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 by setting up tables at the Student Center, and walking around campus with clipboards promoting the cause.

"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 Citizens' 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 1 p.m. in the Student Center Commuter Lounge. For more information contact Oliver or Deitz at (973)655-4558.

Newman Center Founder Dies

By Gema de las Heras
Staff Writer

The founder of the Newman Catholic Center, Father Thomas E. Davis, died of cancer on Nov. 4, at age 76.

Father Davis was also the first priest-chaplain of MSU. Due to increased enrollment in 1967, his previous part-time position became full-time.

Until his retirement in January of 1975, Davis worked with the departments of Student Development and Campus Life and office of the Dean of Students. He also was very involved with other religious groups on campus.

Known for attracting crowds of more than 300 people to his masses, he is described as a very energetic, enthusiastic and likable human being by those who knew him.

Before coming to MSU, Davis was also a pastor in Montclair: "When he moved up here, many people followed him," Father Al Berner, current MSU chaplain, said.

After Davis retired, Father Herbster and Berner made sure that the Newman Center continued to be the "presence of church to higher education," Berner said.

Following his retirement from MSU, Davis continued his work, and became a pastor in the Church of Saint Paul in Jersey City and later a pastor in the Church of the Ascension in New Milford. During this time, he resided in West Orange and spent his summers in Maine, where he liked to go skiing and hiking.

In 1967, the house that would later become the Newman Catholic Center was purchased. It was through his foresight and his dedication to the Newman Center that the Newman Center presents the university community with a leader of worship, counseling, social workers and activities," Berner said.

The Center was named "Newman" in continued to be the "presence of church to higher education," Berner said.

Some of the activities promoted by the Newman Center include a food drive at Thanksgiving and a toy drive at Christmas.

See FATHER TOM on P.3
11-12 Female student was dressing at her locker in Panzer Gym when she observed a male watching her from a nearby shower area. The male fled when confronted by the victim. The victim pursued the male toward the shower area. The male fled when watching her from a nearby trouble alarm in Blanton Avenue train tracks. Office of Security personnel and ambulance unit responded. The victim refused transportation.

Vehicle was being towed reportedly seeing two males flee the area where they discovered a burned vehicle. One of the drivers whose vehicle was being towed proceeded to scream. The security officer reported that he would sign a criminal complaint. The driver of one bus, Robert Burge, of Ohiopyle, PA and the driver of the bus, Robert Burge, 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.

Criminal complaint was filed at Clow Road. A court date is pending in Falls Municipal Court.

11-14 A male playing basketball in the Floyd Hall Arena collided with another player breaking his collar bone. Victim was transported by ambulance to the Mountainside Hospital.

11-16 A maintenance worker reported seeing two males flee the men's locker room as he worked for repair. Personal property from several lockers was taken.

11-16 Officers responded to a trouble alarm in Blanton Avenue. Where they discovered a burned vehicle. Two males had been ticketing a third floor Blanton Annex.

11-17 A female student was playing in Panzer Gym but turned back to discover a burglar entering the building. The victim refused transportation. Later, a friend arrived and drove him to Mountainside Hospital.

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11-16 school bus overturned causing five injuries. The driver of the bus, Robert Burge, of Altoona, PA was charged with disorderly conduct, he was also charged with an additional count of disorderly conduct. The bus was towed pending investigation. A criminal complaint was filed at Clow Road. A court date is pending in Falls Municipal Court.

11-18 A male complained of disorientation, and double vision. An ambulance unit responded. The victim refused transportation.
Delegates Share Experiences in Open Forum

By Elizabeth A. Hutchinson

Seven members of the MSU China delegation met for an open discussion forum held in Dickson Hall last week. The forum allowed each of the delegates to debrief their experiences in China to an audience of students and faculty.

MSU President Susan Cole lead the forum. She spoke of the relationship between China and MSU.

"The most important thing we can do with this relationship [with China] is build it in depth," Cole said. "We need to take advantage of the relationships in China. There is an enormous difference between here and there."

