CAUSE FOR ALARM: Sophomore Allegra Cohen and Dianne 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 them up. According to city business administrator JoAnne Watson, the city is inves­ tigating whether the sick-out was organized. If so, she said that each employee will be dealt under a "case-by-case basis." The normal daily number of workers who call out sick each day is 15.

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MSU POLICE REPORT

• 2-23 Officers responded to three fire alarms at Stone Hall. A faulty second floor smoke detector caused the alarm to activate. Little Falls Fire Department and the re­ pair company responded.

• 2-23 A female reported that she found a harassing note in the note­ book when she returned home from class.

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• 2-23 A female reported that her cell phone was stolen from her locked room and phone con­ nection continues.

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• 2-25 Officers responded to a Clove Rock Apartment to assist the AM in closing a party after hav­ing received a noise complaint.

• 2-27 Officers responded to a fire alarm in Bohm Hall. Upon arrival, they discovered a hair dryer in an eleventh floor room which had caused a smoke detector to acti­ vate. The Clifton Fire Department responded.

• 2-28 A male injured his eye while playing basketball in Panzer Gym. He was transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

• 2-28 Officers responded to a fire alarm in Blanton Hall. Upon ar­ rival, a water pipe front ceiling is flooded in an elevator. Later a small fire in an elevator started and it was extinguished. The Little Falls Fire Department responded. Blanton was shut down until repairs were completed.

• 2-28 A male Blanton Hall resident reported when he returned to his room after the evacuation for the fire alarm, he discovered that his video game player was missing.

• 2-28 Officers responded to Bohm Hall upon a report of a male act­ing irrationally. The male was transported to Mountainside Hos­ pital for evaluation.

• 2-29 A male juvenile broke his wrist while playing hockey at the Floyd Hall Ice Arena. He was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph’s Hospital.

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Stories In Progress

Media Coverage

How did the news paper the Blanton

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Read about the growth of the United States post-World War II.

DEFEATED

Karl-Germany's German Chris­ tian Democratic Union, scarred of a financial scandal with the party's former 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 Ruehe 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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Stories In Progress

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A Special Report
Continuing Problems of Aging Residence Halls

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

"It is like the North Pole here," said Sah­ rah Bechtold, 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," Bechtold 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 mandated 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 prob­ lem on the list of Blanton Hall's maintain­ ance 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 re­ pairs is the ongoing project to better insulate and cover the outside water pipes. The drop ceilings are being re­ framed and relined, the pipes are being repaired, re­ placed, and reinsulated wherever necessary.

"We've had some plumbing problems." Kane said. "We've got leaky PVC [plastic] pipes." PVC pipes, unlike ones made of metal, do not withstand sudden temperature changes. The pipes will often burst because the cold air causes the water to freeze inside.

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"In order to do repair work when a pipe bursts, the water has to be shut down...This causes an inconvenience to students."

Kane told of an in­ cident that occurred in early November. "The water was shut off for a 12 hour period," said Kane. "But usually it's 24 hours."

To fully remedy this problem, the PVC pipes would all have to be re­ placed with copper. "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 re­ pairs. 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 Free­ man 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

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“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.

Beside 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 undo 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 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 from the ruptured water main which prompted the initial evacuation.

(this page, top) The sandwich line became popular since Blanton Hall's cafeteria was closed due to Monday's flood. Dining services extended their menu and operation hours to cater to larger numbers of students.

(this page, left) Blanton Hall maintenance employees fought the flood in the cafeteria while it spread throughout the building shortly after the water main break this Monday morning. The cafeteria's closing prompted the crowded conditions in the Student Center cafeteria (seen above) as well as in Freemans Dining Hall.

Williams estimated that repairs will cost about $50,000, $25,000 for the life safety unit (fire alarms), $20,000 for repairing the electrical panel, $2,500 for the transformer and $3,500 for telecommunications.

The possible cause for the broken valve is the plastic piping (PVC) used in Blanton Hall. According to Williams, copper is the most durable piping; it can withstand the many elemental changes MSU faces. Copper is also the most expensive type of piping.

Blanton residents initially left the building after a fire alarm sounded because of 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 Ken, 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 Santor, 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," said Lauren Vreeland, sophomore.

