Seton Hall Blaze Kills Students

By Karen Clarke

Staff Writer

Boland Hall dormitory at Seton Hall University went up in flames early yesterday morning, causing three students’ deaths, but many remained indoors, believing the fire alarm was one of many false alarms.

Seton Hall’s flames were caused by a careless cigarette smoker, an anonymous Seton Hall resident student said.

An MSU student, Kemeisha West, was on the scene during the early hours when the fire broke out at approximately 4:30 a.m. “It was one of the most chaotic situations I had ever seen,” West said. Students were fleeing the burning building in their pajamas and flip-flops.

“Some were darkened from the smoke, but... my friend was severely burned,” West said.

62 students were injured, beside the three students who were killed.

Many disregarded fire alarms because of so many false alarms in the past.

An anonymous Seton Hall science professor said that classes will be cancelled until early next week. In addition, an ongoing investigation will continue throughout the week.

“This tragedy has been a wake up call for many students who have ignored alarms in the past,” a junior Seton Hall student said.

“I will be sleeping with one eye open from now on and I won’t ignore any more fire alarms,” another on-campus resident said.

MSU also has had a problem with false fire alarms. In October, Residence Life even offered a monetary reward for anyone with information leading to the arrest of the culprit.

Every time a fire alarm is pulled here at MSU, the Township of Little Falls Fire Department responds, but the false alarms keep the firemen away from real work, Edward Pomponio, chief of the Little Falls Fire Department, said in an Oct. 7 issue of The Montclarion.

“It’s a boy-who-cried-wolf thing. Students who live in Blanton and Bohn take it for granted. They’re playing tricks that endanger thousands of lives,” Freeman resident Ray Donocan, Sophomore, said. “If there were a fire, people could die. I think people need to grow up and stop using the fire alarm as a practical joke.”

Transco Pipeline Proposal Bursts; Certification Denied

By Joy Thompson

Staff Writer

The proposed pipeline that would have run through sections of MSU’s campus was denied certification by the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC) on Dec. 15, 1999. In order for the pipeline to proceed, Transco company would have to meet strict guidelines set up by FERC.

The decision to not certify the Independence project, which includes three natural gas pipelines, came about because FERC determined there was not sufficient market need, according to a Dec. 15, 1999 press release. FERC Chairman James Hoecker said FERC “expended every effort to ensure that the Northeast has adequate infrastructure to meet its future requirements.”

The Transco MarketLink project that would run 154 miles of 36 inch and 42 inch pipe through northern New Jersey has had strict guidelines set upon it if it is to receive later certification from FERC.

Although there is no certification for the Independence project, ANR and Transco companies have already begun to adhere to other limitations on the pipeline project:

* A $1 million restoration bond must be posted and held in trust in case the money occurs on any of the property the pipeline runs through until all areas are surveyed and access is granted with proper environmental permits.

* No construction-related activity may occur on any of the property the pipeline runs through until all areas are surveyed and access is granted with proper environmental permits.

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Fire in Montclair businesses faced a fire yesterday on Glenridge Avenue, and suffered a four hour power outage.

LOCAL MUSIC STORE CLOSED:
A local music store owner closed down his business after 24 years of service last Saturday. Joe Provenzano opened up Crazy Rhythms in 1976, and sold all different kinds of music, ranging from jazz to reggae, not sold in most stores. A local customer, said the store made a lot. Provenzano plans to continue selling his rare collection of music over the internet.

NEW OVERSEEER POSITION:
The town council may create the position of Public Safety director to oversee the Fire and Police Departments. They have already thought about Police Chief Thomas Russo for the temporary position. According to the Township manager Terence Reidy, “The whole purpose for the move is to give us an opportunity to study regionalization (an arrangement in which smaller communities combine to share a larger municipal department).”

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Millenium Preparations Prove Useless as MSU is Y2K OK

By Kevin P. Hancock
Staff Writer

MSU, and the rest of the world, breathed a collective sigh of relief as Y2K came and passed, with the so-called millennium bug causing very few problems worldwide, and almost none so far on its campus.

The university spent over $120,000, and set up a special Y2K task force in preparing for the potential hazards of the Y2K bug. Members of the task force worked for two and a half years - right up until the very last moments of 1999 - to ensure that MSU's various computers and systems would be Y2K compliant. Although there is still a chance that problems could arise, the money, time and effort seem to have been well worth it.

"We weathered (Y2K) very well, we didn't have any major glitches at all that we know of," said Harry Schuckel, Vice President for Budget, Planning and Information Technology, who reported that the only problem MSU had was an old server that kept "cranking out silly dates."

"It was a fairly trivial thing," Schuckel said.

The minor glitch seems to be consistent with what the rest of the world has experienced with Y2K - minor glitches that took a very short time to fix. Worldwide Y2K problems were reported to be as insignificant as malfunctioning slot machines in Delaware, to broken taxicab meters in China. Hardly the gloom and doom many were predicting that the Y2K bug would bring.

Major world fears included accidental nuclear launches, widespread power outages, and long-term food shortages. At MSU, officials had their own set of concerns, many of which went beyond minor personal computing problems.

"What we were even more worried about than the desktop computer, was the main business systems of the university," Schuckel said. "The student enrollment system, the financial aid system - we had to upgrade all of those systems so they would be compliant."

"The occasional desktop you can live with problems for a few weeks, but cranking out student grades or paying our employees - that's critical stuff we had to make sure was working properly," Schuckel said.

Another potential problem for the university was the fear that a rash of viruses might be released around Jan. 1, by hackers looking to prey on Y2K fears. In response to this, MSU followed the lead of other universities and government agencies by shutting down its computer systems.

SAYED: After spending $250,000 on Y2K precautions, the university experienced no computer glitches at the stroke of twelve, Dec. 31, 1999.

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ing down all of their computer systems from Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, to guard from acquiring these viruses. Schuckel believes that the strategy has worked, as no new viruses have been reported.

University administrators were not the only ones with Y2K fears. Students also had their own set of worries about what the new year might bring for them.

"It would have been ugly," said Thomas Polese, a Senior Broadcasting major in response to what a Y2K problem could have meant for MSU students. Polese uses MSU’s computer labs every week for schoolwork.

"There is a shortage of computers to use as it is," he said.

Some students were also fearful of what Y2K could have done to their personal academic information.

"It could have infected the MSU databases, which could consequently do a number of things, like tamper with grades or erase transcripts," said junior Jason Boyd, who is also a computer lab assistant for Academic Technology.

