Mold in Blanton Forces Health Center Out

By Christina Spatz
Assistant News Editor

Hazardous mold build-up in the Health and Wellness Center has prevented workers over the past few weeks from providing fully sufficient healthcare to MSU students.

"Within the next couple of weeks, we hope to be up and running again as a full service center. I apologize to all of the students who haven't been able to receive services from our center as a result of this problem," Donna Barry, Associate Director and nurse practitioner said.

After the Blanton Hall flooding that occurred prior to spring break this semester, the Health and Wellness Center was shut down after students returned from spring break, and it was relocated to room 106 in the Student Center, where workers have only been able to provide emergency services.

Ferdinand said that the mold, which had existed even before the flooding, became toxic when the pipes burst in the building and water seeped through the cracks.

Blanton Hall is built with PVC pipes, which are less reliable than copper pipes. If the university replaces the present pipes with copper pipes, then the amount of mold found in the center would be less, Ferdinand stated.

The mold problem has raised concern among the center's workers as to whether or not the Health and Wellness Center will be back to a normal, fully functioning state for the students to receive services if and when they are needed.

According to Ferdinand, previous to the Blanton flooding, one of the nurse's had developed a respiratory health problem as a result of lengthy exposure to the mold. The center was shut down because of one inspection that would not have taken place if the flood had not happened.

"There are repairs that are required...due to mold and...leaks.

--Donna Barry, Associate Director and Nurse Practitioner

The MSU chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held a rally and walk-out yesterday afternoon in the Student Center Quad protesting police brutality. Over 100 students, faculty and administrators rallied in the cold and listened to speakers voice their concerns about police brutality and firearms for police on campus.

Rallies were also held at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, Rowan University, William Paterson University and colleges in New York City as well.

The MSU rally and walk-out began with Monique Washington and the protesters singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Kim Roberts, Second Vice-President of the MSU NAACP told the audience the rally was not about bashing the police, but about uniting as a community to stop the national problem of police brutality. She mentioned names of victims that would be repeated throughout the speeches as a reminder to why the rally was held: Earl Faison, Amadou Diallo, Ahmer Louima, Tyisha Miller, Terrance Everett and others.

Son of Newark poet Amiri Baraka, Ras Baraka spoke about the killing of Eleanor Bumpass. Baraka said that some people think the problem doesn't affect them, but it affects everyone. The fact that there were not more people present made him ask what this says about the thinking of our children. If it is not us that gets in the situation of police brutality, then it is our uncle, our brother, or our father that could be the next victim, he said. "We have to go back to civil disobedience," Baraka said. "If we don't get no justice, there ain't gonna be no peace." Baraka also spoke out against the issue of guns being provided to MSU police. We have enough police, and we need to talk about better education for less tuition, he said.

History education major and senior Kenyada Mitchell read a poem called "Dueling" by poet Reg E. Gaines and his own poem. "Change stems from action and action stems from thought," he read. He told students they needed to commit themselves to a progressive movement and that they had a moral and ethical obligation to purge themselves and the state of white-skinned privilege.

Kamau Khalfani, Prime Minister of the School of African Philosophies based in Paterson, NJ and Las Vegas, NV, "depersonalized" the audience and placed them on the frontline of the war. He said the power was...
3/27 Criminal Mischief: Between 6 and 8 p.m. there was a break in at the Memorial Auditorium between 6 and 8 p.m. there was a break in at the Memorial Auditorium.

3/28 Theft: A Blanti

3/27 Missing Person: A report was filed on a missing MSU student. It was not discovered when the individual was last seen.

4/4 Fire Alarm: Officers respond to a fire alarm in Richardson Hall. No signs of smoke or fire were present. Officers discovered a first floor pull station activated. Little Falls Fire Department responded, and the system was reset.

New Day. The American Academy of Pediatrics has the best way to reduce the number of fires in homes. New York- A federal judge ruled Monday that the Mircosoft Corporation did, in fact, violate the Sherman Antitrust Law by utilizing the monopoly power of personal computer operating systems to stifle the power of other competitors.

Washington- The US Senate has granted permission to the immediate Cuban family of Elian Gonzalez to enter into the United States on Tuesday. The Justice Department has informed Elian's relatives in Miami that when the boy's father arrives, the Immigration and Naturalization Service will grant him temporary custody of his son.

Washington- The Balloonatic attempted to make it into the Guinness Book of World Records on April Fool's Day by blowing 50 balloons within one minute. The attempt was performed with the accomplishment of Frank Sinatra's song "High Hopes" playing in the background for support.

Washington- Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said Monday that last year's decline of Highway deaths, has hit a record all time low. In 1999, 3,471 people were killed on American highways, but the number is lower than the 4,741 deaths that occurred the year before.

New Orleans- Motorists traveling on a Central New Orleans freeway were startled late Sunday when a 450-pound black bear fell out of a circus truck, and landed on the road, police said. A trailer passing by crashed into the bear, but he suffered no serious injuries. The bear was returned to the Circus group on Monday.

Compiled from CNN.com

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Moscow- United Nations Human Rights Chief Mary Robinson arrived in Moscow Monday to discuss serious allegations of human rights problems in Chechyna. The discussion is planned to include the participation of other Russian officials.

Antananarivo, Madagascar- Cyclone Hudah tore down buildings in the city of Antalaha Monday morning before it left Madagascar and attacked Mozambique. Two people were reported dead in Antalaha, and thousands of residents were left without power and phone service, the national disaster committee said.

Sao Paolo, Brazil- A loosely fastened container with unknown contents fell off a truck Monday crushed into a bus carrying passengers, and killed eighteen people, police said. Fifteen other passengers, out of the total 40, were also reported to have received serious injuries.

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WASHINGTON, DC: Washington- Nine-year-old boy, but he suffered no serious injuries. The bear was returned to the Circus group on Monday.

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University Senate Supports Current MSU Police Policies

By Christine Zielinski

The University Senate agreed to create a proposal that would keep the policy on university police's possession of guns in its current form. At last week's meeting, Richard Wolfson, president of the University Senate, read that Cole's proposal "does not present convincing case to change [the current no-gun policy]. We accept the president's offer to extend the timeline."

The main positions of the University Senate are the following: an adequate amount of time last to the tentative May 1 deadline was not provided, an immediate response to MSU president's recent proposal was necessary, and a "fact-finding committee" would be formed to investigate details not provided in the proposal.

Kenneth Brook, Chairman of the Anthropology Department and Vice President of the AFT Local 1904 would chair the committee.

"Before a committee is formed, [the senate] must provide a response to this document."

- Dr. Kenneth Brook, Vice President of AFT Local 1904

There was also a concern that the tone of the proposal was written to support arm­ ing campus police with guns. "Let's call it what it really is, a recommen­ dation disguised as a proposal," was dumped in our laps. It's unclear, ambiguous, and I object."

Brook said he understood that the only deliberation that occurred before the drafting of the proposal was a meeting between the SGA executive board, but not with the SGA legislators.

To the protesters earlier yesterday afternoon, President Cole said "maybe that was a misjudgment [if the proposal] sounded like it had too much authority."

Gregory Waters, In­ terim President, said that he was on the University Sen­ ate five years ago when the idea came up before.

"I was impressed with the police," Wa­ ters offered.

The fact-finding committee would in­ clude at least the following groups: Afri­ can-American faculty, SGA, adjuncts, uni­ versity police, LASO, and Asian Student organization and any other group who rep­ resented a constituency, Wolfson said.

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Walk-Out

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US Constitution can be "measured by the bodies in the streets." Khalifani closed his speech with a Yoruba prayer and had the audience hold hands and chant "Power to the people."

"Police training 101, it's a wallet not a gun," and "No justice, no peace," were chanted by the protesters when Lawrence Ham, President of the People's Organiza­ tion for Progress (POP), took the podium. Ham said that students played a "key and critical role" in countless changes that have taken place. He credited student movements with stopping the Vietnam war, starting the anti-apartheid movement, and starting the civil rights movement of 1960s. He asked what would happen after the rally, and said that students must talk and be angry. He said to "build the student movement in this country on every college cam­ pus in the nation...and set these campuses on fire" with protests and rallies. To end police brutality, Ham said we needed more minority officers, sensi­ tivity training, new police poli­ cies, and community control­ lated police with citizen re­ view boards. After his speech about the importance of student involve­ ment, the Secretary of MSU NAACP, Trina Taliferro, read a poem about an "emergency call across the nation" to end police brutality.

Assemblyman Craig A. Stanley (D-28) "all of us have an interest in making sure that there is no more abuse of police power." Contacting legislators, voting, and signing petitions were ways to get the mes­ sage heard, he said. He said politicians rec­ognize two things: money and votes. "If you don't have money, you can at least have your vote heard," Stanley said. Voter regist­ration flyers were passed out to the crowd. Stanley also said that "over my dead body will we allow them [MSU] to have armed officers." Like Ham, he spoke about the importance of students becoming engaged and involved in issues that affect them.

"Police training 101, it's a wallet not a gun...no justice no peace."

-US Constitution

The rally closed with the last speaker, Reverend William Rutherford, NJ State Chapter President of the NAACP. He reiterated that police brutality is a national prob­ lem and that "injustice anywhere is justice nowhere." He told the protesters, "You will make a difference." He told students to reg­ ister and vote, and to "stand together and be united." Rutherford also addressed guns for police on campus by saying that "guns are not conducive to good learning and good character."

MSU NAACP has been planning a rally since the beginning of the semester. Robert's. They distributed over 1,000 fly­ ers to residence and aca­ demic buildings, and ad­ vertised over the Internet. CARIBSO also helped organize the rally and the members of the NAACP thanked them. Roberts said that police brutality was "not called for just because we fit the de­ scription" of a criminal. MSU NAACP has about 35 members.

Deans Harris, Dean of Students, attended and said it was an important rally for people to "listen to everyone's point of view and draw conclusions on knowl­ edge, not emotional response." He said "anyone we give dialogue to a controver­ sial issue, if it helps to inform it's benefi­ cial." Dean of Student Development and Student Life, Helen Matsucow-Ayers, said she did not condone students cutting classes, but supported their right to cut classes for a rally of this nature. A university is about students taking the initiative to have rallies, she said. It's a productive way to learn and teach others and express opinions. She pla­ ced the efforts of the MSU NAACP.

Kenyatta Montgomery, a graduate stu­ dent studying higher education counseling, said the administration is insensitive and has bad timing on the issue of MSU police hav­ ing guns. He thought it would create a cli­ mate that is hostile by further separating the campus and students of color.

Students from Montclair High School who walked out of school said the guns on campus hit home with them because their school has armed guards. The issues of police brutality and guns on campus were intertwined in the rally. Chris Mitchell, President of the MSU NAACP, said that guns on campus were a bad idea because police brutality either," and that's why they went to the rally. They reported violent crime in New Jersey down five percent, and one vio­ lence on campus this year. "It is not a new issue, it is an always been issue," said Lt. Cell in reference to guns on campus. If guns were issued to the police and security, they would only be issued to the academy trained officers.

The unity rally ended at about 2 p.m. In the course of the rally and walk-out many issues were raised from student involve­ ment, police brutality, and guns on campus. MSU NAACP is now planning a poetry night in the Student Center Quad yesterday afternoon. Similar rallies were held in schools throughout NJ.

Additional Reporting By: Jerome D' Angelo

Against Brutality: Anti-violence speaker talks to a crowd in the Student Center Quad yesterday afternoon. Similar rallies were held in schools throughout NJ.
Panzer Gym Thief Arrested

By Elizabeth A. Hutchinson
Assistant News Editor

MSU Sr. Building Maintenance Worker, Rafael Diaz of Newark, was arrested last week on two separate charges of theft, said Lieutenant Mike Postaski of University Police.

