Montclarion Sweeps NJPA Awards

By Christine Zielinski

The Montclarion won three awards for the 1999 New Jersey Press Association’s Better College Newspaper Contest. Justin Velutini, Editor-in-Chief, and Jim Davison, Production Editor, won first place in the Investigative Writing category for last spring’s, “Following the Money Trail.”

The second place award in the category went to Mary Kate Frank, former journalism student on her special report, “Stumbling over Drinking Problems.”

Anna Lawrence, Assistant Arts Editor, was among one of the Montclarion winners for her investigative report, “Stumbling over Drinking Problems.”

Kara Richardson, won honorable mention in the Investigative Writing category for last spring’s, “Stumbling over Drinking Problems.”

Davison, Production Editor, won first place for his investigative report, “Stumbling over Drinking Problems.”

Entertainment category, for her reviews of “Amadeus” and “Santana.” Christine Cheplik, Staff Writer, also won third place in the same category for her reviews of “American Beauty” and “Remastering the Arts.”

There will be an awards ceremony on April 13 at Dow Jones in South Brunswick.

Dining Services Cater to Blanton Residents

By Jill Nuber

Staff Writer

After Blanton Hall’s shut-down before spring break, Blanton residents waited in long lines at the Student Center and Freeeman Hall cafeterias, after the dining halls expanded their services.

Kevin Rakowsky, the Assistant Director of Auxiliary Enterprises, said that there is usually a decrease of students eating in the dining halls the week before spring break.

There is around a 12 to 14 percent decrease in participation but because Blanton Hall was closed, it was only around a 6 to 8 percent decrease in participation. “Because there was not an increase in participation we really did not have to spend any extra money,” Rakowsky said.

Blanton Hall uses around 1800 meals per day. Trailers were rented to store the food from Blanton and, as orders came in for the food, it was shipped to wherever it was needed on campus, Rakowsky said.

Extra tables that could seat around 50 to 60 people were set up in Freeman Hall and the people that usually work in Blanton Hall were transferred to work in Freeman and the Student Center in order to help things run more smoothly, Rakowsky said.

“We had to just deal with it. We have a plan A, B and C and if something happens we go to plan B and C,” Rakowsky said. “Week-long festivities, like casino night were added, and complimentary items such as T-shirts for the students in Blanton Hall were provided as a give-back to the students for the inconvenience, Rakowsky said.

Tracy, a junior finance major, said, “The Student Center was crowded all day. It took much longer than usual to get food because the lines were so long.”

“That’s an insult...I would like some new clothes and some more money,” said junior technology education major Kurt Banick. “[The festive dinners] are nice, but it’s still cafeteria food. I didn’t go to class all week. I ate in restaurants and definitely spent over $40.”

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**National News**

- *3-2 A female injured her arm after falling while ice skating at the Floyd Hall Arena. She was transported to Joseph’s hospital.*

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**Local News**

- *3-8 A male juvenile was found dead in his chest pants while participating in a party at Hall Hall. **Compacted from cnn.com by Christina Spatz.**

**International News**

- *Mount Arafat, Saudi Arabia-Dedicated Muslims began their ascent onto Mount Arafat before dawn Wednesday on their pivotal day of the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Islam’s holiest city. Row of chief pilgrims climbed an austere mountain after a sacred hill where the Prophet Mohammed is believed to have received the last message of Islam’s holy book, the Koran, 14 centuries ago. Reportedly, two million people are participating this year, including a record 1.3 million from countries other than Saudi Arabia.*

- *Beijing, China-Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji says that regardless who wins Taiwan’s presidential election, Taiwan will never be allowed to declare independence. “This is our bottom line, and the will of 1.25 billion Chinese people,” Zhu told the press on Wednesday. China, which believes Taiwan is a province that should be reunited with the rest of China, threatened last month to attack Taiwan if it tries to escape reunification negotiations. China and Taiwan split apart in 1949 in the midst of a civil war.*

- *San Jose, Costa Rica-A photographer and her friend were shot to death near a Caribbean beach town in Costa Rica, Emily Howard of Lexington, KY, and Emily Eagen of Ann Arbor, Mich., were found Monday along a highway, located 90 miles east of the capital, San Jose. According to officials, one of the women was shot twice in the head, and the other, three times in the back. Since recovering the bodies, no arrests have been made and no word of any suspects has been reported.*

- *New Jersey- Vice President Al Gore and Gov. George W. Bush closed up the major-party presidential nominations by sweeping six of the southern states on Tuesday. Both candidates captured big in their homes states. Bush in Texas and Gore in Tennessee. Surpassing the goal number of 2,169 Democratic delegates, Gore won his place in the nominations. Bush ended up topping the 1,034-delегatype, and claimed the GOP nomination. The results made his inspection was as the earliest resolution of a primary season in American history.*

- *New Jersey- State inspectors plan to return to the campuses of New Jersey’s public colleges next week to check up on whether the schools have met Gov. Christie Whitman’s 30-day deadline for fixing the fire code violations. The reason for the extra round of inspections is part of an attempt for officials to crack- down on old violations in the af­ termath of the Jan. 19 fire at Seton Hall University that killed three students and left at least 58 injured. At Montclair State University, an inspection was conducted last April, but not all the violations have been fixed. According to spokesperson Phyllis Miller, a fire door in Stone Hall was cited for lacking a latching mechanism. Other public college campuses with violation reports include Rowan, Kenan, and Rutgers Universities.*

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- *3-13 A Blanton Hall resident reported that several of his video games, and two controllers, were discovered missing from his room upon his return from spring break.*

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Washington- The Federal Aviation Administration announced a new Tuesday proposal aimed at trying to reduce the number of ground airplane accidents. Just over a month ago, a member of Congress instructed the FAA to “deal with the problem.” These runaway in­ cursions occurred nearly 650 times over the course of the past two years. In recent years, the annual figure has doubled from 186 in 1993 to 327 in 1999.

San Ramon, California- Gas prices shot past the imaginary $2 per gallon limit. Experts have said that OPEC and everyone using cars should be to blame. “As we have bought more and more SUVs, the gas guzzlers, gasoline has been cheap for quite a few years,” says Professor Severin Borenstein at UC Berkley’s Energy Institute. “That has pushed up demand.” In addition, the current boost in prices came directly from the jump in crude oil pricing by the Organiza­ tion of Petroleum Exporting Coun­ tries.

Carbondale, Kansas- Several cars of an Amtrak passenger train der­ailed Wednesday injuring at least 25 people. Shortly after 2 a.m., the cars derailed about 15 miles south of Topeka. Three hours after the accident, rescue workers were still pulling passengers out of the cars. A patrol spokesman said that four, or even seven cars, were derailed.

Washington- President Clinton has urged Congress to work out a com­ promise concerning gun control. On Wednesday the House voted on a non-bidding resolution. They have decided to keep the Ju­ venile Bill. The bill has been in limbo for eight months.

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Reimbursements to Blanton Hall Residents: Is it Enough?

$83.20 is the amount most residents will receive, but some students still returned to technical problems

By Christina Spatz
Assistant News Editor

Montclair State University Office of Residence Life plans to distribute monetary reimbursements to the students affected by the problems that occurred in Blanton Hall two weeks ago. The residents were forced to evacuate the dorm due to a flood and electrical fire.

According to Melinda O’Brien, Director of Residence Life, residents will be receiving back $83.20 if they live in double rooms and $88.48, if they are in singles.

A letter addressed to Blanton Hall residents said that refunds are in the process of being credited to all of the students’ accounts. Despite the fact that residents will be receiving money back for the four nights they didn’t stay in the building, students still complain that other things which were stated in the letter still needed to be done to ensure a return to a safe and functional living space and were not done.

The letter stated that when they returned to the building, most problems would be resolved. This statement included the promise of fully functioning telephones in each room, which students have stated was not completely fixed at the time of their return on Sunday.

"The problem is fixed now, but for the first two or three days, we couldn’t receive or make any phone calls," said fourth floor Blanton resident Nick Knierim. Another Blanton resident Sophomore Justin Thompson, who had similar problems with his telephone, said that it’s unfair the residents have been facing, the way Residence Life officials have been treating the residents.

"I think we should get money because we don’t have phones or water half the time," said Thompson.

Besides the problems that Blanton residents have been facing, the Star-Ledger has stated that New Jersey health officials plan to inspect all of the New Jersey public college campuses next week. Recently, Seton Hall University and MSU have both dealt with state officials questioning whether or not the residence halls are safe enough to allow residents to continue living there.

The safety inspectors plan to check all the college residence halls to keep in accordance with the 30-day policy that was presented by Governor Christie Whitman.