In addition to these potentially major problems, the MSU Y2K task force had to worry about other systems that might be effected by the bug, such as alarms, old VCRs and the university’s various desktop computers, and software.

The task force tried to make it as easy as possible for members of the university to check their computers for Y2K compliance.

"Folks could simply just log into a server and run this [Y2K compliance] program onto their computer, and the results would register onto a database," said MSU Director of Continuous Quality Improvement, Tim Carey, who was also Schuckel’s staff appointment to the task force.

Non-compliant hardware and software was located, and then upgraded to versions that were safe from the millennium bug, said Carey.

The MSU Y2K task force was created by Schuckel and consisted of representatives from every area of the university who acted as coordinators, each in charge of ensuring that their particular departments would be ready for the year 2000.

The coordinators’ main focus was to educate members of the university about Y2K, and teach them how to prepare for the possible problems it could bring, said Carey.

Although MSU did not set up a “Y2K Command Center” as many businesses and government agencies had, they did have members of the task force on standby as the clock struck midnight. They were aware that they could be called in at a “moment’s notice” had a problem arisen.

"No matter what anyone told you, no matter how well they thought they were prepared, there was a lot of praying going on around midnight," Schuckel said.

Despite the initial positive results, there are thoughts that some areas might have been overlooked.

Schuckel said he was concerned about reports that said some Y2K compliant business software was coming up with bugs that could range from nagging little problems, to “fundamental disastrous types of problems.” While nothing has come up yet in any of MSU’s systems, Schuckel said that it was something MSU would have its eye on over the course of the year.

"Hopefully it’s over, but in the event that there are any issues out there, [members of the task force] are poised to step in and address things quickly," said Carey. "We don’t expect anything major, but it is always possible that there is some software out there that still isn’t compliant."

In light of all the worrying and preparation, Carey believes that the Y2K hype was a good thing for MSU.

"It forced us to look at some of our old systems and upgrade them," he said. "The end result is that our software and hardware is now first rate."
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La Vita e Ancora Bella!
Italian Cultural Event At MSU

Architecture Frank Gerard Godlewski educates students and patrons about his Italy restoration architecture.

By Terry Fierro
Special to The Montclarion

Ask architect Frank Gerard Godlewski what a typical workday is like and you’re liable to get an elaborate response. Whether it be crazygluing potsherds of century old gem encrusted china or redrawing a Greco-Roman grotto simulating a time when Greek sailing ships ruled the Mediterranean Sea, Godlewski has never had a typical workday. At least that’s what he seems to reveal about his life as an architect restoring historical properties in Italy.

The impressive talk and slide presentation held on Sunday, December 19, in Cohen Lounge brought together a diverse group of standing-room-only attendees who were treated to an awe-inspiring visual array of Italian architecture and Bindi deserts. Hosted by Conversazione e Caffe’ and The Center for Italian Culture, the informal group of MSU students and patrons gather weekly to practice their Italian language skills. Godlewski’s discourse sparks a renewed interest for cultural exchange.

A native of Montclair, New Jersey, Godlewski completed his formal education in architecture at the Cooper Union School in New York City and the Architecture Institute of Venice in Italy. Hand picked for his emergent talents by the famous Italian architect, Aldo Rossi, Godlewski was whisked off to labor in Italy.

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Godlewski. But let it be known that he is not an elitist. He spends a great amount of time volunteering in the neglected neighborhood of Naples.

As disclosed in the evening's slide presentation, Godlewski is currently curator of several historic properties, which he will be offering as part of a 10-day cultural tour for interested travelers beginning this summer. One such impressive site is IL Pizzo Sant'Aniello in Sorrento near Naples. Out of Duke Paolo Roberto Imperiale di Francavilla, an agricultural and ecological habitat. IL Pizzo is located in an old fishing village dating back to the mid-1800s. By agreement with the town of the local toldo house and adobe, one is led to a citrus farm with a private coastline disclosing the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius in the distance. Guests who have stayed at this property have waxed poetic about the rhythmic beauty of orange tree archways and unforgettable sunsets. The ancient method of lemon farming, still in use today, employs 20-foot high pagliarelle.

These stately chestnut frame structures protect 10th fruit from excessive sun and wind. At one time mulberries were grown to produce silk worms. As revealed by another slide, Italian farmers string rete among orange tree archways and unforgettable sunsets. The ancient method of lemon farming, still in use today, employs 20-foot high pagliarelle.

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**FEATURE**
J ust when you thought it was hard enough to get motivated and head back to school after winter break... With the crazy combination of cold and warm temperatures we’ve been having paired with the official arrival of winter, the flu season has arrived. If you find yourself extremely busy and already stressed with the prospect of getting the flu, don’t worry. There are some effective methods to successfully treat the flu that will have you feeling better in no time. Recent pharmaceutical treatments for the flu include both the antiviral drugs Relenza and Tamiflu, and an influenza vaccine given before flu season (late December through early March) approaches. The medications have been proven to be effective treatments against battling the flu, and the vaccination has shown to have a 70% to 90% success rate in preventing illness in young adults, according to a recent report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Although these new treatments are helpful in fighting the flu, they are not for everyone, and have guidelines to follow as well as possible side effects. The two prescription drugs have to be taken within the first 48 hours of flu symptoms to be of any help, and the vaccination should be administered between September and November to provide maximum protection. The vaccination is an actual flu virus that is grown in the eggs of hens and injected into your body, and is best given before flu season begins to provide the best immunity. If these treatments sound a bit expensive and scary, don’t worry. There are plenty of other methods to get better fast without someone sticking a needle in you with a virus grown in eggs and taking medication that can be costly if you don’t have good medical insurance. If you’re on a tight budget and can barely scrape enough change off the floor of your car for a beer run, these tips are for you! Not only do they involve rest and relaxation, which is one of the best free things in life, but your friends will feel so sorry for you that they are bound to cater to you and bring you things for the next few days. There may be some benefits to being sick after all. First of all, whatever symptoms you have, it really is best to stay home to avoid getting others sick. This way, you are doing your part in protecting others and also getting a chance to lay around all day and watch TV while you fight your way back to health. And it is always smart to let your teachers know. Make sure to call when you sound really awful; teachers know when you are pretending to be sick just so you can skip class. The medications have shown to have a 70% to 90% success rate in preventing illness in young adults, according to a recent report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Although these new treatments are helpful in fighting the flu, they are not for everyone, and have guidelines to follow as well as possible side effects. The two prescription drugs have to be taken within the first 48 hours of flu symptoms to be of any help, and the vaccination should be administered between September and November to provide maximum protection. The vaccination is an actual flu virus that is grown in the eggs of hens and injected into your body, and is best given before flu season begins to provide the best immunity. If these treatments sound a bit expensive and scary, don’t worry. There are plenty of other methods to get better fast without someone sticking a needle in you with a virus grown in eggs and taking medication that can be costly if you don’t have good medical insurance. If you’re on a tight budget and can barely scrape enough change off the floor of your car for a beer run, these tips are for you! Not only do they involve rest and relaxation, which is one of the best free things in life, but your friends will feel so sorry for you that they are bound to cater to you and bring you things for the next few days. There may be some benefits to being sick after all. First of all, whatever symptoms you have, it really is best to stay home to avoid getting others sick. This way, you are doing your part in protecting others and also getting a chance to lay around all day and watch TV while you fight your way back to health. And it is always smart to let your teachers know. Make sure to call when you sound really awful; teachers know when you are pretending to be sick just so you can skip class.
By Michael Flinnerty and Justin Velucci

