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By Sharon Long
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The rally began around 10 a.m. and lasted for an hour. The four speakers who came out to protest their opposition were Dr. Gregory Waters, Deputy Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Patricia Hewitt, Vice President of Business and Finance, Mayor Witecki of Little Falls, and Mayor of Chatham and STOP chairman, Joe Reilly. STOP is a coalition of municipalities, political leaders and citizens seeking to galvanize opposition to the Transco pipeline.

The rally, organized by Michael Kazimir, Vice President of the SGA, and Chris Massotto, Conservation Club President, included a Red Ribbon Campaign. Ribbons were tied along the proposed pipeline route in the hopes of gaining increased student and community awareness.

There are safety concerns that needed to be addressed, and the most important of these is accident possibility, Kazimir said. Witecki said that in the last 10 years, most explosions were caused by a break in the pipe from a mudslide or shifting ground. This, old age, and heavy use make accidents more likely.

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The rally ended with students taking pictures and agreeing to sign petitions. Several other students took petitions and agreed to sign signatures from their friends and families.

"I feel like this is a serious issue now. It really can affect my health. More students need to hear about this. It doesn't just effect people in the dorms. Get more organizations involved to get a better turnout," Quashawn Williams, junior in the early childhood education major, and member of Lambda fraternity, said.

Massotto said that 100,000 signatures are needed statewide to have potential legislation. The decision is expected from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission any time until the end of the fall.

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Student Pleads Guilty to False Assault Report

By Jody Beesley
Special to The Montclarion

The first of two MSU false sexual assault claims was settled on Oct. 22. Lt. Paul Cell of the University Police, said. An MSU student pled guilty to report a false sexual assault at the Montclair Court, said University Police. She plea bargained for a $100 fine and court fees instead of the maximum six months in jail and up to $1000 in fines.

The 20-year-old Bohn Hall resident issued a false sexual assault report on Sept. 25 and later admitted to lying because of an incident that happened to her years ago.

"It stemmed from a problem in her past," Cell said. "She felt really bad about it."

She told the police that she had invited a friend over to her room to watch T.V., and that he raped her. Although a complete police investigation ensued, Cell did not learn of any physical evidence and the student refused to provide the name of the boy.

(Was it supposed) she tried to protect him. She did not want to "implicate anyone wrongly," Cell said.

The second sexual assault report, issued on Sept. 27, involving an MSU graduate who stated that she was abducted on Clove Road by two men in a van and then sexually assaulted, is still under investigation.

Police said the graduate pled not guilty to a charge of issuing a false sexual assault report.

"Through investigation, we were able to determine it was a fake incident and we are certain that she was not abducted at this university," Cell said.

The court date for her trial has not yet been determined.

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Singer faces trial - Christian singer, Marcel Khalifa, faced the beginning of his trial on Wednesday. Muslims accused Khalifa of blasphemy because he used lyrics from their holy book in his songs. A Christian and communist believer, Khalifa faces up to three years in jail if he is convicted.

Refugees flee attack - Thousands of refugees fled Russia's attacks on Chechnya on Tuesday. Western leaders were not able to take much action in the situation, other than voicing their opinions on the problem. President Clinton pleaded with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin to ease up on the rebellious public.

Heroes bishop retires - Bishop Samuel Ruiz retired from his 40-year service on Wednesday. Ruiz was considered a hero among the poor because he fought for the rights of Indian peasants. He retired on his 75th birthday.

Wyoming Murder suspect - A Wyoming jury began Tuesday working on the case of Aaron McKinney, the accused murderer in the death of gay student, Matthew Shepard. Twenty-two year-old McKinney is set to be convicted in the death of Shepard, Russell Henderson, who pleaded guilty earlier this year, is the first of the two defendants and is serving two life terms.

Indian army relieves victims - Army helicopters brought relief aid to victims of a cyclone that has hit India in over 100 years. The millions of Indians residents needed clean water and food as a result of the powerful cyclone that hit. According to authorities, thousands of people are fearing death. It is the worst cyclone that has hit India in over 100 years.

Compiled from The Star Ledger by Christina Spatz.
**Low Ticket Sales Cause Concert Cancellation**

By Gema de las Heras

Poor ticket sales prompted agents to cancel the Oct. 27 Goo Goo Dolls concert, which was to be held at Yogi Berra Stadium. The parties involved understood that it was their responsibility to sell the 5,700 available tickets.

However, the agreement between the university and the MP3.com Music and Technology tour agent, William Morris, did not include a provision stating the minimum amount of tickets that had to be sold in order for the concert to continue. The tickets went on sale Oct. 15, and, out of the 5,700 tickets available, less than 1,000 were sold.

On Oct. 25, only two days before the concert, all of the sponsors, which included the university, the SGA and Class One Concerts, were shocked when the William Morris Agency cancelled the concert.

The William Morris Agency was not available for comment.

"One of the reasons why the concert was cancelled had to do with the kind of publicity that an audience short of 1,000 in a venue that holds almost 6,000 would have given to the artists," Valerie Van Baaren of the university council, said.

Despite the poor ticket sales, the president of Class One Concerts, Julie Fleming, believes that, "there would have been a big walk up.

None of the parties involved lost any money as a result of the cancellation. Refunds for tickets sold by Telecharge will be handled by Telecharge and for those that purchased tickets at MSU’s box office, cash refunds will be available on Nov. 3.

Fleming recognized that Class One Concerts was frustrated after putting so much time and effort into this concert.

"We [Class One Concerts] have plans," Fleming said.

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By Nick Clunn

Staff Writer


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Students Taste Culture at Multi-Cultural Food Festival

Ten organizations participate in the fifth annual festival

By Karen Clarke

The aroma from the fifth annual multi-cultural food festival, which was sponsored by various student organizations, filled the Student Center Ballrooms on Oct. 28.

The purpose of this event was to display the diverse backgrounds of student’s faculty and administrators through song, food and dance.

The theme for this year’s food festival was “Taste the World,” and this year all attendees had the opportunity to travel from the Philippines to Africa in just one serving.

As the members of the campus community poured in and the sounds of Latin America filled the room, spectators got out of their seats and shared their talents.

Kwaku Amo, an MSU student, presented a poem about his Ghanaian heritage called, “I Am an African.”

“This is a great day... all these people and all this food... you gotta love it,” Amo said.

Jason Valente, the event coordinator, said that planning the function took a few months and it was a bit rough because of the minimal amount of committee members.

“Although I would like to see more active participants...the multi-cultural food festival has always been a success...and it’s always great to see campus support,” Valente said.

Entertainment was provided by several members of the International Student Organization and the Latin American Student Organization, and the Flag decorated walls and musical room began to attract students and faculty to the center of the room and the dancing began.

As the donations going toward a food bank charity were tallied, the containers of food were emptied and the attendees worked off the calories on the dance floor.

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Rash of Thefts in Student Center Alarms Police

By Dan Lombardi

Three thefts took place in the Student Center cafeteria during four days between Oct. 19 and 22.

“Because of time frame and similarities of the crimes we think they may be connected,” said Lt. Michael Postaski of the University Police.

A similar set of incidents took place prior to this semester, acts all committed by one girl. Police feel these recent acts fit her pattern, and are currently searching for her.

The first theft took place at a cafeteria table when the thief pretended to kneel down to pick up a pencil, and instead took the female victim’s wallet from her bag.

The wallet was later found with a checkbook and credit card missing. The next incident occurred when another female had her mobile phone stolen from her.

