Gas Pipeline May Disrupt Campus

By Joy Thompson
Special to The Montclarion

Students may expect disruptions on campus due to construction of a natural gas pipeline as early as summer 2000.

The natural gas line is being proposed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, Transco, as part of an 18-mile loop to be added to existing gas lines. The Roseland Loop would run directly through campus and its surrounding communities. Gas lines currently exist along a right-of-way, designated as PSE&G's, on the campus. The pipeline would be made of a 36-inch high-grade steel, 1/2-3/4 inches thick.

If the loop is approved by FERC in November, disruptions would occur along campus roads. Webster Road, Quarry Road, Carlisle Road, and East and West Quarry Ways would be affected by the construction. It would also run 100 feet away from Residences halls, this is a hazard to around 1000 residents. Kazimir has been trying to inform more students about the proposed line.

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**National News**

**LOS ANGELES**—Authorities found NBA legend Wilt Chamberlain dead in his Los Angeles home last Tuesday. A spokesman from the Los Angeles fire department said that Chamberlain’s possible cause of death appeared to be from a heart attack. The professional basketball player was 63 years old.

**BOULDER**—Following the 1996 murder of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey, members of the Colorado grand jury adjourned the court case until Wednesday. The panel consisting of eight women and four men was first gathered 13 months ago. Since then, the Boulder County district attorney has compiled and presented 30,000 pages of evidence and the testimony from several dozen witnesses. Oct. 20 is the final date set for the jury to issue indictments, a report, or a dismissal.

**PLEASANTON**—A killing Tuesday night left three police officers and one suspect murdered in Pleasanton, Texas. The fugitive committed the crime when the officers tried to place an arrest warrant on him for a probation violation. Two officers were wounded and it has not been stated whether or not the suspect was killed by the officers or if he committed suicide.

**MONTGOMERY**—Alabama citizens voted against a lottery referendum this week. Governor Don Siegelman had been fighting to pass the vote in order to have the lottery help in educational funding. Voters had originally sided with the approval, but the final decision came from the influence of church groups who felt it would exploit the poor. The votes resulted in 54 percent opposition and 46 percent approval. Alabama will join Arkansas, Oklahoma, and North Dakota as states rejecting the lottery ballots.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**ACALAMA**—Mexican soldiers reported 170 villagers were allegedly killed in a mudslide last Thursday. A deforested ridge collapsed and washed into a village, drowning the soldiers who arrived at the scene on Sunday. The possible cause for the mudslide was said to have been from residents having cleared nearby forests on the 500-foot hill, in order to plant corn crops.

**STOCKHOLM**—Egyptian-American scientist Ahmed H. Zewail won the Chemistry Nobel Prize in Chemistry, on Tuesday, in Sweden. He proved that a rapid laser can record the movement of atoms in a molecule during a chemical reaction. It was also the discovery of the world’s fastest camera.

**BELING**—The Chinese government arrested six major members, including leader Xu Ying Quan, of the banned meditation group Falun Gong on Tuesday. The government accused the group of being threatening towards social stability and controlling of the communist party. A past gathering of 10,000 protestors around the Communist party’s central headquarters caused the group to be banned in July.

**PRETORIA**—South African Judge Willie Hartzenberg dismissed six murder conspiracy charges against Dr. Wouter Basson, also dubbed by members of the media as “Dr. Death.” Basson was accused of the poison deaths of more than 200 of South Africa’s former white rulers. He injected muscle relaxants into the victims’ bodies, causing them to suffocate and killed others by using poison tainted beers. Basson faced 67 charges that included large-scale fraud, drug possession and dealing, and murder, all of which may be appealed by prosecutors on Oct. 25.
Makenshift Ambulance Squad Drives Male to Hospital

Police assist lone EMT in emergency medical situation

By Dan Lombardi
Staff Writer

A man complaining of severe abdominal pain at Clove Road was taken to the hospital on Oct. 3 by a makeshift ambulance crew.

Lt. Josue Barbosa of the MSU EMS squad arrived on the scene soon after the call was placed. Upon arriving at the scene, Barbosa realized the man needed to be taken to the hospital immediately.

"It was an emergency situation, we needed to act fast," Phillip Calitre, Director of University Police, said.

Calitre was also at the scene.

Barbosa was the only EMT on the scene because the MSU squad was understaffed and in first response mode, which meant that Calitre's job was to stabilize the patient and wait at the scene until a fully staffed ambulance could arrive and transport the patient to a hospital.

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"He really should have been in the hospital the day before," Barbosa said.

Barbosa wanted to take the man to the hospital himself, but he had to stay with the patient in the back of the truck. A volunteer was needed to drive the ambulance.

Lt. Paul Cell of University Police quickly stepped forward and offered to drive the ambulance.

The man was taken to Mountainside Hospital and stabilized, and he is currently on his way to recovery.

It was due to an unlikely chain of events that the MSU squad was understaffed in the first place. One squad member was out sick, and another was in the hospital with a newborn child.

"If you can't get a full crew, we go into a modified response status called a first responder," Barbosa said. It's quite common actually. We show up at the scene and make sure the patient is stable until another ambulance with a full crew can show up."

"Someone needs help and that's what we were here for," Barbosa said.

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Gas Line
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"Cutting across roads is a big concern," Hewitt said. "If we had a choice, we would choose a pipeline.

MSU has been opposing the proposed project, known as MarketLink Expansion Project.

In a letter dated Aug. 30 to FERC Secretary David P. Boerges, MSU President Susan Cole wrote, "we are concerned about the safety of all that use the campus during the construction phase, as well as the long-term threat that could accompany the operation of this pipeline.

Governor Whitman is already aware of our position, and is in the process of making the federal government aware, Cole said.

If FERC approves the pipeline, Transco would be allowed to use three-foot-wide trenches along the preference of Michael Kazimir, the University of Business and Finance, and Dr. Maughn Greene, President of Business and Finance.

"Choosing Me To Be Me" by Justin G. Brown on Oct. 19 in Dickson Hall

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"People have the right to be able to opt-in," she said. "We are concerned about the effect on property values" because it would "minimize impact by maximizing these utilities corridors, and not putting a pipeline where we don't have one already.

"Those who would cost an estimated $500 million, said Stockton.

STOP does not publicly oppose the project, but they remain neutral at this time. They are not a supporter because they see no "no transportation or capacity problem now" and in the near future, said spokesman Cole.

"The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission could not reach for comment as of late Wednesday."

By Karen Clarke

Ney and lesbian issues have been a great concern to faculty, administration and many students in the campus community.

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This past Monday was National Coming Out Week. The event was designed to celebrate National Coming Out Week. The Flag was raising during this event at noon was a symbol of hope for the gay and lesbian community on campus but, said Transco spokesman Chris Stockton, "there would be a rally, there'll be a number of discussion groups, also a campus wide campaign against it.

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CULTURAL EXCHANGE

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION: Cen Jianjun of the Chinese Education Consul, and MSU President Susan Cole met in Sprague Library on Friday afternoon where they presented gifts and discussed the university's relations with China.

CONTRACT

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a successor contract and four months since the pre-existing contract expired on June 30, 1999.

After rejecting a “totally unacceptable offer from the state, this contract is the first real offer from the state,” Becker said.

The contract is also the state’s response to the AFT’s threat of a strike, Becker said.

“It was the threat of strike that prompted a response from the state. Nevertheless, we are happy to have been able to solve this without a strike,” she said.