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edral exams were over, you packed your bags and got out of your residence hall. The holiday season was suddenly underway. So, what was on top of your list of things to do beyond picking up more wrapping paper and trash back inside another glass or two of eggnog? How about a few trips to the local theater? What better way to start off a holiday season that is full of mythical tales about a jolly, old fat man who climbs down your chimney than by catching a film based on the life of another eccentric individual, the late comedian Andy Kaufman. In Man on the Moon, Jim Carrey (The Truman Show, The Mask) gives dimension to the often enigmatic Kaufman, through scenes that sought to recreate the comedian’s life and body of work. Carrey deals with the awkward material masterfully, switching seamlessly from Kaufman’s early days as a misunderstood stand-up comic to his edgier debut singing the “Mighty Mouse” theme song on Saturday Night Live and his years as a cast member on the sitcom Taxi. When Kaufman’s life takes a turn for the worst, such as his detour into the world of wrestling or more importantly, his contracting a rare and terminal form of lung cancer, he was backed by an able supporting cast (including, oddly, Danny DeVito who played manager George Shapiro instead of appearing as his own character on Taxi), the film was a weak one for Miller Forman, director of One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest and Amadeus, among others. Forman seems to be stuck on portraying the genius outcasts of society (McMurphy in Cuckoo’s Nest, Mozart in Amadeus, Larry Flynt in The People Vs. Larry Flynt) and while this formula seems to have worked for him in the past, it doesn’t always shine through in Man on the Moon. Why this viewer is instead treated to is a series of sequences in Kaufman’s life, strung together, seemingly, with no cohesion. While Kaufman’s writers Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski, who penned Larry Flynt as well as Ed Wood, seem to have found some degree of success in past biopics, little insight is offered into why Kaufman was the way that he was. Creative genius or eccentric goofball, despite a brilliant showing from Jim Carrey, the movie, by the end, seems to leave the viewer with as many questions as the characters do themselves. “I always thought it was better to be a fake somebody than a real nobody,” Matt Damon (Good Will Hunting, Saving Private Ryan) says near the end of The Talented Mr. Ripley, Anthony Minghella’s follow-up to The English Patient. In the film, adapted from Patricia Highsmith’s novel by the same name, Tom Ripley, a wandering piano player who takes a pretty piece of cash from handsome David Greenleaf (played by Jude Law (Gattaca, eXistenZ), and Marge Sherwood, played by Gwyneth Paltrow (Shakespeare in Love)), meets a fellow riverboat stowaway. Ripley is aSATB

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Ani Shines Right Down To The Teeth

By Anne Lawrence
Assistant Arts Editor

Ani DiFranco, the best female folk rocker you’ve probably never heard of, closed the twentieth century with her greatest album to date. To The Teeth, released on DiFranco’s very own Righteous Babe Records, goes political, to the circus and to the very depths of the soul in the way that only DiFranco can.

To the Teeth opens with the song of the same name, addressing the state of America today and DiFranco’s own advice for the future. What makes “To The Teeth” so powerful, is the style in which it is presented. The finger-picking on acoustic guitar is an overly simple, bare-there kind of melody. Its simplicity emphasizes DiFranco’s vocals. She sounds so alone and alienated as she sings, fed up and aggrieved with the place America has degenerated into, a place where “school kids keep trying to teach us/ what guns are all about/ confuse liberty with weaponry/ and watch your kids act it out.”

She also goes on to mention civil rights activist Malcolm X, “He said the chickens all come home to roost/ Yeah, Malcolm forecasted this flood/Are we really gonna sleep through another century/ while the rich profit off our blood?” DiFranco finishes the vocal part of the song with her “humble opinion” and what she suggest we do, which, when you think about it, may be the truth of the matter and a great revelation, not just one singer’s humble opinion.

"Open fire on Hollywood/ open fire on MTV/open fire on NBC and CBS and ABC/ open fire on the NRA/ and all the lies they told us/ along the way/open fire on each weapons manufacturer." As DiFranco sings, listeners just nod their heads in awe and agreement at her innocent voice and pignant lyrics.

Another political song is the stirring "Hello Birmingham," where she addresses the shootings and violence surrounding abortion doctors and clinics. DiFranco adds a personal touch to this song by talking about her own abortion experience. Some may find it shocking that she can write beautiful songs about such personal subjects. However, she does it, she does it beautifully. It takes strength, and also a lot of creativity. DiFranco has both of these.

Anyone who is familiar with Ani DiFranco’s music knows that she doesn’t stay too serious for too long, and she does upbeat music as well as her slower songs. "Freakshow" is a perfect example. What could be more upbeat than the circus? It’s amusing how she sings, “but life on the outside ain’t/ easy/ no sequins, no elephants/ no parading around,” as if sequins, elephants and parading around were major requirements for a happy, easy life. It’s kind of hard to understand what’s so important about love and compliance, as she sings in the chorus, but somehow, Ani must know something about the circus life that “the folks on the outside don’t know.”

While an upstart has emerged over rockers Limp Bizkit and Kid Rock, a little bit of rap has infiltrated the DiFranco universe as well, in the totally grooving song, “Swing.” Not only does a guest, “Carey Parker” add a rap, Daren Hahn brings his skills with turntables into the mix. A saxophone, Wurlitzer, bells, triangle, bass and acoustic guitar round out the instruments, making it an interesting blend, well worth the listen.

Another refreshing song is “The Arrivals,” detailing DiFranco’s day trips to the airport, where she is content to watch families reuniting, “I just want to sit here for a while/ I have determined/ it’s a sure cure for cancer.”

