CRISIS AT BLANTON
Fire and Flood Force 639 Students to Evacuate

CAUSE FOR ALARM:
Sophomore Allegra Cohen and Dionne Olivo (above) huddle outside Blanton Hall following the initial evacuation of the building while Kiki Williams, Director of the Physical Plant (upper right), and Little Falls Fire Chief Edward Pomponio inspect the damage within. Affected electrical subpanels (panel R4 is shown at right) were responsible for the residence hall’s emergency generators and fire alarm system, according to MSU officials.

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Water and Electricity Don’t Mix
Quicker action may have prevented Blanton Hall disaster

By Elizabeth A. Hutchinson
Assistant News Editor

A fire that could have been avoided and a burst water valve forced 639 Blanton Hall residents to vacate their rooms for the rest of the week. The New Jersey Department of Community Services and officials from Essex County deemed the building unsafe due to a lack of electricity and no working fire alarm system.

Little Falls Fire Chief, Edward Pomponio, said the fire could have been prevented.

“The fire was definitely caused by water leaking into the circuit box. Although the fire was contained in the maintenance room, it caused a lot of damage,” Pomponio said. “The electricity should have been shut off immediately after the water valve broke. This would have prevented the fire, and would have also prevented the building coming to a complete shut-down.”

Director of the Physical Plant, Kiki Williams, said a faulty valve could have caused the flood.

“The pipe valve that burst was just replaced. We have a liability insurance plan with the Ruggelin Bros company...we now need to determine if the valve was faulty, if so, the company is liable for all damages, excluding room reimbursements,” Williams said.

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Hundreds Left Stranded

By Molly Meyers
Staff Writer

A water main break that shorted out two electrical panels and caused the atrium of Blanton Hall to fill with smoke displaced over 600 students Monday morning at approximately 9:45 a.m.

“We have been notified by state and county authorities that residents of Blanton Hall will be unable to occupy the building until after spring break,” Dr. Melinda O’Brien, Director of Residence Life, said in a campus-wide flyer. “Replacement and testing of fire alarm and electrical panels must be completed prior to permitting build-

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PROTEST
Newark - Sixty Newark sanitation workers called in sick last week in protest of contract negotiations of the city. Trash cans, recycling bins and dumpsters were left scattered around the city until the second shift came to pick it up. According to city business administrator Jo Anne Watson, the city is investigat­ ing whether the sick-out was organized. If so, she said that each employee will be dealt under a "case-by-case basis." The normal number of workers who call out each day is 15.

FIRE
Millburn - A family of three found their home burned down after a fire destroyed it last Wednesday night. Township firefighters responded to the 7 p.m. call after it had been reported as a smoke condition. Officers arrived on the scene to find a light smoke sur­ rounding the house and flames burning through the roof of the house. All three family members of the single-family house had been evacuated by the time firefighters had arrived. The cause of the fire is presently under investigation by Millburn police and fire officials, but no suspicion of criminal activ­ ity has been announced.

HEROIN
Montclair - Police arrested a man for possessing 20 bags of heroin in the back of his car Wednesday night. Jeffrey Jorgenson, 35, of Little Falls was placed under arrest and charged with heroin posses­ sion, the manufacture and dis­ tribution of heroin, possession of heroin near or on school property, and possession of drug parapher­ nalia. Nine days prior to the in­ cident, narcotics officials had placed 23 Montclair resident Vincent Marchello Odum under arrest for the possession of more than 100 packages of heroin. According to Police Chief Thom­ as Russo, confidential infor­ mants have said that the two cases were not linked together.

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2-23 A female found a fire alarm at St. Alphonse Church. The fire alarm was fabricated and was extin­ guished.

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DEFEATED
Karl-Germany- Germany’s Chris­ tian Democrat Union, scarred by a financial scandal with the party’s for­ mer chancellor Helmut Kohl, suffered a heavy defeat Monday against the Social Democrats in the election of the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein. Three months earlier, Mr. Kohl’s former defense minister, and the party’s candidate, Volker Ruhe was ahead by 10 per­ cent over the Social Democrats. Mr. Kohl lost popularity after he admitted to taking $1 million from unidentified donors.

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GUERRILLAS
Beirut, Lebanon - Leader of the Hezbollah Lebanese Guerrilla movement, and his group, have evolved into a strong guerrilla movement as leaders of the Middle East’s most brutal Islamic terrorist faction. Nasrallah is involved in a high-risk mission that two of his predecessors were killed by. The United Nations, and the nation’s Orthodox Muslims were uniting to stop the political for­ mation. He was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph’s Hospital.

NEW RELEASE
Potter, J.K. - The fourth in a series of Harry Potter books was released Tuesday. At Joseph-Beth, the organized group dubbed the Harry Potter withdrawal "a failure." It offered a list of books, such as the adventures of Dorothy in The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, and the Great Gatsby, that have sold well. The best-selling book in the history of publishing.

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A Special Report
Continuing Problems of Aging Residence Halls

**FALLING APART:** (top) Blanton Hall is no stranger to flooding, as this photo from Jan. 19 of this year clearly shows. Here, a plumbing problem caused severe water damage to the Director of Blanton Hall, Matthew Kane, office. Several inches of water swept into the Blanton Hall atrium, where many students congregate during their free time. (right) Sophomore Freeman resident Elisa Santandreu struggles with broken closet doors to gain access to her clothes and other belongings.

This is the third in a series of Montclarion special reports about issues critical at MSU

By William J. Gibbs, Jr.
Special to The Montclarion

"It is like the North Pole here," said Sarah Bech bordel, a fourth-floor Freeman Hall resident. "I would almost rather sleep in the hallway, than having to put on extra socks and blankets because my room is so chilly," Bech bordel said.

This is not an uncommon complaint from many MSU resident students. There have been a string of problems plaguing all of the MSU residence halls. Problems range from no heat in Freeman Hall to a mandatory week-long evacuation of Blanton Hall due to maintenance problems.

Dr. Patricia Hewitt, Vice President of Business and Finance, said that large projects, like replacing the heat pipes in Freeman Hall, come out of a different budget than other repairs, such as broken pipes.

"It would be around $800,000 to replace Freeman's pipes. We try to save for it and, every year, we look to see how much we have," said Hewitt. "It's on the list of things to do and, obviously, it's a priority."

Bad plumbing is probably the top problem on the list of Blanton Hall's maintenance issues that can range from structural problems as well as cosmetic.

Blanton Hall is the largest and newest built housing facility at MSU. Recently, it has experienced some improvements.

"We've come a long way in the way of painting and repairs that need to be done," said Matthew Kane, the director of Blanton Hall.

One of those repairs is the ongoing project to better insulate and cover the outside water pipes. The drop ceilings are being refurred and relined, the pipes are being repaired, re-placed, and reinsulated wherever necessary.

Kane said. "It's a large job, both time and money." Kane said.

The most significant problem reported by Blanton Hall residents is the plumbing. Like any other maintenance problem, resi-dents fill out a work order requesting repairs. Items such as painting, plumbing and electrical work are referred to the Physical Plant. "They [the Physical Plant] service the whole campus," Kane said. "Work can take time."

In September, Ramy Souryal, a Freeman Hall resident, reported a leak in his bathroom ceiling. He filed three work orders, then called the Physical Plant.

"The shower above us was leaking right over our heads," said Souryal as he pointed to the area over his sink. "It took them like over a month to fix it. My roommate and I had to make a lot of phone calls to get it done."

John Lowney, Director of Freeman Hall, is fully aware of the complaints about the conditions of Freeman Hall. "I think Freeman is a strong facility. The infrastructure is solid, but the bathrooms need renovation," Lowney said. "We need new furniture."

Like Blanton Hall, Freeman Hall also received some renovations this year. "Every room was painted," said Lowney. "New carpet was installed in the hallways and lounges. In Spring 1998, all of the furniture in the main lounge was replaced at a cost of over $15,000. New blinds were installed in..."
“Please Exit the Building”

One Blanton Hall resident’s experiences on the morning during the evacuation

By Christina Spatz
Assistant News Editor

An electrical fire forced many students, including sophomore Theatre Education major Peter Muzio, out of their Blanton Hall rooms Monday morning.

According to Muzio, all of the residents in the building were woken up by resident assistants at around 10 a.m. Muzio quickly grabbed his camcorder when he saw water coming from the front door, but was forced to evacuate through the fire entrance.

At 11 a.m., students were allowed to re-enter the building because no problem had been officially declared.

Muzio returned to his second floor room and proceeded to go back to sleep, blocking out the piercing alarm with classical music.