In spite of its successes, the AFT continues to work on problematic details of the contract as well as further negotiation at the local level. Anyone wishing to read the new contract can do so on-line by visiting www.aftlocal1904.org/menupage.htm.

CONCERT

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tered these types of costs for past campus performances.

Tickets will go on sale at the auditorium at 10:30 a.m. and will cost $20 each with an MSU ID card. Only two tickets can be purchased with each ID.

The remaining 4,700 tickets will go on sale sometime next week for $30 each. The SGA has not decided whether Ticketmaster or Téléchargé will distribute the tickets.

Each ticket will also allow concert-goers into the MP3.com Village which will feature concessions, various exhibits and other merchants.

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Continuing Education Offers Health Programs

By Yasemin Tuncay
Staff Writer

A series of allied health care programs are being offered by MSU's Center for Continuing Education, in partnership with Condensed Curriculum International, to those interested in various medical fields. There are four classes being offered this semester, and the eight to 12 week classes began on Sept. 25.

This program offers opportunity for people who do not have the time to attend four year colleges. Recently divorced women or women without college experience, as well as men, who have families greatly benefit from this program because the classes are offered either twice a week at night or a few hours on Saturday, Amy Kmetz, assistant director of the Center for Continuing Education, said.

Adult students do not have to spend too much time away from their families while receiving a quality education that can lead them into a health field, that, upon completion, can help them earn a good living.

"There is a great demand for their skill," Kmetz said.

Kmetz said she is very proud of this program because of the numerous opportunities it offers a variety of people. The enrollment includes adults who want to begin a career or change their career, and recent high school graduates who see this program as an alternative to a four-year college.

This program is also beneficial to many high school students who see it as a "good prerequisite for college where they can pursue a greater profession in health," Kmetz said.

The following classes are currently offered: Medical billing/coding, Physical Therapy Aide, Ophthalmic Assistant, and Pharmaceutical Technician.

Students learn the skills to solve insurance billing problems and procedures, and learn the basic claims process for medical insurance, in Medical billing/coding, for $849.

The Ophthalmic Assistant course offers students an introduction to ophthalmic medical assisting, anatomy and physiology of the eye. The fee is $849.

The Physical Therapy aide course teaches entry-level clinical and administrative skills, for $999.

The Pharmaceutical technician course teaches medical terminology specific to the pharmacy and prepare students to work at hospital or community pharmacies.

Students also receive job placement assistance through partner Condensed Curriculum International which helps with preparing students with interview processes.

Recent graduates of this program have begun their own business. Some have contracted their services to hospitals and doctors and are now living comfortably, Kmetz said.

The first and foremost goal of this program is to "offer the opportunity to broaden the community that we serve... The program provides opportunity for career preparation and a low-cost, short term opportunity for people to enter a career in any number of areas," Kmetz said.

Students interested in future health care classes or with questions about the program should call 973-655-4353.

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FEATURE

By Liz Hutchinson and Kristen Anderson
Staff Writer and Assistant Feature Editor

Homecoming Week Filled With Competition and Fun

The theme of MSU’s homecoming this year, “Blast from the Past,” was uniquely presented by the floats and performances of the various participating clubs.

Many Student Government organizations delivered outstanding performances including various choreographed dance routines with matching outfits. Some also built floats dance platforms, tornadoes and even shuttles that opened up into an imaginary outer space. Following tradition, a number of organizations partnered and worked on their performances together.

The parade route this year was a bit different than that of years past. This year the route went right through Upper Montclair, involving the town at large.

Theta Xi and Delta Phi Epsilon’s theme was “Man on the Moon.” Part of their performance was a reenactment of Neil Armstrong’s historical first step on the moon. They opened with “2001: Space Odyssey,” but quickly picked up the pace as they broke into a vibrant dance from Three Dog Night’s “Joy to the World.” The conclusion of the performance included a futuristic rendition of the Beastie Boy’s songs “Intergalactic.” The finale involved all participants, for which they combined to form a human American Flag.

Another performance was acted out in Sigma Sigma Sigma and Tau Kappa Epsilon’s tribute to the movies with their version of The Wizard of Oz. Dorothy (with Toto), Tin Man, the Lion and the Scarecrow, as well as the jolly lolly kids and munchkins, were all represented. The climax at the end of the tribute baffled the onlookers when they marched to the tune of “Sweet Home Alabama” among other patriotic tunes, giving a tribute to the Vietnam War. It ended with the epiphany of symbolized patriotism when members asked the crowd to stand and salute the U.S. flag while an anthem played.

LASO (Latin American Student Organization) kept with the historical aspect throughout their display of Latin American traditions by dressing up to represent famous events in Latin American History.

OSAU (Organization of Students for African Unity) participated this year with the theme of “Back to Africa.” They danced a traditional African dance including kente cloth costumes.

Delta Xi Alpha Iota Chi paired together for the second year in a row, used the “Book of Love” for their theme. Taken straight from Hollywood, the participants were dressed in matching skirts and pastel colored shirts to keep with the “Blast from the Past” theme. Their float consisted of a large wooden book and decorative balloons.

Tau Phi Beta (BULLS) and Theta Kappa Chi gave tribute to the 50’s, dancing to songs from Grease and various tracks like the famous “Rock Around the Clock.” They wore stereotypical attire from the decade—girls dressed in poodle skirts, guys in blue jeans and white T-shirts. The kickline in the end added a sense of the future to their performance.

Phi Sigma Sigma and Iota Phi Theta danced to the tunes of American Bandstand, a dance show that ruled the television for decades. Their float was a rendition of the stage, with platforms for dancers and all. Both danced to many songs from the time period and then came out with a party walk and a step dance for the finale.

Sigma Delta Phi and Delta Chi portrayed Hollywood through the movies. Members imitated Charlie Chaplin, a silent movie comedian, and even added in excerpts from Footloose. Dressed in rain gear and umbrellas the boys went “Singing in the Rain.” Their float was the Hollywood mountain on a much smaller scale.

Players and Theta Alpha Phi also put on a performance during this year’s Homecoming. Another class-one organization, the group decided to dance to tunes of the last 60 years of Players. The many plays included Grease, Hair and Little Shop of Horrors.

Another event was the King and Queen pageant. This event brought out a variety of talents including poetry reading, dancing and singing. On the more creative side, some candidates opted for root beer pong, a starling contest and even marriage proposals.

Other events that happened during the week included movie night. C.U.B. presented American Pie and Varsity Blues. Despite the freezing cold conditions, dedicated fans still came out to view the free movie in the Student Center Quad.

A bonfire was also held for the first time in years. Out in the parking lots by the baseball stadium was the place where the King and Queen top five finalists were announced.

After the parade, a barbecue was held for all students and parents who wished to attend. Although the beginning estimate of attendees was 250, this soon changed when over 600 people showed up. Hamburgers, hot dogs and other traditional food was served and an award was given out to the organization with the most attendees.

This year’s Homecoming was said to be the best of the last few years. The hope of the university is that it only keeps getting better. Brent Klein, homecoming chair, agreed that this year “was outstanding and would like to thank Stephanie Perry, assistant chair, Carolyn Mauer, President of CLUB, Players and all the administrative offices that helped in Homecoming.”