The Office of Residence Life sponsored many ongoing welcome-back activities to make up for the recent inconvenience.
Fan Fan in Planning Stages

The tentative culture festival still has a long way to go

By Karen Clarke
Staff Writer

Fan Fan, the Festival of the Arts explodes at MSU this May for three days providing non-stop performances, and displays interpretations of various artistic endeavors that "will promote unity on the campus community," said Sven Peltonen, senior (co-creator).

Fan Fan is an eclectic compilation of art expressed from a multitude of facets. This festival will cater to an infinite audience of tastes, cultures and attitudes of all ages. In addition, this creative and unique event will encourage the support and participation of not only the campus community, but also surrounding communities.

This event will feature artists with backgrounds in theatre, dance, visual arts, performance pieces, music, philosophy, street performance, culinary arts, film making and other miscellaneous artists.

Jarret Shaw, (co-creator) said, "the primary goal is to unite races and diversity through art." In addition, they hope to convey a message of togetherness to those who may not be too familiar with fine arts.

The proposal for receiving funds of approximately $30,000 which will cover the following expenses is as follows: security at $4,500, staging at $1,000, lights, generators and trusses at $10,000, programs at $5,800, advertisements at $2,000, T-shirts at $2,000 and other miscellaneous items at $4,000. These preliminary estimates which will remain unchanged as planning ends.

Robert Vincent, Director of Programing for the SGA, said that although he believed Fan Fan was a good idea, the creators were not being realistic about receiving funds.

There have been confirmations of bands, independent artists and other participants who will be donating their entertainment and knowledge because they believe strongly in the mission of this event. The artists will not be monetarily compensated, but are anxious and enthusiastic about being apart of this historical event,Peltonen said.

If the interest is growing and the expected numbers for attendance are approximately at well over 5,000 people, those figures have encouraged the creators of the event to establish a recent goal that was not in the proposal. The creators of Fan Fan would like to give MSU a broader realm of respect, by commencing a big hug. During a certain time of one of the festival days the creators would like to make an attempt to make a mark in the Guinness Book of World Records by gathering all participants for the biggest hug.

As many people have been discussing a possible Fan Fan II, MSU students and faculty have been urged to provide support through physical or artistic facets for this event that is intended to be held annually. In addition to that, the creators will be holding smaller shows prior to the main festival that will help provide an insight of what can be expected during the weekend.

Alumni Association Director and Jarret Shaw, Peltonen and Morgan that the events, "We want to let the alumni see that the school is alive and well." The free Fan Fan Festival will fall on a Reading Day during May, so it will not be directly conflicting with academics.

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Co-creator of Fan Fan

ADVERTISING: Michael Rennie, one of Fan Fan's volunteers, paints a sign advertising the dates of the tentative event.

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CALLIN' IT QUITS: Bill Bradley speaks to voters in February in preparation for the New Hampshire primary. His wife, MSU German professor Erz­
stein Schlant-Bradley stands to his left. She supported him throughout his campaign.

Former New Jersey State Senator, Bill Bradley, has officially dropped out of the 2000 presidential election. He announced his decision on Wednesday at his campaign headquarters, located in West Orange, NJ. Bradley left the US Senate in 1995 with plans to run for President. He has been cam­
paigning for less than a year. The results of Super Tuesday, the biggest day for state pri­
maries, were in favor of Vice President Al Gore. Gore swept the nine states participat­
ing in the election.

Since his defeat, Bradley has announced his support of Democratic Presidential
Nominee, Vice President Al Gore. Gore will be running against Republican Nominee
Texas Governor George W. Bush in the November election.

"I am disappointed Bradley did not get the nomination," Chris Mitchell, Political Science major, said. "I worked on his cam­
paign in September, many of the workers thought Bradley should have been more aggres­sive with his campaigning, but that is not in his nature."

Bradley's wife and MSU German pro­
fessor, Ernestine Schlant-Bradley, will be
returning to teaching after a sabbatical. She has taken a very active role in helping her
husband campaign.

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The Cost of Sprinkler Systems in
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$2,013,960

Total: $33,242,590
Alumni Searches for an End to The Zodiac Case

By Michelle Whitehead
Staff Writer

The case of the Zodiac killer, an unidentified serial murderer who brought terror to California in the late 1960s and early 70s, is one that has both fascinated and frustrated those who have come in contact with it. Made notorious because he gloated over the fact that he could not be caught, the Zodiac is remembered for sending cryptic messages, coded in a series of numbers and symbols, combined with a pervasive smell of fresh flowers, the witnessed images of cats and comedians on the walls and the vibrant pink silk blouse worn by the New Director of Wellness Services set a sense of comfort and commodity immediately. She offered me a drink or some candy and shortly after the interview began.

Dr. Susan Skalsky began with a smile on her face and said, “living most of my life in Caldwell I’ve seen the area constantly changing into something new, but my desire to help people and see them happy has gone unchanged. I’ve always wanted to be an M.D. and it was the best decision I’ve ever made.”

Skalsky has an extensive background in the medical field. She was the Director of the Hurtado Health Center for seven years at Rutgers, New Jersey University. Prior to that she worked as the Senior Clinical Medical Director for Medical Services at Essex County Hospital for 20 years.

While at Rutgers’ University Skalsky conducted the first preventative measures toward a vaccine for the Human Papilloma Virus, which causes Cervical Cancer. This clinical research is still in the experimental stages and Skalsky said, “My only regret about leaving R.U. was that I was unable to continue the research, but hopefully I’ll be able to continue here eventually.”

A retired chiropractor, Rodelli’s only regret is that it shows the power of good research techniques and DNA testing.

Rodelli says, “since it shows the power of the Internet on its best day.” He credits his findings to ongoing correspondence with other Zodiac theorists and the easy access to a wide array of information that the Internet provides.

Such a discovery could lead to a major turning point in the Zodiac case. Arthur Leigh Allen, widely accepted as the real Zodiac killer, passed away in 1992. This left many feeling that the case had died as well. New information proving that Allen was not the Zodiac could prompt a few California police departments to reopen the investigation.

Rodelli feels that he may have a slight advantage over others hoping to uncover the truth behind the Zodiac because he has kept a flexible mind.

While some researchers persistently defend their theories, Rodelli realizes that theories are just concepts that are either proved or disproved.

So what does Rodelli, a man who has already achieved excellence in other fields, hope to gain from establishing the existence of another suspect in the Zodiac case? “Researching was easy, the trouble is where to go now,” Rodelli says. If he wants to pursue the Zodiac case any further, the next step will most likely be revealing his theory and information to law enforcement officials.

There are, after all, restrictions on how far a private citizen can journey into the realm of a criminal investigation. Yet, above all, Rodelli would like to see an end to the Zodiac case. ‘Some closure for those who have been haunted by an unidentified man for over 3 decades.

The families of the victims have had to deal with their relatives being reduced to virtual community. The web site devoted to various aspects of the case had died as well. A comprehensive web site devoted to various aspects of the case has been set up by Rodelli, who is in contact with it.

Some of Rodelli’s theories can be viewed at http://members.aol.com/lakewater/1224.html.
This week's column is about one student's perspective on being "out" at MSU.

Although I have been "out of the closet" for more than five years, it is always somewhat frightening expressing my sexual orientation in a new setting, especially at an academic institution. I don't (normally) go around wearing a tee shirt with the word "Lesbian" emblazoned across my chest, but I don't hide who I am from my classmates and peers. In this I mean that for a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender (GLBT) student, the normally innocuous question of "What did you do this weekend?" could cause anxiety. So could playing what could be called "The Pronoun Game." In this, one either omits or changes the "he's" to "she's" and vice-versa. When a GLBT student engages in these worked games, it often feels like a betrayal of one's true self.

Shortly after I arrived at MSU, my partner of three years began taking classes here as well. We were initially cautious about having our relationship known but after getting involved with SPECTRUMS (Sexuality, Pride, Education, Truth, Respect and Unity at Montclair State) we became more comfortable in expressing our relationship. We have experienced no hostility when holding hands while walking each other to class and consider MSU to be a safe campus where a GLBT student can pursue their academic career in safety and comfort.
I n the early start of the United States there are many accounts of battles between the colonists and the Native American tribes. Quite often, the Native Americans were defeated, resulting in land loss and relocation. Though many might have heard of the French and Indian War or of General Custard's Last Stand, many attempts by the Native Americans during that time period go without much mention. The Red Sticks, however, indirectly made an impact on United States' history.

During colonial times, the Creek (Muskogee) Indians were one of many tribes that adapted quickly to the changes brought by the powers of Europe (England, France, and Spain). During the first 300 years of contact, the creek leaders maintained a policy of neutrality towards Spain who had Florida to the south of their territory, France who owned Louisiana to the west of their lands, and Britain who held the eastern border with Georgia and S. Carolina. The nobility of the Creeks often sent their children to Europe to learn, at the cost of the child not knowing his/her native tongue. Alexander McGillvray was one of those children.

