Hopeful: Democrat Bill Bradley speaks at the New Hampshire primaries this weekend. All Democrat and Republican candidates tried to win their party's nominations by hosting rallies throughout the weekend.

MSU Bus Tour Follows the Campaign Trail

By Elizabeth A. Hutchinson

A group of MSU students, faculty and alumni traveled to Manchester, New Hampshire, this weekend to witness the candidates of election 2000 campaigning for party nominations during this week's primary.

Among the participants on the trip was Chuck Finer, Director of Student Activities, George Zilbergeld, Chair of the MSU Political Science Department and SGA president John Griffin.

The MSU group followed the campaign trail of presidential candidates Bill Bradley, Al Gore, John McCain, George W. Bush Jr., and Steve Forbes. Hailed as one of the most crucial state primaries in the country, the candidates toured the Manchester area in order to gain voter support.

A viewing was held yesterday at St. James AME Church in Newark, and a service followed. His burial took place today from the Whigham Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Wimberly's wife, Glenda, and his six children survive him.

Contributions for the youngest two children's college funds can be sent to:
Wimberly Children's Fund
PO Box 7098
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Suicide Attempt in Freeman Hall

By Nichole Farella

A fourth-floor resident of Freeman Hall attempted suicide on Jan. 20 before university police rushed him to St. Joseph's Hospital.

"I won't comment on this situation because it's still under investigation," Dr. Karen Pennington, Director of Student Development and Campus Life said.

University police declined comment as well.

"While up to 75 percent of college age people have suicidal thoughts or ideas, it is uncommon that they will make attempts at their life, even less common that they will actually end their life," said Dr. Ben Brennan of Psychological Services.

Although she declined comment about this case, Dean of Students Helen Matusow-Ayers discussed the available resources should another situation like this arrive.

"We are engaged in trying to prevent people from making these attempts. Students are always encouraged to speak to Psychological Services or the Residence Life staff," Matusow-Ayers said. "We are very prepared on campus in terms of psychologists and crisis management teams if these situations do occur."

Brennan said that there are many risk factors to look for such as alcohol and/or drug abuse, multiple accidents and giving away of possessions.

"The key words to look for are helplessness and hopelessness. If a person exhibits these feelings, that is a pretty good indication that they need help." Other clues may include personality changes, and withdrawal from activities, Matusow-Ayers said.

Depression is also a key factor in most suicide attempts. Though almost everyone experiences depression in one form or another, the trick is to know when it may lead the person to harm. Depression that is severe or long lasting may be a sign of something more serious.

"Some people may be afraid that bringing up the subject may lead the person to actually ending their lives, but this is not true, this can be helpful, letting the person know that you care," said Brennan.

At Psychological Services, counsellors are available for groups or individuals. The center is open to everyone, on Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located in Gilbreth House behind Freeman Hall.

The Drop-In-Center is also a valuable resource. Staffed with peer volunteers and referral possibilities, they have a lot of information on suicide and also have a 24-hour hotline at extension 5271.

The Newman Center is also a place to find guidance and advice, regardless of religion. All of these places are located on campus, and are free and confidential.
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**4 - FIRE ALARM**

Officers responded to a fire alarm in Dickson Hall. The cause of the alarm was unknown.

**5 - 28 THEFT**

Officers responded to a report of theft in Panzer Gymnasium.

**WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST**

**THURSDAY**

Snow
Hi: 40° Lo: 29°

**FRIDAY**

Cloudy
Hi: 36° Lo: 27°

**SATURDAY**

Cloudy
Hi: 34° Lo: 22°

**SUNDAY**

Cloudy
Hi: 34° Lo: 20°

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Security issued an uncompromising lab issue.

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Camps don't give up on privacy.

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The SGA supports student employee.
"Hell, No! You Won't Tow:"
Parking Protest Ignored

By Anna Lawrence
Assistant Arts Editor

Student protestors braved below freezing temperatures early yesterday morning to fight the current parking situation by preventing three cars from being towed from Lot 20. Huddled beneath blankets and blocking wind with a tarp, a total of 22 students, including seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen, Clove Road residents, on-campus residents with and without cars, and one commuter, stayed in Lot 20 from 1:45 a.m. until 4:15 a.m. Senior Clove Road Resident and organizer of the protest, John Frusciante, and the protestors were concerned that the parking problem was being ignored by the administration. During the two and a half hours, university police passed by the group of students 19 times, but did not slow or approach the students.

"We just don't want things taken from us without our consent."
- John Frusciante, protest organizer

President John Griffin and Vice President Michael Kazimir of the SGA arrived at the protest, offering support, saying that they protested the parking situation in the summer before it was instituted, but to no avail.

"Whatever the administration thinks, we don't want benefits, we just don't want things taken from us without our consent," Frusciante said. Although no administration responded, protestors felt that their experience was worth their while.
Community Gathers to Mourn Death of Seton Hall Students

By Elizabeth A. Hutchinson
Opinion Page Editor

A somber crowd of family, faculty and friends gathered in Seton Hall’s Brennan Recreation Center on Thursday to pay tribute to the three students who died in last month’s freshman dorm fire. The name of the ceremony, “Remembrance and Hope,” was intended to help the Seton Hall community pay respect to the deceased students, and praise the students who have been hailed as heroes.

W. King Mott Jr., the Dean of Seton Hall’s Freshman Studies, offered comforting words to a grieving student body. "To the students of Seton Hall University, may you come to understand the depth of love that your community feels for you and may this tragedy bring us all closer..." Mott said.

Seton Hall University President Robert Sheeran also spoke of both the tragedy and the heroism that emerged from it. "How grateful I am, how grateful we are, for those moments of heroism and goodness," Sheeran said.

Sheeran also mentioned the first time he spoke to the victims, prior to the beginning of the fall semester. "Five month’s ago, to this very day, I spoke to Frank, John and Aaron–and all of you, the class of 2003, at our Freshman Convocation. It was the day your parents moved you into Boland Hall, with so many of us there to help you," Sheeran said.

The president of the Seton Hall Student Government, Bryan Schroeder, also offered words of comfort to his fellow student body. "We have been in total fear, shock, disbelief, sorrow and numbness. At the same time, we have found relief, hope, friendship and love in this community," Schroeder said. Schroeder also recognized the many heroic acts that occurred both before and after the fire.

"We have witnessed amazing acts of heroism, ranging from saving a life, to consoling a friend, to being here today," Schroeder said.

Sheeran’s service was not to eulogize each of the three victims, but to remember what contributions they had made to the Seton Hall community. It was also a ceremony to recognize, console and comfort the victims’ family and friends of this tragic fire.

"They are a place where the classes are flexible, to fit around a schedule, so a mother can continue her education," Bradley said. "On-Campus day care facilities such as the one at MSU are also a way to help students with children," Bradley said.

Republican candidate McCain spoke to supporters at a town meeting held at a local New Hampshire middle school. McCain’s campaign slogan, "The straight-talk express," is geared to convince voters he is open and honest.

During the meeting, a large group of student environmental activists protested the lack of emphasis on environmental issues such as global warming during his campaign.

