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Thursday, April 13, 2001

Tuition Hike Debated for Fiscal Year 2001

By Ricardo Lora, Jr
Special to The Montclarion

A tuition increase for the fiscal year 2001 was discussed at the April 6 MSU Board of Trustees meeting, but the amount of increase remains undetermined.

The rate of tuition is a yearly issue. The BOT is yet to decide on the dollar amount or percentage they might have to raise tuition, but a possible 10 percent increase was being discussed.

The BOT stated faculty salaries and maintenance of infrastructure are some of the reasons for the tuition hike.

"Approximately $2.2 million would be needed to cover an unfunded salary increase," President Cole said.

According to the New Fiscal Year 2001 Expenditures report, MSU must cover $2.2 million unfunded salary increases; $843,600 to fund debt services related to MSU Capital Infrastructure, as well as $1.4 million to begin construction for the new academic building that will house the College of Education and Human Services, and a new computer technology hub.

To offset the rise in tuition, the BOT is contemplating the introduction of a flat rate like William Paterson University and other NJ schools. A flat rate allows undergraduate students to take up to 18 credits without a surcharge and pay for tuition for 12. If MSU adopted this policy, it would be instituted in Fall 2002.

Unlike prior meetings, the BOT was aiming to encourage students to speak out on the topic of tuition, a more meaningful opportunity for people to give input, said President Cole.

Maintenance of heating and air conditioning is needed and computers need replacing, Harry Schuckel, Vice President of Budget, Planning, Information Technology, said.

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Only 37 percent of the revenue is generated by academic operations.

Mold Poses Potential Health Risk

By Frank Fusco
Staff Writer

The Health and Wellness Center reported closed this week as a result of a potentially hazardous mold fungus that was discovered last week by an industrial hygienist after the flood this February.

According to Amy Ferdinand, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, two types of fungus were identified: unocladium and stachbotrys. Ferdinand said that the amount of fungus had not yet been quantified, and that samples taken from the facility were in the process of being analyzed for toxicity levels.

"I don't want anyone to move back in until the raw data is evaluated and it is certain that the facility is safe," Ferdinand said.

Blanton Hall Residents Hit With Second Fire in Three Months

By Elizabeth A. Hutchinson
Assistant News Editor

The second fire in three months forced 639 MSU residents to evacuate Blanton Hall earlier this week. The fire started in the 5th floor, according to Karen Pennington, vice president for Student Development and Campus Life.

"It is suspected the electrical light fixture in the desk shorted out and caused the fire," Little Falls Fire Chief, Edward Pomponio said. "Once the desk caught on fire, the surrounding of the desk also helped to progress the fire, things like clothes on the back of a chair, and a purse were all destroyed."

The light fixture that caught on fire was attached to a university owned and issued desk. The fire then scorched the ceiling and caused the smoke detector to go off, which eventually triggered the sprinkler system," Pomponio said.

After the fire started, Little Falls Fire Department was alerted, however, University Police were the first emergency responders on the scene.

"Two officers went into the 5th floor room and extinguished the fire before the sprinklers finished," Lt. Mike Postalski, of University Police said.

Officer Don Maxwell kicked open the locked door of the room, while Officer Darren Jackson entered the room on his stomach to check for any other possible victims, said Postalski.

The fire was contained in only one room, however, there was a great deal of water damage after the sprinkler system went off. The building was declared safe.

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NEWS

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**SUNNY**

HI: 50° LO: 44°

Partly Sunny

HI: 52° LO: 48°

Thunderstorms

HI: 60° LO: 55°

Sunny

HI: 68° LO: 59°

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Trenton** - Republican Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco wants New Jersey to the lead on the issue of gun control with a bill that would require the sales of only personalized "smart guns" within three years after the first reliable one hits the market anywhere in the United States.

**Trenton** - Sixteen-year-old, and mother of a five-year-old, Trenton resident Dottie Rains, found out she was HIV-positive and unable to take further care of her son.

**Elizabeth** - Two female cell mates at the Union County Jail tested positive for hepatitis C, raising concerns about the health of correction officers who run the institution.

**Freehold** - Three Hunterdon County Freeholders turned down a proposal for a $3.6 million budget for a Hunterdon County Police Tech.

**Newark** - The Newark planning board is expected to vote Wednesday to decide whether to clear the way for the destruction of properties on a 40-acre site for a possible downtown sports arena.

**Montclair** - Montclair police have reported the spotting of sati, semiautomatics and a Thompson submachine gun. These are just a few of the counted 800 weapons that have been turning up during the past three years the town has been purchasing back guns.