The third happened while a girl was sitting at a cafeteria table and had her purse stolen. In all three cases, females were targeted by another female.

“In a case like a cafeteria, people leave property unattended and you’ll have theft. But in this case where someone actually bends over and picks a pocket, it is less common,” said Postaski.

Police urge students to report any suspicious behavior to them immediately.

“The student’s are our eyes and ears,” said Postaski, “we can’t sit in their all day.”

The suspect is described as a white female in her twenties, five foot six inches in height, blonde hair pulled back in a pony tail, and wearing some sort of ring or stud jewelry on her face.

At the time of the first crime she was wearing a red sweat jacket, and black or gray overalls.

If anyone has any information as to who or where this suspect is, they should contact University Police immediately at (973)655-5222.

Priority Registration for Freshman Athletes Angers Seniors

By Rodney Point Du Jour

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Residence Life and Students Face Communication Barrier

By Chris Finegan
Humour Editor

Poor communication may be the cause of conflicts between Residence Life and residential students, but efforts are underway to bridge the gap.

"We're providing a strong link with the campus community," said Director of Residence Life, Dr. Melinda O'Brien.

A Freeman resident who asked not to be identified said, "It's like they just don't give a damn about us."

O'Brien said that Residence Life has provided programs and activities to better accommodate students, but a good portion depends on student participation. Forums and floor meetings on student concerns such as substance abuse and safe sex have been held, but student attendance has been lacking.

O'Brien stressed that students should become more involved and develop a stronger rapport so Residence Life can better respond to their concerns.

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Desk Assistants fill the void left after the university terminated its contract with USA Security. The Residence Assistants, students who can serve as both supervisors and peer counselors, are unsung heroes, O'Brien said.

"You never hear about the suicides that never occur or the students who decide not to drop out. You don't always see the results," O'Brien said.

For the future, Residence Life is working to better accommodate residents. New dorms are in the works to meet the rising enrollment.

Programs like the Honors Program in Freeman Hall, Stars in Bohn Hall, and the International Student Organization in Clove Road apartments are also being expanded.
Open Forum Held, Parking Ideas Shared

Though turn-out was low, students offered ideas to solve the parking problem

By Alexandra Valletto
Staff Writer

The first parking open forum was held on Oct. 21 in the Student Center Ballrooms to give students an opportunity to voice concerns about the parking situation.

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A Little Black Dress is the Birth Place for Designer

By Tiffany Klabin Palisi
Staff Writer

Pamela Dennis sparkles, just like her gowns. Her classic beauty and winsome smile are more evident in person than they are in print, and this is just the icing on the cake. But who is Pamela Dennis?

If you’ve ever watched the Oscar’s or seen a movie premier, you’ve seen the work of Dennis. She is becoming one of the most popular American evening wear designers whose gowns cling to the sleek figures of the sultry sounding designer who sparked an interest in fashion “very early in her life.” This interest has created a whirlwind of a career involved in the whole aspect of the office, and it can be concluded that Dennis is just one of the girls.

Dennis shares her fame enthusiastically, which makes herself easy to reach and to work with. This past spring, she took a young Newark Academy student under her wing, and offered her an internship. The student wrote an article about her experience, explaining that she was actually in the office clamors with energy. “I can’t believe I offered this girl an internship.”

She remembers going to Saks Fifth Avenue and a Pashmina cashmere sweater, a Class III organization waiting only for members of ASSIST to have a good time. As Fitzpatrick says, “We’re a strong group with a good base of students. We’ve got a lot of plans and a lot of great personnels. Now it’s just a matter of bringing it all together.”

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By Anna Lawrence
Assistant Arts Editor

How would a new organization go out about raising money for a well known non-profit group each month, while making the whole activity fun for all involved? For members of ASSIST (Active Students Serving in Society Togetherness, a Class III organization), the first official “People’s Coffeehouse” (March 1997), the India Council Garment Workers at Honor of Princess Diana Foundation (June 1998), and a Pashmina cashmere sweater; a collection in lace, boots, and a Pashmina shawl.

Although many college students living on a strict budget may find it difficult to buy these typically expensive items, it is wiser to invest in quality items than to purchase cheaper apparel. When shopping, it is wiser to choose classic cuts and colors that you can incorporate into any style that you like. If your struggle with expensive stores, check out discount outlets, and always keep your eyes open for a sale.

The birth of Dennis’ career began as a search for a little black dress. The girl from NYU went searching the racks to find a dress to wear to a wedding but couldn’t find one she liked. She decided to make one herself. While wearing her homemade garment, the girl who would later become one of the most wanted designers was approached by someone who wanted to use it for a liquor advertisement. Thus began the making of a designer.

In her years of designing, Dennis realizes that many people are confused to what it means and feels to be comfortable as a working woman’s life-style and therefore is just one of the girls. She fully understands the problems women face with finding clothes that best enhance their body type and personal style. “I know what it means and feels to be comfortable as a woman... I can relate to flabby arms, always have sleeves in all collections. I live in comfortable clothes and understand a working woman’s life-style and therefore can only try to enhance it with practical reference.” Believe it or not, Pamela Dennis is just one of the girls.

Pamela Dennis designs have become a popular choice amongst Hollywood’s elite circle of entertainers.
By Tanya Cavaco
Special to The Montclarion

The subject of gangs is a controversial one, yet it is not a recent trend as the media sometimes portrays it to be. Gangs are not a new phenomenon; there is at least 50 years of gang literature in our local libraries. In 1987 Joan Moore wrote that gang behavior stemmed from normal adolescent concerns: the need for peer respect and approval, security, protection, group support, and sex role identification. Also, many problems that result from gang life usually start in the neighborhoods.

Unfortunately, the violence, chaos, and destruction among gang neighborhoods has not changed, causing these kinds of neighborhoods to yield obscenely high dropout rates. For Hispanic youths, the dropout figures fluctuate around 50 percent and higher, varying from school to school. Except for a few murals on the sides of buildings and the rose bushes blooming visáblly by apartment doors, beauty is lacking in the surroundings as well as in the lives of children who grow up in these neighborhoods.

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- WMSC, 3 p.m. SC 110
- Movie Night, Election, 8 p.m. Calcia Hall
- College Bowl, 10 a.m. SC
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- Yoga, 1-2 p.m. SC 417
- LASSO, 3:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
- Recital, 4 p.m. McEarten, Tea, 5 p.m. Life Hall
- WMSC, 4 p.m. SC 110
- Water Watch, 4:30 p.m. MA
- Lecture, A Sensible approach to yak, 12-1 p.m. SC 417
- Geology Club, 4-5 p.m. MA 259
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- Chi Alpha, 7:30 p.m. SC 411
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Gang Neighborhoods Yield Tough Times for Adolescents

Latin gangs (like other gangs) clearly tend to develop along ethnic and racial lines. While some may have white or black members, the gang is typically one ethnic group. Hispanic is a nebulous term that often includes indigenous Chicanos, Mexicans, El Salvadorians, Cubans, Puerto Ricans and anyone else from a Spanish speaking country.

Therefore, "Latinos" would probably be more appropriate, although like any other label, it brings up a number of questions. Of course, Latino descent is not a group capable of fitting under an umbrella term like "Hispanic" because they represent a number of not only culturally different, but highly discordant groups as well.

Many gangs, including Latino gangs, display certain colors. The members dress in black, brown and khaki, which are colors that appear to be universally preferred. But their bandannas and other accessories are often a multitude of colors with no set visible reason for the choice.