The students were from all over the country, working for an environmental youth panel associated with the Center for Environmental Citizenship.
Activity Fair Peaks Interest

First ever SGA sponsored Organization Fair gives students chance to get involved

By Rachel Worschawski

Staff Writer

F or the first time in all its many years on campus, The Student Government Association organized a fair giving all organizations under the SGA an opportunity to get their name out to both commuter and resident students.

This event, held on Wednesday, Jan. 26, was organized mainly by the Director of Programming of The SGA, Robert Vincent, who contacted all of the organizations under it in order to receive complete participation. He also utilized his fellow cabinet members to reach Greek organizations and campus services.

Many organizations were there with flyers and answers to questions that students might have had. An estimate of about 20 organizations participated, along with student services and 10 Greek affiliated organizations.

One of the highlights of this organization fair was the free ice cream bar. Students were able to create their own sundaes with ice cream, chocolate syrup, sprinkles and more.

The decorative theme of this event was "Montclair Pride." The Ballrooms were lined with red and white streamers, balloons and tissue paper.

Students were not the only ones interested in visiting and learning about campus organizations and services, many faculty and administration also attended. Even Dean Helen stopped in along with other members of the Dean of Students Office.

John Griffin, President of the SGA, said "It's the Student Government's attempt to reach out to the student body and organize a well thought out event. It is unfortunate that more people didn't attend, though that won't stop us from reaching out to Montclair State and its community."

Ray Delosreyes, a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity, said "This is helping people get in gear for the semester, it is too bad more people didn't show up."

Vincent thought that although there might have been low attendance within the organizations, the event still went well, and felt that the main goal of creating unity amongst the services and organizations was attained.

This event helped to create us as a team. It also helped to promote better citizenship amongst the campus community," he said.

If you or anyone you know is interested in getting involved on campus, contact The Student Government Association at (973) 655-4202 or stop by their office in the Student Center Annex.

If you have a particular organization in mind, you might also want to try calling them directly by obtaining their numbers from the on campus information line (973) 655-4000.
**MSU Campus Calendar**

**February**

- **Thursday, February 3, 2000**
  - Le Cercle Francais, 3 p.m. SC 104
  - Conservation Club, 4 p.m. SC 104
  - Sigma Delta Phi last rush event, (must attend if you want to pledge) 7 p.m. SC revolving doors
  - OSAU: “Conscious Minds in the Millenium,” 7 p.m. DJ Cohen Lounge
  - Theta Xi rush event: go kart racing, 7:30 p.m. SC revolving doors
  - Drum Circle, 10 p.m. SC 104
- **Friday, February 4, 2000**
  - Call a friend and go out to dinner
- **Saturday, February 5, 2000**
  - Hand in a Personal Ad for someone special in your life, due by February 7 at noon, drop them off in The Montclarion office
- **Sunday, February 6, 2000**
  - Lion King Trip, 2 p.m.
  - Yoga, 1-2 p.m. SC 419
  - Mu Sigma Upsilon interest meeting, 8 p.m. SC 416
  - Alpha Kappa Psi rush meeting, 8 p.m. SC 417
  - Sleepout for the homeless, 10 p.m. BL/BO Quad
- **Monday, February 7, 2000**
  - LASO, 3:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
  - Lambda Tau Omega interest meeting, 7:30 p.m. SC 418
  - OSAU: Black History Trivia, 7:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
- **Tuesday, February 8, 2000**
  - Women’s Center: “Self-Assessment and Career Decision Making,” 12-1 p.m. SC 417
  - Michael Rush: “Media Art: Clicking Towards 2001,” 7 p.m. Calcia Hall 209
- **Wednesday, February 9, 2000**
  - A Night of Expressions, SC Ballroom B
  - Mambo Dance Lessons, 9 p.m. Ratt

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STUCK IN THE WEB WITH THE GRAM

By Anna Lawrence

www.assistantsarteditor.com

Think the internet is full of idiotic websites that prove their creators have a negative IQ? I would like to prove you wrong. Although the search will be long and hard, I, the Gram, am determined to find the sites that prove the internet is more than just porn and... more porn.

Know of a web site you think should get reviewed? Send a link to my email: thegramrock@aol.com.

Certified: Disturbed
http://www.inconnect.com/~ace

This site is comprised of three main areas, which, at first glance, looks like a very small site. Once you explore the pages, however, you'll realize that there is much more to it than meets the eye.

The first area your eye is drawn to is the "Rant of the Month." This guy really seems to have a level head on his shoulders, except for the fact that the latest rant is from November '99. That's a general 'no-no' as far as web design is concerned. If you're going to give something a title, make sure you're going to do it every month. This site is put together by Nefas, which, when you think about it, seems a little corymorphic. Look at the graphic - it looks horribly out of place on the Covenant page as opposed to the Deal with the Devil page. This site makes me want to sign a covenant with God as well, but... the 'Deal with the Devil was a lot funnier.'

Hopefully, the religious being I finally choose to sign my pact with will shower me with some sort of good graces and guide me to other equally witty, equally amusing web sites as I embark out into the wild, wild, web (c'mon, I just couldn't resist) for the good of my fellow students.

The next section is "Deal with the Devil." Appropriately, it is drrenched with a lot of red, yellow and orange colors. The fonts and wording look nice in a demonic way. The "deal" itself is funny, I like how you can choose what you'll get in the deal, and what the devil will get in return (Microsoft is sold out, however, clear skin requires the handing over of your faux fur coat). The site also includes "Hell Humor" (several images of Side cartoons by Gary Larson and Non Sequitur cartoons by Wiley, cartoons all having something to do with hell.) "Deal with the Devil" is all around smart, funny, and well put together. Almost makes signing a deal with the devil not such a bad thing.

For those of you holy people, the next section of "Certified: Disturbed, Covenant with God," provides just that, a pact with The Big Man Upstairs. The colors here are more relaxed pastels, a lot less harsh on the eyes than the fire of "Deal with the Devil." This site is put together by Nefas, which, when you think about it, seems a little corymorphic. Look at the graphic - it looks horribly out of place on the Covenant page as opposed to the Deal with the Devil page. This site makes me want to sign a covenant with God as well, but... the 'Deal with the Devil was a lot funnier.'

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The following morning, children awaken to greet their parents and receive their presents in terms of money wrapped in red paper packages. The family then starts out door to door to say greetings, and to cast away old grudges.

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The Conquest of Nian

By Michele Phipany

Staff Writer

Western civilization has stepped into the twenty-first century far ahead of those in the East. In America, we find ourselves engaging in wacky holidays, getting ready for Cupid’s arrow to hit our hearts, and trying our very best to succeed in every aspect of our busy lives.

In China, however, they have been carefully planning one of the most important celebrations of their culture - the approach of the New Year.

The preparations for this event begin one month before the new year, when people start buying presents, decorations, food and clothing. Chinese houses are swept from top to bottom to keep away ill-fortune, and make way for good luck.

The doors and window panes are repainted, usually red in color, and decorated with paper cuts and coupletts, which promote the themes of happiness, wealth, longevity, and a satisfactory marriage with more children.

Though the origins of the Chinese New Year are too old to be traced, it is still a tradition held by the Chinese to observe the conquest of Nian.

