Student Activists Form
Voter Awareness Coalition

By Gina DeFalco
Special to The Montclarion

Student activists started the Student Voter Coalition on campus in an effort to raise political awareness among students and faculty.

Co-Presidents Laura Oliver and Charles Deitz, II, founded the 10-member organization in September and have already registered 310 students to vote and have already registered 310 students to vote.

Last year, only 14 percent of students voted in last year's election. "I felt it was very important that we take an active stand in politics because students' opinions are often ignored because they don't vote," Oliver said. "Only 14 percent of students voted in last year's election."

To better educate the students, the organization is planning on enlisting the help of political officials from surrounding towns, such as mayors, councilpersons and county clerks to attend their meetings and speak about the different branches of government and what their responsibilities include.

In addition, the coalition would like to visit classrooms to inform students about the candidates' positions on important issues, as well as encourage them to exercise their right to vote.

An advisor from New Jersey Public Interest Research Group (NJPIRG), a non-profit Citizen's lobby group, has lent support to the Student Voter Coalition by providing information about the candidates running in Election 2000.

Another supporter of the Coalition is A.S.S.I.S.T. (Active Students Serving In Society together), an organization of which Oliver is also an active member.

This campus-based group focuses on community awareness and holds coffeehouses and other fundraisers at the Rathskeller in an effort to raise money for various charities. Oliver hopes to expand the Coalition and participate in fundraisers.

"The goal of the Student Voter Coalition is to empower all students to take part in the political process because it's very important to know who they're voting for because that decision will affect their lives," Oliver said.

The Student Voter Coalition meets every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Commuter Lounge. For more information contact Oliver or Deitz at (973)655-4558.

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Congress closes session with spend­ing
WASHINGTON-Friday was Con­gress' last voting session of the month and it sent two approved meas­ures to Clinton's desk for his sig­nature. A $390 billion spending measure was the result of a bud­get deal that allowed both parties to claim victory. The budget, 50 days late, would finance seven Cabinet departments and covers all aspects of government, from help­ing small businesses to maintain­ing America's role in diplomacy. A tax bill was sent to the president along with the budget, he has said he is ready to sign both. The tax bill is an $18 billion measure ex­tending credit for research and de­velopment and other tax provi­sions.

Anti-American sentiments cloud Clinton visit
ATHENS, Greece-Anti-American protests raged and battled police while President Clinton appeared at a few blocks away. During the meal with President Constantinos Stephanopoulos, Clinton said their nations "have forged a profound and enduring friendship" for over 180 years. The Greek prote­stors believe the U.S. favors rival Tur­key in territorial disputes and di­vided Cyprus. The Greek govern­ment said the protests represent a minority and not ordinary Greeks.

Whitman has been urging consoli­dation of local services as a way to reduce costs for municipal tax­payers. Donato DiGeronimo, president of the Montclair Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association said he hopes officials will make the right decisions in respect to the safety and quality of fire services.

Driving on the Turnpike could be more expensive
NEW JERSEY-A proposal of a 40 percent raise in the New Jersey Turnpike tolls over the next four years would help pay for $917 million worth of construction done over the next five years. Drivers who use cash would see tolls in­crease 20 percent on Jan. 1, 2001.

First Six months of 1999 show dramatic decrease in crime
WASHINGTON-The first six months of 1999 brought national serious crime levels down to its lowest point in 25 years, the FBI reported Sunday. A 13 percent drop in murder lead to the drop in the serious crime category, with only one category showing an in­crease, which was aggravated as­sault. Crime experts are divided about the cause of the decline. Most agree that the good economy and improving economic conditions are two causes. The Brady law was at­tended by part of the decline by Attorney General Janet Reno.

Two dead in Penn State bus trip tragedy
WHITE HAVEN, Pa.-Four buses carrying students from Penn State and a pickup truck and two cars crashed shortly after midnight, Sunday. A student, Denise Orndoff, of Ohiopyle, PA and the driver of one bus, Robert Barge, of Altoona died in the crash. There were 106 injuries; the condition of the motorists not on the buses are unknown. The four buses were part of a six bus caravan carrying the students back to the school af­ter a shopping trip in New York City.

Secretary of Defense Cohen ex­pecting tough meeting
WASHINGTON-In an annual meeting that has been held for the past 30 years, the U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Cohen will meet with his counterpart from South Korea Monday. South Ko­rean Defense Minister Cho Sung­Tae is expected to discuss with Cohen the need for more informa­tion about the alleged massacre of hundreds of South Korean veterans who have suffered illnesses after being ex­posed to Agent Orange, reports said.

China successfully launches spacecraft
BEIJING-China launched and re­covered its first unmanned space­craft on Sunday. The craft com­pleted 14 orbits about 186 miles from earth. China is the third na­tion after the U.S. and the Soviet Union to have done this success­fully.