Shortly after the residents reentered, all power went out in the rooms and hallways, but shortly resumed again.

At 11:30 a.m., resident assistants woke Muzio with “bloodcurdling screams” to get out of the building immediately. Muzio looked out the window and saw smoke coming out from what looked like the corner of the A and D wing of the fourth floor, which later was confirmed to be the fifth floor, laundry room.

Muzio said he remembered the building “smelling like a sneaker, or something rubber, burning.”

Following the Resident Assistants’ announcement, Muzio proceeded down the stairs, where he heard people screaming in confusion to figure out what was going on.

Because it was so dark, many students fumbled with their keys in their doors, and even entered the wrong rooms by mistake.

On the way out of the building, desserts were handed out, and students were told later, that they had five minutes to reenter the building.

According to Muzio, “The Residence Life people told us that we had five minutes to go back in the building, and grab clothing that will last us for at least three days.”

Although similar incidents have occurred previously in Blanton Hall, this was the first that made students evacuate the building for an extended amount of time.

Muzio said that beside this incident, daily problems persist in the residence hall that need to be solved.

“I have trouble sleeping from the loud people down the hall and unsanitary conditions (like toilet water on the room floor) have made living there very uncomfortable for me,” said Muzio.

Besides all the disruptions that caused students to be evacuated, Muzio said that there were some positive things that went on.

According to Muzio, “I saw that they had the fire doors closed on both sides of the floor, and the resident assistants did inform everyone quickly to get out of the building.”

There were rumors circulating that administrators were excusing students from scheduled classes until after the end of spring break, and many of Muzio’s classes were only half full.

“This is putting undue stress that we don’t need, both emotionally and academically, because we were forced out of rooms,” Muzio said.

Homeless

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Many Blanton residents have moved in with friends or have gone home until after spring break.

The Student Center and Russ Hall computer labs will be open 24 hours today due to the closing of Blanton Hall.

The Health and Wellness Center has been relocated to the Drop-In Center, and will provide limited and emergency services during their regular hours.

Some students are staying with friends in other residence halls and Bohn Hall’s rooms are being tripled.

Other students returned home or moved further away.

“I was forced to live 40 minutes away, and I don’t have a car,” sophomore Natalie DeBendictis said.

Blanton’s building director, Matthew Kane, refused comment, but will be in his office to give comments concerning the overflow of students.

Meanwhile, directors from Blanton, Webster and Bohn Halls remained unavailable for comment.

Dean of Students, Helen Matsow-Ayres, and the Director of Student Development and Campus Life, Karen Pennington, also remained unavailable for comment after several attempts.

Room refund information has not yet been released from the Office of Residence Life.
COPING WITH DISASTER:

(opposite page, top) Repairmen already began repairing the fried panel where the fire started on Monday morning.

(opposite page, bottom) Before the second evacuation due to an electrical fire, Blanton Hall residents were led back into the building through a fire exit rather than the main entrance because flooding after the pipe valve broke, Williams said. After students were allowed to return to their rooms, about an hour later, the second alarm sounded, and residents evacuated the building in the dark.

Although the lights were out, a back-up generator was able to trip the fire alarm so students could be immediately alerted of the fire. Matt Kane, Director of Blanton Hall, also used a blow horn to tell students it was a real fire.

Students were later allowed back into the building to get enough clothes for at least two days. Karen Pennington, Director of Student Development, stood outside Blanton to answer students’ questions.

“We are encouraging students to either commute to campus if possible or to stay with a friend on or off campus,” Pennington said.

Late Monday night the Office of Residence Life informed students they could not live in Blanton Hall until after Spring Break. The Office of Residence Life provided housing for students that were not able to make accommodations for themselves.

“Alternate housing assignments are limited, but students are encouraged to make their own plans if possible,” Director of Residence Life, Melinda O’Brien said.

So far 32 Blanton residents have sought alternate housing in other MSU residence halls according to the Office of Residence Life yesterday afternoon. “There are still spots available if students need them,” said O’Brien.

Dean of Students, Helen Matusow-Ayres, sent a memo to all faculty informing them of the situation. Matusow-Ayres also posted messages on channel 3 about class attendance.

“Students who were displaced by the closing of Blanton Hall are expected to continue to attend class,” Matusow-Ayres said. “Students who have found it necessary to miss class or need an extension should contact their instructors.”

Many students are concerned over class schedules, rides to school and finding a place to stay.

“I feel like I am homeless,” said Blanca Mejia, sophomore.

“Some students don’t even have cars or they live far,” said Miguel Santoz, sophomore.

When the fire alarm sounded, some Blanton Hall residents were scared it was a serious fire.

“I was annoyed when the alarm sounded. No one really paid attention, until people were saying it was a real fire. It was scary, especially since it was so dark,” Lauren Vreeland, sophomore said.

A similar incident happened at Seton Hall University, located in South Orange, in January. A fire broke out in Boland Hall, a freshman dorm. Three students died and over 50 others were injured as a result of the fire.

There have been few complaints or phone calls from parents regarding the situation, according to the Office of Residence Life.

“A housing reimbursement is planned for Blanton Hall residents. An amount has not been reached yet, it is still in deliberation,” said O’Brien.
Disrepair

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all the rooms last year," said Lowney.

Despite all of these improvements, there is still more that needs to be done.

Freeman also needs renovation of the elevator. The General Elevator, which was installed in the building during its original construction, was renovated last year. Parts, including steel cables and pulleys, were replaced.

"It seems to run worse since they fixed it. They need to refurbish the interior, the panel and the emergency phone," Lowney said.

Russ Hall, which was built in 1915, was reopened in fall 1997 after a massive renovation project. The building was completely gutted and updated with modern technology in compliance with current building codes. Lowney pointed out the shoddy workmanship in the renovations during 1997.

"They installed discontinued toilets in the bathrooms. If they break, we have to replace them because they can no longer be fixed," Lowney said. "There's plywood under the carpets. If it gets wet, it causes the carpet and the floor to buckle." Furthermore, "there are no peepholes in the doors. There are no mailboxes and there are no water fountains on the floors."

Kiki Williams, Director of the Physical Plant, has been in charge of all maintenance of the residence halls, as well as all other campus buildings and grounds. Until this time, Residence Life had the costly task of performing their own maintenance.

Williams has heard many complaints about the residence halls from the mouths of faculty, staff, and students alike. She said that most of the problems with the buildings on this campus are related to the lack of long-range planning.

"There's no careful analysis," Williams said. "They just act now. We try to look at the long range. Where do we want to be in five years? We are looking at where we want to be in 20/20."

"The buildings had already outlived their usefulness by the time we took over," said Williams.

After Williams took over in April 1997, the Physical Plant had to devise a plan for identifying and tackling maintenance issues throughout the MSU campus. Photographs, as well as infrared surveys, were taken of all suspected problem areas.

"We did it to show others higher up the ladder the areas of our campus they may not see," Williams said.

In places such as the Freeman Hall basement, black iron pipes were under layers of rust. Some of the pipes were ready to rust through.

The infrared study cost $3000. Williams pointed out in a series of pictures from the study, an infrared image of steam pipes under a grassy area of the Freeman-Russ quad. Pointing to a bright white spot on one of the pipes she said, "This is a hot spot"—a point where steam builds up, due to the weakening of that part of the pipe. "If not corrected, that could have caused an underground fire," Williams said.

Also as a result of the weakened pipes, it was costing more to heat the campus. According to Williams, $15,000 worth of energy was being lost annually.

The Physical Plant then repaired the problem areas by replacing all worn pipes, and reinstalling them.

In other studies conducted by the Physical Plant, it was found that since most of the buildings were built before the mid-1970s, "there were no redundant systems in place. So when one pump broke, there was none to back it up," Williams said.

"In Stone Hall, there were no sewer ejector pumps to take sewage from the building," Williams said. "If it went, the sewage would have backed up into the building."

Also in their efforts to retrofit MSU, asbestos had to be removed "before any repairs were done," Williams said. "There was lots and lots of asbestos."

LETTING THE AIR IN

ROLL IT:

Alyson Terranova, sophomore recreation major, stacks three rolls of toilet paper to prop open her faulty window in her Freeman Hall room.
Caution to Blanton Residents

There have several incidents of theft since Blanton Hall's evacuation on Monday. Please make sure you take or secure your valuables over spring break to avoid any further incidents.

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The university is among one of 275 colleges and universities across the U.S. that has been chosen to participate in an anonymous survey which will help its undergraduate program. Dr. Jane Zeff, Director of Institutional Research, said.