McGillvray was a Creek leader who tried to ensure the existence of the Creek nation. To start, once he became inder with Georgia and S. Carolina. The no­ Americans were defeated, resulting in land loss and relocation. Though many might believe were the source of low hunting ani­ mals. The US signed the treaty, but never ac­ knowledged the clause. Furthermore, in 1850 while Jackson was president, the In­ dian removal Act was passed, forcing the remaining Creeks out of lands east of the Mississippi River. This resulted in the form­ ing of the infamous Trail of Tears. Today, not much is said about the Red Stick movement, though many learn in el­ ementary history classes about land skirmishes and the Trail of Tears. However, there is still a constant reminder in the US about the movement, for one of the major cities is named after them.

Among the many clashes between the Red Sticks and the colonists, nothing stood out more than the attack on August 30, 1813. That day, some of the Red Sticks attacked the weakly defended Fort Mims on Lake Tomass, Alabama. Using their basic weap­ ons, they raced the fort, leading to the death of 170 soldiers and 100 civilians. To scare others, who might want revenge on the Red Sticks, the Natives scalped all the dead and also killed all the slaves who fought against them.

This massacre led to their demise, for Andrew Jackson organized an army that spent the following winter killing Indians and Blacks indiscriminately. He finally crushed the movement at the Massacre of Horseshoe Bend on March 27, 1814. To count the dead Creek Indians, Jackson or­ dered the soldiers to cut off their noses, skin their bodies, and allowed their Indian allies to scalp the dead. They collected 557 noses, and the skins were later tanned to make sou­ venirs like bridal reins.

To add more punishment, a treaty signed on August 9 of that year opened up the entire Creek nation for settlement. The Brit­ ish soon decreed that the Creek nation was an independent nation and vowed to pro­ tect their rights. Upon signing the Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812, the British included a clause which specified that all lands he returned to Indians allied with Brit­ ain. The US signed the treaty, but never ac­ knowledge the clause. Furthermore, in 1850 while Jackson was president, the In­ dian removal Act was passed, forcing the remaining Creeks out of lands east of the Mississippi River. This resulted in the form­ ing of the infamous Trail of Tears. Today, not much is said about the Red Stick movement, though many learn in el­ ementary history classes about land skirmishes and the Trail of Tears. However, there is still a constant reminder in the US about the movement, for one of the major cities is named after them.

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Thursday, March 30, 2000
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I don't cope with change very well. It terrifies me. Even if I do not know it, I will be over when it hits. I'm comfortable with how I live now, so any deviation from my current life-style is something for me to worry about.

I can't think of very many people I hang out with on a regular basis that are over 23. It's almost like they slip off into some mystical illusion. I guess they go off into this place with all the other 23-year-old people abandoning all of the 22 and under 'kids.'

All that are all they are in good company, with all the other dearly departed 23-year-olds.

Why the age 23? Maybe it has something to do with growing up. Around that time in a person's life they begin to change. They graduate from college, get heavily involved in relationships (sometimes even marry), buy NEW cars, search for CAREERS, and do all sorts of grown-up stuff.

Instead of going to parties where people huddle around a keg of beer, they go off to wildly exotic bars that serve drinks in real glasses. No red plastic cups for them.

Instead of dumping hundreds of dollars into a beat-up car just to keep running, they start shopping for the latest model automobile that will some day pass on to one of us that is happy to have anything that runs, to get us to and from our pathetic jobs.

They retire from the job that sustained them through college. No more waiter aprons, they start shopping for shirts with collars and ties to match their socks. In stead of living off of tips from their mealy weekly paychecks, they start saving to buy a new home. I can't imagine seeing a zero balance on my credit card statement, more over a substantial number in a savings account.

Maybe what scares me the most is that I will someday have to abandon the comfort of my daily routine. I enjoy sleeping past 10 a.m. I enjoy staying up until three in the morning. I enjoy going out and eating whatever I want. I enjoy not worrying about a seriously stable relationship.

Since I have been in college, relationships have been pretty simple. You go to a party or meet someone at work that you take an interest in. From there, you casually go about getting to know the other person. If things work out, there will be a physical and sexual relationship that will ultimately lead to a serious one. It's not nothing. It's just something that continues, something one has to handle.

After you turn 23, you get sucked into whatever relationship you can find. You may not necessarily be happy in this relationship, but it will occupy any free time you might have had. I've often wondered why this happens.

I think people get worried when they see their friends getting married and being committed to someone. They had better act fast or they will end up alone and miserable forever. If this is the case, this behavior can be attributed to pressure from parents.

When you graduate college, your parents tend to expect to see results for the fortune they spent on financing your education. They pester you constantly, asking where you are going to get a REAL job? Don't you think you should find someone to settle down with? I've heard this said so many times. It really is a tragedy to think about it. The 23 conflict. Either way, it appears to be bad.

Is turning 23 really so bad? Maybe not. But I have seen enough evidence to indicate that it will mark a time in my life when I will begin to make drastic changes in my behavior. I will miss the times I spent with my friends, doing nothing to act responsible.

I hope that my twenty-third birthday isn't the morbid wake that I fear it to be. Until then, I will continue to act like I'm 18.
Close Your Eyes and Tune Your Ears to the Music of 311

By Mike Gambsy

It’s 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4. Jimmy’s Chicken Shack has just gone off stage after putting on a set that received mixed reactions from the audience.

Half of the 2000-capacity crowd loved them. The other half spent the entire set chanting for the real reason that they spent their $28: 311.

The crowd pumping fast and strong. A definite highlight of the evening was Sexton’s ten-minute drum solo which led into the rest of the band joining him on their own drums.

Along with two encores, 311 also gave fans all the usual niceties attributed to major rock bands. They tossed out t-shirts that were chanted by such a large majority of the crowd that it could be heard over the music.

They look scary and sedentary here, but the members of 311 put on an electrifying stage show.

The Greatest Acting Challenge Creates Comedy in I Hate Hamlet

By Anna Lawrence

To be or not to be? That is the question which plays attempt to answer in their current show I Hate Hamlet. The play, featuring some fine acting, a wonderful set, and direction from Alan Niebuhr, manages to answer the question.

Andrew, a famous actor from a previously cancelled medical TV drama, leaves L.A. to live in New York City for a time. He finds himself living in the one-time apartment of famous black and white British film star John Barrymore. Not only do the two actors share an apartment, they also share a role; Andrew is set to play the title role in Hamlet, which Barrymore also portrayed in his day. Throw in Andrew’s girlfriend, obsessed with Hamlet and most things Shakespeare, Andrew’s agent, who was once involved with Barrymore, and Andrew’s director, who says you can’t really tell good acting from bad acting in Shakespeare anyway, and you get a colorful cast. It’s too bad, though, that some of these colors are not as bright as they could be.

Andrew, played by freshman Bill Kamps, is struggling with his career, his absent girlfriend and the ghost of the dead screen star Barrymore. Clearly Kamps put work and effort into his role and it shows. From his character Andrew’s tendency towards his girlfriend, to the emphasis he placed into playing Hamlet and his insecurity about the required Hamlet tights, Kamps seems at ease on stage.

Peter Muzio takes Barrymore to heart, a slightly over the top, womanizing, drinking star of the stage and screen in the days of our grandparents. Sometimes, though, his dramatic pauses and delivery is a little too much, and it slows the pace. Perhaps, though, this is how Barrymore really was: a little over the top. In the end, though, when Muzio as Barrymore’s ghost begins to doubt himself, we see the human qualities hidden behind this long dead movie personality. Unfortunately, Muzio seems to have missed the most important thing about wearing a skirt and tights — knowing how to sit down and bend over in them.

An electrifying performance was given by Greg Solomon, who plays the stereotypical “everybody is fabulous” Hollywood director. True to what a real life director is like, Solomon makes his presence known from the moment he enters the stage to the moment he leaves. From subtle movements ranging from the top of his head to the very bottom of his feet, Solomon utilizes the most important instrument an actor has: his body.

The women of I Hate Hamlet deliver good performances as well, but could have made some slight adjustments. Shannon Mccandless plays the agent Lilian, a German woman well into her later years. Mccandless’s accent is good, but her body mechanics mismatch her look only a few years older than she is now, not the age of someone who could be her grandmother. Elicia, the real estate broker who sells the apartment to Andrew, is one part New York girl, one part stupid valley girl, played by Angela Fallon. Maybe it’s just the fact that she comes across with such a bubbly valley tone to her voice, but something about the character is a little annoying. Gina Capano, who plays Diedre, the girlfriend, delivers a
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Cure sound**: brooding, deep and reflective. The melodies and harmonies make up beautiful and lush sounds played with unusual rhythm. Longtime fans know The Cure has been able to take them to far, unseen places that encompass the breadth of the entire emotional spectrum.