A similar incident happened at Seton Hall University, located in South Orange, in January. A fire broke out in Roland 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 2020.”

“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 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.

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**Protein Supplement:** In the Rast a few weeks ago, a fly was found wrapped up in a croissant by a student during the late-night dining hours.

**Research Project Seeks to Improve MSU College Life**

By Jill Nuber

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-

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 at the beginning of their 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, nonprofit 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 Patterson, 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

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 growth 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.”

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 has a really generous with students as he has chatted with them one-by-one. His visit was really something special at MSU.”

Other students felt that his readings held constant profanity, which they felt diverted Diaz from achieving his purpose.

One MSU student said, “Although Mr. Diaz puts such emphasis of what appears to be his own life experience, I felt that the profanity 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 I said it, write it, I write it in my own language and my own manner of speech.

When people don’t understand is that English is English and everyone has their own way of speaking it, regardless of how much vulgar and disgusting it is 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

What to do when no electricity, no heat, and no water leave you without a place to live

By Carolyn Velchik

When there is no electricity, heat, or water it can be hard to know what to do. But there are steps you can take to make sure you are safe and comfortable.

1. Contact your family, friends and employers. Let them know what happened and ask them for advice.
2. Plan your day differently. Instead of spending time on social activities, you can focus on important tasks like studying and completing assignments.
3. Keep up with your school work. Although you may be tempted to party or do other things, it is important to stay focused on your education.
4. Think about your mail and other important tasks. Since you won’t be able to reach 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.
5. Contact your professors. They can help you with any important tasks like completing assignments.
6. 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 your own room. Each time only take necessities, like your computer, but pack your computer supplies later in the week.
7. Keep up with your school work. Although you may be tempted to party or do other things, it is important to stay focused on your education.
8. Think about your mail and other important tasks. 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.

I t 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 all you 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.

• 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!

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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...bike...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 Ag Pak 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.

To the benefit of the more passive members of the MSU community, counselors from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) volunteered their time during a Women's Center workshop entitled, "Assertiveness Skills Workshop for Women," last Wednesday.

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MSU CAMPUS CALENDAR

**March**

**Thursday**

- Tai Chi, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Gym 6
- Chi Alpha, 7:30 p.m. SC 411
- Drum Circle, 10 p.m. SC 104

**Friday**

- Last Day of Classes! Have a Nice Spring Break!

**Saturday**

- Trip to The Lion King, 2 p.m. NYC

**Sunday**

- Residence Halls re-open, 11 a.m.

**Monday**

- Yoga, 1-2 p.m. SC 419
- Tighten-N-Tone 4-5 p.m. Kopps Lounge, Russ Hall
- Cardio Kickboxing 5-6 p.m. Gym 6
- SPECTRUMS, 6:30-7:30 SC 416

**Tuesday**

- SPECTRUMS, 2-3 p.m. SC 416
- LASO, 3:30 p.m. SC Cafe C
- Kickboxercise 5-6 p.m. Gym 6
- Aero Step & Tone, 6:15-715 Gym 6

**Wednesday**

- CLub, 7:30 SC 104, Commuter Lounge
- Geo Club, 4 p.m., MA 252
- PreMed Club, 4 p.m. Science Hall 126
- Tighten & Tone, 4-5 p.m. Kopps Lounge, Russ Hall
- SPECTRUMS, 6:30-7:30 SC 416

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TWENTY something

Under Mom's Watchful Eye: My Secret Sex Life

By Chantel Paul
Special to The Montclarion

Living with your parents during your college years has definite advantages. But with those advantages are even greater downfalls. Sure, a rent free, stable living environment is fully appreciated, but bringing your boyfriend over to play a friendly game of Monopoly with your parents is not the greatest plan for a weekend evening, especially for that matter.

"Why don't we play charades tonight?" We played Monopoly last Saturday night! my parents enthusiastically say, while we roll our eyes with disappointment.

The scenario: It's late Friday evening and as the articles of clothing are thrown off one by one and the breathing gets heavier, we stumble once more into the room we have come to accept as our one chance for privacy.

He hits "play" on the little boom box that sits on the counter and lets Mike Patterson croon over the speakers. The volume gets turned up a notch, the door closes to offer seclusion from the dog and the ceremony commences.