HOMECOMING 1999

King and Queen: Porfirio Garcia & Lesia Dmyterko
1st Runner Up: Rob Defalco & Latasha Casterlow
2nd Runner Up: John Fruscianti & Mary Ocarilo
3rd Runner Up: T.J. Esposito & Jillian Jackson
4th Runner Up: Jarod Adesani & Misty Wihan

Best Float: Theta Xi and Delta Phi Epsilon

Best Performance: Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Sigma Sigma

Most Original: Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Delta Tau

Most Enthusiastic: Theta Xi and Delta Phi Epsilon
Breast cancer continues to be a vital issue affecting millions of women of all ages in this country. Statistics compiled by Johns Hopkins University in 1998 reported that breast cancer was the cause of the most cancer deaths in women aged 40-55.

Every three minutes, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. Every 11 minutes, a woman dies of breast cancer. Though the disease typically affects women later in life, there are preventative measures that women of all ages can take to reduce their risks of developing the disease.

In the press, there has been a great deal of attention given to the recent discovery of "breast cancer genes." In 1994, BRCA1 (Breast Cancer gene 1) and BRCA2 (Breast Cancer gene 2) were identified as susceptibility genes for both breast and ovarian cancer.

When functioning normally, BRCA1 and BRCA2 are believed to guard against the development of tumors by repairing damage to cellular DNA. When mutated, BRCA1 may increase a person’s risk of developing breast, ovarian, colon and prostate cancers, while a mutation in BRCA2 may increase a person’s risk of developing breast cancer.

A positive test can only show a predisposition and lead a carrier to seriously consider experimental preemptive options. In fact, only about 5 percent of diagnosed breast cancers are believed to be inherited; the remaining 95 percent are of unknown, nonhereditary causes.

The most commonly practiced strategy is risk avoidance. One may select to begin screening for cancer earlier in life and/or receive screening more frequently. Common screening techniques include mammograms, breast exams by a doctor and monthly breast self-exams.

Chemo prevention entails the usage of drugs to prevent breast cancer. Most popular amongst this new class of drugs is Tamoxifen, reported to reduce the risk of breast cancer by 45 percent in "high risk" women. However, thorough tests of anti-cancer drugs have not been completed and serious side effects have been documented. In addition, the medications may lose their effectiveness over time and ultimately contribute to the promotion of various types of cancers.

The most drastic of preventative measures are prophylactic mastectomy (the surgical removal of the breasts) and oophorectomy (removal of both ovaries). While the effectiveness of this procedure is not universally accepted, one published figure maintains that prophylactic mastectomy may reduce breast cancer development by 90 percent and breast cancer mortality by 80 percent. Prophylactic oophorectomy may also be effective in preventing breast cancer, but the resulting deprivation of certain hormones is believed to be responsible for the development of more life threatening conditions. Because it is impossible to remove all of the breast or ovarian tissue, some women who undergo this radical procedure later develop cancer in the tissue not removed.

Behaviors believed to reduce cancer risk include refraining from alcohol and increasing exercise levels. Women, no matter what age, can start protecting themselves against the disease now by exercising regularly (at least three times a week), eating a healthy diet, and quitting smoking to ward off their chances of being diagnosed later in life. Other options include increased surveillance (frequent screening tests), chemoprevention and prophylactic (preventive) surgery.

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**Breast Self-Exam**

Examine yourself once a month, the same time each month and report anything unusual to a physician.

**In the shower.**

- Raise one arm.
- With fingers flat, touch every part of each breast, gently feeling for a lump or thickening. Use your right hand to examine your left breast, your left hand for your right breast.

**In the mirror.**

- With arms at your sides, then raised above your head, look carefully for changes in the size, shape and contour of each breast. Look for puckering, dimpling, or changes in skin texture. Gently squeeze both nipples and look for discharge.

**Lying down.**

- Place a towel or pillow under your right shoulder and your right hand behind your head. Examine your right breast with your left hand. Fingers flat, press gently in small circles, starting at the outermost top edge of your breast and spiraling inward towards the nipple. Examine every part of the breast. Repeat with the left breast. With your arm resting on a firm surface, use the circular motion to examine the underarm area.

"This self-exam is not a substitute for periodic examinations by a qualified physician."

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Unity Collaboration invites the Campus Community to an Open Forum on Campus parking

**When?** October 21, 1999

**Where?** SC Ballrooms

**What Time?** 12:00-1:30pm

"Don't be a part of the problem...Be part of the solution"

"Together we can make a difference"
National Coming Out Day
Promotes Lifestyle Acceptance

By Heather Ossandon
Staff Writer

National Coming Out Day was Oct.
11. This was one day set aside to
support human rights while learn­
ing about gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans­
sexual visibility. Although many think that
it is just a “gay and lesbian day,” it stems
much deeper than that. It is a day of aware­
ness, education and understanding of each
other.

This year is especially important because
it marks the one-year anniversary of the
death of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old
Wyoming University student who was bru­
tally beaten to death simply because of his
sexual preference.

His murder is not the only case of deaths
related to sexual orientation; it signifies an
epidemic of hate crimes across the nation
which is why this day is crucial to all of the
population: gay, lesbian, straight, trans­
sexual or bisexual.

At noon on Monday, the Gay and Les­
bian flag was raised and will remain in front
of the Student Center for one week to cel­
ebrate National Coming Out Week. Aware­
ess and education are crucial in the fight
against hatred.

National Coming Out Day is especially
crucial in bringing this issue to the forefront
and letting people know that it is not just
about gay and lesbian rights; it’s about the
rights of the individual. Here at MSU many
people have gone through the trouble to pro­
vide adequate facilities for those in need of
counseling or just a safe place to be.

This university has GLPSA (the Gay and
Lesbian Faculty and Staff Association), and
PRIDE, two organizations dedicated to mak­
ing MSU a non-homophobic learning,
teaching and working environment.

Activities held on campus that were or­
ganized by the GLPSA included the raising
of the Gay and Lesbian flag outside of the
Student Center (which will remain raised for
one week) and a “Freedom of Expression
vs. Freedom from Hostility Symposium,”
which discussed the topics of free speech
and tolerance issues.

There was also a panel displayed on gay
and lesbian families to celebrate National
Coming Out Week entitled “Love Makes a
Family.” A reading will be held as well,
ettitled “Allowing Me to Be Me.”

National Coming Out Day helps to bring
awareness to individuals who are either
misinformed or uneducated about this topic.
This one day is set-aside to let the world
know that the population does indeed exist,
that they are proud of who they are, and they
will not stand for such intolerable acts as
violence and discrimination due to sexual
preference.

It helps address the issue and lets people
know that understanding is necessary, and
gays and lesbians deserve the same respect
as everyone else. National Coming Out Day
 teaches us that hatred is intolerable no mat­
ter what the situation or circumstances, and
empathy and knowledge are key in order to
celebrate our differences and site our simi­
larities.

Judy Haines, Patricia Hewitt, and President Cole raise the flag for National Coming Out Day.