According to the official police report, Diaz failed to exit Panzer Gym after a fire alarm sounded. He was later caught going through gym lockers, removing several belongings. The first charge of theft was for a computer stolen earlier in the year, and the second charge was in relation to stolen personal property from the Panzer Gym lockers. The police report also stated that had been involved with seven other theft cases dating back to September 1999.

Although arrested, Diaz, a recently-hired employee, has not been officially terminated from MSU.

"In general, when somebody [an MSU employee] engages in criminal misconduct, it impacts on their employment, and they are removed. In some cases we put them on suspension and wait for the results of the judicial process," Edward Oberhofer, Assistant Director of the Physical Plant said. "In this case, Diaz is not allowed on the MSU campus."

Gilbert Rivera, Director of Employee Relations, said Diaz is a member of the International Federation of Professional Technicians and Engineers (IFTE), Local 195. "Diaz is a member of the Local 195 bargaining unit. According to state procedure, for a fair termination Diaz will be served with papers detailing the specific charges for his termination. The state regulation contract allows Diaz to appeal the termination, it is basically due process for an employee," said Rivera.

Judith Hane, the vice president for Human Resources was not available to comment on the exact date of Diaz’s employment, and whether or not he will be officially terminated from MSU. Diaz’s court date is scheduled for April 6, 2000 at the Montclair Municipal Building.

Montclarion Elects 2000-01 Staff

By Christine Zielinski
News Editor

The leadership of The Montclarion will change hands after its recent editorial board elections. Justin Vellucci, 20-year-old English major and current Editor-in-Chief, was re-elected Editor-in-Chief. Vellucci joined The Montclarion three years ago as a news writer and assistant, and served as 1998-99 Opinion Page Editor before serving as the 1999-2000 Editor-in-Chief.

"This is a really exciting time in the history of The Montclarion and especially of The Montclarion. I really consider it a great honor to have been re-elected to lead the paper as the Editor-in-Chief," Vellucci said. "It seems that protocol that every incoming EIC talks about their high expectations for the new year. A student newspaper is a great avenue for students to find their voice when I have been as excited about the future of the newspaper and the possibilities of this year. A student newspaper is a great avenue for students to find their voice and I hope that, by continuing to pay close attention, we can live up to our motto, The Student’s Voice."

An English major and journalism minor, Carolyn Velchik, 20, was elected Managing Editor after her third year on the newspaper. In 1997-98, she joined as a news writer and assistant, and served as the Feature editor for the last two years.

"I’m really proud that I was chosen as Managing Editor because it was such a contested position. I feel confident in my ability to execute the ideas that I have, and to act as a mentor toward the incoming staff," said Velchik. "I think that my leadership, interpersonal skills will improve staff relations for a paper that I believe will go above and beyond its position from the last three years."

Next year’s Production Editor, James Davison, 20, joined the paper last year as an Opinion Page writer and assistant. He served as this year’s Production Editor.

"If it breaks, I fix them," Davison said, jokingly. Davison double majors in English and philosophy.

This year’s treasurer, Tim Casey was elected. Casey has served on The Montclarion for many years, his positions including 1998-99 Photography Editor and 1997-98 EIC. Elizabeth A. Hutchinson, 20, junior, was elected News Editor. Hutchinson has worked on The Montclarion for one year, filling a variety of positions including Managing Editor, Opinion Page Editor, Assistant Photography Editor and, currently, Assistant News Editor.

Michelle Phipany was elected the Features Editor. A freshman, this is her first year on The Montclarion.

Jerome D’Angelo, freshman English major, was elected Opinion Page Editor. He joined the paper this year as an Opinion columnist and assistant.

Anna Lawrence, this year’s Assistant Arts Editor, was elected Arts Editor. Lawrence is an 18-year-old freshman.

Freshman Brian Cross was elected Humour editor. He began working on the Montclarion this year as a Humour section contributor to the News Section, and worked as an Assistant Sports Editor this year.

Lilbeth Victorero, a sophomore will be the photography editor next year. She joined the newspaper this year as an Assistant Photographer.

Jenn Winksi, a 19-year-old sophomore, will be the new graphic designer and the editorial cartoonist. This is her second year with the paper. She was a photographer and cartoonist last year, and this year’s Photo Editor and cartoonist.

Lorenda Knisel, senior English major and journalism minor, will be the Chief Copy Editor. She has written for the Arts section for one year and served as Assistant Copy Editor this semester. Alyson Thelin will be the first Webmaster for The Montclarion next year.

"If it wasn’t for the newspaper, I would not have found my job. Not only a way to meet new people and get involved in campus life, but it’s a door to the future," said Joy Renee Selmick, 23, English major, and this year’s Managing Editor. She recently obtained a position on the Messenger Gazette in graphic design and pagination, in Somerville.
TUITION TIME

ADDRESSING THE NUMBERS:
Harry Schuckel, Vice President of Budget, Planning, and Information Technology, speaks before the SGA Legislature yesterday about state fiscal trends and how they could affect tuition rates at MSU in the 2000—2001 academic year. Schuckel will be speaking more on MSU tuition rates at the Board of Trustees Tuition Hearing, to be held this afternoon.

Montclarion
Editors Win Scholarships

Clunn and Vellucci honored by New Jersey Press Foundation

By Molly Meyers
Staff Writer

Two juniors at MSU have received journalism awards. Nick Clunn, Broadcast­ing major, and Justin Vellucci, English major are both recipients of awards from The New Jersey Press Foundation.

Clunn received The New Jersey Press Foundation 2000 Internship/Scholarship Program.

He will be writing daily for the editorial department of the Asbury Park Press this summer. He was also awarded $3,000 by The New Jersey Press Foundation.

"It was so exciting when I heard I won. I really wanted to do an internship. I was jumping up and down in my room," Clunn said.

Clunn became a sports writer for The Montclarion in his freshman year and after three short months advanced to news editor.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I wanted to be a reporter. I thought it was cool, going to the home football games, sitting in the press box, eating free hot dogs and rubbing shoulders with real reporters," he said.

Vellucci received The Richard Brisker Memorial Scholarship Award, a $3,000 academic scholarship to be applied toward next semester’s tuition.

"I was absolutely flabbergasted. I didn’t expect to win at all," Vellucci said.

Vellucci started working as the assistant news editor at The Montclarion in his freshman year. He was elected Opinion Page Editor in April 1998 and was recently elected as Editor-in-Chief for the second year in a row.

Vellucci and James Davison, Production Editor, also recently received first place in the Enterprise/Investigative Reporting section of the Better College Newspaper Contest for his special report, Following the Money Trail.

"I’ve poured a lot of myself into working with and at The Montclarion," Vellucci said.

Vellucci is somewhat unsure about his plans for after graduation and still envisions himself as a nervous and timid freshman who had just walked into The Montclarion office.

"When I was working on Money Trail with Jim [Davison], there was a real sense of purpose," Vellucci said.

"I guess that I just want to leave a mark, something to say that I was here," he said.

This is Clunn’s second internship. He was a writer at the Press Of Atlantic City last summer.

Clunn plans to write for a newspaper in a warm climate upon graduation.

"If The New York Times calls, that would be awesome. But The L.A. Times, now that would be even better," Clunn said.

Both Clunn and Vellucci will be honored at the Luncheon of Champions on June 23 at The New Jersey Press Foundation headquarters in Trenton.
In 1994, the University’s police sergeants requested approval from the Board of Trustees for all campus police officers to carry firearms in the line of duty. Following a lengthy review that included input from all segments of the campus community, the Board of Trustees denied the request in April 1995 and simultaneously expressed appreciation for the dedication, professionalism, and commitment demonstrated by the University’s police and security officers. With the Board’s support, the administration instituted numerous safety improvements such as additional officers, the provision of bulletproof vests for officers, increased lighting, and emergency call boxes.

While the University is as safe an environment as any large and heavily populated public space can be in today’s world, recent events on the MSU campus and throughout the nation have led our Student Government Association and campus police officers to request a review of the current policy on the arming of our police officers. Students are concerned about their safety, and police officers are concerned about their ability to provide protection to all members of the campus community while safeguarding their own lives as well. It is also true that, despite campus regulations prohibiting the possession of firearms on campus, University police officers have been involved in 15 incidents involving handguns or the threatened use of handguns in the period 1994-1999. During those six years, police officers have responded to 36 additional calls that involved other lethal weapons. At such times, armed municipal police officers must be called in to assist. However, MSU police officers are required by law to respond as well, and, on occasion, face dangerous and potentially life threatening calls unarmed. These incidents include armed robberies, aggravated assaults, weapons offenses, narcotics arrests, aggravated sexual assaults, burglaries, hold-up alarms, suspicious persons, and domestic violence.

The question of an armed police presence on a college campus raises emotion and concern in those on both sides of the issue. The MSU police officers - all of whom are professionals, thoroughly trained in the Police Academy in the use of firearms as well as lesser forms of force - believe that full-time arming would provide the best protection for all members of the community. I am not prepared to recommend full-time arming, and I am, instead, asking the campus community to give its consideration to a moderated change in our current policy.

The attached document presents my specific proposal for a possible change in our current policy and some related background information for the consideration of the campus community. I have asked explicitly for the following campus organizations to consider the proposal in a formal way and to provide me with advice and recommendations in regard to it by May 1, 2000: University Senate, Student Government Association, AFT Local 1904, AFT Local 6025, CWA Local 1031, IFPTE Local 195, NJ Superior Officers Association PPA, NJ Law Enforcement Supervisors Association, African American Caucus, Hispanic Caucus, Asian/Pacific Islander Caucus, Organization of Students for African Unity, Latin American Student Organization, Asian Student Organization, and President’s Commission on Affirmative Action. I also invite any other interested units, groups, organizations, or individuals on campus to contribute their views on this significant issue by submitting recommendations to me by May 1.

Recent events have made the issue of police arming especially volatile. It is important, however, to recognize that we must not stereotype any group of people, including police officers. The Montclair State University police officers have earned the respect of this community over many years of dedicated service, and I am confident that our University community will engage in reasoned and constructive consideration of this important issue.

Finally, I want to stress that the attached proposal is just that - a proposal and not, at this stage, a recommendation or a decision. Once I have the opportunity to reflect on the suggestions of the campus community, I will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Susan A. Cole, President
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# How Does MSU Compare?

## A Look At “The Gun Issue” at Other NJ Public Institutions

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**Sources:** Commission on Higher Education (Fall 1999) & Uniform Crime Report (1998)

1. Eight additional officers are already in the process of being trained and promoted from the ranks of MSU security officers, which will bring MSU’s police officers to a total of 18.
2. WFU police officers are permitted to carry arms only in emergency situations, official work off campus, special events, when transporting money, and off duty.
3. Neither NJCU nor Ramapo has police officers, although they do have security officers.

### University Police: The Gender Breakdown

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Greek Organizations Step Into Unbelievable Experience

By Michelle Whitehead
Staff Writer

While many on-campus organizations strive to hold events that provide a forum for unity, talent and creative achievements, few manage to pull it off as beautifully as the Step Show held on March 30.

Organized by Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. and Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc., the Step Show brought together a mixture of humor, exhibition and good natured competition.

The Step Show opened with a proud salute from the new members of Lambda Theta Phi to their Pledge Master. Displaying respect and admiration for the man who led them on their journey toward Brotherhood, their salute was performed with astonishing precision.

Dressed in white and baby blue, the Sisters of Mu Sigma Upsilon were the only females to participate in the Step Show. Their routine was part step, part dance, and part history lesson. They included a proud recounting of the evolution of their organization in their step.

The overall performance and the crowd were good. "All of the hard work paid off," said Christianne Calderon of the Step Show. Calderon is a member of Mu Sigma Upsilon, who took part in her organization’s step routine.