While the bathroom is nicely finished, with a quiet flush toilet and stand up shower, and very cozy for those private moments, this is not exactly my idea of great sexual ambiance. Not to mention that Snoopy's food bowl sits in the corner nearby. Just in case I get hungry for something to eat, or not we have sex is if I'm all out of whipped cream.

It has gotten to the point where I am seriously considering my luck with the lottery in hopes of striking it rich. And all in the name of sex, love and knotty bedroom antics.

When I was younger, I can remember watching "Beverly Hills 90210" during the sixth grade and dreaming about glorious moments alone with my boyfriend, Dylan would be my love slave.

I wanted to be Kelly because she was the prettiest and Dylan would be my love slave.

My best friend and I would concoct outrageous situations about what we would do with our boyfriends and how often we would "go all the way." Some of them were completely ridiculous, but when you're 11 they seem possible.

For instance, Dylan (i.e., my boyfriend) would ride up on his motorcycle and casually walk up to the door. I'd be scantily clad in a short, obscenely tight red dress, that would say "take me" all over it.

We would ride off and arrive at his own apartment, where he would feed me chocolate covered strawberries. Then we could slowly make our way into his bedroom and fall gracefully onto his king sized bed with satin sheets. And I would smile to myself thinking, "That's how real teenagers have sex."

Boy, was I wrong. Most of my experiences go something like this: "My parents are going away this weekend to visit family," he says with a misleading gleam in his eye. "You mean we get to use the bed tonight?" I say, slightly ecstatic.

Those are moments I cherish. Sure, I'm going to miss his parents while they're gone, but there are greater things at stake here. That bed has been calling my name for weeks and I can't wait to answer.
I enjoy taking quizzes. Wait, let me clarify. I do not enjoy quizzes on chod progressions, the pre-natal stage of development in humans, chemistry, or last night's reading assignment. I do enjoy making you find fun quizzes on the Internet. I found a little slice of heaven on Earth. Emode.com contains roughly a hundred or more different quizzes. New quizzes are added regularly and old ones are occasionally updated. The quizzes cover relationships (“Are You Fit to Commit?”), career (“Are Your Work Skills Y2K Ready?”), personality (“Are You a Loony?”), and health (“Anxiety, Eat to Live or Live to Eat?”). Some quizzes appear in more than one category and can be sorted by length and involvement (light, engaging, serious). Some quizzes have even been certified by a Ph.D and are considered to be accurate.

Singing up to be a member is not optional, a major down side of the site. Becoming a member is a hassle if you don’t plan on returning back to the site, but, if you forsee yourself visiting back often and for an extended period of time, becoming a member is well worth it. The signup process only takes about ten minutes at the most, and is entirely free of charge.

By becoming a member, you create a vault where you can save your test scores. These scores can then be compared to other members’ scores, or to the same test score from an earlier date. You can also make up 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. The site is well organized, and pleasing to look at. The fonts are easy to read, the colors are neither drab nor blinding.

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Dublin this same time is somewhat on the longer side, only slightly above average, but it’s definitely worth the wait. A site like this reflects the company’s dedication to their project and the effort they put into the quality of their content. Surfing to their “About us...page” will show you that they have fun working together which is also important. Among other activities, there is a story time each Wednesday. And where else can you find a CEO who plays with play-doh?

To put their quizzes to the test- pun intended- I took the “Are You a Loony?” quiz. The quiz was only about 10 questions long, but I believe it to be pretty accurate. I scored 85 out of 100. The results page included a more in depth look at my score, breaking it down into Public Loni­ness (83/100), Emotional Loni­ness (83/100), and General Loni­ness (59/100). Ap­parently, I’m a person that causes other people to comment, “What a nut.” Do figure.

The site also offers an extensive library - great for anyone who enjoys putting inspiration­al and interesting quotes up on their dorm wall and other random places, such as myself. A sign of loneliness? Who knows.

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Girls Deliver Powerful Performance at College Venue

By Kathleen Savino

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 of serio-comedies that come out each year and are forgotten the next. With a tendency to seem like any other movie, this one can be surprising.