Dr. Geoffrey Newman, Dean of the School of Arts, spoke about the differences between his last two visits to China.

"Wuxi was a sleepy little city four years ago. Now industry stands out in the world," Newman said.

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"Shanghai has an international housing facility for students and faculty. There is a summer study program offered in conjunction with Ramapo College," Cunningham said.

Dr. Zhaodong Feng, Dean of Earth and Environmental Sciences speaks at the panel discussion on MSU's China delegation, last Thursday in Dickson Hall's Brandt Lecture Hall.

"Students in China were amazed to learn that our students were given the freedom to choose the work they were going to display," Newman said.

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"We had no problem getting the money. The E-Board was great," Mauer said. "We needed more money, we asked, and we were approved."

Mauer was also concerned with the administration's participation at the event. The Winter Ball is scheduled from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be an open bar for two hours and a cash bar for the remainder of the night.

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SGA Appropriates $6,500 to C.L.U.B. for Winter Ball

By Rodney Point Du Jour

A bill that voted 11-1-2, that would put $6,500 in spending back into the College Life Union Board's budget, was signed by SGA President John Griffin on Nov. 19.

Last year, the SGA made several budget cuts to a number of organizations on campus, although C.L.U.B. was the most affected.

C.L.U.B., who had a budget of $18,000, was cut by $9,000 due to an inadequate planning of events last year.

This year, after planning events such as the Bubble's Killer Sauce: An Interactive Murder Mystery and a hypnotist, the SGA fulfilled C.L.U.B.'s request for more funding. The additional money will help fund this year's Winter Ball.

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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 established, “public awareness has escalated,” Rosado said.

Direct calls to University Police’s headquarters allow the recipient to locate the individual and their problem quickly, which is important when trying to avoid 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 light is capable of functioning at night, Nightfall was not taken into consideration.

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OFF TO THE PLAYOFFS: Wide receiver, 85, John Rodriguez, completes the pass from 2, Ed Collins, for a 21-yard touchdown to the Buffalo three-yard line, and a first down for MSU in the second quarter. In the following play, the Red Hawks scored a touchdown to increase the home lead to 16-6. Next week, the Red Hawks will play against Western Connecticut.

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Professional Sports Writers Discuss The Ups and Downs of Their Careers

The writers dispelled common misconceptions about their job and answered questions

By Tim Wright
Special to The Montclarion

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"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 beat writing 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."

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"It's a cat and mouse game," Keegan said. "There is nothing glamorous about following the team on the road. I root for great moments, not teams or players."

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

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FEATURE

Differences in Gender Bias from One Country to Another

By Jennifer Cannataro
Staff Writer

The Women's Center held an informal discussion focusing on the experiences of female international students on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Four students voluntarily attended to share their personal experiences.

One of them is Kathy Kowalski of Poland, who has been living in the U.S. for 10 years and is now a permanent resident. She is studying to be a teacher. Korni Laur came to the U.S. four years ago from Estonia to study studio art. Rhoda Ndirangu recently came to the U.S. from Kenya in August and will study graphic design at MSU for four years. Lily Zacharias left India one year ago to study psychology at MSU.

"These students shared informative and interesting insights about their experiences as women in their countries, and compared them to their experiences in the United States.

In Kenya, colleges have designated classes in engineering, art and architecture as men's studies and classes in Humanities are considered to be in the area of women's studies. Some of the colleges are separated by gender and some are mixed. Women have less of a chance of being accepted into the schools because they mainly offer 'men's studies.'

Although gender isn't divided within the colleges of Estonia, there are more openings for males than for females. Employment advertisements are gender specific and career roles are separated. Employers in the cities in India and Poland are much the same, but there still are villages of people who follow the traditional life-style in which females stop school after around fourth grade and are expected to marry before they are eighteen. In all four countries, women are locked down upon if they are not married by 23 years of age.

