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 topline in 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. There are 18 trained officers who 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 several other calls involving lethal weapons. The incidents included armed robberies, aggravated assaults, domestic violence and drug-related incidents.

MSU 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.

Fire Consultants Inspect Residence Halls

By Karen Clarke
Staff Writer

The Faculty Faciltiy Committee at MSU has hired consultants to formally evaluate Fire Safety Systems after the recent Blanton Hall Dormitory fire. Because of potential dangers 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.

The fire and smoke detectors in Blanton Hall will be checked and some will be reinstalled with the assistance of state and fire inspectors this week.

To ensure that the university abides by state regulations, an annual contract has been made periodic inspections mandatory.

The cost for the minor upgrades of only priority matters is totaled at $28 million.
Dunellen - A Dunellen man was killed among the three victims who were killed in a fire early Sunday morn­ing at an off-campus fraternity house at Bloomberg University in Pennsylvania. Cliff Yal, a 21-year-old Dunellen High School graduate and a Senior at Bloomberg, was one of the three people killed in the 9 a.m. blaze. The actual cause of the fire still remains under investigation.

New Jersey - Community college students who transfer to four-year colleges now have to take their courses over because schools will no longer accept certain classes. Rutgers University plans to solve the course cost inconvenience by introducing a new database designed to inform students on which courses they will accept from transfer students. The new database - Articulation System or Artsys - will enable students to find out what courses will transfer to Rutgers University. If it succeeds, it will become the largest of its kind.

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National News
Musu Police Report

- 3-21 A recently terminated professor made terrorist threats against MSU adminis­trators and was arrested by the State Police in Trenton on a warrant issued by MSU police.
- 3-21 A female left her purse unattended in the lobby of Dickson Hall. Upon her return, the purse was missing.
- 3-21 Officers responded to a report of a man in blantom Hall. Upon arrival, they determined a burned food on the floor that caused the activate.
- 3-20 An officer on mobile patrol in lot 28 was approached on by another vehicle all and was struck by a group of hood thrown from a floor balcony. The officer’s neck, back, and wrist were condition and the group and later returned with friends. An argument ensued. No suspect could be identified.
- 3-22 Officers responded to a Bohn assistant manager's report of possible underage drinking. Upon arrival to a ninth floor room, all parties were identified. No underage persons appeared to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

Fort Hood, Texas - Film footage in a field test used to resolve whether federal agents opened fire on Branch Davidians during the final hours of the 1993 struggle will require a more extensive examination, a government spokesman said Monday. Sunday's test was intended to examine what caused the flashes of light on F.B.I. infrared surveillance footage taken toward the end of the siege in Waco, Texas.

Survivors, who have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against government officials, hired experts to prove that the flashes are results of gunfire against the Davidians.

Seattle, Washington - One of the biggest white-collar walkouts in U.S. history has ended, but the turn of Boeing engineers has questioned whether the company will catch up with work on time. Nearly 10,000 out of the 13,440 eligible, paying members of the Society of Professional Engineer­ing Employees in Aerospace voted to enact the three-year contract including 70 percent of engineers and technical workers.

Las Vegas, Nevada - A speeding van hit a group of juvenile offenders and killed five people at a roadg­ing crew, and killed five of the six involved. According to Highway Patrol Sgt. Steve Cabralas, the 20-year-old female driving the car allegedly lost control and spiraled down the road, killing the five juveniles in the process. The five people killed were working as part of a Clark County Youth Services sentence.

Washington, D.C. - Adam's Mark Hotels and Resorts plans to make major changes in its policies concerning minorities and will pay $4 million to compensate for racial discrimination lawsuits. Five black students previously complained that the hotel forced them to wear color-coded wristbands and pay higher prices during their stay. Although the suit charged a series of the chain’s hotels with discrimination, the damages will only be granted to the guests or visitors at the Daytona Beach facility.

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International News

Dhaka, Bangladesh - President Clinton became the first United States president to visit Bangladesh when he arrived in the Asian coun­try early Monday morning. Clinton was greeted with a 21-gun salute, and was welcomed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and President Shahabuddin Ahmed. The president was there to see the American and Bangladesh 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 cause the island to go to war with China. Chen softened his pro-in­dependence stance, but still in­sisted that the Chinese mainland should treat Taiwan as an equal. Taipei's market suffered a 2.8 per­cent inequity that swept Chen to power, ending a half-century gov­ernance by the ruling Nationalist party.