Hanson takes a screen role don’t come along every day. This is one of the few things that sets Wonder Boys apart from the stack 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 (Toby 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 and direction that keeps the audience involved. Hanson distracts the audience’s attention at all the right moments so the somewhat contrived and always predictable plot can be surprising.

Fewer surprises await the audience as the movie progresses. It is obvious that Grady has a lot to learn right from the beginning of the movie. We never find out much about him beyond his recent past and 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 movie 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. Hanson gives an unremarkable performance in this very important role, but it is obvious that Hannah is merely a device—a character created simply to provide a thematic foil. 

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**Thursday, March 2**

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


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**Friday, March 3**

Petes Sims. Birdland, New York, NY. (212)334-1390

Boyz-n-Girlz, Hokus, LFO, SK8. Irving Plaza, New York, NY. (212)249-8870

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Bullet, Homo Corps, Miss Guy, Mistress Formica, Moreplay, Paxton, Russ Turk, Velvet Mafia. CBGB's. New York, NY. (212)296-4552

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**Sunday, March 5**

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**Monday, March 6**


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**Tuesday, March 7**

Allison Tartalia, Andrea May Baum, Antigone Rising, Spring. CBGB's Gallery, New York, NY. (212)219-0455

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**Wednesday, March 8**

PCP Highway. Don Hill's, New York, NY. (212)234-1390

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Sizemonauts Makes Its Debut at Montclair State University

By Lorenda Knisel
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 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.” Well, who was clad in all black and looked like an artsy hipster from the 80s, said this with tongue planted only partially in cheek. John also jokingly said, “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 Jimmy Hendrix’s “Manic Depression.” The neo-hipster guitarist, Jason Loughlin, interspersed the funk with some “fingertapping” and heavy metal-style playing. The next song was a cover of The Police’s “Synchronicity.” Robert 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 or THAT. His 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 “Call of Personality,” David Bowie’s “We Could Be Heroes” and the mock-rock band Spinal Tap’s “Big Bottom.” In between some songs they would just improvise in a funky jam. They also played original songs such as “Mr. Tufi,” which John said was appropriate to the show because he was25 in the apartment of a girl he was dating from Montclair. Someone in the audience called out for these songs and John returned with the original song, which is really called “The Train Song.”

John then said, “Let’s do this William Shatner style.” John raised his fist in the air and yelled “Woo!” Someone in the audience said something along the lines of “What?” The band then played the “jammy” song intended for the audience to give him a “Woo!” The one lyric which was repeated throughout the whole song was “I’m the train I’m leaving here.” The band finally toned the song down to a soft percussive style while someone in the audience spontaneously played along with a cowbell and another with an African drum. John continued reciting the lyric in a mock-beatnik poetry style and went nuts on his drums and attacked them standing up.

For the rest of the hour, The Sizemonauts played great music with a lot of laid back good humor. They were truly enthusiastic about playing despite the low attendance. Though there were no Senate party or not, more MSU students should have been there to support the band. They will be playing at MSU’s Pan Fan Festival in May. To get in contact with them, e-mail them at rootzdown1@aol.com.

Wonder

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“It’s about a writer...”

for the sake of showing Grady’s depth and ability to grow. Her other purpose in 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 Tobey 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 sex-obsessive, anti-hero. No wonder Maguire 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.

Crabtree’s role in the film is a small but important one. The editor, the best friend, and the sexually immortal one. The sexual leads Grady to make the “right” decision about whether to choose between 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 Crabtree doesn’t have any depths, maybe he is what we see 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 definitely worth viewing, but it might be best to wait for it to come out on video.
Last week, we asked you:

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Kelley Hayes, Sophomore/English

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A Failure To Represent and Serve: The Student Body: Board of Trustees Student Alternate Ned T. Gross

In last week’s edition of The Montclarion, Ned Gross, a member of the SGA, wrote, “If it is anyone who does not care, it is our own SGA leaders,” stat­ing that the SGA has yet to send anyone to meetings on the parking crisis. “Instead of the constant groveling about cars being towed,” Gross continued, “we need to look at the bigger picture.”

Taking a step back, however, it becomes abundantly clear what the bigger picture reveals: Ned Gross is part of the problem, not the solution. Gross was elected as BOT Student Alternate in April, and, while on Feb. 25, a member of the SGA, Gross seemed to be a promising voice to herald student concerns, this year he has turned into just another administrator who doesn’t seem to care about students, while telling students that everything is fine.