These same fans were saddened to hear with February’s release of the album *Blood Flowers* that it will most likely be their last. It’s subsequent “Dream” tour this summer is also said to be the last.

The band has sold out stadiums for a long time. Given this, with the announcement of a tour they would play five U.S. promotional shows at small venues in support of the album. More fans flocked off, fans rushed to get tickets. This was not only the first in a long time that fans could see the band up close, it would also, most likely, be the last they would ever see them. One of these shows, sold out in only ten minutes, was on Feb. 28 at Roseland Ballroom in New York City.

**The current line-up, which has been together for the past five years, performed in full form. Their playing was just as tight on the original line-up as they were on the new ones. This allowed Smith to give his bittersweet farewell in grand fashion. The show was not accompanied by the usual psychedelic lights seen at their arena concerts. Instead, the drama was heard in Smith’s voice. He was not in the mood to jump around playfully as he has in music videos. With very little movement, Smith smiled, moaned and cried from the depth of his soul. The tone of the evening was solemn, beautiful and reflective.**

**The set list included songs which reflected this tone. They didn’t play any of their dandy disco or pop tunes. Most of the songs were off the new album, whose common thread deals with the end of a long journey and the sadness of saying goodbye. Many others were off the 1982 album *Pornography* and 1989’s *Disintegration.* Smith has said that there are musical and lyrical threads throughout these three albums, which compose a trilogy. He considers them to be the best albums the band has ever made because they retain the “classic Cure sound”, brooding, deep and sexy. He felt it best to end with the very best.

The current single “Blood Flowers,” which was performed at the show with great emotional intensity, is the best off the new album and will be remembered as one of their biggest hits alongside the classics “Boys Don’t Cry,” “Lovesong” and “Just Like Heaven.” It tells the tale of mythological flowers that will never die. They’re used out in a metaphor for a life where “This is done. What you find though, is not something she in all her innocence would have. Aside from this one up-in-the-air outfit, costume designer Stacy Rumaker put together a fine ensemble for all. To show the essence at which details can really make an outfit, imagine your typical director type, maybe a business suit, or something just a half step down towards casual. Gary wears his this in his first scene. But wait, there’s more. This is a big shot director from L.A., and what better way to set his cool factor than to finish off the clothes with a baseball cap? It may sound a little out of place, but it looks so real and comfortable on stage.

All the contributing parties, the director, actors, designers and technicians, contributed all they could to put together an...
The Best You've Never Heard

By John Frusciante
Staff Writer

Perhaps one of the toughest choices we young people face today is what music to listen to. Sure, there are plenty of albums out there, and hundreds are pressed and released everyday, but which ones are good and which ones aren't? Will MTV lead me astray? Has K-Rock pointed me in the wrong direction? Whose on the Warped Tour this year? Is there a sale at Hot Topic? Where did you get those pants? Is your mother home? I lost my phone number, can I have yours? How much is that doggie in the window? How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Well, all of these questions have answers, I'm sure. But what follows here is a list of ten absolutely amazing albums that most people have never heard before. They are listed Band-Album (Title Record Company) in no particular order and all are well worth your time.

1. Chavez-Gone Glimmering (Matador). The first full-length album by this power-pop rockin' young fellows, Chavez combines heavy and melodic guitar noise with powerful drums and catchy lyrics you'll be singing along to all up and down the parkway.

2. Julianna Hatfield Three-Become What You Are (Atlantic). In these days of Jewel and Fiona Apple it's hard to remember that female musicians can also rock like crazy. But what follows here is a cross section of politically and socially conscious punk rock which ranged from roses and bras to joints and write songs about things other than their man existence. Even you stereo will be hard to keep them entertained.

3. You Are (Mr. Lady). Kathleen Hanna (Bikini Kill) returns at last, perhaps one of the toughest choices we have ever made. This is a band leaving before they could have made us feel their way into the show), which can be experienced at any concert, they also were very adamant about keeping people from crowd surfing and throwing the array of gifts, which ranged from roses and bras to joints onstage. These presents are a staple of 311. There will be no encore. Your phone will be able to do just about anything. (Unfortunately Hatfield seems to have missed making this list).

4. Fugazi-Steady Diet of Nothing (Dischord). Ian MacKay continues the tradition of politically and socially conscious punk rock. The opening band, Jimmy's Chicken Shack was well received but his audience was not. Van Houten Ave, Edison, NJ. (732) 819-7668. Great store with a lengthy selection of all types of music, including great deals on used stuff.

5. Minor Threat-Discography (Dischord). Have I saved the best for last? Nobody could be one of the best punk/ hardcore albums ever in the history of human existence. Even you stereo will be smart for having played this album. Don't say I didn't warn you.

6. Scum). Have I saved the best for last? People say that you can't give something back to the band that works so hard to keep them entertained. Over all, 311 once again, put on an excellent show. The opening band, Jimmy's Chicken Shack, was well received but quickly forgotten. 311 played the entirety of their tour album, Band System, as well as both popular and relatively unknown songs from all of their other albums. They kept the crowd entertained from the first chord to the final moment when Nick Hexum threw himself into the pit to be with the ones that he claims to make all his music for: the fans.
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What do you think should be included in MSU’s compensation efforts for the Blanton Hall residents?

You told us:

“The only real compensation they need is to have Blanton Hall renovated.”

David Corey
Freshman, Political Science

“It’s the university’s responsibility to provide housing. That’s why we pay room and board. When a tragedy like this occurs, it is their responsibility to provide for the students. And if they can’t, then those students should be compensated.”

Heather Gaydarik
Junior, History

“The university is responsible for the well-being of MSU students. They were wrong to assume that every student would be able to find temporary housing until the break. The Blanton Hall residents were neglected, and for that they should be compensated.”

Massaree E. Brown
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MAIN EDITORIAL

Broken Promises as Compensation for Blanton Hall Residents

Well, spring break is over and the Blanton Hall residents returned home: a home filled with promises. A home where they could feel safe. A home where there were plenty of surprises in store.

Upon their return, the residents found many of the promises made by the administration to be nothing more than thin air. The first of these was the room refunds. Wow. The residents get an average of $85.84 in return for a week spent eating in restaurants, sleeping on couches and floors, and missing classes. It’s a good thing the administration wants the students to know they were truly sorry for the inconvenience or we may begin worrying!

Next, some residents returned to find things missing. This is sad. The only people with access to the buildings were maintenance workers and Residence Life staff. Man, it’s good to know that we can keep our doors unlocked around the people in high places, or that would be yet another reason to worry.

Finally, the minor problems in Blanton seemed to be the easier to fix, right? Well, evidently the administration couldn’t handle that either. How confident would you be in Residence Life if, when you returned to your room after being evacuated almost two weeks earlier, you couldn’t even call your parents to let them know that everything is okay? You couldn’t call out and order a pizza because you were used to eating in restaurants and having home-cooked meals, and after two weeks you weren’t ready to reintroduce your stomach to cafeteria food?

As residents, we have the right to know we are living in a safe environment. As we are constantly being displaced from our rooms, forced to live without heat or water, and being fed false promises, how can we be sure our best interests are at heart? How do we know that we are not just pawns in a political and economic game of darts, with our student interests as the dart board?

It is now time for something to be done. The administration needs to put aside their idea of the all-mighty dollar and their own personal needs, and worry about how the students view the school. After all, we pay tuition to come here. We pay room and board to live here. Doesn’t that entitle us to have some say in the way in which we live? In the minds of the administration, maybe not.

Question of the Week:

Did MSU do enough for the Blanton Hall residents?

Appearing next week:

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I n 1973, the United States Congress put forth the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in an attempt to curtail the destruction of various wildlife. It provided the government the power to punish those that could do for creatures that, in the minds of many, are helpless.

No. When I say no, I don't mean we did nothing. The legislation put into place has helped various species thrive and reproduce themselves. In this column, I want to take a look at our efforts with one type of animal in particular, the wolf. This includes red and gray wolves, jackals, coyotes, foxes, fennecs, and even the domestic dog.

Throughout history, these animals have been attacked by humans. Popular sayings place our most common fears into the assumed behavior of animals. At its strongest manifestation, theriophobia as "fear of the beast as one's own nature." At its strongest manifestation, the grey wolves are projected onto a single animal, which is then used as a scapegoat. Then we proceed to annihilate that animal. There you have it. Our own personal insecurities are what lie at the underbelly of our fears of animals.