One thing that was made clear during the show was that everyone was welcome to perform. Organizations were given the same respect and encouragement regardless of the number of people performing on stage or the amount of fancy moves.

Though not a large group, the two members of Kappa Alpha Psi who did step in the routine represented their organization to the best of their ability as the crowd cheered. The duo performed their step with a profound sense of showmanship using candy canes and stopping every once in a while to deliver a joke.

Phi Beta Sigma incorporated an array of talents into their step. Starting off as a couple of guys watching a football game, they were quickly joined by many other Brothers who joined in the step.

Their routine took on many different displays as they went from a simple step done in letter shirts and jeans to an elaborate step while blindfolded. Obviously the Brothers take their performance very seriously and dedicated a lot of time and practice to their routine.

At the end of the night four prizes were awarded. Mu Sigma Upsilon won first place.Phi Beta Sigma proudly took home a $600 prize for first place.

The most overwhelming part of the Step Show was that the organizations truly were supportive of each other. There was an incredible feeling of unity that existed during the entire performance.

The Step Show, hopes to make next year’s performance even better. One of the ways he hopes to improve the show is by garnering support from local corporations that sponsor college activities.

Getting corporate funding would mean a bigger and grander show, but also larger prize awards.

The crowd cheered for everyone, displaying an amazing amount of pride in the efforts of everyone who took part in the show.

Looking toward the future, Oscar Mejia, a brother of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc., one of the coordinators of the Step Show, hopes to make next year’s show even better.

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Understanding the Male Challenge of Change

By Robert Vincent
Special to the Montclarion

Editor’s note: There are many men already on a healing journey. There are many more who are curious or interested but uncertain how to go about the journey. This series is written for you, no matter where you are in the healing of your own wounds.

The attainment of manhood is both a unique and complex experience often misunderstood by the male community.

As there are many facets of masculinity, one needs to understand the male development—from childhood, psychological and cultural frames of reference.

What does it mean to be male? What are the myths that factors that determine a man’s development? What are the messages about masculinity that significantly influence the development of male identity?

Finally, what are the specific effective and behavioral characteristics of being male that influence men individually and in their relationships?

These are the questions that underlie much of the challenges in working with men in an emotional context.

The task is to understand that most men are unaware of how little control they exercise over their lives.

Being male in this society is generally viewed as a privilege. In reality, however, it is a mixed privilege, for men often feel compelled to behave in ways that are self-destructive and harmful to others.

Like actors in a play, men are handed a script that they learn they must follow closely. However, while playwrights and directors may allow actors the freedom to modify a script to assure a better fit, men are not permitted the same freedom to improve.

While the road to masculinity turns and turns, men can rarely deviate from the road.

James Doyle, in his best seller, The Male Experience, researched whether this is still true today.

In the introduction he states, “We find many men of those interviewed, both young and old, have been exposed to the traditional messages about manhood.” This is a tradition that has dated back to the beginnings of society, which makes sheding these roles and behaviors an arduous battle that many find too difficult to continue.

In the twentieth century, there has been a stronger hold over man’s defining moments—television and film.

To become John Wayne meant having to play cowboys and Indians.

Guns, arrows, and even ropes were the accepted toys to accent what boys do in play.

The likes of Lee Marvin, Clint Eastwood, and Kirk Douglas invaded the male with aggression and victory at all cost. In contrast, the free-thinking college student Debie Gills was perceived as a comedy not to be taken seriously.

In our society, men traditionally initiated the intimate relationships, while women sat back, waiting to be called upon.

From opening the door for an evening out, to the first overtures towards sexual activity, it was considered the man’s role. In the bedroom men were expected to be “sexperts,” always taking charge in sex.

The man was the initiator and the woman was the recipient.

According to Doyle, always being the initiator can make men feel burdensome and preassigned.

“I feel that every woman should feel how anxiety-provoking it can be. I get tired of always being the one who makes suggestions since there is always the potential for being turned down,” Doyle wrote.

Considering the gender-role socialization conditions, males are expected to be the competent leaders in sexuality.

Men are not the only ones who see themselves as sexperts. In fact, women may co-continue the role by subscribing to this mistaken notion.

Some men may enjoy being cast as sexperts; however, others feel burdened by the responsibility of mutual orgasm.

In pursuit of discovery, part two will focus on men and their relationships with other men, their fathers, and also as their brothers.
No Morning Sickness and No Weight Gain: Nine Months Pregnant and Unaware

By Margaret O'Shea

I was a Wednesday night, and I had just begun studying for my Spanish midterm that was to be taken the next day. It is typical of me to leave things off until the last second.

Well, two of my classmates, Maggie and Bill, as well as myself, met up in the studying cubicle after rounding up some study munchies and beverages. While going through the vocabulary of Chapter 11, one of my neighbors, Stefanie, who hadn't been feeling well all day, exited her room in her bathrobe.

Earlier that day, she had been sitting on my bed complaining of pains in her thighs and her stomach. I had rubbed icy-hot on her, just below the tattoo of the Irish claddagh symbol on her lower back, in efforts to try and locate the pain. All of our efforts didn't help much and she still complained about the immense amount of pain she was in. As she stepped out in her bathrobe, I figured a warm shower one of my neighbors, Stefanie, who hadn't been feeling well all day, exited her room in her bathrobe.

This, obviously, drew the attention away from our studies, and immediately to the dorms and RAs (the whole nine-yards) knocked on her door.

Shortly after she returned to her room, a knock on the door. It was a Wednesday night, and I had just finished the review and called it a night. The next morning, I went down the hall to Kristina's room, only to find a locked door full of post-it notes from the other floor members reading: "Kris, knock on my door when you get back from the hospital," or "Kris, call me as soon as you get in...How is Steffy?" and so on...

But it was 10 a.m. and Kristina was not yet back. I was getting really nervous. Stefanie left the hospital at 1 a.m. because she thought she might have a urinary tract infection. How long does that take to diagnose?

Stefanie downstairs in the company of her closest friend and floormate, Kristina, the eleventh floor "Mother.

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It had been over nine hours already! Kristina finally returned close to noon on Thursday. As she sleepily dragged herself downstairs, wearing the same clothes she had worn the day before, she stopped by my door, looking like she was about to pass out.

The immediate question out of my mouth, being that Stefanie was not trailing behind her was, "How is Stefanie?"

Kris replied, "Oh, uh, yes. Umm. Stefanie had a baby girl this morning at 6:30." I just laughed. "Funny. So, what's wrong with Steff?"

Kris reassured me that she wasn't kidding, and by the expression on her face, I knew she couldn't be lying. All sorts of questions began running through my mind so quickly that I didn't have time to process them, or to get an answer to any of them.

Did Kristina know she was pregnant? Did Stefanie know she was pregnant? Why didn't she tell anyone? How is Steffy? How is the baby? How heavy was it? What's its name?

Oh my God!! Stefanie had a baby! Little ol' Steffy is a mom. Just a few hours ago she went to the hospital thinking she had a urinary tract infection. Meanwhile, she was actually having contractions on my bed earlier that day!

My reaction was quite similar to those of other people on our floor. The whole day, we had group talks about what just happened. Everyone was dumbstruck, to say the least. Later that night, 14 of us crammed into three cars and trekked down to Mountainside Hospital.

When we made our way up to the maternity ward, the first thing we saw as we stepped out of the elevator was a cute baby girl in an incubator, with a plastic tag wrapped around her ankle reading "Stefanie's baby." One by one we snuck into Stefanie's room to see her, until all of us were crammed next to her bedside.

Stefanie has brought baby Diana Leigh to visit quite a few times and we are constantly fighting over who will hold her next. Steffy began coming up after spring break, but she and baby Diana will always remain part of the 11th floor in our hearts.

It is amazing how one minute life can seem so ordinary, and the next minute one of your close friends goes into labor without prior knowledge of ever being pregnant at all! While the entire 11th floor continues to integrate Diana into their busy schedules to help Stefanie baby-sit, Susan-Suzanne, Stefanie's roommate, is still inquiring about a refund for living in a triple all this time.

Editor's Note: This is a column running weekly about residence life. If you'd like to submit a story, contact Michele @ x5880 or via e-mail @ mchesha_9@hotmail.com.

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Counting Backwards From Twenty: Honing Childhood Memories in the Public Eye

By Chantel Paul
Special to the Montclarion

It was almost one month ago that I added another number to my age in the 20's. With that one extra digit, I gained only one thing that I may use from time to time. And that is the power to flash my ID and buy liquor.

But while I can finally do that, I'm not so sure I like this idea of getting older every year. And damn it, I'm not going to take it anymore.

It was just this past weekend that I finally went into a clothing store and bought a shirt I was thoroughly happy with...a Rainbow Brite tank top. Yes, you read correctly. This wasn't a conscious effort. I didn't go into the mall with the mission of finding a Rainbow Brite shirt, but man was I ecstatic when I saw it hanging on the wall right away and try to remain calm. It will soon be 3 am. I'm going to bed now. Gerber, mumbling about how good the mushed up fruit feels in your mouth.

There was Care Bear Stare salute to her left, Smurfette batting her eyes to her right, and just underneath her were those lorn Pound Puppies. I swear I almost shed a tear. And as if that wasn't enough to make my evening fulfilling, our next stop was Toys 'R Us. Some may not be secure enough to admit it yet but, come on, I admit that I am big enough to admit that I am holding onto every ounce of my childhood as possible. And it's not just happening to me. I can remember each of my male friends crying over the day their mothers purposefully threw away their entire G.I. Joe collection. It was like a broken record of "Scarlett was my first real love."

Last week, one of my closest friends from grammar school called me up to announce that she had just ordered a whole slew of characters of "Scarlett..." and her collection. It was like a broken record of "She's the greatest toy I had when I was 6."

It was priceless, not to mention hard on the ears, but Willy Wonka and his new chocolate bar was an event to celebrate. I'm big enough to admit that I am holding onto every ounce of my childhood as possible. And it's not just happening to me. I am big enough to admit that I am holding onto every ounce of my childhood as possible.

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But what I spied just before the register was the ultimate ending for my trek to toyland. I was finally going to taste a "Wonka Bar." I heard bells.

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You may ask: Why is it that all of the characters from our childhood are being rehashed into a marketing scheme for a new generation? I'll tell you why. Because our cartoons and movies were always will be better than this whole Pokemon phenomenon. OK, maybe I'm being a little carried away, but my hysteria is only a product of this ongoing age progression.

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

by Jackie Parker
Staff Writer

Over the past decade, there have been many films released that deal with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender (GLBT) issues, and although these films don’t often see the same publicity blitzes as major studio releases, there are many that are definitely worth checking out, and most can be found at your local video rental store.

A wonderful 1996 film from the United Kingdom, “Beautiful Thing,” directed by Hettie Macdonald, tells the coming out story of two teenage boys, Jamie and Ste who live in London’s low-income housing projects.

Jamie is smart but quiet, and hates school due to the teasing that he encounters from his classmates because of his poor soccer skills and shy ways. Ste, a popular athlete from the same school, lives with his older brother and abusive father, next door to Jamie and his mother.

After a particularly brutal episode with his father, Ste moves in with Jamie and as they get closer, realize that they are both unsure about their sexual orientation. They set out to learn more about the gay community in London, as well as learning about the love they have for each other.

Throughout this movie Jamie and Ste work through the worries and fears that many teenagers face when deciding to come out to their friends and families.

Supporting characters, such as Jamie and Ste’s Mamma Cass’ crazed next door neighbor, as well as the other leading roles, make “Beautiful Thing” a realistic, charming, and entertaining film.