You could spend days with “To The Teeth.” Every time you listen to the CD, you’ll hear something new, like trying to discern DiFranco’s female voice from The Artist Formerly Known As Prince’s female sounding voice. Reading through the CDs booklet, you’ll discover that not only are members of Ani’s band credited with playing their respective instruments, crickets are also credited with playing their legs. Reading DiFranco’s lyrics without the music is like reading poetry.

It’s amazing that DiFranco has remained an independent, relatively unknown to most of America’s society since her first CD, self titled, appeared in 1990. Over 15 albums later, DiFranco is still that relatively unknown folk/punk/rock ‘n roll girl, putting her all into ever musical venture, and into the record label she launched, Righteous Babe Records. Perhaps the twenty first century will be the year DiFranco gets mainstream appeal and approval, while still maintaining her independent voice.
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the dark underbelly of poor acting and an unbelievably predictable story-line.

Winona Ryder (Alien:Resurrection, Beetlejuice) is Susanna, a bored and uninteresting mental institution patient whose only aspiration is to keep a journal about her life. Angelina Jolie (Bone Collector, Gia) plays Lisa, a fellow patient with a wild streak and a history at attempted escapes. They team up, plan an escape, flee to the house of another former mental patient and camp out, trying to figure out, apparently, if the script can become any more formulaic. And, it does. The ending is nothing more than a blip on the screen, a last breath from a directionless screenplay. While films like Thelma & Louise have really succeeded at tapping into feminist philosophy and translating it into narratives of escape and liberation, Girl, Interrupted, while it might turn out to be a commercial success, seems vague, dull and uninspired.

While it was hardly groundbreaking, Galaxy Quest proved to be one of the more original films of the season, playing as a parody on the Star Trek cult following and phenomenon. In the film, Tim Allen (Jungle to Jungle, The Santa Clause) stands at the helm of the Galaxy Quest team, a group of semi-washed up actors from an old television show who are contacted by extraterrestrials unaware of the fact that the show is fictional. The film features good performances from Allen, as well as Sigourney Weaver (Alien, Gorillas in the Mist) and Alan Rickman (Die Hard, Dogma), but sometimes plays just too much like bad television. While this is surely the intention, and really captures the essence of what a bad television series like Galaxy Quest really is, it isn’t always easy to watch and, by the end, you’re almost waiting for canned laughter to run over the credits.

And what would a winter movie review be without a trailer of coming attractions? We can all start breathing again since Leonardo DiCaprio, the disappearing act and perhaps most promising of all, however, is the adaptation of Bret Easton Ellis’ intense novel American Psycho, with Christian Bale (Midsummer Night’s Dream, Velvet Goldmine) playing the lead and Mary Harron (I Shot Andy Warhol) directing. So, winter break is over, classes are back in session and all of the holiday sales have ended. The winter blockbuster popcorn is stale and you lost your ticket stub, but if you start saving your pennies now, you might be able to pull together enough cash to catch another “can’t miss movie” event come June.
The Voice of Montclair State

Do you feel that there was too much hype surrounding Y2K?

"I think it was too commercial; an idea to make money and make people paranoid." Jennifer Bennett, Junior, Communications

"It was just a big bust." Steve Price, Junior, English

"Yes, Everyone thought there would be glitches, but there wasn't." Omar Mitwally, Junior, English

"Y2K keeps us sitting on pins and needles, the new year turned out to be uneventful, it was a retail paradise with all the planning." Pat Allen, Senior, Allied Health

Question of the Week:

If a fire alarm in your residence hall went off tonight, would you leave the building?

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At 3 a.m. the fire alarm sounds and hundreds of MSU residents come out of their beds, put on their coats and trudge down the steps to stand outside in sub-zero temperatures waiting for the fire company to turn off the false alarm. Does this sound familiar? False fire alarms are an almost daily occurrence for most MSU residents.

Seton Hall University students were not this lucky. Earlier this week, students were awakened by an early morning fire alarm. Most took their time getting on their coats and heading down the stairs. It was not until smoke poured into their rooms and they heard the screams of their fellow classmates that they realized the situation was real. Three students died and 62 others were injured as a result of the fire.

The Associated Press reported that there has been 18 false fire alarms at Seton Hall since September. Many students reported hesitation to evacuate the building, based on many past false fire alarms. MSU had similar problems last semester. The problem here escalated so much Residence Life issued a reward for any student who has information on false fire alarms. Residence Life, University Police and even the local fire departments have been trying to collaborate on finding a solution to the problem. So far, there have been none. Does a tragedy similar to Seton Hall’s have to occur for MSU officials and students to realize this is a serious issue?

False fire alarms not only endanger the lives of students, but also residents in neighboring communities. When fire officials are called to MSU due to a false alarm it leaves less protection to surrounding communities if a real emergency occurs.

Since there have been a number of false alarms, students are less likely to take alarms seriously. They may take their time leaving their room or even stay behind, not wanting to face the bitter cold. What would happen if there was a real fire?

The tragedy at Seton Hall not only affected their 10,000 students but also students nation wide. It will hopefully instill in them the seriousness of fire alarms. You don’t set off smoke detectors in your house as a joke, why should you anywhere else?

Where does this end? Does there have to be a tragedy to open the eyes that are creating the problem? The solution is simple. Next time that you wake up at 3 a.m. fire alarm blaring, you have to wonder how real the situation is. Does smoke have to creep under your door or flames to engulf your bed for you to realize that this is a real fire? You should be able to trust that when the alarm sounds it is a real emergency, not just a silly prank.
This Bug’s Bark was Worse Than its Bite:

Y2K Passes Into History as The Apocalypse That Wasn’t

The world had been holding its breath since long before the millions gathered in Times Square to see the new millennium ring in. The fear of computer crashes began counting down to the last seconds of 1999. Almost everywhere you turned, there it was. The media was bombarded with reports of enough ambiguous premonitions from technical experts to make Nostradamus cringe. Public officials spoke with constituents and spent endless soundbites on television crews about all of the measures being taken to ensure that everything would be alright. The advertising world turned its growing hysterics into a cash cow, selling everything from Volkswagen to M&M’s. And when the last strains of “Auld Lang Syne” played themselves out, people around the world began to debate if the Y2K bug’s bite was as bad as its bark, and one question lingered: Where were you when the clock struck midnight?

While MSNBC.com ran a laundry list of Y2K-related problems in the early hours of the year 2000, most of the reports were nothing more than minor complications. The nuclear clocks at a few nuclear power plants went down, but were operational on any other problems were reported. A UPS plane had to make an emergency landing after some of its instruments blanked out while in mid-flight. On the lighter side, a boy in London apparently cut the cords that led into his computer terminal because he feared that bugs were crawling around inside of it.