Amman, Jordan - Pope John Paul II arrived Monday to begin a weeklong visit to political leaders in the Middle East. During the course of the Pope's visit, he plans to meet in individual negotiations with Jordan's King Abdullah II, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The visit is aimed towards accomplishing a historical peace­ful over­tone between the political leaders of the Middle East.

Belfast, Ireland - Northern Ireland's Ulster Unionist Party leader, David Trimble, denied on Wednesday that he was prepared to begin the province’s peace process without guerrilla disarmament. Trimble said that a statement from the IRA said that the 30-year struggle against the British was over would not be enough.

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Physical Therapists and the New Jersey Cemetery Board, is from a family that arrived in the United States from Ireland at the turn of the century. Gartland hopes to learn more about her Irish heritage when she heads to Ireland for her 30 year wedding anniversary sometime this year.

Essex County - A member of the Essex County freeholder board has suggested that a Short Hills mother, and head organizer of a march on Washington, D.C., should be honored at the board’s annual celebration of Women’s History Month.

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NAACP Receives Class Three Charter Despite Conflict

By Bill Guardino
Staff Writer

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 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 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.

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.

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Guns
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* 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.

The present proposal urges organizations throughout MSU to voice their feelings on the issue. According to Cole’s memo, a formal response to the proposal must be handed to her office by May 1, 2000.

The “community policing” program that is currently used by University Police includes 10 unarmed police officers and 30 civilian security guards. They are on campus to keep the peace among the university community. They also offer programs such as self-defense classes, campus escort services and the Community Oriented Residential Education (CORE).

The campus Child Care Center recently increased its tuition by five percent. This is the first time in approximately a year and a half that the center had to raise the rate.

Fees go toward the total cost of the children's care, minus the facility. The university provides the grounds for the center. The fees provide for materials such as water, food, electricity, heat, papers, books and art supplies. It also goes toward the salary of the childcare workers.

Toys and playground equipment are paid for by fundraisers and other outside foundations, not the regular fees from the parents.

The classroom alone spends about $150 per child. “It’s not like anyone is making any money here,” said Janey Deluso, Director of the Child Care Center. “This increase is just to keep the place running.”

“We had not anticipated that we needed to do an increase,” Deluso said.

The budget submitted for this fiscal year was reviewed and found unbalanced by the Budget Office. It was determined the Child Care Center required extra revenue that would go toward ordinary operating expenses.

About 45 to 50 percent of the children enrolled at the Child Care Center are children of students. Twenty to 25 percent belong to faculty and another 15 to 20 percent are of the university staff.

The rest of the children come from off-campus families. On-campus students, faculty, and staff are in one price tier while off-campus customers pay a higher rate.

Megan Moriarty, a full-time worker, student, and mother at MSU, said she was a long-time customer of the Child Care Center, and the fees are a strain on the family budget.

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The Sparks That Ignite The Future: Women Recognized for Achievements

by Michelle Whitehead
Staff Writer

A n 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.

Estrella Abreu, director of the MSU Women's Center, expresses her appreciation to President Susan Cole and the many people who make the Presidential Achievement Awards possible. Citing the absence of awards such as this at other institutions, Abreu says a day like this is unique.

"MSU makes women's issues a priority," she stated. Abreu is pleased that MSU continually takes steps to see that the achievements of women students are not overlooked.

The scholarship recipients this year are six intelligent, talented and well-rounded young women who exhibit 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 Bladex and Susan Polise possess an outstanding commitment to education, academics and research. An English major with minors in linguistics and women's studies, Bladex has a GPA of 3.96. Polise, a Spanish major, has a 4.0 GPA and tutor assignments. Both young women continue to pursue intellectual and exploratory projects in their fields of study.

Beatrice Bernardin and Alina Tyndall are scholarship recipients for service in campus community service because of their participation in numerous organizations. Bernardin 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 Water Watch and the premed club. She also serves MSU and prospective students as an ambassador.

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Scholarships for excellence in leadership are given to students who serve as leaders of campus activities and associations. Recipients Melissa Colon and Lalena Kurtz, set an amazing example for future leaders. A Biology major, Colon is involved with New Jersey Community Water Watch and the Breast Cancer Awareness Day walkathon. After graduating from MSU, she hopes to enjoy a career as a dentist. Kurtz is a major supporter of Women's Center activities and the Women's Exploration Group. A fine arts major, she plans to create a short film that showcases the female experience and women's issues.