The survey's main focus is to let high school graduates and transfer students know more about the school they are going to at-tend, and to let the university know what undergraduate areas they need to work on, Zeff said.

Randomly selected freshman and seniors from the Fall 1999 semester will be asked to participate in the National Survey for Student Engagement in the next few days or so. It is a unique survey that will ask students to tell about their college experience. Questions like, "how many hours a week do you spend studying, working on- or off-campus, participating in campus organizations and relaxing and socializing?" are some examples, Zeff said.

Freshman and seniors across the nation were polled and the results were sent as a database to the University of Indiana, the administrators of the survey, and they pulled random people out to do this survey.

The administrators chose to survey freshman because they are just beginning the undergraduate experience and seniors because they are at the end of their undergraduate experience, Zeff said.

The study is sponsored by Pew Charitable Trusts which is an established, non-profit organization.

Pew will pay for most of the cost, while the Institutional Research's budget will cover the rest, which is nothing unreasonable, Zeff said.

A number of colleges and universities were invited to the meeting where the representatives from the University of Indiana decided who was going to participate in this study. MSU fit the profile, as well as other New Jersey state colleges like William Paterson, for example.

This is the first time a survey like this has ever been done in the U.S. A pilot was conducted last year to see how it would go and it was successful. The survey takes only 15 minutes to complete and can be done via the Internet's version of The College Student Report or by filling out a paper.

The whole university endorses this survey, including President Cole, Zeff said.

"It really is exciting to be a part of this. If we can get the students to do this it will be an investment for them and future students," Zeff added.
Writer Reaches Out To Future Generations

By Dominick Banks
Staff Writer

On Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, Junot Diaz, author of Drown, made his powerful appearance at MSU to give a reading at Dickson Hall. It was sponsored by the English Department’s Visiting Writers’ Committee & Latin America Studies Program.

One M.S.U. student commented, “I personally felt very privileged to sit in at a reading given by a man of such depth. He is so sincere and in touch with the language he uses to get his meaning across to others.”

Diaz’s book, Drown, is in reality a combination of 10 stories, all of which deals with people of different color, race, and the experiences that each character faces. All of the stories transpire in the New Jersey neighborhood, where characters are faced with the dire roads of life that become their process of growing to adulthood. He successfully gives shape and purpose to the chaos as well as perplexity that consumes his book.

Diaz has even incorporated many social issues such as drug use, adolescent curiosity regarding sexual behavior, and rejection.

Dr. Sharon Lewis, an English faculty professor said, “The readings and the depth of them, including the language Junot integrates with it, are both powerful and provocative. He has managed to capture the attention of the students through his own language and speech.”

Dr. Bob Whitney, also an English faculty professor, commented, “I think that Diaz has definitely responded quite well to the students in conversing with them in person and allowing his audience the freedom to fully contemplate the message he is conveying to readers through the stories he tells them. He’s unique to the pace, especially young adults, in his own penetrating dialect, which has proven to be very effective for his book and towards his future success in writing his next book.”

And finally, Dr. Timothy Watson of the English Department said, “Diaz established a great rapport with the students — many of them came to the reading clutching copies of his book, Drown, and several of them thanked him publicly for representing their lives in such a remarkable way. After the reading, he was really generous with students as he chatted with them one-by-one. His visit was really something special at MSU.”

Many students talked about the importance of Diaz’s visit to their lives. One M.S.U. student said, “Although Mr. Diaz puts such emphasis on what appears to be his own life experience, I felt that the personality which was constantly used wasn’t necessary. To me, it was not only controversial but it demonstrated the violence that engulfs society.”

Mr. Diaz, responded, “Despite what other people think about the words and language I use toward my stories, it is important to remember that what I write, I write it in my own language and my own manner of speech. What people don’t understand is that English is English and everyone has their own way of speaking it, regardless of how much vulgar language is being used. I am simply writing about what takes place in the New Jersey hood with the Dominican Republic and that is the issue people should be focusing on which is, of course, the most important of all.”

When Crisis Strikes Your Residence Hall

By Carolyn Velchik
Feature Editor

It is 10 a.m. and the fire alarm is going off. You crawl out of bed and drag yourself out into the cold sporting your red Elmo slippers. After 45 minutes you begin to smile as the warmth of your bed engulfs you once again. Your head hits the pillow and you all hear is: FIRE! The next thing you know you are being told to get your stuff and move out, you are on an early spring break. The problem? You are homeless and you are not excused from class. Instead of crawling up in a ball and crying, here are some suggestions to get you through this rough time.

• Find a place to temporarily live. Maybe a friend at Clove Road, or even someone off campus. Since you might be staying a while, maybe think of an incentive to thank your host. Help with the cleaning or cook dinner. Even a small gift of appreciation would be nice.

• Pack your things, wisely. Since there are time slots to pick up your things, make a few trips to your room. Each time only take necessities, like your computer, but pack your computer supplies later in the week when you are going home for good. Instead of leaving expensive objects in your car where they might be stolen. Also, try to pack during the mornings hours. Once the afternoon hits, the traffic will be backed up to the Student Center. Although the shuttle buses are always on time, it might take you over an hour to get to Lot 28.

• Contact your professors. Although the Dean of Students office says there is no missing class, if you do miss class, talk to your professors. Call them and explain your situation. Most will be more than happy to allow an excused absence due to this tragedy, as long as you make the effort to let them know about it.

• Contact your family, friends and employers. Let them know the situation. Since you will not be able to be reached in your room, leave them a number where they can reach you. Remember, Mom and Dad worry too and you do not want them to place a missing person’s report with the police.

• Plan your day differently. Since you may be forced to commute, give yourself enough time to make it to class. One suggestion for 8 a.m. classes: ask your professor if you can attend one of their later classes. Do not worry so much about parking. You will finally get to park right where you live!

• Compromise. This is a very inconvenient situation that other people may not understand. When staying with a friend, learn how to sleep uncomfortably, as you may not be in a bed. If a lot of your friends are staying in the same place, share what comfortable sleeping areas that there are. Think of your host first when it comes to showering and/or other time consuming activities. Remember that you do not live there, your host and their needs come first.

• Keep up with your school work. Although you may be tempted to party with all your other homeless friends, remember that you are here to get an education. Maybe you should take time away from friends to study or get to campus a little bit earlier and find a quiet spot where you can be alone to focus on homework. Also, remember that the administration is not and will not be excusing anyone from classes.

• Think about your mail and/or other loose ends. Since your mail is probably delivered to campus, and you know you have important bills coming, contact that company and ask them to reroute the sending. Do the same for any important packages.

• Complain. This is your home and you have just been told to leave. There is no water. There is no heat. There is no power. Do not just complain to friends and family. And certainly do not just complain to the director of your building, your Resident Assistant, or the desk assistants. A lot of times they play the role of messenger to Residence Life, but really possess no power to change the situation.

Go to the people who hold the power of change. Pick up the phone and call Residence Life at 655-5188 asking specifically for the director, Melinda O’Brien. Or take a walk to her office located on the fourth floor of Bohn Hall. You can get there by walking down the outside steps to the left of the building.
30 Hour Famine Fights Hunger

By Michele Phipany
Assistant Feature Editor

Freshman Katherine Siegel went home this weekend with the intent of saving lives. Her participation in the nationwide 30 Hour Famine was only one of the 600,000 people who engaged in the many activities set forth by World Vision to fight hunger and poverty around the world.

World Vision is one of the largest, privately funded, Christian nonprofit relief and development organizations in the world. World Vision has been in existence for fifty years, and has helped 60 million people in over 100 countries in 1998 alone. The famine program gives others around the world a chance for a better life.

The 30 Hour Famine is a hunger awareness program in which participants voluntarily fast for 30 hours and partake in community service activities. They are also individually sponsored by restaurants, store businesses and close family and friends, though they work in groups to raise money for World Vision. Much of the funding and awareness was raised by "a-thons": walk...run...bake...dance...exam...car wash...snack sales...auctions...karaoke night...etc.

Hopatcong was one town that participated in such fund-raisers as the Share Fair and Save the People. The activities of the 30 Hour Famine were held in towns that contributed to World Vision’s cause. There Katherine and two other MSU students, Nicole Padilla and Julie Cokelet, collected donations for Save the People and gathered clothing and toys for the Share Fair. “I never thought I would make it through the full 30 hours, but as I started to become involved, I realized how much of a difference I really was making,” exclaims Kate on her role in the famine, “That had to be the best feeling.”

