of, "avoiding gravity" at all times. In other words, when playing the piano one should distribute an equal amount of energy in each section of a piece.

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Witten attracts and holds the attention of his students in unique ways. Whether he brings Curious George on a unicycle, or just his mental dictionary of humorous but astute quotes of wisdom; his students' responses appear to be strong.

"It's easy for him [Witten] to find each student's developmental level....and adjust his teaching to each student," said Tom O'Brien, a piano student.

Many of his students find that Witten seems to have a rare ability to mix fact with fiction. His black and white photographs, a copy of the book he edited and contributed to, Nineteenth Century Piano Music: Essays in Performance and Analysis, and his toy unicycle performers. He brings personal images with him into his classroom, adding more flavor to the language of music. "He can transpouse an entire symphony to piano," relates awed student, Chris Nam. Listening to him teach, it appears as if the historical musicians he speaks of are still alive. Maybe this is because he has visited some of the places where many a European artist grew up. He brings his experiences into the classroom therefore giving life to the material and his students.

After Witten plays, "The images linger." Hopefully, his lesson plans also linger, along with his enthusiasm and creativity.
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For students who live on their own, another way to save is to try to run major appliances during off peak hours, which are from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday through Saturday. If utilities are not included in your monthly rent, check to make sure the apartment has proper insulation. Always remember to turn off lights and other electronics in the rooms you are not using to save a few dollars. Purchase a thermostat with a timer so that your heater is on only when you come home. For more tips on how to conserve energy, call the Department of Energy at 800-363-3732, and ask for a free energy savings guidebook.

Looking to save a little money to go away during breaks to avoid burnout? The Internet has many sites with the best deals on airline tickets and hotels. Many airlines send weekly emails with last minute travel deals. Amtrak offers student discounts. Many of us tend to spend the bulk of our money on entertainment spending. Going out to eat all the time is extremely expensive. Opt for a coffee, and save the dinner for a date or a needed break. If you are just checking out a movie with a friend, go before 6 p.m. to cut the cost in half and try to see one playing at a discount theater instead of a multiplex. As for nightlife, get to the bar or club before 10 p.m. admission is usually free and sometimes they run specials on drinks during this time. At happy hours, you get inexpensive food while you drink.

If you want to look in style without spending hundreds of dollars, buy a few quality items such as sweaters, shoes, and accessories to upgrade your wardrobe. At discount outlets and thrift stores to find the best bargains. Be wary of using credit cards. Credit card companies target college students for "pre-approved" credit by doing continuous mass mailings and advertising at schools and bookstores. Consequently, many students are manipulated into excessive spending, and are finding themselves in serious debt. Did you know that increasing your minimum payment by five dollars will take 10 years off the length of the loan repayment, and will cut interest charges in half?

If you need help with personal finances, go to Quicken.com for a free evaluation and payment plan to pay back your debts efficiently.

For those students who love cosmetics, there are ways to look your best with the makeup that you already have. Although you may be dying for the new lipstick color from Mac all your friends have, you need to conserve your money. By improving skills and application techniques, you can custom-mix inexpensive colors to copy the shades that are new for fall in all the expensive department store cosmetic lines. Do not be afraid to experiment! Think of it as a form of art.

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Helpful Hints

For New Students

HOW TO AVOID THE "FRESHMAN 15"

Students gain vast education and career opportunities while attending college. They are constantly absorbing knowledge and being fed information in their classes. This is not the only form of gaining many college students receive. A common side-effect of college life for freshmen is the dreaded "freshman 15", or the tendency to gain 15 pounds during the first year away from home.

If you've noticed your jeans getting tighter chances are you're falling into this very trap. Be honest—do you constantly skip meals and then binge on cheese fries after midnight? They may taste good, but remember a baked potato is not only more healthy, but usually cheaper as well. Here are some additional tips which hopefully will help you avoid the "freshman 15" before you have to buy a complete new wardrobe.

• When going out to eat try to think healthy—especially late at night when your metabolism tends to be slower. Order a salad, egg whites, soups (always avoid cream with soups and salad dressings), baked potato (opt for salsa instead of sour cream and butter), vegetables, etc. Always ask for butter, sauces and dressings on the side.
• Ward off late night binges by always eating when you're hungry. Don't skip meals, it will only lead to over eating later.
• Always eat breakfast!
• Stock up on bulk sizes of healthy snacks such as granola bars, pretzels, cereals, etc.
• In need of a pick me up snack while you are out? While it often happens, try not to head to the vending machine. Eat yogurt or fruit instead.
• Try nutritional bars and drinks if you tend to be busy and have trouble eating normally. They should curb your sweet tooth and supply needed energy.
• Remember that fat foods like pizza and fries are tempting, but can make you feel sluggish and bloated. It's okay to treat yourself once in a while, but stick mainly to fresh vegetables, fruit and grilled lean meats like turkey or chicken.