The 1999 Canadian release, “Better Than Chocolate,” directed by Anne Wheeler, tells the story of Maggie, who meets Kim, the woman of her dreams, just hours before her newly divorced mother and teenage brother move into the warehouse apartment that she’s subletting from a Lesbian who does safe-sex workshops. “Better Than Chocolate,” also depicts the trials that Judy, a transgender woman goes through on her route to acceptance. “Better Than Chocolate” is a cute and fun romantic comedy that has won awards at both London and Toronto’s Gay and Lesbian Film Festivals.

The ending of this film lacked the strength of some previous scenes, such as a negative encounter between Judy and another woman in a public restroom, yet it is still worth viewing. Another plus to this movie is the excellent soundtrack featuring great artists such as Ani DiFranco and Bjf Naked.

Although there are many more films that deal with gay and lesbian issues, hopefully “Beautiful Thing,” and “Better Than Chocolate,” can lead you on a path to finding and themed movies which can and will inform viewers about issues facing the GLBT community.
THE REAL WORLD

Sponsored by the students of Cooperative Education and Service Learning

By Kim Corbino
Special to the Montclarion

Montclair State University has some worthwhile facets that can be used as commodities for your future. One of these programs is called Cooperative Education (Co-op). Co-op is a twofold curriculum that can be understood as a mathematical equation.

If you add hands on experience with classroom interaction, your outcome will be both a grade including college credits and a sure way to spic up your resume. The outcome is still the same and your future will thank you for it.

I was an intern at the Morris Museum in Morristown, NJ. My initial assignment was to add hands on experience with the Global Scrap Heap. The museum was displaying probably one of their most loved traveling exhibits of the year called, “Recycled Re-Seen: Folk Art from the Global Scrap Heap.”

If you add hands on experience with the museum field. My job included both photo-volunteer work and assembly of objects made out of recycled materials ranging from the normal to the abnormal.

More specifically though, the exhibit included objects made out of recycled materials ranging from the normal to the abnormal.

Cars and planes made out of metal sheets constituted the normal, while a jacket made from recycled pantyhose epitomized the abnormal.

The most important thing I learned was how to handle and pack very fragile and very priceless objects safely and correctly. These are the kinds of experiences that one cannot learn solely from reading a manual.

The end of my internship was much more focused and repetitive - a job that was more an assembly line than anything else. The internship was given the question that went along with the number they picked. Questions ranged from changing one thing about yourself to best physical feature.

Mike Coyle strips for the audience for both fun and profit to charm his way to first place in the Deepher Dude male beauty pageant.

Winning the Crown, Without the Roses: Deepher Dude 2000

By Carolyn Velchik
Feature Editor

From human milk shakes to stripping men, this year’s annual Deepher Dude contest was quite an eye opener. Nine contestants strutted down the walkway with lights flashing in hopes that they would walk away with the crown.

The competing men were judged in 5 different categories: swimwear, talent, formal wear, interview and cheeroff. In between each, raffles were held giving away various prizes such as tanning sessions to Exotic Image Tanning, Loews movies tickets and cash.

In order to compete, each contestant had to pay an entrance fee of $15.00. Most contestants were sponsored by other organizations on campus including Theta Kappa Chi, Sigma Delta Tau and Sigma Delta Phi. Along with the $15.00 fee, each audience member had to pay $3.00 at the door to get in. All the money that was raised was put towards the fight for Cystic Fibrosis, Delta Phi Epsilon’s National philanthropy.

Prior to the competition beginning, many of the sponsoring organizations thought that their men were the crown in the bag. Theta Kappa Chi sorority, who sponsored Dan Doyle from Tau Phi Beta, said he should win because “Every house needs a Doyle.” Sigma Delta Tau sorority, who sponsored Emilio Monaco a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha, thought that he should win because “he represents everything a guy at Montclair should be.”

The first category, swimwear, began with Joe Blumert from Pi Kappa Alpha walking down the runway in a neon orange swimsuit. He got the crowd jumping for the following contestants including Jeff Lindsay, sponsored by Phi Sigma Sigma. He ripped his wife beater off and then proceeded to turn around and show off a statement written in black marker on his back which read, “Save the water, drink beer.”

Mike Coyle strips for the audience for both fun and profit to charm his way to first place in the Deepher Dude male beauty pageant.

During the talent portion, Mike Coyle, sponsored by Delta Phi Epsilon, decided to allow the crowd the opportunity to determine his talent. Through loud clapping and screaming, the crowd decided to watch him strip off his clothes he was in. After tempting the crowd with taking his underwear off and money from the crowd filled his pants, he ended his performance with a roundoff into a backflip.

Other talents performed included cheerleading stunts and lip singing to songs such as “Let’s Get It On,” “I Touch Myself,” and “Men In Black.”

The formal wear portion brought most competitors down the runway in suits with white shirts and ties. Mike Coyle decided to stand out in a black tux, while Dave Perlmuter took off his jacket to reveal a flashy, metallic blue, button up shirt. The crowd went wild when Peter Sung Yung Kim, a brother of Delta Chi, came out of the dressing room bearing only a tie, boxer shorts, and glasses. He danced down the runway and then over to the judges table.

After all the contestants finished showing off their formal wear, the interviewing came. Each male chose a number and then was given the question that went along with the number they picked. Questions ranged from changing one thing about yourself to best physical feature.

Dan Pierson, from Phi Alpha Psi (SENATE), was asked, “If you were stranded on a desert island and could only bring 3 things, what would they be?” “My computer, the internet and lots of volution.”

Another contestant, Adam Tassoff from Tau Phi Beta, was asked, “What song title describes you best and why?” “I’m too sexy because...nevermind.”

A ten minute intermission happened at this point where Junior Panhel sponsored a bake sale in the back of the Ballrooms. 3 different raffles also went off during this time, including the $1.00 50/50 which was won by the sisters of the William Patterson chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon.

Finally the moment came to announce this year’s Deepher Dude. The second runner up prize went to Dave Perlmuter who was sponsored by Theta Xi fraternity and the MSU cheerleaders. The first runner up prize went to Dan Pierson who was sponsored by Sigma Delta Phi sorority.

Before the winner was crowned, last year’s winner David Pizzi, a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha, took his walk on the runway for the last time. Then he crowned and put a sash around this year’s Deepher Dude Michael Coyle, who was sponsored by Delta Phi Epsilon sorority.

Jeff Lindsay tirs it up for the audience as MSU's one and only human milkshake on Monday night in the Student Center Ballrooms at Deepher Dude.

KATIE RUPPEL/MONTCLAIRION
The Struggle Between Friendship and Freedom in Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck’s classic tale of two farm laborers comes to life in MSU’s Department of Theatre and Dance’s production of Of Mice and Men. Adapted from the 1937 novel, the play revolves around the troubles encountered by the man-child Lennie and his protector and companion George during the Great Depression.

Marc Schneider leads the cast with his performance as George. He slips easily into the role, making it appear as if the part was specifically written for him. His confidence and talent are apparent as his character struggles between his self-imposed obligation to protect and care for Lennie and his obligation to protect society from Lennie.

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Korn played a ten-song set before they took a brief break. Jonathan has amazing stage presence; he knows how to work it to his best advantage. The highlights of their set were "Got the Life," "Ball Tongue," "Twist," "A.D.I.D.A.S." and "Clown." In the middle of "Clown," Jonathan stopped singing while Fieldy, Head, Munky, and Mike stopped playing their instruments and froze on stage in a freakish tableau. They remained frozen for a good two minutes while the crowd went wild, shouting their adoration for the band. Then they jumped back into "Clown" where they left off, gave an awesome finish, and then took their break.

During this break, a camera followed back stage, where Fieldy had a microphone and an announcement. Apparently, the people from the Guinness Book of World Records were present because Korn wanted to set the record for the loudest sound system. Fieldy also stated that the band would like to see Staind perform one of their songs. So with that, they came out and did a superb cover of "Need To."

After Staind left the stage, the opening chords for "Ladies" that were dropping from the ceiling. The only thing that was sick and twisted about this show was the alarming number of 12-year-old kids escorted by their parents. Other than that, the show was everything you could expect from Korn and company: they rocked and showed their appreciation to the fans. If you missed them this time around, tickets are still available for their April 8 show at Nassau Coliseum.
Comedy and Music Combine to Create the Film High Fidelity

By Krista Strobel
Staff Writer

Finally, a romantic comedy, told quite literally from the guy's point of view, that succeeds in delivering a truth about why some men simply cannot get it right when it comes to love. Based on the novel by Nick Hornby, High Fidelity explores the life of a 30-something record store owner whose love life has just come to another crushing halt. When yet another girlfriend moves out on him, Rob Gordon finds himself at such a loss that he embarks on a mid-life-crisis journey to discover why he is alone and constantly rejected. Director Stephen Frears (Dangerous Liaisons, The Grifters) brings Hornby's novel to vivid life on the screen. Set in the musical heart of Chicago, the film takes its shape from the backdrop of pop culture and rock and roll. Rob constantly makes a Top Five list for everything, including his Top Five Break-ups, while his employees in the record store also join in this game with categories such as Top Five Death Songs.

John Cusack delivers Rob's character with a wonderful blend of sarcasm and sincerity. Fans of this actor will enjoy this film, especially since most of his diatribe is delivered directly to the audience. Cusack's character by bringing to life Hornby's elementally detached man Laura runs to when she feels it necessary to leave Rob. Catherine Zeta-Jones, Lily Taylor, and Joelle Carter make appearances as ex-girlfriends of Rob's. A pleasant surprise was Joan Cusack, playing the quirky friend of Rob and Laura. And, there is an even bigger surprise: the worldly man Laura runs to when she feels it necessary to leave Rob.

Creating the cast of supporting characters is a list of actors who make up quite an ensemble of at least decent performances. Lisa Bonet portrays Marie DeSalle, the lounge singer who catches Rob's eye during his struggle with loneliness. Tim Robbins is the Euro-hippie lan.

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job as most of the cast were denim, overalls, flannel or thermal shirts and cowboy hats. The only variety was in the costumes of Curley's wife, which consisted of an assortment of flirty, flowered dresses. Jim Ligon does a good job directing this cast. He creates atmosphere that balances the mood of the film changes, becomes more somber and almost tragic as the scene as Candy uncomfortably lays curled in his bed as three other characters play cards. When the sun sets, the hair is graying, the grayness only adds to the incredible talent of Ligon.

Thanks to good direction, sets, and costumes, as well as strong acting, the play is entertaining and well worth the price of admission.

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His life is in pieces... that fit.

When this pair is together on screen, laughs are guaranteed. The great thing about this film is the backdrop of pop music. Complemented by a killer soundtrack including The Kinks, The Velvet Underground, Bob Dylan, John Wesley, Stevie Wonder, and Stereolab, there is something for everybody to enjoy in this film. Various pop culture icons are shown in posters, t-shirts, and record albums (vivaldy!) throughout the film, which is fun to notice. Flashbacks to the 80s accurately depict fashion and music of the decade; from high school to college, from Debbie Gibson to old school punk rock and metal. High Fidelity is an excellent choice for a date film; it's light on the romance and heavy on the sarcasm, yet it's not vulgar or gratuitously sexual. It is also a great choice for a film to see with friends for a good laugh. Its third act drags out somewhat as the mood of the film changes, becoming somewhat cliché in its conclusion, however the laughs and kick-ass music make up for that. Though not Oscar worthy, this film scores points for being funny/entertaining, and nostalgic. High Fidelity will fair as a fun night out for anybody, especially those pop music junkies who never shut up about music.

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The Voice of Montclair State

Last week, we asked you:

What further efforts are necessary in order to effectively voice the campus opinion on arming MSU police?