Lane Vander, detective of the Gang Information Section of the LAPD once said that, "Clothing is a primary form of gang identification." The problem with that is if attire is focused on as a tool for gang identification, it clearly can lead to discrimination, which gives authorities license to apprehend and investigate young people when there is no probable cause for the arrest.

The community now must act as the vanguard, ever watchful of its constitutional guarantees. A case in point occurred in 1985. In the midst of public outcry for protection, the LAPD-Chief of Police proposed civil sanctions against suspected offenders who wore gang attire.

Obviously, imposing legal sanctions based on the way people dress is inconceivable under our system of government. Quite a stir arose as a result, and an outraged and justifiable protest came from the Latino and Black communities.

Latino street gangs are not all about displaying their colors. They also focus on other issues. For example, once an individual decides to become a member they must continuously stay true to all members and follow the rules and regulations bestowed upon them.

Latino gangs are not an ant hill society, nor a highly military or corporate formation. The individual who calls the shots is not a part of a chain of command. In a Latino gang there are three degrees of membership: the "Preezies," between the ages of 10-12 who look up to the higher gang members, the "Gang-bangers," ranging in ages 14-20, and "Hardcores," who are between the ages of 18-20.

Over the past decade, truly extraordinary law enforcement and prosecution efforts have been devised to combat gangs. But, there are more than twice as many gang members today as there ever were.

While the spotlight on gang activity has been focused primarily on the actions of Latino urban gangs, it is interesting to note that only 4-10 percent of Latino youths are associated with gangs. To some extent, the media has made all Latino youths a suspect in the eyes of both the community and the police.

As a result, these teens often endure unwarranted stops, detainment, embarrassment, and even harassment. After all it is said and done, it is needless to say that gangs will continue to build worldwide no matter who tries to stop them.

This is particularly true with the notorious Latin Kings. The Latin Kings were founded in the 1940's by a small group of Hispanics in the Chicago area. The purpose of the organization was to help the Hispanic community achieve a better way of life by preserving the culture and promoting education. However, the Latin Kings have used violence and criminal organizations in existence.

The Latin Kings are known for various logos that include 5 POINTED CROWN and 5 POINTED STAR. They wear necklaces that consist of five black and gold beads which represent death and life, respectively. Two of their slogans are, "Amor de rey," which means "Love of the king," and "Black and gold never grow old.

The gang life is a repeating cycle that may never stop. It is necessary to provide more information to the public about the dangers of gang involvement, and what people can do both individually and as a group to help in the fight against gang membership.

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The Importance of Diagnosing and Treating Mental Disorders

By Jennifer Cannataro
Staff Writer

Many people are unaware that mental illness can be diagnosed as accurately as a physical illness. Americans that aren't familiar with mental illness are misled by the disorders as a sign of weakness. Many still believe that disorders such as depression are a normal part of life that can be worked through without medication and that it will subside if feelings of despair and hopelessness are simply dismissed.

There are still many gaps between awareness and treatment. People are ashamed or embarrassed to get help and therefore their symptoms go untreated. Mental illness does not only refer to violence-related cases or substance abuse. The fact is, depression strikes more people then AIDS, cancer or coronary artery disease.

Although the exact cause of depression is unknown, research has found that it is a "whole body disease" that it affects basic physical functions along with emotions and behavior. Some possible causes are low self-esteem, hereditary or drastic change or tragedy in one's life.

Education is the key to identifying warning signs of depression. Many people do not recognize the effects that depression has on one's entire life; jobs, marriage, friendships, family, relationships, school and the overall daily ability to be as productive as they can be.

A depressed brain contains an imbalance of neurotransmitters such as serotonin and dopamine. When the brain lacks these chemicals, nerve impulses cannot be transmitted from one nerve cell to another.

The most obvious symptoms of depression are lack of or excessive sleep, overeating, the inability to study, work, concentrate and enjoy favorite activities, excessive moodiness, irritability and suicidal thoughts.

Mental disorders affect every population. Ludwig Van Beethoven and Charles Dickens suffered from bipolar disorder (known as manic depression), a mental disease in which severe mood swings occur. Those afflicted with this illness can go from mania to depression, with feelings of worthlessness cause the inability to concentrate and function in everyday life, to the intensive high fills with energy and uncontrollably joy. They have some periods of normalcy, but if the disorder is left untreated this mental condition can be destructive.

Bipolar disorder is the greatest genetically inherited mental illness. Consequently, it makes its sufferers more vulnerable to substance abuse.

There may be times when one is in such despair while suffering from the disorder that they are incapable of attending school or work. Other times, one is in such a mentally high state that they take extreme risks and indulgences. Relationships with loved ones truly suffer from this disorder due to erratic behavior.

The third most prevalent mental disorder is social anxiety (after substance abuse and depression.) Social anxiety disorder causes a severe avoidance of social situations. Those who suffer are paranoid around people that they think will criticize them in public. They experience symptoms of profound perspiration, blushing and heart palpitations, which causes them to feel embarrassed.

People with social phobias have few or no friends and rarely date or attend parties. They will make decisions based on the comfort level they feel. In some severe cases, they will not even leave their home.

Another common disorder is obsessive compulsive disorder, known as OCD. People who are obsessive-compulsive are fatigued by constant, repetitive thoughts. The most common obsession is fear of being infected with germs and insistence of perfect order. These obsessions cause people to perform a ritual that reduces a short period of relief from this repetitive thinking. It is uncontrollably distracting and causes anxiety symptoms such as heart palpitations and perspiration. This condition is diagnosed by having a false communication network between the front of the brain and the deeper structures.

Many organizations such as the National Mental Health Organization urge congressmen to pass legislation that will provide equal health insurance for both physical and mental illnesses. One in five Americans will develop depression at some point in their lives and 18 million men and women suffer from it every year. There are several medications to treat depression, many of which have minimal side effects. The problem is, about two thirds of Americans who are depressed do not seek treatment.

There are now dozens of antidepressants on the market. The most commonly used antidepressants are monoamine oxidase inhibitors that treat excessive sleep and anxiety. Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors have different chemical structures but all mainly target serotonin, the brain chemical that governs mood.

New inhibitors act on norepinephrine and dopamine, two brain chemicals involved in depression. Visit a family doctor to obtain a referral to a psychiatrist in your medical plan.

Doctors work together with patients to target the most accurate diagnosis with medication that has the fewest side effects.

To find out more about mental illness, go to www.depression.com.

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The Struggle Between Friendship, Facade, and Fame in Amadeus

By Anna Lawrence
Assistant Arts Editor

Play: Amadeus - A two act drama, running almost two and a half hours in length, with one intermission.

Date/Time: Nov. 4 - 6 at 8 p.m. Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.
Place: Players Theater Annex Room 126
Price: Free - Donations accepted

What happens when one finds one self with too much passion? The play Amadeus, directed by Kevin Schwebel, attempts to illustrate the different drives that may eventually push a passionate being to the edge.

The play opens with an old, frail man, named Salieri, shift from an ancient and weak being to a young, virile 31-year-old. Salieri acts as narrator throughout the show, and also as a main character in the dialogue. Salieri always had a passion for music. It was a religion to him. He prayed to God to give him the gift of music and to become famous for his music. He one day gets his chance and eventually moves to Vienna to take up permanent residence.