Now let’s put some perspective to these minor incidents. According to International Data Corporation, between $66 and $76 million was spent globally during Y2K preparation, between $31 and $41 million in the U.S. alone. Tufts Medical Center reported spending on Y2K should be prioritized over medical coverage. The ten largest commercial airlines in the U.S. spent $650 million to fix or replace just about everything that went smoothly when computers made the switch to 2000. They were then forced to cancel 30 percent of their already-scheduled flight schedule due to poor sales. Well, was it worth it?

Most of the doomsday scenarios prophesized by Y2K believers never seemed to surface and, at best, we all have a string of amusing anecdotes about how funny our dependence on technology is. In Maine, a computer glitch in the Secretary of State’s office caused near 2,000 owners of new cars to receive licenses for “horseless carriages,” a title issued to automobiles prior to 1916.

And what about the massive computer crashes anticipated after the dawn of the new year? On January 1, a JavaScript security hole created what Microsoft big wigs referred to as an “innocuous” bug in the Hotmail e-mail program. On January 14, versions of Netscape Communicator 4.7 crashed but were quickly remedied. The U.S. government budgeted $7.5 million for Y2K preparation and what do we have to show for it? No change in the Secretary of State’s office in Maine can afford to send out a new batch of “horseless carriage” licenses without worrying about hounding taxes to fund the state’s budget for postage. The fact of the matter is, that for all of the panic that was supposed to be sweeping across the globe on Dec. 31, it seems as though a whole lot of people have dropped millions of dollars in cash down a black hole. While there are those claiming that computer problems will still surface, it seems more likely that the only worldwide catastrophe is in the never-ending debate over whether the new millennium really begins on January 1, 2001. (For those who are still going around mumbling about the “new millennium,” please take into account that the calendar didn’t start in the year 0 and it’s a whole lot easier to sell Volkswagens and M&M’s when there are catchphrases lying around like “Product of the Millennium.”)

So, while Peter Jennings and Dick Clark tried to keep people glued to the tube to see Y2K unfurl around the globe, maybe we should begin to look at things a little differently. Forget about the world ending when your PC tell you it’s the dawn of the 20th Century. Disregard the Reverend Jerry Falwell’s comment that a Y2K apocalypse would have been “God’s instrument to shake this nation.” Instead, consider the words of J. Lee Grady, Editor of “Charisma,” who said, “I don’t think this will be a big enough enough to shake this nation. It doesn’t shake this nation.” Instead, consider the words of J. Lee Grady, Editor of “Charisma,” who said, “I don’t think this will be big enough to shake this nation. It doesn’t shake our purpose is to shake this nation.” Instead, consider the words of J. Lee Grady, Editor of “Charisma,” who said, “I don’t think this will be big enough to shake this nation. It doesn’t shake our nation.”

A question for the Year 2000: Where were you when what you feared didn’t happen?

Justin Vellucci, Editor-In-Chief of The Montclarion, is a Junior English major.
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Return to the Bond House, Attn: Liz Voltman, by January 31
Greetings, students of MSU.

I can't believe you today to address some concerns that have been raised by you, the subjects of my domain.

First of all, I'm not some "Moon Man" as some of you have so delicately put it. I didn't arrive here with plans of complete domination. And I certainly didn't come here to give you all anal probes. Where you came up with that one even my humungous cerebellum can't figure it out.

If I've come here because of opportunity and coincidence. I received word that your species was having difficulty with your computers. A "Y2J" bug or something. Apparently, you all went and designed computers that didn't know what year it was. Then, you went and built your entire world around these computers that - when you think about it - had no idea what day it was.

Smooth. Real smooth.

Well, don't worry. We all make mistakes. Except me. I'm perfect, but then again, I was genetically enhanced so that I would be. My creators designed me to be both super-intelligent and super-attractive.

Carrotman. You haven't seen anything like me before. You have complained to me about the parking situation. I have to admit, even I don't know where this plan came from. As far as I can remember, when I heard that not only did your kind rely on confused computers, but you also imbibe substances that make you go to the bathroom in the strangest of places, I knew I was cut out for earth. I landed here on campus. Where I might find the easiest place on the planet to conquer. He implicated this school. Then he collapsed, unconscious. I fed him to my pet, Ainosaur.

Most of you have never seen on campus. He's the 60-foot carnivorous insect with the cute face. He usually has one of you earlings in his massive jaws, but that's just how he plays. It's a bit rough, I must admit. I know that most of you have complained to me about the parking situation. I have to admit, even I don't know where this plan came from. As far as I can tell, this was drawn up by either one of your confused computers or a crazed Venusian Carrotman. You haven't seen anything like a 10-foot dancing vegetable who's inhaled one too many caustic vapors.

I've decided to make things easier on you. I'm willing to cut a deal. You want better parking, and I'm willing to do my part as a good president. Better parking for all students has been granted. You get a 10-story, 700-car parking garage, but only on one condition.

Once a day, I'm going to have to feed one of you to Merv. Now, now, calm down. I'll feed the administrators to him, but they'd wreck havoc on his diet. You see, Merv has a delicate stomach and he needs a low-fat diet to keep his figure. I can't very well feed him administrators. Not only would their hot air give him wind, but my creators wouldn't believe me. But all that fat and gristle just can't be good for any living thing.

In all fairness, Merv's meal will be heavily sedated and will not feel pain when viciously ripped to shreds. In order to get him interested in his prey, I will need two or three volunteers to prop up the food's arms and legs and make it dance. It's actually quite similar to a profession you on earth call a "rodeo clown." Plus, I plan to charge admission to see this. Actually, it sounds more like the earth programs called "game shows." If you enjoy "professional wrestling," you'll get a kick out of this as well.

Now there are a couple of benefits to this plan besides the improved parking. First, remember that at a university with such a large enrollment, Merv's meal probably won't be anyone you know. Second, it could very well be someone you know, but there's a chance that it was someone you didn't like anyway. Third, you have to admit that lines will without a doubt be shorter. Finally, just remember that even if you are the one selected, at least you don't have to worry about those GERs you've been putting off.

The last thing I want to address are changes I plan to make in the coming semester. Eventually, I will replace all administrators with farm animals. I've already appointed Quackers the duck as my Vice President of Budget Blowing. I'm also going to improve the food quality by serving a tasty dish I call "Soylent Green." I think you'll all find it tasty and surprising.

