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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 fleeting 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."

A Familiar Welcome Back: Students work their way through the aisles and long lines of the University Bookstore yesterday, a day after the Spring 2000 semester was officially underway.

Transco Pipeline Proposal Bursts; Certification Denied

By Joy Thompson
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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.”

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ning 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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Nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding.

PRINCIPLE 3:
Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice, not people.

PRINCIPLE 4:
Nonviolence holds that suffering can educate and transform.

PRINCIPLE 5:
Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate.

PRINCIPLE 6:
Nonviolence believes that the universe is on the side of justice.

"Many people fear nothing more terribly than to take a position which stands out sharply and clearly from the prevailing opinion. The tendency of most is to adopt a view that is so ambiguous that it will include everything and so popular that it will include everybody."

"There is nothing in all the world greater than freedom. It is worth paying for; it is worth losing a job for; it is worth going to jail for. I would rather die in abject poverty with my convictions than live in inordinate riches with the lack of self respect."
La Vita e Ancora Bella!
Italian Cultural Event At MSU

Architect 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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Over the past 18 years, he has restored various villas, palaces, and castles throughout the country's many regions. In 1983 two design projects were featured in The Bianale, an international architectural exhibition held in Venice. Now living in Naples, Mr. Godlewski has just finished co-writing a new edition of The Fodor's Guide to Naples, due out this spring.

His own home is testaments to the fact that he is interested in things-of-old. It is filled with epoch furniture in the style of Louie XVI. The foyer walls sport a glit­

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The ancient method of lemon farm­

ing village dating back to the mid-1800s.

of garlic. A skeleton crew of farmers

and furniture. Godlewski then cataloged and dated the entire remains recomposing priceless pieces of household
goods and art. One must remember that precious frescos and tempera can only be cleaned by hand with a dry cloth to prevent damage, while aged wooden floors must be soaked with linseed oil every month.

In each room there is a fireplace or coal stove. As pointed out, only a skilled tradition­

labor force, now old enough to retire, can be trusted to maintain such historic props­

The ancient method of lemon farming, IL Pizzo is located in an old fish­

ing village dating back to the mid-1800s. It was built in 1788 by the Marchese Godlewski, who was a friend of the Prince of Savoy.

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FEATURE

The ABC’s of the Flu: For Every Student and Budget

By Lisa Gribbin
Assistant Feature Editor

Just 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 afterward.

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.

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If you have a fever, always make sure to drink plenty of water and juice. Avoid coffee and alcohol, which are dehydrating and provide too much enjoyment for you to have right now. Remember that you are sick. You must try to stay as miserable as possible so people will come over and bring you chicken soup (which is another fluid you should have.)

Health professionals recommend that you wear light layers of clothing when you have a fever; bundling up in sweaters and blankets will make you feel even warmer. Take some Tylenol or ibuprofen (the most expensive things you will have to buy) to reduce your temperature.

If you have a bad cough or a sore throat, a good way to get free stuff from your friends would be to call them up so they can hear how bad you sound and feel very sorry for you.

If that doesn’t work, you can make a mixture of honey and lemon (2 parts honey to one part lemon juice, check with your doctor before trying this if you have diabetes) to ease your throat if you don’t like cough syrup.

Breathing steam from a shower or a bowl of hot water can help clear a cough. Gargling with salt water (1/4 teaspoon in one cup of warm water) provides instant relief for an irritated throat. Ice pops, hard candy, and cough drops are other good remedies for an irritated throat. If your nose is blowing all day make it red and irritated, use petroleum jelly to soothe it.

You are now well equipped to fight the flu if need be. If you would like more info about the flu vaccine, prescription drugs for flu if need be. If you would like more info about the flu vaccine, prescription drugs for influenza, or other remedies, go to the website for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov or contact the site www.onhealth.com.