So, how are we going to move past this and accept wild animals into our society? Massachusetts Wildlife Laws state that Problem Animal Control (Agents), or PACs, are to be used to capture or remove problem wildlife for their clients. But what constitutes problem wildlife? What constitutes that animal's freedoms interfere with our own? So what we are basically saying is that any animal that stays out of our way is okay, but if you cross us, prepare to be disturbed! Connecticut Wildlife Laws are even better! They state that nuisance Wildlife Control Operators, or NWCOs, are permitted to "remove, harass, and disturb nuisance wildlife in their custody and possession. They will use box traps, cage traps, egg traps, conibears, choker traps, catch poles, etc." Listen to how they term some of these trapping methods. The box traps stand out the most. This time, if you get in our way, we're not just going to disrupt you, we're going to drive you away as well! We should teach you! I would need another whole column just to discuss some of the laws. New Jersey and Pennsylvania have put similar measures in order to "protect" animal rights. They are filled with as much disgusting propaganda and outrageous terms as the two laws already discussed.

Not all efforts look this negative, though. Over the course of the last five to ten years, we have seen the rise of organizations that work to protect animals whose freedoms interfere with our own. These organizations do not measure the worth of animals by their ability to coexist with man as part of the natural ecosystem. It derives from the right of all living creatures to coexist with man as part of the natural world. In the minds of many, are helpless.

Noted writer Henry Beston said, "We who are the image of the years, fellow prisoners of the earth, are other nations - caught with us in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendor and travails of the earth.

Setting the Computer Lab's Record Straight

I usually find that The Montclarion makes an important contribution to our academic community with its responsible, accurate, insightful, and pleasing style. However, as observed in the recent article, "Broken Down On The Information Superhighway," and the related editorial in The Montclarion (Jan. 30, 2000) edition, the methodology used to make comparisons between MSU and other state colleges and universities with regard to computers that are provided for students is flawed and creates a highly misleading impression. Moreover, the article also contained a number of significant factual errors.

Our latest tally shows that MSU has about 715 computers in 49 public and decentralized computer laboratories throughout the campus, not 180 as The Montclarion article suggests. Many departmental computer laboratories, i.e., those managed by academic departments or schools/colleges within the University, have priority access to these laboratories for majors in those fields. The establishment and management of decentralized computer laboratories has been a deliberate strategy that permits direct control over teaching and learning resources and the implementation and enforcement of the University's policies.

In considering access to computers on MSU's campus, it is also appropriate to note the number of students who have access to computers that are provided for students is flawed and creates a highly misleading impression. Our latest tally shows that MSU has about 715 computers in 49 public and decentralized computer laboratories throughout the campus, not 180 as The Montclarion article suggests. Many departmental computer laboratories, i.e., those managed by academic departments or schools/colleges within the University, have priority access to these laboratories for majors in those fields. The establishment and management of decentralized computer laboratories has been a deliberate strategy that permits direct control over teaching and learning resources and the implementation and enforcement of the University's policies.

The article also contains a number of factual errors. Let me point out a few. William Paterson University has 300, not 400, computers in public laboratories. Also, the $700,000 cited in the article under "Annual Monies Allocated to Computer Laboratories" is not expended solely on computer laboratories but on many other information technology projects at William Paterson University. Incidentally, the Associate Director of Instruction and Research Technology indicated that she was never interviewed, but remembers answering a survey purported to be a class assignment.

While the 332 computers reported for Rowan University is approximately correct, many of those machines are located in specialized computer laboratories, similar to the situation at MSU. The Director of Instructional Technology at that university indicated that he was never interviewed for The Montclarion article and therefore could not provide accurate information about Rowan University computer laboratories. Also, Rowan currently charges its undergraduate students $15 per semester for a Technology Fee, not $65 per semester as cited in The Montclarion article.

Obviously, the article's information about Rutgers University (Camden) doesn't make sense at all. The number of students cited and the number of computers are clearly inaccurate. David Fogg of MSU's Office of Information Technology, who was quoted, was not interviewed for a Montclarion article but was approached by the writer on Nov. 3, 1999 for help with a class paper about computer laboratories. Fogg further indicated that he did not make any of the statements attributed to him in the article.

The article also reported that an old computer could run a repair command at $5,000. This is clearly an example of an error or a lack of knowledge. Neither MSU nor any other university would expunge that kind of money on old technology.

In conclusion, the methodology used to make comparisons between MSU and other state colleges and universities is flawed, and the article included a number of significant factual errors. The article also contains a number of factual errors. Let me point out a few. William Paterson University has 300, not 400, computers in public laboratories. Also, the $700,000 cited in the article under "Annual Monies Allocated to Computer Laboratories" is not expended solely on computer laboratories but on many other information technology projects at William Paterson University. Incidentally, the Associate Director of Instruction and Research Technology indicated that she was never interviewed, but remembers answering a survey purported to be a class assignment.
**The True Profiles: Race’s Role in Law, Society, and Government**

**Oath of an Officer: Understanding Those Sworn to Protect**

The Amadou Diallo case has stayed with me for 16 years. I have been in law enforcement for nine years. I realize that I have become a symbol in the New York City Police Department. This is a very heavy state of mind. I have been in law enforcement for nine years. I realize that I have become a symbol in the New York City Police Department. This is a very heavy state of mind.

One of my instructors said to my training class, "You’ll be paid good money if you stay. But remember, you don’t get paid for what you do, you get paid for what could happen." I had no idea what he meant nine years ago. Today I know exactly what he meant.

The death of Diallo was indeed a tragedy no matter what race or ethnicity he was. However, the real tragedy was the events that followed.

The same people who marched in the street demanding justice are the same people who turn to us when their lives are threatened. Those in the courtroom demand justice because of the events presented that day. They evidently feared for their lives by the thought of this, I don’t understand why some people tend to.

The four police officers were not on trial to prove their innocence or guilt. They were on trial to see if there was enough evidence to prove they acted in self-defense. Big difference.

I have a lot to learn about the world. People who make these situations racial tend to forget about that when police put themselves in life-threatening situations. It’s as if they’re saying, ‘before you, me.’

The youth asked what was going on, and was then surrounded by three of the officers. They instructed him that he was under arrest. When the youth asked again for an explanation, he was picked up and thrown against the trunk of his vehicle as his other wrist was handcuffed. All of this happened while his terrified girlfriend stood screaming in horror, unable to move from the fright. I will not tell of the outcome of the case, or the identity of those involved. However, I can say that the outcome was unfavorable. But isn’t this America? Isn’t this the year 2000? What about the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which said that one day all people, regardless of race, creed, or national origin will be treated equally? What about the wonderful court system we’re supposed to have, with the fair and just judge who will hear both sides fairly and presume us innocent until proven guilty?

That type of court system is false and non-existent. The court system in this country consists of an impenetrable triangle with the three points being judge, police, and prosecutor. Many poor minorities end up in the court system the same way the previous.
A New MSU Tour:
What should be told to possible incoming students:

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OPINION
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The Montclarion knows the students are complaining about parking. Why are they ignoring us simply because we didn’t attend a meeting that they held at the worst possible time? Why isn’t non-stop complaining in the school newspaper enough? And when we know the administration reads The Montclarion and sees us complaining and doesn’t do anything about it, why are they surprised when we accuse them of not caring?

But rather than be just another complainer on the job, let an administrative worker fight with them for us.

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Who’s to Blame for Parking Problems?

I thought I’d address what every resident’s been complaining about since school started: PARKING.

I don’t have a car, so I pretty much stayed out of this whole “parking problem” issue (although lot 19’s exit path has a fence that’s been fixed). Yet, I’m tired of every issue of The Montclarion wasting space on such a beaten topic and I think I know what the problem is.

In my eyes it seems that the students are blaming the administration for not listening and caring. And the administration is blaming the students because only about 15 students attended the meeting held last semester. I think both students AND administration are to blame.

Students are to blame because we complain about something and when we get our chance to address it in an official meeting, nobody shows up. We do some protesting but never totally unite and take action. We don’t realize that if all 3,000 residents protested, something would’ve been done long ago.

The administration is to blame for several reasons. First, as I recall, the meetings were held on weekends (I could be wrong though). Why would you hold them on the weekend? They’re the only people really complaining are the residents and almost all of us go home for the weekend. It’s no wonder the commuters didn’t show up. They also have the good parking and why would they come to school if they didn’t have class?

Another point: a lot of students have part-time jobs that they work on the week-
ends, so even if they wanted to attend these meetings, they couldn’t. Even if you held the meeting during a weekday, with all the commuters and residents and 15 students on the sidewalk, they probably wouldn’t show up.