That is all for now. This is your president, Wally of the Cerebral People, signing off.

P.S. Hubert Rutabaga, you have the distinguished honor of being fed to Merv. Report to my house on Upper Mountain Avenue at once or I'll fry your keyster.
Thursday, January 20, 2000

New Course Announced at MSU

By John Fruscanti
Humour™ Writer and Sixth Marx Brother

Attention students: the administration of MSU announced this week that, effective immediately, a new class has been added to the MSU curriculum. This new course is entitled Complacency 101.

Nov through Complacency 101 you can learn all the skills it takes to be an effective MSU student. Learn how to complain endlessly to your friends when you're feeling reactive, unfair, and ineffective. Parking policy is put into effect but never write letters to the administration, attend any student concern meetings on the subject, or organize any protests against the new policy. Then after a couple of weeks of being inactively angry, you'll be able to just give up, accept the new policy unquestioningly and become that right complacent! Bookstore prices got you down? Don't know what to do? Take Complacency 101.

This exciting new course will teach you how to go to the bookstore every single semester to buy books for the same outrageous prices and then sell them back for next to nothing. All this while complaining to your friends and completely ignoring the myriad of less expensive options provided to you by campus services! Joy!

Through Complacency 101, you'll learn all the tricks of the complacency trade, like mumbling nasty comments under your breath to people who have little to no power to change a situation you're unhappy about (i.e. cafeteria workers, bus drivers, guards, etc.). You'll also learn how to spread fan-tastic rumors about actions that may or may not be taken by your peers against the administration or faculty members you're unhappy with while you sit around and believe that's right complacent! And no college course would be useful if it didn't prepare you for the "real world." So rest assured you'll be able to use the skills you learn in Complacency 101 to settle into a job you can't stand and that has absolutely nothing to do with what you really want to be doing with your life. Learn the basics of working far too many hours for an absurdly low salary, getting little vacation time, becoming disconnected from your family and friends, and dreading waking up every morning! Work for the same company all your life and when you retire you'll receive a gold watch in exchange for all the ulcer-ridden, socially destructive, cancer-causing years you put into a company that could care less about your well-being as long as you keep up your part of production. Students will have the option of interning in the break room of an office building of their choice, where they can glean the finer points of complaining every day about how much you hate your job, but never quitting or doing anything to improve working conditions.

Another feature of this course will be studying how to complain about the environment but never doing anything about it because...

"Hey, what can I do? I'm not an environmentalist!"

The course will be taught by a professor who didn't get what he/she wanted out of life, so instead he/she settled into a comfy teaching career and now takes out his/her aggressions and bitterness on the students by ridiculing everything they do and tearing apart their work. This professor has just received tenure, so he/she is safe in the knowledge that no matter what he/she says or does, he/she will not be fired.

Sit back, relax, and let the administration do whatever it wants with your money, your life, and your college career! Sign up for Complacency 101 today and you too can learn how to become - that's right - complacent!

Editor's Note: Have you ever laughed so hard that soda came out your nose? While it made the journey from mouth to throat to nose, did you ever think for a second that maybe it, started fizzing around in your brain? I think that happened to me once or twice. It certainly would explain a lot.

By: MR. PANHEAD

Friday, Dec. 23 to Jan. 20: The only thing separating you from a nervous hysteric is a calm, brittle head and a bottle of Xanex. You need both - your voice will not cut it.

Saturday, Dec. 23 to Feb. 19: To Brussels, there is a men's department store called Big Pink where you can buy "Socks" for 600 Francs. And they say Americans are the weird ones.

Sunday, Dec. 23 to Feb. 20: No one knows how many women bribe their husbands to go.

The Horoscope
Never Lies

By John Fruscanti
Humour™ Writer and Sixth Marx Brother

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Over the last twenty years, there have been some amazing seasons in the World of Sports, especially New York-area Sports. From Bill Parcells leading MVP Lawrence Taylor and company to the Super Bowl in 1986 to the Yankees winning a record 25th World Series in 1999; from the Devils’ Stanley Cup-winning defense in 1994 to the Bulls and Michael Jordan’s last game in 1998, it’s been an exciting couple of decades for sports fans in New Jersey and New York. This is YOUR chance to pick what YOU thought was the most exciting season to watch, listen, read, and talk about. Submit your vote for Most Exciting Sports Season from the choices below to RedHawkSports@Hotmail.com by Jan. 28, and the Montclair Students’ Choice will be unveiled in the Feb. 3 edition of The Montclarion!

'86 New York Mets
Led by young superstars Dwight “Doc” Gooden and Darryl Strawberry, the Mets earned their highest win total ever, going 108-54 during the regular season, the ninth greatest season ever at that time. After defeating the Houston Astros in six games, the Mets overcame the Boston Red Sox in seven games to earn their second first World Series Title since the Amazin’ Mets of 1969.

'98 Chicago Bulls
Led by Michael Jordan in what turned out to be his last season, the Bulls defeated the Utah Jazz in six games to win their 6th NBA Championship in eight years. Jordan was named Finals MVP for the sixth time after scoring 45 points, including the game winning jumper, in the final game of the series, and his career.

'98 McGwire and Sosa
In the greatest home run race of all time, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa spent the season chasing each other on the way to break Roger Maris’ record of 61 home runs in a season. McGwire won the race, hitting his 62nd home run in early September, on the way to an unfathomable 70 home run season. Sosa finished with the second best home run total ever, with 66.

'94 New York Rangers
The Rangers had the longest Stanley Cup drought in history, not having won the Cup for 54 years. In 1994, Mark Messier, Adam Graves, and Mike Richter finally led the team to the Holy Grail of hockey. The Rangers defeated the New Jersey Devils in a grueling 7-game series to reach the finals, where they came back from a three-games-to-none deficit to beat the Vancouver Canucks in seven games.

'98 USA Women’s Soccer
Mia Hamm and Brandy Chastain led the favored United States Women’s Soccer Team to Olympic Gold. Their season was capped off with an exciting 5-4 shootout win over China. After the most accomplished goalkeeper in U.S. Women’s soccer history, Brianna Scurry, turned away one of China’s shots, Brandy Chastain secured the Gold Medal with the final U.S. shot.

'86 New York Giants
Head Coach Bill Parcells and quarterback Phil Simms led the Giants to a regular season record of 14-2. NFL MVP Lawrence Taylor led the defense, and the Giants defeated the Denver Broncos 39-20 in Super Bowl XXI. Phil Simms was named Super Bowl MVP for his 22-25 passing performance. Eight Giants players were honored with spots in the Pro Bowl.