**Pemberton Township** - A proposal to build a new Acme shopping plaza passed its final municipal hurdle.

**Trenton** - A bigopper in a state police uniform played "Amazing Grace" while a service at St. Mary's Cathedral persisted in memory of a fellow officer.

**Compiled from njo.com by Christina Spatz**

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Mumbai - United States officials announced that they will legally transfer custody of six-year-old Elian Gonzalez from the temporary state with his Miami relatives over to his father in Cuba some-time this week.

Cleveland - Eight people will have to decide this week whether Dr. Sam Shepard is an innocent man wrongly accused of his wife's 1954 battery murder or a cheating husband who killed Marilyn Shepard in a moment of fury.

Marcana, Arizona - Four of the 19 troops killed in the weekend crash of a U.S. Marine Corp MV-22 osprey aircraft were recently assigned to the unit that operates the helicopter Marine One. Marine One is used by short trips taken by President Clinton.

Jackson, Mississippi - A firefighter convicted of killing his wife and four supervisors at a fire station in 1996, in a Mississippi prison of natural causes.

Los Indios, Texas - The slain body of a Mexican journalist was discovered dumped across the border in Texas. Federal agents continue to investigate.

Washington - The United States military, whose 37,000 troops are stationed in Southern Korean pen-

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Jerusalem - Prime Minister Ehud Barak downplayed hopes for a breakthrough that could reunite peace with Syria as he departed for a Washington Summit meeting with President Clinton on Sunday.

Athens, Greece - The Greek Prime Minister Corintos Simitis' ruling Socialists party won the closest parliamentary elections ever held in Modern Greece. The Socialists scored 43.14 percent of the vote, while the opposing New Democrats gained only 43.03 percent.

Sydney, Australia - Ethnic Albanian refugees from Kosovo started a hunger strike Sunday in protest against the forced return to their homeland, immigration depart- ment officials said.

Hillsborough, Northern Ireland - Queen Elizabeth II visited Northern Ireland Wednesday to grant Britain's highest civilian gallantry award, the George Cross, to the territory's controversial police force.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - United Nations special envoy Catherine Bertini began a visit to a drought-stricken region of Africa to provide food aid.

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**FOR THE RECORD**

In an article on The Montclarion's recent editorial board elections, it should have read that Mike Sanchez is undeclared and Carolyn Velichk, 21, is not a Journalism minor.

The Montclarion willingly corrects its factual errors. If you think that we have made a mistake in a story please call Editor-In-Chief Justin Veliucci at (973) 655-5230.
Annex after the flood in Blanton Hall created a potentially dangerous mold.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concluded that stachybotrys chartarum was likely connected to a respiratory disease known as idiopathic pulmonary hemorrhage, which causes the afflicted to cough up blood.

A report on the study linking fungus to disease control room 411. Today’s session is an open forum that is being sponsored by the SGA and the Unity Collaboration from the Department of Students. Presenters include SGA President John Griffin and Director Calibre. Kazimir has also said that the SGA is planning a speak-out in the dorms.

The SGA has not yet written the bill that would put the issue up for a referendum vote. Because the bill remains unwritten, it is unlikely that the referendum question will appear in next week’s SGA elections.

Director of University Police and Security, Phillip Calibre, recently sent a letter to The Montclarion (which will run in next week’s issue) responding to some misconceptions he has perceived in the course of the debate. The letter states that there has been documentation of criminal acts involving weapons on campus and that the University Police have had “to respond to these calls without proper protection.”

In some of the incidents, it was necessary for the University Police to call for assistance from police in surrounding communities. He also states that University Police are fully trained by County Police Academies that are controlled by the Police Training Commission.

Information sessions and open forums were held yesterday, and there is one being held today from 2:45 p.m. in Student Center Room 111. Today’s session is an open forum that is being sponsored by the SGA and the Unity Collaboration from the Department of Students. Presenters include SGA President John Griffin and Director Calibre. Kazimir has also said that the SGA is planning a speak-out in the dorms.

MSU National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) president, Chris Mitchell said his organization opposes the idea of arming campus police. They have made it a point to have presenters in every open forum. The NAACP is planning to write a letter to President Cole stating their position. They are trying to work with other organizations in writing the letter to Cole.

Freeman and Russ Hall hosted an open forum yesterday evening to address police brutality issues, and the arming of MSU police.

CRUNCHED: The Health and Wellness Center is only offering emergency care from its temporary residence in the Student Center Annex after the flood in Blanton Hall created a potentially dangerous mold.