Second, just because students didn’t attend the meeting doesn’t mean we aren’t upset. Any administrative worker who reads The Montclarion knows the students are complaining about parking. Why are they ignoring us simply because we didn’t attend a meeting that they held at the worst possible time? Why isn’t non-stop complaining in the school newspaper enough? And when we know the administration reads The Montclarion and sees us complaining and doesn’t do anything about it, why are they surprised when we accuse them of not caring?

But rather than be just another complaining student, I thought hard and have SOLVED THIS PROBLEM! Make it so that no matter what your position is, whether you are a resident, commuter, professor, administrator, maintenance, or even President of the University: FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

Let an administrative worker fight with a resident over a parking space. Let President Cole drive around all of MSU for an hour and never find a place to park. If you let them see what it feels like, I guarantee the parking situation will be cleared up by next year.

Jason Newman
Undecided
St. Patrick’s Day: The Lush’s Christmas

By Brian Cross

Ohhh...I wish I was married to Miss Shannon McGee...she’s ugly as sin, but she’s got lots of money!

This time each year a special little feeling takes over every body: A shocking jolt of pure joy. No, it’s not Christmas, it’s Saint Patrick’s Day, the holiday for the drunken Irishman in us all. St. Patrick’s Day is a holiday originating in Ireland, the greatest nation in the entire world, which has never fought on the wrong side in a world war celebrating a Scottish saint who drove all the snakes from Ireland. From a guy who waved his stick around and told all the snakes who weren’t in Ireland to begin with, to leave or he would destroy them. He is possible become the most popular Irishman of all times!

Saint Patrick supposedly was the man that turned all the Celtic pagans toward Christianity. In reality, this guy with a funny hat went into the woods to tell all these idiots running around to believe that the trees of all times! Snakes who weren’t in Ireland to begin with, would shut up, and then probably went down to the local pub gets themselves down to Atlantic City and waste away all your savings trying to make a million dollars. When you fail take what is left and buy a bottle of whiskey and walk down the five mile boardwalk with the rest of the wins’s and poor people.

1) Head to New York City. If you are lucky enough to find a parking spot, you can witness drunken old men marching down the street touting their horns wearing skirts. You can too to the four leaf clover, the symbol of Ireland and Saint Patricks Day!

2) Walk through the open field by your house. Start at the ground and try to find a four leaf clover. According to legend, they will bring you luck. If you find one, run down to Atlantic City and waste away all your savings trying to make a million dollars. When you fail take what is left and buy a bottle of whiskey and walk down the five mile boardwalk with the rest of the wins’s and poor people.

3) Try and catch a Leprechaun. Run around the country side with a cage, looking down every hole and talking to every bunny you see. Drink a little before you go, this way you’ll have an excuse when an angry farmer opens fire on you for making his pasture look like a piece of Swiss cheese. But beware Leprechauns are tricky and may trick you into being stuck in a tree, or turning you into a newt. This happened to a friend of mine, and he didn’t get better.

4) Follow a rainbow to it’s end. Although you will never quite reach it, you spend hours and hours driving and you won’t feel so bad about wasting the entire day because you were on a quest for free money.

5) Paint your entire body green, from head down to Atlantic City and waste away all your savings trying to make a million dollars. When you fail take what is left and buy a bottle of whiskey and walk down the street tooting your horns wearing skirts. You can too to the five mile boardwalk with the rest of the wins’s and poor people.

6) Head over to Ireland and pursue your family roots. Search through tons of records to find out that your family was poor and lived in a shanty. Then head down to the pub and drink, and pretend your Irish.

7) If you are feeling lonely, and want to play the entire green body, from your hair, to your finger nails down to that thing between your legs, and run up and down the street naked screaming “It’s Saint Patrick Day”.

8) DRINK! A fine Irish tradition, this is what everyone does anyway. So why not join them. Do your part and remember, God invented Whisky so that the Irish couldn’t rule the world!

“If ya won’t kiss me cuz I’m Irish, will you screw me cuz I’m desperate?”

- Drunken Irish Midget

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
**The Top Ten Signs Your Roommate Is Going Nuts**

By Tim Josephs

**Humour™ Writer**

10. **You wake up one morning to the sounds of him shaving... a goat!**

9. She makes you sleep on the floor because her imaginary friend, Sylvia, needs the other bed.

8. He has completely filled the refrigerator with japs of his own urine.

7. Before you go to sleep he says “Good night, sleep tight and if you see any of those bed bugs, tell me because they’re good eatin’!”

6. She frequently says things like “I bet if I threw a body out this window I could get it in that dumpster.”

5. He drinks all night and sleeps all day yet expect you to believe he can maintain that sparkling I2 GPA.

4. Each night before he goes to bed he has to act out in it’s entirety that day’s episode of Baywatch.

3. She often remarks how the room is “way nicer out in sEntirety that day’s episode of Baywatch.

2. You’re a neat, skinny guy and he’s a messy, fat guy. Yet he won’t help you write a proposal for “Odd Couple 2000.”

1. He’s given each rat a cute pet name.

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Here are a few facts why you should drink beer and then drive to work:

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2. Beer doesn’t contain hormones, while milk contains an ever-increasing variety of pesticides and antibiotics to feed cows, including rBGH, a notorious growth hormone that gives men breasts. (Wow, no kidding, so the rack the fat kids have to wear was just milk juice up them?)

3. Beer has half a gram of fiber in every cup; milk has no fiber whatsoever.

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It was a joke, get over it ha ha ha! Get a life and stop complaining javelin!

The Horoscope
Never Lies

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20): Do or do not, it doesn’t matter what you do, you’re in for a crappy week. Whine and cry all you want, you’re still going to wish you were never born.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): The bully from your hometown comes this week to apologize. They offer you a friendly handshake then, BAM! A toy buzzer jolts you. Some things never change.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): On St. Patrick’s day, you’ll have one too many of those green beers and wind up tossing cookies all over Central Park. Hey it’s not easy being green.

GEMINI (May 21 to Jun. 21): Be warned, people who play the tuba are nothing but trouble. They will waste your time with ridiculous situations with no positive outcome. Just Say No!

CANCER (Jun. 22 to Jul. 22): Watch what you say this week, Big Brother is watching. The F.B.I. will break in your front door and beat you with a stick! Why? Well...hmm...no one really knows, but I bet you deserve it.

LEO (Jul. 23 to Aug. 22): Behold, the future is here. Be the first to drive the flying car of the future, as you take to the air when driving over a cliff to end your miserable life!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22): Your sex life will take a turn for the worst, when you find out that your partner is your long lost cousin. Oh too bad, guess you should have given that dork that sat behind you last year a chance. Last you heard they were a porn star!

LIBRA (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22): Sinners Repent, The End Is Near! You’ll find yourself walking in traffic. A prophecy from God warns you that the world will end, but he didn’t tell you when.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov 21): Beware the Ides of March. Oops, it already passed. I guess you already know that the rest of your life will be rather turbulent, and you don’t have many options other than sleeping with a midget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 22): You’ll stick your finger in a socket this weekend, and wind up with a wonderful new hairstyle. All your friends will tell you how great it looks. In actuality, they really like it because it’s better than looking at your face!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): You’ll be walking across the street when you get a leg cramp. WATCH OUT! A parade of drunken bag pipers is heading your way!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): You’ll find yourself in quite a predicament. You wake up in the morning and find that your genitalia has been replaced with that of a Barbie or Ken doll. Oh well, you don’t want to have sex anyway. It’s dirty!
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“There are movies that define every decade.” “Body Shots” is one of these movies. It explores a few days in the lives of 8 young men and women living in Los Angeles. After a night of alcohol, sex and moral choices, things begin to go awry, and their lives will never be the same. The aftermath of one night begins to take a toll on each and everyone in the group. Values and self worth are challenged, friendships are threatened and these four young men and four young women look back on what happened and struggle for the answers to very difficult questions.

The characters are based on stereotypical young adults who talk openly about how they feel regarding various issues which affect their lives. However, when one of them accuses another of rape, it forces many more difficult discussions about what exactly happened that night. These four women and four men are forced to remember what they did or what they ignored and face the consequences of their actions.

While “Body Shots” deals with many of the important issues faced by today’s young adults, alcohol abuse and its consequences seem to be the most significant. It is apparent that some of the characters have no recollection of their choices or actions and some are dared to take sides and finally come clean with honest impressions of their friends. They are quick to judge others while trying to avoid being judged themselves. They all search for the willingness to find the truth, face their deepest fears and forgive one another.

As Spring Break approaches, plans are being made to party non-stop for days. Many students will cut loose, and many more will witness first-hand the wild behavior of their peers. The yearly college ritual of drinking too much, partying too much and wearing too little can produce a similar scenario as seen in “Body Shots.”