'99 New York Yankees
The Yankees swept Texas in the Divisional Round of the AL Playoffs, then defeated Boston in the ALCS en route to a sweep of Atlanta in the last World Series of the 1900’s. The win marked the 25th World Series Championship in Yankee history, making them far and away the most successful sports franchise of the 20th Century.

'95 New Jersey Devils
1994 Rookie of the Year Martin Brodeur, top defenseman Scott Stevens, and vicious but effective forward Claude Lemieux led the Devils into the playoffs, past the Bruins, Penguins, and finally the Flyers, to reach the Stanley Cup Finals. In the Finals, the Devils defeated the Red Wings in a 4-game sweep. Lemieux was awarded the MVP Trophy for his outstanding play in the Stanley Cup Finals.
When all was said and done, the scoreboard showed a 61-29 MSU victory. Ouch. Shine finished with a game-high 14 points and 11 MSU players scored over the course of the night.

The Red Hawks will have a great opportunity to build more momentum when Rutgers-Camden’s Scarlet Raptors (1-11, 0-8), who happen to be just as inept as Rutgers-Newark, visit Panzer Gymnasium this Saturday at 4 p.m.

Hopefully, MSU will be able to build on this huge victory in preparation for meeting NJAC's second-ranked team, Rowan University (12-1, 6-1), on Rowan’s home court next Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

In their first meeting, Rowan dominated, winning 98-54, and letting no MSU players even reach double digits in scoring. Rowan’s Donna Clark (20 points), Meleena Edwards (19 points), and Kristi McCullough (21 points) will most assuredly be looking to have another huge game against the MSU defense.

Over the next ten minutes, MSU built the lead to 20, and a jumper by senior forward Mike Bult with 2:45 left in the game put Montclair up by 22, at 64-42, their largest lead of the game. A 3-pointer by sophomore guard Tom Fischer with under a minute to play brought the crowd to its feet and sealed the rout.

Walik Wilson finished with 14 points and seven rebounds, and B.J. Reilly chipped in with 13 points.


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Men's Basketball Takes Ford Holiday Tournament

MSU's Milenko Beric named Ford Help The Children Holiday Tournament Most Valuable Player

By Mike Halper
Sports Editor

The MSU Men's Basketball team came away with a big 72-67 overtime win over Roger Williams University in the finals of the Ford Help The Children Holiday Tournament. Junior center Milenko Beric, who had been injured and sat out for seven games coming into the Tournament, won MVP honors as he racked up 26 points and 32 rebounds in MSU’s two games.

After leading 36-28 at the half, MSU spent the first nine minutes of the second half building their lead. Up 51-39 with 10:59 to play in the game, the Red Hawks looked like a lock to win.

In overtime, senior forward Mike Bult scored first, putting MSU ahead for good. Michael Lynch hit a three-pointer for Roger Williams, cutting the lead to 67-65 with 1:22 left, but MSU would hit six free throws before the game ended, putting their opponents away.

Tournament MVP Milenko Beric finished the game with 16 points and a game-high 17 rebounds.

In their first tournament game, MSU was matched up against Felician College. Led by sophomore guard Jason Bush’s game-high 21 points, MSU rolled to a 78-60 victory.

In their second tournament game, MSU faced a tough test in the form of Richard Stockton University. Despite another strong game from Lawrence Ellerbe (13 points), junior guard Kerry Shine (game-high 18 points), and six-foot junior center Marlena Lawrence (18 points in 17 minutes), the Red Hawks played more efficiently than host Gettysburg in the first round of the tournament on Jan. 7, coming out with a 63-56 win.

In the final game, played the next day against 4-3 Wheeling Jesuit team, the Red Hawks couldn't put together another win. Despite another strong game from Lawrence (18 points, 2 blocks, 2 steals), the team was defeated.

Back at Panzer Gym three days later, MSU had a good chance to break their straight NJAC loss. As the team took to the road again for Mahwah and their game with Ramapo last Wednesday, they left that little bit of momentum behind. Lawrence and Ellerbe again had strong games, with 14 and 13 points respectively, and Lawrence grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds. Tara Larkin and Stephanie Pillari countered for Ramapo with 17 and 15 points, respectively, helping their team to a 40-26 halftime lead.

MSU valiantly attempted a come back, hitting 20 of 28 foul shots in the second half, but Ramapo kept them at bay, going on to win 69-64 and handing MSU their third straight NJAC loss.

No Break for MSU

Women's Basketball

Red Hawks fall short in Gettysburg Tournament; loses fourth straight NJAC game

By Mike Halper
Sports Editor

Things seemed like they might be going up for the MSU Women’s Basketball team, as they bounced back from two straight NJAC losses to reach the finals of the Days Inn Tournament held at Gettysburg College.

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Once back at home in Panzer Gym, Kerry Shine welcomed the College of Staten Island to town with a 19 point game, leading MSU to their highest total score of the season, and they handed the Dolphins an 82-65 loss.

After MSU closed out the first half with a 40-26 lead, April Nelson led a States Island charge to come within five points at 65-60. After the teams traded scores, Marlena Lawrence layed the ball in to give MSU a 69-62 lead, and spark a 13-3 MU run to finish the game.

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New Jersey Athletic Conference Basketball Standings
(as of 1/17/00)

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OFF THE BLOCK

Freshman Eddie Fernandez (lane 4) leads the MSU Men's Swimming team to a 107-82 victory of Misericordia at Panzer Gymnasium last night. The Women's team also won, 107-86.

RED HAWK ROUND-UP

RESULTS

Men's Basketball
- 1/4 - Centenary 45 @ MSU 71
- 1/8 - Newbury 67 @ MSU 74
- 1/12 - MSU 54 @ Ramapo 55
- 1/15 - Richard Stockton 59 @ MSU 51
- 1/19 - Rutgers-Newark 47 @ MSU 67

Women's Basketball
- 1/7 - MSU 63 vs. Gettysburg 56
- 1/8 - MSU 50 vs. Wheeling Jesuit 69
- 1/10 - Staten Island 65 @ MSU 82
- 1/12 - MSU 64 @ Ramapo 69
- 1/15 - Richard Stockton 50 @ MSU 48
- 1/19 - Rutgers-Newark 29 @ MSU 61

Men's and Women's Swimming
- 1/12 - USMMA (M-124 W-84) @ MSU (M-92 W-109)
- 1/13 - MSU (M-74 W-86) @ Rowan (M-128 W-122)
- 1/15 - (W) MSU 132 @ ESU 128
- 1/19 - Misericordia (M-82 W-86) @ MSU (M-107 W-107)