The fundraisers made positive differences in places such as Bangladesh, Mozambique, and Cambodia, as well as several other needy countries. Donations are used for health care and education as part of the Chittagong Child Survival Project in Bangladesh. An AgPak Distribution provides farmers with necessary seeds and tools to grow food in Mozambique. Cambodia houses the National Pediatric Hospital where thousands of patients are treated and cared for. The donations from famine go toward the purchase of equipment and medicine for this poor country.

Participants in the 30 Hour Famine had the chance to be in the position of the children in need. Leaders of the groups explained some of the situations, and had everyone involved imagine they were stripped of everyday things like family, food, water, education, and eventually hope. Through this they were able to realize how much they had, and how important it was to give in order for someone else to have a chance to live.

With 34,000 children dying each day from hunger and preventable diseases, it’s no wonder that the 30 Hour Famine has become a sort of national deed. It may be difficult to understand certain situations like world hunger, but there are ways to help. The national 30 Hour Famine takes place the last weekend of February every year, however, you may partake in it at anytime. Take the time to feed the need.

For more information on how you can save a life, call 1-800-7-FAMINE, or visit www.30hourfamine.org.

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SHOWING THEIR AGGRESSIVE SIDE

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By Chantel Paul

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Stuck in the Web
With the Gram
By Anna Lawrence
www.assistantartseditor.com

I enjoy taking quizzes. Wait, let me clarify. I do not enjoy quizzes on chord progressions, the pre-natal stage of development in humans, chemistry, or last night’s reading assignment. I do enjoy quizzes you find in newspapers, or quizzes that

update you quizzes for your friends to take about you, or you can take quizzes as a group. The benefit of becoming a member is that you learn information about yourself that can ultimately help you to improve different facets of your life.

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To save his planet, an alien must find a woman on Earth to have his baby. There's just one problem.
**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Girls Deliver Powerful Performance at College Venue**

By Kathleen Savino  
Staff Writer

Many people think that folk music isn’t something you dance to. Obviously these people have never been to an Indigo Girls concert. The Indigo Girls gave an energetic acoustic performance at Franklin and Marshall College last Thursday night. The concert was held as a general admission in the school’s sports arena. The Indigo Girls often play more intimate venues such as this, and fans who arrive early can find themselves relatively close to the stage.

Amy Ray and Emily Saliers, who have performed together since they were in high school, recently released their seventh full-length album, *Come on Now Social*. The duo opened with the first track from the CD, “Oo,” a song which is a rallying cry for young people everywhere to become aware of themselves as activists. It was an appropriate song for an audience of mostly college students, who sang along vigorously. Since this performance was part of an acoustic tour, Saliers and Ray sang unaccompanied by their band.

It is incredible that two people singing with only guitars and, on occasion banjos can create such amazing, resonant music. It’s refreshing, as well, that with all the music out there having to do more with image than anything else, the Indigo Girls always appear so unadorned. They usually perform in jeans, and for this concert Amy Ray donned a cowboy hat.

The Indigo Girls performed many songs unusual to their line-up. Amy Ray did a passionate solo of “Romeo and Juliet,” a cover which can be found on *Rites of Passage*. Saliers also sang solo, opting for the last “hidden” track on the newest album. It is a simple melody, a ballad with political lyrics like, “doens open wide to straight men and women but they are not open to me...there are a few who would be true out of love but love is hard.” Ray then re-joined Saliers on stage where they sang “Faye Tucker,” an anthem written by Ray, decrying the death penalty. Ray’s performance is so astounding and full of fervor that she can literally raise the hairs on your neck. Saliers has a beautiful voice, and the two complement each other perfectly. Ray displayed her strong vocal skill, and Saliers her guitar ability, especially in a unique version of “Chickenman.”

After a long, but unflagging performance, the Indigo Girls returned for an encore with their opening act, Rose Polanzani. Polanzani, in her own right, is an incredible performer, not to mention a most talented songwriter. Her lyrics are not simply poetic, they are poetry. (Polanzani will be opening for Lucy Kaplansky at Maxwell’s in Hoboken on March 1). It was a shame that, during her set, the audience seemed bored and unresponsive, taking through most of it. Polanzani sang the song “Oo” from her album *Anybody* which is a release off her recent album, *Darren*.

The three singers sang together with a haunting and gorgeous harmony. This track can be found on the album with the Indigo Girls singing backup in the same way. Even though the Indigo Girls were present on stage this time, the audience was unwilling to give Polanzani the attention she deserved.

However, the audience definitely seemed to be enthused by the Indigo Girls, and sang along with nearly every song. When “Closer to Fine” was played, all audience members were singing and dancing. “Galileo,” another popular track from *Rites of Passage*, ended the concert much in the same way it began. Ray and Saliers seemed to really appreciate the supportive audience, and said more than once, “Thanks for listening.”

It seems that, no matter how much of a following the Indigo Girls have, they always hold a simple modesty about themselves and their music. Ray said herself, “No matter how many people we play for, it’s always important to reach each one of them. That isn’t going to change.” This is fitting of all their shows and, considering that the duo has been performing for over a decade, it will surely never change.

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**Wonder Boys May Not Be Wonderful, but It Might Be Worth Seeing**

By Kat Lupo  
Staff Writer

Movies with a dead dog in a starring role don’t come along every day. This is one of the few things that sets *Wonder Boys* apart from the stock of serio-comedies that come out each year and are forgotten the next. With a tendency towards the conventional and sometimes trite “coming of age” theme, this film becomes original in its application of that theme. The person “coming of age” is middle aged Grady Tripp (Michael Douglas) and his guides along the path to adulthood are two of his students, the gloomy James Leer (Tobey Maguire), and the precocious Hannah Green (Katie Holmes).

This is Curtis Hanson’s first film since *L.A. Confidential*, and it’s hard to go into the theater without expectations. Would this be as remarkable as his last film or is it back to the B list and such films as *The Hand That Rocks The Cradle?* To avoid disappointment, it might be best to go into the film with an open mind. While *Wonder Boys* is not nearly as outstanding as *L.A. Confidential*, Hanson takes a screen play with a tendency to seem like any other movie in direction that keeps the audience present. He is a professor of writing in Pittsburgh, has written the “great American novel” several years ago and produced nothing since. He is an avid marijuana user, and his wife left the morning the movies starts. How he got to this point in his life is not important, and that he has had several other failed marriages in his past is alluded to, but not lingered upon. However, Douglas gives an excellent performance. Grady could easily have been a one dimensional cardboard cut-out, but Douglas keeps the character interesting and real; he makes the transitions from ironic comedy to drama smoothly. He portrays a sympathetic character that, given a different perspective, could have been played as a horrible, unsympathetic man. Sure, he’s an adulterer; he’ll sleep with the chancellor (Frances McDormand), but at least he won’t sleep with his student, Hannah (Katie Holmes).

Despite her many efforts to seduce Professor Tripp, Hannah remains the “good” person of the film. Holmes gives an unremarkable performance in this very important role, but it is obvious that Hannah is merely a device—a character created simply to

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What's Up, Tigerlily?

Concert Calendar

Thursday, March 2
Cowboy Junkies, Josh Rouse. Irving Plaza, New York, NY. (212)249-8870


Friday, March 3
Pete Sims. Birdland, New York, NY. (212)982-4052
Boys-n-Girlt, Hok, LFO, SKB. Irving Plaza, New York, NY. (212)249-8870
Diane Krall, Salzburg Marionettes. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ. 888-GO-NJ Pac. 311, Jimmie's Chicken Shack, Roseland Ballroom, New York, NY. (212)245-5761

Saturday, March 4
Pete Sims. Birdland, New York, NY. (212)982-4052
Bullet, Homo Corps, Miss Guy, Mistress Formica, Moreplay, Paxton, Russ Turk, Velvet Mafia. CBGB's, New York, NY. (212)298-4522
22 Jacks, Lit. Irving Plaza, New York, NY. (212)249-8870

Sunday, March 5
Homo Corps. CBGB's, New York, NY. (212)298-4522
Itzhak Perlman, Salzburg Marionettes. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ. 888-GO-NJPAC
Agent Orange, Captch 22, Turbo Acs. Velvet Mafia. CBGB's, New York, NY. (212)249-8870

Monday, March 6

Tuesday, March 7
Allison Tartalia, Andrea May Baum, Antigone Rising, Spring. CBGB's Gallery, New York, NY. (212)677-0455

Wednesday, March 8
PCP Highway. Don Hill's, New York, NY. (212)234-1390
Mindless Self Indulgence. Limelight, New York, NY. (212)996-8957