• Salad bars can be deceiving. Avoid the potato salad and don't pile on the cheese or dressing in lettuce salads. Choose the fresh veggies, beans, fruit, etc.
• Avoid large amounts of carbohydrates!
• Avoid deep fried foods like chicken fingers and mozzarella sticks, which can contribute to clogged arteries in addition to gaining weight, but if you're going to eat them, do it sparingly.
• Drink at least eight glasses of water a day, it helps to flush your system out. If you want add lemon juice for flavor.
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Woods obtained a job as a fireman on the Danville and Southern railroad in Missouri, in 1872, eventually becoming an engineer. He invested his spare time in studying electronics. He later moved in 1874 to Springfield, Illinois, and worked in a rolling mill. He moved back to the East Coast in 1876, and worked part time in a machine shop. All the while, he kept taking classes in technical schools, focusing on engineering. In 1878, he became an engineer aboard the Ironsides, a British steamer, and, within two years, he became the chief engineer.

Granville T. Woods was becoming a great electrician and an inventive genius. His talents did not go unnoticed.

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Santana Builds a Mystical Musical Bridge Across Generations

By Anna Lawrence
Assistant Arts Editor

Santana didn’t just get together and record the rest of the collaborations on the album. He worked with them and wrote the songs. The product is a musical blend accenting each artist’s unique abilities and personality, while still maintaining the Latin sound Santana introduced into the music world. “Smooth,” featuring Rob Thomas, was the second single released from the album. Who would have thought? When you listen to “Put Your Lights On” and “Smooth” on their own, many of you might think you have to be our parents to dance with your honey; “Migra,” which means “move” in Spanish. The beautiful thing about music is that it speaks every language all the time, and the emotion and beauty bleed through the language barrier on “(Da Le) Bamba,” something to get you out on the dance floor with your honey; “Migra,” which is almost tribal, and heavy on the percussion; “El Parol,” a slow, groovy tune; and “Primavera,” an easy listening tune which is not about any sort of Italian dinner.

By now, we’ve all heard Everlast tell­ling us to put our lights on on 92.3 KROCK, “Black Magic Woman” and the instrumental “Soul Sacrifice.” He’s also, very keenly, invading the radio stations of unsuspecting teens and twentysomethings everywhere.

This is not your generation we’re coming from, it all adds up to Clapton (okay, maybe he’s your parents’ too). Whoever this is, and whatever generation we’re coming from, it all adds up to Clapton could. As they say, Santana enlightens a new generation with his latest CD, Supernatural.

“My Life” is the typical dreamy ballad you’ve come to expect from the talented Dave Matthews. Maria Maria,” a hip hop story about a girl called Maria, is sung by The Product G&B, produced by Wyclef Jean and Jerry “Wonder” Duplessis, and written by Jean, Duplessis, Santana, and Karl Perazzo and Raul Rekow, two of Santana’s musicians. “Corazon Espinado,” featuring Mana, is the one collaboration song mainly in Spanish. “Wishing It Was” is a percussion heavy, groovy song by Eagle Eye Cherry. On this song, Santana comments, “This fulfills a promise I made to your father, Don Cherry, that one day we would join together and create healing music.”

“Havana Moon” was the first single to be released, and is a total collaboration between Carlos Santana and Everlast. Santana plays lead guitar and recorded the whole album to admit that the screaming guitar in the background is someone old enough to be our father. Everlast did exactly that. This is not your generation we’re coming from, it all adds up to Clapton could. As they say, Santana enlightens a new generation with his latest CD, Supernatural. "Supernatural" moves you, whether it moves you to dance, to groove, to love, to reach a higher plane, or just to learn another language. And, hopefully, these humble words will move you to give the CD a listen. Music this great just can’t be captured on paper. There is a quote somewhere that reads, “Writing about music is like dancing about architecture.” Santana’s CD “Supernatural” is living, breathing, mystical proof of that quote.