Nian was the name of a monster that started preying on people the night before the beginning of the new year. This new year is in terms of the Chinese calendar, which consists of both the Gregorian and a lunar-solar calendrical system, and is a reflection of Chinese ingenuity.

One legend says that the Nian used to scare the people of China, until an immortal god came to their rescue. Before the man left, he told people to hang red decorations on their windows and doors at each year’s end to scare away Nian. Red was the color the beast feared most.

From then on, the Chinese have observed the conquest of Nian, and prepared for the coming of each new year. The Eve of the New Year is carefully observed with all families coming together.

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This is a great time for reconciliation. The air is permeated with warmth and friendliness. These festivities continue for about 15 days, and end with the Festival of Lanterns, which includes lantern shows and folk dances.

The Chinese New Year falls on February 5, and marks the start of the Year of the Dragon, and the beginning of spring. For many, this may be a day with little relevance, but to the Chinese, it will be a time to re-capture the essence of their culture.

The spirit underlying the diverse celebrations of the Chinese New Year serve the purpose of placing sincere wishes of peace and happiness for family and friends. This year, take the time to recognize the significance and history behind the Chinese New Year, and how it has helped them to evolve into who they are as a people in our shared world.
I don't know why you say goodbye, I say hello.

By Michael Finnerty and Anna Lawrence
Working eight days a week just for you.

It seems that history is repeating itself; again and again and again. Bands are covering more and more classic songs, and have been doing so for many years. Is there a lack of invention or ingenuity? What is the measure of a band?

Some will argue it is how many albums get sold, or how many concerts get sold out, but imitation being the highest form of flattery, one could gauge a band or artist's success by how many of their own songs get covered by other various artists throughout the years.

It's easy to argue that these other various artists simply have no talent and attempt to profit off of someone else's hard work by copying their songs. In some cases, this is true. However, when the cover artist succeeds in capturing the essence of the original song, adds something of their own, and leaves you with a masterpiece that updates and rekindles the magic of the original classic, then you know you have a true work of musical art on your hands.

Anyone can cover a song, and anyone's songs can get covered. When you look through musical collections, or simply type in a search for the song "Yesterday" or "All Along the Watchtower" on CDnow.com, you will find that what only the greatest of artists get copied, covered, sampled and mixed time and time again. These artists included legendary rock idols like Bob Dylan, the Beatles, and Pink Floyd.

Dylan, who has recorded over four dozen albums (including live albums, greatest hits, and bootlegs that had been recorded and released), helped reshape the sound of rock and roll in the 1960s. It has become a joke among the musical world that almost every nineties band would cover Dylan songs, as did Richie Havens. The Beatles made "Mr. Tambourine Man" famous, and also covered "All I Really Want to Do," "My Back Pages," and "Paths of Victory." Richie Havens added his version of "All Along the Watchtower" to the list, as well as "Lady, Lady, Lady," and many others.

But Bob Dylan isn't the only rock icon to have his songs covered. For instance, Havens not only covered Dylan, but he also covered a collection of Beatles songs, including "Rocky Raccoon," and "Here Comes the Sun" (and even a few songs written ten after the members went their separate ways, like "Imagine" and "My Sweet Lord," among others), put them together on an album with his Dylan covers, and released it as Richies Cafe: Sings Beatles and Dylan: Old and New. Together and Apart.

The Beatles have got to be, by far, the most widely covered band of all time. Covered by bands throughout the decades, the Beatles wrote and recorded the most frequently covered song to date. The song is "Yesterday." Covered by bands ranging from Ray Charles to Boys II Men to the Supremes, and even The Smothers Brothers, "Yesterday" is a song of today. Bob Dylan even recorded a cover of it in 1970, though it was never released.

From bands such as Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young and Bobby McFerrin, with their covers of "Blackbird," and more modern bands such as Oasis and Onigo Bongi, with their covers of "I Am the Walrus," The Beatles have remained alive and active in music for almost four decades.

What may compound the fact that The Beatles are the most covered band, probably in all of music history, is that The Beatles have the widest, most popular range of songs. From their clean cut, British Invasion songs like "Help!" and "Eight Days a Week," to the immortal "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," and "Strawberry Fields," each bar and note of Beatlemania has been rerecorded somewhere further along the line.

An unexpected band to cover such music is the Foo Fighters with their cover of "Have a Cigar." A mainstream rock band seemed to be the least likely to play a psychedelic song from the eccentric Pink Floyd.

Pink Floyd, a band who seems to have picked up where the Grateful Dead left off, appears to be the most frequent to cover Pink Floyd. Fitting, taking into consideration the funky sounds that Phish creates, and their obvious respect for bands such as Pink Floyd and Grateful Dead. Perhaps cover songs are not due to a lack of talent, but instead are done out of a respect to a past generation. They allow bands to pay homage to their musical roots and to always remember where they came from.
**Simon Says** Appropriate Name for Unoriginal Band

By Heather Ossandon  
Staff Writer

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imon Says has surfaced with their debut album Jump Start, released in April, 1999, on the Hollywood Records label. Unfortunately for Simon Says this Jump Start looks like it needs some new cables.

These Sacramento, California natives are all in their early twenties and carry with them a grunge/punk sound. The band is headed by the whiny lyrical stylings of Matt Franks, and accompanied with Zac Diebles on guitar, Mike Arrieta on bass, and finally Mike Johnston on drums.

The focus or drive of the album, quoted from Matt Franks is, “deal with your problems and move on.” Ironies, however, is the fact that much of the subject matter of the songs deal with childhood grievances with lyrics like, “picture of a mother’s dream, a perfect son, a family trophy for your lowly self esteem, product of a glory whore.” This definitely doesn’t sound like anyone is being self esteem, product of a glory whore”.

Moving through the album again, one comes upon the song “Ship Jumper” which has a hard hitting guitar, but also includes an ever prominent break in which the song mellows down and interludes for another annoying melodic ballad by Franks. He sings, “all I want to do is cry,” and listeners won’t be able to help but feel the same way after hearing this song. Fortunately for all of the listeners, after “Ship Jumper” comes what other aptly named song but “Life Jacket.” But it doesn’t offer any salvation from the ever-sinking boat that is Simon Says.

Too add insult to injury, the band says that they are all about aggression and rhythmical energy. What is remarkable about this record is that probably quite an unfortunate affair for Simon Says is that they hit their big break by signing with the label of Hollywood Records, a company known in the United States for the music they keep issuing kids albums that sound like a 12 year old.

On a slightly more positive side, Simon Says do have some musical talent. The drums are hard hitting and the tempo is changed somewhat from one song to another. In addition to that, the bass line can be considered somewhat inventive and very unique. Unfortunately, one cannot forget the fact that Frank’s whiney voice is on top of everything and is totally inescapable. The final word on Simon Says is that they made a valiant effort but it fell short on their own ideals.

**Ladysmith Black Mambazo**

By Jarred Shaw  
Staff Writer

I t was as if a mysterious African spirit floated like a fluid river was being poured out into a whole new ocean of art. This spirit is Ladysmith Black Mambazo, a Zulu folk and cultural harmonization who can interweaving voices simultaneously united with spiritual and cultural dancing, defying the years of apartheid in the songs of miners and factory workers. The 10 members of this amazing long-winded band quartet look, it looks nothing like any medieval troubadour and of course they are ever-popular and ‘supercool.”