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MSU CAMPUS CALENDAR

October

- Love Makes a Family: photo exhibit about gay/lesbian/transsexual families, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. SC 420
- LASO flag raising, 12 p.m. SC Quad
- Open Forum-Religion and Sexuality: a global perspective, 12-1:30 p.m. SC Quad
- Dance Workshop, 5-6 p.m. SC 100
- Swing Lessons, 10:30 p.m. Ratt
- Love Makes a Family: photo exhibit about gay/lesbian/transsexual families, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. SC 420
- WMSC (radio station) 3 p.m., SC 110
- Movie Night-Big Daddy, 8 p.m. Calca Hall
- Hike to Flat Rock Brook, 8:30 a.m. meet by SC revolving doors
- Walking Tour: Before Stonewall (a gay and lesbian history tour), 11:15 a.m. SC
call x7818 for more information
- Smile Walk-Liberty State Park. Jersey walk for Breast Cancer, 9 a.m. meet by SC bus stop
call Domingo or Nina at x4440 for more information
- Walking Tour: The Jewish Lower East Side, 11:15 a.m. SC (call x7818 for more information)
- JSU, 10 a.m. SC 123
- Unity Collaboration, 2 p.m.
- LASO, 3:30 SC Cafe C
- WMSC 90.3 F.M., 4 p.m. SC 110
- Water Watch, 4:30 p.m. MA 258
- Players, 6 p.m. SC 126
- OSAU, 7:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
- Breast Cancer Awareness Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. SC Lobby
- Parranda, 12:3 p.m. Ratt
- Geo Club, 4-5 p.m. MA 259
- C.L.U.B., 7 p.m. SC 112 D
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Minimizing and Coping With Stress and Its Causes

By Jennifer Cannataro
Staff Writer

Midterms are drawing near and are sure to snowball into a swift overload of term papers, all to end in a finals of final exams. Even though some students swear that this time they will be organized, they have ended up desperately scrambling to cram for exams and waiting until the last minute before a term paper is due.

On the job, people may find that their current definitions of satisfactory performance consist of getting there on time and not falling asleep or calling out sick. When finally a day comes when responsibilities are at a standstill, many people may find it hard to relax when they are constantly thinking about their duties for tomorrow. If this sounds familiar, don’t worry. There are ways to successfully decrease stress levels and still get everything done.

The main culprit for many problems is stress, which results in accumulating more stress. Although it may seem helpless at times, there are effective ways to minimize the stress that will otherwise create problems in the present and the future.

Many students overlook stress as a cause of many problems. Many may think, “well, it worked every semester.” Meanwhile their GPA is 1.7, they oversleep, fight with their parents and get fired from their jobs. Students must come out of denial and take serious control of pressure.

A main cause of excess stress and inability to handle stress is irregular sleeping patterns, which results in headaches that block concentration. Stress causes sleep regularities and sleep irregularities cause stress. These side effects are interlocking and cumulative, and will eventually result in a lesser quality of life.

Lack of sleep is a leading cause and result of stress. The effect of stress can cause you to get less sleep, which results in more stress, making it even more difficult to get sh*t done. Try taking a hot bath, reading a book, watching television, or any other methods you may have to induce sleepiness before bedtime.

Loss of concentration on studies, failing tests and the ineffectiveness of cramming results from the loss of REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep, which scientists believe to have been the period in which our brain stores memory. The REM stages develop further as you sleep longer.

The final stage is fully functional for the longest time span (one hour) in the last hour of sleep. So getting one or two less hours of sleep causes the loss of the most essential stage of REM sleep.

During sleep, we accumulate our vital energy molecules. As we use these molecules for energy, a waste byproduct called adenosine is delivered to the arousal center of the brain, signaling it to get sleep. As adenosine accumulates in the brain, it causes interruptions in activities and learning.

Research through clinical investigation shows that when someone is limited to only three or four hours of sleep, there is a decrease in the production of natural killer cells, T-cells and interleukin which combat infections and diseases. Therefore, you will be more susceptible to catching illnesses, which will have an effect on the papers that are due and the tests that have to be taken.

Many college students turn to stimulants like caffeine to keep them going. Gulping down five cups of coffee may help you stay awake for a while, but it will drastically affect your moods, concentration, and performance. Drinking more than two cups a day causes a dependence on caffeine.

The more coffee you drink, the harder you will crash from it later. Try drinking tea, or mixing your regular coffee with decaf to wean yourself slowly off caffeine if you find yourself becoming dependent on it. To get more quality in your sleep, avoid caffeine altogether six hours before bedtime.

Holiday cheer, New Year's and winter vacation bring a lot of great parties to relax and enjoy, so wait until then if you're ready to party. For now, try to limit your alcohol intake to no more than two to three drinks to avoid sleepiness, headaches, vomiting and total loss of concentration.

Drinking also contributes to the weakness of your immune system. Don't take the chance of ruining these exciting holidays and your GPAs. Cut back on alcohol to maintain your health, mental stability and endurance.

If you accidentally have one too many on the day before your exam, take over the counter painkillers to ease headache pain and drink lots of water or fruit juice to help metabolize residual alcohol. But the best way to avoid having to do this at all is to save your partying for the holidays.

Regarding social life, we must not forget that the holidays will come quickly, especially because busy weeks filled with school obligations will make time fly. If you are going home or visiting someone, arrangements need to be made as soon as possible because the closer to December we get, the busier and more difficult it will be to get the transportation needed at bargain prices.

Make life easier and set a date to go Christmas shopping within the next few weeks. The rush of crowds will end in November and can be extremely stressful.

Many department stores have already started holding their one-day sale events, so take advantage of the discount and grab the better items before everyone else gets to them. On top of all of this, we have to decide on our schedule for the spring semester, which is also "the sooner, the better" if you want an accommodating schedule.

The point is, our parents and teachers were right. We need a consistent bedtime and wake up time to maintain our sleeping patterns and keep our lives in order. If you lose sleep one night, compensate for it the next night by going to bed an hour or two earlier.

Start today to create a sleeping schedule before it is too late. It is simple, yet so vital to the efficient functioning of our body and minds. So please, wake up (or in this case, take a nap) and take this advice. It won't be long until finals are over, and you can enjoy the wonderfully long winter break peacefully and stress-free.
Tolerance Symposium Sparks Debate and Heated Questions

"Freedom of Expression Versus Freedom from Hostility" raised questions involving race and sexual orientation.

By Leah Soltis
Staff Writer

The flyer screamed out, "Freedom of Expression Versus Freedom from Hostility" and promised discussion on such hot topics as free speech and the First Amendment, the rights of minority groups on campus and the social implications of democratic dialogues. And on Oct. 11, the Student Center Ballroom B was impressively filled with people anxious to debate these issues and more.

The idea for this public discussion group came last year when several pieces were published in The Montclarion's Opinion Section that spoke of intolerance towards gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals on campus, according to Sally McWilliams, a coordinator of the forum and a member of the English Department here at MSU. McWilliams and several other faculty members then decided to try to open up a public discussion addressing such issues in an effort to expand tolerant ideas towards all minority groups within the student body.

They began contacting people and amassed a group of four individuals, all concerned with free speech and tolerance issues in one way or another. These four people were Ann Beeson, Staff Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Megan Boler, a professor of management and administration at St. Joseph A. Fortunato, an Essex County member of the NAACP; one of the biggest and the oldest civil rights groups in the country, and Lenora M. Lapidus, a legal director also of the ACLU.

The date was set for National Coming Out Day (Oct. 11) and also happens to be the one-year anniversary of the death of Matthew Shepard, who was brutally murdered last year simply because of his sexual orientation. It was seemingly appropriate to speak of tolerance on such a significant date.

The forum began with a standing-room only crowd, made up of students and faculty alike gathered into the small ballroom. After introductions, the panel mediator began asking the speakers questions about issues including the interpretation of the First Amendment and the right to free speech.

Lapidus was the first to speak and she briefly mentioned the conflict between everyone's right to a freedom of expression and those same people's right to be free from hostility and hate speeches. Fortunato's turn came next and he spoke of the necessity for a balance between the two.