TOP TEN OF THE WEEK

1. Jack Kerouac - J.K. Reads on the Road
2. Portable - Secret Life
3. Stretch - Don’t Settle for Walking
4. Gay Dad - Leisure Noise
5. Scream Felder - Kitchen Licks
6. Loudin Wainwright III - LW3
7. Chain Suck - Kindly Stop for Me
8. The Everyothers - When Daddy Gets...
9. Widespread Panic - Until the Medicine...
10. Type O Negative - World Coming Down

JIMMY WILLIAMS FRIDAY 7-10 PM
**Stigmata Lacks Godly Graces**

By Andrew Ruiz
Assistant Arts Editor

One of the most highly anticipated films of the year has turned out to be one of the biggest let-downs of the decade. Stigmata, which opened Sept. 10, is one of the most irritating films produced in recent movie memory. Rupert Wainwright’s inane direction of a horrendously compiled cast, working with a completely dead-brained script, produced a horrible movie experience.

The film opens with the introduction of Father Andrew Kiernan, portrayed by Gabriel Byrne. As a special attachment to the Vatican, Kiernan investigates supposed miracles. On one such investigation in Brazil, he comes across a weeping Madonna, whose validity he can’t easily explain away. With the patriarch of the church having recently passed away, no one can answer questions of the statue’s history or cast any light on the mysterious church itself.

Kiernan returns to the Vatican with a new quest; to prove that the bloody tears of the Madonna are genuine. However, his superior, Cardinal Daniel Houseman, removes him from the case, citing that no such church exists, and that the statue must therefore be a hoax.

Warning! Warning! Major plot stretch ahead!

A Rosary belonging to the departed priest is stolen, and finds its way into the hands of young psychic Paige (Patricia Arquette), a hairdresser in the United States. For reasons that become evident, this links her to some sort of spirit. She begins to display the Stigmata, or the five wounds of Christ.

This sudden phenomenon attracts attention from the higher echelons of the Vatican, who dispatch Kiernan to investigate the rumor, and to keep it quiet. When Kiernan fails the second objective, Houseman gets involved in the case, leading to the inevitable showdown between the old and new ways of the church. Kiernan discovers that there is much more to this case than first believed.

Before the film closes, the validity of the Catholic religion itself comes into question. That sounds like a great premise for a film, along the same lines as the Exorcist. Unfortunately, the film totally degrades itself into the first half-hour.

The movie carefully builds a background from the higher echelons of the Vatican, which opens Sept. 10, is one of the most highly anticipated films of the year. Stigmata is a disaster that the film degrades itself into the first half-hour, completely unnecessary. When one is telling this kind of story, it’s always best to stick to the old truisms, “Less is more.”

Normally, one tries to find some high point, something to counterbalance all of the negativity. After thorough searching, I found the one high point of the film. I never have to see it again. Quite honestly, there is absolutely no saving grace. Even the casting of Jonathan Pryce as the evil Cardinal Houseman was unbelievable. His portrayal was lukewarm, quite a shocking disappointment from such a talented and experienced actor.

Unfortunately, the hype cannot be stopped. People will go to see this film. People will enjoy the film. People will think they’ve learned something from the film. Well, they haven’t.

The messages are clear-cut, and yet they conflict at the same time. Leaving the theater, I wasn’t sure whether I was supposed to love the church or hate it. The film has no closure, but not in that wonderfully intellectual way that some films end, allowing the viewer to think. This is pseudo-intellectual Jell-O that has no right to be compared to other films in the genre. There is no higher message, no one clear moment, where the purpose of the film comes ringing through. It’s just one long headache for anyone with enough brainpower to see through the “message.”

The message that should be seen before viewing the film is: Don’t waste your time and money on this movie. It’s not worth the nearly nine dollar admission ticket. Instead, why not take another shot at The Sixth Sense, or one of the new movies coming out this week? Odds are, just about anything currently playing is a safer bet than Stigmata.

Besides, when a director’s only other claim to fame is Blank Check, one shouldn’t be surprised.
Question of the Week:

Yes, because of lot 28. The shuttle didn’t come and I had to walk in the dark. I was scared and my heart was racing.

Michelle Thomas, Business Administration

How do you feel New Jersey prioritizes higher education?

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So it all boils down to this. Out of nowhere, a breath of fresh air after a few long and tense months of negotiation proceedings. Or, as Dr. Lustigman stated before the Board of Trustees in June: Negotiations resembling “summer doldrums.” The union waiting and waiting and waiting. Students beginning to wonder if professors would walk out of classrooms, leaving MSU with strike-breakers or stalled graduation dates. And, seemingly out of nowhere, the AFT’s tentative contract for the next five years is on the table. A ratification vote is set for the first week of October. One week the threat of strike and the next... closure? What does this say for the state of higher education in New Jersey? While it is almost never the case that the state gives the union what it demands, the current tentative contract is incredibly fair. The Council of New Jersey State College Locals, the bargaining unit for the local chapter of the AFT, asked for eight percent in across-the-board salary increases every year, or 40 percent over the entire contract period. While an early response from the state put the five-year total increase at six percent, the current offer of 14.5 percent over the next four years seems luminous in comparison. Dr. Catherine Becker, President of AFT Local 1904 here at MSU, referred to the state’s terms, on a scale of zero to 10, as a six. We would have to agree.