Unfortunately, one cannot forget the fact that the audience to go on-stage to learn some interesting pictures of children. One could not help but feel the relationship of the visual slides of young homeless children in barren local Gospel fields and the music and movement of Ladysmith Black Mambazo’s bodies in a deeply emotional song called, “Homeless.” Lady Smith Mambazo has reached audiences beyond their own culture in terms of educating people about their homeland stories, which is reflected in their music and dance.

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**What's Up, Tigerlily?**

Out and about in the local arts scene

**Concert Calendar**

**Thursday, February 3**

Murphy’s Law, Hate Breed, Candiria. L’Amour, Brooklyn, NY.

**Friday, February 4**

Chris Botti, Michael Brecker. Blue Note, New York, NY. (212)475-8592

**Saturday, February 5**


Charles Fulbourn, Classic Joe Maneri Quartet, Dave Van Ronk, gutbucket, Gypsophila, Odetta. Knitting Factory, New York, NY. (212)251-3055

**Sunday, February 6**

Wier Al Yankovich. Beacon Theater, New York, NY.

**Monday, February 7**

IMAGEN. S.O.B’s, New York, NY. (212)324-3040

**Tuesday, February 8**

Zem Tricksters. Wetlands Preserve, New York, NY. (212)966-4225

**Wednesday, February 9**

Mr. Chu, Peter Searcy, Powerful. Invisible Thing. Maxwell’s, Hoboken, NJ. (201)798-0406


**Odie Releases**

**Friday, February 4**

Scream 3, Dir: Wes Craven. David Arquette, Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox, Parker Posey, Patrick Dempsey.

**Theatre Performances**

A Chorus Line, at Feldman Rubine Auditorium, Bayonne, NJ. Opening Saturday, Feb. 5, running Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m. until Feb. 13.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, at Parsippany Playhouse, Lake Hiawatha, NJ. Opening Friday, Feb. 4, running Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. until Feb. 20.

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A Book to be Desired

Notebooks provide a breathtaking metaphor of communism and love.

By Kathleen Savino
Staff Writer

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He began to cry as they held him and dragged her into the crowd. Until they were finished with her. When he tried to resist, they had ripped the bandage off the wound in his shoulder, stuck the gun barrel inside.

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They had ripped the bandage off the wound in his shoulder, stuck the gun barrel inside."

These words evoke memories of all the dif-
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If you had no heat for over a week would you go to President Cole's house?

"If I had no heat, I'd march over to Susan's house, kick open the door, take my shoes off, plop myself down on the couch, and tell her to make me some Hot Cocoa!"

Brian Cross
Freshman
History

"Yes, I would. I haven't had heat since I moved back to Webster Hall from winter break. Maybe once in a while it gets warm in my room, but for the most part, I am cold and heatless. The school needs to fix the problem."

Cadence Madreperl
Sophomore
Italian

"Yes, I would let President Cole know my problems by going over and talking to her."

Tara Crombie
Junior
Social Dance

Question of the Week:
Who do you think the next President of the United States should be?

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Administrative Silence Leads Campus to Question Value of MSU Students

When a tragedy occurs in a college community such as MSU, it is important that the members and leaders of that community work together to heal and comfort each other. Seton Hall is a perfect example of how a college community came together to help each other in the wake of a tragedy.

On Jan. 20, a fourth floor Freeman Hall resident attempted suicide. Many students, including those who live in Freeman Hall, were unaware this happened until rumors just recently started circulating. It is understandable that those residents who knew the victim wanted, out of respect, to keep the incident quiet. Is this fair? How are students going to cope with a subject such as suicide if they are not informed of what is going on in their own campus community?

A Bohn Hall freshman, Chimere McRae, was murdered just a few weeks ago. Most of the MSU community would not have known about her death if it wasn’t for The Montclarion publishing an article about the tragedy. Even after students found out, there was little done to bring MSU together and honor the time Chimere spent here. Last Sunday there was a memorial service held for her. Unfortunately, only a very small portion of the MSU community came to pay their respects to a fellow student.

Montclair State University is a school with over 13,000 students and we have all come here to receive an education. We need to help each other accomplish that goal. Maybe if students learned about the attempted suicide in Freeman Hall, they would be more attentive to the early warning signs of suicide and depression. Perhaps students would also be unafraid to seek help before a situation becomes extreme. Maybe students would’ve known how to prevent such an event from ever happening in the first place.

Unfortunately, this time, there was no counseling offered to help the “resident community” cope with the attempted suicide in Freeman Hall. And the family and friends of Chimere McRae may have been comforted knowing that the community of which their daughter had recently become a member cared.

It is time this university takes a more active role in its students’ lives. Issues like parking, heat and fire alarms are very important, but there is also a greater issue facing MSU: the emotional and mental health of its most precious commodity... its students.
Homeless Bummed Out Over Nighttime Police Bust

I t's hard to realize the luxury of warmth before it's taken away, especially this time of year. Most of us have seen homeless people, whether sitting on a street in Manhattan holding out an old coffee cup begging for change, or down in the subway wrapped in a discarded newspaper. When passing them, you may have said to yourself, "It's a really a shame, but that's life. I have my own problems to worry about."

While it is my opinion that it is no one's social obligation to help those less fortunate, all people should be cared for. That's why a recent story published in the New York Times was so disturbing to me. On Wednesday, Jan. 19, while most of us were either sleeping soundly in our rooms or catching up on our studies, the New York City Police Department raided homeless shelters in every borough of New York City and made a total of 125 arrests.

The authorities claimed that these men and women were arrested on "outstanding bench warrants," some stemming all the way back to four or five years ago. What is particularly interesting is that the Department of Homeless Services made the statement that they saw the arrests as an attempt to make the homeless shelters safer.

Now, I understand that if an individual has committed a crime, that the individual should be imprisoned accordingly. But the charges against some of those arrested were no greater than failing to appear in court for a public urination case in 1995. That should not warrant an arrest. If the claim was that some of these people were mentally ill, they should not be forced from the shelter and put back onto the streets where they could possibly hurt themselves and others. The other thing that really hurts about these raids was that the nineteenth was one of the coldest nights of the year. Besides, if the city's goal is to keep people off the streets, what good does it do to put them in jail instead? These arrests will most likely discourage any homeless people from using the shelters in the first place, leaving them no place to go but back out onto the streets.

These latest policies in what Mayor Rudy Giuliani refers to as his "quality of life" plan, have infuriated advocates for the homeless, not to mention contradicted itself by forcing people to live out on the streets. The real victims here, however, are all those without homes who have nowhere to go because of fear of the institution putting them right back where they started. We have all noticed how bitterly cold the weather has gotten; the freezing winds and frigid nights have made this the coldest time of the year so far. The City of New York, and its speech impediment stricken mayor, could have shown a little more class, not to mention a little more compassion, by not arresting these men for such ridiculous charges in the first place, let alone doing it during such harsh weather conditions.