Students Decide on Text
A committee to review whether or not pre­vious policy would remain the same.

Controversial Ad Debate
Hofstra University printed an ad encouraging debate on the
Delegates Share Experiences in Open Forum

By Elizabeth A. Hutchinson
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Blue Light Special

Blue lights were installed to signal location of emergency phones

By Karen Clarke
Staff Writer

A recent survey conducted by the University Police shows that about 80 percent of the campus community have been unaware of the availability of emergency campus phones throughout campus, Sgt. Israel Rosado of University Police said.

In light of the survey dispersed throughout the campus, the administration was signaled to continue efforts in improving safety by putting up more emergency phones with blue lights placed above them in areas of low visibility and varying traffic flows.

Blue lights and signaling emergency phones have been placed around campus since the beginning of the semester. Initially, red signs notified the public with the words “Emergency Phone,” but they only served a purpose during the daylight hours.

Nightfall was not taken into consideration, Kiki Williams, Director of Physical Facilities, said.

The color blue was chosen for the lights because it is a standard color used publicly to notify people where they can locate emergency help, Williams said.

Because these lights have been estabished, “public awareness has escalated,” Rosado said.

Direct calls to University Police’s headquarters are two department people who can locate the individual and their problem quickly, which is important when trying to avert a potentially dangerous situation, Rosado said.

The locations for the emergency phones were chosen by Joe Marzula, the Chief Engineer.

There are over 110 campus emergency phones that receive a periodical check every weekend to make sure they're in working condition on campus and although the blue light implementation process is still being worked on, University Police are doing their best to ensure a safe environment, Rosado said.

The Ups and Downs of Their Careers

Professional Sports Writers Discuss

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The writers dispelled common misconceptions about their job and answered questions

By Tim Wright
Special to The Montclarion

Amid the sentimental memorabilia collected in Yogi Berra Museum, sports fans gathered for an afternoon last Tuesday to listen to a panel of journalists discuss their years covering baseball.

The panel, situated in the museum’s replica Yankee Stadium theater, included Tom Keegan of the New York Post, Buster Olney of The New York Times, and Bob Klapisch of The Bergen Record.

The three writers dispelled common misconceptions that fans generally have about sports writer’s lives. Each panel member gave the audience a unique behind-the-scenes look into the hectic world of sports journalism, from locker room codes to player relations.

“A lot of fans think that we have glamorous jobs because we get to go into locker rooms and talk to ball players, but it’s not true,” Keegan said. “Though we’re fans of the game, we generally don’t root for teams or players, but for ourselves to find and write good stories.”

“I just want to see good drama. I root for great moments, not teams or players,” Klapisch agreed.

There is nothing glamorous about following the team on the road for roughly 145 days per year, Olney said.

“The down side of this job is definitely the traveling,” Olney said. “His world on the road, which consists of airports, rental cars, hotels, and fast-food joints, was documented by PBS, and shown to the audience before the discussion began. During the documentary, an unidentified sports writer described a weekend as, “The Vietnam tour of sports journalism.”

Klapisch offered another perspective on the sports writing world. When comparing their unorthodox routines to other jobs, he said, “There’s one thing that makes this job so unique. There aren’t many jobs where you sit around 12 hours, waiting to do the thing you do.”

The panel also discussed deadline pressures and cutthroat competition between writers to get stories in a major market, like New York.

“It’s a cat and mouse game,” Keegan said.

The three expressed their passion for writing sports.

“I still love going to the ballparks like I did when I was a kid, and recreating stories. I love the chase,” Olney said.

The panel also expressed their ideas and opinion on a lot of different sports related issues.

The topics ranged from the controversy that Jim Grey sparked a few weeks ago when he interviewed Pete Rose at Major League Baseball’s All-Century Team ceremony, to the role of female sports writers in locker rooms.
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- Allison

Long-term complications that a diabetic faces includes heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, blindness, foot failure, nerve disease, amputations, and dental disease.

While there is no cure for either Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, with proper treatment glucose levels can be controlled. By following a good diet (low fat, moderate amounts of protein and high complex carbohydrates) and exercising regularly, your body is able to use insulin more efficiently.

An MSU student who still has to remain anonymous (we will refer to her as Allison from now on), has had Type 2 Diabetes since she was 8-years-old (her father has Diabetes also.) Allison's Diabetes was discovered when she began to show signs of the disease and her mother decided she needed to be checked out. Although Allison's Diabetes is mainly under control, she discusses how important it is for a diabetic to follow a close diet and to not skip any meals. She has not been able to accomplish this living on campus here at MSU.

Allison's strict diet prohibits her from eating any fried foods, red meat, or sugary substances like ice cream, cake and candy. However, she feels just because she can't eat certain foods, she should not be forced to eat food she doesn't like on a daily basis. She knows she is not getting the nutrition she needs either.