You told us:

"Use the campus radio, WMSC."
Heather Gaydarik, junior, history

"Set up a table in the middle of the student center quad so people can write down their opinions and make them available to be presented to the school newspaper."
Judy James, freshman, business

"Talk to students in the student center cafeteria and Ratt. Put signs up, talk to people and give out flyers."
Armando Silva, undeclared

"Continuous rallies and gatherings against campus police having weapons, and for The Montclarion to let the students know the current updates on the situation."
Sam Childs, psychology

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When Great Ideas Don't Fly: The SGA and Fan-Fan

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ev Peltonen has a great idea. It involves injecting a little bit of life into a complacent campus, getting a bunch of people to express themselves and, above all, giving MSU and the surrounding community something different to do on a weekend in early May.

The idea is Fan-Fan, a three-day festival of the arts and an enigma that has been rearing its horned and campus-in-form-of-shadow, self-aware advertisements and immense word of mouth since the fall. Most students, after hearing any of those who have dedicated themselves to promoting Fan-Fan, would agree that it's a great idea something to show the world that Montclair State University does, in fact, have a pulse after Thursday night and something that maybe, just maybe, would bring a substantial number of people closer together, even if just for a weekend.

However, last Wednesday Fan-Fan failed to get two-thirds of the legislative vote that it needed to gain SGA sponsorship and support. So, the question remaining on everyone's lips is: Why?

The fact of the matter is that Fan-Fan is a great idea that seemed to slowly fail to pieces as more and more people decided to put their hands to work on the angles of, "getting it off the ground." While initial plans in the fall were optimistic, to say the least, in terms of attendance and scheduling, they were also somewhat realistic. Peltonen and the others behind the event talked about having live bands and staging a pig and theatre performances in the Student Center Quad. There was a call of vendors from Montclair and Upper Montclair and involvement from other campus organizations. All of these were plausible.

By the time Fan-Fan hit the floor of the SGA for a vote, however, it had grown into a $30,000-plus disaster-in-progress, an event that many within the SGA and its branches of campus organizations were beginning to fear. And who could really blame them? Here were a group of students outside of the fray of chartered organizations asking for a huge sum of money to stage an event that, at best, was going to be one of the most interesting messes MSU had seen in years.

C.L.U.B. President Carolyn Mauer was one of dozens who went in front of the SGA before the Fan-Fan vote to tackle the economics of the plan. Mauer was angered that the SGA would even consider tossing $30,000 - the equivalent, of course, to C.L.U.B.'s entire budget for the 1999-2000 academic year - at a non-SGA organization. In a letter read before the SGA, Julie Fleming, Executive Producer of Class One Concerts (another SGA organization that has seen its budget cut in recent years), expressed similar concerns, raising questions about the planning of the event. This raises another issue entirely.

While Fan-Fan existed in the minds of those trying to promote it and on the billboards and random articles poking a mark campus, it did not fully materialize as an event for the SGA to even address until a couple of months past. At that time, early proposals began to fly and the brick walls began to form. Fan-Fan expected 5,000 people to attend the festival through the meeting but had, at best, sketchy plans for security officers. Fan-Fan wanted to purchase and/or construct three fairly large stages but did not consider fire hazards or matters but what would happen if the weekend of May 5-7 was met with electrical storms. Then, the very logistics of the space available started to be an issue.

The tentative dates for Fan-Fan posed a problem. The dates fell right around final exams and would interfere with Residence Life's 24-hour quiet policy. Plans were also being made for Alumni Weekend. Every week seemed to present a new problem. Where would 5,000 people park? Were adequate parking and cheaply sold books. Were good feedback. After all, could the SGA not sell out the Goo Goo Dolls then how would we possibly make some festival in the spring work?

So, Fan-Fan was told to drum up support from the students to work on the festival. And so Fan-Fan recruited nearly a hundred students to work on this project, contacting bands and creating a vibe on campus for this festival. Probably the largest non-SGA group in history was formed to bring about this single event.

Time soon grew short for the Fan-Fan legions and one again they returned to the SGA asking for support. This time they did not ask for assistance but rather for money to put on this event they had planned. Suddenly the SGA realized how serious this was. This was not a fluke, no wild fantasy which would be shelved away along with the dreams of adequate parking and cheaply sold books. This was a real, conceivable event that was seemingly going to happen.

Now things had progressed too far. Rather then stepping in at the beginning of this project and guiding it along the way the SGA let it grow unattended. Only when things became too big to ignore did the SGA finally buckle down and deal with Fan-Fan. They had limited themselves to really two options: give them the money and let them go or deny them the money and deny MSU students what they really wanted. In the end they chose to deny the students their dream and Fan-Fan quickly died with one vote of the legislature.

This is not to say the SGA should be blamed for denying money to Fan-Fan. Considering the length of the request and too many questions still unanswered, things could have got messy. What we should hold accountable is SGA itself. For embracing what the students wanted, for failing to listen to what MSU really wanted. But more than that, the SGA should realize that they did not take this group of students seriously enough to show them the proper way to go about things.

Fan-Fan was some students last chance to see some great programming at MSU. We, as a student government, failed to represent those who elected us to our positions. With the canceling of Fan-Fan, the SGA has affectively turned the tables on the student body. No longer does the aesthetic student wait around for the SGA to put on events. Now the apathetic SGA simply waits for students to come up with new programming to deny.

More sad and sorry than the obstacles, however, was how everyone chose to deal with them.

Flashback, fall 1999. Despite months of hard work by the Student Government and Administration, the Goo Goo Dolls concert was canceled due to lack of interest and student apathy. Fast forward to March 29, 2000. Despite months of preparation and hard work, a large group of students were denied the funds to put on Fan-Fan, a three-day arts festival at MSU.

In contradiction to the former event, the latter was not canceled due to lack of interest by the student body. Rather the event was not supported due to the apathy and lack of interest from the SGA itself.

It had been a long four years for me so far and at least one more lies ahead. I have seen attempts at student programming fail time after time. "How do we get students involved?" is a question that SGA as well as administrators have asked repetitively. So far, we have no good answers.

But what would we do if we did have activity on campus? Beginning in October a small group of students set forth to organize a huge event. It was to be unlike anything ever done on campus. It was to be an arts festival filled with music sculptures and the like. A small group of students brought the idea forth but did not get good feedback. After all, could the SGA not sell out the Goo Goo Dolls then how would we possibly make some festival in the spring work?

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By the time Fan-Fan hit the floor, it had grown into a $30,000-plus disaster-in-progress, an event the SGA and its branches were beginning to fear. This is the second in a series of head-to-head columns dealing with a single topic viewed from different angles. Keep an eye out for future head-to-head columns!

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Violating Federal Antitrust Laws:  
What Lies Ahead for Bill Gates and Microsoft?

T h e ruling has come down. On Oct. 15, 1997, United States District Judge Th omas Jackson ruled Microsoft violated federal antitrust laws, setting the stage for one of the most important and crucial antitrust cases in history. Jackson could impose sanctions ranging from restrictions on Microsoft's business practices to the disassembly of Microsoft itself.

This all started in June 1990, when Federal Trade Commission investigators investigated Microsoft secretly. On Jan. 22, 1998, fearing contempt of court, Robert Vincent were to resign and give his position over to someone who wants to work for the students. FanFan started itself as a grassroots organization and with last Wednesdays decision, it will return to that. The festival will go on and in some ways, it will be even better. We are back to negotiating and can obtain most of the equipment we need through donation. If you want to help, get your organization involved, or have an idea you would like to share, I encourage you to contact Vincent.

Thus far, current plans have not changed. Microsoft went ahead with its scheduled release of Windows 2000 only a month ago. Plans for Windows Millennium Edition (Windows ME) are still on schedule, and its slated for later this year. Tentatively, Microsoft and Bill Gates have planned to enter a completely new realm of entertainment: console video games. In Fall 2001, Gates and Co. plan to release the Microsoft X-Box. This will come nearly a year after the release of the Nintendo Dolphin, and is slated for January 2001. What will Microsoft count on as its edge in this highly competitive business? Preliminary specs include a 600-Mhz Intel Pentium III chip, with an internal 8-GB hard drive. The system will be DVD and Internet ready. Preliminary reviews place this system near the top of the market. Microsoft ought to have a tremendous head start in the area of games, owning three of the top 10 PC games, including Age Of Empires II.

How are we going to be affected in the short term? If Jackson decides to break up Microsoft into smaller, competing firms, how are we to handle what's going to be thrown at us? After the ruling, Gates said, "This ruling turns on its head the reality that consumers know - that our software has helped make PCs more accessible and more affordable to millions." After a breakup, we would be looking at the possibility of having a myriad of OSs on the market, with a myriad of programs, and a myriad of solutions. This is not a wise decision.

After the announcement of the ruling on Monday, the NASDAQ index fell 349.15 points, one of the worst falls in history, and the Dow Jones Industrialists rose 300.01 points, one of its biggest gains in history. Microsoft's market value fell near $80 billion. What does that mean for us? Well, it means that investors are pulling out of the high-tech industry and investing in cheaper alternatives. What have we been accomplishing today will not be of the same quality tomorrow. We are going to see a broader market filled with cheaper and lower-quality alternatives. Personally, all I see this as is an attempt to discredit and destroy an industry that had it's share of problems in the past, and has finally found stability and success in a company we all envy.

So, an astounding "YES" to sanctions, and an rescinding "NO" to a breakup. Without advantage of Microsoft I may be, even I can't deny the fact that Microsoft did, in fact, abuse its power when it came to Internet Explorer in the early to mid-1990s. Forcing its packaging, we didn't allow browsers such as Netscape to blossom in an industry where the Web browsing was becoming an imperative part of everyday life. It's one thing to tinker with the market of operating systems - it's a small market with relatively few alternatives, not due to Microsoft. But with web browsers, it is really that imperative that you use a browser given to you for free by a certain company? Web pages are written in hypertext markup language (HTML), a format that is recognized by everything from operating systems to word processors, from spread sheet creators to text writers, on all platforms of OS whether it be Windows, Macintosh OS, Linux, or Unix. My point being, it doesn't matter what you say or try to do against Microsoft. They play an important part in the technology industry, and there is nothing we will ever be able to rule against that will stop them. Through almost ten years of adversity, they have still risen to the top of the market, and they've done it right along with everyone has been pushing against them. Fan-Fan started itself as a grassroots organization, or have an idea you would like to share, I encourage you to contact Vincent.

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Arming Campus Police is Essential to our Safety

Molly MEYERS  Columnist

M y last article regarding the use of a weapon against an unarmed man in a New York City incident has put me in the line of fire. Again, I feel that I have to be in defense of my brethren, officers. I am outraged by the display of ignorance demonstrated by the quotes and rhetoric concerning the use of weapons by campus police. As a law enforcement officer for the past ten years and an MSU student, I am compelled to speak for my brothers in blue about issues that people either fail to realize or refuse to acknowledge.

The March 23 issue of The Montclarion listed the reasons for using a firearm. The first reason listed was self-defense. Along with self-defense goes protection of others. Protection of others is a police officer's basic duty. The second reason listed was crime prevention. Again, self-defense is the issue.

Police are deterrents for crime. If a crime happens to take place, shouldn't they be fully equipped to handle any situation that arrives?

I am a correction officer in a county jail. We go through the police academy training, and as we finish the training, we test our firearm qualifications, officers must watch many films, which are mandated by the state of New York. These films deal with justification and use of force. We are then tested about the use of force policy. Being issued a weapon is not something that is taken lightly or arbitrarily. People think that we walk around like "tough guys" because we carry a weapon. True, the weapon becomes a conscious part of your body. We must be aware of it at all times. We are aware of when and how to use it. When it is fired or drawn it is a part of our training, professionalism and integrity. I can speak for all law enforcement personnel and say that we hope we never encounter an incident where we need to draw our weapons.