**Flu Symptoms**

- Headache
- Fever
- Chills
- Runny nose
- Cough

**When to see a doctor**

- Shaking chills
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The 1999-2000 Winter Movie Review:
From A Man on the Moon To A Man on Death Row

By Jim Carrey as Andy Kaufman, jolly, old fat man who climbs down your chimney, the audience is treated to an impressive dramatic performance from an actor who has truly transformed himself in recent roles. While Carrey's performance is impressive, it was backed up 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 Mike Portal, 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 One Flew Over The 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. While the viewer is instead treated to is a series of sequences in Kaufman's life, strung together, seemingly, with no direction. While screenwriters 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 title of the film.

"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 takes Tom Ripley, a wandering piano player who takes a pretty piece of cash from his friend, Dickie Greenleaf, played by Jude Law (Gattaca, etXenZ), and Marge Sherwood, played by Gwyneth Paltrow (Shakespeare In Love) between riverboats, stunning outdoor cafes and jazz lounges.

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The Hurricane gives dimension to the often misunderstood stand-up comic to his enigmatic Kaufman. through scenes that give us a sight 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 title of the film.

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The Hurricane gives dimension to the often misunderstood stand-up comic to his enigmatic Kaufman. through scenes that give us a sight 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 title of the film.
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, barely there kind of melody. Its simplicity emphasizes DiFranco’s vocals. She sounds so alone and alienated as she sings, fed up and aggravated 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 poignant 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 uptempo has erupted over rap-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, “Corey 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 Arrival of the Elephants” featuring DiFranco’s own personal voice. It begins, “Am I just a ghost at the big gate,” detailing DiFranco’s stay at 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.
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 drowsy 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...
OPINION

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 buzz.”
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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MAIN EDITORIAL

The Seton Hall Tragedy: Could It Happen Here?

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.

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This Bug's Bark was Worse Than Its Bite:
Y2K Passes Into History as The Apocalypse That Wasn't

Justin Vellucci

"...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."

Stranded on Campus: Lot 28 Parking Poses More Problems Than Solutions

My name is Frank Hering and I am a second year student here at Montclair State University. I am writing this letter in reference to the parking situation here on campus. My car was towed one night while I was working at the radio station, leaving me stranded on campus. After discussing the matter with such people as Dean Helen Velletri, I was advised that I must park in lot 28 as a security measure for my own safety. Not wanting to break any of the rules I complied with the solution given to me.

The problem I now have to do with is the business that transports students to different parts of the campus. On Monday, Nov. 30, I left my radio show as usual and hoped to find a way to correct it before the parking situation here on campus 28. When the bus arrived, the driver asked for his driver's license without worrying about horseserm's, a title issued to automo-""""s, and to my surprise, there wasn't a D.A. at the desk. I called the campus police, our supervisor, and the officer on the phone told me, "That's not our problem, call Residence Life." I told the officer, "you mean to tell me you are responsible for campus security and you won't send some one to secure the building," and an all girl dorm at that! The officer then said, "Don't blame us for this, it is not our business," and then hung up the phone. I spoke to another officer named Myers and she was just as mad and incensed as the first, stating that because I didn't want to say my name she would not tell me hers, (I had asked her for a first name to include in this letter). However, she forgot that she is the assistant who came late. She called to say she would be late, as desk assistants are instructed to do. We need to lay the blame on Residence Life and Campus Police. If there was no desk assistant desk cover the desk and the Director of Residence Life, Resident Manager and Resident Assistants were not informed about this need, to inform the desk and risk failing a final exam, or leave the desk unattended, the choice is not difficult to make.