There are some other brief compromises in the proposed settlement. Overload compensation will see steady increases throughout the coming contract term. NJ PLUS healthcare will be provided free of charge; those enrolling in HMO programs will only pay five percent of cost. Local committees will be formed to debate the intellectual rights of professors, calling into question why universities would hold copyright over the works of their employees. And, in related news, the icing on the cake: Members of MSU’s adjunct union, AFT Local 6025, as well as adjuncts around the state, got a $25 per-credit-hour raise. Keep it up, sweatshop workers, if you take four classes a semester under your belt, you’ll be a step closer to that poverty line! How’s that for the state saying, “Keep up the good work?”

So, with the contract on the table and waiting for the October vote to set it into motion, the threat of a strike has been averted. The students’ collective faith in the enduring commitment of the state to higher education has been restored! Hurray for Governor Whitman! Hurray for the New Jersey legislature! Well, doesn’t that sound right?

The fact of the matter is that the state’s fair offer came after several months of silence, a period just too little and just too late.

While the tentative AFT contract is a step in the right direction, it is hardly a glowing tribute to the state’s love for its academic employees. Let’s face it... until fiscal trends start moving toward the classroom and away from prison cells, state funding to higher education will remain what it has been for far too many years: A front to keep voters complacent, an insult to those who choose to attend public schools in New Jersey, an issue that those signing contracts on behalf of the state hope will just someday go away.

So it all boils down to this. A step in the right direction with a long mile ahead of us. Better than nothing? Only time will tell.

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VIEWPOINT

Speaking Out: Taking Personal Responsibility in Today's Society

This past summer I committed what may amount to sacrilege for anyone living in the tri-state area. During the NBA playoffs, I was hoping on a very minute level that the St. Louis Cardinals would win. While I do find David Robinson to be an honorable man, it was because of the presence of Latrell Sprewell on the New York Knicks that he seemed to be held up as a role model for young people to model their behavior after. And I won't deny I thought it was because of Latrell Sprewell on the New York Knicks that his team would win. While I do find David Robinson to be an honorable man, it was because of the presence of Latrell Sprewell on the New York Knicks that his team would win. I shall do everything in my power to help deal with any of the logical repercussions or implications of this behavior.

Even though this could be attributed to the special status sports stars enjoy, there is a pervasiveness to wanting to be able to do whatever we want. Essentially, we want to indulge every appetite and desire without having to deal with any of the logical repercussions or implications of this behavior.

We want to eat as much as we want without getting fat, have as much sex as we want without dealing with the possibilities of disease or children, and, in the case of Mr. Sprewell, get rid of a mindset and get the choice each individual must make for the betterment of oneself and society at large.

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Mark Hanley, Student

Residential Living Leaves Much to be Desired

I am a female commuter student who is 51 years old who has been attending MSU for over 12 years part-time. I normally would not have thought too much of before I chose a school, one of those being resident living. I have come to discover how wrong I was about my freshman year. I was quite disappointed with the living conditions. All but two of the residence halls offer air conditioning, the rugs in the hallways are disgustingly stained and don't look like they have been changed or cleaned in years. Many times the communal bathroom rooms were dissatisfactory, paint on the walls was peeling and the lights were broken. Unfortunately, I had a lot to be desired. Altogether, I was unhappy with my first year here on campus, yet I came back for another year.

I didn't think that the second year could be as bad as the first, but I was wrong. It's worse. When the residence life office of MSU was confronted with concerns, the students were told that an "attempt to improve both the quantity and quality of available spaces by improving traffic flow, and balancing the needs of all campus members." Just as a note to the residence life staff: the quality of resident life has plummeted, and the traffic flow is the worst I have ever seen since I've been here.

As of recently, Blanton Hall plumbing problems forced the university to shut off water in certain wings for a 24-hour period. I normally would not have thought too much of it, but this problem has existed for the past three years and the incompetent staff of MSU can't seem to fix the problem permanently. Possibly, the money for fixing the plumbing problem correctly was spent on a totally unnecessary card swipe system, costing the university $70,000.

MSU is constantly sending the residents that they are trying to better the living conditions here on campus and keep us as happy as possible. After living here for over two years I see that they are not only doing nothing, but are also making campus living worse. Here's an idea for them: why not figure out a way to put a stop to the 2 a.m., 4 a.m., and 6 a.m. fire alarms during finals and numerous other times during the year? Maybe the students of MSU should consider themselves lucky they get all this for the low, low price of $120.31 a week or $1,443.32 a semester, for a room that is about 17 ft. x 12 ft.