Unfortunately, there are criminals in this world. Criminals have criminal minds. This is the idea that every one reading this article can never fully understand. My experience working in corrections has shown me a side of life I never knew existed. Many criminals have shown that from the point of perpetration, arrest, incarceration and release they have little, if any respect for human life (including their own) and authority. They want to accomplish whatever crime they are committing without any interference. The majority seems to lack the guidelines and moralistic framework that we unconsciously live by.

The inability of MSU campus police officers to carry weapons severely limits their capacity to act as full-fledged police officers. How zealous would you be in responding to a crime in progress where you know a weapon is involved and all you have is more campus police and a beefed-up vest? How about responding to a sexual assault where the perpetrator far outweighs you and the victim?

What a disservice to the victim and the community if while that victim gets raped and murdered, you need to radio and wait for back up. I know I don't need to insert statistics about how many seemingly petty domestic violence cases escalate into crime scenes involving weapons and sometimes death.

In the March 30 edition of The Montclarion, President Cole has been slated as picking a wrong issue in making this decision about arming our campus police due to the publicity of racial profiling and police brutality incidents. It must be reiterated that there are criminals, lawyers, doctors etc., in the world that abuse their title. The rest should not be held accountable for the mistakes of the few. Overall, on a national average there are more police officers who perform their duties successfully everyday than there are police officers who get indicted on police abuses or wrongfull shootings.

"Having guns are not the answer," according to President Cole, "a more effective organization of Students of African Unity. He is absolutely correct. Guns are not the answer. A trained and fully-equipped police force is the answer."

An armed uniformed police officer is a symbol of authority, peacekeeping and the best deterrent to crime.

Keeping the peace and a peaceful campus is a desirable idea, but one that is far too idealistic in a world where there are people who may not care about you, your possessions or your life. Why give them the decision to make that a reality? Not including police officers, like to put themselves in harms way. While a citizen can choose not to get involved in witnessing a crime, an officer is duty-bound to press forward in the face of danger. It is because of this duty that a firearm becomes a necessary tool to protect oneself and others. With that tool, police are left with no other choice to stand back, evaluate the situation and decide if the potential severity warrants calling for back up. Giving the campus police firearms under certain conditions is ridiculous and unconscionable.

Maybe the Board of Trustees needs to have a son or a daughter living on campus. Maybe if it were their son or daughter that was involved in one of the 15 incidents involving a weapon they would have an easier time making their decision.

We put our trust in the ability of our local police departments. The campus police are no different. We need to put our trust in not only their response time but also their capabilities of handling a situation as efficiently and effectively as possible. Having unarmed police is like asking them to do half their job. Give them the tools they need to serve and protect.

Hypothetically, if the campus police had had firearms since their inception, would the protesters and the Board of Trustees now be inclined to take away their weapons?

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The Police State Theory

Ryan B. Smith  English major

Armed DIALLO was shot 41 times by the New York City police for pulling a wallet out of his pocket. Abner Louima was brutalized with a toilet plunger and suffered permanent injury due to this same police department. In Los Angeles there is the ever-expanding rampart scandal, where police planted drugs and guns on people to incarcerate them and even shot a handcuffed person in the head and then helped send him to prison as a criminal. A few years ago in Philadelphia, there was a similar police scandal.

The U.S. media treat these incidents as aberrations with no real systemic cause, and even liberals and leftists maintain that all that is needed is civilian oversight. I disagree with both these viewpoints.

The police in the United States serve the same purpose domestically as the military and the CIA do in foreign countries: to keep the poor people in their proper place. For example, the CIA overthrow a government in Guatemala on behalf of the United Fruit Company and a government in Iran on behalf of the American oil companies, thereby eliminating governments that were giving in to the demands of the local population.

Public safety is a concern of the police departments, but it is only a secondary function. The primary function of the police is to repress dissent, strikes, demonstrations and any organized threat to the existing property relationships in society. In other words, it is to protect capitalism.

At times, the National Guard can serve this same function. On April 20, 1914 the Colorado National Guard opened fire with machine guns on a tent colony, striking miners, killing men, women and children in what became known as the Ludlow massacre.

Corporate crimes, in terms of pollution, unsafe working conditions, unsafe, products and wars to protect their interests, cost the country far more in lives and property than all the crime committed by poor people. Yet, how many corporate executives does one find in prison.

If anyone doubts my analysis, just read A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn. The documentation is very extensive.

Gary Sudborough  Bellflower, CA

More from the MONTCLARION MAILBAG

Student Issues Apology to Residence Life

Dear fellow students,

I am writing to publicly express my sincere apologies to Dr. Melinda O'Brien and the entire staff of Residence Life for my recent letter to the editor in which I made some inappropriate comments. Dr. O'Brien is far from unprofessional and despite the way she handled my personal disciplinary issues, I feel that she deserves the respect of all students she serves. My words were a poor attempt to find personal restitution for the circumstances I had been involved with. I admit to wrongdoing and was punished accordingly. While I think the situation could have been handled much differently, I do feel that Dr. O'Brien and the entire staff did what they felt was best for the campus community.

My references regarding residence maintenance problems were also unfounded. During my time as a resident student I only lived in Residence Hall for a short amount of time. I am writing about the conditions of other buildings that I knew little about. Blanton may have had a lot of problems, but my personal problems with Residence Life had nothing to do with these.

I am registered to transfer to Rowan University for Fall 2000 and I bid all of you good luck with Residence Life had nothing to do with my personal problems. I look forward to making a difference. School is what you make of it, so try to have fun. But remember, your reasons for being here are not to have fun, but to work and prepare for a successful future.

Best wishes MSA and thanks for all great memories. I will be back from time to time, but Rowan is a chance for a new beginning and I eagerly accept the challenge.

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The Misconceptions of Arming Campus Police

I am writing this week to combat the slanted view taken by the newspaper and many of the campus communities in regards to the possibility of arming the campus police department but not the MSU Police should have guns. It would appear to me that few consider the police department to be a "real" police department, and that those working for it are "real" police officers. Many of my friends refer to them as "just CP, not actual cops," and I think this is what is contributing most unfairly to this view. All of our police trained at police academy, the same training that "real" police officers get. To them, side arms are the tools of a police officer, not fun toys that they will swing around campus to show off their power.

The next major misconception is most likely valid: only the police officers would get guns, not the both guards, and not the members of the bike patrol that are just security guards.

This misconception: that racial profiling is rampant in the MSU Police Department. Jill Nuber's front-page article last week strongly suggests that this is one of the primary reasons those who oppose gun proposal. While one should not be chastised for reporting the facts, perhaps the reporter might have shown some journalistic integrity by looking into the records of complaints against the MSU PD, and reporting what they find. There is definitely more to what doesn't make for good news in a paper that already has an opinion on the subject. I would like to emphasize that this department should not be blamed for something they have not done.

Next misconception: that there is anything at all with Amadou Diallo. Yeah, I did just say that. While I was out on the prow a security guard told me that since the case came up everyone likes to stop him on bike patrol and ask him what he thinks. Mr. Vidro says that somehow everyone brings the issue back to the murder of Mr. Diallo. When is the last time someone has actually been beaten by MSU Police? When is the last time a complaint has been filed against them that was so egregious that they cannot be trusted to hold side arms, despite their training in it, and despite the fact that guns are tolerated in the hands of police departments across the nation and the world?

Mr. Vidro would like to know who you think should have guns? Perhaps proudly coming from a police family I know a few facts that just might change your mind about this subject. The two most dangerous things a police officer knows how to do in this line of work, starting with the least dangerous, is to pull over a motor vehicle, and to answer a domestic call. Think about how dangerous that can be on this campus and on Clowve Road for both duties. During the day anyone can drive through. Having to enter someone's home, even a dorm room, can be extremely life-threatening if the occupant is frightened of something. Have we not had an attempted suicide this year? Was a freshman last semester not shot to death by her boyfriend? Didn't a former MSU teacher recently make terrorist threats against his former employers and bosses? Yes. Bad things can happen at good of MSU, and some things have already touched our community on a very negative level.

"It's good to see the campus community hasn't lost the guts to fight for something they believe in." Perhaps they could use a little help on the brainpower end of things - signs like "Keep it real, guns kill." While being very pop-culture, do not speak well for your movement, and in fact suggest that maybe the cops should have guns. I would like to know why we are assuming that because there has been nothing seriously affirmative at MSU, that nothing will. Is there any protection at all for campus residents if an armed sociopath with intent to draw blood wandered onto our campus? No. Do we not have a problem with kids bringing guns to school in the United States? We do. Of course I'm sure that has nothing to do with this while racial profiling profile.

"If you want their protection, and you want them to protect you and your rights, give them the respect they deserve."

William P. GRAY

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Get Facts Out in the Open Before Arming Campus Police

First of all, police officers are supposed to "keep the peace" not add to the problem. Second of all, where and when does the line get drawn? If criminals get guns and then police get guns, that's only a temporary solution because next there will be bigger guns. We need an open forum for this where actual facts are brought to the students' attention, such as a rise in criminal activity, or actual testimonies from police officers who feel it is necessary for a firearm.

I do sympathize for police officers, they have a tough job. But, does giving them guns make their job easier or better? I personally want them to become better officers; and yeah officially they're cops, but what cop do you know that graduated from the academy said, "I want to be an officer at MSU!" I could graduate dentist school with a C- and be allowed to put a drill in my hand but we're talking about guns here. Also, the fact that MSU has the fifth largest crime rate out of nine schools is a fact that could go either way, like saying that we're the only school that doesn't have armed officers. That could be something to be proud of. What's the student population at these other schools compared to ours? What areas are they located in? We also have to keep in mind that it's not just the officers who are vulnerable when not being armed, it's primarily the students. We are the ones that will have things happen to even before security get involved.

I know the reality of the situation is that there are people out there who are going to commit crimes, possibly against us, and that's a scary thought. That's why when I read this article, I thought, "Wow, we need to talk about this." I personally want to ask somebody some questions and get some answers before anything goes through.

John Rodriguez

physical education

Vellucci

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The Week In Politics

More sad and maybe the obstacles, however, was how everyone chose to deal with the SGA. The SGA seemed to have taken an incredibly laissez-faire relationship with the event from the start but, once the tides began to turn and the concept looked like it was fast becoming a reality, the next thing you knew they were speaking out against it. And, instead of somebody stepping in to help interim and his crew not, they went done right, people began to complain.

When Fan-Fan got its own post office box in Upper Montclair or accepted money from bigwords.com, people who could have helped to guide them didn't. Instead of somebody stepping in and giving the process of estimating security costs or the guidelines of financial and insurance liability, they grumbled and groaned. Perhaps proudly coming from a police family I know a few facts that just might change your mind about this subject. The two most dangerous things a police officer knows how to do in this line of work, starting with the least dangerous, is to pull over a motor vehicle, and to answer a domestic call. Think about how dangerous that can be on this campus and on Clowve Road for both duties. During the day anyone can drive through. Having to enter someone's home, even a dorm room, can be extremely life-threatening if the occupant is frightened of something. Have we not had an attempted suicide this year? Was a freshman last semester not shot to death by her boyfriend? Didn't a former MSU teacher recently make terrorist threats against his former employers and bosses? Yes. Bad things can happen at good of MSU, and some things have already touched our community on a very negative level.

"It's good to see the campus community hasn't lost the guts to fight for something they believe in." Perhaps they could use a little help on the brainpower end of things - signs like "Keep it real, guns kill." While being very pop-culture, do not speak well for your movement, and in fact suggest that maybe the cops should have guns. I would like to know why we are assuming that because there has been nothing seriously affirmative at MSU, that nothing will. Is there any protection at all for campus residents if an armed sociopath with intent to draw blood wandered onto our campus? No. Do we not have a problem with kids bringing guns to school in the United States? We do. Of course I'm sure that has nothing to do with this while racial profiling profile.

"If you want their protection, and you want them to protect you and your rights, give them the respect they deserve."