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Excellence in leadership:
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New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault Opens Statewide Office

Press Release

Trenton, NJ (March 1, 2000) - New Jersey residents who have been sexually victimized have long been helped by advocates in rape crisis centers across the state. Now, thanks to generous grants made through the state Office of Victim Witness Advocacy and the State's Division on Women, victims will have a strengthened coalition to help them through the healing process.

The New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA), an association of rape crisis centers across the state, has recently opened an office in Trenton. The Coalition, which has been run by a volunteer board of directors since the early 1980s, has hired a professional staff. This was undertaken to assist in the efforts to insure better services for survivors and their loved ones, as well as to educate the public, government entities and the media about the issues of sexual assault.

The prevailing myth about rape (and other types of sexual assault) is that it is perpetrated by strangers. Most victims are assaulted by someone known to them. 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 NJCASA'S first statewide public awareness campaign is "Begin by Believing." Begin by believing the victim when she or he says that they have been raped (only 2 percent of reports of sexual violence are turned out to be false). Begin 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-hotline telephone number, public service announcements on radio and television, highway, transit and print advertising and participation by staff and board members in media and other public forums.

"Volley Against Sexual Violence," a volleyball tournament at Rider University to raise public education and awareness, is one of the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault's "Begin by Believing" initiatives. The Centers for Disease Control through the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault's "Begin by Believing" program offers a toll-free hotline that survivors can use to reach out for help.

"We are very pleased to be able to launch this campaign to assist survivors' services, " said President Susan Cole presents senior Marta Bladex with an award for outstanding commitment to education, academics and research during the Presidential Achievement Award presentation held on Thursday, March 16 in Cohen Lounge.

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FREE THE POLITICAL PRISONERS: L.A.S.O.'s Spanish Fair this week featured an attention-getting van (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

Crowds of people are dancing and singing in unabashed drunkenness. Is it another fraternity toga party? Perhaps it would appear that way, but no. It's a religious celebration, believe it or not, the merriest of all Jewish holidays, Purim.

There are four mitzvot, commandments, surrounding the celebration of Purim: reading the megillah (the story of Purim the Book of Esther) twice, give presents of food to friends and family, Mishloa'ot Manot, give generously to the poor, Matanot le'Evyonim, and feast, Scuda, with plenty of wine.

The story of Purim is a theme often repeated through history. The Jews, conquered and expelled from their homeland, surrounding the world into two: spiritual and material, cannot tell the difference between "blessed good and evil. But on Purim, we celebrate "cursed be Haman," the evil Chief Advisor be Mordechai," who has a much larger role in this 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.

The Chief Advisor to the King Haman, was the bastard son of the last Amalakite King, the biblical arch-enemy of Israel, and he was obsessed with the destruction of the Jewish people.

Given full authority by King Achashverosh, Haman planned to order an empire wide program that would seal the death of all the Jews. The king ruled 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 Seuda, with plenty of wine.

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 always 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 home and commute to a nearby college (a successful attempt to avoid the changes that going away to school might present) because I couldn't imagine not being around to see my brothers and sisters grow up.

I also couldn't imagine being away from my parents who always made me feel safe and secure in my little, little world.

My brothers were 11 at the time and didn't pose as a physical threat to their older sisters who bossed and ordered them around. Now, five years later, these same boys are sporting five o'clock shadows, muscles I seem to focus on the big world and take charge.

In order to remove these pressures I want someone, anyone, to tell exactly what I am supposed to do with my life. I want someone to pay me a brief visit and say "Lisa, you are supposed to do this, this and this and the rest will fall into place." I want someone to tell me if I was put here to be a nun instead of the television reporter I think I'm supposed to be. I just want the security in knowing that what I choose to do after graduation is what I am destined to do. 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.

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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'll just have to focus my energies on dreadng 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!
**MSU Campus Calendar**

**March**

- **Thursday, March 23, 2000**
  - **Work & Family Balancing Act**
    - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. SC Ballrooms
  - **Le Cercle Français**
    - 3 p.m. DI 115
  - **Conservation Club**
    - 4 p.m. SC 104
  - **Enduring Equality: Radical Change, Sexual Politics & the Problem of Impermanence**
    - 11-12:15 p.m. DI 178

- **Friday, March 24, 2000**
  - **Party: Groove Phi Groove**
    - 9 p.m. SC Ballrooms