"The cafeteria sucks, everything is fried and don't get me started on the Ratt. The only thing I can eat in there is pizza and that isn't very healthy to do every day. I don't know how anybody with an eating restriction can survive (living on MSU's campus)."

Although she isn't required to take shots, Allison does have to take pills to help control her Diabetes. "I can't remember how long I've taken them for, it seems like forever." Her father, on the other hand, does need to take insulin shots.

Most of the times Allison feels fine but does dwell over the possible future effects of the disease. She knows she has to take each day at a time, and right now she is healthy. While sometimes she wishes she could eat sugared cereal or a candy bar, her immediate health concerns are, luckily, not tremendous.

Remember, although there are ways to moderate Diabetes, there is still no cure. To find out more information on what you can do to learn more about the disease, visit www.diabetes.com where you can take an at risk test to find out if you have any of the risk factors that make you more susceptible to the disease.
**Whether You Say Ciao or Goddag, it is Still Hello**

By Leah Soltis
Staff Writer

This past Monday, you might have participated in a worldwide holiday, and you bet you didn’t even know about it! Monday, November 21, 1999, marked the twenty-seventh celebration of World Hello Day, and all you had to do to commemorate this day was say "hi!" to ten or more people.

"Hello," "ciao," "bonjour," or even "goddag." It didn’t matter what language you used, as long as you helped participate in the global, personal communication that this little-known holiday serves to honor.

World Hello Day was started back in 1973. At this time, on Yom Kippur, one of the most sacred Jewish holidays, Egypt and Syria launched a coordinated surprise assault against Israel, adding yet another chapter to the history of conflict within these nations.

Although Israel was able to fight off their aggressors, even gaining some territory in the process, wars and ongoing violence that these countries continue to perpetuate. Thus, World Hello Day was born.

Now it is a holiday celebrated by more than 180 nations throughout the globe. Through the efforts of Brian McCormack, a student attending Arizona State University, as well as Michael McCormack, graduate of Harvard University, many people, including 29 Nobel Peace Prize winners like the late Mother Theresa, have begun to understand the importance of a world holiday promoting communication as a weapon against violence. World peace is this day’s ultimate goal, and the only way to attain this is through constant communication.

Although this day has passed, there are still things you can do to help. First of all, never stop being friendly.

Greet all your friends, and even say hello to a stranger or two. Write letters to people, be they family members or congressmen and women.

Visit the World Hello Day website at www.worldhelloworld.org and check out some of the letters that have been written to its founders. See what people like Queen Elizabeth II and Colin Powell and Pope John Paul II have to say about world peace, and maybe even think about your own role in this important issue.

People of all nationalities, religions and races are participating. Why not you?

**Happening Around Montclair State University**

**Thanksgiving**

- No classes for Thanksgiving holiday
- Work off that holiday meal by going ice skating with old friends from high school
- Residence Halls re-open at 1 p.m.
- International Buy Nothing Day
- Yoga, 1-2 p.m. SC 417
- S.P.E.C.T.R.U.M.S 12:30-1:30 p.m. SC 416
- LASO, 3:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
- WMSC, 4 p.m. SC 110
- Waterwatch, 4:30 p.m. MA 258
- World AIDS Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. SC Lobby
- Blood Drive, 12-6 p.m. BL Atrium (call x5280 for an appt.)
- Geo Club, 4-5 p.m. MA 259
- S.P.E.C.T.R.U.M.S 6-7 p.m. SC 416
- CLUB, 7 p.m. SC 112D
- Players, 6 p.m. SC 126
- Cheerleading Tryouts, 7-9 p.m. Panzer Gym (call x5073 for info.)
- OSAU, 7:30 p.m. SC Cafe C

**Thanksgiving Parade in New York City.**

- Take the kids to the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade in New York City. Take them to a movie, where they have no choice but to behave and be quiet.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

Besides Eating, What Else is There to do on Turkey Day?

By Lisa Gribbin
Assistant Feature Editor

The stress of the holiday season is quickly approaching. With so much to worry about in the upcoming weeks, it can be hard to stay focused on what is really important during the holidays.

Thanksgiving is a day to spend with family and friends who remind us how lucky we are to have the love and support of those closest to us. But with the holidays approaching faster and faster, it can be hard to find a minute to give thanks back to those who have done so much for you.

If you’re going home for Thanksgiving, there are many ways to help out your family and give them a break from the stresses of the holiday. Even though the eve of Thanksgiving is popularly known as one of the biggest party nights of the year, try and force yourself to wake up before noon and give your family some help.

Anything you could do would be a big relief—whether it’s helping to cook, cleaning the house or setting the table. If you’re going to a relative’s for dinner, call them and see if they need anything.

Maybe you could make a dessert, or come over early and keep the little kids in order while the rest of the family scrambles to host the perfect Thanksgiving dinner.