Beexon responded and claimed that any form of speech suppression was unacceptable in the university setting. Although the "fighting words" doctrine and laws against creating a harassing environment may limit freedom of expression minutely, she considered censorship beyond that point excessive and unnecessary. Hate speech, she said, should be answered simply with more speech designed to help foster more tolerance and acceptance in and out of the classroom.

Boler then chimed in with a pre-written speech outlining her ideas for an "Affirmative Action Pedagogy"-an expectation for teachers and educators to both challenge and address other people's hostility, but be willing to listen with an open mind and hear valid points. She claimed that as of right now she is not free and that it will not be until it is never marginalized or suppressed.

Shortly thereafter, the floor opened up for audience questions. Things became interesting as the first questioner, an unknown man who seemed intent on challenging the speakers, asked people and was banned from the use of museum space as a political platform to the oppression of white men and women in our society. While claiming that none of his issues were really on topic, the panel did assert that today, feminism is a force with which to be reckoned.

Other questions and statements ranged from the minority status of Jews to the suicide rates for gay as opposed to non-gay teenagers. The audience was shocked to hear the number of gay students who spoke in a rather hateful way toward white people and toward gay people. The rule should be all for one and one for all.

Further into the increasingly passionate debate, Boler took the floor once again to ask, if campuses are supposed to be so tolerant of everyone and everyone needs to feel empowered, "where is the room for a white male club on campus?" She clarified herself later by saying, that on campus at least, "a club is filled because the dominant culture supports the communal and emotional needs of white students."

Jessica Dachard, a freshman Fine Arts major with a minor in education, questioned the entire panel, "When do we have the right to say as a student how we feel? Who can tell us which pain is the worst, whether it is the Holocaust or slavery or racism? What people say will divide us into groups and we start pointing fingers. We are the builders. We are the future. Who's to say what we are?"

Also in attendance was James Harris, Dean of Students. When asked why he was involved in the sponsorship of this campus event, he replied, "We believe it's extremely important to bring light to the issue of the rights and responsibilities of the university to its members, to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students and faculty... We wanted to make sure that we gave an informed perspective to how MSU can improve its ability to create and maintain a climate that is safe, positive and constructive for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender student and faculty members."

Although these students were shocked at some of the comments being spoken, people involved with the forum felt that it was a success because it brought different viewpoints out into the open.
Delta Phi Epsilon and Theta Xi show the effects of gravity as they slowly move out from behind their space shuttle float.

Porfirio Garcia of LASO, complete with dance moves, portrays Michael Jackson.

Jillian Jackson, a sister of Sigma Sigma Sigma, "proposes" to her boyfriend on their four-month anniversary to win some votes for Homecoming Queen.

Members of OSAU perform an African dance in order to portray their theme "Back To Africa."

Members of Delta Chi, partnered with Sigma Delta Phi, wore rain coats and carried their umbrellas in their rendition of "Singin' in the Rain."

Theta Kappa Chi and Tau Phi Beta move in poodle skirts and white t-shirts for their 50's routine.
Latasha Casterlow, OSAL, sings her heart out in a duet for the crown of Queen.

Bob DeFalco, from Delta Chi, shows the crowd his starring abilities in a contest.

Theta Xi and Delta Phi Epsilon show their upbeat spirits which earned them the Most Enthusiastic Performance Award along with Best Overall Presentation.

Lesia Dmysterko of Sigma Delta Phi demonstrates the fine art of "Root Beer Pong" in the talent show.

Theta Xi glides across Homecoming in their rendition of the Wizard Of Oz.

Phi Sigma Sigma and Iota Phi Theta jive to "Stayin' Alive," from "American Bandstand."

Chris Irizarry, brother of Phi Alpha Psi SENATE, entertains the crowd with a song from Sublime.

Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Delta Tau dressed in camoflauge army garb, perform their tribute to the Armed Services.
The Verve Pipe Sing for Themselves on Second Album

By Christine Cheplic

It has been two years since the debut of the band, The Verve Pipe. Their first album, "Villains" brought them moderate success due to the excessive radio play of the single “The Freshmen.” This was the only song to receive any popular or critical recognition and the band seemed destined to fade away to obscurity works both for them and against them. The lyrics proclaim “We used to care, we don’t care anymore.”

Their lack of interest in pleasing their audience is illustrated on their second CD, “Supergig.” This was the only song to receive any popular or critical recognition and the band has now released a follow-up, self-titled CD and it is clear that they have no intentions to please anyone but themselves.

What makes The Verve Pipe a refreshing band is that they do not cater to the sounds of Top 40 radio. They are a unique band with no real defining sound. They experiment with a variety of styles and their music is extremely eclectic. Their new album is much like their first except that the band has developed some angst, perhaps in response to how their first album was received.

The first song “Supergig” definitely expresses this attitude. The lyrics proclaim “We used to care, we don’t care anymore.” This lack of interest in pleasing their audience works both for them and against them. It allows them to create honest music and an album that is truly expressive. However, this doesn’t mean all of their music is good. The reason why “The Freshmen” was such a hit was because it was indeed the best song off of their first album. And, again, the ballads on the new album surpass all of the other songs. “Half a Mind” and “She has faces” are both incredible songs. Unlike the others on the CD, these songs are not overshadowed by excessively loud guitars and keyboards. They are simple ballads that allow the lyrics to shine.

The Verve Pipe’s strength is their lyrics. Brian Vander Ark, the lead singer, writes most of the songs. He is a poet and sometimes his words are lost in the music. Such is the case with the song “Hero.” The refrain is fun and catchy but you cannot understand the rest of the song. The vocals are drowned out.

When Vander Ark’s lyrics anchor the song it becomes a powerful piece of music. “Kiss Me Idle” is one of the better songs on this album. Again, it is a ballad with poetic lyrics. “I wouldn’t want to leave upon your tongue a sour taste / leave it foiled”

The song, however, was obviously out of Vander Ark’s range and would have been a better piece of music had it been brought down an octave and his screeching vocals were avoided. Vander Ark can certainly write lyrics but too often writes accompanying music that destroys the power of the words instead of enhancing them. Songs like “Television” and “Headlines” are not overshadowed by excessively loud guitars and keyboards. They are simple ballads that allow the lyrics to shine.

The best song off this new album is the final one, “La la.” This tune sounds like what the Beatles would produce if they were still recording. It has harmonies that work rather nicely and a fine guitar solo -however, they shouldn’t expect any more recognition for this album. They should have taken a clue from the success of “The Freshmen” and concentrated on more lyrically driven ballads as opposed to the blaring of mixed instruments. One interesting fact is that the CD cover and liner notes seem to be trying awfully hard to be Pearl Jam-esque, especially when compared to Vitalogy.

Perhaps the Verve Pipe will indeed fall into the dreaded one-hit wonder category. It all depends on how this album is received. It seems likely that their original music will not fly off the shelves. The Verve Pipe will probably end up on a future Behind the Music episode.

What’s Up, Tigerlily?

