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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 instigate 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.

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 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.

The fire and smoke detectors in Blanton Hall will be checked and some will be replaced with the more economical and efficiently stronger copper piping, Hewitt said.

The mandatory funding for these projects will come from state funding, but mainly student fees, which partially explains the increase in tuition every year, Hewitt said.

Because of the lack of funding for the upgrades the project has become a multi-year plan. In addition to that, the actual upgrading of the residence halls can only be taken care of during the summer months.

The fire and safety are the top priorities, Hewitt said. 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 collaborating to follow through with the projects of priority and enhance ment in the MSU CPAP proposal.

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 diagnose the problems and take care of many of the reoccurring equipment failures.
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NAACP Receives Class Three Charter Despite Conflict

By Bill Guardino
Staff Writer

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By Nichole Farella
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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 non-traditional families.

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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.

"The administration has expressed sympathy for our cause, but so far, has not taken any action. They are supportive in principle," Petievich said.

MSU President Susan Cole was away and unavailable to comment.

"The committee will continue to strive for equality for all types of families, not only traditional male/female households," Chasin said.

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* 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).

MSU Child Care Center Raises Costs

By Julie Gau
Staff Writer

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, 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 students pay a higher rate.

Megan Moriarty, a full-time worker, student, and mother at MSU, said she was a little surprised about the increase in fees, but only after looking for outside campus childcare.

Several options for paying for child care are the following: Parents can ask the Child Care Agency of their county if they are eligible for federal subsidy. The SGA also provides funds for the Child Care Center and scholarships. A parent-child scholarship may also be offered.

Fines Imports: Chinese artists (left to right) Xue Song, Mi Qui, and Qu Fong Guo pose for photos during the opening of their exhibition Transcending Boundaries in the University Gallery last Thursday afternoon. The mixed media pieces on display, including the aforementioned artists, were by Zhang Xiao Gang as well as Fang Li Jun. Currently, Mi Qui is an artist in residence in the Fine Arts MFA program at MSU.

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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.

Esmeida Abreu, director of the MSU Women's Center, expresses her appreciation to Dr. 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 honorees for each student along with praise from professors and advisors.

Scholarship recipients for scholastic achievement, Marta Blake and Susan Polise possess an outstanding commitment to education, academics and research. An English major with minors in linguistics and women's studies, Blake has a GPA of 3.96. Polise, a Spanish major, has a 4.0 GPA and tutors 15 students. Both young women continue to pursue intellectual and exploratory projects in their fields of study.

Beatrice Bernardin and Alina TYndall are scholarship recipients for excellence 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. Tyn dall, 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 admissions 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."

Lalena Kurtz, a scholarship winner

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

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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. Always tell my students that students at MSU are worthy. "There are scholarships out there," she says emphatically.

"With regard to the six versatile young women honored at the reception, Dr. Gould-Levine says, "These winners could get awards in all three categories." She hopes that in the future these scholarship recipients will continue to promote the growth of women in academics and community service.

Abreu echoes that sentiment. She says, "In the past, one person's genius created a spark. Hopefully these young women will be the spark."

The families of the scholarship recipients are all very proud.

"She really found herself here at MSU," Mrs. Polise says of her daughter Susan. Apparently all of these young women have found their niche in the campus community. Likewise, MSU is lucky to have them as students since, more likely than not, these young women will be the spark that ignites future concern with women's issues.

By Michelle Whitehead

2000 Presidential Achievement Award Recipients

Outstanding commitment to education, academics and research: Marta Blake and Susan Pol ise

Excellence in campus community service: Beatrice Bernardin and Alina Tyn dall

Excellence in leadership: Melissa Colon and Lalena Kurtz

President Susan Cole presents junior Marta Blake 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.
Once Upon A Time:

The Story Of Purim

By Florence Roggeaman
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.