This column is a call for reform. Gross once showed a great deal of promise as a student representative, but he now seems to be just another administrator who is not the solution.

Instead of supporting the SGA (of which he, himself, is a member), he attacks them. This must end now.

In a column that appeared in The Montclarion shortly after he was elected, Gross was full of fire and conviction. “I will not only listen to what you have to say,” he wrote, “but your concerns will be addressed aggressively at the highest level of the administration.” Gross and Jacoby set up an office where students could go to speak with their BOT representatives, established an e-mail account, and claimed that they would submit a monthly column/report to The Montclarion. There were high hopes that students had found the right person to represent them on the Board.

It’s almost a year later, however, and the only thing that has come of Gross’ tenure seems to be a string of broken promises and half-hearted attempts at pushing student concerns to the forefront.

In September, while students spoke out against the lot 28 policy, Gross’ second (and, ultimately, final) column appeared. In it, he played the role of an uncaring administrator perfectly, stating that the new parking policy was not his fault or his decision. While he claimed that the administration still needed to be held accountable, his most encouraging words to students were that they should try to work with the parking policy a chance to telling the SGA that they aren’t doing enough to fight it.

As if the parking mess wasn’t enough, in October, Gross once again lost in his two cents about the chartering of a local chapter of the NAACP.

Some background: In 1996, there was a push to start a campus chapter of the NAACP, and, under the leadership of SGA President Karen Cardell and the assistance of President Pro Tempore John Griffin, they were chartered as a Class Three organization. The charter fell out of sight for a while, and the rechartering process began again this year. The problem? The NAACP charges its local members fees (much like dues required by national Greek organizations) and this forbids them from being a Class Three. After a series of debates on a motion of parts of the national constitution, an SGA vote was postponed and the charterment process was extended.

At a recent SGA meeting, Gross claimed that the NAACP had a charter at MSU since the mid-1950’s, a notion refuted by Montclair NAACP President and Associate Dean of Students James Harris. When Karen Cardell, since returned to the SGA as a Legislator, asked Gross where he found his information regarding their tenure, Gross refused to answer and exited stage left, claiming to be late for a bus.

Behind the scenes, Gross claimed that members of the SGA Executive Board were racists and part of a plan to shut down the local chapter of the NAACP. He heralded the leadership of SGA President Anton Wheeler, who was Cardell’s replacement, as a plan to dedicate the NAACP to working with students, encouraging words to students were that they aren’t doing enough to fight it.

A week later, his published attack on the SGA was just another in a string of actions that don’t make much sense.

Though, he himself, is a member of the SGA Cabinet, Gross found it easier to attack his peers and attempt to discredit the SGA than to actually work toward remedying the problem.

It’s a sad truth, but often in the progress of this column, we sometimes have to put up with uncomfortable situations. The Board of Trustees continues to seek bids for a parking garage while the administration turns a deaf ear on those who elected him as their representative.

I feel that I speak for most of my peers when I say that we don’t need representatives on the Board of Trustees who shout and holler and rock the boat just because they like to hear themselves talk. We need individuals who care about students and who will listen to students and learn.

Justin Vellucci is a Junior English major and Editor-In-Chief of The Montclarion.

Justice Not Served for Amadou Diallo in Recent Jury Decision

On Feb. 4, 2000, Amadou Diallo was fired at 41 times by four undercover police officers. Of those shots, 19 of them penetrated his flesh, and it was assumed he was reaching for a gun, at least that’s what the cops defense testimony was. There was no reason Diallo had to die. There should have been no reason why 41 shots had to be fired, but due to reckless thinking, a lack of intelligence, and a careless disregard for another human being, an innocent man had to pay the price.

Even if Diallo had a gun and aimed it at the officers, he may have been lucky to fire one or two shots before the officers re­acted. If he had pulled out a weapon, he certainly would not have had time to shoot four armed officers, without being fired upon first. Even if they feared for their lives, 41 shots would not be needed in order to subdue one man.

Did any of the officers ever think that maybe a few shots would have been sufficient to hurt Diallo if they felt their lives were in jeopardy? No, over all, the blame can’t be placed on the four officers. The rest of the blame must be placed on the 12 jurors who acquitted the accused of the charges, and failed to avenge Diallo’s death.