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

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MSU Police: Dorm Security "is not our business"

Currently I am a student and I am dis-""""gusted with the way the Residence Life staff has been handling deskoperations, and the attitudes of campus police. On Monday, December 13, at approximately 11:58 a.m. I entered the unmarked door to Residence Hall E, and to my surprise, there wasn't a D.A. at the desk. I called the campus police, our supervisor, and the officer on the phone told me, "That's not our problem, call Residence Life." I told the officer, "you mean to tell me you are responsible for campus security and you won't send someone to secure the building," and an all girl dorm at that! The officer then said, "Don't blame us for this, it is not our business," and then hung up the phone. I spoke to another officer named Myers and she was just as mad and incensed as the first, stating that because I didn't want to say my name she would not tell me hers, (I had asked her for a first name to include in this letter). However, she forgot that she is the assistant who came late. She called to say she would be late, as desk assistants are instructed to do. We need to lay the blame on Residence Life and Campus Police. If there was no desk assistant desk cover the desk and the Director of Residence Life, Resident Manager and Resident Assistants were not informed about this need, to inform the desk and risk failing a final exam, or leave the desk unattended, the choice is not difficult to make.

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Greetings, students of MSU.

I can't promise 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 an alibi. Where you come up with that one even my hummingbird cerebellum can't figure out.

He's come here because of opportunity and coincidence. I received word that your species was having difficulty with its computers. A "Y2K" 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 computers that - when you think about it - had no idea what day it was. Smooth. Real smooth.

Well, it's not my fault. 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.

It's a bit rough, I must admit. It's a bit rough, how he plays.

Once a day, I'm going to have to feed something at once or I'll fry your keyster. Anyway, when I heard that not only did you have billions of them around here, but that 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 quite similar to a profession you on earth call a "rodeo clown." Plus, I plan to charge

I've decided to make things easier on you, I'm willing to cut a deal. You want to conquer. He implicated this school. Then, you'll all find it tasty and surprising.

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Remember that even if you are the one selected, you didn't arrive here with plans of complete domination. And I certainly didn't come here to give you all an alibi. Where you come up with that one even my hummingbird cerebellum can't figure out.

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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.
New Course Announced at MSU

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.

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The course will be taught by a professor entitled Complacency 101. Through Complacency 101, you'll 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 me laugh, I hope you'll laugh even harder. 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 do 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 all 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 right complacent!"
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Humour™'s Website of the Month

THE ILLUSTRATED BEOWULF

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Those of us who stayed awake in English literature were treated to the story of Beowulf, the larger-than-life warrior whose exploits saved a nation and bored noblecorded students for centuries to come.

Fortunately, for those who fell asleep, there is a "Cliffs Notes" version available. It's our website of the month, and it explains Beowulf in terms even a Wheel Of Fortune contestant could understand. The characters - Geats, Danes, Thanes, and Monsters - are played by their modern-day counterparts, including Bill Clinton, Catwoman, Godzilla, and Cookie Monster. The site is well worth a look, and it's one of the few places on the net to see Slick Willie and Pope John Paul II cruising for chicks.

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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 on 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.

deficit to one, and a jumper by NJAC Rookie of the Week Walik Wilson with four minutes left in the half gave MSU a lead that they would not relinquish.

The second half again started slow on both sides, but the Red Hawks managed to pull away. A free throw by Jason Bush with 16:36 remaining in the game gave MSU a 10-point lead. A lay-up by the Raider’s Michael Chapman cut the lead to six with 13:21 to go. From there the Red Hawks went on an 8-0 run, pulling away and never looking back.

Over the next ten minutes, MSU built the lead to 20, and a jumper by senior forward Mike Butt 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.

B.J. Reilly matches a loose ball as a Rutgers-Newark player tries in vain to recover.
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 82-67 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 the tournament. This was a good example of why they play the games. Despite another strong game from Lawrence (18 points, 2 blocks, 2 steals), the team 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 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.

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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.

With big games from sophomore guard Stephanie 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 a 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.

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 Staten Island charge to come within five points at 65-60. After the teams traded scores, Marlena Lawrence laid the ball in to give MSU a 69-62 lead, and spark a 15-3 MSU run to finish the game. 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 comeback, 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 its third straight NJAC loss.

Back at Panzer Gym three days later, MSU had a good chance to break their NJAC losing streak. MSU was up 48-46 with under two minutes left in the game, when Amanda Petrnonaci and Tamika Riley of Richard Stockton U. hit consecutive jumpers to tip the game in Richard Stockton's favor.