Movie Releases

Friday, March 3

Drown. Mike, Nick Gonzalez. Danny DeVito, Benet Moller, Neve Campbell, Jamie Lee Curtis. Casey Affleck

Saturday, March 4

Ballroom, New York, NY. (212)245-5761

Factory, New York, NY. (212)219-3015

PCP Highway. Don Hill's, New York, NY. (212)234-1390
Mindless Self Indulgence. Limelight, New York, NY. (212)996-8957

Theatre Performances

Schoolhouse Rock LIVE!, at Studio Playhouse, Upper Montclair, NJ. (973)655-5112. Opening Saturday, March 4 running Sat. and Sun. at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 12.
Sizemonauts Makes its Debut at Montclair State University

By Lorenda Knisell
Assistant Copy-Editor

Another great show went on in the Ratt on Feb. 15 with very poor attendance. The Sizemonauts, a recently formed funky rock band, which includes John Oakes from the John Oakes Band singing and on drums, played their first gig to a group of about 10 people. Most bands would not play their hearts out for an audience that small, yet The Sizemonauts did. When the show started, Robert Oakes, singer and bass player, as well as John’s brother, introduced the band. He said, “We’re The Sizemonauts. We play with heart and soul.” Oakes, who was clad in all black and looked like an artsy hipster from the 80s, said this with tongue planted only in his heart. “There’ll be no crowding, no stage diving.” It would have been a small mosh pit if there were. The band opened with a super funky cover of Jimi Hendrix’s “Manic Depression.” The neo-hippie guitarist, Jason Loughlin, interspersed the funk with some “finger tapping” and heavy metal-style playing. The next song was a cover of The Police’s “Synchronicity.” Robert Oakes showed off his bass slapping technique as well as his unique vocal style, which was ironic for the song. It was equally imbued with influence from the blues as well as from hard rock bands such as Queen. Oakes’s stage presence was mixed with the cool contrived awkwardness of an 80s new-waver, head banging, and subtle Mick Jagger-esque gestures. The band played many more covers. The songs which were funk tunes were played in a heavy metal style and many rock tunes were played funky. Some of these songs include Lenny Kravitz’s “Are You Gonna Go My Way?,” Phish’s “Down With Disease,” Living Color’s “Cult of Personality,” David Bowie’s “We Could Be Heroes” and the 1970’s New York and follows the story of dancer Tony Manero, the lead, is played by Travolta, has had a successful run at The Minskoff Theater. Although the film is to portray the other kind of student, not the intense, brilliant, dark writer, but the upbeat, talented girl who works hard and gets what she deserves, much like her character on Dawson’s Creek. James, however, brilliantly played by Toby Maguire, is anything but a simple character. While also an obvious device created simply for the growth of Grady and to contrast Hannah’s goodness, Maguire is convincing in his attempt to give James as much humanity as possible. A liar, thief, and dog-killer, James is the dark side, the kid Professor Grady thinks needs help and guidance. However, with the help of Grady’s editor, Terry Crabtree, played by Robert Downey Jr., James helps his teacher learn about the good things in life. Cranberry’s role in the film is a small but important one. The editor, the best friend, and the sexually immortal one, leads Grady to make the “right” decision about whether to choose his girlfriend or his life in the end. Downey didn’t have much to do in this role and he didn’t do too much with it. He was convincing and amusing, but didn’t give any sign that his character had any true depths. Maybe Cranberry doesn’t have any depths, maybe he is what seems and nothing more.

Wonder Boys is a good movie, despite its tendency towards the conventional. It delivers a lot of laughs, and gives a new spin on an old scenario. It’s different with viewing, but it might be best to wait for it to come out on video.
Last week, we asked you:

Do you feel MSU is doing a good job providing new technology for its students?

You told us:

"The majority of computer students are completely oblivious to the resources and faculty of the school."

Eris Rodlko, Freshman/undecided

"How can you have 75 students for one computer? It just doesn't make sense."

Pooja Sathwani, Freshman/Political Science

"I was using a MAC and it froze up. The computers here are simply too old."

Vito Havrilla, Freshman/Linguistics

"Around exam time, you can never get a computer because everyone is trying to complete their assignment at the same time."

Karen Aliche, Junior/Biology

"As part of tuition, they're not really giving us anything. We're paying for it. They're not even giving us the opportunity to choose if we want it or not."

Kelley Hayes, Sophomore/English

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Are MSU Offerings Enough or Too Little, Too Late?

How can we be sure that we are living in a place where we can feel safe about our environment? How do we know that the powers that be at MSU are on our side?

The residents at Blanton Hall received answers to those questions on Monday, facing what many of us have only heard about. In the wake of the Seton Hall fire, MSU officials almost seemed to be reluctant to admit any mistake made in Monday's mishap. The Blanton residents were almost literally flooded from their campus homes and forced to seek alternate housing for the remainder of the week.

What has MSU done to aid this effort? As of Tuesday afternoon, the Office of Residence Life had relocated 32 students to other residence halls, or only 5 percent of Blanton's student population. 5 percent. That means the other 95 percent, or 607 students, were still without verified residences. Whether they had found off-campus housing or roomed with friends on-campus is unknown, but can we consider the efforts put forth by Residence Life to find alternate housing for those students to be sufficient?

No.

What other relief efforts have been attempted? According to a letter addressed to all "members of the campus community," expanded meal hours and services, expanded computer lab hours in Russ and the Student Center, and room refunds are among things available to those people affected in Monday's inconvenience. But what can the university expect to accomplish by offering such things to people who lived in a building where the administration knew things weren't up to speed? Is this their way of saying "We would have fixed the pipes sooner, but we couldn't afford it. Here's something for your troubles" as they hold out a coin-filled hand? Next thing is to question the source of the repair fund, if the Ruggelin Bros. Company is not found liable. An estimated $50,000 will be needed to correct the errors that caused the problems, as well as other affected systems. Where is this money going to come from?

Add in the proposed room refund, and you could be looking at another $100,000 added to the tab. Chances are, next year your tuition will rise and you'll end up paying for mistakes that were made by the administration, not yourself.

We all need to take a good look around at our living accommodations and decide if we feel safe living here. Heating problems, flooding, and fires have almost become our next door neighbors in an environment where community and peace of mind are preached, but definitely not practiced.

Question of the Week:

What do you think should be included in MSU's compensation efforts for the Blanton Hall residents?

Appearing after the break:

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M most likely you are intrigued by the title of this article, but at the same time, you are wondering where such a column has in the Opinion section. Well I'll tell you: I'm pissed off. But why should I have a column on hackers if I'm not going to be able to express myself? As you can probably tell, the whole point of this is to express my feelings about hackers. I've been thinking about this for a while now, and I decided to write about it because I feel very strongly about it.

Hacking has been defined in many ways. Some people think of it as a form of computer crime, while others see it as a form of rebellion. Personally, I think of it as a form of expression. When you hack, you're expressing yourself in a way that is different from the norm. You're creating something new, something unique.

One of the things that I really like about hacking is that it allows me to interact with computers. The Internet is a perfect example of this. I can use the Internet to connect with people all over the world, and I can do so in a way that is different from the norm. This is something that I really like about hacking, and I think that it's something that everyone should be able to do.

Of course, there are some people who don't like hacking. They see it as a form of computer crime, and they don't want it to be legal. I understand their perspective, but I think that they're wrong. Hacking is a form of expression, and it's something that everyone should be able to do.

Of course, I'm not saying that everyone should be able to do whatever they want. There are some things that are illegal, and I don't think that everyone should be able to do those things. But I do think that everyone should be able to do something that is legal, and that is hacking.

In conclusion, I hope that this article has helped to explain why I think that hacking is a good thing. I hope that it has helped to explain why I think that everyone should be able to do it. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me. I'm always happy to help.

William P. GRAY
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Pointing out the Faults in Administrative Technology Plans

It may seem unreasonable to have to wait an hour for a computer to type a term paper. What if you are a computer science major and the entire curriculum is based on the computer? First it is reported that Dickson will be getting new computers and then that some classes will get the new ones. What is not being said is that these new computers will be used mostly for non-major computer classes, word processing, and mail.

The lab intended specifically for computer science students uses Sun UltraSPARC's running the UNIX operating system, but the lab has fewer than 10 of them. Majors have been told that new machines are urgent for this lab, but that the money has not been allocated to set them up.

"Hacking" schemes without you ever knowing he was there.

