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Proposal Aims to Arm MSU Police

By Elizabeth A. Hutchinson
Assistant News Editor

A proposal to equip MSU University Police with firearms was recently sent to members of the campus community by Susan Cole, President of MSU. The Student Government Association and University Police developed the proposal to insinuate changes in the current "community policing" program.

University Police and Security did not wish to comment on the firearm proposal. Currently, there are 10 Police Academy trained officers on campus. According to the proposal, eight more officers are already in the process of training. These 18 trained officers will be the only ones issued a firearm.

Issued by the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice, the only valid reasons for using a firearm are:
- Self-defense
- Crime Prevention
- Murder, aggravated manslaughter
- Kidnapping
- Arson
- Robbery
- Sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault.

According to the 1990 Commission on Higher Education report, MSU is the only school out of nine New Jersey institutions that does not have any armed campus police officers. Out of the nine schools, MSU has the fifth largest violent crime rate, totaling seven violent crimes when the report was issued last year.

The memo states that there were 15 handgun incidents from the years 1994-1999 and 36 other calls involving lethal weapons. The incidents included armed robberies, aggravated assaults, domestic violence and drug-related incidents.

If University Police are issued standard police semi-automatic handguns they will be required to follow the Passaic County Guide to Firearms, distributed by the Passaic County Prosecutors' office.

According to the memo, the only times firearms may be used are as follows:
- Officers will have a firearm while on duty, from dusk to dawn.
- A gun will be carried when responding to a crime in progress.
- During an emergency situation as determined by the Director of University Police and Security.
- During special events when approved by the Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life along with the Director of University Police and Security.

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Fire Consultants Inspect Residence Halls

MSU committee hires investigators to research fire safety on campus

By Karen Clarke
Staff Writer

The Faculty Facility Committee at MSU has hired consultants to formally evaluate Fire Safety Systems after the recent Blanton Hall Dormitory fire. Because of potential danger associated with faulty safety devices, old piping, and wiring, a state plan for rebuilding has been created.

According to Patricia Hewitt, Vice President for Business and Finance, all of the sprinklers and safety systems need to be upgraded, which will provide better means of monitoring and detecting any future problems without disturbing residents.

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Because of the high occupancy of students in summer programs, the priority heat and water in the halls is also something that can possibly turn into a multi-year plan. The FFC consists of faculty members from varying departments on campus such as Campus Maintenance and Architectural Engineering and Planning.

The committee, along with newly hired Amy Ferdinand, Director of Environmental Health and Safety Issues, will be collaboratively working to follow through with the projects of priority and enhancement in the MSU CPAP proposal.

The CPAP is a 25 page document containing extensive information about various projects including asbestos removal and roof repairs, which have been completed since last summer up until early this academic year.

Also listed in the CPAP are mandatory and essential residence life and maintenance projects of priority; residence and life repair projects and other campus enhancement plans.

Some of the concerns that residents on campus have include the following: the need for the presence of more fire extinguishers, proper heating, the availability of hot and cold water, safety issues, and the inability to properly fulfill the needs of students work order requests.

"Fire and safety are the top priorities," Hewitt said. "All other matters will be taken care of an importance basis."

Hewitt said that an engineering consultant firm has been hired to design the projects and take care of many of the reoccurring equipment failures.
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3-22 Officers responded to a Bohn hall assistant manager's report of possible underage drinking. Upon arrival to a fifth floor room, all parties were identified. No underage persons appeared to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

Dhaka, Bangladesh: President Clinton became the United States president to visit Bangladesh when he arrived in the Asian country early morning Monday. Clinton was greeted with a 21-gun salute, and a warm welcome from the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and President Shahabuddin Ahmed. The three new presidents, including the American and Bangladeshi flags as Clinton rode by motorcycle to Hasina's office.

Taipei, Taiwan: Taiwan's president-elect Chen Shui-bian requested a "peace summit" with China Monday to avoid the plunging of marketing stocks that may turn the course of Boeing engineers has questioned whether the company can catch up with work on time. Nearly 10,000 out of the 13,440 eligible, paying members of the Society of Professional Engineers in Aerospace voted to enact the three-year contract including 70 percent of engineers and technical workers.

Las Vegas, Nevada: A speeding driver hit a group of juvenile offenders who were trying to fill a car of gas. The five killed were being transported to the hospital. Survivors, who have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the government, hired expert infrared photographers to prove that the flashes are results of gunfire against the Davidians.

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NAACP Receives Class Three Charter Despite Conflict

By Bill Guardino
Staff Writer

After months of debate, the MSU chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was granted an extension of their class three charter by the SGA. The issuing of the charter came was de­layed because of NAACP’s special circum­stances, which the SGA chose not to fully change. According to Robert Blauvelt, President Pro Tempore, the NAACP does not clearly fit into any of the SGA’s organization categories. The main problem is that the organization is part of a national group, and thus subject to the national constitution. Therefore, there are several instances where the organization’s constitution conflicts with the SGA’s. One discrepancy is the charging of dues from the Executive board members of each chapter. According to the SGA’s statues, no Class I, II or III organization is allowed to charge its members dues. If they wanted to remain an SGA organization, the NAACP would fall under the heading of Class IV organizations, which has so far been reserved for only fraternities and sororities.

No guidelines currently exist for Class IV organizations, which do not fall under Greek Council. The renewal of NAACP’s class III is seen as only a temporary solution for this problem. Blauvelt, as well as other legisla­tors on the Government and Administration Committee, are working to reconstruct the SGA’s organizational categories. Such changes may include the addition of a fifth organization, which would be compliant with an organization’s national charter.

Other such organizations that would fall into this category would be Circle K or Psi Chi.

Although the NAACP has faced some turbulent times as of late, the organization hopes that this will soon be put behind them. “I hope things work out soon. NAACP is ambitious and wants to assimilate into the SGA melting pot,” Blauvelt said.

Non-Traditional Families’ Benefits Committee Formed

MSU faculty members ask for a change in university and state policies that deny benefits to non-traditional couples.

They have also proposed to local admin­istration that the institutions provide ben­efits to the domestic partners of its employ­ees independently of the state’s program. Princeton is currently the only univer­sity in New Jersey that offers benefits to same-sex partners.

This committee, which was spawned from GLIFSA (Gay and Lesbian Faculty and Staff Associa­tion) seeks to change both state and university policies that deny benefits to the families of those in non-traditional families. Non-traditional families may include those in gay/lesbian relationships and heterosexual couples who are not married.

“Both the state and MSU have non­discrimination policies but they are practicing discrimination because people with domestic partners of non-legal status cannot get benefits,” said Carla Petievich, an associate professor of history and women’s studies and member of GLIFSA. “What they are doing is not illegal, but it is not ethical.”

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the union representing New Jersey state universities, has also recently formed a committee to lobby the Legislature for changes in state health benefits.

This goes beyond the issue of sexual orientation. It is about the widespread discrimination in the US and at MSU,” said Professor Babara Chasin of the sociology de­partment. Chasin is a member of the Committee and believes in its purpose because she has a life partner who would be denied benefits because they are not married.

In a questionnaire that circu­lated last year at MSU, 87 percent of faculty had favor­able responses to the issue of non-traditional families hav­ing benefits.

The AFT has reported that the actual cost of giving these benefits would be minimal.

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**Guns**

* When transporting prisoners off campus.
* When assisting other law enforcement agencies on a mutual aid agreement.

The memo also gives a brief history of previously failed attempts to supply University Police with firearms. In 1994 the University Police asked the Board of Trustees for permission to use firearms. In April 1995 their request was denied. The BOT made changes in lighting, supplied University Police Officers with bulletproof vests and built emergency call boxes throughout campus.