If you’re idea of Thanksgiving doesn’t necessarily include cooking and cleaning at this age just yet, you can show your thanks to your family in other ways. Offer to take the kids in your family to the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade in New York City.

You can find out all the information on the web at www.nyctourist.com for directions and the best place to see all the balloons, floats and celebrities.

If baby-sitting isn’t your most notable talent, you don’t have to bring a bunch of hyperactive little kids all the way into the city. Take them to a movie, where they have no choice but to behave and be quiet.

When watching the kids, remember how thankful your family will be to get a little quiet time. And remember how thankful you will be later that you get to return them to their parents at the end of the day!

For those who aren’t visiting the family this Thanksgiving, do your part in helping humanity by volunteering some of the free time you will have over the next few days.

Shelters are always looking for help to prepare and serve food to the large homeless population at this time of year. Call the local Red Cross or police station to find out how you could help out.

There are also many food drives to collect canned goods for homeless and poor families. You can find out where the collection boxes are located around campus by going to the information booth in the Student Center.

If you’re a commuter and find yourself always rushing to and from campus and don’t have time to locate the boxes, go to your local supermarket. Many stores participate in food drives during this holiday season.

Whatever way you choose to give your thanks this holiday, get involved and help someone. Even the smallest gesture will be greatly appreciated. Remember that Thanksgiving is about giving thanks for all the gifts that have been given to you. Give something back to all those who have given to you out of love.
The Chance to be Someone Else Comes in Being John Malkovich

By Adam Pitzer
Staff Writer

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id you ever want to be someone else? That is the main premise of the new movie Being John Malkovich, directed by Spike Jonze. The movie opens with a marionette dancing around an apartment, playing a piece of classical music. Through this dance we see the marionette’s mood change from somber to angry to exhausted. The marionette is being controlled by Craig Schwartz (John Cusack).

Craig is a very somber man; he lives in a dim apartment with his wife Lotte (Cameron Diaz) and their animals, including achimp that serves as a surrogate child for the couple. Craig does not want to do any work that does not involve puppets. He performs on the street with his mini-puppet shows, and is attacked and ridiculed for the work. Lotte pleads with him to get a normal job, and he finally does as a file for Lester Corp.

Lester Corp. is the strangest workplace ever conceived in movie history. It is located on floor seven and one half of the building. To get there you have to stop the elevator between the seventh and eighth floors, open the doors. The ceilings are five and one half feet tall. The owner is an eccentric old man, who is convinced by his partially deaf secretary that he has a speech impediment. While working one day, Craig discovers a little door behind one of the filing cabinets. He opens the door and there is a dirt tunnel leading to some unknown place. Craig decides to explore it, and just like Alice, he is sucked down the hole and lands someplace unexpected. Craig winds up inside the head of actor John Malkovich. He remains there for fifteen minutes and is spit out on the side of the New Mexico Turnpike.

This is quite possibly the strangest storyline ever told to an audience, but the film uses this device to create one of the most intriguing plots ever. Craig shares the information about the portal with a coworker named Maxine (Catherine Keener), and they create JM Inc., a business out of being John Malkovich.

The film features the first ever screenwriting by Charlie Kaufman. How the idea of Being John Malkovich was thought is unimaginable, but no other actor would have done. Malkovich has that quintessential personal. He is mysterious, and is known, but not that well known. If anybody can convey celebrity, it is Malkovich. It is wonderful that the casting directors got Malkovich to play himself, because if they didn’t, the movie would have been lacking in substance. Not only does he play himself convincingly, but when Craig takes over his body, Malkovich plays Craig Schwartz in an at the same time playing John Malkovich playing John Cusack as Craig Schwartz. This is Malkovich’s best role ever as himself and Schwartz.

Another remarkable performance comes from Cameron Diaz as Craig’s wife Lotte. Diaz, best known as a comedic actress, gives a solid, serious performance. We feel every emotion that he portrays in the movie. Her obsession with Malkovich and Maxine comes across as the main character, and through transforming her range of emotions, Diaz changed her appearance to look more homely and down-trodden.

If anybody is going to get nominated along with Malkovich for this movie, it will be Diaz for her performance. What a performance! And what is great acting without great directing? Spike Jonze in this directorial debut shines with his performance. Jonze uses a different camera and lens for each character’s jump out of the head. The audience in return feels thrown and shaken every time this happens. Jonze also brings out great performances in its cast. He appears to be one of the most promising new faces in Hollywood this year. If one can claim this sense of origin and style to every movie, then an Academy Award is sure to be in his future. Being John Malkovich is the most original movie to come along in years. Who new that a movie about masterful puppetry could turn into one of the most honest and sincere films about human emotions and identity?