If our society is to effectively deal with the problem of Lamers or other more advanced computer anarchists, then we will need to know more. The average user ought to take the time to download some of the many free security programs available on the Internet to at least find out whether or not they are infected with "Lamers." As a society, we need to collectively focus on such actions that will only serve to damage our society, like destroying information systems. It is the threat of Lamers, and the attacks against the e-business world that is driving the President, the FBI, and the Attorney General to hound Congress for "cyber crime prevention measures" and so-called Internet Police forces. While we ought to protect our nation's info systems from foreign attack, on-line police forces present a dangerous prospect for our society, threatening privacy and freedom of speech. To protect ourselves from the latest (yet still potent) threats, we need to familiarize ourselves with the proper use of basic computer protection software. The world of business might do well to look into protection and itself as well as teach the then-shamed "hacking" computer anarchists.

Don't be lame. Learn something.

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Montclair Mailbag

Residence Life Not Holding Up Their Part of the Bargain

Dear fellow students of MSU,

I am writing to inform you of my recent decision to withdraw from MSU at the end of the spring 2000 semester. While MSU offers an affordable and comprehensive education, its strong lack of campus life activities, and poor residence facilities lead me to want a little more from my college education. I have visited numerous other schools, and I found an atmosphere that is very different from our own here on campus. I came here with high hopes for a positive experience in all aspects, and even though my brother warned me that this was a "suitcase school," I still wanted to attend. I must say how very disappointed I am. I had the opportunity to live in Blanton Hall for the Fall 1999 semester and for a building that was built such a short time ago, it was in very poor condition. There were numerous days that we were without heat, plumbing, or other amenities associated with healthy living. When complaints or suggestions were made it seemed as if no one listened. I have the opportunity to live in Blanton Hall for one of the administration: spend as little money as possible on one of the fastest growing majors in collegiate computer education. Computer Science.

The new majors for Dickson and Richardson are reportedly costing $2000. If these machines are primarily for word processing and email, especially in Dickson, the type of expense is unnecessary. These machines should have Intel Celeron processors with more than 64MB of memory and 8GB of hard drive space. Even with software and network systems, there should not cost $2000. The administration's plan seems to be to buy near the top of the technology curve so they don't have to buy new computers as often.

Of course, this entire argument should be moot. Computer speed doubles every 18 months and yet we have a four-year rotation for new computers. This puts us, as students, substantially behind the curve. This school would better spend its money by leasing their machines and upgrading them more often. This would provide more current technology to both computer science majors as well as the rest of the campus.

Glenn McNally

Computer Science

My other major complaint as I prepare to leave is the poor treatment I received from the Department of Residence Life with regards to an unfortunate experience I was involved with earlier this term. While I don't feel comfortable getting into detail, I will say that while I admitted wrong doing, I was treated very unfairly. The punishment I received did not fit the crime and several other students I talked to share the same views. With this point in mind, I was very pleased with the Residence Life staff and was proud of the fact that I worked as a Desk Assistant for them.

In conclusion, as I leave, I wish to urge all of you to speak up for what you feel is right. Don't let anyone walk all over you! You are the ones paying to be here and you deserve something to look back on with fond memories. I wish each and every one of you the very best in the future. For all of you that I had the chance to get to know, thank you and I will miss you.

Ryan B. Smith

English
Blanton Hall Closed

By Brian Cross

Homeless dope hits the road!

Many Montclair State residents found themselves put out on the street this past Monday, when an entire ecological crisis struck them in a few hours. Consider themselves put out on the street this past two hours.

Hundreds of students, who pay for housing, fled to all corners of the campus looking for a home, a place to rest their weary heads. All different kinds of rumors are being whispered across campus. Many students believe that it was the work of a former resident who was kicked off campus for impersonating an R.A. He was desperate for attention once again, but this was dismissed when we realized that a crime like this would require intelligence. Let us take some time to discuss what happened.

It was about 9:20 a.m. when I awoke to the annoying screeching once again - my fire alarm clock. I got up out of bed and crawled over to turn the damn thing off. So I walked my way over to my bed, sat my tired butt down, and all of a sudden I was back in dream world once again, dreaming of half naked sorority girls licking rice crispy treats to the annoying screeching once again - my fire alarm clock. I looked at my watch and wondered, "What sort of idiot pulls the fire alarm at 10 am, the retard doesn't pull it usually until 3 or 4 am.

So I pulled myself from my bed and began to dress myself. I threw on a T-shirt and jeans and marched myself outside. By now 10 minutes had gone by and still the hallways were full of half-asleep people lurching to the fire escape. No one was in a state to think. I asked a friend, "Pokey, why are you up here?"

It was at this time that Pokey, the Albino Whale, opened his mouth rather wide and out burst hundreds of evil Gremlins. Those evil green little bastards were running wild, Tearing things apart. They began to pounce around the Atrium, toying with all sorts of things. Before we knew it they were toying with the generators.

"Stop it you evil Gremlins, leave that alone, you will blow Blanton Hall up!" Well you and I both know about Gremlins, they are just not practical or even le..."And once again the resident nodded. "Isn't it true that fire is put out by water?" "And once again the residents nodded, but slightly confused this time. "Well then, faithful, fearful residents, fear not.

When the flood reaches the 3rd floor, our problem will solve itself!" Now for a few moments the people of Blanton hall were relieved - until they put some thought into this.

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The Resident Life staff was rather panicked over that predicament. Matt Kane seemed to take the matter into his own hands. "Fear not faithful residents! I have studied the situation! The first floor is flooded, Blanton Hall is ablaze. The people toiled over the solution for quite some time, until the fire had gone out and the floods receded by an act of God. The people of Blanton hall were relieved - until they put some thought into this.

Finally get outside and the first bit of sunlight hit me. I waited for a few minutes, got bored, and marched off to the Student Center.

I was sitting there wasting countless moments of sleep, when a nameless D.A. from Blanton came running in screaming and waving her hands around screaming that Blanton Hall was flooding and it was being inhabited by large sea life. Immediately startled by the news that my home away from home, was under six feet of water, my friends and I dashed to the building in order to help the chaos along. After sneaking by the tight security of the R.A.'s saying please stay away, I dashed up the stairs to get the sky view of what was happening.

Where To Live When You're A Montclair Refugee

By Brian Cross

Many Montclair's residents have found themselves being kicked into the streets. Blanton Hall was deemed unfit to be lived in. Even the state has moved in and said, "HOLY SMOKES! People live in this place and it's a 5% of hole. Wow, I've seen crackhouses that were in better condition then this! Hell, I'm surprised that you just don't blow the damn thing up!" So we here at Humor™ are offering a few places for you to live in while you are homeless during the break. Although not all of them are practical or even legal they will make your homeless days a little more comfortable.

1. The Student Center. Many Refugees felt that fleeing to that magnificent building named after them would be the perfect place to live. With luxurious couches it has been a perfect haven for students during the day.

2. Bohn Hall Lounges. Many of the lost and homeless Montclair residence were forced to reside in the nicer rooms on campus.
Refugees
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Places to Rest Your Homeless Head

"Oh my God, the dorm is on fire, oh my God, oh my God oh my God!"

- Nameless Blanton D.A.

OPTIONS (Nov. 20 to December 21): A box of Kellogg's in the back of your closet goes brown or red to nano-tires and out. He next morning rolls to food sorority mixer.

TAURUS (May 21 to June 20): A sunny morning party becomes drink and pass out. The next morning you awake up to find the glory Ties stock in every office of your body. Soap, tackle, sp! Rice (rispie Heats stick to every orifice of itself to your, and one bae oroe your friends are made to toke. A Montclair resident, Joseph Mai spends many nights by himself enjoying the cold confines of the Kiosk. Not only will you know a lot more about campus events, you'll have plenty of fuel to add to your fire with all those pointless rush flyers that have been hanging around for months now.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): The third shift seeing your home planet explode and fills the solar systems surrounding it, that has nothing to do with you here on Earth, it was a cool idea.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Towel Sun and Lord of the Thundercats had the same voice, and now you do too! What? Where is this horoscope going, how can I find it? Oh yeah, how about, YOU AREN'T GETTING BAD THIS WEEK!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): There isn't anything wrong about you this week, you're getting fun and dirty, but ready to soul search. (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Zehra has the force of the local zoo, and hold in the neighborhood. You find them hiding behind a picket fence, you win a million dollars!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): As the sun sets, you fly into the sky and rise to new challenges. You've developed super powers and now become known as the God Subliminal Sentimental Taurus (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Walking past Buxton Hall late for class, a large pipe bursts open and you are thrown across campus to Green Road. It's kind of the out panning to go Mapmyway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Bubbles rise into the sky and chaos erupt. The crazies have come to town, and you and your mother are reunited once and for all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Get some rubbers for this week because you are ready for one hell of an orgi. Wild sex and midnight wait for you over Spring Break!
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**RED HAWK SPORTS**

**The First Row With Fred**

By Fred Stolarski III  
Sports Columnist

Welcome back to the First Row for this week’s edition. You should all know by now, Mick Foley retired this past Sunday after he lost to “The Game” Triple H. Tonight on WWF.com’s “Byte This” Mick Foley will make his first public speech since his retirement. Is this the last we're going to see of Mick Foley? I highly doubt it! There is already a lot of buzz on the internet regarding a possible Foley appearance at Wrestlemania 2000, at The Pond in Anaheim. I’ll get to my theory on Mick’s future a bit later.