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The Sparks That Ignite the Future: Women Recognized for Achievements

by Michelle Whitehead
Staff Writer

An integral part of Women's History Month is to recognize the accomplishments of young women who express dedication to women's issues. The Presidential Achievement Awards, established by the Office of the President at MSU, is designed to acknowledge the contributions that women students have made to scholastic achievement, campus community service, and leadership.

Emilda Abreu, director of MSU's Women's Center, expresses her appreciation to students who have shown commitment to women's issues in addition to excellence in various aspects of life at MSU. In presenting the awards at a reception held on March 16, President Susan Cole read a list of honors for each student along with praise from professors and advisors.

Scholarship recipients for scholastic achievement, Marta Bladik and Susan Polise possess an outstanding commitment to education, academics and research. An English major with minors in linguistics and women's studies, Bladik has a GPA of 3.96. Polise, a Spanish major, has a 4.0 GPA and tutors other courses. Both young women continue to pursue intellectual and exploratory projects in their fields of study.

Beatrice Bernadin and Alina Tyndall are scholarship recipients for excellence in campus community service because of their participation in numerous organizations. Bernadin is a volunteer at the campus daycare center and a peer biology tutor. In the future she wants to use her talent with children and academics to become a pediatrician. Tyndall, a biology major, is a member of New Jersey Community Watch and the premed club. She also serves MSU and prospective students as an ambassador.

"There's an old saying that behind every man there is a great woman. I would like to change that to behind every great woman there are 10 more great women."

LaJena Kurtz, scholarship winner

Kurtz feels awed by the recognition of her efforts and revealed that when she was first notified about the award she felt awarded to be singled out among the many women at MSU who are doing phenomenal things.

Kurtz says, "There's an old saying that behind every great man there's a great woman. I would like to change that to be behind every great woman there are 10 more great women."

Dr. Linda Gould-Levine, Director of MSU's Women's Studies program, would like to encourage more students to apply for awards offered through the university. "It is often difficult to comprehend that the typical attacker can be the victim's spouse, date, friend, relative or neighbor. Survivors who report a sexual assault are often not believed. If they are believed, they are often blamed for inviting the attack."

That is why the theme for NICA'S first statewide public awareness campaign is "Begin by Believing." Be the spark. By believing the victim when she or he says that they have been raped (only 2 percent of reports of sexual violence are ever out to be false). Be the spark by believing that the victim is never to blame.

"Begin by believing that anyone can be a victim of a sexual assault. Begin by believing that most sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone known to the victim. Begin by believing that help is available for all survivors and their loved ones, and begin by believing that all of us have a role in working toward the elimination of sexual violence in our communities.

Components of the campaign, to be launched in April during "Sexual Assault Awareness Month," include the introduction of a new 800 hot line telephone number, public service announcements on radio and television, highway, transit and print advertising and participation by staff and board members in public forums.

"Volley Against Sexual Violence," a volleyball tournament at Rider University to raise public education and funds, and funds for survivors' services, is one of the New Jersey based events to be announced in the Sexual Assault Awareness Month calendar. NICA is partnering with the public relations-marketing firm CIIC of Niacy, NY, in these efforts.

Funding for operating costs of the NICA office came from the Federal STOP: Violence Against Women Act Fund, allocated through the State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy. The Centers for Disease Control has allocated funding for the public education campaign through the New Jersey Division on Women, Department of Community Affairs, as well as for new computers for rape crisis centers, computer training for staff, standardization of victim advocate training and the translation from English to Spanish of materials on sexual violence.

Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault. The NICA "Begin by Believing" campaign urges victims of sexual assault and their loved ones to reach out for help. A statewide toll-free hotline was launched March 1 to lend assistance at 1-800-661-7200.
LASO DECLARES: FALTAN6!

FREE THE POLITICAL PRISONERS: L.A.S.O.'s Spanish Fair this week featured an attention-getting banner (below) draped in the Puerto Rican flag. The members of L.A.S.O. were campaigning for the release of political prisoners in Puerto Rico (above, right).

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Once Upon A Time:
The Story Of Purim

By Florence Roggeman
Staff Writer

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The story of Purim is a theme often re-told in the Jewish community during the month of Adar, Purim being celebrated ever since in the customary way, by feasting!

It is said that one should drink until he feels the glow of wine on the entire civilized world at the time, and the Jews had nowhere to run.

Luckily, the king was looking for a new life (having beheaded the previous one) and fell in love with a beautiful Jewish woman named Esther, who had taken her cousin Mordechai's advice and hidden her Jewish faith.

To cut the story very short, King Achashverosh's love for Esther, now Queen of Persia, saved the Jews. The occasion has been celebrated ever since in the customary way, by feasting!

It is said that one should drink until he cannot tell the difference between "blessed be Mordechai," who has a much larger role in the unabridged version of the story, and "curse be Haman," the evil Chief Advisor to King Achashverosh.

It is usually easy for people to divide the world into two: spiritual and material, good and evil. But on Purim, we celebrate so vigorously that all friends and foes, are welcome to join in.

The difference between friends and enemies dissolves as we rejoice in our surmounting the odds against us, as we revel in our continued existence as a nation, and finally in our return to Israel, the Jewish homeland after more than 2,000 years of exile.

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Graduation:
An Accomplishment for Some, A Reality Check for Others

By Lisa Gamarikian
Special to The Montclarion

I don't know where the time has gone. It seems like only yesterday I began my college career and took my first steps as a freshman onto the County College of Morris campus. Well, that was five years ago, and in four months I will be walking down the aisle as part of the graduating class of 2000. The time has come for me to face the uncertainties that my future will bring and make that dreaded jump into the "real world."

Just don't think that I'm ready to hear "Pomp and Circumstance" blast within the walls of Continental Arena, reminding me that it's time to take that next giant leap in life.

For other soon-to-be graduates, May 22 couldn't come soon enough. However, for me it sparks tremendous fear inside because I don't know if I'm prepared to go out into the big world and take charge.

Instead, for some sick reason I seem to focus on the negative aspects that this ceremony represents to me.

There are many changes it will bring to my life, a life that has been mostly routine for the past five years. (Oh, and did I mention that change is something that I have struggled with in life and do my best to avoid at all lengths?)

When I first began college I was 17. I didn't try hard in school and I didn't know what I wanted out of life. I chose to stay at home and commute to a nearby college (a first for the past five years. (Oh, and did I mention that change is something that I have struggled with in life and do my best to avoid at all lengths?)

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"To avoid all of this uncertainty I wouldn't mind being a 22-year-old senior for another couple of years."

There is a great sense of security in knowing that I have to report to class every day, do homework, pull "all-nighters" to get that paper I forgot about done, and prepare for midterms and final exams.

On May 22 that security will be gone and I will probably feel very lost. I'm already very scared.

I know that this terrible feeling won't last forever. Eventually I'll get over this crisis, and what will seem new and frightening to me in June will probably feel comfortable and normal come next fall.

After that, I just have to focus my energies on dreading the next major change that will occur in my life.

All I can do now is hope that whatever changes do occur, that I make the right choices and embrace a career that truly makes me happy.