While it is a rite of passage for many students to experience Spring Break, think before you act and eat before you drink. “Everything in moderation!”

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Playing By The Numbers

In a season that saw only two seniors playing regularly, the Red Hawks used a mixture of seasoned experience and exuberant, exciting youth to improve upon last year’s program, defeat every foe at least once, and capture an ECAC Metro Tournament Title.

By Mike Sanchez
Assistant Sports Editor

It’s hard to beat a team three times in a season. The MSU Red Hawks would be the first ones to admit this, since they have witnessed it from both sides of the floor. They defeated William Paterson University twice in the regular season, but failed to outdo them in their third meeting in the first round of the NJAC playoffs.

You can also ask New Jersey City University and Richard Stockton. Both teams swept MSU in the regular season. Both teams also lost to MSU in the third meeting.

"It's the law of averages," said MSU Head Coach Ted Fiore. "Many times it's a play. It goes for you or against you."

For MSU, who finish the season 20-8, NJAC 11-7, it first went against them, but then turned in favor of them as they finished a spectacular season as the 2000 ECAC Metro Champions! A first in the school's history.

After failing to beat defeat WPU, MSU managed to upset NJCU and RSC to win their first-ever ECAC Championship.

Fiore, in his second year, continued his success as he helped guide his team to an early 5-0 start with key players Walk Wilson and Mike Minko kok Beric injured. Fiore and the Red Hawks then closed the season with 20 wins, beating each team at least once. The last time MSU won 20 games was in 1983-84 when the team went 22-6 under MSU Hall of Fame Coach Ollie Gelstan.

Fiore’s record in his first two years is 36-19.

The season also saw senior B.J. Reilly end a fantastic career at MSU as he became the twentieth MSU player to score 1,000 points late in the season. Reilly would end up seventh on the all-time scoring list with 1,027 points.

Among other career accomplishments, Reilly's hustle, defense, and reliable three-point shooting were always his trademarks.

But it was also a season in which another senior, overshadowed Mike Bult, showed heroic determination in an effort that helped MSU win the ECAC Metro Championship as he recorded 16, 21, and 15 points in the three ECAC playoff games as he went on to earn ECAC MVP in the final three games of his MSU career.

Red Hawk fans finally saw MSU beat Rowan University, after losses in their last seven meetings, in a thrilling double-overtime 89-87 victory early in the season. They also saw some blowout games when MSU destroyed three teams in a row, by an average of 22 points a game.

And there were also games that should have become blowouts, but MSU's lack of intensity allowed the opponent to march back into the game and make the team fight for a win.

Furthermore, the season saw individual accomplishments as MSU junior guard Jernel Mayo was named NJAC Defense Player of the Year, and Reilly made Second Team All-NJAC.

The season was also ironic, as MSU lost their first game of the season to NJCU, 65-63, in a game that featured a clock that started late, seemingly aiding the Red Hawks. As MSU's Mayo brought the ball upcourt, hoping for a last-second game-winning basket, that extra second was turned against them as an NJCU player stole the ball and ran down the court, making a lay-up as the buzzer sounded.

Along with the irony came the bad, in William Paterson's Horace Jenkins, who lit up MSU defenders and scored 36, 31, and 15 points in the three games he faced the Red Hawks.

And from bad to worse, as MSU shot 9-25 from the free throw line in their first round loss in the NJAC playoffs. It was the same game that saw Jenkins score 36 points, but it would be the free throw percentage, or lack thereof, that made MSU face the floor and walk out of WPU on a losing note.

But also along with the irony, the good, and the bad, there was the great! An ECAC Metropolitan Division III Championship!

Next year, new faces will join the team. A solid core returns. In the meantime, the basketball season is over. The basketball rims won't feel the dunks of high-flying Omar Boothe. The floor won't feel the bouncing of the ball as Mayo dribbles up court, signaling a play. The walls won't feel the vibration of the buzzer as it sounds, marking the end of a half.

No more hearing Coach Fiore’s voice from across the court as he complaints to the referees about a call. The stands will be silent; no more basketball terminology being shared between the fans, the referees, and the visiting players.

Now the MSU campus belongs to the spring sports. Pity!

But nevermind the pity, for a new trophy shines in the Panzer Gym lobby.

"Montclair State University 2000 ECAC Metropolitan Division III Champions."

Clockwise from left: Second year Coach Ted Fiore, sophomore forward Omar Boothe, senior guard B.J. Reilly, the MSU Cheerleading Squad, and freshman forward Walk Wilson.
Just Your Average Joe:  
**Coach Joseph Cauwels**

By Jason Kaplan  
Staff Writer

The familiar scent of beer and cigarette smoke fills his nostrils as Joe Cauwels enters the Olympic Bowl bowling alley in Belleville, NJ. Casually dressed in a pair of blue jeans, a NASCAR t-shirt, and a Devils jacket, Cauwels carries with him a bowling ball and folder with team information inside. He makes his way through the smoky mist being blown down by ceiling fans and approaches the desk in the middle of the room.

"Hi Bruce," says Cauwels to the man standing behind the desk, as he rests his gear next to an empty table.

He then heads over to the bar at the back end of the room and grabs a beer. Here he waits, watching the television on the wall or chatting with friends until the members of the MSU bowling team show up.

Cauwels was born on Dec. 11, 1964, at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ, to parents Beverly and Tom. Cauwels is one of four siblings, including his two sisters, Maurine and Janine, and his brother Michael. He was raised in Paramus, where he will reside. At the age of four, Cauwels was introduced to bowling by his father, grandfather, and his uncle, who allowed him to throw a few balls while they practiced. They were mostly gutter balls. It wasn't until he was six years old that he bowled his first game without bumpers. Young and inexperienced, he was only able to score 31 points. Far from the Tuesday and Wednesday league competitions and the bowling ball he has with him aren't involved with leagues. It’s 9:30 p.m. when some of the MSU bowlers arrive. Cauwels greets the few who are able to make practice and aren't involved with leagues.

"Unlike most coaches, who only instruct their athletes, Cauwels practices alongside his team."

His other main interest is auto racing, especially NASCAR. As a kid, he used to watch his father, who owned a race car, race every Saturday and at the Orange County Raceway in Middletown. Cauwels enjoys watching how the drivers race so close to each other at such high speeds without hitting each other, most of the time. His favorite driver is Richard Petty. "He won a lot when I was a kid," said Cauwels.

While recruiting is aggravating because Cauwels sees good bowlers who aren’t smart enough to be accepted into MSU, he also hates making traveling arrangements for away tournaments and dealing with hotels that give out the wrong rooms with single beds rather than doubles. This doesn't stop him from enjoying the competition and watching his bowlers compete, though.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

This is the second of a semester-long series on the coaches of MSU. If there is a coach you would like to see profiled, let us know at RedHawkSports@hotmail.com

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The First Row With Fred 3/16

By Fred Stolarski III

Sports Columnist

The bell has sounded and we are under­ way! Welcome back from Spring Break, wrestling fans! I really hope you were able to catch this past Sunday’s ECW Pay-Per-View, Living Dangerously. If you did see the show, not only did you get your money’s worth, but you would know that the show truly lived up to its name!

The original gangster, New Jack, once again risked his life to entertain the fans. New Jack, well known for his jumps off balconies and other high places around the arena, almost killed himself when he fell off some scaffolding to the hard, cold, un­ giving concrete floor during his match with Vic Grimes. As if that wasn’t bad enough, Grimes also jumped off, missing the pre­ pared tables and landing smack on top of New Jack’s face and sternum.

New Jack was unconscious as the cameras were pulled away from the scene, his music was stopped, and the house lights flashed the arena.

Tommy Dreamer, Balls Mahoney, and a crew of EMT’s rushed to the scene, aiding New Jack. At last word, the injury is said to be much less serious than originally thought, and if you knew anything about this man, you know that he’s as tough as they come and he’ll be back soon. This match alone was worth the price of the show!

When you saw that black limousine pull up towards the end of Raw is War, did you get that same tingle inside that I did?! I, like many of you, have long been patiently awaiting the return of one Mr. Vincent K. McMahon. I can’t wait for Smackdown tonight! Who knows what’s going to happen now? Will Vince show up again to explain his actions? Will The Rock admit that he’s jealous of Mae Young now?

Speaking of tonight’s show, what do you think is going to happen to poor old Mae Young now? For an 80­ year-old woman, she sure can take a powerbomb.

Is it my imagination, or have all the wrestlers decided to start writing autobi­ ographies as of late? It seems like everyone saw the success of Mick Foley had with his book, Have a Nice Day!, and they all jumped on the bandwagon.