Congratulations to Kurt Angle for his big victory at No Way Out, and the addition of the Intercontinental Belt to his collection of gold, which already includes three Olympic medals and the European Championship Belt. Angle better bask in the glory now, because he’s going to have his hands full when Y2J Chris Jericho gets his rematch.

Welcome back Shane-o-mac! Shane McMahon’s return to the WWF has set the scene for Wrestlemania’s main event, as The Game is currently scheduled to defend his Heavyweight Title against the number one contender, The Big Show Paul Wight. With Stephanie on Triple H’s side, and The Big Show’s new partnership with Shane, this means there’s going to be opposing McMahon’s in the corners. I wouldn’t be surprised if we see Vince show up in the next few weeks to add The Rock into the main event, making it a triple threat match.

My question is, Who will be the referee for the match? I’ve heard talk that it may be Stone Cold Steve Austin, if he’s in good condition, but I think it will be between two men. In my opinion, the only real possibilities are Mick Foley or The Heartbreak Kid, Shawn Michaels.

Speaking of HBK, his contract with the World Wrestling Federation will be up later this year. With Michaels still not anywhere near 100 percent, and now running his own newly-formed Texas Wrestling Alliance, I think the WWF will be looking for a new commissioner. I wonder if Foley would be any good at running the Federation. What do you think?

There has been a lot of talk lately about CBS being interested in WWF programming. It seems that CBS wants to pick up the Raw is War program when the USA Network’s contract runs out later this year. They’re also throwing in some benefits, like coverage of the new XFL, and advertising for the WWF program as well as pay-per-views on their cable stations. I’ll keep you updated as information comes in.

Former multiple-time Tag Champs Billy Gunn looks like he’ll be out for up to three months with a torn rotator cuff, suffered at last week’s Smackdown! tapings. Of course, this was the reason for the DX angle on Raw where they beat Gunns down and kicked him out of the group. If Billy’s smart, he’ll pursue a singles career without DX behind him when he returns.

Are you as impressed with Essa Rios and Lita as I am? They have been two of the most exciting performers in the past few weeks, and now Rios has the Light-Heavyweight Title, they should be appearing on WWF programming a lot more. Keep your eyes on these two, and don’t blink, or you might miss something.

Lately, every time I put on a wrestling program, I see someone dancing. How funny was it to see Chris Jericho and Chyna dancing with Too Cool and Rikishi on Raw? If you thought that was funny, I hope you saw David Flair dancing with the Nitro Girls over in WCW land. That was the best part of the show, next to Miss Hancock’s dance on top of the announcers’ table! Speaking of announcers, Crowbar possesses announcer skills that are almost frightening. If you like his announcing, you should see his wrestling. He’ll be a big name in this industry if he gets the chance to cross over to the ranks of the WWF.

Last week I mentioned the stunt that Sullivan if he could use a “weapon” in the match. Considering this is wrestling in the year 2000, Sullivan of course gave him the green light. The problem was that no one expected Abbott to pull out a real knife! Next time, Sullivan should get a bit more information before giving the OK to anything that might be considered in a negative light. Then again, Sullivan will probably say yes to anything that he thinks might boost their dismal ratings a bit.

Once again, we’ve run out of time. Questions? Comments? Feel free to email me at FirstRowFred@aol.com next week, keep out of the cheap seats in the nosebleed section!

Above: Don’t expect to see Billy Gunn doing his schtick on Raw anytime soon.  
As left: The Brooklyn Brawler. What?

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**Inter-Gender Inner-Tubing**

The Campus Recreation Office set up a game of intramural water polo this past Sunday. Team captains Donna Russo and Werner Granajo brought their teams in at about 6 p.m., and after Granajo and co. spent half an hour trying to find women to compete on their teams, they ended up playing the best-of-three series two players short. Despite the disadvantage, they came from behind and won the second and third games, taking the overall victory for the night.

**Step 1: Position**

One of the keys to goal scoring is good passing and good position. Here, after being on the receiving end of a long pass, Latham demonstrates the importance of position by being open on the right side, in perfect position to take the puck on an angle to the net for an easy 1-on-1 with the goalie.

**Step 2: Approach**

Here, Latham moves in, unhindered, for his personal showdown with the opposing goalie. Keeping the puck on the forehand side, Latham forces the tender to hold his position against the post, leaving him at a bad angle to stop a cross-over backhand move.

**Step 3: Crossover**

Since the goalie is forced to hold the post, Latham uses a quick move to go to his backhand, putting him in position to use the empty half of the net to his advantage. As shown at right, 24 feet of open net is an awful lot of space if you can get the goalie out of position with the proper angle and moves. The tender is left with no option except diving across the crease with a prayer.

**Step 4: Celebrate**

Once the puck hits the back of the net, the 1-on-1 contest is over. Jim Latham comes away the winner, and the opposing goalie can only watch, certainly wishing bad things upon the performer. The only proper thing to do after a goal, of course, is to celebrate. Stick-raising, fist-pumping, and group hugs are all acceptable practices.
Last Thursday night, 6'3" sophomore forward Omar Boothe took to the court with the Red Hawk Basketball team for their NJAC playoff game with WPU. Despite MSU’s loss, Boothe took the opportunity to wow the Rec Center Crowd with a thundering 180-degree dunk, captured here on film.

Anyone who has been following the Hawks over the course of the season has certainly noticed Boothe’s leaping ability, and also his penchant for getting the ball behind the defense and coming up with huge, crowd-pleasing dunks.

Lucky for us, Boothe can play here at Panzer Gymnasium for another two years, and continue to awe us with his gravity-defying skill.
MSU seemed poised for an upset Thursday night at the Rec Center at William Paterson University, in the first round of the NJAC playoffs. They were out-rebounding and out-scoring the top-ranked Pioneers in the first half, and held a 25-21 lead.

B.J. Reilly, who was tied for the team high with 12 points, WPU 48

MSU 48

WPU 65

was 3-4 from the three-point arc and the rest of the team was shooting 38 percent.

They had the emotion and they had the memory of going to and defeating WPU 15 days ago, 85-66, at their home court.

But then Horace Jenkins, WPU’s junior guard, decided it was time to step up his play and lead his Pioneers to a 65-48 victory over MSU.

It wasn’t just Jenkins fantastic ability, but also MSU’s inability to shoot. “What happened is very simple,” MSU head coach Ted Fiore said. “When you don’t make shots, you go on long droughts. And that’s what we did. When we were making some shots we had the lead. All of a sudden we go 9-25 on the foul line. We shot 7-28 in the second half.

MSU shot 24 percent in the second half. They were out-scored 44-23 by WPU who shot 55 percent in the half. MSU shot only 36 percent from the free throw line throughout the game, including 1-13 in the second half when MSU had chances to trim the lead.

“You can’t shoot 32 percent... and then have the emotion and they had the memory of going to and defeating WPU 15 days ago, 85-66, at their home court. But then Horace Jenkins, WPU’s junior guard, decided it was time to step up his play and lead his Pioneers to a 65-48 victory over MSU.”

“We had our energy. We had nothing! We lost. You saw the game. We lost!”

MSU had a nine point lead when WPU went on a 10-point run early in the second half, which saw Jenkins score six points as he started to take over the game.

That was followed with a 20-7 run by Jenkins, who scored 15 of those points.

At this point, MSU was down 14 points.

The game was slipping away quickly.

Jenkins wasn’t. He continued his offensive display and scored 27 points in the second half.

Finally, the game was put away in the final minutes with a dunk by Jenkins, as WPU went on another 10-4 run to hand the Red Hawks a 17-point loss.