If that doesn't work, there's always graduate school!
### Women's Health 2000

#### Breakout Sessions

**10 to 10:45 a.m. in Student Center**

**Women's Sexual Health: The Facts and Nothing but the Facts**

Room 419

Angela Wimmer, MD, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Saint Barnabas Medical Center

Patricia Yauch, RN, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Health & Wellness Center, MSU

**Health Issue Affecting Minority Women**

Room 411-414

Jeannine LaRue, Vice President, Government Relations, Saint Barnabas Health Care System; Member, Minority Health Summit

Ofelia Rodriguez-Srednicki, Ph.D., Graduate School Psychology Program, MSU

**Healthy Relationships: Stopping the Cycle of Violence**

Room 417

Darcy Smith, LCSW, Alternative Adolescent Counseling Center

Joseph Donnelly, Ph.D., Department of Health Professions/PERLS, MSU

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**Emotional Well-Being and Stress Reduction**

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Susan Skalsky, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAP, Director, Wellness Services, MSU

Susan Weinstein, RN, Director, Women's Health Education, Saint Barnabas Medical Center

**Healthy Lifestyles: The Importance of Exercise and Nutrition**

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Michéle Fisher, DPE, Department of Health Professions/PERLS, MSU

Kelly Iorio-Lanuzzi, RD, Outpatient Nutrition, Saint Barnabas Medical Center

**Women's Sexual Health: The Facts and Nothing but the Facts**

Room 419

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Out There

A column exploring important issues to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities

By Jackie Parker
Staff Writer

In last week’s column I mentioned some of the anxiety that a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender (GLBT) student might feel when he or she decides to “come out” of the closet. You might have noticed stickers on office doors around campus with the words “LGB Safe Place,” and wondered what they were. MSU has a great program called “Safe Place,” which was started to help create a feeling of safety and support among the campus GLBT community.

Faculty and staff, displaying the stickers, have made themselves available to listen to and support students. Anyone wishing to talk about their fears on “coming out,” homophobia, or concerns regarding their sexual orientation, can do so in a non-judgmental and confidential environment.

The stickers are a green circle, inside with a black triangle overlapping a pink triangle, with the words “LGB Safe Place.” These stickers, members as participants in and signifies the be supportive of GLBT “Safe Place” program was since then, programs have been established at various places on campus.

According to the Program flyer, “If you’re you’ve encountered a person in a safe place to help that problem. The individual not be your counselor. There will be no pressure to take action or change your life or lifestyle.” There will just be support.”

For a confused, anxious, or scared student, the “Safe Place” program can be a very valuable resource. Having programs like “Safe Place” is another reason why I consider the MSU campus to be supportive and safe for an “out” GLBT student.

THE REAL WORLD

Brought to you by the students of Cooperative Education and Service Learning

By Casey Calavano
Special to The Montclarion

My name is Casey Calavano and I am a senior attending MSU. As a requirement for my Human Ecology major, I must complete eight course credits in the Cooperative Education Program. All of the majors at MSU do not include this requirement as part of their curriculum, but I strongly suggest that it be put an emotional strain on me due to the anxiety that I had about what the future held for me.

The Cooperative Education Program serves as a partnership between the organization where a student is an intern and the university. As a participant in the program, one takes on the role not only as a student learning in a work environment, but as an employee as well. As such, there are certain responsibilities that must be fulfilled; conducting one’s self in a professional manner is key.

The program also provides a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills and to apply those skills one has already acquired. Students benefit because it gives them a chance to see what it is like to work in the field they are preparing to go into. While interning, some students may even find that their chosen field is not enjoyable to them, and perhaps change their mind about going into it, or they may realize that the job is right but the setting is not.

As a result of my own experience in the Co-op program, I am now questioning whether or not I want to continue to work in the field of domestic violence. I interned with the Domestic Violence Unit in the Superior Court of New Jersey. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned a lot about the legal system and court procedures, yet am unsure if this is the career path that I wish to continue. I am fulfilled with the work because I helped people who had placed their trust in me. However, the job put an emotional strain on me due to the negative energy that surrounded me.

The Cooperative Education program has made me a stronger person because now I’ve tested the waters of the field I wanted to gain experience in and am more sure of my aspirations. When I graduate and the time to begin my job hunt arrives, I will have the insight and the necessary tools to make an educated decision.

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Finally, Type O Negative has come back! Type O Negative has begun the United States leg of their Road Rage 2000 tour with label mate Coal Chamber, after an extensive tour of Europe, following the September release of their latest effort World Coming Down.

The show at Roseland on March 14 was kicked off by The Deadlights, a band from Los Angeles that is starting to make its mark on the rock scene. The Deadlights have a spot secured on the second stage of this year’s Ozz Fest. Their brief set included several attempts to capture the interest of the audience, who were saving themselves for the main events. Lead vocalist Duke did try to get the crowd to yell “F— You” as loud as they could, but was instead answered with cries of “You suck.”

Full Devil Jacket, a band with a lot of promise, followed the spectacle that was the Deadlights. These five boys from Jackson, Tennessee started off with songs from their E.P. A Wax Box, plus some songs off of their self-titled debut album. Their sound is comprised mostly of hardcore, but there are some melodic undertones from the driving bass. The crowd was more receptive to them, and a small pit did form. Following the Deadlights’ lead, front man Josh Brown also tried to get the crowd to yell “F— you” as loud as they could, with a little more success. They finished their set with “Wanna Be Martty,” the first cut off their debut album, also featured on the Scream J Soundtrack.

When the lights came up and the curtain came down after Full Devil Jacket’s set, anticipation swept through the crowd like a raging fire. The next band appearing was Coal Chamber, who also have a track on the Scream J Soundtrack. The Road Rage tour marks the return of bassist Rayna Foss Rose, who gave birth in October to a baby girl. When the lights finally came down, the crowd was ready for action. Before the curtain came up, fluorescent colored lights made patterns on it. Out of nowhere, Dez Fafara’s vocals penetrated the darkness with a special rendition of “The roof, the roof, the roof is on fire.” The curtain came up and everything seemed to explode at once: the lights, the music, and the pit. Everyone in the place was jumping up and down, screaming the lyrics as loud as they could. Rayna was bouncing and twirling like a little girl playing jump rope, while Meegs played his guitar in gravity defying positions and Mike pounded his drum kit for all he was worth. Coal Chamber played “Loco,” “Sway,” “Big Truck,” “Clock,” and “Pig” from their first album, as well as some new music from Chamber Music. Coal Chamber’s set was about an hour long, but still was not long enough.

With the confetti explosion that marked the end of Coal Chamber’s set, the wait for COAL TO DIAMONDS: The intensity-fueled band Coal Chamber never fails to rock, this time during the Road Rage 2000 tour alongside Type O Negative.

Wanted To Be A Poet?: Tips and Tricks from an Industry Insider

By Kathleen Savino

Most of my semester has been spent reading poetry submissions for Poetry New York, an independently published poetry journal. I have submitted my own work before, yet recognizing how difficult it is to actually get published, or how to go about improving my chances. Suddenly, instead of sending poetry submissions, I was reading them. These are a few things I discovered by reading (and rejecting) poetry.

*Be Distinct. One of the most difficult tasks a writer faces is finding his or her own voice, style, etc. Editors/readers are looking for work that is original. If your work sounds like an imitation of another poet(s), chances are it will not be published, or taken seriously. I was always astounded at how alike many poems are by poets all over the U.S. (and some abroad!). Stand out. Ask yourself, “Can I say what I want to say in a way that no one else can?” Above all, steer clear of any and all cliched language (i.e. “love is like the sea...my heart is full of darkness.”)

*Know Your Publications. Before submitting your work, you should read magazines and journals that publish poetry. It is vital to find a publication that suits your particular style of writing. If you don’t like the poems in a certain magazine or journal, chances are they might not like your work either. Although many journals are somewhat expensive, ranging from $7 to $10, it is a good investment to buy some of them. If you cannot afford it, most publications now have web sites where you can read selections from current and past issues. Another good investment to make is in The Poets Market. It has a wide listing and descriptions of small and large presses that publish poetry, as well as contests, and web sites.