Regardless of the fact that the jury was racially mixed, the right verdict was not awarded. It’s a mystery just to think and figure out how four men, clearly guilty of murder, could have gotten off so easily. Is it possible that the jury was wrong? If the justice system can’t be trusted to make an honest and fair decision, who can be trusted?

Certainly not the trigger-happy NYPD who are supposed to be out protecting and saving lives, not taking them away. Does this verdict now give cops every right to fire at will whenever they think their lives are in danger? Did the jury think about what affect their decision would have in the future, especially if a similar situation occurs again?

Is it also possible that Diallo was a victim of racial profiling? Just because he was a Black man walking the streets at night doesn’t mean he is packing a gun. The cops who had already pinned Diallo as guilty, then does it always come down to black on white, with the minority almost always on the losing side. What if the roles had been reversed?

While the four officers may have had a fair trial, it does not change the fact that they brutally killed an unarmed man. Any decent human being could have seen that the officers had no right to fire on Diallo, but obviously the jury did not think so. These men are cold-hearted killers and should feel lucky to live the rest of their lives as free men.

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Jason Kaplan
Unlisted
Hacking Your Personal Privacy: Understand What May Happening to You

Most likely you are intrigued by the title of this article, but at the same time you are wondering what place such a column has in the Opinion section. Well I’ll tell you: I’m pissed off. But by heaven I’ll fix it.

And the business issue, the area of “hacking” has become very popular as a rebellious and anarchistic “thing” to do in modern society. Now those of you who are real hackers are probably pretty annoyed by that statement of fact: you spent many years learning on your own how to do just about everything with your computer, and generally speaking, haven’t made this effort just to find fire and anarchy via the World Wide Web.

However, in modern society, one’s knowledge base concerning how to operate a computer is becoming more and more critical. This ranges from simple word processing (typing a term paper) to employment using information systems. It is those very information system economies that are becoming financially, and suddenly, an enormous amount of information-gathering services that anyone with the right knowledge can access rather easily. Clearly the services that anyone with the right knowledge and software in ways that were not originally intended.

This aspect that has led to hacking. Hacking is generally described by actual hackers as the art of finding holes in information and security systems and then either fixing them or exploiting them. It is at this point that a fine line is sometimes drawn between hackers and “ crackers”: hackers don’t exploit, crackers do (a concept largely ignored by the media).

While hacking is greatly beneficial in the creation of better information systems and possibly a rather nasty side effect. Available to just about anyone on the internet with any sort of intentions are a wide variety. Using this information systems and then either fixing them or exploiting them. It is at this point that a fine line is sometimes drawn between hackers and “ crackers”: hackers don’t exploit, crackers do (a concept largely ignored by the media).

In conclusion, as I leave, I wish to urge all of our students to collectively frown upon such actions that will only serve to damage our society, threatening discovery and freedom of speech. To protect ourselves from the lamest (yet still potent) of threats, we must become our own technology masters. Each of us must be willing to do what we can to protect ourselves.

William P. Gray

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 comprehen- sive education, it’s 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 state 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. That is not the way it should be. Friends of mine that are current students and other students tell me how much different their schools are. In order to grow, MSU must do a better job with its students. People should want to live on campus and want to stay on the weekends.

My other major complaint as I prepare to leave is the poor treatment I received from the Department of Residence Life with regard 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 were let off easy. What is not being said is that these new computers will be used mostly for non-major computer classes, word processing and email.

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Why are we spending money on new machines when we can’t even afford to use the ones we already have? Of course this falls right in line with the apparent policy of the administration to spend money only as possible on one of the fastest growing majors in collegiate education. Computer Science.

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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 the campus in a few hours. Consider a complete economic depression of an entire nation happening to a building in a matter of 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 9:30 a.m. when I awoke to the annoying screeching of a 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. The annoying screeching once again - my alarm clock. I got up out of bed and crawled to discuss what happened.

The alarm clock was ringing, and I stepped back. What sort of idiot pulls the fire alarm at 10 a.m. am I kidding? It usually is until 3 or 4 a.m.