Final Grade: A

Dot Allison’s Return to Music a Solo Project

Dot Allison has been the lead singer of the band Morning Dove since 1983. Allison has an impressive group of collaborators working with her such as Burt Bacharach cohort Hal David who wrote the lyrics for “Did I Imagine You.” Former member of My Bloody Valentine, Kevin Shields plays guitar on “Message Personnel,” and Richard Fearless from Death in Vegas sings the song in English and French. A pedal steel guitar was used on the Hawaiian sounding “Faster Than the World,” whereas with One Dove Allison sings “Morning Sun” with a hand on “Morning Sun.”

With all the talent just in Dot’s voice alone it’s hard to imagine that it’s taken her six years to record another album after fronting One Dove on the band’s only album Morning Dove. Allison recorded the new album in 1993 when new music such as drum and bass and ambient house music, was thought to be one of the most promising new faces in Hollywood this year. If one can claim this sense of origin and style to every movie, then an Academy Award is sure to be in his future.

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"What makes eighties high school movies popular?"

By Christine Cheplic
Staff Writer

The country has become millennium obsessed. Pop culture is being in united with pieces that focus on this craze. Films such as End of Days predict the apocalypse that is thought to occur. In the midst of all of this hype and talk about the future, a quiet sense of nostalgia settles in. In college campuses across the nation, generation X-ers (or is it y now?) are asking each other “remember the ’80s?”

Ah, the wonderful ’80s. The decade of big hair, Atari 2600, and the best cartoons ever, has passed the point of being joked about. It’s time that it became retro. Okay, maybe not the fashion (do we really want to wear spandex again?) but the pop culture. Specifically, let’s bring back the movies of the ’80s.

Not that these films are gone. They will remain classics in our generation. These films accurately describe the life and times of this colorful decade; and those school days so many of us wish to relive. There is a lesser-known genre that video stores tend to overlook. It is called “Cheesy Eighties” and it consists of films about teen-age high school life.

The search for the quintessential movie of the eighties is a difficult one. Yes, it’s true that these films are all enjoyable and cherished for their memories. But the truth is, they all pretty much portray the same idea. It is this that makes it hard to distinguish which is the best. As films, they are not very good, but as nostalgia they are golden.

The focus of many of these films is the society within a school system. Characters are separated by their one characteristic and grouped into stereotypes - the nerds, the jocks, the cheerleaders, the druggies and so on. It is this separation and desire to overcome it that is the focus of all these beloved eighties films.

In The Breakfast Club, the stereotypes are forced to co-exist only to discover that, when the day ends, each will return to their respected corner. In Pretty in Pink (“His name is Blane!!!”), our heroine and hero are trying to overcome the boundaries created by their economic situations. Their union is forbidden by friends because they are from different sides of the tracks. This class separation causes blood in The Outsiders (“Let’s do it for Johnny”). Can’t Buy Me Love (“I’ll be washing my hair. Out of the country”) portrays a “nerd” who tries to buy his way into the “in” crowd. Ronald Miller’s climatic speech at the end of the film expresses the desire to break down these walls of separation. The monologue sums up the main idea of all these high school oriented ’80s films.

But perhaps the simplicity is just what we love. Other movies seem to have no plot at all. Fast Times at Ridgemont High (“Mr. Hand... if you’re here and I’m here then isn’t it our time?”) can almost be looked at as a sort of documentary. The antics of the student body are surely entertaining but the film has no major concept. Jeff Spiccoli has become the model of eighties teenage oblivious to what goes on around him while enjoying himself while he still has his youth. This film is a classic to those who relate and remember this life and can relive it through viewing the film. To the outsider, this film might not have any redeeming value whatsoever.

The same can be applied to other eighties classics such as Sixteen Candles (“I can’t believe I gave my panties to a geek”), Ferris Bueller’s Day Off (“Bueller? Bueller?”) and a whole slew of less successful films (Hide Out, Just One of The Guys, Play Clothes, and so on.)

The Cheesy Eighties genre continues to thrive due to the memories it arouses. But it behooves us to perpetuate their existence in order to pass along the ’80s experience to future generations. While these movies seem pointless, random, and highly repetitive, they are essentially the home videos of everyone who experienced that time. It is history and it needs to be passed down and experienced over and over.

The next time society decides to throw back to an earlier decade, the Cheesy Eighties will be the choice. Until then, we can live vicariously through the characters we are given through film. Because, really, whose life is complete without being exposed to the wisdom of Charles Demar from Better Off Dead (“I’ve been going to this high school for seven and a half years: I’m no dummy.”)
Live performs Live at Hammerstein Ballroom

By Kevin P. Hancock
Opinion Editor

L
ive, led by lead singer Ed Kowalczyk, gave a spirited performance last Friday night at the Hammerstein Ballroom, that was held back only by their own song selection, which at times was too slow, and inexplicably failed to show off the best of what their new album, The Distance to Here, has to offer.