- **Saturday, March 25, 2000**
  - **Rugby Tournament**

- **Sunday, March 26, 2000**
  - **Yoga**
    - 1-2 p.m. SC 419
  - **Tighten-N-Tone**
    - 4-5 p.m. Kopps Lounge, Russ Hall
  - **Cardio Kickboxing**
    - 5-6 p.m. Gym 6
  - **Step -N-Tone**
    - 4-5 p.m. BL Hall
  - **Cardio Kickboxing**
    - 5-6 p.m. Gym 6
  - **Chi Alpha**
    - 7:30 p.m. SC 411
  - **Hydro-Fit**
    - 8-9 p.m. Panzer

- **Monday, March 27, 2000**
  - **Enduring Equality**
    - 11-12:15 p.m. DI 178
  - **Geo Club**
    - 4 p.m., MA 252
  - **PreMed Club**
    - 4 p.m. Science Hall 126
  - **SPECTRUMS**
    - 6:30-7:30 p.m. SC 416
  - **Healthy Relationship Day**
    - In memory of Chimere R. McRea
  - **CLUB**
    - 7:30 p.m. SC 104
  - **Indian Holy Show**
    - 7-11 p.m. Ratt
  - **Possible Side Effects**
    - 9 p.m. Ratt

- **Tuesday, March 28, 2000**
  - **Healthy Relationship Day**
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**Women's Health 2000**

**Breakout Sessions**

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  - Room 419
  - Angela Wimmer, MD, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Saint Barnabas Medical Center
  - Patricia Yauch, RN, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Health & Wellness Center, MSU

- **Healthy Issues 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

11 to 11:45 a.m. in Student Center

- **Emotional Well-Being and Stress Reduction**
  - Room 417
  - Susan Skalsky, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAP, Director, Wellness Services, MSU
  - Susan Weinstein, RN, Director, Women's Health Education, Saint Barnabas Medical Center

- **Healthy Lifestyle: The Importance of Exercise and Nutrition**
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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.

Facially 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 supportive GLBT Place program was since then, programs have been established at various

According to the Program flyer, “If 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 style. 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 Calvano

My name is Casey Calvano 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 into effect.

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 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 more 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 their U.S. (and some abroad!) 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 set 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 from 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 Martyr," 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 Soundtrack. Their sound is comprised of one sticking out in particular to the reader.

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 Meegz 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...
Special Words for Women

By Katherine Lupo

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 to promote the new major, and Fawzia Afsal-Khan of the English Department who read a piece of original fiction that was, as Nicole Patterson, sophomore, his major, said was “moving and emotional.”

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, Veleta 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 Immanence,” 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 to 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.

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Time Plays a Part in Ever-Changing Exhibit

By Loretta Kaisel
Assistant Copy Editor

Thursday, March 23, 2000

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 "Excursus: 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 modifies 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. The piece is elevated on a platform against the backdrop of sky and square1," 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 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 in turn is 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 obscures 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 "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-
The Best You’ve Never Read

By John Frusciatile
Staff Writer

Well, 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.

2. The Wasp Factory - Iain M. Banks. Really freaky book about a little boy who doesn’t fit in and doesn’t want to. Quite a bit more, actually.


4. The Art of Death - Neil Postman. Some discourse about how the media is drastically affecting (in a negative way) our ability to think.

5. And the Ass Saw the Angel - Nick Cave. Cult musician Nick Cave (the Bad Seeds) delivers a powerful and disturbing novel. Yeah!

6. The Secret Life of Salvador Dalí - Salvador Dalí. He woke up one day and realized he was a genius. I agree.

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

8. Radiohead - Dave McKenna. Very interesting theories, thoughts, and observations about hallucinogenic drugs.

9. Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television - Jerry Mander. Well worth the time. Might I suggest reading it instead of watching television? Hmm...

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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 also available in the MSU library, so check there first. Happy reading!
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APPLICATIONS: A complete application consists of the following:

a. a completed application form and essay prepared by the student; and,

b. letters of recommendation from a combination of any two of the following employed at MSU: faculty members, professional staff members, or librarians, who are members of the AFT Local 1904 bargaining unit.

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b. letters of recommendation.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The student application packet (cover sheet and essay) and the two letters of recommendation must be submitted to AFT, Local 1904, Montclair State University, College Hall, Room 318c no later than 4:30pm on May 1, 2000.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For additional information and application packets contact:

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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

"The phones weren’t working. We had serious problems with the air conditioning. We would just like the repairs to be done in a timely fashion."
Jessica Glezicki
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 judgement."
Mike Toft
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

Question of the Week:
Do you think it’s wise to allow campus police to carry firearms?