The Rock has hit Number One on the New York Times Bestseller List, Diamond Dallas Page has a new book out, and Steve Austin has been rumored to have started one a while ago. Now I’m being told that Linda McMahon is writing a book about her family, Chyna has an autobiography due out later this year, and the Fabulous Moolah’s book should be out around the beginning of 2001. I need to take up speedreading!

Speaking of Moolah, she seems to be a bit jealous of Mae Young’s popularity in the WWF lately. Since the WWF is in the process of hyping up the women’s division again, I’m seeing a Mae Young/Fabulous Moolah feud in the near future. Oh boy!

In the latest edition of The First Row, I talked about Billy Gunn’s injury. Since then, he has undergone surgery, but it didn’t go as well as planned. Don’t expect to see the Bad Ass in the ring or on television for the next six to eight months.

Bob Backlund back in the WWF?! It seems as though Mr. Backlund has dropped out of the race for a Connecticut Congress­ ional seat, and will be working the WWF circuit again. Don’t look directly at him and you’ll be alright. Actually, he makes me laugh, and if he continues to be paired up with Kurt Angle, it could be a match made in heaven!

Will Stone Cold Steve Austin be at Wrestlemania 2000? Maybe! From what I’ve been told, Austin’s doctor, Lloyd Youngblood, has given medical clearance for Austin to be part of Wrestlemania, as long as he is NOT wrestling. So far, his rehabilitation is slightly ahead of schedule. If Austin doesn’t show up to referee or do a run-in at the wrestling world’s biggest event, expect him to be alongside Jerry Lawler and Jim Ross for some guest commentary.

If you have watched any WCW pro­ gramming in the past two weeks, you’ve most likely seen the vignettes filmed trying to hype up the largest arms in the world. Jakko Strauss, the owner of said arms, has been working out in WCW’s Power Plant training facility, and should be ready to go national in the ring in a few months. The man has 28-inch biceps! That’s only five inches smaller than my waist! How do you think Big Poppa Pump is going to react to another genetic freak being on Nitro and Thunder?

Speaking of Big Poppa Pump, Scott Steiner, who has happened to have 26-inch biceps, will be returning from suspension soon. Current plans have him starting a feud with the soon-to-be-back Bill Goldberg just in time for summer. That should be able to boost the dismal ratings a bit!

Soony, Jimmy Hart will be unveiling his new tag team with a WCW ring near you. The duo will consist of Bryan Adams, a.k.a. former Demolition member Crush, and Brian Clarke, a.k.a. Wrath and Adam Bomb. From their past performances as singles competitors, they should be a dominant force in the tag ranks of World Champion­ ship Wrestling. That is, as long as they aren’t pushed into some lame angle cooked up by the not-quite-gourmet chefs over in TurnerLand.

For those of you that can’t seem to get enough wrestling, Mick Foley, Hulk Hogan, Roddy Piper, Ric Flair, Terry Funk, and Barry Blaustein will be on Deadly Main Event tonight, on CNN. How they are going to pack all of that ego into one show is beyond me, but I’m sure you will not want to miss this! Also, don’t forget that The Rock is hosting Saturday Night Live this weekend!

That’s all for this week, wrestling fans. Questions? Comments? You can send me an e-mail at FirstRowFred@aol.com. Until next week, stay out of the cheap seats!
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Kruger of Buena Vista (Iowa) and MSU's second seeded Dellagatta (157-pound Champion last year). The two were expected to meet in the finals. Instead it was the fifth seed, Chris Fertig of Coast Guard Academy, who knocked off Kruger in the semi-final match and advanced to the finals.

Dellagatta had wrestled Fertig in a dual meet late in the season, beating him with an 8-3 decision. Fertig was looking to avenge his loss, but it was Dellagatta who prevailed once again with an 8-5 decision, showing Fertig why he now is a back-to-back National Champion.

It may have seemed as if Christie (174 lbs.) was not going to have such a successful tournament this year after he suffered a second round loss on Friday. He dropped into the consolation bracket, giving him the ability to wrestle back for third. Christie, a freshman, pulled it together to win his next two matches and clinch his spot as an NCAA All-American. It wasn't until the next day that once again Christie lost in a semi-final consolation match. The loss placed him in the 5th/6th consolation bracket.

It was here that Christie met returning All-American Sevon Cole of Buena Vista (Iowa). Cole had knocked off the fourth seed before losing in the semi-final round and being sent into the consolation round. He was not a wrestler to be taken lightly. Yet Christie was able to pin him in 5:39. The pin not only helped Christie capture his fifth place title, but also gave MSU additional team points.

MSU entered the tournament only qualifying four wrestlers, making it very difficult to compete with schools such as Augsburg (Minn.) and Wartburg (Iowa) who each qualified their entire ten man line-up. Even TCNJ qualified six wrestlers. With all the odds against them, it was only MSU who placed all of their qualifying wrestlers. And even though they only had four wrestlers earning team points, MSU finished 19.0 points behind second place team Wartburg (88.0), earning them a third place team title in the NCAA Division III Tournament with a total team score of 69.0. Augsburg College (136.0) finished first with four first place finishers and The College of New Jersey (19.5) only placed two wrestlers and finished 16th in the country.

MSU Announces 2000 8A-Side Summer Soccer League

MSU has announced that it will be hosting its annual men's 8A-side summer league beginning June 14. The seven week league has a limited number of teams and will be held on the campus of Montclair State University.

For team reservations or additional information regarding the league, please call the Montclair State University Men's Soccer Office at (973) 655-7594.
**Notes**

Despite a couple of rainouts, the MSU Baseball team has put up a 4-2-1 record during their California trip. They have two games remaining.

The Women’s Tennis Team was in Hilton Head, S.C., last week, continuing their season from the fall. They split their two matches, and will be playing again March 23 at Muhlenberg.

MSU Swimmers Joanne Fusco and Michelle DeFreese were both named to the All-NJAC Second Team, the only two non-TCNJ or Rowan swimmers named.

Toni Molito racked up a .563 batting average, .844 slugging percentage, a home run, and 10 RBI during the team’s 10-game Florida spring break trip.

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**Athlete of the Week**

**Mike Bult, MSU Basketball**

Senior Mike Bult’s final three games in a Red Hawk uniform proved fruitful as he went on to earn ECAC MVP honors after MSU defeated Richard Stockton 78-75. Bult’s amazing 70-foot three-pointer as time expired forced overtime, where he scored five of the teams 11 points, including one steal and one assist. His 21 points the night before at New Jersey City University helped MSU advance and win their first ECAC Championship in the school’s history.

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**INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

(As of March 15)

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**Intramural Basketball Results**

**Thursday, March 2**
8:15 - Pike 43 / Delta Chi 35
9:15 - F.M. Jacket 30 / Bondsman 53
10:15 - Rottweiller 39 / Oh My God 54

**Monday, March 13**
8:15 - Oh My God 38 / The Fifth 62
9:15 - Smackers 56 / D.D. Streetz 104
11:15 - Rottweiller 68 / Fast Break 114

**Tuesday, March 14**
8:15 - D.D. Streetz 66 / Fast Break 114
9:15 - Theta Xi 32 / Kling 67
10:15 - Delta Chi 52 / Underdawgz 35

**Wednesday, March 15**
8:15 - The Fifth 66 / Rottweiller 33
9:15 - Smackers 38 / Sleepaz 58
10:15 - Brand New 45 / Fast Break 114
11:15 - F.M. Jacket 39 / AGSquad 41

**Upcoming Intramural Basketball Games**

**Thursday, March 16**
8:15 - Junkyard Dogs / Killa Bezz
9:15 - Pike / And One
10:15 - Theta Xi / Underdawgz

**All Games Played At Panzer Gymnasium**
Third Time's A Charm for MSU Basketball

By Betsy C. Montanez

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Fourth place was the highest finish in the event for MSU, and it was a nice way for them to leave the tournament.

By Mike Sanchez

Assistant Sports Editor

As MSU senior Mike Bult launched a 70-foot shot with three seconds on the clock, hoping for a miraculous last-second, gametying three-pointer to force overtime against Richard Stockton in the ECAC Championship game, you couldn’t help but flash back to the last two years. Both years, MSU had advanced to the final round of the tournament only to lose. Was it going to happen again this year? Not! Instead, what Bult got was a swish that knotted the game at 67 as the clock ran down to 0:00.

The stage was set. Down 34-26 at the half and facing 11-point deficits several times, MSU still managed to outscore RSC 20-13 in the final seven minutes, as they found themselves down three points left in the game. The inbound went to Bult, who launched a towering shot 70 feet away from the RSC rim and got nothing but net as the buzzer sounded. MSU went to Bult, who launched a towering shot 70 feet away from the RSC rim and got nothing but net as the buzzer sounded. MSU had a good trip, contributing a .366 batting average of 4.0 runs.

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