No Break for MSU

Women's Basketball

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

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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 43 @ 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-129)
1/13 - MSU (M-74 W-86) @ Rowan (M-128 W-122)
1/15 (W) MSU 132 @ ESU 128 @ MSU (M-107 W-107)

Wrestling

1/5 - MSU 38 @ Wilkes U. 14
1/6 - MSU 42 vs Coppin St. 12
1/6 - MSU 44 vs Howard 12
1/8 - MSU @ Hunter Invit. - First Place
1/16 - MSU 32 vs East Stroudsberg 14

UPCOMING

Men's Basketball

1/25 - 8:00 p.m.
Rutgers-Camden @ MSU

Men's and Women's Track

1/19 - 10:00 a.m.
Boston Invitational

Men's and Women's Swimming

1/22 - 2:00 p.m.
WPU @ MSU (M&W)

1/25 - 6:00 p.m.
Kutztown @ MSU (M&W)

Wrestling

1/25 - TBA
TCNJ @ MSU

Hockey

1/22 - 8:20 p.m.
Hofstra @ MSU

1/23 - 7:20 p.m.
Long Island U. @ MSU

Male Athlete
of the Break

Rami Ratel

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.
MSU Women Snap Four Game NJAC Losing Streak

By Mike Halper
Sports Editor

The kind of holiday break the MSU Women’s Basketball team had probably not left anyone more than a little frustrated. What better way to take out that frustration than to beat up on one of the NJAC’s worst teams?

One of the teams fitting that bill, Rutgers-Newark (1-3, 0-1 NJAC), came to Panzer Gymnasium last night, probably without much hope of winning. The Red Hawks (5-10, 3-4) jumped out to a 6-0 lead before the Scarlet Raiders knotted the score five minutes into the game.

That could have given the Scarlet Raiders a little confidence, already having been able to catch up before the opponent got too far ahead. But a 3-pointer by B.J. Reilly cut the score after having committed five turnovers.

Junior guard Kerry Shine and sophomore guard Stephanie Ellerbe took Rutgers (24-4) on a route that included 16 straight points, putting the Scarlet Raiders up 30-10. After a Laurence Burdine three-pointer for 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’ 14 percent. Shine had already racked up eight points.

Junior center Marliena Lawrence had six points and six rebounds. 11 MSU players had already been in the game.

This is 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 done 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’s Ghinea dominated in his match, and Kyle Good (5-2) in the 197-pound class, Brad Christie (17-2) in the 174-pound class, and Carmen Mercandante, first place in his weight class and was named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

Wrestling Dominates Competition Over Break

By Mike Halper
Sports Editor

Coming into this past Sunday’s quad meet with Cupin 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 Moscatel (18-7) and 125-pound Anthony Conte (18-4), who has a 43-11 career record.

MSU wins Hunter Invitational Tournament

After winning three of their last four contests, the MSU Wrestling Team must have been hungry heading into the seven-team Hunter Invitational Tournament on Jan. 8. They dominated the competition, scoring 10 top three finishes, including five first place awards. The team won by a comfortable margin, 32 points ahead of second place New York University.

MSU rode a wave of victories led by 149-pound Rami Ratel (17-0), who won first place in his weight class and was named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament, and 133-pound Jess Mosco (13-0), who had three victories by pin fall, two of them in less than 10 seconds.

Again, getting up first place awards were Dominic Delegata (13-1) in the 165-pound class, Brad Christie (17-2) in the 174-pound class, and Kyle Good (5-2) in the 197-pound class.

Three days earlier, the wrestlers visited Wilkes University, where they had matches with Wilkes and Lycoming. Wilkes fell 38-14 as MSU scored five pins, including pins from Rami Ratel and Florian Ghinea. But the Red Hawks couldn’t overcome Lycoming. In a match that saw no pinfalls, Lycoming came away with six of the 10 decisions, and a 19-12 victory.

MSU’s Ghinea dominated in his match, pulling out a 21-9 majority decision.