*Don’t Send Long Poems. It is best to send shorter (the longest being 10 to 15 lines) poems. The shorter the poems are, the more likely they are to get read. Most readers are interested, such as myself, who have loads of other work they need to get done in addition to reading the submissions. A poem that is over a page, unless it is a real masterpiece, will probably not even be finished. Also, I found in my own experience, a poem that is short and good is favored more by the reader. The editor of Poetry New York has said he liked my poem (which was four lines) because I said in that space what takes most people a page.

*Order your poems carefully. Put your absolutely best (and preferably shortest) poem first. Most readers will not read past the first poem unless it is good. The first lines of your poem should grab the reader by the throat, because they could have read twenty poems right before yours!

*AAlways send more than one poem. A good number is three, and up to five if you write short poetry. If you send only one poem the reader cannot get a good feel about how you write. It is good to send a variety of poems, this way increasing your chances of one sticking out in particular to the reader.

*Write a cover letter. Originally, I had thought it was better to not send a cover letter, since I had so few publication credits. However, don’t neglect reading the poets not found in the Norton Anthologies such as Saphire, Eileen Myles, and John High, just to name a few. *Get hip to the scene. There’s a whole world out there full of poetry readings and slams, but I have to say that the ones in N.Y. are often less than spectacular. There are many places in N.Y. that hold readings, one being the Nuyorican Poets Café (which also put out a great anthology, Aloud, voice from the Nuyorican Poets Café). You can also search online to find out when and where readings are being held, both here and in New York.

*Don’t be discouraged. It is very difficult to publish a poem. Poetry New York publishes less than 2 percent of unsolicited material. Don’t submit your first poem to the Atlantic, Monthly or Poetry. Start out with something that has a higher acceptance rate, or is open specifically to students. No matter what, keep writing and submitting!
Special Words for Women

By Katherine Lupe
Staff Writer

Word for Word, A Celebration of the new Women’s Studies Major, took place on Monday, May 20, in the Student Center Ballroom B. Hosted by the new Women’s Studies Department, the event was not only a celebration for the faculty involved but also for the students. The installation of the major was a two year effort and the faculty thought it was best to celebrate alongside students, providing a safe forum to discuss Women’s Studies and to read poetry or prose as well as present artwork.

Refreshments were served and the participants were encouraged to share their poetry and prose at an open mic. The open mic was extremely well received, with at least 30 participants including students and faculty members. The members of the faculty included Linda Livine, the head of the new department who gave an empowering reading of Little Red Riding Hood as retold by Roald Dahl in his Revolting Rhymes.

Other faculty speakers were Laura Kramer from the Sociology Department, Carla Petievich, a history professor, who read original limericks concerning women and women’s studies and Nadira Rourke (right) reads an untitled work in which she remembers her mother.

Unfortunately a full list of the students who read was not available by the time of the printing of this article, but all who read gave stunning performances. It is the hope of the Women’s Studies Department that this forum will lead to future events of the same kind, believing that an atmosphere was provided that was comforting to the students and that the need for such an environment was felt by all those present. Students who attended the event seem to agree that such an environment was provided. Leah Soltes, a junior English major said, “It’s good that Montclair offers such a liberal environment where everyone can feel comfortable to voice their views.”

Although promotion of the major was not the main purpose of the event, there is no doubt that many other students who attended would also consider the major. If anyone is interested, see Linda Livine in room 120 Dickson hall, or call extension 7911. One of the participants, Velicta Graham, a senior sociology major, found the event very encouraging. “The professors were positive role models and I was inspired by them. If I was a freshman coming into Montclair, I would consider majoring in women’s studies,” she said.

“Word for Word” was not only in celebration of the major but also of Women’s History month in general. The new department has hosted many events this month to celebrate and educate students about women’s history. The remaining events are: Thursday, March 23 - “Work and Family: A Balancing Act,” from 9 a.m. till 12 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom; Friday, March 24 - “Enduring Equality: Radical Change, Sexual Politics, and the Problems of Impariteness,” held in Cohen Lounge, Dickson Hall from 11 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday, March 27 - “Women: Creativity and Dissent” with guest speaker, Nawal El Saadawi, author of The Face of Eve in Student Center Ballroom A from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

March 29 is Healthy Relationship Day; a program held at Dickson hall between 1 a.m. and 3 p.m., with workshops and seminars on forming and maintaining positive relationships, in honor of Chimere McKay and other victims of domestic violence. This event will focus on physical and psychological violence to women in relationships, hoping to support students who are victims and encourage them to seek help. The last event of the month will be held on March 30, “Critical Women’s Health Issues in the 21st Century.” A conference on Women’s Health and Wellness with keynote speaker Dr. Susan J. Blumenthal, Assistant Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. To register call (973) 655-5114.

Music

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Type O Negative’s arrival had begun. The backdrop for their set was a picture of the Brooklyn Bridge, how it appears on their album cover. The stage was set up with construction materials that were green and black, instead of safety orange and white. The crowd went out of control when Peter Steele and company emerged on stage. Steele, dressed in a shirt that had “Pinole” in big white letters, immediately took control of the stage.

Type O’s set was about an hour long, which also should have been longer. They played some classic Type O material like “Love You to Death,” “My Girlfriend’s Girl­friend,” and “Cinnamon Girl.” But things started to turn ugly when Type O played some new songs. A few disgruntled members of the audience took it upon themselves to chant “You suck.” With that, quoting a member of Twisted Sister, Steele said “Whether you like us or you hate us, it’s too f—ing bad; you already PAID us.”

About twenty minutes after this debacle, the show ended. Type O Negative came back for an encore, which was “Black No. 1.” The haunting eroticism of the song and the effect of Peter darkly crooning “Loving you was like loving the dead” transfixed every person at the show. After Type O finished, they started a toilet paper fight with the audience, which lasted a good fifteen minutes. It was a fun, carefree way to end a night full of dark, intense music.

VIETNAMESE ART

Professor Nancy Goldring of the Fine Arts Department admires the work of Vietnamese photographers, Bui Xuan Huy, who will be on hand at the Art Forum Lecture Series in Calvin Hall room 135 for a showing of some of his slides as well as a discussion of his work, in conjunction with the exhibition now on display.

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**Time Plays a Part in Ever-Changing Exhibit**

By Loretta Kaisel
Assistant Copy Editor

If you walk into an art museum that showcases many great works from the past you may or may not notice a commonality that these works have which has plagued the understanding of art since it began: that the meaning the artists tried to convey must be inferred from the mediums.

The viewer has no direct contact with the meaning of the works. They cannot experience it firsthand and are never sure exactly what the artist has tried to convey. To try to capture the artist’s meaning through their work of art is a secondhand experience.

Artist Robert Irwin gives viewers a very different experience with his installation piece entitled “Excurus: Homage to the Square,” now showing at the Dia Center for the arts in Manhattan. Not only is the meaning of this piece felt immediately and directly, it is contingent upon the experience of the viewer, and changes as the piece changes.

The piece consists of 18 chambers in the top floor of the converted warehouse, separated by walls made of white scrim. Irwin placed a pair of fluorescent lights on each wall, varying in hues and tones. A gel was also placed on top of the windows which changes the view of Manhattan buildings.

Irwin investigates, in three dimensions, color and color relationships that were the focus of a series of abstract paintings by Josef Albers, which created optical space and color relationships that were the same except for the hues and tones that envelop it. Colors from the adjoining chambers can be seen through the scrims as well as other viewers who walk around confused. The effect is consciousness altering—you feel as though you are Alice in Wonderland.

Depending on the day and what time it is the light entering through the windows will make the installation appear different. A viewer will have a different experience each time they pass through it. The piece is dependent on each individual experience—not the artist’s. There is no medium separating the viewer from the meaning, which is in flux and dependent on chance. Both the medium and the meaning is the experience itself. The piece will be on view until April 2.