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   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, 24th, March | • Party: Groove Phi Groove, 9 p.m. SC Ballrooms  
   • 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  
   • "Women's Creativity & Dissent," 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. SC Ballroom A  
   • Basketball Game: NJ Wheelchair All-Stars vs. MSU, 7:30 p.m. Panzer Gym  
   • SPECTRUMS, 2-3 p.m. SC 416  
   • LASO, 3:30 p.m. SC Cafe C  
   • Hi-Lo Tone, 4-5 p.m. BL Hall  
   • Kickboxercise 5-6 p.m. Gym 6  
   • SPECTRUMS, 6:30-7:30 p.m. SC 416  
   • Aerobic Step & Tone, 6:15-7:45 p.m. Gym 6  
   • Hydro-Fit, 8-9 p.m. Panzer  |
| Saturday, 25th, March | • Rugby Tournament  
   • 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  |
| Sunday, 26th, March | • Yoga, 1-2 p.m. SC 419  
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   • PreMed Club, 4 p.m. Science Hall 126  
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   • CLUB, 7:30 p.m. SC 104  
   • Indian Holy Show, 7-11 p.m. Ratt  
   • Possible Side Effects, 9 p.m. Ratt  |
| Tuesday, 28th, March | • Yoga, 1-2 p.m. SC 419  
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   • SPECTRUMS, 6:30-7:30 p.m. SC 416  
   • Aerobic Step & Tone, 6:15-7:45 p.m. Gym 6  
   • Hydro-Fit, 8-9 p.m. Panzer  |

**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 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

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

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  
Room 411-414  
Michele Fisher, DPE, Department of Health Professions/PERLS, MSU  
Kelly Iorio-Januzzi, RD, Outpatient Nutrition, Saint Barnabas Medical Center

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This free educational program is sponsored, in part, by the Saint Barnabas Medical Center Development Foundation.

All lectures and the breakfast are free of charge. Participants may attend all or part of this conference. Registration is necessary, particularly for those attending the breakfast session.

To register, please call the Montclair State University Women's Center at (973) 655-5114 by Friday, March 24, and leave your name and telephone number.
Out There

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

By Jackie Parker
Staff Writer

I am a senior attending MSU. As a result of my own experience in the Cooperative Education Program, I am now questioning whether or not to change my mind about going into the field I wanted to gain insight and the necessary tools to make an educated decision.

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 to 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.

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Coal Chamber and Type O Negative Rock New York

By Nicole Padilla

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inally, Type O Negative has come back! Type O Negative has been 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 seemed 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 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 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 "Pitch"

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

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Want to be a Poet?: Tips and Tricks from an Industry Insider

By Kathleen Savino

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ost 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, never question 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 astonished 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. your pager is just like my pager... or is open specifically to students. No matter what, keep writing and submitting!

*A poem that is over a page, unless it is a real masterpiece, will probably not even be finished."

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Special Words for Women

By Katherine Lupo
Staff Writer

Words for Word, a Celebration of the new Women’s Studies Major, took place on Monday, May 20, in the Student Center Ballroom 8. 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 Afzal-Khan of the English Department who read 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, Veliesta 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.

“Words 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 Impersonance,” 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 Health Responsibility 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 McCray 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.

Professor Nancy Goldberg of the Fine Arts Department adorns the work of Vietnamese photographers, Bui Xuan Huy, who will be on hand at the Art Forum Lecture Series in Carcia 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 Kainel
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 “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 work is the same except for the hues and tones that envelop it. Colors from the adjoining chambers can be seen through the scurves 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 a sculpture. 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 Fruscantie
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 the adventures of a kid who likes to blow things up. There’s much more in relation to Iain. Some folks call in a mod-...
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James P. Keenen III, Joseph T. Moore, Anita E. Uhia and Connie Waller
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Four $500.00 scholarships will be awarded to MSU students

Purpose: In May 1996, the members of AFT local 1904 established the Scholarship Endowment Fund as an expression of esteem and respect for James P. Keenen III, Joseph T. Moore, Anita E. Uhia, and Connie Waller. We honor their signal service to the University as founders and leaders of AFT Local 1904, and their distinguished intellectual and teaching careers. Recipients of awards made by the Fund will be known as Keenen-Moore-Uhia-Waller Scholars. The Fund is dedicated to help full-time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at least one semester at MSU prior to the application date and who in whole or in part depend on their own work for the economic resources required for their enrollment or otherwise to pursue their studies in a recognized University program.