Appearing next week:
Tim Carney
Bill Guidino
Joy Thompson

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. Granted, there are those of us who are harsh critics of the administration, but that’s taking it a bit far, isn’t it?

In 1994, the University’s police sergeants went to the Board of Trustees requesting permission for all officers in the line of duty to carry firearms. In April of 1995, the request was denied and the issue seemed to fade away. Until now. University Police, as well as the SGA, have asked the administration to once again open the case for arming MSU’s police force. In a memo sent out to the campus community, 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 NCU have no police force and instead work with security officers, nearby William Paterson University, an institution against which MSU is often measured, also arms their officers part-time. Another statistic seems to sway popular opinion on the issue in the other direction: MSU has 10 officers (with 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 off 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 they stop students fleeing the scene of a crime by yelling and waving a flashlight? “Stop, or I’ll say stop again,” is hardly an intimidating threat.

We need to put our fears aside and start to think about protecting our friends and teachers, the people who really make up the campus community to which we constantly refer. Do 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 on and off campus obligations without having to worry about issues of safety as well.
The Devils and George Steinbrenner:
Another Example of Athletic Big Business at Work

T he 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-hated owner of the Yankees, a pet project of “the boss,” for some years now. The $1 billion company he has created, with himself as being equal to the faculty and staff members to have equal access to any park­ ing lot, in the nature of professional sports, will be re­ placed by love for the almighty dollar; pride replaced by capitalism. Isn’t that 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.

As long as fat, middle-aged, beer-swilling 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 lousy parking policy! 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 Week In Politics

The current parking policy that has been in effect since September of 1999 is biased, and thus invalid. Students, families, and visitors who use the University parking lots must have equal access to any parking spot, in the nature of professional sports, will be replaced by love for the almighty dollar; pride replaced by capitalism. Isn’t that 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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Blowing up the Letters: Exploring the Horrible Truths of Grade Inflation

What 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 Chimere Mcrae was not a victim of domestic violence. Just because her boyfriend declared the vast majority of our overall grade, the vast majority 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 others’ 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 periods were utilized as an instructional lecture in operating the website and posting correctly. All of this class time was wasted even when an instructional handout was provided on the first day of class regarding message postings. Still the result was the same: only a minority of students posted regularly.

The professors for the course, Dr. Nash and Dr. Cutler, specifically indicated the grading procedure for internet postings on the same day the syllabus was handed out. Basically, we would be graded on quality, not quantity. Provided that we completed the required three postings a week before the Monday deadline, we would receive a grade of ‘A’ for the postings’ percentage over our grade. The topic questions for the postings were based on the particular topics we were covering on that week and generally called for open-ended answers. Therefore, extensions granted were completely unjustified; as those students who posted their comments later than the original deadlines were merely submitting commentary on topics that were already discussed and completely irrelevant to topics explored and evaluated in class that week. It served no purpose for those students who had not completed the assignments on time to do so later. 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, refined, and formulated. However, because so few did assignments on time, 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 discussion 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 email our biweekly 300 word essays to the members of the small groups we were divided 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. Those instances students should simply be instructed to drop the course without penalty and retract it during another semester. Simply allowing students to continually accumulate college credit for work they have not done, have not done time, or have not done properly destroys the very purpose of the credit system. 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.

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The more incompetent, 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. For the sake of our school, its students, and our futures in a highly competitive workforce, professors at this institution must stop giving in to students and get tough on grading.

Frank Fusco is a senior studying political science and journalism. This is his first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

The Week In Politics

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

Tarsha Clarke
biology

Salena Williams
political science

The Week In Politics

Examine 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 fortunate.

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 will 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 a way to keep 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 have stuck it out with me are the ones that know everything and don’t judge me on the wrong thing. They’ve helped me when I was down, and 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.

On 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 the friends you care that are the friends you will have for life. Be thankful for them instead of wanting more.
Kenyan Women Demand Sex
From Overweight Donut Bearing Cops

By Brian Cross
HUMOUR™ Editor and all around cool guy!

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

Inmates smuggling Turtles into Barbados

BARRADOS-Rodney Carrington of Miami told cus­
tomers officers that he had noth­
ing 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 Rodneys 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 he did 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 endan­
gered species list. Now they’re extinct but ya know policy is policy.” Rodnely said he was relieved that the officers didn’t find the gerbils he had shoved up his butt.