Another piece in the exhibit, which is also dependent on chance and obscurities vision, is the “Two-Way Mirror Cylinder Inside Cube” which is a long-term installation and is part of the “Rooftop Urban Park Project” by Dan Graham that also includes the Video Salon. The piece is elevated on a platform against the backdrop of sky and Manhattan horizon. It is composed of two platforms against the backdrop of sky and Manhattan horizon.

The long term installation, “Two Way Mirror Cylinder Inside Cube,” on the rooftop of the Dia Center, shifts the perspective of the New York City skyline.

**WHAT'S UP, TIGERTIVITY?**

Out and about in the heatwave...

**CONCERT CALENDAR**

**Thursday, March 23**
- Bari Koral, Julie Darling, Mary Ellen Bernard. Bottom Line, New York, NY. (212)228-7880
- Eliza Carly, Joan Baez. Bowery Ballroom, New York, NY. (212)928-6138
- Reverend Horton Heat. Tribeca Blues, New York, NY. (212)766-1070

**Friday, March 24**
- Eliza Carly, Joan Baez. Bowery Ballroom, New York, NY. (212)928-6138
- Crescent City Maulers, Windows on the World, New York, NY.

**Saturday, March 25**

**Sunday, March 26**
- Snapcase, Bowery Ballroom, New York, NY. (212)928-6138
- Black Beetles, Una Pong. Maxwell’s, Hoboken, NJ. (212)708-0406

**Monday, March 27**
- Murphy’s Law. CBGB’s Gallery, New York, NY. (212)677-0455
- Tree Kings. Wetlands Preserve, New York, NY. (212)982-6138

**Tuesday, March 28**
- Nancy Wilson and Her Trio. Blue Note, New York, NY. (212)475-8592

**Wednesday, March 29**
- Actual Proof, Pexus, Sector 9, Wetlands Preserve, New York, NY. (212)966-4225
- Chapter One, McGeehan Recital Hall, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ. 8 p.m. (973)655-4296

**MOVIE RELEASES**

**Friday, March 24**
- Here On Earth, Dir: Mark Piznarski. Leelee Sobleski, Josh Hartnett, Chris Kline, Michael Rooker, Arnette O’Toole

**THEATRE PERFORMANCES**

- Love, Hate Friendship Marriage, at Van Fossan Theatre, Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ.Opening Thursday March 23 running Thursdays through Saturdays. at 8 p.m. until Saturday, April 15. Possible Side Effects’ Comedy Revolution, at 12 Miles West Theatre, 488 Bloomfield Ave. Montclair, NJ. Saturday at 11 p.m.
The Best You've Never Read

By John Fruscianate
Staff Writer

W ell, fair readers, I hope your ears were sufficiently tickled by those 10 great albums from last week’s article (if you didn’t read last week’s article, feel free to make it up in your head). This week I’m back with a list of books certain to knock your collective socks off.

1. Ishmael - Daniel Quinn. THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK YOU’LL EVER READ!!! I had to resist the urge to make this book all 10 books on this list. If you have not read this book, drop this newspaper right now and go buy it (the book, not the newspaper). This book is fan-freakin’-tastic.


4. Philosophy of Punk - Craig O’Hara. An easy-to-read overview of the history and philosophies behind the punk/hardcore counterculture. Much fun will be had by all who read this.

5. Archaic Revival - Terrence McKenna. Very interesting theories, thoughts, and observations about hallucinogenic drugs.

Well, that’s it for this week kids. It is the humble opinion of this author that you stay away from Barnes and Nobles or any major book chain, and instead take a trip over to the wonderfully stocked, staffed, and priced Montclair Book Center. 221 Glenridge Avenue (Just off of Bloomfield Ave.), Montclair, N.J. 783-3630. You will find most of these books there. Some are available in the MSU library, so check there first. Happy reading!

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Arts & Entertainment

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OPINION

The Voice of Montclair State

Last week, we asked you:

Did MSU do enough for the Blanton Hall residents?

You told us:

"I got a letter saying I was compensated, but I haven’t seen anything yet. It was enough because I live close enough to commute and I didn’t go to class anyway." Matthew Archibald, freshman, acting.

"I was surprised. I was just because I live close enough to commute and I didn’t have to go to class anyway." Jessica Ginecki, freshman, undecided.

"I guess so. It was better than nothing. I thought we were getting nothing. I don’t know how much it cost per night, to make an accurate judgment." Mike Tofte, junior, History education.

"They didn’t really provide us with a place to stay. They had another fire drill this week. You’d think it wouldn’t happen again." Lauren Mulligan, freshman, finance.

"It wasn’t enough because kids don’t care. They only care about themselves." Louis DeAngelis, sophomore, English.

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MAIN EDITORIAL

To Arm or Not to Arm: That is the Question

Guns and ammo. A firearm on the utility belt of every police officer. Yet another thing to add to the rapid expansion of law enforcement at MSU. Wait a minute, it might not be added. But should it be?

A growing concern here at MSU is the rise in violent crime. Case in point: this week’s MSU Police Report. A terminated professor made terrorist threats against administrators.

MSU President Cole asks for feedback on the issue by May 1. At that time, the proposal could sink or swim, either making its way to the Board of Trustees or, as it has in the past, falling into the fray. The question that may be forming on everyone’s lips: Does this simply boil down to campus safety or is it more than that?

While it can be argued that the arming of officers at a public institution is a radical step, take a look around the state: NJIT, Rutgers Newark, UMDNJ, and Kean all arm officers full-time. Though Ramapo and NJCU have no police force and instead work with security officers, nearby William Paterson University, an institution against which MSU is often measured, arms their officers part-time. Another statistic seems to sway popular opinion on the issue in the other direction: MSU has 10 officers (eight in training) compared to William Paterson’s 29, 26 at NJIT and 22 at Kean. How can one gauge the proper way to ensure the safety of over 10,000 students, as well as hundreds of faculty and staff members?

The MSU policemen are not a clown brigade. They didn’t wander in the streets and get handed a uniform or told to start fighting crime. They received real training and earned real badges. They are real police officers. They have real families to go home to, and real worries in their lives. Why can’t we give them some real protection? Are we asking that we want a campus where the students have more ammunition than the policemen? We all have the right to feel safe, especially on campus. Students have enough to worry about between classes and other off-campus obligations without having to worry about issues of safety as well.

Question of the Week:

Do you think it’s wise to allow campus police to carry firearms?

Appearing next week:

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The Devils and George Steinbrenner: An Example of Athletic Big Business at Work

The sea of greed has limitless depths. On March 16, New York Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner bought the New Jersey Devils hockey team for a reported $175 million. Put your pinky to your nose now.

Steinbrenner, who also owns the New Jersey Nets, has been the much-loathed benefactor of big business into modern day sports. The $1 billion company he has created, with the acquisition of the Devils, called YankeeNets, is a pet project of "the boss." The YankeeNets affiliate "Puck Holdings" was technically the actual buyer. New Jersey Governor Christy Todd Whitman has indicated that she plans to honor the request of YankeeNets for $75 million towards high renovation. Improvements will include new street signs and traffic signals around the Newark area where the company intends to build a new stadium for the Devils and Nets, as well as the expansion of Route 21, a main artery that would bring fans to the sports and entertainment complex.

Newark's mayor, Sharpe James, has pledged taxpayers land and money into the project, which means he will have to reach a compromise with small businesses and homeowners who will be displaced because of the building of the new arena. James stands to be one of the mergers greatest beneficiaries; the new arena, which will be surrounded by $100 million in development, will make Newark a more favorable regional destination.