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It is unknown when the facility will reopen. The center has been closed for approximately two weeks now. Student Center room 106 is now being used to accommodate students with health emergencies.

Ferdinand stressed that it is not yet known what the lab results will tell us about the stachybotrys and ulocladium found at Blanton Hall. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed thus far is that stachybotrys, the fungus could belong to any one of a number of species.

Results of the lab analysis will determine what species the sample was and whether it is not yet known when the results will be known.

[Image of a fire]

Blanton Hall cafeteria was closed for the morning of the fire, due to flooding.

"After the fire occurred we are required to send a copy of the report and photographs of the scene to the state of New Jersey," Pompionio said. "They are going to use this as an example of how important sprinkler systems in residence halls are.

In late January a similar incident occurred at Seton Hall University. Three students died in a dormitory fire. At the time, Seton Hall did not have any working sprinkler systems. Governor Whitman is giving a supposed $9 million to its colleges and universities to equip all dormitories with sprinkler systems.

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The presentation of the awards will take place at 7 p.m. next Tuesday, April 18, in Dickson Hall's Brantl Auditorium.

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By Jill Nuber
Staff Writer

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Students must have discipline to take this type of course because they are required to check in everyday, Stuehler said.

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Cumulative Increase 1990-2000

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* MSU's annual rate is calculated by 30 credit per hour load per year
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News

Student Government Association
Election 2000

Candidate for President

Michael Kazimir
Year: Senior - Major: Speech Communications - GPA: 2.7
- SGA Vice President (99-00)
- SGA Legislator (96-99)
- Former Vice President of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- Multicultural Diversity Weekend
- Unity Collaboration
- Project Pride
- Fundraising Chair, North Jersey Boy Scout Museum
- Eagle Scout

Candidate for Vice President

William Guardino
Year: Senior - Major: Human Ecology / Minor: Women's Studies - GPA: 3.25
- SGA Director of Services (99-00)
- SGA President Pro Tempore (98-99)
- SGA Legislator (96-99)
- Legislator of the Year (98-99)
- President, NJ Community Waterwatch (97-98)
- Resident Assistant, Blanton Hall (97-98)
- President, Honors Student Organization (99-00)
- Senior Week Committee Chair (99-00)
- Parking Survey Committee Chair (98-99)
- Eagle Scout

Candidate for Treasurer

Shariff Elhagin
Year: Junior - Major: Music Education - GPA: 3.1
- SGA Treasurer (99-00)
- SGA Legislator (97-99)
- Secretary of C.L.U.B. (98-99)
- Chair of SGA Appropriations Committee (98-99)
- Brother of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity
- SGA Appropriations Committee Chair (98-99)
- SGA Senior Committee (97-99)

Candidate for Secretary

Jeannette Mammaro
Year: Sophomore - Major: Speech Communications / Minor: Journalism - GPA: 3.3
- SGA Chief of Staff (99-00)
- SGA Legislator (98-99)
- SGA Interim Secretary (98-99)
- Sister of Phi Sigma Sigma National Sorority
- Social and Sunshine Chairs, Phi Sigma Sigma
- SGA External Affairs Committee Chair (98-99)
- Greek Council Representative (98-99)
- Student Affairs Committee
- Desk Assistant, Blanton Hall

Candidate for B.O.T. Student Alternate

Sky G. Pippin
Year: Sophomore - Major: Political Science / Minor: Pre-law - GPA: 2.59
- SGA Director of Residence Life (99-00)
- SGA Legislator (98-99)
- Resident Assistant, Blanton Hall (99-00)
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- Student Programming Committee (98-99)
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(Student Center)

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(Student Center)

Saturday April 15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(Dickson Hall)
Keeping Customers Happy
One Meal at a Time

By Michelle Whitehead
Staff Writer

I just want to make you happy,” short order cook Ronald Thompkins Jr. ex­ plains to a student from behind his post at the American Grill in the Student Center Cafeteria as he hands him a carefully pre­
pared cheese steak sandwich. The care that Thompkins puts into making lunch and din­ner items may surprise some customers, but not those who are familiar with him.

Making customers happy has been Thompkins’ goal since he first started with Sodexo-Marriott about four weeks ago af­ter moving to New Jersey from Indianapo­lis, Indiana. Polite, outgoing and conge­nial, Thompkins is known for his positive attitude and friendly nature.

While working at the Student Center, it is obvious that Thompkins takes great pride in his demeanor and work ethic. He asks students how their morning has been or steals a moment to reheat French fries that have gotten chilly. Simple things like this have gotten chilly. Simple things like this make Thompkins highly regarded by cus­
tomers. He is the kind of employee who is always sure to ask students how they are doing and takes the extra time to check that meals are made their best.