If the city really wants to improve the quality of life in New York, it should do so for all its citizens, not just the ones who crowd Time Square to the point of literal suffocation. Besides, if the city's goal is to keep people off the streets to keep the revenue from tourism flowing in, I suppose it's impossible for us to really understand we have the luxury of knowing we have a place to sleep at night, and the comfort of knowing we can do it without fear of freezing to death. We complain when our dorms get cold, but what if we didn't even have a dorm to sleep in? The fact is, whether rich or poor, all people should have the right to warmth and shelter.

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Is This Only the Beginning? Student Encourages Activism on Campus

I was thrilled as well as surprised to read about your recent protest against the living conditions on this campus. You should be applauded for your efforts, for its undeniable that you have struck a blow, no matter how small, in our battle for student rights.

In reading about your protest I was struck the hardest by Susan Cole's obvious lack of knowledge about your situation. She was quoted in The Montclarion as saying, "I was aware that one room was without heat, but not that it was a general problem." What else could this reflect but that our own president is out of touch with student needs and campus realities? I'm sure she could spend months building newfound relations with China, but it's my suspicion that any statements regarding the overall quality of student life would be filled with inaccuracies and understatement. I read on a bus that MSU is a "center of knowledge centered on you." I assumed that the "you" meant as the students, but a careful examination of the mind set of our administration will almost completely dismiss this notion.

What I would like to know is which room it is she knew was without heat, for the discomfort of those particular students apparently doesn't interest Cole enough for her to take immediate action.

Congratulations to you for exercising your right to protest unfair conditions when all other attempts at communication have failed. In doing this you serve as an inspirational example to students who feel they have been entangled in unfair policies enacted by a disconnected administration who never asks any of us for our opinions before acting.

In closing, you are to be commended for your efforts. It is my hope that your actions will serve as an example, as well as a wake-up call to our fellow students.

John Frusciante
Theater Major

Drop-In Center Says "We are Open"

After reading last week's letter about the Drop-In Center not being open on Sunday, Jan. 23, I thought it was necessary to confirm that our service is open and available to the campus and surrounding community 24 hours, seven days a week. Classes are in session. For those who may not be aware of our service, we are a peer counseling, information, and referral service that has existed on MSU's campus for nearly 30 years. It should also be said that the Drop-In Center is administered and run solely by undergraduates, who are not compensated in any way for devoting several hours per week to the center. The staff members of the Drop-In Center volunteer because they have a sincere concern for people and a desire to provide help to those in need.

As for the specifics about last Sunday at 1:15 p.m., the staff member scheduled to cover that hour was very ill and there was no replacement available. We regret that these circumstances do sometimes happen, but it should be known that it is a rare occurrence and one that is not taken lightly by any of our staff members. As a precaution for such circumstances there are numbers on our answering machine for counseling services, campus police, and New Jersey Transit for those who need a bus and train information. We hope that any doubts about the Drop-In Center's sincerity in being available to the campus community 24 hours a day, seven days a week will be dispelled.

Jessica Percodani
Director, Drop-In Center

The Week In Politics

After reading last week's column, I believe I was a bit harsh on President Bush, but I stand by my statement that I was not supporting his actions. After watching him announce his decision on Desert Storm, I cannot support him. It is his job to keep Americans safe, and I feel he is not doing so. I have researched the United States military and feel we are not prepared for war.

John Frusciante
Theater Major
VIEWPOINT

The SGA Executive Board is Paid During the Summer: Is It Worth It?

I'm a hard search to find a politician who doesn't get money for what they do. Of all the places I thought to find this type of politician, MSU seemed the most likely. This is not the case. The MSU SGA does not offer stipends for summer work. In the summer of 1999, each member of the executive board received $4,500 and room and board at Clove Road. Of the many years I've been a student, I only recently heard about this. Apparently, this is the first year for the flat sum stipend. Previous summer work was calculated by the hour for the SGA executive board. In 1998, the president received $6 an hour for a maximum of 40 hours a week. This is $3,600 for a fifteen-week summer. The secretary and vice-president also received $6 an hour for a maximum of 30 hours a week, totaling $2,700 each at the maximum. The treasurer received an hourly wage of $5.25 for a maximum of 35 hours a week, calculated at $2,756.25 for the summer. A maximum total for the SGA wages would have been $11,756.25. I was told by the SGA that the 1999 summer was paid for on the same scale, but as a lump sum. Now, $18,000 this past summer was spent on stipends for SGA executives to prepare for the upcoming year through meetings, orientations and budget planning, a $6,243.75 difference from the previous year.

I won't say they shouldn't get paid, but if they don't pay rent, should they get that much? They also have paid meals. I could probably buy a nice wardrobe or party hearty for $4,500 a summer, or I could pay off my credit card bills and have money to spare. I wonder if more people knew about this maybe John Griffin would have been contested in the last election.

Joy Thompson

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Student Encourages Education of the History of Palestine

I am a Palestinian. Many people do not know what a Palestinian is because, quite frankly, many people have never heard of such a place. Palestine was a country to millions of Palestinians until about 50 years ago. In 1948, Palestine was stolen from the Palestinian people by three armies; the United States, Britain and Israel. Prior to 1948 Israel did not exist. The Israelis declared it the state of Israel after they took it by force from a country of farmers. Was this wrong? Did it not belong to someone else, or is it considered by society to be morally correct to steal. It is called theft when someone takes something that does not belong to him. The country of Palestine did and still does belong to someone else, yet no one wants to acknowledge that. It was land to a people long before there was an Israel. I am supposed to be writing about an injustice and how it can be re-solved; well how about many injustices with a simple resolution. The Palestinian people are the rightful owners of that land. Yet, they are treated as if they were complete strangers in a land they have never seen before. In 1991, a madman, Saddam Hussein, threatened to capture a country that was not his: Kuwait. What happened? The entire body of the allied forces rallied to stop him. Why is that fair? In 1948 Palestine was taken away from the Palestinians and being "captured" by another people. Where is the justice or fairness in that? I will tell you where - it does not exist. The problem is that a country was robbed and taken from someone, by and for someone else (theft). What is the solution? Give back that property that you took. There is no sim­pler answer than that. People know the truth and anyone with a morally sound persona would know that was done fifty years ago in the Middle East was wrong. Many people refuse to speak about it or are shot down when they do speak about it, but not me. This is who I am. I am a Palestinian.

Hamed Amer
Freshman
Undeclared

The Week In Politics

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**POGO BALL FOR THE SOUL**

By Jeff “King of the” Hill

Layin’ the smack down!

Starvation. God, I need some “Men In Black” strawberry yogurt! I’ve been sweating for days over the talking hot sauce in my refrigerator. I find it quite unusual that the sauce has discovered a formula that uses corn starch to fight ninja crime. They also tried to explain to me that a ninja warrior needs a fast car, specifically a Mustang. While all of the ninja criminals do drive mini-vans, a skilled ninja warrior can maneuver through the city just as quickly if he uses the Pogo Ball. In fact, I think all policemen and women in this city should use one.