Salieri takes to the newcomer coldly, because this newcomer is the child prodigy, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Naturally, Salieri sees Mozart as a rival. Even though they have contrasting styles in musical composition, Mozart attracts a lot of attention and holds it with his unique style as Salieri fades momentarily to the background. Salieri, jealous of the talent and instantaneous fame Mozart has, seeks to go about his eventual destruction.

Over the rest of the play we see, as the two men's passions intertwine, a bitterness and a passion for each other that grows between them. Mozart confides in Salieri and Salieri uses Mozart's weakness against him. Eventually, both men find the solace they seek, but at what cost?

The actors delivered fine performances, and outstanding portrayals of Salieri, played by Carlos G. Rios, and Mozart, played by Chris Cason, were among the best. Rios captured the diabolical madness that Salieri feels as Mozart's rival. Cason, on the other hand, shows a quite different side of insanity, an insanity of fear, of too much music, and of too much drinking. Salieri's tendency is a conscious choice, but Mozart's is forced upon him.

All of the actors did a fine job finding their characters and breathing life into them, to give an accurate portrayal of how far one man will go for fame. Amadeus not only shows the love and hatred of Mozart (Chris Cason) and Salieri (Carlos G. Rios), but Salieri (Carlos G. Rios, r.) discusses his love and hatred of Mozart (Chris Cason) to give an accurate portrayal of how far one man will go for his art, and one man will go for fame. Amadeus not only shows the negatives of pushing the limits, but also illuminates the power of music and the drive of the human will.

All of the actors did a fine job finding their characters and breathing life into them, as Rios and Cason did. Kris Hvam as Costanza, Mozart's wife; Glen Karpowich as Joseph II; Bill Kamps as Strack; Brian Parks as Bonno; George Mesias as Rosenberg; and Dave Asneault as VanSwieten all gave believable performances. It is unfortunate that few of the players in smaller roles seemed to have their hearts in it. It seemed that many of them went out and ran through the motions, but didn't seem to put any thought into the why.

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Moby Combines Emotion and Energy for an Enthralling Performance

By Lorenda Knisel  
Staff Writer

The air was already bathed with thick sweat last Thursday at the Roxy, in Manhattan, as opening act Hardtux stepped off the stage and a crowd of revelers chanted in unison for techno rock god Moby to perform in support of his new album Play.

The sensitive, plainly dressed man with a shaved head graced the stage with a monk-like calm. His low-key, “normal guy” presence offset the already pumped up virility in the audience as well as the presence of his guitarist who wore a New York Dolls T-shirt and looked like a cross between Joan Jett and Debbie Harry. The bongo player from South Africa had a strong presence with white Billy Idol hair and a freakish gaze.

The simple artist stood alone as the audience waited with hungry eyes and held their breath. Then, like an explosion, Moby wailed into the microphone like a demon and attacked his guitar with a fierce passion offset by the already pumped up virility in the audience as well as the presence of his guitarist who wore a New York Dolls T-shirt and looked like a cross between Joan Jett and Debbie Harry. The bongo player from South Africa had a strong presence with white Billy Idol hair and a freakish gaze.

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Next he played a very angry, sped up techno version of the same song, which he called disco. He also played a techno song that was based around the riff from Led Zeppelin’s “Whole Lotta Love,” which he cut off early because he said he didn’t want to get sued.

Yet, that didn’t stop him from playing a Gang of Four cover as well as Black Sabbath’s “Paranoid.” Moby had no qualms about playing two long encores for the energetic audience who loved him and that he loved back. The very last song was climactic. He played a song that he called, “the fastest song ever made,” during which the stage was bathed in a dramatic blue light.

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Rocky Horror Picture Show: Finding a Meaning Behind the Madness

By Christine Cheplic
Staff Writer

Almost 25 years after its release, Rocky Horror Picture Show is still a cultural phenomenon. Saturday showings of the film at the traditional midnight hour still draw large crowds. People from all walks of life are lured to the show to shed their inhibitions. Since the beginning of the film as a cult, fans of the Rocky Horror experience have explained it as being a comfortable place where each person can act anyway they like without the fear of judgement or rejection. It has become a haven for those considered misfits, as well as an outlet for people who spend the rest of their week adhering to the conventions of society.

When one thinks of Rocky Horror Picture Show, the first things that come to mind are dressing up in outrageous costumes, throwing objects around, and shouting expletives at a movie screen. While all of this is fun and is definitely important to the overall moviegiving experience, there is something that gets lost amidst the sea of fishnets, the streaming toilet paper, and the constant shouting. That something is the film itself.

Rocky Horror is a tribute to a variety of genres (horror, musical, science fiction, rock opera) and it combines these styles to create the ultimate B movie. Richard O'Brien, the creator and man behind the madness, wrote the plot involving a young American couple who stumble into the sexual, murderous, indulgent world of alien transvestites. While the story seems outrageous, it is laced with themes that are identifiable by virtually any person.

To begin with, the central idea of the film lies in a quote from one of its songs: “Don’t dream it, be it.” O’Brien’s story preaches that no one should be ashamed of who they are. The “norms” installed by society should not constrain us in developing our identities. The film expresses the idea that there is no such thing as normal. Underneath the surface we try to present to the public lies a complex character. Nothing seems perfect and even those things that seem so perfectly normal might actually be far from it.

While O’Brien is the sole founder of the ideals of the show, it is the movie’s director, Jim Sharman, who is the genius behind presenting those ideas so well. In every shot of the film, Sharman’s visual imagery stresses and enhances the themes begun by O’Brien.

For example, early in the film a man and woman pose in what looks like the painting, “American Gothic.” This painting is a visual ideal of America. Later in the film it is discovered that the characters who posed as the painting are “Transsexual Transylvanians” from some alien planet. This is just one of the many examples of how Sharman uses images to express that the American ideal of normal is a sham. There is more hid under the exterior of the faces that follow the rules of society’s conventions.

The main character of the movie, Dr. Frank-n-Furter (played brilliantly by Tim Curry who utilizes facial expression to give the performance of his career), is a bi-sexual transvestite. Yet, he is also a scientific genius. It seems comical that this outlandish, over-dramatic character possesses such brilliance. This is an attribute of another theme spoken best by Frank himself, “Don’t judge a book by its cover.” We learn that Frank may look and act outrageous but he is still a sensitive being, if not human, capable of love and other great things.

The film stresses that normalcy is something that society has falsely attributed to looks alone and that this ignorant, superficial thinking is dangerous. Sharman identifies this with the visual image of a large billboard sitting in the middle of a cemetery. The sign advertises “Denton: The Home of Happiness.” Denton is the small town that the story occurs in and it can signify any town across the USA. The advertisement implies that this happiness is being forced upon its citizens like a commercial product. It has been bottled to meet society’s satisfaction and is distributed as a must-have object for a normal life. But at the heart of it all is the sense of death signified by the cemetery. This happiness is not real and it is killing each individual’s ability to discover their own private and personal happiness. Their true selves are being stifled and buried beneath the facade of “The Home of Happiness.”

This is all merely the beginning of the depths of the messages within The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Many people look at the movie and see nothing more than the outrageous characters and story. But there is so much more to it. The ideas presented in the movie apply to everyone who has made the film timeless. In 1999, a new generation can identify with all that the movie presents. It seems that every week someone else is experiencing the phenomenon for the first time and finding a home with other fans.