"I just want to serve people the best I can," says Thompkins of his motivation for consistently serving quality food with a wide smile. Student Center customers certainly seem to notice his cheery disposition and enthusi­
asm for his job. Thompkins does more than just cook - he chats with customers while putting the finishing touches on a grilled chicken sandwich with one hand and cook­
ing a steak sandwich with the other. Those standing in the line of the American Grill converse easily with Thompkins and he know his more frequent customers by name. "I develop a repertoire," Thompkins says, adding that he is happy with his job because he likes the students and the atmos­phere of the campus.

One thing that Thompkins seems to be a little short on is time. Outside of working for Sodexo-Marriott, Thompkins has a part­time job and manages to find time to indulge in his many hobbies. On the weekends he may be found as a DJ at a special occasion or as the menu coordinator for a party. In­
deed he is a man who wears many hats. Above all, Thompkins considers himself to be an artist, finding creativity and beauty in all aspects of life. He is part entertainer, part musician and part chef. He believes that cooking is just another art form, like paint­
ing or music. While in Indianapolis, he spent time as the member of a stage setup crew for a few well-known bands. "Everyone says I have a good attitude," says Thompkins. "I just treat people the same as they’d treat me. I know what it’s like to be a student."

Looking toward the future, Thompkins plans to keep pursuing his artistic ventures. He hopes to keep cooking, but also paint­ing, making music, and entertaining. Those wishing to watch a free display of his tal­ents and try some good food can find Ron Thompkins in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each weekday.

Binge Drinking:
Not Everyone Plays the Game

By Susan Skalsky
Special to the Montclarion


Binge drinking was defined as the con­sumption of five or more drinks in a row for men and four or more for women, at least once in the two weeks preceding the survey.

Body size and sex affect how our bod­ies handle alcohol. Since women have more body fat and less stomach enzymes, they burn up alcohol more slowly. As a result, they stay drunk longer on the same amount of alcohol as their male counterparts.

According to the study, of the 14,000 students surveyed, 19.2 percent reported ab­staining while 36.6 percent were non-binge drinkers.

Compared with data from prior studies done in 1993 and 1997, the number of stu­dents abstaining increased almost 25 per­cent over the past six years.

In the current study, more students re­ported that they were abstainers. Among these were Hispanics, African Americans, Asians, freshman, and those living in resi­dence halls and fraternity/sorority houses.

Binge drinkers were more likely than other students to experience alcohol-related problems such as missing a class, getting behind in school work, doing something they regretted, forgetting where they were or what they did, arguing with friends, engaging in unplanned sexual activities, not using pro­tection during sex, damaging property, get­ting into trouble with campus or local po­lice, getting hurt or injured, requiring medi­cal treatment for an alcohol overdose, and driving after drinking alcohol.

A significant increase in frequent binge drinking occurred among students who were binge drinkers in high school.

Serious medical problems can result from prolonged use of alcohol and/or drugs. These include cancer; stomach problems; increases in "bad" cholesterol; hypertension; heart attacks; liver damage; pancreatitis; dia­betes; tingling, numbness, and tenderness in the feet, fingers, hands and arms, followed by weakness, difficulty balancing, and dif­ficulty walking; reduced vision; irregular menstrual cycles; male breast enlargement; and testicular shrinking and atrophy.

More serious alcohol-related tragedies resulting in death can also occur. These in­clude acute alcohol poisonings, falls, drown­ing, car accidents, fires, and hypothermia (exposure to cold).

Stopping the use of alcohol, improving nutrition and taking vitamin supplements with thiamine and other B Complex vitamins can improve health dramatically and reverse much of the damage that is done by alcohol.

If you have any concerns or questions about binge drinking, see someone at the Health and Wellness Center today. We can help you decide if you have a problem with alcohol or drugs. Call us today at x 4361.
Why Change is So Challenging for Today’s Men

By Robert Vincent

Editor's note: This is the second part of a two part series on “male change.”

In pursuit of discovery, the one area of masculinity that is still an enigma is male friendship. Each time that an author or a researcher thinks that he has discovered a truth, contradicting evidence erodes his conviction. There are, however, some definite patterns that have emerged.

According to Rollo May, author of Man’s Search for Himself, most men identify their wives as their friends. May writes, “Though they may be satisfied with this relationship, many men are vaguely troubled that their best friend is not another man.