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 rush because we all knew that the fat kid who pretended to be an R.A. probably pulled it again and none of us were happy. So I decided to ask him, "Pokey, why are you teasing at the thought that Pokey was evil, I remembered myself that it wasn't true. Then I suddenly remembered that biblical story of Blanton Hall was flooded. Now I really wanted to get outside and the first bit of sunshine..." But I suddenly realized that this was a perfect hangout for students during the day, why not at night? Unfortunately, the Student Center closes at 2 a.m. and the students were forced to head underground in to the Annex, a rather dank corridor whose accommodations were not that much better than that of a Turkish prison. Many Students took their own lives after seeing the rats scurry.

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. Now I really wouldn't have cared if it weren't for the large Albino Sperm Whale who had declared the first floor his new home. I went down to talk to the poor guy, who seemed very lost.

"Hello Mr. Whale!" I said to him. I wondered if he knew what I was saying, then I suddenly remembered that biblical story about the guy being eaten by a whale, but I reminded myself that it wasn't true. Then I remember Finicky and I stepped back.

"Fear me not, man, I am Pokey, the Albino Sperm Whale. I seem to have become lost. Can you direct me to the ocean?" The large albino whale seemed harmless enough with his happy whale grin and floppy tail. "I am sorry Pokey, I am lost myself. I used to live in this building, but it appears as if you have made my home the newest Sea World." I suddenly noticed that the happy whale seemed rather sinister. Studying at the thought that Pokey was evil, I decided to ask him, "Pokey, why are you really here?"

It was at this time that Pokey, the Albino Whale, opened his mouth rather wide and out hundrends 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 bored, and marched off to the Student Center.

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 and have determined a solution! The first floor is flooded, Am I correct?" And the residents nodded. "And am I also correct in assuming that the 5th floor is on fire?" And once again the residents 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 residents, fear not. When the flood reaches the 3rd floor, and the fire reaches the 3rd floor, the flood problem will solve itself!" Now for a few moments the people of Blanton hall were relieved - until they put some thought into this.

The people toled over the solution for quite some time, until the fire had gone out and the floods receded by an act of God. Now the people of Blanton hall were very, very lost. Many were left homeless and forced to take to the streets. Others decided to sell themselves on Webster road, hoping to look for a few extra bucks to pay for a hotel room at the local Holiday Inn. Yet, all in all, the entire situation was solved, and President Susan Cole slept very comfortably in her bed and that is all that mattered.

Where To Live When You're A Montclair Refugee

**By Brian Cross**

Leader of the Montclair Refugees

Many of 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 #$@% hole, Wow, I've seen crackhouses that were in better condition then this!" Hell, I am surprised that you just don't blow the damn thing up.

So we here at Montclair 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 flying to that magnificent building named after them would be the perfect place to live. With luxurious couches it has been a perfect hangout for students during the day, why not at night? Unfortunately, the Student Center closes at 2 a.m. and the students were forced to head underground in to the Annex, a rather dank corridor whose accommodations were not that much better than that of a Turkish prison. Many Students took their own lives after seeing the rats scurry...
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**Refugees**, continued from p. 19

**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.

Choose this spot. There is a place to wash yourself and you can easily make a nice blanket from toilet paper and paper towels. The floor is nice and cool, and it's ventilated. Sure, the smell will drive you nutty after a while, but things will only get better. We promise.

6. **Bell Bottoms**

Every hippie in America owns a pair of these. They are the type of pants that go from rather slim up top, to large and wide at the bottom. Hippies wore them with their tie-dyed shirts in the 70s. They looked liked idiots then, and they still look like it now. The cool thing about bell-bottoms is that the larger they are on the bottom the cooler they are. And that means so much extra room on the bottom to store sandals, and homeless hippies.

7. **Susan Cole's house.** Since Susan has the nicest house in the area, she is happy to put up any Blanton Hall resident. Susan loves to wake up early in the morning and cook you some breakfast and maybe some nice eggs. She makes a wonderful host and can also host some wonderful debates on where all your money goes. She may not care about those of us paying for a place to stay, but she will take care of any wanderer.

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*Editors Note: Anyone caught wearing a varsity jacket still in college should know that they are not qualified for a modeling job, as the poster child for birth control!*
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If you answered yes to these questions, give us a call at (973) 244-1880 and set up an interview.