Rocky Horror had become a staple of VH1’s Halloween line-up. This past weekend the cable music channel debuted “Behind the Music: Rocky Horror Picture Show.” Performances of the movie are done every weekend right here in Montclair. Also, MSU’s Players, a student theater group, performs the show annually. Rocky Horror is a cult favorite that continues to touch people’s lives. It is fun, comforting and meaningful. It teaches valuable lessons, one of which will forever attract the college crowds: “Give Yourself over to absolute pleasure.”

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
A demonstration of culture through dance enlightens both mind and spirit.

By Anna Lawrence
Assistant Arts Editor

Dance has long been a means of expression far beyond a demonstration of skill or a thing of beauty. Dance can be a way of celebrating, of telling a story, or of commemorating the past. One of the finest examples of this is ethnic folk dancing, no matter what the culture. Folk dancers not only keep up the traditions of certain dances and dance steps that have been passed down from generation to generation, but preserve the beauty of ethnic dance costumes as well. Combine the movement with the appearance, add regional music, and the final product equals a living tradition that could not be recorded in any text book. The only time ethnic dance succeeds in its task of passing down history is when it is performed, spreading appreciation of the performance and awareness of the culture, for all people.

This is the focus of MSU Great Events, funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, which welcomes newcomers. Whatever the reason, Ukrainian dance has a deeper meaning.

The program opened with the traditional Pryvylet dance. Pryveet, loosely translated, means “Welcome dance.” Because it is the Pryvylet dance, it is usually set to a melody with a strong marching rhythm, and the dancers usually do more parading around the stage into different formations than anything else. The dance ends with the presentation of salt, bread and embroidered towels, all symbols of good fortune. Dancers wear what is called "Hopak" costumes. While these costumes are not named for a particular region, they are usually associated with the area of central Ukraine and of any Slavic country’s traditional costume, the Hopak costume is probably the most recognizable.

Women wear a vest, skirt and apron, usually of velvet, most commonly colored a solid blue, red or black. Underneath the vest, a white blouse with black and red floral designs embroidered on it is worn. The women also wear floral head pieces with long thick ribbons attached to the back. Men wear more simple white shirts and big baggy pants, usually a solid red or blue, with black sash tied around the waist. Both males and females wear red boots. This Hopak costume is worn in a few of their other dances: one that originates from Kiev, located in the Hopak region in central Ukraine; and in the Hopak dance which usually closes a Ukrainian dance show. As Pryvylet is a Ukrainian welcome dance (very slow and formal), the Hopak, in contrast, is like the Ukrainian dance of joy. It is a dance of celebration that displays great feats of dance through solos and trios. Defining dance moves for men include high jumps, multiple splits in mid air and mid air kicks; either completely back or completely forward. Women figure frozen in the spotlight at the beginning of the show. As Pryvylet is a Ukrainian welcome dance, the Hopak in contrast, is like the Ukrainian dance of joy. It is a dance of celebration that displays great feats of dance through solos and trios. Defining dance moves for men include high jumps, multiple splits in mid air and mid air kicks; either completely back or completely forward. Women figure frozen in the spotlight at the beginning of the show.

The final dance of the evening was “The Puppets.” It tells the story of a landowner’s son attempting to win the heart of a married woman. He delivers an order to have her husband sent off to war, so he can make advances on his heart in her husband’s absence. When her Cossack husband returns, neither of the couples are very pleased with the son’s scheme, and together they get their revenge.

What is impressive and charming about the piece is not the vivid portrayal of the different characters, but the fact that the dance preserves another Ukrainian tradition, the tradition of the puppet show. Each dancer bounced around stage with stiff limbs and jerky movements, as if they were controlled by unseen strings. Puppet shows were a popular form of entertainment centuries ago, and live on today through dance. From the very second the curtain rose to the three figures frozen in the spotlight at the beginning of the dance, all the way through their bows, the three dancers kept up their puppet characters.

The evening was a delightful showcase of the jewels that are the rich cultural traditions of the Ukraine. Even if you yourself are not Ukrainian, perhaps the show, or at least reading about it, has inspired you to dive into your own culture and bring it to life as the dancers of Voloshky do.
Do you think that 21-year-old students should be allowed to drink in the residence halls?

"I think 21 year olds should not be allowed to drink in residence halls. This campus is a dry campus, and if people want to drink they can go to a bar in town. It doesn't matter if they are of age or not, the fact is that this campus is supposed to be dry." - Andrea Evangelista, Freshman, Undeclared

"I don't see why you should not be allowed to drink in your own home if you are of legal age to do so. The school just assumes that we are irresponsible and would not be able to handle it. If you are 21, you should be allowed to drink in the dorms, and they should only ban it if you abuse it." - Steven Morris, Sophomore, Psychology

"It probably wouldn't be a good idea to let anyone drink in the dorms. There are so many problems there now that it would just lead to more if the drinking was allowed to be out in the open." - Barbara Livingston, Junior, Business

Question of the Week: What would it take to get a large number of students to participate in an event on campus? Is it possible at all?

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Students Kill Chance for Campus Life in Concert Mess

One of the biggest concert events in MSU history was to take place last week with the MP3.com Music and Technology Tour featuring the rock group, The Goo Goo Dolls - coming to Yogi Berra Stadium on October 27. While the date for the concert was set, and tickets were on sale, whether the concert would even happen or not was still in doubt, right up until it was eventually cancelled - just two days before the show was to go on. While the nearly 1,000 people who bought tickets must have been disappointed because of the cancellation, all of MSU students suffered a loss because of the failure of the event, because it could have disastrous ramifications on the possibility of bringing big name events to MSU in the future.

A number of things contributed to this mess which, if it was pulled off successfully, could have been a shining moment in MSU campus life history. Some of the blame lies with poor, last minute planning, but most of it belongs to the students who failed to support the event once it was set to happen.

It was painfully obvious that the Student Government Association, and Class One Concerts were in way over their heads in originally trying to set up the $180,000 event. The endless technicalities, contracts and financial obligations that were involved in organizing the show prompted the SGA to ask for the MSU administration's help, both in negotiations and financial support. The administration should be commended for getting involved and putting up $60,000 to help try and make the concert happen for the students. Much time and effort went into dealing with the headaches involved in negotiations with lawyers and agents for the large tour, and all of the legal red tape involved.

However, maybe everyone involved should have done their homework before getting involved in such an undertaking. Any time you are promoting and trying to sell tickets to a concert that is not even certain to take place at all, you are doomed to fail. With an event this big, details that would determine whether the concert would take place or not must be ironed out well in advance of a few days before the show. How can you successfully advertise for an event that might not even happen?

At least if the concert had gone on, the SGA and administration would have had something to show for their troubles. This is where the students failed, and missed a great opportunity to bring some life to our campus. Where were our students when tickets went on sale? Endless complaints about the absence of campus life, and everyone going home on the weekends because there is nothing to do at MSU are heard year after year from disgruntled students. Where were those students when tickets went on sale? This was the campus' chance to come together and enjoy a huge event taking place just a bit further than where you park your car everyday. Whether you like The Goo Goo Dolls or not, a concert of this size, in Yogi Berra Stadium would have been a lot of fun, and for once made us feel like we went to a big-time university.

After all that the administration and the SGA went through to try and get this concert here, just to have it fail because of lack of student support, it is doubtful that they would ever put forth this kind of effort again to try and host a big name event. Why should they? The students of this university were too busy complaining about how boring it is here to take advantage of the opportunity they had before them to change that reality. After this fiasco, it is apparent that MSU is damned to never have any kind of significant campus life here for a long time, and the fault in that lies with the very people who complain about it the most - the students.
Supreme Court Case Could Turn Funding of Student Organizations Upside-Down

Justin VELLucci
Editor-in-Chief

"How will the face of student press be changed when staffers have to go from covering the news to fundraising for the news?"