Furthermore, buddies they enjoyed in college or in the service are nostalgically missed by men 30 to 50-years old.”

The 45-year-old protagonist of the film Everybody’s All American laments to his old college buddy: “Years ago I thought I’d go on making friends like you forever, but it hasn’t happened... Why is that?”

Similarly, most men relish time away from their wives that is spent playing or watching sports with male friends. Men sense that these relationships are not sufficiently intimate, especially when they observe the relationships formed by their wives or girlfriends.

Yet, as strong as a man’s longing for male bonding may be, he is often unable to define precisely what is missing from his current friendships.

Do men long for those relationships perpetuated by Hollywood and Madison Avenue in which men share feelings as loyal and devoted buddies? Can men share a sense of fun and freedom and still share their deepest, darkest secrets?

The popularity of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Luke Skywalker and Hans Solo may reflect this.

Do men harbor a secret desire to bond together in a common cause, as depicted in The Dirty Dozen?

Perhaps the illustrations lie not with male fantasies, but with the past. Were our boyhood friends really as close as we recall, or do we allow sentiment to distort a bygone time and believe too dearly in films such as Stand by Me and American Graffiti?

Why is it that even those men who recognize the limitations of their friendships with other men, and desire to transcend the triviality of sports conversation over beer, find it so difficult to alter these patterns?

What are the barriers that prevent men from developing and maintaining closer relationships with other men?

It is believed a number of factors are responsible for this impasse: men’s adherence to a narrow definition of “masculinity,” homophobia, unresolved conflicts with fathers and the influence of past stereotypes.

Editor's Note: A profile on Lociano Benjamin and his love and appreciation of writing will be featured in next week’s edition of The Montclarion.
**Out There**

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

**By Kristina Zombardo**

Perhaps, like many, you’ve become quite tired of the bubblegum pop music scene that has crept its way back into mainstream American pop culture. I don’t feel like pulling the hair out of your head the next time you hear another *NSync or Britney Spears song overplayed on the radio, and you’ve had enough of “Totally Request Live” telling you what good music is, take a trip over to the indie side of things.

So far the year 2000 has brought forth some excellent music contributions from GLBT artists.

The most notable of these efforts is Melissa Ferrick’s fourth full-length studio album, *Freedom*. Released in March, Ferrick presents 11 new songs, including two versions of the title track *Freedom*, one acoustic and one souped-up electronic version.

On this album, Ferrick’s sound is very groovy, backed up by Marika Tjelios’s slick bass lines, and a funky beat background. Ferrick sings a beautiful tribute to one of her favorite musicians, Shawn Colvin on “Win ‘em Over,” which in itself sort of sounds like a Colvin tune, but is definitely Melissa’s style with its catchy lyrics, and smooth melody.

Other great songs on this album include the biting break-up tune “Some Kind of Nerve,” and the sexy, sultry, bedroom song “Drive,” which has long been a favorite of her live audiences.

Like her preceding albums, *Freedom* contains songs dealing with love and life and the truth in human emotion but shows a new kind of maturity that she’s gained from her years on the road. Anyone familiar with Ferrick’s music and live performances will attest to her incredible guitar and vocal skills, both of which are well represented on *Freedom*.

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**Freshmen Year: The Experience of a Lifetime**

The Inside Scoop on Residence Life

**By Kristina Zombardo**

From the first moment I walked into Rock Hall as a freshman, I know that my life was going to be different. Just how different, no one could have possibly known! The things we learn in college are things that we could never forget no matter how hard we try. We know that there was someone else holding his hand, or we decided he just wasn’t worth the wait! Our first frat party, our first time clubbing, and even our first drinking/drug “event” will never be erased from our memory, especially if it involved throwing bags at each other in the Flatt.

Along with all this, we’ve learned to be independent, to fend for ourselves, and not only that, but we also learned to like the music scene that has creeped its way into our lives. We’ve all had our eyes set on the radio, and you’ve had enough of “Totally Request Live” telling you what good music is, take a trip over to the indie side of things.

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**Eco Tips**

By Pearl Lopina and Jenny Mabee

It may surprise you to find out just how many items used regularly in your own home are damaging to the natural world. Equally as shocking is the fact that biologically-minded alternatives are readily available, but they just are not used. Beauty supplies, such as certain types of lip balms and hair products, often contain petroleum, an important resource rapidly disappearing from our planet. However, there are many brands that do not contain petroleum. Cleaning products, a major offender when it comes to preserving our water supplies, can also be replaced with baking soda (for scouring, instead of Ajax) and vinegar (for removing stains from coffee pots and the like). Finally, insecticides, which are among the worst poisons you can unleash on the environment, can be pushed aside for such alternatives as bagels at each other in the Ratt.