Thursday, Oct. 14
Zap Mama, Irving Plaza
New York, NY
(212)777-1224

Friday, Oct. 15
Elton John, Madison Square Garden, New York, NY
(212)465-MSGT

Saturday, Oct. 16
Superdrag, Bowery Ballroom, New York, NY
(210)533-4101
Elton John, Madison Square Garden, New York, NY
(212)465-MSGT

Tricky, Hammerstein Ballroom, New York, NY
(212)564-4882

Sunday, Oct. 17
Laine Henderson, Bitter End, New York, NY
(212)673-7030

Monday, Oct. 18
The Buzzcocks, Maxwell’s, Hoboken, NJ
(201)798-0406

Tuesday, Oct. 19
The Buzzcocks, The Lunastricks, Irving Plaza, New York, NY
(212)777-1224

Wednesday, Oct. 20
They Might Be Giants, Bowery Ballroom, New York, NY
(212)533-2111

WMSC 90.3 FM

TOP TEN OF THE WEEK

1. Nine Inch Nails - We’re In This Together
2. Rage Against the Machine - Guerilla Radio
3. Radiohead - Ok Computer
4. Blind Melon - Blind Melon
5. Ben Harper - Burn to Shine
6. Chemicle Brothers - Surrender
7. Foo Fighters - Learn to Fly
8. Porno for Pyros - Good God://Urg
9. Filter - Title of Record
10. Luscious Jackson - Ladyfingers

DI DAVID KIBBEL WITH SPECIAL GUESTS JOHN AND BLAKE WEDNESDAYS 10PM - 2AM
White Oleander: A Truly Captivating and Poetic Read

By Kathleen Savino

A good book should take you by the throat from the first line to the last. Janet Fitch's novel, White Oleander, does exactly that. The first line's simple uncluttered poetry immediately catches the reader's attention. "The Santa Ana's blew in from the desert, stripping the last of the spring grass into whiskers of pale straw," is a foreshadowing of every line that follows. Nearly every sentence of this book is perfectly crafted poetry. It is astounding that this is Fitch's first novel. This book is currently on the New York Times bestseller list, and it is also featured on the MFA (Master Fine Arts) student works, which makes this book worth reading for anyone interested in contemporary or experimental literature.

Janet Fitch tells the story in the voice of Astrid, a young girl whose mother, Ingrid, uses the white oleander flower to commit a crime. She is sent to prison for life. The only thread through the whole book is the relationship between Astrid and her mother, Ingrid. It is the only thread that holds everything together. The events that happen in the story are all connected to Ingrid's drug use.

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Local Talent Takes the Stage to Benefit Child Care Center

By Heather Ossandon
Staff Writer

On Oct. 8, MSU, in association with the Child Care Center, held the First Annual Battle of the Bands. The sounds for the evening were provided by five different bands, along with some special guest interludes.

All the bands had about 30 minutes to perform. They were all judged on best musicianship, best overall performance, and best audience appeal.

First up on stage was King Kerosene. This "rockabilly" trio consisted of Scott Sparito on bass and backup vocals, as well as Mike Sparito on drums. The trio hails from Essex County, and have been together for two years. The band opened up strong with a strong and noticeable swing rhythm, which was reminiscent of The Cherry Poppin' Daddies and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

The first song was appropriately entitled "Just Warming Up." Surprisingly though, there was a definite punk rock influence, as well as a country and western influence to the song. With a nice stage presence and strong, clear vocals, their set moved along nicely.

All in all they kept to their '50s rock style, complete with the lead singer and drummer's Elvis hairdo. Their songs were all very upbeat and with titles like "Five More Minutes," "Another Drink," and "Totally Crazy," most people can guess the genre of their music. The general sound was well organized. They definitely fit the phrase, "a sound of their own." Their sound was well organized and included a lot of energy, which the crowd fed off of.

The third band to perform was Seedensol. Much like Seedensol, their sound can be described as eclectic, but on a smaller level. The band was comprised of five members, from Lyndhurst, N.J. The lead on vocals and guitar was Gerard Fee. Jesse Krakow was on bass, and playing the mandolin was Rob Csapo. They played all original music that was very strong in numerous areas.

The fourth band to perform was Scarecrow Collection. Much like Seedensol, their sound can be described as eclectic, but on a smaller level. The band was comprised of five members, from Lyndhurst, N.J. The lead singer and lead vocals was Ras Fikre, hail ing from Jamaica, but presently living in East Orange, the reggae was definitely genuine. The other band members included Gene Clemetson on guitar, Dave Tennenbaum on drums, Russ Irie on bass, Floydie Ranks on percussion/keyboards, and a special vocal interlude from Hanifah Subhanallah. Even though the band kept to their reggae roots they opened, surprisingly, with a song from Rob Zombie. Ras Fikre had a very different sound. The singer used spoken word and poetry throughout the songs. Of course, the band can be compared to Bob Marley and others because it was reggae, but it also had quite a different sound of its own.

They played a five song set, and jammed all the way through. The drums were strong, but they also had a keyboard/synthesizer backdrop for their songs. Ras's lyrics were both political and social, with songs like "Irony," "Nuclear Food," and "De Prisoner." The group was energetic and you could feel the positive vibes flowing through the ballroom. It was an excellent performance with stellar sound.

The third band to perform was Seedensol which was also local. The members consisted of former, present, and hopeful MSU students. The members of the band included Michael Robbins on violin, Jonathan Ward on drums, Jason Laughlin on guitar, Robert Oaks on guitar and lead vocals, as well as a special guest appearance by Sven Pelhomen on the djigerido, as well as some involvement from the crowd on drums.

The only word that could possibly be used to describe this band would be eclectic. They opened their six song set with a cover of Jimi Hendrit's "Manic Depression," complete with the violin included. Their songs ranged from rock to funk to country and even the Irish jig. Taking this into consideration they are not really parallel to any other band. They definitely fit the phrase, "a sound of their own." Their sound was well organized and included a lot of energy, which the crowd fed off of.

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The drums were incredibly precise, as well as the electric guitar provided by Sette. Seedensol can be compared to the Dave Matthews Band and Jimi's Chicken Shack. Their music also included some funky riffs and strong, clean instruments. They had a definite rock influence that can be labeled as "college-rock" or "alt-rock." Surprisingly enough though, was that they also had a country and western knee slapping song in which Fee appropriately announces, "I wrote this song in Nashville." The band was extremely instrumental and kept it together the whole way through their set.

The final band to perform was Gate. This band is another local one that hailed from Pequannock, N.J. The band was comprised of Chris Badami on drums, Matt Palazzo on keyboard, Brooke Bogert on vocals and tambourine, Joe Mullern on bass, and Stu Hates on guitar and vocals. This band definitely had a big band sound, but was also somewhat reminiscent of Ben Folds Five because of the keyboard influence. They had a kind of '60s rock sound happening, but not in a bad way.

Because this was the only band to have a female vocalist, they sounded much different from everyone else. Bogert's voice was very melodic yet strong. There was a little bit of a funk influence, but they mostly stuck to the rock sound. The band was very well put together and stayed through together their six song set.

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All of the bands that participated received certificates from the Child Care Center, and free publicity. But when the points were tallied, the band that came up victoriously was Scarecrow Collection for best audience appeal and best overall performance. The band that was victorious in best musicianship was Gate.
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“I would tell my R.A.”
- Ann Marie, Theatre

“If I caught somebody pulling a fire alarm in my building I’d be very upset. Depending upon the size of the individual, I’d probably tackle him to the ground, beat him senseless, and smash his Backbone about and scream for help from other large people in the nearby area. I don’t like camping out of the dorms, especially because it’s getting kind of nippy outside recently.”
- Ani Christof, Philosophy

“I would get mad, then go sit outside on the hot rock.”
- Mike Mazola, Geography

“Give his description to the Resident Director.”
- Garry Laurie, Psychology

**Question of the Week:**
What do you think of the proposed pipeline and its construction on campus?

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Currently, a battle is being fought in the state of New Jersey over a proposed gas pipeline that would run through our community, and directly affect the MSU community. The Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation (Transco) is proposing the construction of a natural gas pipeline that would require them to perform two weeks of construction work on our already crammed and busy campus. The construction would affect Webster Road, Quarry Road, and East and West Quarry Ways, coming within 100 feet of Blanton Hall, potentially creating numerous disruptions for the campus community.