Eligibility: Eligibility is limited to students who:

a. are enrolled full-time at MSU at the time the award payment is made;

b. are not on academic or disciplinary suspension or probation;

c. in whole or in part depend on their own work for the economic resources for their enrollment at MSU.

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.

Criteria for Selection: Applications will be evaluated on the basis of:

a. the applicant’s essay describing the economic need, how the ward will be used, and the role of higher education in the student’s life; and,

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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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

"They had another fire drill this week. You'd think it was enough to commute and I didn't go to class anyway."

Jessica Genecki

"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 Genecki

"I guess so. It was better than nothing. I thought we were getting nothing. Don't know how much it cost per month to make an accurate judgement."

Mike Tofte

"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

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The Voice of Montclair State

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. 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 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 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 (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 be given the weapon of the police officer? 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.

Question of the Week:

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

Appearing next week:

Tim Carney
Bill Guardino
Lou Ruggieri

Joy Thompson
Justin Vellucci
The Devils and George Steinbrenner:
Another Example of Athletic Big Business at Work

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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 owner of the Yankees for some years now. 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 highway 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, claims he 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 tax payers millions of dollars. Unfortunately, McMullen last month that she would not grant him and his partner, CableVision Systems, the air rights to build the arena. McMullen bought the Devils franchise 15 years ago for the then, meager sum of $30 million. With the deal, he stands to profit six-fold from the original purchase. He insists, however, that 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 season. 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 disappointed me."

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. Love for the game has now been replaced by love for the almighty dollar: pride replaced by capitalism. Isn't Steinbrenner content to be the dictator of one local team, instead of three? Why was it even necessary to build a new stadium in the first place? Money, of course. The Devils and Nets have been drawing record-low crowds over the past year. It's hard to understand why; the Nets have a phenomenal and entertaining young talent in Stefenon Marbury, and the Devils own the third best record in the NHL, favored by many to win the Stanley Cup. But money rules all, and so our ugly-as-all-sin governor has decided to evict small businesses and taxing taxpayers from their homes to build a sports and entertainment complex that, knowing the habitually money-hungry nature of professional sports, will be replaced by yet another new sports complex, in the next 10 years.

Want to know the worst part about this whole ordeal? It's just going to get worse. As long as fat, middle-aged, beer-swilling owners sit back and revel in their ill-gotten gains, their homes will be 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 if 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 priority. "Sorry you were just forced out of your homes," they'll say. "But look, we built a great new parking lot where your living room used to be."

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Jerome D'Angelo is a freshman political science major. This is his first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

Montclair Mailbag

Equal Access Parking: An Unreasonable Request?

The current parking policy that has been in effect since September of 1999 is biased, and thus invalid. Many colleges and universities permit students (commuters and residents alike), as well as faculty and staff members to have equal access to any parking spot, in any parking lot of their choosing. The only catch: you have to find a vacant spot first. This, in my opinion, is not all that unpleasant, since countless students hide out in their cars, awaiting the arrival of fellow students who are parked in the lots that are closest to the campus. This idea may be perceived as a bit extreme, but if carefully analyzed, it becomes evident that this is an attempt to treat the student body of MSU as being equal to the faculty and staff.

The efforts that have already been made by the students at the two late-night protests may have been well intentioned, but in reality achieved no immediate results. In so-called equal access parking, the necessary data from other students, for example, may have been wasted every year for something as trivial as a parking lot. The Week In Politics

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**VIEWPOINT**

**Blowing up the Letters:**
**Exploring the Horrific 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 underserving 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 lecture in operating the website and posting correctly. All of this clasmetime 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 of our overall grade. The topics for the postings were based on the particular week we were covering on that week only 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 can be discussed regularly outside of class time and opinions could be shared, refuted, and formulated. However, because so few did the 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 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 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. When 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 value of a college degree. Prospective employers will negotiate resumés 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 mimics 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 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.