“We can’t close out runs because we weren’t making shots. You can’t end a run when your not scoring.” Coach Fiore continued, “But that’s pretty typical for us. If we’re not making shots, and we’re not running, then this is the end result.”

“We were just too tight and tense. We weren’t playing relaxed.” Jenkins said afterward on the reason why his team came out slow in the first half. “They beat us twice, so that was playing on our mind.”

MSU ended the season 17-8, and 11-7 in NJAC play. They also ended the season losing three of their last four.

“I knew we were struggling. If it’s any­body who I think I would want to put the blame on, it would be myself. Deep down inside then I had the attitude if we gonna lose the game I’m gonna be aggres­sive,” said Jenkins, who ended the night with 36 points, 1 assist, 3 blocks, and 2 steals.

He shot 12-23 from the field, including 3-6 from the three-point arc and 9-12 from the line.

MSU guard B.J. Reilly was very disappointed and

streaked into the Pioneers’ zone ahead of the defense. A sweet backhand to forehand move sold the fake, and he flipped the puck over Zahn’s stick, smoking him like a salmon.

Midway through MSU 5

the first, the Red WPU 2

Hawks dumped the puck in and Latham took possession, but was tied up. Rosillo came over to help out, bringing the puck behind the net. Latham, meanwhile, moved out in front to receive a pass from Rosillo, but was stoned by Zahn.

Less than a minute later, the Pioneers cut the lead to one when Don Bennett skated through the Red Hawks’ defense and put a wrister past MSU goalietender Robbie Martinez.

Martinez, though, denied the Pioneers’ bid to tie the game on the power play by making an incredible sprawling glove save.

He was then whacked by a WPU player’s stick while he was on the ice, resulting in a gathering in front of the Red Hawks’ net.

Later in the same power play, Rosillo broke up a pass in the neutral zone and skated into the Pioneers’ zone, just to have the puck knocked away. John Baumgartner helped out through by disrupting the WPU player, not allowing the Pioneers to set up. With four minutes left in the first period, a back-checking Randy Brookes dove to knock the puck away from a WPU attacker, breaking up a two-on-one rush by the Pioneers.

In the second period, with the Red Hawks on the power play, Zahn made a great save on a Giocobbie wrister to keep it a 0-0 game, but Giocobbie’s score 35 seconds later would prove to be all the Red Hawks would need.

Les than five minutes later, Martinez made another of his 27 saves, a remarkable stick save while lying on his stomach, pre­servering the two-goal lead.

Rosillo just missed scoring his second goal of the game when he skated in with two defenders hanging on him, but his wrister missed short-side.

With less than four minutes left in the second, Latham fought his way past a defender in the right circle. Zahn made a pad save on Latham’s shot, but the puck was kicked back out to Rosillo, who’s shot was muted by Zahn as well.

Caldwell appeared to have Zahn beat with 14 seconds left in the period, but his shot hit the inside of Zahn’s pad and trickled just wide of the right post.

Justin Brown collected his second goal of the game when he picked up a loose puck and inched toward the net before letting a wrister fly from the high slot, which found its way past Zahn, making the score 5-1.

Five minutes earlier Latham had given the Red Hawks a three-goal lead. A shot by Brookes from the slot was stopped by Zahn, but the rebound found its way to Latham in the high slot and he beat Zahn with a wrister, using his hide for a tepee.

An unassisted WPU goal by Craig Hoppey at 8:09 of the third period cut the Red Hawks’ lead to 5-2, but the Pioneers’ couldn’t get any closer than that. WPU was stifled once again on the power play, as the Red Hawks managed to kill off a 1:20 two-man advantage with about two minutes to play in the game.

Anthony Rosillo (black jersey), in a move that MSU Hockey fans see so often from him, fights through two defenders and drives towards the net during Saturday’s game. He finished with a goal and an assist in the 5-2 win over WPU.

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Athlete of the Week

Jim Latham, Red Hawk Hockey

James Latham was the MSU Hockey team’s top scorer in this weekend’s Metro Conference playoffs, picking up a goal and four assists in MSU’s two games, against WPU and NYU. On Saturday, Latham assisted on MSU’s first three goals before opening the third period scoring with a goal 2:40 into the frame, giving the Hawks a 4-1 advantage over WPU. On Sunday, Latham assisted Eddie Caldwell on the Red Hawks’ only goal of the day, in a season-ending 7-1 loss to NYU.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

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Above the Rim forfeited out of the league on 2/23. All remaining opponents receive forfeit wins.

Intramural Basketball

Results

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**
- Theta Xi (37) vs / And One (54)
- Sleepaz (50) vs / The Fifth (56)
- D2 Da Streetz (86) vs / Brand New (56)
- Killa Beez (37) vs / F.M. Jacket (45)

**Thursday, Feb. 24**
- Delta Chi (36) vs / Kling (51)

**Sunday, Feb. 27**
- Smackers (27) vs / The Fifth (51)
- Rottweillerz (44) vs / Brand New (56)
- Sleepaz (60) vs / Fast Break II (56)

**Monday, Feb. 28**
- Underdawgz (57) vs / Pike (34)
- F.M. Jacket (63) vs / E to the T (30)
- Killa Beez (28) vs / AGSquad (32)

**Tuesday, Feb. 29**
- Oh My God (58) vs / Smackers (41)
- J.Y. Dogs (39) vs / Bondsman (31)
- Bearcats (72) vs / Theta Xi (26)

Upcoming Intramural Basketball Games

**Thursday, March 2**
- 8:15 - Pike / Delta Chi
- 9:15 - F.M. Jacket / Bondsman
- 10:15 - Rottweillerz / Oh My God

**Monday, March 13**
- 8:15 - Oh My God / The Fifth
- 9:15 - Smackers / D2 Da Streets
- 11:15 - Rottweillerz / Fast Break II

**Tuesday, March 14**
- 8:15 - D2 Da Streets / Fast Break II
- 9:15 - Theta Xi / Kling
- 10:15 - Delta Chi / Underdawgz

**Wednesday, March 15**
- 9:15 - D2 Da Streets / Fast Break II
- 10:15 - Kling / And One
- 11:15 - Killa Beez / E to the T

All Games Played At Panzer Gymnasium
MSU Basketball Romps over USMMA; Reilly Honored for 1,000th Point

By Mike Sanchez

MSU’s 17-0 run midway through the second half pushed the Red Hawks to a 72-55 victory over U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Wednesday night at Panzer Gym in the first round of the ECAC Tournament. Before the game, senior B.J. Reilly was honored as he became the twentieth player in MSU history to score 1,000 points in last Thursday’s game with WPU.

MSU’s second half run was sparked by sophomore Carl Thompson and freshman Ben Martinez, who combined for 8 points, 6 assists, and 3 steals on the night.

“It might have been a turning point for the team,” said Head Coach Ted Fiore. “It stemmed from the fact that we played much more excited.” He said his team seemed flat throughout the first half, and he was a little worried that the team was still feeling the effects of the loss to William Paterson University Thursday night.

Before the run, MSU was tied 42-42 with 15:56 left in the game. After Jerrel Mayo fell hard to the floor after driving for a lay-up, Thompson was subbed in earlier for Mayo. Thompson had been subbed in earlier for Mayo fell hard to the floor after driving for a lay-up. Along with Mike Bult and Walk Wilson, the back court set the tune on the night.

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Red Hawks Stop WPU in Metro Conference Quarters; Fall to NYU in Semis

By Mike Mazanec

The MSU hockey team was ousted in the semifinals of the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference, losing to New York University, 7-1, on Sunday. The setback ended the Red Hawks’ season, which started 17-0 run midway through the second half as they had six steals, four blocks, and created seven turnovers.

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Mike Bult was trapped against the sideline before being fouled. Two free throw conversions put the Hawks up, 65-49, late in the second half of the game.

MSU’s Mike Bult had one turnover in the run, which lasted about seven minutes.

The defense also stepped up in the second half as they had six steals, four blocks, and created seven turnovers. Bult added 10 points in the second half, ending the night with 15 points. It was one of his better games," said Coach Fiore, referring to Bult’s play. “If he had gotten more play time,”

MSU also stood consistent in their free throw shooting 12-15, unlike their previous game at WPU, where they shot 9-25.

Reilly and Bult, also a senior, may have played their last game at home, depending on the results of the other ECAC games.

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The Red Hawks struck first, 3-49 into the opening period. Latham chased the puck into the left corner, and fighting off a defender, centered it to a waiting Justin Brown. Brown’s winner from the high slot rattled off the post, but found the net off the back of Zahn’s pad.

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