O
n Nov. 9, the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the case of the University of Wisconsin System vs. Southworth, a battle involving a group of conservative Christian students, the usage of student fees, and the ability of student-run art galleries in the state to receive funding from the state. The case presents an interesting look into the fiscal aspects of student organizations and the power of the individual student and the cost of free speech for students across the nation.

This is in response to Tim Carney's expose of Christian persecution in Sudan where he describes the Sudanese government as an arcane bulwark of exclusivism where he describes the stupid and blind leadership of the Sudanese government as a tool of their own government. The Sudanese have capitalized on the stupidity of poverty, many Christian and Muslim Sudanese have been forced to flee their homes for classes only three nights a week? Where does it all end?

The University of Wisconsin vs. Southworth case presents an interesting look into the fiscal power of the individual student and the cost of free speech for students across the nation. Though an official written decision on the case might not be delivered until next year, one must wonder how immediate the effects will be on student fee distribution at MSU. Depending on which way the case goes, as long as you and I keep paying the bills, maybe it will be within our power to decide.

Justin Vellucci is a Junior, English major, and the Editor-in-Chief of The Montclarion.

Politically Motivated 'Humanitarian' Groups Behind Myth of Sudanese Persecution of Christians

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Tim Carney's expose of Christian persecution in Sudan where he describes the Sudanese government as an arcane bulwark of exclusivism intent on destroying all vestiges of Christianity in its country.

One of the fundamental principles of justice is that no accusation is allowed to stand unless there is sufficient evidence to support the allegation. But such principles don't seem to get in the way of Carney's propagandist mission to discredit a nation mired in sectarian strife. His entire sensationalist account of human rights abuses in Sudan is derived from tendentious Christian missionary organizations whose credibility knows no bounds. The organizations he cites not only have a propensity for prevarication, but have played a major role in kindling the fires of civil war in Sudan for past seven years.

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Carney carries that "Christian persecution is real, it is neither rumor nor propaganda," yet a little surface probing shows the frivolity of such a claim. The slightest knowledge of Sudan points to a nagging swerve by the fervor of sectarianism rather than religiously motivated ethnic cleansing. Presently, the strongest opposition to the Sudanese government comes from Christian "humanitarian" missionary organizations (like those cited by Carney) that have contributed to the mess and confusion surrounding Sudan in which only can be characterized as a rear-guard counterinsurgency, these groups operate on the premise that the growth and spread of Christianity is good for the people. However, the Islamization of the north, where the vast majority are Muslims, is synonymous with terrorism and human rights abuses. Some humanitarian organizations have funded separatist rebels, while others like "Angels in Sudan" have spread exaggerated news about slavery and the extent of human rights abuses.

The very existence of slavery in Sudan has been challenged by many observers like Lord McNair who, following an independent investigation, found "the evidence for the slavery allegation "feeble." Still, others like the Christian Science Monitor have not only dismissed the allegations of slavery as "exaggerated," but have blamed Christian missionary organizations for the proliferation of the slave trade in Sudan. According to the Christian Science Monitor, out of a desire to mitigate the pangs of poverty, many Christian and Muslim Sudanese have capitalized on the stupidity of many of these missionary organizations by making enslavement only to procure the bountiful amounts these organizations dish out to free them. One man interviewed admitted to "enslaving" himself three times in order to earn enough to "build a comfortable home for my family." Viewed in this light, it becomes increasingly apparent that these missionary organizations have not only promoted the slave trade but have spread malicious lies in order to obfuscate their iniquities and conceal their involvement in such a sinister practice. Just like any other people in the world, the citizens of Sudan want to progress beyond this bloody chapter in their history and live in a stable country where democracy and self-determination can flourish. In order for this to become a reality, the various factions must come to a mutual understanding about their future as a people and this can only be accomplished in the absence of the divisive politics of politically motivated "humanitarian" organizations. And as college students we should know better than to accept the validity of an organization by virtue of its being Christian, Muslim, or Buddhist.

Ribhi Huzien Biology
**Montclair State University or High School?**

**Students Need to Learn How to Value Their Education**

Jerome D'Angelo

I thought that I had left high school. So much for wishful thinking. I am a new student here at MSU. When I came here in the fall, I thought to myself: "Wow, Montclair State University - an intellectual haven for those seeking knowledge and understanding of their environment and society." If ever there were a place where people were motivated to learn, I would be there. Much to my dismay, I soon discovered how wrong I was.

It was only a week or so into the school year when I entered my Introduction to Politics class, my books ready and my mind open. I assumed my classmates were just as ready. Yet, as soon as the professor distributed the syllabus, generic means and goals emanated from the classroom. I could see that it was indeed a lot of work, but I saw no reason to get upset. I left class that day with a various tasks, "I should have picked the other major, where they don't do anything." What was disturbing about this, was that these were all Political Science majors talking. Less work and better grades are understandable, but one would presume that a person majoring in a subject would take a steady interest in that subject, and not complain about it. I remember thinking that the students in my class should welcome the intense workload, so as to obtain a better understanding of the topic, especially if it was their intended major. Still, on they went about how hard the class was. Some of the students even made fun of another student after she took it upon herself to make sure the professor remembered that he had a class. Excuse her for not wanting to waste time doing nothing.

The people in my Freshman Composition class are not any different. When confusing assignments come up, and they often do, everyone seems to spend all their time griping about it. I wonder if it has ever occurred to them to concentrate their energy on actually doing the assignment.

I think it is time for these people who think that college is like high school - a four-year free ride where your work is done for you and you're told what to think - to wake up. You're not going to get anywhere in the real world by running and hiding at even the slightest hint of adversity. People who think that they can get by without working toward their goals are sadly misguided. Education is one of the most wonderful and useful things a person can obtain in their lives. Those who lack it are at a serious disadvantage. One can sympathize with those who can not obtain an education because of financial trouble or other reasons, but if a person has the opportunity, and the ability, then they have no excuse not to learn. Reluctance to learn is ignorance, plain and simple.

Back when I was in high school, I used to shutter in disgust at all the pot-heads and superficial snobs who squandered away their chances to learn. I thought college would be different. I thought this would be a place where people realized the value of an education. I thought I had escaped the ignorant small-towners and their cliquish, too-cool-for-school attitudes. I, obviously, thought wrong.

Maybe it is simply inevitable that there will be apathy here in college. Perhaps I'm still wet behind the ears when it comes to how it is around here, but I truly know what I'm talking about when it comes to how it should be. The students here should be happy to just be in school at all. There are many people who are not able to receive an education, or have the good fortune to be presented with the opportunity to succeed. I guess you never know what you have until it is taken away.

It comes down to a simple choice. Do I really care about what I do here, or am I content just doing nothing? If you don't care, just don't go. Stop wasting everyone else's time, and your own, by being somewhere you don't want to be. You should not be in college if you don't sincerely want to become educated.

There are a lot of people who don't use their minds the way they could. It's a shame if you think about it - all those kids who just drink, party, and screw their college careers away. Time and youth are the only two things in life that you absolutely can not get back. Why not use them while you can?

Wasted talents is a terrible thing, and nothing on this Earth is worse than wasted time.