The school does not care about the safety of the students at large, and more importantly the female students who are at a greater risk. The school does care about making money and exploiting those they claim to help.

This school wants your money and gives you very little in return. The majority of the administrative and teaching staff I have dealt with have a bad attitude, probably because they are civil service employees, and their jobs are Secure.

The shuttle service is a joke. Shuttles are never on time and the drivers have always been less than courteous, for the most part. In addition, their driving technique has left me with my heart in my throat more than once. Why are there no seat belts on these buses? I have fallen off the seats more than once when they go spinning around a corner. I could go on and on, but I'll just be happy to get out of here in May. I wouldn't recommend this school to my worst enemy—or maybe I would. No, I'm not that cruel.

So my dear younger students it's not just your impetuous youth...I think the school sucks too!!

Carol Ann Cilona, Student

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### Lot 28 Parking Plan Survey

#### Number of Responses - 80
- Commuters - 47.5%
- Residents - 52.5%

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I lived in Bohn Hall for a year and I am horrified by this parking situation. Students who live on campus should have priority parking and if I was a freshman or sophomore living on campus, I would transfer.

*Jen Mattaliano, Senior/Commuter - Oppose*

This school has always been a commuter school, so commuters should have some advantage in parking.

*Christine Stepianiak, Senior/Commuter - Support*

Switching the parking lots around did nothing to help the parking problem. There are still not enough spots.

*Karen Turkowsky, Senior/Resident - Oppose*

Of course I support it. But I don't live here! Not competing with residents [for parking spots] is phenomenal.

*Susan Finan, Sophomore/Commuter - Support*

There is not adequate parking to support the student body as a whole.

*Joe Minnich, Junior/Commuter - Oppose*
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Plans For University Amusement Park In The Works

By Chris Finegan

University officials announced plans yesterday to turn the campus into an amusement park entitled “ChickenHawk Land.” Attractions will include the Bland Hall WaterPark, the Shuttle Bus O’Doom, the Parking Maze, and the Garlic Road Catapult. The park is scheduled to be completed by May, 2001.

“Actually, most of the attractions are pre­ existed and part of Budget Blowing,” said Barney Flutophone. “But what we will do will be to make something else out of this.”

Bland Hall, which became waterlogged as a result of Hurricane Floyd, will be transformed into Bland Hall WaterPark. Bland will feature a wave pool, bumper boats, and a waterfall. “We won’t think those exposed electrical conduits will give us any reason for concern. We’ll be very, very careful,” said Dean Lovemachine.

The shuttle will undergo a transformation—it will be converted into a floating café. Students will swim up to the pool side for food and beverages.

“I got the idea during my last visit to Acapulco. But there won’t be any so-called ‘wet bars.’ Students aren’t allowed to drink because we can’t trust them. Hell, I don’t trust them to change a dollar,” said VP of Budget Blowing, Barney Flutophone.

Acapulco. But there won’t be any so-called ‘wet bars.’  Students aren’t allowed to drink by law because we can’t trust them. We will have sudo­ mistic electrical conservatism to give us any reason at all. We’ll be very, very careful,” said VP Lovemachine.

VP Flutophone denied the rumor that Bland Hall WaterPark would be stocked with trout and local fishermen would be allowed to catfish. “They might snag an employee,” he said.

Garlic Road will be the scene of four attractions, the Catapult, the Terror Walk, the Shuttle Bus O’Doom, and the Obstacle Course. The Catapult is exactly what its name implies—a medieval weapon of destruction designed to launch heavy loads long distances. Students will be loaded five at a time onto the contraption and fired at the campus.

“We had originally hoped to have the Catapult running every five to seven minutes, but that won’t happen. Fifteen to seventeen minutes is more realistic,” said Lovemachine.

“We think most of the students will make it, but we have clean-up crews and buzzards standing by when they don’t,” VP Flutophone added.

The Obstacle Course is designed to get students’ blood flowing. Students will be required to dash from main campus to the Garlic Road lot one mile away, along the Terror Walk, past the necrophagic guard, avoiding the barbed wire, and then across the moat filled with bloodthirsty piranhas. They will then have to move their car from the Forbidden Zone before the police remove it. To add to the excitement, a fleet of cars will stall the students, looking for a parking spot.

The Terror Walk is nothing new, nor is the Shuttle Bus O’Doom. “One or the other, they have to choose. They either take their chances with the Catapult, or they ride a rickety, stinky bus,” said VP of Whiny Students, Esther Cornedbeef.