While Kowalczyk gave one of his trademark, passionate and intense performances, the band’s set list was flat, and didn’t utilize some of Live’s best work. Instead, the show relied too heavily upon work from their 1994 breakthrough album Throwing Copper, from which they performed five songs.

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Early in the performance, the band played the Distance to Here’s medley track “The Distance,” Throwing Copper’s too slow and way too long, “Pilar of Davidson,” and then in a twist, John Lennon’s “Imagine.” While the performance was a spiritual one, it nearly brought the show to a halt and in dire need of a jumpstart, which it thankfully received with a more energetic second half.

Mid-concert, Kowalczyk declared that the band’s new album was dedicated to the fans that have stuck with them through the last 10 years. While it was a nice gesture, a more appreciative way to thank them would have been to play some of the album’s best and more concert-suited songs, such as “Sun,” “They Stood Up for Love,” and “Meltdown,” in favor of “Sparkle,” and “The Distance.”

The band has been relying on the radio hits of Throwing Copper in their concerts for over five years now. You can only hope that they will start to favor more of their recent work during their shows, for the benefit of their most dedicated fans, who surely have to be sick of hearing “Lightning Crashes” and “I Alone” in every encore. A set with more from Secret Samadhi and maybe a track or two more from their first album, 1991’s Mental Jewelry would have made for a stronger and more original performance.

Thankfully, Live made up for the at-times slow performance with a solid, but unpredictable encore, highlighted by The Distance to Here’s strongest track “Run to the Water,” an emotional “Lightning Crashes” and an energetic “I Alone.”

The band, and voice of Kowalczyk, did not seem affected by a case of the flu that forced Live to cancel a few tour dates prior to this show. All in all, it was a worthy performance from the York, PA natives, in one of the best places to see a concert in the New York area. However, it was also a performance that could have been so much more. How good could this concert have been? One can only imagine.

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Movie Releases

Week of November 22
End of Days, Dir: Peter Hyams. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Robin Tuney, Gabriel Byrne, Kevin Pollak, Rob Steiger. Toy Story 2, Dir: John Lasseter. Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Don Rickles.

Week of November 29
Luna, Irving Plaza, New York, NY. (212)777-1224

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Concert Calendar

Wednesday, November 24
Antigone Rising, The Lions’ Den, New York, NY. (212)477-2782
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Supper Club, New York, NY. (212)921-1940

Thursday, November 25
Ants Marching, Da Funky Phiah, Long Island, NY. (516)665-9851
Sugar Hill Jazz Quartet, St. Nick’s Pub, New York, NY. (212)283-9728

Friday, November 26
Drain STH, Hammerstein Ballroom, New York, NY. (212)664-4882
Catch 22, AquaBats, and more, Wayne Firehouse, Wayne, NJ.

Saturday, November 27
Arlo Guthrie, Carnegie Hall, New York, NY. (212)247-7800
Graveyard School, Connections, Clifton, NJ. (973)473-3127

Sunday, November 28
Johnny Winter Band, Bottom Line, New York, NY. (212)229-6300
Suck of It All, Roxy, New York, NY. (212)345-5156

Monday, November 29
Luna, Irving Plaza, New York, NY. (212)777-1224

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Theatre Performances

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The Voice of Montclair State

How do you think acts of lewdness can be prevented from happening in the library?

“Check ID’s of the people going into the library. That way you can limit library use to the MSU community, and if something does happen there is a way to ID the student.”
Melissa Colon, Sophomore, Biology

“They should check ID’s and have security check the study rooms. The windows in the study rooms should also be bigger.”
Fatima Constante, Sophomore, Biology

“Security should walk around and check all the secluded areas of the library.”
Justin Sanzari, Freshman, Business

“There should be an honor code with all students; the MSU community should show more respect for secluded areas of the library.”
Jason Provenzale, Freshman, Theatre

Question of the Week:
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Main Editorial

Tougher Questions Need To Be Asked of Those Seeking SGA Money

Association, to help fund their annual Winter Ball. While everyone enjoys Winter Ball, which is a nice event that many students participate in every year, the large appropriation brings up many questions about the way in which the SGA and its relatively young and inexperienced legislature distributes money to organizations.

CLUB came to the SGA legislature asking for the appropriation which, after its approval, brought the total price tag for the event to approximately $20,000. It is understandable that an event such as this requires a large amount of funding due to liquor and catering prices, but why wasn’t an expense this large prepared further in advance? Even so, you would think that if an organization needed such a large sum of money in such a short period of time, (Winter Ball is Dec. 2) they would at least be prepared to convincingly justify the appropriation of $6,500. However, C.L.U.B. was not prepared.