**Student Center Dining Room**
**Please Join Us for Saint Patrick’s Day Luncheon**
**Thursday, March 16, 2000**
**11:30am - 2:00pm**

**Potato Leek Soup**

**Corned Beef & Cabbage**

**Irish Lamb Stew**

**Gorcannon**

**Boiled Parsley Potatoes**

**String Beans**

**Carrots & Fennel w/Lemon Sauce**

**Irish Soda Bread**

**Bread Pudding & Wild Blueberry Fool**
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 “Bye 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 after he lost to “The Game” Triple H. To paraphrase Stephanie on Triple H’s side, and The Big Show’s new partner—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.

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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.

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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.
OMAR'S SCHOOL OF NETIQUETTE

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 MSU 48 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.('/n
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 was 3-4 from the three point line.

"We had energy. We had nothing! We lost. You saw the game. We lost!" said Jenkins.

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 led 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 thought the kids had an excellent year. We lost to an excellent team. We have nothing to be ashamed of," Coach Fiore said.

As for WPU, they would go on to win their first NJAC title since 1984, defeating Richard Stockton College 57-54 after RSC defeated number two Rowan 61-57. They also received a first round bye in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

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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 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 stopped 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 goaltender Anthony Rosillo.

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 though by disrupting the WPU player, not allowing the Pioneers to set up. With four minutes left in the first period, a back-checking Randy Brooks 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 Giacabbe wrister to keep it a 1-off goal game, but Giacabbe's score 35 seconds later would prove to be all the Red Hawks would need.

Less than five minutes later, Martinez made another of his 27 saves, a remarkable stick save while lying on his stomach, preserving 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 muzzed 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 Brooks 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' could not 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.
**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**

**Results**

**Men’s Basketball**
- 2/24 - First Round, NJAC Playoffs
  MSU 48 @ WPU 65
- 3/1 - First Round, ECAC Playoffs
  USMMA 55 @ MSU 72

**Hockey**
- 2/26 - Metro Conference Quarterfinals
  MSU 5 @ WPU 3
- 2/27 - Metro Conference Semifinals
  MSU 1 @ NYU 7

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**Intramural Basketball Games**

**Upcoming Intramural Basketball Games**

- Thursday, March 2
  - 8:15 - Pike / Delta Chi
  - 9:15 - F.M.Jacket / Bondsman
  - 10:15 - Rottweilerz / Oh My God
- **Monday, March 13**
  - 8:15 - Oh My God / The Fifth
  - 9:15 - Smackers / D2 Da Streets
  - 11:15 - Rottweilerz / Fast Break II
- **Tuesday, March 14**
  - 8:15 - D2 Da Streets / Fast Break II
  - 9:15 - Theta Xi / Kling
  - 10:15 - Delta Chi / Underdogs
- **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**

Above The Rim forfeited out of the league on 2/23. All remaining opponents receive forfeit wins.
MSU Basketball Romps over USMMA; Reilly Honored for 1,000th Point

By Mike Sanchez
Assistant Sports Editor

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

By Mike Mazanec
Staff Writer

The MSU hockey team was ousted in the opening round of the ECAC Tournament, losing to New York University, 7-1, on Sunday. The setback ended the Red Hawks' season series with Ramapo.

The Red Hawks did, however, pick up a key win over rival William Paterson University, winning Saturday's quarterfinal 5-2 at Floyd Hall Arena. Due to the proximity of the rink to both schools, MSU were the visitors, as an electrified crowd was on hand to cheer on both teams.

A.J. Giocable, who has been hot of late, got the game winner as MSU advanced. Eddie Caldwell drew the attention of two Pioneer defenders in front, leaving Giocable wide open to the right of the net. James Latham slid a pass through traffic and Giocable redirected the puck past WPU netminder Frank Zahn with 17 seconds left on a second period power play.

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 wrister from the high slot rattled off the post, but found the net off the back of Zahn's pad.

About five minutes later, MSU piled their lead to two, as Anthony Rossillo found the back of the net, making the score 2-0. Rossillo took a pass from Latham and

Rob Martinez makes a falling stick save late in the third period of Saturday's game. He finished with 27 saves in MSU's 5-2 victory.

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