Should students elect the Terror Walk, administrators will hide in the bushes dressed in black from head to toe. When students walk by, they will jump out and yell, “BOOOGA BOOGA BOOGA!” Once again, clean-up crews and buzzards will be standing by. The Parking Maze will test students’ ingenuity, resilience, and patience. Once again, too many parking passes have been sold, so students must navigate the maze in the vehicle of their choice to look for spots. “Dummy drivers,” non-students who have been hired at the rate of $8.00/hour, will add to the challenge as they also compete for spots. Students who successfully find a space are awarded nothing, must hike up Cardiac Hill, and settle for being twenty minutes late.

On main campus, students will find many more attractions. One that is sure to keep the heart beating fast is “The Fire Alarm.” All residents will be required to participate between the hours of 1 and 5 am. A random employee will yank the fire alarm and force residents to evacuate their dorm no matter what the conditions.

“The Revolving Door” is another on-campus ride that should keep the adrenaline pumping. The ride, located in front of the Wench Center Information Desk, requires students to escape two mechanized revolving doors. They have been outfitted with motorcycle engines and will spin at approximately 2,000 revolutions per minute, creating a “centrifuge” effect.

“It’s like being in a cuisinart,” said VP Cornebeef.

I think I’m gonna honk,” added a student who tested the ride.

“Dig The Damn Hole” can be found in the Wench Center quad. Students will pay five dollars for a shovel and a chance to dig a deep hole as possible. “We’re going to put the executive palace there and we want to save on construc­ tion costs,” said VP Flutophone.

“And what better place to find easily exploitable work than the student body?”

Not all attractions are rides and not all are intended for students. “The Administration Fun House” will be located in Krapp Hall and will test students’ resourcefulness. All students will be required to attend at least once a week. They will complete a course laden with mirrors, dead ends, booby traps, and tiny employees in order to graduate/ register/drop-add/attend class. Food and water are not allowed.

“Wha c k a - a - Greek” is designed for administrators. In order to retain their charters, all Greek-letter organizations will be required to provide a brother or sister for a gigantic carni­

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Off the Mark

PLUNGE WANGSIE: THE LEAST CELEBRATED TELEVISION

THE FIRE STATION
(A short play)

By John Fruscianti

Bring me your tired, your poor, and are you gonna finish those curly fries?

Setting: The inside of a fire station. "B" is the fire chief, "C" is a rookie fireman, and "A" is a rookie fireman. "B" and "C" are playing cards when "A" bursts in in a panic.

A: The station's on fire!
B: Which station?
A: The fire station! This one! It's on fire!
B: This one?
A: Yes!
B: On fire?
A: Yes! What'll we do?
B: I'm not sure, I'm still fascinated by the situation.
C: It is interesting.
B: The fire station catching on fire. Who ever thought that would happen?
C: Not me. It's awfully ironic.
B: I don't think we've planned for this.
A: Well now it's happening! What'll we do? Should I get the men into the trucks?
B: Well, it doesn't make much sense to get the fire trucks involved. We'll just be dragging them across the street to the hydrants.
C: Seems like a waste of time. We could just call the station across town.
B: Sort of embarrassing, don't you think? I mean, what'll we say? "Well, seems we let the fire department catch fire, could you help us?" Maybe we could use buckets. Where's the fire?
A: In the kitchen, sir.
B: Could be a grease fire, sir.
A: Yes, with a pool. It'd be nice if we had a pool now.
B: We sure could use the water.
A: Sir, you're supposed to be the fire chief! My wife suggested I take up a hobby, and being a librarian was too much of a nuisance, all that standing up. I don't want to get varicose veins over some lousy book.
B: Hey kid, where's the fire? (B and C burst into laughter.)
A: Yes, with a pool. It'd be nice if we had a pool now.
B: We sure could use the water.
A: Sir, you're supposed to be the fire chief!
B: Well I'm only the volunteer fire chief! My wife suggested I take up a hobby, and being a librarian was too much of a nuisance, all that standing up. I don't want to get varicose veins over some lousy book.
C: We'll definitely have to install them in the next station.

A: That's for hurricanes, sir!
B: Oh. Get everyone to the southwest corner of the basement, then.
C: Tornadoes, sir!
B: Well, don't just stand there, man, everybody move into a doorkframe!
C: That's for earthquakes!
A: Oh. (Pause)

B: Well, better tape up the windows, then.
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B: This isn't the one where the tide suddenly gets sucked out to sea—?
A: Tsunami, sir.
B: Tsunami, yes right. We don't even have a sprinkler system in here.
C: We'll definitely have to install them

THE END.
Humour

I 'm Elmo. Wanna Tickle Me?
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The new building, Yogi Bear Hall, will be built on what is currently the Garlic Road parking lot. "Residents will just have to accept this. We all have to make sacrifices," said Dean Crabmeat.