While most of the legislature rumbled on about how nice Winter Ball is, and how cool it will be to have an open bar for two hours, only one legislator thought it was strange that C.L.U.B. came to the meeting absolutely unprepared.

C.L.U.B. could provide no figures or information to tell exactly where the $6,500 they were asking for was going, and what it would be spent on. That one legislator was Charles Redmond, and while he took a lot of heat for asking some tough questions, The Montclarion applauds his efforts. Other legislators should take note, and follow his example. The bill for the appropriation, written by legislator Judith Pekanya, fails to provide a breakdown for exactly how the money is to be used, and justifies the appropriation only by stating that last year’s SGA executive board cut C.L.U.B.’s Winter Ball funds by $9,000.

Perhaps that executive board had a very good reason for cutting that $9,000. With the passage of this bill, that decision was overturned by a legislature composed mostly of students who weren’t even involved with the SGA last year.

An organization should be able to tell you exactly what the money they need will be spent on, especially $6,500 of the students money. And if that organization has not done this, there should be enough to tell you what it will be spent on, then there should be more opposition than the rubber-stamp like 11-1-2 approval that this appropriation received.

This disturbing fact brings up another problem, and that is the SGA legislature’s over-willingness to hand out any amount of money, to any organization that asks for it, and for whatever reason. Even if every organization receives every cent that they ask for this year, there should at least be some legislators willing to ask tough questions about why they need the money, instead of worrying about just how long there’s going to be an open bar.

This is especially true since organization budgets for this year were sliced and diced in an effort to save money because over-spending was so rampant last year. Why bother? All of this unappropriated surplus should have just been put into the organization’s budget to begin with.

If the legislature is going to be nothing more than a rubber stamp for appropriation bills, then lets not waste the time of our organizations by having them come up for the money in the first place. Let the legislature spend their time worrying about other matters, and let the organizations concentrate on how they will spend their money.

The legislature obviously doesn’t seem to care how the money they appropriate will be spent anyway. It is a benefit for the students of MSU that Winter Ball is going to happen, but perhaps a few things need to be changed when it comes to the procedures regarding the appropriation of students’ money. It is the responsibility of the legislature to represent the student body and ask the tough questions that will make sure that the money they are in trust of is being spent responsibly. It is very likely that CLUB was justifiably entitled to their $6,500, but they should at least have to prove it first.
Hofstra Holocaust Debate Shines Light on Rights of Speech Press

Justin VELLucci

“Just what is ‘freedom of the press’ but a string of nice-sounding words without clear-cut definition scribbled by our forefathers some 200 years ago?”

By the impression the university gives is that it cares about its image, this professor stated. “For they, too, decided that-the voices, of a substantial part of their society should be illegitimatized, discarded and ex­tinguished so as to express themselves fall victim to narrow-minded group politics along the way.”

MSU Talk is Cheap When It Comes to Providing For Students

Jerome D'ANGELO

“One would think that at a university where they swear to you up and down that the students are the first priority, they would do a better job of providing for them.”
Turkeys In The Family Tree

By Chris Finegan

Mademoiselle, s'il vous plaît.

There are two questions that have plagued human understanding since the dawn of time. One is “What happens when I smash this thing with a rock?” (You laugh, but this is still very pertinent. Ask an emergency room doctor.)

The second is, “Is it a person’s environment or a person’s genetic make-up that makes them who they are?”

In my case, I believe the latter is the most pertinent. Ask an emergency room doctor.

Once she was driving to Connecticut from New York, the passenger seat was occupied by a cork in the bottom of a streetlamp. How’d we get it up there?

No, you idiot, I haven’t fallen for that in years. Just to be funny, one year I bought someone fake blood and squirted it out a nostril when she grabbed my nose. That lady was DUE for a heart attack, if you ask me.

Cousin Willie: I’m not sure what to make of this family member, and you probably won’t either. No one knows what Cousin Willie does. Ever. He never talks about his life. We think he leaves a family function, and yet he still tries to get laughs by shoving a finger up his nose. While it’s most amusing to see a grown man doing this, it doesn’t stop there. We have him on video offering his suggestions for Christmas dinner (Actual quote: “MEAT! PORK!”). And the time he mooned those nuns—that was just classic. I’ve gotta hand it to him.

Great Aunt Marjorie: Did you ever have one of those relatives who would tweak your nose, then wiggle their thumb in between their fingers? They’d say, “Got your nose!”

Anyway, as I was saying, I think that I am the person I am today because of my family. Here now is a list of the relatives that will be joining me this Thanksgiving:

Aunt Reba: I’m sure there’s one in every family. Aunt Reba wears a “77 Gremlin and wears the same pair of overalls to every major function. She sports a frizzy afro and sandals and she always carries around a copy of the yellow pages “just in case.”