Transco is aiming to begin construction as early as the summer of 2000. While everyone from New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman, to local condominium groups, to MSU President Susan Cole are vehemently against the plan, Transco is appealing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for permission to build the line. If they are able to establish a need in the area for the proposed pipeline, FERC could approve the project, and the construction crews would roll into campus. However, as far as anyone can see, Transco’s only “need” in building the pipeline is to make more money.

STOP: a coalition of municipalities, organizations and individuals against the proposed project, which will affect many other areas in the state besides MSU, claims that there is no market need for the line in the area and that Transco is just hoping to gain more business by adding additional lines in the area. New Jersey, which already receives its natural gas from PSE&G does not stand to gain from the construction of the line.

While the legal details of the situation are complicated, what is very simple to see is that such a project could have some seriously harmful effects on the functioning of MSU, and the quality of life of those who live and work here. While a Transco spokesperson states that the company would be working closely with MSU to limit the disruptions engendered by the project, only one has to think that there is only so much that can be done to limit the problems that would go along with such a project. Construction means heavy equipment, digging, large trucks and lots of noise, which will create a traffic nightmare on campus and pose many safety questions.

Would you want to be living in Blanton Hall during the summer of 2000 while 100 feet away Transco is digging thorough pavement to install a pipeline that has nothing to do with you? Probably not.

Here is where you, the average student, comes in and has the opportunity to make a difference. Ask the SGA how you can help, and get involved in their campaign and protest against the project. Finally, here is an issue that the students, faculty and administration can all agree upon, and team up to other to do something.

Not Through Our Campus:
MSU in Gas Pipeline Battle

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Deciding What is Moral in Art: Giuliani, Elephant Dung and our Freedoms

Molly MEYERS

As a writer and subscriber to different art forms, I feel I have been given the capacity for appreciation. And by being blessed as an American I know I can comfortably exercise this right. One would think this is all that is necessary to get along in our ever-evolving art culture. However, this statement has come under extreme debate in the past week over, "Sensation: Young British Artists" exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum. An exhibit of the bizarre, stark and unmerving subjects using a wide and unusual array of mediums. True, elephant dung, by itself on plain paper would be pushing the envelope, but who are we to decide what is normal, moral or art?

Evidently, New York City Mayor Giuliani feels he should decide what is not only normal and moral but what constitutes art. And to further reinforce his personal views, he has attempted to cut off funding to the museum.

This controversy initiated by Mayor Giuliani could be viewed in many ways. It could be one man's personal opinion and his ability to wield his power unchallenged. It could also be viewed as publicity for the upcoming election in a bold attempt to alienate particular sects of people into his corner.

In Mayor Giuliani's effort to control the masses he is forgetting two things. First, is the open-mindedness of the First Amendment which the museum is filing a lawsuit against the city and personally against him. The First Amendment is written in a way that protects its subjects from the scrutiny of being judged or questioned in areas of morality and decency.

Lt. Cell Was Wrongly Accused of Blaming Victim in Attempted Crime

He was simply doing his job and informing us about what happened.

"He was simply doing his job and informing us about what happened."-Cell

Lt. Cell was wrongly accused of blaming the victim of an attempted crime. In his effort to control the minds of the American public, in trying to control our minds, he is implying that we do not have capable minds of our own, and that all of our decisions are better left being made by people like him.

The art world has always been a subculture of American culture, gathering its expression from the obscure, and the eccentric, as well as the issues that remain current in the world. It does not indicate that we must view, listen or wear things we find offensive, indecent or immoral. As Americans, we have the right to choose or simply walk on by. Let us not forget that statement, as Mayor Giuliani forges forward to fight for his view.

Artist Damien Hirst may never become a name we study in art classes, and we may never live to see the day where the First Amendment is overturned in favor of a stuffed shirt tyrant like Mayor Giuliani. But one thing is for sure, we will always have the freedom to choose and the ability to decide for ourselves what is normal, moral and what constitutes art.

Molly Meyers is a Senior English major at MSU, and is in her second year as an Editorial Columnist for The Montclarion.
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Homecoming ‘99 Wrap Up

By Chris Finegan

The university celebrated Homecoming weekend with much fanfare and celebration. The theme this year was, "Just Don’t Make Us Look Bad Or We’ll Take Away Your Charter And Have You All Arrested." and once again, for one weekend only, the campus showed signs of life.

This year were Pi Lambda Krappa fraternity and Omicron Sigma Rho sorority, with "Planet of The Apes" theme. The worst thing is that we were on their little piggies until he admitted that not only is there a point to our existence, but that when we die we are going to a beautiful place and spend eternity with large smiles on our faces. He protested but the girls were very angry that we were the ones in control of the situation and had no intention of relenting until our demands were met. He soon began to cry, which only caused us to stand on his other foot and do a sort of shuffle in an attempt to twist the toes around. The intense degree of pain soon made it easy for him to give in to our demands and admit his feelings that Kieger was as good as gone.

Enamored as all of this was, we were still no closer to our answer as to what lay behind this peculiar scientific switcheroo to ambiguity instead of hard scientific facts. So we continued to interview scientists and academics about this problem, and they were all rather ambiguous in their answers, which we could only assume was in keeping with their newfound beliefs. As you can imagine, this is extremely frustrating to someone who's just been through a study. We found ourselves coming home every evening rather agitated and unable to fall asleep. It seemed we had no way of releasing this tension and had no idea what to do about it. We decided that every night after a tough day of getting nowhere, we'd go to the bar where we knew they had a policy of not serving any drinks until we got to the bar, and everyone would just as a result be able to keep up until we got to dismiss a heavily regarded philosophical belief. We are currently in the process of dismantling logical positivism, and having the time of our lives doing it.

In the meantime, we are drawing closer and closer to the answers to this new strain of ambiguity in today's sciences. Or are we? I suppose that after doing all this research we've found the answer to everything, right? Well, if you think so, then I guess that it must be. Of course, you could be completely mistaken. But you're an intelligent person, you can make legal deductions, correct? Sure you can. You can just be right? Mustn't you?
"The Invention of Gunpowder," the theme presented by Beta Lambda Omicron sorority and Alpha Sigma Eta fraternity, gave the crowd a thrill when their flatbed blew up. Firefighters rushed to put out the blaze, but the dancers just kept going. "I thought that's what was supposed to happen. Nobody tells me these things," commented one sister.

The dancers, clad in flame-retardant pajamas, escaped without injury as "Disco Inferno" blared over the speakers. Lambda Sigma Rho fraternity and Chi Mu Epsilon sorority presented the narcoleptic "Tribute to 8 a.m. Classes." Their float consisted of a flatbed truck adorned with various snoozing brothers and sisters. Carrie Rumbaflex, Chi Mu's Dance chair said of their theme, "I thought we were doing, 'The History of Flight.' That's what we started out with. How long did I sleep?"

As it turned out, the group stayed up way too late working on their float and their dance that they all fell asleep during the parade.