John J. McMullen, the current owner of the Devils until YankeeNets takes it over at the end of this season, said that the deal did not go as he had originally planned. According to McMullen, his first proposal to the governor was to build a new arena over the New Jersey Transit train tracks in Hoboken. The proposed deal would have saved New Jersey taxpayers $15 million, but Whitman's refusal to support his initial proposal drove him to accept the rather pricey offer from Steinbrenner. "It's terrible," McMullen said afterwards. "This is the nineteenth century. We built an outstanding franchise for the state of New Jersey, and it's so disappointing not to be appreciated. I was offering to build an arena without using any taxpayer money. The governor disapproved of it."

Nevertheless, a deal was made. The Meadowlands sports complex now stands to lose two of its five professional sports teams, and possibly a third if the MetroStars decide to parade to Newark as well. The fate of the Continental Airlines Arena is now in the hands of the governor. Does it bother anyone else that team owners and politicians are more of a factor in the development of a local sports team than the actual fans are? The incorporation of big business into modern day sports is a disgusting trend that has gone on for much too long.

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The metamorphosis of sports into big business over the years has made me want to vomit. Season after season, fans hear the same old story about a beloved team of theirs moving out of state because there is more money to be made somewhere else. While owners sit back and revel in their ill-gotten wealth, hard-working taxpayers pay $70 a ticket, $3 for a soda, $5 for a hotdog, and $7 for watered-down beer just to watch a 90 minute game. More money than you and I would ever make in three lifetimes, is being wasted every year for something as trivial as athletic events. When will the line be drawn?

Don't get me wrong, I love sports, especially the Devils. But what I absolutely despise is the exorbitant amount of money spent on professional sports that could be put towards helping people in need. But the fact is that hard working American's are never given much as prioriy as profit.

"Sorry you were just forced out of your homes to build a sports complex over your houses."

Jerome D'Angelo is a freshman political science major. This is his first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
Blowing up the Letters: Exploring the Horrible Truths of Grade Inflation

W hat are the implications of passing grades for failing students? The practice of grade inflation is becoming a frightening reality at our school and it is the dedicated, determined, hard working minority of MSU students that will soon experience the implications of this unjust practice. Poor students make for poor employees, and every time an undeserving MSU graduate steals a diploma and gets hired into the workforce, our school’s reputation deteriorates.

Last semester, an unwarranted extension for an ongoing assignment in my Pursuits of English class was announced. At the beginning of the semester students were asked to complete and submit three postings per week via the Internet. The goal of the weekly postings was to enhance student interaction in the hopes that students would learn from their peers by reading, writing, evaluating, and responding to each other’s emails. However, out of a class of approximately 30 students, I only interacted with a half dozen of them on a regular basis. This not because I was partial to some, but because only a half dozen names each week were on my screen. Despite the fact that the postings were worth a considerable percentage of our overall grade, the vast majority of the students in my class simply did not complete and post the regular weekly assignments. In a vain attempt to solve this problem, an unprecedented two full class sessions were utilized as an instructional feature for internet postings. Theoretically, Internet postings could serve as an extremely valuable tool for both students and educators. Subject matter could be discussed regularly outside of class time and opinions could be shared, refuted, and formulated. However, because so few did assignments or, at the most, discussions were weak and among few.

Unfortunately, my recent experience in the Pursuits of English class is not an isolated incident. My multiple choice child psychology midterm was graded on a 10 point curve despite the fact that one entire class session was spent “reviewing” material for the test. By reviewing, I mean that every single question that was on the exam was fully addressed and examined before the day of the midterm. In my Vietnam class we were asked to submit our biweekly 300 word essays to the members of the small groups we were designated into before we met in class. Ideally, this practice could have been essential to stimulating class participation and discussion among students. However, based on the uninformative group discussions we had regularly, it became increasingly evident to me that most were not doing the readings, merely paraphrasing the work of their classmates who had posted their work on the web earlier. On these instances and on numerous other occasions unwarranted extensions have been granted, scores have been curved, and ultimately, students have received college credit far short of any reasonable standard for passing grades.

There are instances where unavoidable circumstances prohibit the completion of course work. For these instances students should simply be instructed to drop the course without penalty and retake it during another semester. Simply allowing students to continually accumulate college credit for work they have not done, have not done on time, or have not done properly destroys the very premise that college is based on. Prospective employers will neglect resumes from MSU graduates in the future because of bad experiences they will have had in the past. Therefore, it is critical that the structures of the academic environment mimic the hierarchical environment of the workplace. Those who are willing to compete and work hard should be the ones who are rewarded with high grades and high salaries. Consequently, those who do not work hard and need to be prodded repeatedly for minimal output should receive low grades and low wages.

The more incomplete, lazy, spoon-fed students that are granted degrees from this ‘higher learning institution,’ the bleaker the post-graduate picture becomes for the dedicated minority of MSU students.

**Frank Fusco**

The Montclarion Mailbag

No Abuse Involved

To clear up any misunderstandings, we would like to inform everyone on campus that Chimere Mcrae was not a victim of domestic violence. Just because her boyfriend decided to flip the script, it does not mean you should assume that Chimere was in an abusive relationship. Please get your facts straight before you assume!

Key Carrington

fashion

Shea Carrington

biology

Tarsha Clarke

biology

Salena Williams

political science

Examines What You Have

By Justin N. Bourgeois

Opinion Page Editor

Over the weekend, I became aware of the value of a few things, promises and friends among them. I am writing this to hopefully get some people to think about the things they have and realize how they are important.

Last Monday, I made a promise to one of my best friends, and on Friday I broke that promise. Though I believed my intentions were good, they did not justify the fact that I went back on my word. For that, I’ll be forever sorry. After I talked to her for a few hours, I came to the realization of how important promises are, not only as a means of keeping personal things personal, but as keeping a high level of trust in a friendship.

Think of the powers a promise can hold in your life. They can make or break relationships. They can make or break friendships. Most importantly, they can make or break your own self-esteem. They give you the power to accomplish anything and at the same time they give you the power to screw everything.

More powerful than promises are the friendships we form in life. Few of us can honestly say we’ve been graced with friends that would do anything and everything for us. I am one of the lucky ones. I can sit back and say that my friends are best friends, and not make a mistake in that statement. Over the course of my first two and a half years at MSU, I have had friends come and go in my life. The ones that I stick it out with are the ones that know everything and don’t judge me on the wrong things I’ve done. They’ve helped me when I was down, and shared in my accomplishments.

True friends are like that. Don’t make the mistake of taking them for granted: “Here one minute, gone the next,” as the saying goes.

Over the course of the next week, I want each and every one of you to sit back, look around, and consider yourselves lucky for the things you have managed to find or create in your lives. Realize that your friends that care are the friends you will have for life. Be thankful for them instead of wasting more.
Kenyan Women Demand Sex From Overweight Donut Bearing Cops

Nairobi, Kenya - Many angry sexually deprived women made a formal protest at a Kenyan police station just north of Nairobi. Their protest was they were not getting enough sex. They ordered local police departments to satisfy them to the best of their ability, or find them husbands that could. Unfortunately for the women, the case and decided to pull over helpless high school kids on their way home from school. Many times they would come home from work and pass out. Women would often try while they slept but attempts were futile. 'The men, they go to work, they come home and they are too drunk to get it up. We women have a right. "WE WANT PENSIS"!'

The cops were unsure what to do with the case and decided to pull over helpless high school kids on their way home from school to screw the horny women.