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**Media Guilty of Ignoring US Guilt in East Timor Conflict**

Dear Editor,

The United States is portrayed in the media as merely an innocent bystander in the recent elections in East Timor, in which the role is in progress.

Media whitewash of the U.S. over 20 years later, as Indonesian death squads are again rampaging through East Timor, another media whitewash of the U.S. The U.S. has trained the Indonesian special forces, the Kopassus, in the invasion. U.S. military aid and draining of funds to Indonesia in 1965 resulted in the deaths of two of the greatest slaughters of the twentieth century. The massacre in Indonesia in 1965 resulted in the deaths of over a million leftists and their family members.

Gary Sudborough

Bellflower, CA
Dear Nervous,

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Dear Love Doctor,

There’s a girl on campus that I really like. We hung out a couple of times and she really seemed to like me as much as I like her. Any advice on how to make the relationship work?

—Nervous

Dear Nervous,

If you really like this girl as much as you say, then the best thing to do is to say so. It’s as good as possible, especially if she is showing any signs of liking you in return. The worst thing you can do in this situation is spend a lot of time hanging around her and talking to her, for this will almost immediately turn her off to you. My only hope is that you haven’t already told her how much you like her, for once she knows of your affections, she will undoubtedly be turned off and rebel any interactions with you to a ten second maximum interval.

Dear Love Doctor,

I was dating a girl who used to be involved with a guy who treated her like crap and generally didn’t seem to care about her. Then I started going out with her and I treated her basically like gold, and she didn’t seem to care about me at all. Now it turns out she’s going back out with the guy who treated her like crap. Why is this?

—Hurt and confused

Dear Hurt and confused,

This behaviour should come as no surprise to you, for it certainly comes as no surprise to me. The way to a girl’s heart is through her self-esteem. I mean right through her self-esteem, just rip right through it. Tear it up. Make fun of her in front of her friends, don’t call ‘em the sweet to her, don’t treat her how you feel she should be treated. Historically, the sweet and gentle approach is notorious for not working. If a guy treats a girl the way she should be treated, then what does she have to complain to her girl friends about? More importantly, if there were no jerks in this world to make beautiful girls, then there would be no room for the “close guyfriends”, the ones who care for and are there for these girls when they come crying about how their boyfriends are such jerks. These “close guyfriends” would then have to become “boyfriends”, and we all know this can never happen.

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Wait, I’m not finished yet. A couple of weeks went by and then I talked to her and she didn’t say a thing about the old boyfriend, it was like the whole thing never happened. Why?

—Blown Off?

Dear Blown Off,

Duh? Did it ever occur to you that you were lied to? Hello? What were you in a male/female relations depression tank all your life? This is what happens, get over it. You may as well have been a ladybug on her palm, because she blew you off.

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I am a sweet, caring, affectionate guy who just wants to love and be loved. I come at relationships with very little pretense, and enjoy nothing more than giving a girl all the joy, love and laughter she deserves. Will I ever find someone?

—Depressed

Dear Depressed,

No.

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—Nom de plum

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YOUR PROJECT IS TO BUILD A CALL CENTER TO HANDLE CUSTOMER QUESTIONS.

KEEP THE COSTS DOWN BY MAKING THE WORKING CONDITIONS INHUMAN.

MY CONSCIENCE WON'T ALLOW ME TO HARM INNOCENT EMPLOYEES.

WE WOULDN'T INVEST ENOUGH TO HIRE ANY INNOCENT EMPLOYEES.

I'VE BEEN ORDERED TO BUILD A COMPANY CALL CENTER WITH INHUMANE WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE EMPLOYEES.

I DON'T FEEL GUILTY BECAUSE I'M ONLY ACTING UNDER ORDERS, AND MAYBE THEY DID SOMETHING TO DESERVE IT.

I MIGHT NEED YOUR HELP TO DEMONIZE THEM.

I'M ALL OVER IT.

THE PROJECT IS STILL COLLECTING THE HARDER REQUIREMENTS.

HOW ARE THE EMPLOYEES GOING?

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE IT ANY MORE INHUMANE.

WE CAN PUNISH THEM FOR NOT BEING CHEERFUL.

SO, MR. RATTERBEET, WHY SHOULDN'T I HERE YOU TO WORK IN MY CALL CENTER?

I THRIVE ON THE CHALLENGE OF INHUMANE WORKING CONDITIONS.

WATCH ME GO WITHOUT A RESTROOM BREAK FOR FOUR HOURS!

YOU'RE Hired.

HERE'S WHERE YOU'LL BE WORKING, RATTERBEET.

THIS MUST BE WHERE PEOPLE LEAVE THEIR SHOES.

IS IT OKAY IF I HANG THINGS ON MY WALL?

DESIGNING A CALL CENTER

TO GIVE THE EMPLOYEES SIX MINUTES OF BATHROOM BREAKS PER SHIFT.

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IF THE EMPLOYEES GET THIS VOLUME OF CALLS PER DAY THEY WILL WISH THEY WERE DEAD.

DESIGNING A CALL CENTER

TINY CUBICLES AND WELL-MONITORED CALLS AND HAVE INCOMPATIBLE OBJECTIVES, SUCH AS SPEED AND CUSTOMER SERVICE.

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IF THE EMPLOYEES GET THIS VOLUME OF CALLS PER DAY THEY WILL WISH THEY WERE DEAD.

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BUT THEY WON'T BE DEAD, JUST TOO BEATEN-DOWN TO LOOK FOR BETTER JOBS.

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SO, MR. RATTERBEET, WHY SHOULD I HIRE YOU TO WORK IN MY CALL CENTER?

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NEXT AD CAMPAIGN
- BUY OUR PRODUCT
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- LEARN IT ONCE
- SIMPLIFY IT
- REPEAT

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Weather 'Tis Nobler...

Upper Montclair:
Tonight, 90 degrees and snowy.
Tomorrow, sun with a high chance of parking tickets.

Foggy, and an earthquake will hit.

Tomorrow, happy, joyous, and a zoo.

Camden: Tonight, cow central.
Here, sheets.
Tomorrow, for crying out loud, this place has a nail museum! And a zoo.

Camden: Tonight, full of fishy goodness. Tomorrow, happy, joyous, and a zoo.

Sea Isle City: Tonight, covered with lotion. Tomorrow, crunchy, spreadable, and good with jam.

Toms River: Tonight, don't touch my stuff. Tomorrow, you dirty belongings.

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Toms River: Tonight, don't touch my stuff. Tomorrow, you dirty belongings.

Tonight, hot and sticky with multiple orgasms.

Hampton: Tonight, 70 Degrees, foggy, and an earthquake will hit.

5-Day Forecast
FRIDAY: Barron
SATURDAY: Imminent Death
SUNDAY: Cold & Unfeeling
MONDAY: 10% Chance of Oxygen
TUESDAY: Heavy, heavy fog

A GIANT RUBBER BUTT!
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thing like that. I would be bored out of my mind while mom searched for the perfect material for Crocodile Dundee's vest or Indiana Jones' jacket or J. Edgar Hoover's pants. (That year was pretty slow for exciting movie characters and, as a true patriot, I wanted to go as a great American.)

I always felt a little inadequate compared to the kids with the store-bought costumes, but once I was out trick-or-treating, it really didn't matter.

The massive quantity of candy I consumed usually made me forget what I was wearing anyway. Who am I kidding? After about thirty peanut butter cups, I could hardly remember my own name.