William P. GRAY

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Fan-Fan: A Good Idea if Planned Well

As Director of Programming for the SGA, Inc. I feel that I must address the issue of Fan-Fan. As early as October of last year, I met with the organizer for approximately two hours on the idea of putting together an event that has come to be known as Fan-Fan. As Director of Programming, I was quite interested in any student wanting to do an event.

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The prospect of someone planning an event like this would make my job easier and I feel that I must address the issue of this event as well as legislator to implement the event. As you know, this is a very large undertaking and there is little time to pull this off in a manner that is worthy of the SGA. Your support is vital.”

After listing the committees and responsibilities to implement the event, I ended the report with the following:

In order to best serve the vision of Fan-Fan, your participation is vital to the success of this event. The students who designed this event have worked very hard in making a truly exciting event. As legislators deciding the future of this event, please remember your responsibilities in serving the committees.”

As we all know, the bill did not pass. There were a number of reasons for this. First, to set the record straight, it was just a little over a month ago that this legislative body voted to adjust the financial lines to pay off the deficit left from the previous year and to keep a balanced book. Our Class I committees were slashed $23,000 to ensure fiscal responsibility. How could our legislators, in good conscience give $31,000 to a non-organization after financially restructuring our most active organizations?

There is no argument that the students responsible for the vision of Fan-Fan are extremely gifted. There is no argument that this event has the potential to be very successful. There is concern that having an outdoor event during finals would be very disruptive to students trying to study, especially for three days. There is also the Alumni Association to consider. Is it wise to have an event that potentially would be disruptive to our alumni-- our main contributors to financial aid for students?

I, who feel this event could be very exciting, would like to challenge the creators to this event in the Fall when we have “Welcome week”, a Student Government Fair and we are all beginning to settle into school—not at the end when school seems unsettled to most students.

Robert Vincent
Director of Programming, SGA

Arming Campus Police May Jeopardize Student’s Safety

I would like to say something about arming the campus police. What could possibly justify giving the police guns? Showing up after a break-in with a gun would accomplish what exactly? Maybe they need to shoot out the tires of speeders on Clove Road. Maybe the guards at the gate are actually paying attention for once and noticing someone driving on campus without a decal. That warrants a gun?

Katherine W. Ellison said in her article that she believes the officers on campus should have guns because certain classroom incidents, “had they escalated, would have needed an armed officer.” Really? Was there a shoot-out threat in the classroom? Were the students in any way armed? The arguments for guns keep pointing to the “fake” cops, then maybe a debate would begin.

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Paranoia and Protests:

The Tragic Result Of

Whiny Wednesday!

By Brian Cross

Humour™’s Editor and the boss of you

Last Wednesday, our campus was bombarded with several angry mobs complaining about all sorts of issues. As “Whiny Wednesday” took place, many class-attending students were disturbed by the cries of oppression. “I was in history at Mallory Hall and all I hear is some hippie cult begging for people to join Heaven’s Gate. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan with the support of other class opposition to confront them. Yet no one showed up to the rally to oppose them. Why? Because they felt threatened by those who are paid to fight crime, having any weapons to fight crime with.” Officials say that MSU was home to more than half a dozen different protests.

In front of the Student Center the Fan-Fan fanatics, (all 12 of them) gathered with an obnoxious tone calling for campus to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA. Over the past few weeks Fan-Fan has been a key issue on campus. Tuesday night, the Student Center Quad was littered with anti-hippie and anti Fan-Fan graffiti. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used their creative talent to turn the hippie hate graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan founder, Sven called for the Fan-Fan opposition to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA. Over the past few weeks Fan-Fan has been a key issue on campus. Tuesday night, the Student Center Quad was littered with anti-hippie and anti Fan-Fan graffiti. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used their creative talent to turn the hippie hate graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan founder, Sven called for the Fan-Fan opposition to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA. Over the past few weeks Fan-Fan has been a key issue on campus. Tuesday night, the Student Center Quad was littered with anti-hippie and anti Fan-Fan graffiti. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used their creative talent to turn the hippie hate graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan founder, Sven called for the Fan-Fan opposition to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA. Over the past few weeks Fan-Fan has been a key issue on campus. Tuesday night, the Student Center Quad was littered with anti-hippie and anti Fan-Fan graffiti. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used their creative talent to turn the hippie hate graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan founder, Sven called for the Fan-Fan opposition to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA. Over the past few weeks Fan-Fan has been a key issue on campus. Tuesday night, the Student Center Quad was littered with anti-hippie and anti Fan-Fan graffiti. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used their creative talent to turn the hippie hate graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan founder, Sven called for the Fan-Fan opposition to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA. Over the past few weeks Fan-Fan has been a key issue on campus. Tuesday night, the Student Center Quad was littered with anti-hippie and anti Fan-Fan graffiti. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used their creative talent to turn the hippie hate graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan founder, Sven called for the Fan-Fan opposition to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA. Over the past few weeks Fan-Fan has been a key issue on campus. Tuesday night, the Student Center Quad was littered with anti-hippie and anti Fan-Fan graffiti. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used their creative talent to turn the hippie hate graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan founder, Sven called for the Fan-Fan opposition to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA. Over the past few weeks Fan-Fan has been a key issue on campus. Tuesday night, the Student Center Quad was littered with anti-hippie and anti Fan-Fan graffiti. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used their creative talent to turn the hippie hate graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan founder, Sven called for the Fan-Fan opposition to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA. Over the past few weeks Fan-Fan has been a key issue on campus. Tuesday night, the Student Center Quad was littered with anti-hippie and anti Fan-Fan graffiti. Yet, by the protest, the art tarts used their creative talent to turn the hippie hate graffiti to happy hippie sayings. Fan-Fan founder, Sven called for the Fan-Fan opposition to unite and support Fan-Fan against the imperialistic SGA.
Late Night Babblings With The Blonde

By Jenn Winski
Newzfrat resident blonde

There are so many things in this world I don’t quite understand. It could just be that I’m peering out at the world through a mop of blonde hair. Go figure. The blonde doesn’t understand things. No, but there really are things about everyday life that exist to potentially confuse me and others like me. Or at least they make me think.

Why is the sky blue? I’ve wondered about this one for as long as I can remember. Actually, why couldn’t the sky be different colors for different seasons and holidays? That makes so much sense to me.

For instance, red would be good for the Christmas season, since pine trees are already green. See? You’re half-way there already. The skies could then turn into a nice shade of orange in time for St. Patrick’s Day. Once again somebody planned ahead with the green trees and grass and whatnot. Get it? This makes perfect sense to me.

I have a theory. I believe that blondeness rubs off onto nonblondes after prolonged exposure to the light haircolor. No, really, it’s true. After spending a fair share of their time with me, I have witnessed people otherwise previously unaffected by blondeness exhibit a range of blonde characteristics. No change in haircolor was noted, however behavior observed was indicative of a blonde. Some symptoms of the change may include the loss of priority ability to walk and talk at the same time.

This is where my belief in stationary objects becoming viciously mobile comes into play. Other minor occurrences such as the wearing of a black sock on one foot and a blue sock on the other could also surface in the unblonde.

Yet another observation I have made is that blondes are the only people I know who can pass as invisible in a room. Try it for yourself; see what happens.

The gerbil in my skull is working overtime now. I think I’ve babblod on enough. I’ll take leave of my Mac now. Farewell and goodnight, until I feel the urge to share my random thoughts with the rest of the world again.

The Horoscope
Never Lies

There’s a blonde on my page, oh me, oh my. I got dicked over!

By: Mr. Panhead

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): While jogging this week, a train will derail, a plane will crash, and cars will explode, but you’ll die of a heart attack. Life really stinks.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): A trip to Spain will entice you with unblonde vistas, but there are no turning back. You’re stuck in that black. For instance, red would be good for the Christmas season, since pine trees are already green. See? You’re half-way there already. The skies could then turn into a nice shade of orange in time for St. Patrick’s Day. Once again somebody planned ahead with the green trees and grass and whatnot. Get it? This makes perfect sense to me.

Another thing that confounds me is my theory of blondeness being a communicable condition may surface almost instantaneously.

However, the reverse is never true. A transformation from any shade of blonde to the blackest black, although the individual will notice an external change in shade, the color will not penetrate to the brain cells, or cell depending on the extent of the condition of the former blonde.

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**Women’s Lacrosse Drops Two Straight; Falls to 4-4**

By Mike Halper  
Sports Editor

The MSU women’s lacrosse team lost their second game in a row Monday night, falling 11-10 to Cabrini, adding goals before the end of the first half, the Profs, goalkeeper Karen Fox to steal the win for Cabrini. Fox finished with 15 saves off 26 shots, while MSU could only get off 19 shots.

The night before, the Red Hawks closed the gap to 9-7 off three straight Vicki Gangemi goals, but Rowan took an 8-3 lead into half-time. The Gangemi sisters picked up four straight goals, and Jeanelle Hustad added another four. Vicki Gangemi picked up the game-winning tenth goal with 8:40 remaining in the game. MSU would tuck on another two goals before the game ended. The Valiants’ All-American sophomore Katie Prantos scored four goals and two assists for the losers.

The women will be hosting FDU-Madison this afternoon at 4 p.m. at Sprague Field, and will then host Philadelphia University at 1 p.m. Saturday.

**Support is Hard to Come By**

MSU’s athletic programs consistently put forth championship efforts... So why are the front-row seats so easy to get?

A couple of weeks into MSU’s spring sports season, there have already been a few bright spots. The baseball team pulled off a very successful 6-2-1 California trip in early March and followed it up with a 10-game win streak that just ended this past weekend. So far, they are 14-3-1, with a perfect 5-0 record at the beautiful Yogi Berra Stadium, and we’ve had nothing but beautiful weather for the games.

Senior righty Greg Belson has been pitching a storm, with a perfect 4-0 record, a sparkling 2.70 ERA, and three complete games. Every member of the regular starting lineup is batting at least .300. George Gallagher, who splits time between pitching and the designated hitter position, holds a .483 batting average, and has also belted a team-leading six home runs and driven in a team-leading 27 RBIs.

In their first 18 games, the Red Hawks have picked up 18 home runs, already topping last season’s number. The team has three players averaging better than an RBI per game, and during their 10-game win streak, they averaged better than 10 runs per game, while giving up less than four. Just down the hill at Quarry Field, the softball team has been enjoying a great season. They started off with an 8-2 Florida A&M trip over Spring Break, and picked it up by winning the fifth annual MSU/WPU Softball Classic upon their return home.

Since then, the team went 3-1, and they hold a 14-4 overall record. Pitchers Evelyn Morozzi and Tara Todaro both held 7-2 records, with ERAs of 2.32 and 1.75, respectively. Centerfielder Tiffani Milito leads the team with a .492 batting average, and 1999 NJAC Female Athlete of the Year Tara Wisz, Kim Caruso, and Alex Lamont are all above the .400 plateau.

Wisz, already a three-time All-American, and company are hoping to lead the Red Hawks to an NJAC title, and beyond. Over on the men’s lacrosse team (6-3), Will Van Dorn has been racking up monstrous numbers in the points column, especially assists. Granted, lacrosse is usually a high-scoring sport, but when comparing his numbers to other players, they look almost Gretzky-esque. Van Dorn has 35 assists in his seven games, and the rest of the team has a total of 25 in eight games.