Throughout these past eight months we’ve all experienced feelings of joy, sadness, hatred, loneliness, and maybe (perhaps even) love. We’ve all had our eyes set upon a particular someone only to find out that there was someone else holding his hand, or we decided he just wasn’t worth the wait! Our first frat party, our first time clubbing, and even our first drinking/drug “event” will never be erased from our memory, especially if it involved throwing bags at each other in the Flatt.

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real students. real issues.

TWENTY something

The Manuel of Love:

How young is too young when it comes to settling down?

By Lisa Gamarekian
Special to the Montclarion

He instantly stood out from the rest of the guys that were at Filly's bar that night and any other night that I had frequented the place. About 5'8" tall and his brown hair was cut military style. His jawline was perfectly chiseled and the big brown eyes that were staring back at me were so inviting. He was wearing a blue, fitted shirt that showed off his well defined biceps and khaki pants that revealed his trim waist and perfect butt. At the same time. I had frequented the place.

"I have to meet that guy," I whispered to my friend Christina sat next to me and we both reached for a cigarette.

I sat at the smoky bar and washed down a shot of vodka with a sip of my cold Amstel Light. My hair was cut military style. His jawline was perfect. I knew instantly who I was talking about after she glanced at me and traced my stare.

Before we planned our first date on the phone, I assumed that we would do the "dinner" thing on a Friday night and maybe hang out in bars or clubs. However, according to most of the girls I know, the only thing single nights get old real fast and shouldn't be so lucky to find someone who doesn't drink and your shoes are covered with the alcohol people have "accidentally" spilled on your feet all night.

You watch in horror as some freak across the bar sends you a drink and while holding up his glass in an attempt to toast you, spills half of it on his shirt. Those nights get old real fast and shouldn't define every weekend of your youth. Yes, it's important to go out, have fun and meet as many different kinds of people as you can when you are young. But if you should be so lucky to find someone who stands out from the rest, even if you do meet him at a bar, you should let your feelings determine what you should do with it, not your age.

By Lisa Gamarekian
Special to the Montclarion

He started to walk around the bar and before I knew it he was standing about four people away from me. I turned to my left and in an attempt to get a glimpse of him, I got caught. Just as I lifted my eyes to see where he was, I realized he was looking right at me.

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Most girls my age don't plan on getting married until they are 26 or 27 years old, and I certainly don't see myself sending out wedding invitations anytime soon. But does that mean I'm supposed to cram in and meet as many men as I possibly can over the next five years?

"Go out and have fun," says my 24-year-old sister Lauren. "You should be dating and meeting as many guys as possible right now."

What does she mean by "right now" anyway? Is it written in some book of woman's guidelines I've yet to read that your early twenties should be filled with massive dating rituals?

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According to most of the people that offer me advice even when I don't ask for it, the answer is yes.

Sure there are plenty of girls out there that thrive on some of the things that define their twenty-somethings.

You feel sick from the warm beer you drank and your shoes are covered with the alcohol people have "accidentally" spilled on your feet all night.

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On our first date we went to Wheels In Motion, a roller-skating rink 30 minutes away. The place was filled with 13 and 14-year-old boys and girls that started at us 22 year olds like we were crashing their private party.

We had an amazing time that night and now, seven months later, we're still having fun.

Directions from campus: Rt. 3 East to Passaic Ave./Nutley/Passaic Ave. exit, go right off ramp, go three traffic lights & make a left, (Van Houten Ave.) Go to first traffic light, make a right onto Broadway. Loop in on right.
Pleasurecraft Focuses on the Experience Not the Sound

By Jeff Hill
Staff Writer

Pleasurecraft is the next step in sex rock, because they cannot be considered rock and definitely cannot be considered sexy. Hailing from the Philly area, the two scientists behind the madness, Steve Harder and Mickey Kane have ventured into the unknown with a totally different approach to modern music. They know how to make their live shows local around Rowan University. Pleasurecraft wants to be in your rotation someday, to offend and please you at the same time.

They have taken bits and pieces from almost every genre, and have created a mixure of tonal texture and improvisation. The music goes from John Cage to Public Enemy, swirling in an insane madness that lasts for the entire show. The combination of Steve Harder’s rants and Mickey Kane’s fuzzy face peddle destroy the consonant spectrum. I remembered to take a nice long shower before I began speaking with Steve and Mickey, for I knew I would feel dirty afterwards. We logged on and the interview commenced...