Ndrangiu's and Laur's mothers attended college in their countries and now hold positions in careers of law and other professions of authority. Ndirangu's mother is also a doctor and cannot produce in-23 years of age.

There aren't any advertisements for contraception so women must find out on their own.

The advanced technology in the U.S. makes things much faster and stressful compared to the other countries' less stressful, slower moving way of life. The main advantage to living in the United States is the equal standards regarding education and employment opportunities for women and the government's support of women's rights.

No More Ice Cream and Lollipops?: Understanding Diabetes

By Kristen Anderson
Staff Writer

According to the American Diabetes Association, 16 million Americans have Diabetes, and one in three doesn't realize it. It is also the sixth leading cause of death by disease in the United States.

Who's at risk for diabetes? Diabetes is more common among African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians. Although gender is not divided within the disease, overweight and/or sibling who are overweight are also at a greater risk for diabetes.

Here are two types of Diabetes: Non-insulin dependent (or Type 2) and insulin dependent (or Type 1).

Type 1 Diabetes is caused when the pancreas is damaged and cannot produce insulin due to a lack of beta cells. Many things can kill beta cells, but in most cases it is because the immune system makes a mistake.

Normally when you eat, your body turns food into glucose, which fuels the cells. People who have Diabetes either do not produce an efficient amount of insulin in their bodies, or their cells simply ignore the insulin present.

The levels of glucose in the blood can extremely affect the health of a diabetic. High blood glucose levels usually occur when a person is sick and can cause headaches, blurry vision, extreme thirst, and dry itchy skin.

If you experience symptoms of hypoglycemia, it is extremely important to get food or juice into your system immediately.

Rhoda Ndirangu, freshman, (on left) and Lily Zacharias, senior, discuss the role of women in their native countries to a group of their fellow peers.

FEATURE

An Inside Look

Who Can Contract Diabetes?

The risk factors for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes are different. A major difference in the characteristics of people who get the disease is the age of onset. Half of all people diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes are less than 20 years old. The risk for Type 2 Diabetes increases with age. Half of all new cases of Type 2 Diabetes occur in people 55 or older.

You are at a higher risk of developing Type 1 if:

- you have Type 1 diabetes in your family
- you have been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes before age 30
- you are overweight

You're at a higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes if:

- you have Type 2 diabetes in your family
- you are overweight
- you have a family history of diabetes
- you have delivered a baby weighing more than 9 pounds at birth
- you were previously diagnosed with gestational diabetes

If you have any of the following symptoms, ask your doctor to test you for Diabetes:

- The need to urinate more than usual
- Frequent and recurring infections such as urinary tract, boils, fungus
- Feeling weak or tired
- Blurred vision
- Tingling or numbness in hands or feet

In Type 1 Diabetes, excessive urination and constant thirst are the classic symptoms. But 90 to 95 percent of all diabetics over age 20 have type 2 diabetes. The symptoms of this form of the illness may not be dramatic — or even noticeable. In fact, the American Diabetes Association estimates that millions of Americans have Type 2 Diabetes, and are not even aware of it.
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 yet 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 to 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 holy days, 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 war, many people were outraged by the continued violence that these countries continued to perpetuate. Thus, World Hello Day was born.

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Now it is a holiday celebrated by more than 180 nations throughout the globe. Through promotion by 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.worldhellday.org and check out some of the letters that have been written to its founder. 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 role in this important issue. People of all nationalities, religions and races are participating. Why not you?

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 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 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 also 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.
Director Spike Jonze (l) discusses a scene with actor John Malkovich around an apartment to 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 a chimp 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 plays, and is attacked and ridiculed for the work. Lotte pleads with him to get a normal job, and he finally does as a filler for Lester Corp.

Lester Corp. is the strongest work 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 and 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 somewhere unexpected. Craig winds up inside the head of actor John Malkovich. He remains in there for fifteen minutes and is spit out on the side of the New York Turnpike. This is quite possibly the strangest storyline ever told to an audience, and this is just the device he creates one of the most intriguing plots ever. Craig shares the information about the port with a cow named Maxine (Catherine Keener), and they create JM Inc., a business out of being John Malkovich.