Regarding where residents would be allowed to park, Crabmeat said, "Are we supposed to think of everything? There’s gotta be a parking lot somewhere on Valleygirl Road in downtown Clairmont. Honestly, I don’t know what gets into these kids sometimes."

Doubts have been raised as to the nature of ChickenHawk Land. Reaction on the whole has been one of wariness concerning the administration’s motives. Dean Reddtaip said of students’ concerns, "They should thank us. Those ungrateful little sumbitches would be living in caves and wearing burlap if it wasn’t for us. We don’t get paid nearly enough for the job we do. My Rolls Royce is almost two years old. I need another one, pronto!"

Students have responded thus far by doing absolutely nothing.

Editor’s note: The preceding article is a work of fiction. Any similarities are purely coincidental. But they’re still funny. It’s called satire, okay?

Starting next week, students will be flung at main campus on a catapult similar to this one. They will probably reach speeds of 110 mph. Helmets are recommended.

Godzilla invades Egypt

Two things: First, yes, this is real. I found it in the aisle with the Powdered Soup at a supermarket. And second, is it just me, or do you think there’s a slightly better way to package this product?
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The boss wants to see you in his office. He must want to thank you for all of your hard work. Am I right?

I am supposed to measure your turd. Is he knitting me a sweater?

I have been summoned to the boss's office. He probably wants to give me some sort of award for my good work as an intern.

Why do you need to know where that air duct ends?

I have never been summoned to your office before. It is a great honor for an intern.

I need you to crawl through this air duct and find out where air comes from.

No, I think it's coming from our building.

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Women’s Tennis @ TCNJ  
Football @ Brockport, 1:30 pm
Men’s Soccer @ Webster Univ. (MO), 1pm  
Cross Country @ NYU, 10 am

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Men’s Soccer @ Washington Univ. (MO), 12 noon

*Women’s Soccer @ William Paterson,  
7 pm  
Monday 27

*Women’s Volleyball @ Rowan, 7 pm  
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Women’s Tennis @ SUNY New Paltz, 4 pm

*Women’s Soccer @ Kean, 7 pm  
*Men’s Soccer vs Rutgers-Newark,  
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Wednesday 29

* - NJAC match  
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HEADS UP: MSU won their home opener against NJCU in three games with the final score 3-0. The scores from the individual games are: 15-13, 15-4 and 16-14. This brings the Red Hawks to an overall record of 3-3, 1-1 NJAC. Setter Sharon Kaus had 22 assists and 19 digs while Ely Polanco had eight kills, nine dugs, and three service aces.
Alex Luna, MSU Men’s Soccer Goalkeeper

By Pius K. Essandoh III
Staff Writer

Preparation is the key to success. Preparation is what helps keep Alex Luna on top of his game. For those who do not know, Alex Luna is the goalkeeper for the MSU men’s soccer team. This is his second season at MSU, but Alex has been playing soccer since he was in the eighth grade.

If you want to talk about preparation and staying focused, then Luna is a good example at that. “I focus and prepare visually two days before a game to know what I have to do for each and every game,” said Luna. This focusing has led him to a 16-4-4 record and he has given up only 18 goals. That is three fourths of a goal a game that he gives up, and that is a really good average.

The 6-1 native of Newark has come a long way. Like many kids who played sports at a young age, Luna sometimes sees himself as arrogant in thinking he was invincible. Now giving up goals bothers him, but not to the extent that it will dwell on him during the rest of the game. “This sport is more mental than physical and you cannot let things bother you that much,” said Luna.

Luna has one goal that he shares with his teammates, and that is to win a ring. Alex and his teammates are more than a team. They are close to each other on and off the field. They go beyond the call of duty. It is all not fun and games because they still have a few kinks to work out. Like everyone else on the soccer team, he has high praise for his coach. “Coach Chesney is the best coach that I ever played for, because he knows when to be serious and when to have fun,” said Luna.

Other than winning a championship, Alex has one goal, which supersedes making it to the next level. This is to get his degree, “because sports will not always be there but education is something that no one can ever take away from you.” Good luck to Alex in all his endeavors.

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MSU Intramural Football

By Ed Flannery
Staff Writer

The 1999 Intramural Season kicked off this week with 10 teams vying for the coveted Championship T-Shirts. The season opener, which was delayed by Tropical Storm Floyd, was held between Delta Chi and Bayonne’s Finest on Monday.