Grandma Louis: Grandma Louis has this tendency to fall asleep whenever and wherever he wants—no matter what he’s doing. It blows my mind. The man once threw his head back in the middle of a conversation and started snoring. When he woke up, he kept calling George and asking when the next crosstown bus was coming.

Uncle Freddie: Some adults never grow up. Take my Uncle Freddie, for example. My cousins and I aren’t kids anymore, and yet he still tries to get laughs by shoving a finger up his nose. While it’s most amusing to see a grown man doing this, it doesn’t stop there. We have him on video offering his suggestions for Christmas dinner (Actual quote: “MEAT! PORK!”). And the time he mooned those nuns—that was just classic, I’ve gotta hand it to him.

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Ahh, family gatherings...
**Dilbert®**

by Scott Adams

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\*\*\* I'm partial to the value-based management method. I'm not familiar with that one. \*\*\*

\*\*\* Everyone says you're a great turnaround CEO. \*\*\*

\*\*\* What does it take to turn around a company like this one? \*\*\*

\*\*\* The turnaround CEO... from a value-based management perspective it's clear. \*\*\*

\*\*\* Okay, you're next... and begging doesn't work. \*\*\*

\*\*\* The turnaround CEO is complete. I'm off to my new job. \*\*\*

\*\*\* It's a meat packing house that needs to reduce overhead. \*\*\*

\*\*\* I figure I can switch a few room signs and finish in an afternoon. \*\*\*

\*\*\* \*\*\* Saturday's unlisted clue: SPEED

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

\*\*\* Answers

\*\*\* Answers to the crossword puzzle include:

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- by scott adams
- the turnaround
- ceo
- you're a great
- everyone says
- what does it take
- to turn around
- a company like this one?
- the training department's return
- exceeds the cost of capital...
- okay, you're next...
- and begging
- doesn't work.
- if you let me keep
- my job, i'll do the
- without affecting revenue!
- in theory, you could
- outsource everything
- and run the company
- with one smart employee.
- and at the risk of sounding rude, only one of us knew that.
- it's a meat
- packing house
- that needs to
- reduce overhead.
- i figure i can
- switch a few
- room signs and
- finish in an afternoon.

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- tqlig
- dbwy
- t Roomuhr
- m

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- klnuua
- fdb
- rxbw
- rror

\*\*\* U S A Q N O L R J U B M C U

\*\*\* H P F D C A Y U V O R O A W O

\*\*\* V T S Q N O R D A U L L K P

\*\*\* I H F E C D B R H R S Z C A A

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**Co-Athlete of the Week**

**Offensive Player**

Joe D’Iorio

Freshman running back, Joe D’Iorio, had a net of 193 yards, and three touchdowns in last Saturday afternoon’s game against Buffalo State University at MSU’s Sprague Field. The Red Hawks defeated the Bengals 37-34 and will now advance to the second round of the NJAC playoffs.

**Defensive Player**

Kenny Ford

Senior linebacker, Kenny Ford, had a total of 13 tackles, six unassisted, and seven assisted in last Saturday afternoon’s game against Buffalo State University played at MSU. Ford also had one sack.
MSU Defeats Buffalo to Advance to Second Round Of Playoffs

By Jason Lampa

Freshman tailback Joe D’lorio’s 193 yards on the ground coupled with sophomore quarterback Ed Collins’ 329 yard passing display proved to be too much for Buffalo State, as the Red Hawks defeated the Bengals 37-34 in a thriller at Sprague Field on Saturday afternoon in the first round of the NCAA Division III football playoffs.

The MSU defense was led by senior linebacker Ken Ford who had 13 tackles on the day, the Bengals refusing to quit, stormed back with a six play 65 yard drive that ended with Henry’s pass to Bengal receiver Derek Baker, making the score 37-34. The Red Hawks recovered Buffalo’s on-side kick attempt and ran out the clock, however, not without a little controversy. On fourth down on the MSU 30 with four ticks of the clock to go, Collins was sacked by Bengal Brian Hillman. The clock ran out, but Buffalo State felt that a second should still have been on the clock, giving them an opportunity to score. The officials ran off the field as quickly as they could to avoid the angry Bengals.

The Bengals opened up the scoring on the day. Henry’s one yard run, capped a 14 play, 68 yard drive that lasted over six minutes. After a point after touchdown return by MSU’s Kevin Kelley, the Red Hawks got two rushing touchdowns from Henry who went 19 for 33 for 247 yards and back, and Rashon Moore, caught six passes each for 89 and 81 yards, respectively.

The double overtime game ended with another highlight for MSU, an 89-87 defeat over Rowan University. Coach Ted Fiore said afterwards that it is good to beat a team like Rowan who is considered a powerhouse. “If you want to go anywhere, going through Rowan is a good start,” said Fiore. This is MSU’s first 3-0 start in 16 years.

The Red Hawks will next travel to Kean University on Saturday, in a game starting at 4 p.m.