I was able to complete five laps around my neighborhood in 30 seconds after a good whiff of laughing gas and an application of WD-40 to the under portion of my custom Pogo Ball. This attribute to our society should be fully appreciated. You should learn how to use one and teach your friends. A Pogo Ball fits neatly under your pillow and can be deflated for discuss use. You must become a Pogo Ball champion. It’s not just your duty to your country, it’s your duty as a ninja-in-training. Step one is to locate and purchase a Pogo Ball. Every fine toy retail company should be in stock. If not, curse at them and search the black market. They also sell them on E-Bay. After you obtain a Pogo Ball, you must give it a name. Usually, Pogo Balls like to be named after specific physical qualities that they have. My Pogo Ball is named “Rupert Wonderful.” Whatever you do, refrain from calling it a “Pogo Ball.” After all, how would you like to be called “Human” all day? A Pogo Ball needs three weeks to become house broken. I find that this process becomes tedious.

Take pride in your ninja costume. “Mom says I have to wear this hood because it’s cold.”

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**Humour™’s Website of the Month**

**Furby Autopsy**

www.phobe.com/furby

Remove the craze of the latest twenty year old, when everyone was so excited to try and get their hands on a Furby? Well, these guys nabbed a Furby during that Christmas craze. In three days, they had killed it. So, being the crazy nerds that they are, they tore inside was tons of fun for the entire family. They skinned the poor little guy and started to toy around with him. They did a full analysis of him, from what makes him talk to what makes him whine all the time. Of course, they tossed out like $100 on this little guy, but with all the toying around, they’ll learn to appreciate him a while lot more.

“Can I program him to speak like Beavis?” Questions like this and more will boggle your mind no longer. These lab nerds have answered this and more. So spend some time this Saturday night on line and enjoy yourself on Humour™’s Website of the Month.

**Censor? I hardly know her!**

By Tim Josephs

Shut up! You’ve heard no stories!

Last semester, I contributed a few things to this Humour™ Section. Most notably, the enormously popular Top Ten Lists. All those letters and calls I received were very nice, thank you. Anyway, there were two things I wrote that were edited for content. The same word was changed or removed from each piece. Although still incredibly funny, I believe that these changes greatly affected the work. For some reason, whoever is in charge thought that this little, harmless, three-letter word (a word that can be uttered on several television shows) was too offensive to be used in a college newspaper. I must say that these edits were not initiated by the Humour™ editor. I have found him to be a delightful and interesting character, and he and I have quickly become the best of friends, although I have never met him in person and currently can’t remember his name.

By now, most of you are probably trying to figure out what the censored word is. You’re no doubt on the edge of your seat, clutching the paper with hands stained a bright orange from all those Cheetos, really straining to decipher this troubling puzzle. For obvious reasons, I can’t come right out and say the word. But I can give you some hints.

It can be kicked, beaten, or spanked. You can have a nice one or a fat one. You can be a dumb-one, a hard-one, or a tight-one. You might nor know yours from a hole in the ground. Finally, to use one of my brother’s colorful expressions, the weather might be as cold as one owned by a well digger.

The use of that innocent little word is a fun way to spice up any ordinary conversation. If my hints were helpful and you solved the mystery, try using the word in a sentence, perhaps the next time you’re at dinner with your parents. Or maybe during a job interview. You will surely be rewarded and respected for your colorful and vivid vocabulary.

And if anyone has a problem with any of this, they can kiss my... well, I think you know.

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Now that your Pogo Ball is domesticated, the customizing process begins. First off, you must adjust your personality. Heavier operators may have to increase armor thickness of the bounce sphere. This can be done by deflating a standard all-purpose kickball and patching its skin to the surface of the bounce sphere. The bigger your foot, the wider your control ring must be. Accuracy is a key element to effective Pogo Ball control. Handles are prohibited and can become a severe obstacle when turning. Trust me, a handle jammed in your rib cage is not a pleasant experience. You can increase the intimidation factor by painting disturbances on the control ring of your Pogo Ball. I found that destroyed Pogo Balls and flaming skulls strike fear into most enemy Pogo Ball users. Sometimes, psychological intimidation works just as well. Phrases such as “I Bounced For James Brown” or “Replicated Scum” have proven to be effective slogans for a Pogo Ball. These phrases should be painted neatly along the outer rim of the control ring.

It is up to you how your Pogo Ball turns out. It wouldn’t be a custom product without your specifications. Don’t listen to your friends when making these adjustments. Remember, they are out to destroy you and your Pogo Ball. Now that you have a delicious Pogo Ball, you must train extensively. You may get discouraged when you fall down a flight of stairs and break your tailbone. Just think of how powerful you will become in the next six months. A short hospital stay can’t hurt anyone. You will fall many times, but you will notice that your fear of falling has diminished. You embrace a mouthful of asphalt. In fact, you welcome it. It makes you want to bounce more. You will start to notice that your Pogo Ball encourages you to get out of bed everyday at dawn. It makes you want to toast. It makes you paint smiley faces with Cheez Whiz. The joy inside you begins to build as you realize that you are a totally different person. You have several contacts with your family after you have determined that your Pogo Ball is the only family you need. You suddenly have obtained the ability to leap over buildings and get a date on Saturday night. You are now a ninja warrior, ready to fight crime.

A disciplined ninja warrior must not abuse his or her power. Every ninja is a brother, in which you can rely on for support. Except for the bad ninjas, they just want to kill you. You can tell a bad ninja from a bad ninja simply by observing their facial expressions. Good ninjas can usually be seen smiling and helping out the elderly. Bad ninjas wear bandanas and usually look insane. This formula was once created by a wise ninja:

Happy = Good
Insane = Bad

Even though you have learned more than most Pogo Ball ninjas can remember, I cannot instruct you any further. I’ll lose my license. Only certified ninjas can teach specific Pogo Ball techniques. I haven’t moved up. In fact, I’ve been passed over a few times, which makes me upset. I’ll have to file a complaint with the council. It stinks in here. I bought some of that spice fragrance yesterday. A good spice fragrance can cleanse the mind, especially at night, when you’re doused yourself with Ready-Whip. Why are you still reading? Go forth!

The path of the Pogo Ball awaits you!

Editor’s Note: Not all ninjas use Pogo Balls. Some of them live in Australia, hop around, and carry their young in casts on their stomachs. Or are these kangaroos? Wait...oh, okay. Yeah, these are kangaroos. Sorry, I got the two confused.

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It Doesn’t Matter If You Read This!

Under The Rock’s watchful eyebrow, the WWF has led professional wrestling back into the spotlight, beyond even the Rock’n Wrestlin’ of the early 1980’s and the glory years of the mythical Hulk Hogan.

By Mike Halper
Sports Editor

Unless you’ve been hiding away in a cave somewhere, you know that professional wrestling, wait, now it’s “sports-entertainment,” is back with a vengeance. It’s difficult to go out now without seeing someone wearing a wrestling-related t-shirt, jacket or hat. It’s become almost commonplace, to the point where we don’t even notice anymore.

There’s a lot of speculation as to why wrestling has made this huge comeback, why a cable television wrestling program is pulling down record Nielsen numbers on a daily basis, and why the kids have gone completely nuts over wrestling. Some people say it’s the violent content that kids inherently love to see. Some say it’s the cursing, or the women and their T&A bits. Other people say it’s the anti-authority attitude of Stone Cold Steve Austin that has brought the kids back in droves. However, those things have all been around for a while. The loud-mouthed, high-flying, pulse-pounding, death-defying, adrenaline-pumping, libido-rousing mayhem has been relatively the same for at least three years. Both major federations, the World Wrestling Federation and World Championship Wrestling, had respectable audiences, with Nielsen ratings in the low-double digits.