Halloween is truly a magical time. It's the only time of year that your father can catch you putting on makeup and not make you see a mirror. I was deeply ashamed of ourselves. No, wait. That's just me. Everyone else did work, just not around in my skivvies and peanut butter crackers. READ ALL ABOUT IT IN MY COLUMN NEXT WEEK!!!!!!
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Female Athlete of the Week

Jamie Apuna

Sophomore Jamie Apuna played in all three games against Rowan University this past Tuesday night at MSU’s Panzer Gymnasium. Apuna had a total of 26 attacks, 13 kills, and 15 digs against Rowan.

Girls in the Backfield

By Meredith Quick
Staff Writer

The girls in the backfield have come to the end of their run with MSU field hockey. For years of hard work and determination devoted to the sport and this school, we thank Megan Glancy, Karen Fox and Mary Huguenin for those hours of long practices and all those pre-seasons in which they helped the hockey program to get where it is today.

Four years ago, Megan Glancy started playing field hockey at MSU. With hard work and determination throughout each year, she has played in 74 games and started in 58. As a defender, she has one shot outside the circle, nine shots inside the circle, four goals, one assist, eight defensive saves, and two game-winning goals. To show her constant devotion to field hockey she was also one of the tri-captains this past season.

Fox also started playing field hockey four years ago. Playing in the goalie position, she was the last line of defense. This position requires a lot of guts because of all the shots flying towards her face that she has to stop. Throughout the four years she has played in 39 games and started in 22 playing for 1,585 minutes. She has saved 204 shots on goal and allowed only 34 in the cage. In 1995 Huguenin was a freshman at MSU starting her first year of college in field hockey.

As a freshman, she started every game and kept that record through all her four years of playing. Huguenin has played and started in 73 games, made 28 shots outside the circle, 151 shots in the circle, 7 goals, 10 assists, 6 defensive saves, and one game-winning goal. Besides all this she was a tri-captain this year. Huguenin has definitely put in her dues by showing her love for the game and her team.

Playing through three different coaches and starting with a record in 1995 of 3 wins and 13 losses the team has come a long way. Ending this season with a record of 9 and 10 they have restored the integrity of the MSU field hockey program. These three seniors who put so much effort into making this program what it is today, have formed the heart and soul of the field hockey team. They are loved by their teammates and will be greatly missed by all. We wish the girls in the backfield the best of luck in their endeavors after college and hope the rest of their dreams will come true.

MSU Golf Takes Second Place at ESU Invitational

By David Lentz
Special to The Montclarion

On Thursday, Oct. 14, the MSU Men’s Golf team had the best showing of their abbreviated fall season. Despite the cold, the blustery winds, and a challenging Shawnee Golf Course, the team was able to finish second out of 14 teams with a cumulative score of 322, pleasing both head coach Bob Downey and assistant coach Wes Forest.

The Red Hawks were led by the tournament’s individual champion, Matt Peterson (Egg Harbor Township). Peterson’s winning score was a 3-over-par 75. Other contributions were made by David Lentz (Oakland), who shot an 80, Mike Mazanec (Cinnaminson), who finished with an 83, D.J. Schmidt’s (Fairfield) 84, and George Nikolis (Morris Knolls), who shot an 86.

Throughout the season, Ron Gerhold (Oakland), Ryan LaForge (Wayne), and Ken Mattson also stepped forward to help the Red Hawks. With a lot of young talent and a strong coaching staff, MSU hopes to carry this success over to the spring season and many after.
### This week's RED HAWK ACTION

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* - NJAC match  
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For more information, call the Red Hawk Sports Line: 655 - 7645
For MSU, it was KU and Rowan a team could beat better opponents. Facing New Jersey City University, Kean University, and Rowan University in the final week made the playoffs very difficult.

The Red Hawks had to beat NJCU if they wanted to think of staying alive for the playoffs. NJCU was in the final playoff spot so a win would do well for MSU. They did so last Saturday, winning 2-0. Goalie Alex Luna made several saves including one earlier in the second half which he was then taken to the hospital. Seniors Mike Colella and Chris Cifrodello were honored before the game started as they played their last home game on Pitser field. After the game Colella walked around in circles in disbelief of defeat.

Then came Saturday, the final day of the season. NJCU needed a win to advance into the playoffs, but lost their third in a row that afternoon since playing MSU. That meant that with a win that night, MSU would make the playoffs. So the season would have to be decided at Rowan University, a team that has won 14 straight games and has a perfect record in NJAC play at 8-0. To top it off, goalie Chris Eimes has only allowed three goals the entire year. Overall they were 15-1. MSU entered the contest at 6-8-3 and 2-6 vs. NJAC opponents.

The stage was set and MSU fought hard throughout the whole game. The "benchers" were on their feet the whole time cheering on their teammates, and Naught's #13 jersey hung on the fence behind them. They played well the first half and at halftime it was 0-0. But the team started to fall apart five minutes into the second half as Rowan scored their first of three goals against MSU leaving the final score 3-0, Rowan.

The game winning goal for Rowan came off a shot that MSU goalie Luna blocked at first. The ball slipped away from him and then was fired back into the net by another Rowan player.

Coach Chesney felt that the team played well and was sorry that they could not advance further. So, MSU ended the season winning 3-2 vs. NJCU, losing 4-0 vs. KU, and finally losing 3-0 at Rowan University.

CHESNEY HAS HIGH HOPES FOR NEXT YEAR

By Mike Sanchez

As the jersey of Pat Naught hung on the fence behind the MSU bench, so did the season of the men's soccer team at Rowan University.

Playoff chances still alive, the team got ready to leave for Rowan University. But it was to no avail as MSU was shutout 3-0. Slowly walking to the van, silhouettes outlined by the stadium lights far off in the distance, night creeping on as reflecting on the feelings of the players, the MSU men's soccer season was over.

On the success of next year, Coach Chesney talked optimistically saying that the team should be better next year since the players will have a better grasp and understanding of each other, and will also know what it takes to win NJAC games. It was a universal feeling among all the players.

This year the soccer team went 2-7 in the NJAC, including three games that ended up as shutouts. In the final eight games of the year, five were against NJAC teams that are now in the playoffs.

But come next fall, the team will be more experienced and they will come on strong.

Most of the team consists of seniors and juniors, including players like Atiba Yusuf, who led the team in scoring. The defense should be in better shape as should the offense, as both know what the opponent brings in terms of physical presence.

But two things that hurt the team this year were the passing and their height. The ball handling, especially in the passing department, was not consistent. Often a player seemed reluctant to pass the ball, or if he did, it was too short, or behind. But this is something that is overcome with knowing where your teammates want the ball, which comes down to communication and perception being we are going.

The other aspect of the team that does not need so much improvement is something that can't be overcome by practice but by players - the size of the team. What they lack in size, is made up in speed. But only having three players at the height of 6' 0," and 6'2" means that a lot of the air balls are harder to win. Having a player at 6'4" or 6'5" in the mid-field, or in the box during a corner kick would be nice. Yet optimism doesn't win games, talent does. A talented, well coached team does. Chesney knows what it takes to win, and improvements will be made during the off-season. The question next year is - can he turn this young team into an experienced soccer team to win more close ball games, especially in the NJAC.

MSU Men's Soccer

By Mike Sanchez

Playoff Run Lacks Goals

Down, But Not Out

MSU's Doug Rockhill makes a play to achieve a goal during a men's soccer tournament that took place on Thursday, Oct. 14.