Jeff Hill: Use a four-letter word to describe the music of Pleasurecraft.
Mickey Kane: Fine.
Steve Harder: Hose.
JH: How did the pleasure begin? How did you guys do it?
MK: I think Steve wanted to do something called Pleasurecraft for a while with various other people under various circumstances doing various things. Paul Burrell asked if we’d get something together for a show he was putting on at Rowan, and we said yeah, so I guess that’s how it began.
SH: Well, one day, our friend Paul told us about a festival a band just dropped out of. So we formed to fill the void. Pleasurecraft also has another member who plays turntables. But Mickey and him haven’t even met yet. And we just brought on a dancer, but he hasn’t danced to our music yet, but he’s a real good dancer.
JH: Who thought of the name?
MK: I think it was a collaborative effort between Steve and Cyriquie, but I don’t know. Ask Steve.
SH: Uh, nobody really thought of it so much as it was given to us. We just were Pleasurecraft, there was no debate, and nothing we could do to change it.
JH: Where is the Pleasurecraft located?
MK: Halifax.
SH: When was your earliest memory of pleasure?
SM: I squeezed lotion out of Jar-Jar Binks’ head.
MK: Spanish Inquisition.
SH: I was there when Kraftwerk (German rock band) formed. They met on a bus. Keith saw Mick’s old blues records and they started a band. I was one seat over, pretending to read Popular Mechanics, eavesdropping on their conversation. They wrote the whole radioactivity album right there on the bus. I don’t know why they didn’t release that album first.
MK: I was at Dutchland Wonderland riding the cows.
JH: Who or what influences the music?
MK: The fact that I don’t know what I’m doing, and when we play I can’t hear what I’m doing. SH: That is an excellent question. And one I can’t answer.
JH: Any specific sound you are going after?
MK: No. That’s not important.
SH: Well, it varies from song to song, or rather, from idea to idea. We have not yet perfected our sound, or our chemistry. Soon our shows will be like LACE.
JH: If you could think of a fruit that encompasses your sound, or become a fruit, which fruit would you be?
MK: We would be summer squash.
KM: Antelope.
SH: Psycho killers.
JH: How many shows have you had?
MK: We mostly play funerals and weddings.
SM: And closets.
SH: And births.
JH: I think my music is perfect for births
MK: I’ve got rickens.
SH: I’ve got scarpies.
JH: Don Rickets?
MK: Not that harsh.
SH: I’ve got Harpies.
JH: The best video game of all time is...?
MK: Calligra.
SH: Bubble Bobble. No contest.
MK: Klax.
SH: Or Chip and Dale’s rescue rangers.
MK: Duck Hunt 2, Nocturnal Pursuers.
SH: Metroid, because nobody knows what the f**k it is to do.
JH: I’m really into Ice Hockey right now.
SH: I’m really into the Ice.
JH: Mickey, you are very tall, does that increase pleasure levels?
MK: Well...
SH: The pleasure quotient is increased exponentially.
MK: Exponential Hodges.
JH: Do you have a lovechild?
MK: The nation of Islam.
SH: Get With Mike!
MK: Who is Mike?
MK: A fine, fine man.
JH: Do you play high school dances?
SH: Oh, I don’t go to high school dances. We have not yet been asked, however. But I think it would be a really wonderful experience.
MK: We are happy to play anywhere. Especially closer to Trenton, because then we have easy access to opera singers and tumtablists.
JH: I think you guys sound a lot like KC and the Sunshine Band on ether. Did someone ever tell you that?

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Mission a Go For Launch but Barely Gets off the Ground

By David Pinto
Staff Writer

A s NASA speculates an estimated launch date for the first manned flight to Mars, a film that chronicles about the same premise at its center... but nothing much else.

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Mission to Mars...
Acting, Music and Visuals Combine for Indie Masterpiece

By Krista Stroebel
Staff Writer

In fidelity, dysfunctional parenting, crazy neighbors, dreams of Hollywood: This is the stuff of American suburbia, and the film Judy Berlin is not afraid to show it. Sure, corruptive suburban life is a common subject in films these days—who can forget that box office hit that just piled up some Oscars—but this little black and white independent feature is just a little different.

The film is titled after one of the main characters, Judy. Playedanimatedly by The Supranova’s Edie Falco, she is a homegrown small town woman aspiring to be a famous actress. The story centers around her final day in tiny Babylon, NY before she leaves for California that evening to chase her dreams. It just so happens this is the same day she begins to fall in love under a solar eclipse, which incidentally, seems to last an oddly lengthy amount of time.