Suicide Attempt Doesn't Necessarily Mean You Want To Live

Boston - For many years mental health officials have characterized attempted suicides as a desperate cry for help. Yet, further research has recently discovered that a suicide attempt means they don't want to live anymore. Gee, anyone could have figured this out. No one tries to kill themselves if they can fix the problem. Obviously it's really bad, that is why they chew down a handful of aspirin. Here's a good idea: next time you catch someone swallowing some poison ask them if they need help. If they say yeah, put a bullet in my head, they probably wanted to die anyway. It's the best favor you can do for them.

Turtles Smuggled Into Barbados

Barbados-Rodney Carrington of Miami told customs officers that he had nothing to declare when he arrived at Barbados in December. When a customs officer looked Rodney up and down, he stared at him for a few moments and tore off Rodney's pants. What he found was unlike anything he had seen on a man before. Strapped to Rodney were 50 four inch turtles that were in his underwear. Officer Rodriguez said, "What the hell did he want them turtles for? Besides, there were so many other ways to hide them. What the hell was he thinking when he put them down this pants? That sorry guy will go to jail a long time for this. It's a shame, we had to take all those turtles and destroy them. The worst part about it was they were on the endangered species list. Now they're extinct but ya know policy is policy." Rodney said he was relieved that the officers didn't find the gerbils he had shoved up his butt.

Aliens Transport Burglar

Davenport, Florida - A 37-year-old burglar told police that aliens had beamed him into the house. He claimed that aliens had raped him while in orbit and then beamed him down into the wrong house. Police arrested him on second degree charges and said that if they were to find any aliens that the case would be dropped. He said the aliens were very angry about their portrayal in Toy Story and claim that they never speak in unison, and when they do they are forced to fight to the death.

Supreme Court Says No Porn For Inmates!

Washington- Rejecting an appeal of an inmate who wanted Playboy delivered to his cell, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that no literature containing full-frontal nudity was allowed. Many wardens feel that the sexually explicit material is causing inmates to feel hostile toward one another and to female guards. Warden McGuire of an Arizona jail said, "Well this is prison, we don't want these boys looking at naked women and using their bodies as an amusement park. They are here to pay for their crimes. Instead of looking at naked chicks we want them to think about what they did and feel bad." Racy magazines such as Seventeen, and catalogs like Victoria's Secret are still allowed in the prison, however, art works like Michelangelo's "David" or photos of concentration camps are not allowed. Inmate Trey said, "Ya, that's cool yo, we don't need that $3.99 anyway, instead we will use our time better spent, by raping each other in the shower and thinking of ways to escape."

Editors Note: The news in this week's section is 100 percent true. I didn't make it up and neither did you! We had planned a highly offensive article about someone called the "Big Toadie" and his minions littering campus with broken stuff and trash, but the little man in my head said "NO! No more being mean!" So I will be nice for now...Bast a ha ha!
By Chris Finegan

How Quitting My Job Saved My Life

The Top Ten Rejected Slogans For MSU

By The Ironskin

10. *No longer the college for the really creepy kids.*
9. *Not one for wearing pants? Come to MSU.*
8. *The health inspectors haven’t found anything yet!*
7. *You can’t spell MSU without U!*
6. *Come to MSU. We really want your money.*
5. *Home of the poorest sorority girls this side of the Mississippi!*
4. *Come for the great education. Stay for the great side pudding!*
3. *With every 50,000 education purchased - free balloons!*
2. *Our old, tenure professors are now 20% disabled!*
1. *Come to MSU. Damn it. It’s time we did something for you!*
By Scott Adams

AS REQUESTED. I CAME UP WITH A PLAN FOR DOING MORE WORK WITH FEWER PEOPLE.

... UNLESS YOU SAY SOMETHING NOW THAT MAKES ME UNMOTIVATED.

I AM YOU FROM THE FUTURE. YOUR TIME MACHINE INVENTION WORKS.

HELLO. YOU MISERABLE FILE OF SOLO BEERAGE.

YOU ALWAYS GOT BAD ASSIGNMENTS AFTER TODAY.

HERE IT COMES!!

I MUST RETURN TO THE FUTURE. NOW. YOUR MASTERY.

THEY DON'T CALL ME MAJESTY YET.

YOU'LL MAKE IT RETRO-ACTIVE.

... SO YOU COULD BONG AROUND THE TIME TRAVELLERS.

IN THAT CASE. DANCE FOR ME.

Dilbert

The Horoscope
Never Lies

PIECES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Romance is just around the corner. You can almost taste it, put your arms around, wait, nevermind, prepare for bad luck.

ARIES (March 21 to Apr. 19): As the sun sets this Sunday embrace the new week ahead. Long lines at the supermarket will introduce you to your new love in life. Cinaburst Gum.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): You'll find yourself drinking alcohol this weekend by the gallon. You'll think you have met your future lover when you discover that you are impotent.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Your professors will fake mercy on you this week, classes will be canceled and you'll get an extra spring break, and the clap.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Cancer, it's a going to be a great week. Luck and fortune are heading your way, but beware, when you marry that millionaire things will fall apart and nothing but despair and pestilence will remain.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Beware of other Leos for the rest of the year. They may seem tempting and seem like fun but you will be much better off with a less than attractive Aquarius.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): You can handle your own destiny this week, you won't need any help from the stars. We are sick of screwing up your life, take responsibility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): A small little elf will sneak into your room and take all your socks, but it's okay, spring is here and sandals are cool.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): So you broke the poor guys heart by saying no. It's not your fault. He still loves you. He will be your friend and treat you like a princess in exchange for oral sex.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 22): Beware of dogs. They will hump your leg and you will wake up pregnant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Tu es tres stupide. Je ne t'aime pas! Quand tu mange le poulet, tu morte! Je ne ecris pas francais bien!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Behold a horrid week lies before you, but fear not, this upcoming weekend nothing but crazy monkey sex and 30 minute orgasms will occupy your time.

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Mr. Sock Takes a Sleeping Aid

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Welcome back, wrestling fans, for this week’s edition of The First Row. That was the bell, so let’s get right to it!

This week’s edition of The First Row will feature Rocky hilarious in all his skits, but Triple H, The Big Show, Mick Foley, and Vince McMahon all made appearances and added something to the program. As we all know, where The Rock goes, the ratings follow, and SNL proved to be no exception to this rule. The show pulled in an 8.2 Nielsen rating, the highest for the season for the late-night program!

The next day, World Championship Wrestling held their annual Uncensored Pay-Per-View. Judging by the recent past, the PPV went rather well, with the exception of a few little things here and there. Chris "No gimmick Needed" Candido made his debut in the federation as Chris "Hard Knox" Candido. Candido is a former WWF (part of the Body Donnas) and ECW star. Now that he has officially signed with WCW, we can only hope that he hooks up with his old friends Shane Douglas and Bam Bigelow to reform ECW’s old Triple Threat! With Candido’s better half, Tammy Lynn "Sunny" Synch, leading them to the ring, they might be able to give WCW the shot in the arm they so desperately need!

Speaking of Uncensored and Bam Bam, his match with The Wall was brutal. The Wall has been destroying everyone in his path lately, and Bigelow was no exception. The bad news in all of this was the dislocated right shoulder that Bigelow sustained. Even worse was the fall that Crowbar took when The Wall choke-slammed him from the top of the entranceway, some 15-20 feet above the ground. Crowbar sustained several cracked ribs as well as a bruised hip that could end up being more serious than initially thought.

On the injury note, Bret "Hitman" Hart has decided to publicly speak about his future for the first time since being injured. You can hear what the Hitman has to say tonight between 8 and 10 p.m. on WCW Live at www.wcw.com. Was Row off the hook this week or what?! I thought Vince had lost his mind when he booked the Wrestlemania Main Event for Row is War. But, of course, Vince knew what he was doing all along. I must say, though, Triple H really is The Game! Fair or not, like always The Game managed to come out on top of things. He is a true champion and more importantly, beyond a shadow of a doubt, The Game!