On the other end of all those assists are David Capello, of course, one of those three goalkeepers. Van Dorn and the prolific scorers of the lacrosse team have a chance to carry this team to a Knickerbocker Conference Title. The season looks promising for MSU Sports, and things are looking exciting for us spectators. Unfortunately, there aren’t many of us. The hockey team, one of the most exciting teams we’ve ever had, any sport, were mostly unnoticed by the campus community all season. Lacrosse, another fast-paced, exciting sport, goes mostly unnoticed. Even the baseball team, in the shiny new Yogi Berra Stadium, a professional-level facility, gets very little student support. There are always parents, a few friends, and some relatives of the opposing team. Even some alumni show up to watch the team. On a high school class will drop by during their campus tour. There are more sports than baseball and football on campus, and some of those sports are much more exciting. It’s kind of sad to be sitting at a baseball game and not hear anyone cheering when Gallagher hits a shot over the left field wall or listening to silence when Van Dorn and Lukasko connect for a game-winning goal.

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never in the game. MSU put in three goals in the first period, and ended the half with an 8-1 lead. DeGennaro, Stevens Tech. 5, was strong in goal for the second straight game, finished with 22 saves on 27 shots on goal, an .815 save percentage. Rick Testa and senior midfielder Steve Urbanowycz scored three goals for the Red Hawks, who picked up their second win in a row.

Last Wednesday, MSU hosted NY Maritime, falling behind 1-0 less than five minutes into the game. MSU 14, NY Maritime 5. Junior attack Pat Lukasko, MSU’s top goal-scorer on the season with 22, and Urbanowycz then took charge and put away all Maritime’s hopes of winning. The Red Hawks scored 10 straight goals, five of them from Urbanowycz and four of them from Lukasko. Testa, who finished with four goals, picked up the other.

MSU took a 14-3 lead before Maritime picked up the last two goals of the game. DeGennaro stopped 19 shots in the win.

The Red Hawks will be taking on CCNY on Saturday at Sprague Field. The game will begin at 4 p.m., and will be the last men’s lacrosse home game until the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy comes to town for the last game of the season, on April 25. Next week, the team rests until their Wednesday night game at Kean University.

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**Alcohol Abuse Screening Day**

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**Student Center Ballroom C**

Stop by and watch a brief video, gather some information, and/or complete a self-evaluation measure on alcohol use.
The First Row With Fred

By Fred Stolarzki III

Sports Columnist

That ringing bell you hear means one of two things. One, is that your heads are still spinning from the WWF's 12-hour Wrestlemania coverage. The other possibility is that it's time, once again, for everybody to come aboard this week's edition of The First Row. I'd like to start off by saying how happy I was to see WM2000 kick off with Ice-T leading the Godfather and D-Lo Brown to the ring. On the other hand, I was sad to see that he was referred to as Ice Tea on WWF.com. He's a person, not a beverage!

If I said it once, I said it millions — and millions of times. Triple H is The Game. What more can I say? The Game himself said it best when he said, "I'm just that damn good!

For the past few weeks, Kane has been wrestling with a broken hand. The angle on Monday night's Raw where Bull crushed Kane's hand between the ring post and a chair shot will be used to explain his absence for the next few weeks.

Speaking of new WWF angles, could Stephanie McMahon be leaving The Game? If you remember back to when Kurt Angle first came to the ranks of the WWF, the first lady of wrestling seemed to have a bit of a crush on our Olympic hero. Rumor has it that Stephanie will be leaving Triple H and joining forces with the WWF's only "real" athlete, Kurt Angle, in time for SummerSlam.

Davey Boy Smith, who was said to be in rehab, was involved in a run-in angle over in Canada with Stampede Wrestling. Davey Boy was said to be in attendance to watch his son Harry wrestle. During the match, Davey ran in to rescue Harry and his brother-in-law Ross Hart from the top heel group called the Honor Roll. Father and son Smith are expected to team up and form the new British Bull Dogs. Also, Sabu is expected to start his Stampede Wrestling career on April 20 or 21.

Sabu's former partner "The whole F'n show" Rob Van Dam will be working the ECW storylines again April 8. Both RVD and long time rival Jerry Lynn should be returning form their injuries in time for ECW's May 14 PPV, Hardcore Heaven.

I, like many of you, am counting down the days until they return!

This Monday, WCW will be back to begin their "new era." Many old wrestlers will be there along with many new ones. Rumor has it that Piper will be making yet another return. Then again, Piper has been booking himself all over the independent circuit and pulling no-shows left and right. Hopefully he won't show Monday either!

One man who surely will not be returning anytime soon is Bret Hart. Despite rumors that he has retired, he is still under contract with WCW, and is still tending to his concussion. Hart's concussion will be reevaluated in June or July and his future will be determined from there.

Another man who may not be returning to a WCW ring is New Jersey's own Chris Kanyon. Even with WCW beginning it's new era, Kanyon is still requesting his return.

As of late, Vampiro has begun his well deserved push. With WCW making a new start this Monday, where does this leave Vampiro? Well it seems as though Vampiro has impressed many people with high rank and influence in WCW. Not only are both Bischoff and Russo happy with his talent, but Hulk Hogan has expressed interest in Vampiro as well. Hulk wants to start an angle where the two would tag team for a while and later Hogan will turn on him. Whatever angle they stick Vampiro in, I'm confident that he'll find his way to the top!

Each week I encourage all of you to send me your questions and comments. This week, Kelly writes, "I heard, a while ago, that Hulk Hogan was going to return to the WWF when his contract was up with WCW. And that he would retire in the WWF. Do you know if this is true?" Thank you Kelly for that question, but no I do not know if that is true. I can say that I have heard that same rumor and at this time it is still only a rumor.

I don't see the WWF signing Hogan with the way their programming has changed since he left, but anything can happen in the WWF. Just a month or so ago, the WWF aired an angle in which an 80-year-old woman gave birth to a prothetic hand. Anyway, as of now Hulk's return to the WWF is still a rumor. If I come across any information concerning this matter, you can be sure that I will keep you posted.

Once again, our time has expired for this weeks edition of the First Row. Questions? Comments?? You can reach me at FirstRowFred@aol.com. Until next week, stay out of those cheap seats!

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By Erik Lopez

MSU won its ninth straight game Friday afternoon with an 8-2 win over the Ramapo Roadrunners at Yogi Berra Stadium. Sophomore rightfielder Chris Baran led the team on offense while senior right-handed pitcher George Gallagher took care of the defense.

Baran went 1 for 4 with his fourth homerun of the season and also had a double, driving in four runs. Gallagher improved his record to 2-0 on the season.

The Red Hawks extended their winning streak to 10 and stopped Rowan’s winning streak at nine. During the 10-game streak, MSU outscored their opponents by a total score of 113-32, winning by an average difference of more than seven runs per game.

The Gangemi sisters, Vicki (left) and Jodi, stepped up their games this past week, combining for a total of 16 goals and three assists over a three-game, four-day period. Against the Valiants, they both recorded hat tricks, and they combined for six and four goals in their games against Cabrini and Rowan, respectively. Junior attack Vicki picked up the game-winning goal in MSU’s win over Manhattanville, and Jodi scored two goals in 30 seconds to put MSU up 9-6 against Cabrini.

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Catcher Jeff Schriber slides into third (above) with an RBI triple in MSU’s game against the Ramapo Roadrunners on Friday. The triple scored Marc Houser, and Dave Wurst hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Schriber (left), giving MSU a 5-1 lead. Schriber finished the game at 1-3 with a run and an RBI.

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run on three hits. Dougherty hit a two-run homerun to left field, giving the Profs a 2-0 lead. Belson struggled with his control and issued back-to-back walks to put runners on first and second with one out. Braender then cracked an RBI single to right-center, driving in the third run. Belson managed to pick up two more outs and get out of the inning with no more damage.

After the first inning, Belson was sensational, giving up no more runs and only five hits the rest of the way. It was his third complete game of the season. He also recorded eight strikeouts, and now sports a 2.70 ERA.

Red Hawk rightfielder Chris Baran singled to right in the top of the third, putting MSU on the board as Jeff Schriber crossed the plate. In the sixth, MSU came back to tie the game. The inning started as Fred Longo, who went 4-4 on the game, led off with a single. Francia doubled to center and Brian Rowan walked, loading the bases with no outs. Marc Houser picked up an RBI with a sacrifice fly to left, and later in the inning Francia came around to score on a Braender error, tying the game at 3.

With two outs and none on in the seventh, George Gallagher was hit by a pitch from Rowan starter Josh Laxton (1-2). Longo then doubled to center, scoring Gallagher and chasing Laxton from the game in favor of Jeff Kalber.

Kalber ran into some trouble himself in the eighth, as Ellerson started the inning off with a double. Scott Clark, sent up to pinch hit for Houser, successfully moved Ellerson over to third with a sacrifice bunt. Schriber then smacked his second hit of the day, an RBI single to right that brought Ellerson in and extended the MSU lead to 5-3.

That’s how it would end as the Red Hawks extended their winning streak to 10 and stopped Rowan’s winning streak at nine. During the 10-game streak, MSU outscored their opponents by a total score of 113-32, winning by an average difference of more than seven runs per game.
Men's Lacrosse
Burned By Devils
By Mike Haljpej
Sports Editor

With 13 seconds left on the clock at Sprague Field, FDU-Madison (9-0) freshman attack Jason Kelske whipped the ball past Stevens Tech. freshman goalkeeper Vinni DeGennaro. The goal, Kelske's third of the game, put the Devils ahead 15-14, and gave them their ninth win in a row. The loss dropped the Red Hawks to 5-3.

Setting up Kelske's last-second game-winner was an unassisted goal from junior Brett Lapides, who his third of the game, put the Devils ahead 15-14, and gave them their ninth win in a row. The loss dropped the Red Hawks to 5-3.

The lead would not last long as MSU went on a 5-0 run that put FDU up 2-0. The Red Hawks struck first in the top of the fourth quarter, setting up Kelske's last-second gamewinner. But in the second half, the Red Hawks couldn't get the ball past Stevens Tech. goalie Evelyn Morozzi and Abbatemarcon. Morozzi stopped the last three outs of the game, and Abbatemarcon nabbed a shot from Kelske.

The Red Hawks' winning streak Saturday ended with a 13-5 loss to Rowan (14-3, 3-1 NJAC), which knocked them out of second place in the conference. The loss was the first of the year for the Red Hawks, who had won 14 straight games.

The Red Hawks concluded the season with a 14-7 record, including a 5-2 mark in the NJAC. The team reached the NJAC championship game, but lost to Rider University, 11-10.

By Andy Seyka
Staff Writer

The weather seemed perfect Saturday afternoon. Sun rays bathed Quarry Field with a warm touch as the Red Hawks (14-4) and Richard Stockton College (12-7) faced off in the first game of a doubleheader. The score was 2-2 with two outs.

RSC's Julie Goss stood on second base after advancing on a sacrifice bunt. She dug her cleats into the faded brown dirt that covered the infield. As she positioned herself to square up to third base, her eyes gazed at the pitcher and her teammate, who had just stepped back into the pitcher's box.

RSC centerfielder Nicole Abbatemarcon stared at the pitcher. She nestled the bat on her shoulder waiting for the right pitch, arched back and anticipated.

The dust kicked up as the rest of the infield positioned themselves, and then it all died down. Everyone's gaze was trained on Goss as they turned their eyes to MSU pitcher Evelyn Morozzi and Abbatemarcon.

Morozzi had allowed Goss to get on base with a single to right field and wasn't planning on letting her come home. Two batters later, Morozzi found herself staring down Abbatemarcon, a batter who had gone 0-3 so far, and after a brief pause, she began her pitching motion.

Morozzi released the ball, Goss immediately leaped off second base and, after advancing on a sacrifice bunt, was greeted by an RBI single from junior MaryKate Behring. Behring's hit tied the game at 2-2, and MSU went on to win 3-2.

Despite the loss, MSU had a chance to advance to the NJAC championship game, but the loss knocked them out of the running. The Red Hawks finished the season with a 14-7 record, including a 5-2 mark in the NJAC. The team reached the NJAC championship game, but lost to Rider University, 11-10.