Figures of the Week

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A Future Possibility

JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, Texas -

Technicians at NASA have been working

on a new device that could create an oxy­
gen atmosphere around Mars. The device will allow future astronauts to walk around without their bulky hel­

mets. JSC personnel believe that by sending a large box the size of

an oven, that will cost several million dollars to Mars, they will make this huge planet habitable.

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more interested in eating donuts and drinking

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DARTMOUTH, Florida - A 37 year-old

bargirl 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 in­
mate who wanted Playboy delivered to his cell, the U.S. Supreme court de­
cided that no literature con­
taining full-frockal nudity was allowed. Many war­
dens feel that the sexually explicit material is causing

inmates to feel hostile to­
ward 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 maga­
zines such as Seventeen, and catalogues like

Victoria’s Secret are still allowed in the

prison, however, art works like

Michealangelo’s “David” or photos of con­
centration camps are not allowed. Inmate

Trey said, “Yo, that’s cool yo, we don’t need that $3/0% 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 Twinkie” 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...Bwa ha ha ha!

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How Quitting My Job Saved My Life

By Chris Finegan

No Longer The Lazy Editor, Now Just Lazy.

There’s nothing I like more than a day off, especially when it isn’t expected. Take Saturday, for example. Sure, I was supposed to work at something on Saturday morning, by which I mean 11:15. Slave drivers. That meant that from the wee hours of Saturday morning – I’m a college student, remember – until well after midnight, I would sell my soul to a corporate chain restaurant. For the sake of argument, I’ll call it “Ralphie’s.” The hell with it, I’m even up before I even walk in the door. God, I hate my job.

My uniform consists of:

1. A nametag that, of course, does not have my real name. I don’t want the idiots at my table to know my real name because this way, they can holler, “Ralphie?” Balthazar? Balthasar, my soup is cold! and I can ignore them.

2. A pressed white shirt with stains from indescribable substances. One thing all the stains on my shirt have in common is that they must come from another planet, because earthly substances are not capable of looking like they are. They are resistant to bleach and other cleaning products and it’s gotten to the point where I’ve made them things about them. I’ve given up the fight, and I’ve decided to keep them and give them names based on their shape. For example, the restaurant where I work, “Crossing The Delaware River” is on my left shoulder and “Post-Industrial Accident Ricky Martin” is on the front pocket.

3. A hat with 30 million buttons on it. This is my way of declaring my contempt for the world. I’ve got so many on there that now I’m wearing chains mail and weighs 30 pounds. But I hold my head up high, because underneath the world’s worst “got milk?” and “We ID everyone under 100” buttons, lurk the monsters of my head. The tamest one I can tell you about reads, “IB6, IB9.” I hope that some impressionable young children catch a glimpse of one of my more verboten buttons. The perfect place to ask for clarification would, of course, be on the car ride home.

4. Black shoes covered with every salad dressing imaginable. People do not realize that every restaurant has an extra salad dressing not always on the menu. It’s called “Schmoozitz,” and is made of equal parts of every dressing available in the store. It can usually be found on shoes, but Schmoozitz is also found covering every surface in the kitchen. If it is earthy, brush it off. If it is tangy flavor. Ask your waiter for a side of it the next time you visit a restaurant. You’ll be pleasantly surprised by the result.

5. A pair of black pants that I haven’t washed in 10 years. I don’t know how long. They’re black. They’re sickly dirty. I’ll spray some cologne on them to camouflage that faja smell. There, now they’re clean.

6. And, of course, an apron that appears to have been drenched in a cake creaminess/ranch dressing marinade. It was black, but now it’s a melange. It’s starting to resemble a tie-dyed shirt, but I don’t care. The way I see it, my “lower body,” which has so many food particles that it could feed a small nation, is right in the mugs of my idiot customers. Nothing like a week-old stain in your face as you turn to ask, “Why did you change the menu?” or “That shirt is old one much better.” (I’ve never been prompted to answer, “I personally contacted the national office and instructed them to alter our menu because I HATE YOU and I KNOW YOU WOULD ORDER SOMETHING DUMB!” Yet somehow, I never worked up the guts to say, “I know I’m being poor-bitchy, you have to be nice.”