Delta Chi, the returning undefeated champions from last season, were stunned by the upstart Finest by the shocking final tally of 22-6.

Also taking place on opening day, 33rd shut-out the Braves in a dominating fashion 37-0. The nightcap game saw the Blanton Bearcats surging to a 21-0 victory over the Timberwolves behind three throwing touchdowns by quarterback Todd Briggs.

On Tuesday, the rest of the teams took the field. The Bohners used the long ball and a series of intricate option plays to overpower Theta Xi 24-12. Later that evening, ONN shut down the Pike offense on their way to a 26-0 victory.

The league, which consists of ten teams broken into two divisions, will see a total of 35 regular season matches. Each team plays every team in their conference (four games) and then three games from the other conference for a total of seven games. This quick season makes each individual game that much more important as the competitors jockey for playoff placement.

The league will play all of its contests on the all-purpose field in the middle of the track by the Field House. The regular season will end on October 14. Eight teams, four from each conference, will be advancing to the playoffs.

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Men's Soccer Loses to Long-Time Rivalry

By Jason Lampa
Sports Consultant

The Montclair State men's soccer team dropped to 3-3-1 as they were defeated by the William Paterson Pioneers 2-1 at Montclair State's Pittser Field. The Red Hawks got a strong game out of sophomore forward Atiba Yusuf who accounted for the Red Hawks only goal in the game.

The Pioneers were the first to score when senior midfielder Anthony Saladino booted the ball into the upper right hand corner on a penalty kick at 56:00.

William Paterson's second goal of the day came off the foot of senior forward Rueben Pleas­ant on an assist from Saladino’s corner kick at the 64:42. MSU refusing to give up, put their first and only points on the board when Yusuf, on a pass from sophomore back George Mendoza, booted the ball past Pioneer goalie John Nacarlo from 17 yards away.

The rest of game was played evenly with both sides getting opportunities to score with neither capitalizing.

Montclair and William Paterson each had 10 shots on goal. Sophomore Red Hawk goalie Alex Luna had eight saves while William Paterson’s Nacarlo had three.

The failure of the Red Hawks to capitalize on scoring opportunities and their attitude in the second half was what led to their defeat yesterday.

Yusuf and senior Chris Cifrodello did an outstanding job of putting pressure on the Pioneers goalie in the first half, but just could not seem to put the ball in. The Red Hawk midfielders also did an excellent job in the first by keeping the ball on the Pioneers side of the field.

As they did in the first half, the Red Hawks controlled the ball for most of the second half but could manage only one goal as the Pioneers got two. The inefficiency of the Red Hawks offense was troubling to watch but even worse was the conduct in which the Red Hawks handled themselves when the game got tight. It is common that in the heat of battle things get hectic and emotions ride extremely high. However, this is no excuse to yell and curse at teammates and get silly fouls because of dirty play.

William Paterson was playing just as dirty, if not more, and I think that the officials lack of control over the game had a lot to do with the constant cheap shots on both sides.

The game was exciting to watch and the Red Hawks did put out a great effort, but the lack of maturity that some of the players exhibited needs to stop. MSU will return to action this weekend when they travel to St. Louis, Missouri, to take on Webster University and Washington University. Their next home game is next Wednesday afternoon against Rutgers-Newark at 3 pm.

Women's Soccer Shuts Out Richard Stockton

Red Hawks Pull Off Big Upset Of Previously Undefeated Ospreys

By Tess Sterling
Sports Editor

The Montclair State women’s soccer team pulled off a big upset over Richard Stockton Ospreys last night at Sprague Field on the campus of MSU.

MSU was victorious over the previously unbeaten Ospreys whose record now falls to 6-1 overall, 1-1 NJAC. Meanwhile, Montclair’s record now rises to 5-3 overall, 1-1 NJAC.

Midfielder Nicole Coplan scored the only goal of the game when she took a pass 15 yards out from midfielder Meghan Carr, and rifled the ball past Stockton’s goalkeeper Sarah Miller.

Although MSU came up with the shutout of Richard Stockton, they failed to capitalize on golden opportunities, outshooting the Ospreys 21-5.

In the win for the Red Hawks, freshman goalkeeper Stephanie Romanko picked up her fourth shutout with 10 saves.

MSU women’s soccer team will return to action on Saturday, September 25, when they will travel to Massachusetts College. The game is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

UNDEFEATED NO MORE: Richard Stockton was dealt their first loss of the season, courtesy of midfielder Nicole Coplan and a strong Red Hawks defense.