Wrestling
- 1/5 - MSU 38 @ Wilkes U. 14
- 1/8 - MSU @ Hunter Invitational - First Place
- 1/16 - MSU 42 vs Coppin St. 12
- 1/19 - MSU 44 vs Howard 12
- 1/26 - MSU 32 vs. East Stroudsburg 14

UPCOMING

Men's Basketball
- 1/22 - 4:00 p.m. Rutgers-Camden @ MSU
- 1/25 - 8:00 p.m. MSU @ Rowan

Women's Basketball
- 1/22 - 2:00 p.m. Rutgers-Camden @ MSU
- 1/25 - 6:00 p.m. MSU @ Rowan

Men's and Women's Track
- 1/23 - 10:00 a.m. Boston Invitational

Men's and Women's Swimming
- 1/22 - 2:00 p.m. WP(W) @ MSU (M&W)
- 1/25 - 6:00 p.m. Kutztown @ MSU (M&W)

Hockey
- 1/12 - 8:20 p.m. Hofstra @ MSU
- 1/23 - 7:20 p.m. Long Island U. @ MSU

Male Athlete of the Break

Rami Ratei

Rami Ratel (20-0, 11 pins) has been on a hot streak all season. At the Hunter Invitational held at Hunter College, Rami led the Red Hawks to a big victory by winning his 149-pound weight class and being named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament. On Sunday, in a Quad Match versus Coppin St., E. Stroudsberg, and Howard, he scored three victories, including two pins, leading MSU past all three opponents.

Female Athlete of the Break

Marlena Lawrence

In four of MSU's five games over the break, Marlena Lawrence was MSU's high scorer. Over those last five games, she has amassed 82 points and 47 rebounds, 16 of them coming against NJAC rival Ramapo. Her best performance of the break has been a big game this past Sunday against Richard Stockton, in which she scored a game-high 21 points, pulled down 13 rebounds and had two blocked shots, both of which were team-highs.
Men's Basketball Outlasts Rutgers-Newark

By Mike Maranee
Staff Writer

The MSU Men's Basketball team defeated Rutgers-Newark (3-9, 1-8 NJAC) 67-47 at Panzer Gymnasium last night, improving their record to 11-4 (5-4 NJAC). The Red Hawks were led by sophomore guard Jason Bush, who scored a game-high 18 points on 7-16 shooting from the field.

In a game that was played rather sloppily, the Red Hawks managed to wear down their opponent by playing good defense, rather than running them off the court. MSU held the Scarlet Raiders to just 34 percent shooting, despite a good showing by sophomore Keith Harvey, who led Rutgers-Newark with 16 points.

MSU senior guard B.J. Reilly opened the scoring by hitting a 3-pointer seven seconds into the game. Rutgers-Newark then proceeded to go on an 11-2 run, taking an 11-5 lead with 14:08 remaining in the half. MSU called their first timeout after having committed five turnovers.

The Red Hawks seemed anxious at the onset of the game, forcing shots and consequently giving Rutgers-Newark opportunites at the other end.

The Red Hawks pulled to within four, but a 3-pointer by the Scarlet Raiders' Keith Harvey put the Raiders ahead 23-16 and prompted MSU to use a 20-second timeout. Another 3-pointer by B.J. Reilly cut the 21-point lead to 27-21.

After Laurence Bowe's three-pointer put the Scarlet Raiders ahead 44-28, MSU went on a 24-4 run, which included 16 straight points, putting the score at 30-10. After a foul by Jordan Stewart, a free throw by Rutgers-Newark, MSU scored another six points, closing the half out at 36-11, with a 46 percent shooting percentage compared to the Scarlet Raiders' meager 14 percent. Shire had already rapped up eight points. Junior center Marlena Lawrence had six points and six rebounds. 11 MSU players had already been in the game.

The kind of game coaches look for. It's an opportunity for the starters to get a well-earned rest, for the backups to get some good playing time, and for everyone on the team to enjoy a nice evening together.

Well, the winning team enjoys it. It's hard to imagine the Scarlet Raiders were having a good time.

The second half wasn't quite as bad. MSU was outscored 13-11 over the first 12 or so minutes.

Even still, Rutgers-Newark could have made the decent game of it and appeared at least somewhat respectable. Instead, in the second half, they shot 4-29, even lower that their first half percentage, and only made 10 of 29 from the free throw line.

MSU Women Snap Four Game NJAC Losing Streak

By Mike Halper
Sports Editor

It's been a good week for freshmen forward Walker Wilson. Against Ramapo last Wednesday, he got his first call to start in an MSU Men's Basketball game. Then he went out and proved that he deserved to stay in the starting line-up.

Wilson earned NJAC Rookie of the Week honors this past week for his contributions in Montclair's 55-54 loss to Ramapo on Jan. 12 and their 59-51 loss to Richard Stockton this past Sunday.

Against Ramapo, Wilson, who graduated from St. Anthony's High School, shot 7-11 for 14 points, and pulled down 16 rebounds.

Wilson's 14 points in each game marks his college career-high, and his 16 rebounds against Ramapo also marks a career-high.

For the season, Wilson has appeared in six games, and has averaged 21.7 minutes, 8.3 points, and 5.8 rebounds per contest.

MSU Wrestling Dominates Competition Over Break

By Mike Halper
Sports Editor

Coming in to this past Sunday's quad match with Cuppin, St. Howard University, and East Stroudsburg University, MSU's wrestlers were on a roll. With three big wins in their last four matches, plus the Hunter Invitational Tournament Title under their belts, the Red Hawks (6-1) had been wrestling dominantly. The trend would continue throughout the day.

MSU rolled to easily defeat all three teams, and the team's two undefeated wrestlers, Rami Ratel (20-0) and Florian Ghinea (17-0), both added three victories to their tallies. Ratel pinned two of his opponents, upping his total pins to 11, a tie for highest on the team.

Dominic Dellagatta (16-1), who also has 11 pins on the season, also had three victories and two pins on the day.

All three matches were lopsided, with MSU averaging nearly 40 points per contest, and only giving up an average of just over 12 points.

Brad Christie (20-2) added three victories for the team, and Carmen Mercandante (6-3), Joseph Immersi (7-4), and Kyle Good (7-2) added two victories each on the day. Montclair also recorded six forfeit wins in the three matches.

MSU's next match is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Panzer Gymnasium, against The College of New Jersey (6-2), who feature 149-pound Matt Moscatello (18-7) and 125-pound Anthony Conte (18-4), who has a 43-11 career record.