7. Now that I’m in the door, the chains ensue. If you’ve never experienced this degradation, I strongly recommend that you try it for a month. In that month, you will realize why waiters are rude and surly. After the umpteenth bad tip, the umpteenth delay in the kitchen that causes your food to take 40 minutes, and the umpteenth idiot who can’t read the menu, you will realize why waiters drink away their earnings at night. If I wound up in hell I might get stuck repeatedly with people like one blue-haired old lady who called me “Balthazar? Balthasar? Howdy hooligan.” (Yes, that is an actual quote).

Waiting tables also forces you to put up with the inane conversation of even more people. When a customer asks, “Is there anything else I can do for you?” I’m being polite, but I also set myself up. I get thrown back with one-word answers, and I can pick up the check, “You could give me a million dollars,” or even the occasional, “Would you like a kid?” All of these are followed by a laugh that screams out, “My brains are leaking out my ear!” God, I hate that. That’s not all – there are also managers to deal with, and, wow, can they be fun. Most of them I feel for, but there’s the occasional generic error who calls himself my boss. They are in different flavors, too, and can be recognized by their dialogue. My personal favorite is the corporate drone, who uses large words, says nothing, and obviously understands none of it as well. For example, some drone actually told me once that the Aquatic food. And I made a large sum of money. Ah, money. To breathe the air of a free man? To subject everything would result in immediate termination, especially not showing up for an interview, or making a reference. I didn’t work. There’s a moral to this story, I’m sure. I have money. And I owe it all to not going on stage.

My roommate woke me up on Saturday morning and told me that he had a phone call. It was a job offer. Hmm. To submit myself to slavery or to breathe the air of a free man? To subject myself to boredom and earning chump change, or to not bother and heroically defy “the man?” To...oh, to subject myself to something like, “Work sucks. Gambling is fun.” So stop working and go to Atlantic City.

I wonder what my boss did without me.
Dilbert®

By Scott Adams

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

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Hello: You miserable pile of solid assignments! After today, this will be easier...

I know every tragedy that will happen in your future...

I must return to the future, now, your majesty.

They don’t call me majesty, yet.

You’ll make it retro-active.

...so you could boss around the time travellers.

Here it comes!!!

I’ll never forget the day I spilled hot coffee on my crotch.

I won’t let that happen again.

I’ll never forget.

I always get bad assignments after today.

Hole does my head get like this hole?

I am you from the future. Your time machine invention works. A future version of me will arrive via time machine to help on the project...

...unless you say something now that makes me unmotivated.

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

ARIES (March 21 to Apr. 19): As the sun sets this Sunday embrace the new week ahead. Long times 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, fu 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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ah! someone got by the crossword!

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Mr. Stock 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 past Saturday, The Rock hilariously performed all his skits, but Triple H, The Big Show, Mick Foley, and Vince McMahon all made an appearance in Saturday Night Live. Not only was The Rock hilarious in all his skits, but 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!

One of the most popular trends in wrestling for the past year has been the big “returns” of stars. Stars such as Hulk Hogan, Steve Austin, The Undertaker, Tazz(a), Ric Flair, and Goldberg have all had or will have long-awaited returns. Most of these returns are hyped for weeks in advance, and often overshadow the stars who have been wrestling the whole time. This week has shown just how ridiculous the trend has been. The WWF’s “B.B.” (top right) won’t be hyped, but her return to the boob tube will probably have fans clicking the remote. Sting (above) returned recently with little fanfare, in a move that had been long-anticipated by “smarts” on the internet. Scott Steiner (above left) and his 26-inch biceps made their much-talked-about return on Monday night’s Nitro program, resulting in most people going to 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.
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.
Renssealer @ 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
3/23 - 6 p.m.
Lycoming @ MSU
3/25 - 2 p.m.
Messiah @ MSU
3/29 - 3:30 p.m.
MSU @ Manhattenville

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

Grounded

Pat Lukasko (#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.

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**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**

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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 popped out to center field. Wurst tagged up and gave MSU a quick 1-0 lead.

The following inning, MSU's Frank Francia singled. Brian Ellerson then doubled to left center field on a hit-and-run call 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.

Belson kept pitching strong with four 1-2-3 innings, but Centaur pitcher John Moult overthrew the ball and Baran advanced all the way to second. Moult overthrew the ball and Baran advanced all the way to second. The Centaurs poor defense allowed MSU's first baseman dropped the throw and the fielder fumbled with the ball and by the time he threw it towards first it was too late.

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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 totaled seven hits, three of them belonging to MSU runners advancing. The Centaurs 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.

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