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

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**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 dedicated the work of their classmate and formulated. However, because so few discussions were weak and among few. Unfortunately, my recent experience in the Pursuits of English class is not an isolated incident. My multiple choice 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 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. When 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 value of a college degree. Prospective employers will negotiate resumés 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 mimics 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 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.

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**Examining 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’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.

The power of 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 self-esteem. They give you the power to accomplish anything and at the same time, they give you the power to destroy 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 stick are the ones I can trust. They give me the power to accomplish anything and at the same time, they give me the power to destroy everything.

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, look at everyone 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 wanting more.
Nairobi, Kenya - Many angry sexually deprived women made a formal protest at a Kenyan police station just north of Nairobi. Their protest was that 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 they are too drunk to get it up. We wouldn't match America's great. No problem. Let's send it to the moon. No Mars. Yeah. Mars. Dr. Scratch & Sniff's recent claim to fame was his discovery that there were no green men on Mars because Mars is red and it wouldn't match America's great. No problem. Let's send it to the moon. No Mars. Yeah. Mars.

Suicide Attempt Doesn't Necessarily Mean You Want To Live

Boston - For many 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 chow down a handful of aspirin. Here's a good idea: next time you catch someone swallowing worse 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 Into Someone's Home

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 catalogues like Victoria's Secret are still allowed in the prison, however, art works like Michaelangelo's "David" or photos of concentration camps are not allowed. Inmate Trey said, "Yo, that's cool yo, we don't need that 95% anyway, instead we will use our time better, by raping each other in the shower and thinking 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 Tecktor" 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 ha ha ha!
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, but a blustery morning, by which I mean 11:15. Slave drivers. That meant that from the wee hours of Saturday morning – I’m a “Filibuster student” time, remember – until well after midnight, I would sell my soul to a corporate chain restaurant. For the sake of argument, I’ll call it “Mr. Filthy’s.” The menu begins before I even walk in the door. God, I hate my job.

My uniform consists of:

- 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 usually begin to look like they are. They are resistant to bleach and other cleaning products and it’s gotten to the point where I’ve removed 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 “crescent moon crossing The Delaware River” is on my left shoulder and “Post-Industrial Accident” (crescent moon crossing The Delaware River) is on the front pocket.

- 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 need infrared chain mail and weights 30 pounds. But I hold my head up high, because underneath the wholeseam “guy” and “guy” and “everyone under 100” buttons, lurk the monsters of my mind. The tamest one I can tell you about reads, “IB6, UB9.” I hope that some impressionable young children catch a glimpse of one of my more verobento buttons. The perfect place to ask for a million would be, of course, be on the car ride home.

- Black shoes covered with every salad dressing imaginable. The patrons do realize that every restaurant has an extra salad dressing not always on the menu. It’s called “Schmooz,” and is made of equal parts of very dry dressing and table salt. It can usually be found on shoes, but Schmooz is also found covering every surface in the kitchen. It is earthy, almost tangy flavor. Ask your waiter for a side of it the next time you visit a restaurant. You’ll be greatly surprised by the result.

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

- And, of course, an apron that appears to have been dunked in a carton of creamed/ ranch dressing marinade. It was black, but now it’s a melange. It’s starting to resemble a tuxedo 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 “How’s my order? Do I look old one much better.” (“I’ve always been tempted 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 it, perhaps because you’re too nice.)

Now that I’m in the door, the chaos ensues. If you’ve never experienced this degeneration, extraordinarily recommend that you try it for a month. In that month, you will realize why waiters are rude and surly. After the umpire's bad tip, the umpire delayed in the kitchen that causes your food to take 40 minutes, and the umpire idiot who can't read the menu, you will realize why waiters drive away their earnings at night. If I wound up in hell I might get stuck regularly with people like one blue-haired old lady who called me “Mr. Filthy’s bummer.” (Yes, that is an actual quote.)