In other WWF news, Hardcore Holly and B.B.’s off-television relationship may soon be coming to a ring near you. Look for B.B. to create some extra tension between the Holly cousins after she improves in the ring and on the mic while down in Memphis.

From what I’ve been told, Tazz was supposed to beat Crash for the Hardcore Title on Raw this past Monday. If you saw the match, you would have seen the mob that surrounded Tazz and Crash, making it impossible for the two to even fight. Look for Tazz to get his hands on Crash and the Hardcore Belt tonight on Smackdown! If you are a hardcore wrestling nut from back when there was no such thing as a pay-per-view or when Vince wasn’t even calling matches yet, then you have to go see "Beyond the Mat," a newly-released documentary starring Mick Foley, Jake Roberts, and Terry Funk. All I’m going to say is that it was one of the best movies I have ever had the privilege to sit through.

With that said, our time limit has expired for another week’s worth of The First Row. Questions? Comments? Send them to FirstRowFred@aol.com. Until next week, stay out of the cheap seats!
# RED HAWK ROUND-UP

## RESULTS

**Men’s Basketball**  
3/22 - Allentown 0 @ MSU 6

**Softball**  
3/21 - MSU @ Georgian Ct.  
Postponed

**Men’s Lacrosse**  
3/18 - Wheaton 10 @ MSU 16  
3/20 - Molloy 14 @ MSU 5

**Women’s Lacrosse**  
3/21 - MSU @ Susquehanna  
Postponed

## UPCOMING

**Baseball**  
3/24 - 2 p.m. - Cortland St. @ MSU  
3/25 - 1 p.m. - Rensealer @ MSU  
3/28 - 3 p.m. - Wilmington @ MSU

**Softball**  
3/24 - 3/25 - Tournament @ MSU  
3/28 - 3:30 p.m. - MSU @ West Conn.

**Men’s Lacrosse**  
3/25 - 7 p.m. - MSU @ RSC  
3/29 - 7 p.m. - NY Mar. @ MSU

**Women’s Lacrosse**  
3/21 - 6 p.m. - Lycoming @ MSU  
3/29 - 3:30 p.m. - MSU @ Manhattanville

**Men’s Tennis**  
3/24-3 p.m. - Rutg-New @ MSU  
3/28-3:30 p.m. - Drew @ MSU  
3/29-3:30 p.m. - MSU @ TCNJ

**Women’s Tennis**  
3/23-3 p.m. - MSU @ Muhlenberg

**Track**  
3/25 - 10 a.m. - MSU Invitational

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**Grounded**

Pat Lukaske (#11) of the MSU Men’s Lacrosse team gets taken down during Monday night’s game. The team, which had scored 16 goals in each of its two prior games, was tied up and held down by a tough Molloy team. Molloy held the Red Hawks to just five goals en route to a 14-5 victory.
**Notes**

MSU's Rugby Club begins play this weekend with matches against Boston University and Boston College. The team has been practicing for weeks in anticipation of the season's opening. They will be playing at their home field on Sunday, April 23, against Bard College.

Tuesday's sports contests were all cancelled due to the weather. Rescheduled dates and/or final scores will be reported upon as the information comes in.

MSU Softball will be opening their home season this weekend with a Tournament held at The Quarry Field. Check with the Sports Information Office for starting times.

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**Athlete of the Week**

**Will Van Dorn**

Lacrosse

MSU Senior lacrosse player Will Van Dorn opened the season with three goals and five assists against Neumann College of Pennsylvania at Sprague Field last Wednesday night.

On Saturday, in a 16-10 MSU victory, he added another two goals and eight assists, pushing his points total to 18 in just two games.

Monday night the Red Hawks suffered their first defeat of the season as Molloy College held the potent MSU offense to just five goals, while scoring 14 themselves. Van Dorn picked up another two goals in the game, along with an assist.

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**INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

*(Final)*

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**March 19**

**Men's A Results**

#5 Sleepzzz d. #4 Rottweillers - 53 - 43
#3 Oh My God d. #6 Brand New - 71 - 54

**Men's B Results**

#9 Kling d. #8 Pike - 32 - 30
#7 And One d. #10 Bondshman - 46 - 41

**March 20**

**Men's B Results**

#1 JYD d. #9 Kling - 45 - 29
#5 FMJ d. #4 Killa Beez - 51 - 41
#3 Underdawz d. #6 AGSquad - 41 - 31
#7 And One d. #2 Bearcats - 63 - 58

**March 21**

**Men's A Results**

#1 D2DS d. #5 Sleepzzz - 77 - 61
#2 The Fifth d. #3 Oh My God - 55 - 44

**Men's B Results**

#1 JYD d. #5 FMJ - 55 - 33
#3 Underdawz d. #7 And One - 36 - 35

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All Games Played At Panzer Gymnasium
Belson Pitches Shutout in Hawks’ Home Opener

By Mike Sanchez
Assistant Sports Editor

Backed by Greg Belson’s complete game, four-hit shutout, the Red Hawks (7-2-1) easily defeated the Allentown College Centaurs (5-8) at Yogi Berra Stadium yesterday afternoon, after MSU returned from a 6-2-1 West Coast trip. Belson (2-0) faced only 31 batters on the game, and fanned six while walking none. The Centaur’s four hits were singles, and Belson has now given up only one earned run in his last 20 2/3 innings.

MSU’s first home game began with Belson giving up a single to the first Centaur batter, but he pitched his way out of the inning without any harm.

In the bottom half of the first, junior second baseman Dave Wurst led off for MSU with a single to left field. After he stole second base, Chris Baran walked. After a double steal, George Gallagher came up and Belson kept pitching strong with four 1-2-3 innings, but Centaur pitcher John Moult was having trouble with his control as he had several wild pitches that led to MSU runners advancing. The Centaur defense seemed very unprepared, dropping and throwing away several balls including an error that saw the center fielder and the right fielder watch a ball drop right between them.

The Centaurs poor defense allowed MSU to score more runs, including two in the bottom of the fourth inning when MSU batter Chris Baran bunted towards first base. Centaur pitcher Moult overthrew the ball and Baran advanced all the way to second.

MSU’s next batter, Craig Conway, followed with another bunt. This time the Centaur first baseman dropped the throw and Conway was safe.

With men on first and third, George Gallagher hit the ball towards shortstop, but the fielder fumbled with the ball and by the time he threw it towards first it was too late and MSU tacked on another run. MSU scored two more runs in the bottom of the seventh. With the win, Belson improved his record to 2-0. They tallied seven hits, three of them belonging to Wurst.

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Lacrosse Falls to Molloy

By Joy Renet Selnick
Managing Editor

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Molloy College held a 4-0 lead entering the second quarter, but senior midfielder Steve Urbanowycz and senior attack Adam Torrisi responded with a goal apiece. Molloy countered with three more goals, making the score 7-2 at half time.

Senior midfielder Will Van Dorn scored two goals in the first five minutes of the second half, but it wasn’t enough to overtake Molloy, who tacked on another seven goals.

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Intramural Championship Games Set; Top Seeds Advance

By Mike Halper
Sports Editor

When top-seeded Dedicated 2 Da Streetz went off the court a few minutes into Wednesday morning, they walked off thinking about the Men’s A-division Finals. Their run of blow-outs had been thinking about the Men’s A-division Finals.

The following inning, MSU’s Frank Francia singled. Brian Ellerson then doubled to left center field and Francia came all the way home to score, putting MSU up 2-0. Ellerson advanced to third after a passed ball went to the backstop. Marc Hoser then flew out to center and Ellerson tagged up and scored, and MSU was cruising with a three-run lead at the end of the second inning.

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