But this is ridiculous. Stone Cold Steve Austin, wrestling’s top moneymaker for 1997 and 1998, has been injured on and off for the last year. The Undertaker, another top star, has also been hurt periodically, and has not appeared on WWF programming for the last 5 months or so. And yet, over the last year and a half, the WWF’s weekly audience has doubled. WWF home videos consistently hold seven of the top 10 spots on the Billboard sports/recreation video charts, and this past week they held 14 of the top 20. This holiday season, the WWF produced the top selling action figure line in the toy business. Their last two music albums, consisting of mainly the entrance themes from WWF superstars, have both broken into the top 10 on the Billboard music charts. Their video games, “WWF Mayhem” and “WWF Attitude,” were both top-sellers, as well as ranking very high in rentals this past year.

Why? This is professional wrestling, bottom-of-the-barrel entertainment just 10 years ago. Not too far back, people were embarrassed to admit that they watched the weekend WWF shows. “Ew, you watch that garbage?” was a typical response. It’s all changed. The World Wrestling Federation is now worth more than $1 billion.

There’s a simple answer. Rocky Maivia, better known as The Rock, is drawing these record crowds. He’s drawing 13 million viewers a week. He facilitated the WWF’s return to network TV with “WWF Smackdown” on UPN. He’s endeared himself to fans across the world, so the point where they chant “Rocky! Rocky!” at his beck and call. They sing along with him to “Smackdown Hotel,” The Rock’s personalized rendition of Elvis’s “Heartbreak Hotel.” The WWF is severely backboned on Rock merchandise. Everywhere you go, you can hear fans repeating his catchphrases. People can’t get enough of this guy.

Now he’s conquered the number one spot on the New York Times Bestseller List with his new autobiography, The Rock Says..., a play on his habit of referring to himself in the third person. The Rock Says... is mainly about the man behind the Rock character, Dwayne Johnson.

The man obviously has a huge following, which contributes to the fact that he is now the author of a New York Times best-selling novel. Well, sort of. It was actually ghostwritten by Joe Layden, who has his name in tiny print beneath The Rock’s. To be fair, the content was great. The book contains a wealth of information on Dwayne Johnson’s life. The author writes about Dwayne’s childhood growing up around wrestling legends, including his grandfather, Peter “High Chief” Maivia, and his father, former WWF Intercontinental Champion Rocky Johnson, as well as many other old-school superstars like Jimmy “Superfly” Snuka.

During this time, the WWF was expanding under Vince McMahon, Jr. McMahon took his father’s WWF group, which was a regional-based federation, and went national with it. The early 80’s saw the explosion of Hulkamania and mainstream exposure due to Cindy Lauper and the Rock’n Wrestlin’ campaign. Hulk Hogan’s red and yellow merchandise was everywhere. He was the first wrestler to become a household name, in part due to his role in Rocky III. Mr. T and Muhammad Ali joined in Wrestlemania festivities, drawing more fans and viewers. There was a network cartoon show with all of our favorite wrestlers on it, like Hulk Hogan, Andre the Giant, and Rowdy Roddy Piper.

Into the late 80’s, characters like the Ultimate Warrior and Sergeant Slaughter were throwing some spice into the mix, keeping the fans entertained.

In just over three years in the WWF, The Rock has become not only the fourth, and youngest, two-time Triple Crown winner in WWF history by winning the Heavyweight, Intercontinental, and Tag Team Titles twice each.

The book then covers The Rock’s first WWF match, wrestled as Diesel, as The Rock Says..., along with his run as Night Sliver, before going to the WCW, and then back to the WWF. From there, Johnson became one of the most popular stars in today’s world of sports-entertainment.

The Rock’s brash, arrogant attitude, coupled with his hilarious interaction with fans and other wrestlers alike, has made him one of the most popular stars in the World Wrestling Federation.

The Rock Says... hit #1 on the New York Times Bestseller List last week.
The Rock 

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The Rock

(collectively known as DX), Mick Foley, The Undertaker, Bret Hart and his Hart Foundation, and the Nation of Domination were helping to fill arena again. Nielsen ratings were up, and the WWF ended WCW's 88-week streak of dominance. For a few months, the ratings went back and forth, with the WWF winning a couple weeks, and WCW pulling its share.

Then everything changed. Rocky Maivia joined Farooq and his Nation of Domination. Steve Austin returned from a neck injury. All hell was breaking loose at shows. Vince McMahon started getting involved after the supposed "screw-job" involving Bret Hart and Shawn Michaels. The "fam's" interest was piqued again. The crowds started coming back in droves to see Austin and Shawn Michael's verbal and sometimes physical, sparring. During this time, The Rock became a big player. While Austin and DX had at it, Vince decided to give up his Intercontinental Title, and The Rock started his first reign as a WWF Champion.

From there, everything started going uphill. The Rock got more time on the microphone, got more time in the ring, with better opponents. The star was beginning to shine. WWF audiences were still growing, and instead of ignoring Rocky, they were boozing. They were giving tribute to The Rock's character by giving the exact response that the character was designed for, and giving that response wholeheartedly.

It wasn't long before jeers started turning to cheers. Soon the crowd response would be a deafening roar as The Rock walked to the ring. The People's Champion was born.

The WWF was pulling in record-breaking Nielsen numbers for a cable-TV show. Rock merchandise was starting to sell at a phenomenal rate. On Nov. 2, 1998, the WWF started a streak of defeating WCW in the Nielsen ratings for the Monday night shows. The streak has not stopped yet. In early 1999, the WWF began a true dominance of the ratings, often doubling the numbers posted by WCW. The Rock has been a huge factor in that, with the WWF's other top stars being injured more often than not. The Rock has actually carried the WWF on his shoulders a good deal of the time. It doesn't seem like there's anything this man can't do. And he's only 27 years old.
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scored six points and recorded five assists, and sophomore guard Stephanie Elierbe, who came off the bench to score 12 and hand out eight assists. The win was also the Women’s third straight.

Down 2-0 only 55 seconds into the game, the Red Hawks gained the lead on a three-pointer from Kerry Shine. They then added six more points on baskets from Schellenberg, 13 points and 10 rebounds, and sophomore guard Stephanie Elierbe, who came off the bench to score 12 and hand over the lead for the remainder of the game.

The first half closed with MSU holding a 21-point advantage, 40-19. The lead grew to as much as 25 points in the second half. Crystal Gadson, 14 points, and Rita Schellenberg, 13 points and 10 rebounds, played a good game for Kean.

Milenko Bricic (#35, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia) goes for a hook shot over Kean’s Wade Waters (#30, Old Bridge), helping MSU to an 83-62 victory Saturday.

In The Paint

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on a nicely executed two-minute drill right before halftime, thanks to a couple big third down catches by Tory Holt.