Waiting tables also forces you to put up with the insane conversation of even more insane people. When you ask, “Is there anything else I can do for you,” I’m being polite, but I also set myself up. I get thrown with coworkers that pop 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, but 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 word “appliance” is a derogatory term for household products, and one manager extols modus operandi in order to increase productivity. “I don’t know who reads,’’ he hollered, “it’s not like you would wager. But it warms my heart to think that this is a man who earns more money than I am. Obviously, he deserves it. God, I hate him.

I wish most of my customers could have seen my last boss. He was an interesting character. He was like a mix of Gonzales and Der Führer. The man was exciting, if nothing else. He would seemingly hover over the entire restaurant at once, and start making rules on the spot, such as, “No giving backrubs,” and “No playing everyone’s favorite music.” Everything would result in immediate termination, especially not showing up for an entire shift, Monkey to the salt mines. And thus, the seed was planted...

My roommate woke me up on Saturday morning and told me that I had a phone call. It was my last boss. I should have known. “Hm. To submit myself to slavery or to breathe the air of a free man?” To subject myself to the inane conversation of even more inane people, or to not bother earning chump change, or to not bother and heroically defy “the man?” To...oh, to...to light the better? To...oh, to...to light the better? To...oh, to...to light the better.

So I greeted a beautiful day as a free, unmanacled man. I decided that if I was going to have a day off, I should have fun. Unfortunately, I’m a little too big to go to a playground. I had to head to the big kids’ playground - Atlantic City.

I convinced my brother to come along with me... Among other things, I got pushed around by a homeless guy, yelled at by a bunch of bussards that were cutting into my actions, and won a large sum of money. I’m not saying that I made more money, I’m saying that I made a tidy sum as well.

So that’s the lot. I’m now happy and I have money. And I owe it all to this job. So, I’m going to 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.

A future version of me will arrive via time machine to help on the project.

...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 shit to berate.

You always get bad assignments after today.

Will you make it retroactive in that case? Dance for me.

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

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

I know every tragedy that will happen in your future.

Alice. This is me from the future.

At the next Holiday Party she's all over you.

So that after today she never drains again.

Here it comes!!!

I must return to the future now. Your Majesty.

They don't call me Majesty yet.

You'll make it retroactive.

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

I know every tragedy that will happen in your future.

Dilbert

The Horoscope
Never Lies

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 April 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 (April 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): 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!

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 August 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 (August 23 to September 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 (September 23 to October 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 (October 23 to November 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 (November 22 to December 22): Beware of dogs. They will hump your leg and you will wake up pregnant.

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

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 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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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, 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 anymore, 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 soon 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 kick关爱 tube will probably have fans clicking the remote. Sting (above) returned recently with little fanfare, in a move that had been long-anticipated by "smarties" 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 college to sit through.

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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 @ 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

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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OPENING IN EARLY APRIL
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.

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 point 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.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL
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Playoff tours in parentheses
Men's A - Top 6 teams advanced
Men's B - Top 10 teams with .500 record advanced

March 19

Men's A Results
#5 Sleepers d. #4 Rottweilers - 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 Bondman - 46 - 41

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

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Men's A Results
#1 D2DS d. #5 Sleepers - 77 - 61
#2 The Fifth d. #3 Oh My God - 55 - 44

Men's B Results
#1 JYD d. #5 FMJ - 55 - 33
#3 Underdawgz d. #7 And One - 36 - 35

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

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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 doubled to left center field on a hit-and-run call and Baran advanced all the way to second. Centaur pitcher John Moult threw it towards first it was too late for the fielder fumbled with the ball and by the time he threw it towards first it was too late and MSU scored two more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning when MSU’s first baseman dropped 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 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.

IMAGE "Belson Pitches Shutout in Hawks’ Home Opener"