The film features the first ever screen written by Charlie Kaufman. How the idea of Being John Malkovich was thought is unimaginable, but no other actor would have taken Malkovich, who has the quintessential persona. 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 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 has in the movie. Her obsession with Malkovich and Maxine comes to life along with transforming her range of emotions in the film. 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 in the script. Jonze is best known for directing music videos, most notably Fatboy Slim’s “Praise.” He brings this knowledge of pacing and camera work to the film. Every time a person is ejected from Malkovich, Jonze uses a different camera setup. It is evidence that individual character’s jump-out of the head. The audience 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 he can bring this sense of originality 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 knew that a movie about masterful puppetry could turn into one of the most honest and complex films about human emotions and identity?

Final Grade: A
What makes eighties high school movies popular?

By Christine Cheplic
Staff Writer

The country has become millennium obsessed. Pop culture is being in undated 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 poked fun at. 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 it isn’t 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 obliviousness 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 (Hiding Out, Just One of The Guys, Playin’ in Candles, 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.")

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**The Montclairian Staff Writer**

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**Thursday, December 2**

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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**11 PM START**

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**FRIDAYS**

**Special Live Shows**

**FRIDAYS**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 26**

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 3**

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"Hey, Ferris, why will this be the only movie I get remembered for?" "Don't complain, Cameron, just enjoy it! Life is too short to ponder the mystery of eighties movies. Hey, where are the keys to your dad's car?"
Live performs Live at Hammerstein Ballroom

By Kevin P. Hancock
Opinion Editor

Live, 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.

Live should have taken a hint from the crowd who responded more to tracks from the band’s third album, 1997’s Secret Samadhi. Their intense performances of Heropsychodreamer, and Lakini’s Juice have made for a stronger performance. The Distance to Here’s standout track “Run to the Water,” an emotional “Lightning Crashes” and an energetic “I Alone.”

Thankfully, Live made up for the at-times slow performance with a solid, but predictable 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 effected 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.
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 one another."

Jason Provenzale, Freshman, Theatre

Question of the Week:

What would it take to get you to respond to this question?

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**Hofstra Holocaust Debate Shines Light on Rights of Student Press**

Justin VELLIUCCI

On Oct. 28, "The Chronicle," the student newspaper of Hofstra University, a liberal arts college located in Hempstead, NY, published a 27-page advertising supplement castigating the existence of the Holocaust. With the publication of the supplement has come an angry debate on the freedom of the student press and the lengths to which some will go to stretch the boundaries of free expression.

At a crowded open forum that took place last Tuesday, students, faculty members and leaders of campus Jewish organizations attacked the editorial decision to run the ad, claiming that the newspaper overstepped its freedoms and, in turn, gave legitimacy to hate speech.

Shawn Van Nester, Editor-In-Chief of "The Chronicle," defended the publication of the ad, claiming that it triggered a beneficial campus debate on the Holocaust and the nature of anti-Semitism. Stephen R. Knowlton, an associate professor of journalism at Hofstra, also defended the ad's publication, claiming that the newspaper "did the university a great service" by making people aware of revisionist views of the Holocaust. The overwhelming crowd at the open forum, however, said otherwise.

The ad, entitled "The Revisionist: A Journal of Independent Thought," was sent by Bradley R. Smith, a Californian who leads the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust. Since 1995, he has sent advertisements to college newspapers claiming that Zionist Jews have stiffed debate on the Holocaust to "dumb up world sympathy."

Smaller ads from Smith had run in "The Chronicle" in the past, according to Van Ness, and the editorial decision to run the ad was apparently routine.

The day prior to publication, Rabbi Meir Mitelman, Hofstra's Director of Jewish Chaplains, found out about the decision to run the ad and immediately objected to it. Michael DeLuke, the Vice President for University Relations, criticized Mitelman for not bringing the ad to the attention of the administration, claiming that, through his silence, he assisted in giving Smith a stage to air his anti-Semitic views. Mitelman claimed his purpose was to defend his freedom to express his views, as the student editors at Hofstra have done.