The final presentation was "Let's All Pretend We'll Graduate." The brothers of Sigma Upsilon Kappa and the sisters of Kappa Omega Kappa wheeled out a 20-foot diploma and cap surrounded by a large red circle with a line passing through it. The dancers were clad in gray wigs, orthopedic shoes, girdles, and walkers and strutted their stuff to such songs as Rod Stewart's "Forever Young", The Who's "My Generation," and the Supremes' classic, "You Keep Me Hangin' On."

"I've been in school for six years. This is my sixth Homecoming. To hell with it, I want out," said Sigma brother Randy Ringworm.

"I'm not even wearing a wig or makeup. I really am 80 years old. Damn gers," commented Kappa president Gail Shrivel.

Awards were handed out at the Homecoming game later that night, but all in attendance were unable to receive their awards. "There was a football game? When? Was I there? I forgot," said Luther Weasels.

All in all, it was a spectacle to behold. The university let its hair down, students and alumni had fun and actually stayed on campus this weekend, and the following Monday morning, everyone returned to the Gulag march.
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#### Fall 1999 Flag Football Standings (Through Games Played 10/12/99)

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**Last Week's Results**

- **Thursday, Oct. 7**
  - Theta Xi 0, Delta Chi 20
  - ONN 32, Timberwolves 0

- **Monday, Oct. 11**
  - ONN 0, Bayonne’s Finest 20
  - Timberwolves over Braves

- **Tuesday, Oct. 12**
  - Pike 6, Bohners 21
  - Bearcats 18, Theta Xi 6

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MSU FOOTBALL ANNIHILA

October 9, 1999
There wasn't much excitement in MSU's 63-7 trouncing of lowly Kean University.

The Red Hawks were led by senior tailback Ron Lewis' 178 yards on the ground and sophomore quarterback Ed Collins, who connected on six of six passing attempts for 115 yards and three touchdowns in front of a homecoming crowd of over 4,700 on Saturday night at MSU's Sprague Field. The win improved the Red Hawks record to 3-0 on the season.

With a little over a minute into the game, the Red Hawks got on the board when Collins took his first snap from scrimmage and tossed a 27-yard touchdown pass to junior receiver Rashon Moore. This would be the first of five touchdowns in the first quarter, setting an MSU record with 35 points in a quarter.

The Red Hawks scored 21 points in the second quarter, the first of which, came on Collins' third touchdown pass of the evening, when he hit senior tight end Dan Rella on a 15 yard strike.

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Ely Polanco, Women's Volleyball Outside Hitter

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Ely Polanco is volleyball for MSU. She has been playing the sport since high school and has continued to make major strides in the sport. Her sister fueled her passion for volleyball and since then, the passion has grown stronger.

Returning for her third year, Polanco is now one of the older players on the team, and she will lead by example. This year’s team has more new players than old so the chemistry might not be there yet, but it will come eventually.

"This year’s team is different in that we have a lot of new players, so we have to encourage them, but this team is not worse or not better than last year’s," said Polanco.

The native of Passaic is an athlete whose play on the court is the same as it is off the court. The only difference is she is more intense on the court than she is when performing day-to-day activities.

"Our team is very confident and it comes out in the team because my teammates have the same confidence as me and we just enjoy ourselves on the court," said Polanco.

"75 to 80 percent of volleyball is mental but you need to be in physical shape to play, and that is what me and my teammates possess," said Polanco.

Polanco is a teamplayer because she is always thinking about her teammates first.

She and her teammates are close and tend to do things together off the court. This is what makes her what she is. The “me first” attitude is not in her vocabulary. This humble attitude helped her to adjust to college volleyball.

"I wish I could get better and this year I look back to my freshman year and see the mistakes that I used to make," said Polanco.

She has matured and improved her skills over the past four years. Still, Polanco does not believe she is at full potential and only rates her self as a seven.

"Play the sport and love it. If you love the sport you will not regret it...Keep sports in its perspective," said Polanco. That, she has done well.

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Angel Torres, Cross-Country Runner
Striving To Be The Best Through Hard Work and Dedication

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Not many colleges have a cross-country team to call their own, MSU does). Not many colleges have athletes talented enough to get national recognition from the NCAA, (MSU does). Not many colleges have highly motivated men and women willing to give 100 percent to represent their schools (again, MSU does). And only one college has an individual like Angel Torres (guess which one).

Angel Torres hails from the rugged streets of Dover, NJ. His spectacular track career began while he was in junior high school.

"The fastest kid in school came up to me in gym class after seeing me run one day," Torres recalls, "He asked me if I wanted to join the track team and I told him I had no problem with that...I've been loving it ever since!"

Dover High School loves him for all the recognition he brought to the school between 1992-96. During his high school career, Torres received a lot of awards for his performance, including All-Area, All-County, and even All-American recognition.

He eventually took all of his achievements to Essex County College for a year, but a devastating hamstring injury prevented him from participating fully on their track squad. He spent one year in rehabilitation at ECC before he decided to transfer to the mecca of sports, MSU, in 1997.

"Angel is definitely the most dedicated runner we have on our team now...He's our number one guy," said head track coach Bennie Benson.

Coach Benson's number one guy/captain/seasonal ironman has already proven himself to be the real deal during the 98-99 season because he received the All-Area award for outstanding performances in cross-country, indoor, and outdoor track.

As a junior in 1998, Torres was ranked third in three different categories by the NJ Athletic Conference and was only seconds away from qualifying for the NCAA Championships during the spring season in the 5000m event.

"My goal is to be the best this year...not everybody can achieve that, but they can at least try their hardest." It is apparent that this astounding senior has been working his hardest on and off the field in 1999.

He has already placed high in the three meets his eight-man cross-country team has competed in (NYU, Wagner, and Yasser Invitational), and with three meets to go, there's no telling what this Red Hawk will do next.
led by Louis Cifuentes, MSU coasted past John Jay College at home yesterday 7-0, bringing the almost forgotten playoffs back into the picture.

MSU's impressive offensive outbreak, a season high, was exactly what the doctor ordered as MSU gets ready for what Coach Rob Chesney termed "the biggest game of the year" against the College of New Jersey.

The first goal came at 33:37 in the fist half as Cifuentes, who scored his first goal of the season, which eventually turned into the game winner and a hat trick, kicked the ball in the left corner of the net. A happy Cifuentes, who was subbed in for Pat Naughter, said it helped pick up the team. "It was important to get an early goal," said Chesney. It helped get a struggling MSU offense going that had been shut out in their last two games. In the opening minutes it seemed as if they were headed for another low scoring game, but George Mendoza awoke his team and finally got it together. His frustration was heard loud and clear from the sidelines.

The opportunities began showing as shots by Atiba Yusuf and Doug Rockhill hit the goal post. Cifuentes then scored off a penalty kick after he was pulled down by a defender in the box.

MSU continued the pressure, as both defensive and offensive positions kept John Jay College from getting into an offensive groove, and with 20 seconds left, Frank Lepore, who hustled the whole game, scored, making it 3-0 at the half.

Chesney was happy the offense scored because it let him make substitutions in the second half, where the game was put away after Mendoza scored off a free kick with 28 minutes left.

The goal was spectacular as he kicked the ball around the wall of defenders and caught the corner of the right side of the net. Cifuentes followed it two minutes later with his final goal assisted by Yusuf.

Two more goals were added. With less than six minutes to play, Jose Alvarado scored with an assist by Rod Grasso. The night was topped off when freshman Frank McAllister assisted another freshman Max Goldfeld.

But the fun is over and MSU faces a tough challenge in an away game at the College of New Jersey on Saturday night, which, in the coach's own words, is "...THE BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR!!"