The first half had not gone as Tennessee had planned. The Titans’ initial game plan was to throw play-action passes on first down, instead of running Eddie George. They desired to keep St. Louis from overplayng the run, but the Titans had no threat at wide receiver to keep the Rams from stacking the line of scrimmage. McNair could not handle the resulting third and long situations. To make matters worse, Todd Lyght blocked a Titans’ field goal attempt. Still, thanks to their defense, the Titans were in the game.

After the Rams finally scored a touchdown on their final third-quarter possession, the game looked to be out of reach for Ten­nessee. Using good field position, the Rams moved deep into Titans’ territory on a huge third-down completion from Warner to Faulk. After a scary head injury to Titans’ safety Blaine Bishop on the next play, the Rams took advantage of a shaken Tennessee defense and scored. On third down, Warner threaded the needle to Tory Holt, who scored on a slant pattern. The ensuing extra point made the score 16-0.

After Tennessee got the ball on the kickoff, they ran Eddie George some more. For the first time in the game, the Titans’ offen­sive line gave George running room. After a few runs by George and a couple of clutch catches by tight ends Jackie Harris and Frank Wychek, Steve McNair scrambled 27 yards for the drive’s biggest play. Moments later, George scored on a two-yard run to make the score 16-6. The two-point conversion failed.

Throughout the fourth quarter, the Ti­tans’ defense rose to the challenge and stifled the Rams. This gave the Titans of­fense valuable time. On their next drive, they drove right down the field; however, Frank Wychek fumbled the ball, and possi­bly the season, away on the Rams’ one-yard line. Undeterred, the Titans scored a some­what disputational touchdown on their next possession, set up by a nifty throwback screen to tight end Jack Harris. On the scoring play, Eddie George appeared to be down by contact before the ball crossed the goal line, but the Rams did not opt to re­view the play. Tennessee now had the mo­mentum, and Del Greco tied the score at 16 with just over two minutes to play, setting up Kurt Warner’s huge game-winning pass.

While Tennessee fell short of an on-field miracle, they gave us a miracle of a differ­ent sort. This Super Bowl, and the Titans’ entire season, can be appreciated by those who long for the old days of football, when players fought for each other, their coaches, and for the glory of winning, not money and the eye of the camera. They did not quit when they were down by 16 points, and they allowed their coach to inspire them, after one of their own had been seriously hurt, to keep fighting. Throughout the playoffs, the team­work and old-fashioned football the Titans displayed were reminiscent of teams we now only see on old, grainy NFL Films. For those of us who wish we could have witnessed those days firsthand, the Titans’ season and playoff run were still a miracle.

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right circle on a two-on-one break.
With just over a minute remaining in the second period, Eddie Caldwell made it a one-goal game. Latham slid a pass through a few skaters in front of the net to Caldwell, who beat Bedford with a quick wrister.

Then there the second period the Red Hawks came alive. This set the framework for an exciting, fast-paced third period. MSU’s Anthony Rossillo tied the game at 5-5 on a nice give and go with Jim Latham, but a power-play goal by Jeff Rossillo backhand, and the second was on a point-blank shot by Latham from the other side.

Brendan Brader’s goal off a rebound of Brad Shelton’s shot with 9.4 seconds left in the game sealed Montclair’s fate.

The Red Hawks had several opportunities to tie the lead at the end, making the loss unfortunate. “We should not have been beaten like this,” said Red Hawks coach Matt Maniscalco after the game.

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With 2:56 remaining, Rossillo tied the score at 7-7, as he outskated three Albany players, going in on a partial breakaway, and beating Bedford with a wrist shot.

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Super Bowl XXXIV had the makings of another nail-biter, a disappointment eerily similar to last year's "big game." For almost three quarters, the favored team was having its way with an upset that should not have made it this far.

St. Louis' offense was the most potent in recent memory, and they made it to Atlanta with that special brand of offense and stifling defense. Tennessee, on the other hand, needed a one-in-a-million throwback victory over Buffalo and two choice jobs by Indianapolis and Jacksonville. After the score became 16-0 in the Rams favor, something very strange happened.

Tennessee forgot that they were supposed to be content with their fat runner-up checks, and fough to back to the score before St. Louis won, 23-16. The Titans used good-old-fashioned perseverance to provide football fans with a memorable ending.

A big play can happen at any time, and it happened at the perfect time for the Rams. On the first play of their last drive, Kurt Warner lofted a heat-seeker to Issac Bruce just as a blazing Titan defender hit him. Bruce, aided by nice downfield blocking, completed a 73-yard scoring play to give the Rams a 23-16 lead.

There was no quit in the Titans, however. With less than two minutes remaining, Tennessee had only managed two first downs in the game. As the Rams opened kickoff, St. Louis was successful in punting Tennessee's 20-yard line. Until the final two minutes, the Rams had only managed two scoring opportunities. Neither team wanted another napfest, a disappointment eerily similar to last year's "big game," for all three quarters, the favored team was running off to insurmountable leads before halftime. Rams' quarterback Kurt Warner displayed good decision-making and great touch on this first drive, something he would not lose. Key passes on third downs included a 26-yarder to Isaac Bruce, led the Rams into field goal range. However, the normally sur-handged Mike Horan bobbled the snap, and the Rams came away empty.

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Roadrunners Sent Packing; MSU Basketball Win Streak Reaches Four

By Mike Halper
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After squandering a 23-point lead, the MSU Men's Basketball team came on strong in the last 10 minutes to put Ramapo (12-7, 6-7 NJAC) away, 71-64. Freshman forward Walk Wilson and sophomore guard Jason Bush led the Red Hawks (14-4, 8-4 NJAC) with 22 points each, and Bush added 6 assists. Bush scored 20 points before the half, leading MSU to a 46-23 advantage.

In the second half, the Roadrunners spent the first nine minutes schooling MSU. Ramapo began the half with a 23-2 run, including eight points from Tennyson Whitted. During the run, MSU had a span of 6:37 without scoring a point. With 9:37 to go in the game, Ramapo took their first lead since early in the game, going ahead 55-53 on a jumper by Charles Ransom. MSU retaliated with eight straight points, including eight points from Tennyson Whitted.

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MSU Hockey Suffers Heartbreaking Loss

By Mike Mazancz
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The MSU hockey team was edged by Albany State University, 8-7, last night at Floyd Hall Arena, in an exciting game that included plenty of speed, hitting, and timely goal-scoring.

The Red Hawks got on the board first on a goal by Nick Cash, less than a minute into the game. After creating a turnover in Albany's zone, Cash put a wrist shot from the top of the left circle past a sliding defensemen, beating goaltender Bob Bedford.

Albany used goals from Brad Shelton, Mike McCarthy, and Broden Brader in the first eight minutes of the second period to make the score 4-1.

The Red Hawks seemed to play the first half of the game with a lackadaisical manner, failing to capitalize on several chances while giving up four goals. Montclair cut the deficit to two on a goal by Jim Latham, but Albany struck back with another goal by Bradar, again giving them a three goal lead at 5-2.

The Red Hawks again beat the deficit to two as John Baumgartner deposited a rebound from a Nick Cashler slapshot from the point. Baumgartner, who led all players with 22 points, hit a three-pointer to pull Ramapo to 66-64, and a Ramapo steal led to two quick free throws putting the score at 71-64, and a Ramapo steal led to two quick points with less than two minutes to go.

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