Where do you draw the line?

Though "The Montclarion" has never been approached by a student newspaper similar to the one published in "The Chronicle," there are, from time to time, ads that require editorial decision to appear in the newspaper. Last year, a full-page ad with a giant hanging appeared in "The Montclarion," from a pro-choice agency that advised young women seeking abortions to consider their options before making a decision. What would have happened if the administration at Hofstra decided that the ad was inappropriate? In past years, local chapters of Planned Parenthood have appeared on your SGA discount card.

**MSU Talk's Cheap When It Comes to Providing For Students**

Jackson 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.

There's a little tip for any of the many students here at MSU who want to save money on something. Do this to do on campus: follow a tour group around.

I recently went on a tour back in the Fall of 1998, coming here to one of MSU's open houses. The tour began with Russ Hall, and from the looks of things, it was as though the tour guides hadn't told us the things we needed to know. In other words, they are the royalty and we plow the fields.

"How cute. They can write.

So frequently is the subject brought up that, by now, everyone's president Susan Cole understands MSU's policy of "not telling the truth," but the administration is not one to talk about the freedom of press and speech of the real press. As the one who witnessed that the voices of a substantial part of their society should be illegalized, discarded and ex­cluded to try to get an individual's right to ex­press themselves fall victim to narrow-minded group politics along the way.

Justin VELLIUCCI, Editor-In-Chief of "The Mont­clarion" is a Junior, English major.

**Viewpoint**

The Mont­
Turkeys In The Family Tree

By Chris Finegan

Mademoiselle, s’il vous plait.

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 plausible answer, and it rears its creepy head every time my family gets together. I’m reminded constantly that I have my dad’s sense of humour and I know for certain that it’s genetic. My father has it, I have it, and my sister has it. It’s kind of like the force, it’s genetic. My father has it, I have it, and it probably exists outside my head. IN my head, however, it’s my hero.

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 drives a ‘77 Gremlin and wears the same pair of overalls she has had for years. Just to be funny, one year I bought her some fake blood and squirted it out a nose 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 wouldn’t either. No one knows what Cousin Willie does. Ever. He never talks about his job, what his interests are, or even where he lives. We think he leaves a family function, goes to sleep in the trunk of his car for a few days, then wakes up and goes to another one. Once, to avoid answering one of my grandmother’s questions, he sprayed an entire can of aerosol cheese into his mouth. If I knew what the hell he did, he might be my hero.

Uncle Freddie: Some adults never grow up. Take my Uncle Freddie, for example. My cousin and I aren’t kids anymore, and yet he still tries to get laughs by showing 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!”

No, you idiot, I haven’t fallen for that in years. Just to be funny, one year I bought some fake blood and squirted it out a nose-trill when she grabbed my nose.

That lady was DUE for a heart attack, if you ask me.

Somewhere in the distance is a person who would tweak your fingers? They’d say, “Got your nose!”

Ahh, family gatherings...

By: Mr. Panhead

The Horoscope

Never Lies

By Chris Finegan

Mademoiselle, s’il vous plait.

Time for our annual family football game!!!

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CANCER (Jun. 21 to Jul. 22): That isn’t a turkey. It’s your neighbor’s cat. If I were you, I’d take it, spay it for back on, and leave it at your neighbor’s doorstep with a bottle of champagne.

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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.

Co-Athlete of the Week
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

MSU running back (#31 - West Keansburg) Joe D’lorio rushes the ball in the second quarter of play against Buffalo State University last Saturday. D’lorio gained a net 193 yards for the Red Hawks.

By Jason Lampa

Freshman tailback Joe D’lorio’s 193 yards on the ground coupled with sophomore quarterback Ed Collin’s 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 Red Hawks will travel to Kean University on Saturday, in a game starting at 4 p.m.

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.

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