Enter David Gold, Judy’s high school crush whom she runs into at a bus stop. David is a been-there-failed-miserably film-maker who just returned from California, having a life in his parents’ house with no job or means to support himself. Supporting this ensemble is Alice Gold, the overbearing wife of the school principal. Alice is portrayed by comedienne-actress Madeline Kahn, whose appearance in this film became her last before her death in December. Aaron Harrick joins Falco and Kahn in the delivery of outstanding performances, playing David Gold to a dry, disenchantment.

Visually, Judy Berlin is a work of art. The vehicle of the eclipse allows for some interesting uses of light, which contrasts sharply on the black-and-white film. Still images are beautifully composed, much like a series of photographs, providing a breathtaking atmosphere in an all too familiar setting.

Another plus for Judy Berlin is its musical score, composed by Michael Nicholson. The use of quiet strings, pianos, and box sounds brings the essence of fairytale to life, especially during the eerie scenes involving the eclipse. The drawbacks of this movie would be the dull acting performances by Barbara Barrie and Bob Dishy, who play Sue Berlin and Principal Gold. Dishy’s contempt for his wife seems somewhat forced, and Barrie’s affection for the married principal hold no passion what so ever. The story is also very slow, moving the film along through dialogue rather than action, and dragging it most of the way.

Judy Berlin proves to be a charming little story that can be enjoyed, despite its slow pace and lack of concise resolution. Visually, Judy Berlin is a mixture of good old rock ‘n’ roll and raw intense energy. From Northern New Jersey, American Slang has been around since 1992; and through the years they’ve gone through some changes to finally get the right touch. They came a long way to the recording studio, Big Blue, sometime in April 13. 2000. They Might be Giants.

American Slang is the stuff of American suburbia, and American Slang needs to work on their side, each song deals with the same topic: relationships and breaking up in relationships. True, this is only a three-song demo, but American Slang needs to work on their diversity in topics if they want to move up in the business. Don’t be fooled with the training wheels that stick in mind. Relationships, and controlling relationships—that’s a start boys. This song talks about needing space in a relationship, and in a sense, being in a controlling, demeaning one as well. "Thin Lines," the final track on the demo, starts off with sweet melodic chords of the guitar and bass blending into the vocals. There are shifts in the tempo, like a roller coaster ride... up and down, and down and up. This goes well with the lyrics, "Are you gonna hold on here come the earthquakes." "Thin Lines" ends with a bang of passionate rhythms and sounds.

There is a positive side to this review. American Slang is original and its hard to find one on the underground hard rock scene. They are planning on going back into the recording studio, Big Blue, sometime in April to record a full-length album. Overall, the band has some awesome sounds and good vibrations; they just need some diversity. To keep updated on all the American Slang happenings and information, make sure to check their website at www.americanslang.net or e-mail them at ladd74@aol.com. Keep rocking!

Words We’ve All Heard Before

By Dorothy Chudoba
Staff Writer

American Slang, a local band to North Jersey, puts together a good hard rock demo of songs that convey familiar emotions.

American Slang is a mixture of good old rock ‘n’ roll and raw intense energy. From Northern New Jersey, American Slang is a mixture of good hard rock demo of songs that convey familiar emotions.

The lyrics are poetic and the rhythms move well known in Jersey the last couple years. They recently recorded with Mike Bie Pun, who play Sue Berlin, Barrie and Bob Dishy, who play Sue Berlin and Principal Gold. Dishy’s contempt for his wife seems somewhat forced, and Barrie’s affection for the married principal hold no passion what so ever. The story is also very slow, moving the film along through dialogue rather than action, and dragging it most of the way.

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What’s Up, Explorer?

Cut and about in the local scene.

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Thursday, April 13

Madeski, Martin and Wood. Angel Orensaz Foundation Center for the Arts, New York, NY. (212)529-7194
Herbie Mann. Blue Note, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
They Might be Giants. Bowery Ballroom, New York, NY. (212)682-6137
Tom Jones. Carnegie Hall, New York, NY. (212)477-7800
Duncan Sheik. Joe’s Pub, New York, NY. (212)247-4777

Friday, April 14

Catherine Wheel. Bowery Ballroom, New York, NY. (212)682-6138
Joan Baez. Renaissance Weschester, Westchester, NY. (212)475-8592
Herbie Mann. Blue Note, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
Madeski, Martin and Wood. Angel Orensaz Foundation Center for the Arts, New York, NY. (212)529-7194

Saturday, April 15

New York City Opera. New Jersey Performing Arts Center
B.B. King. Westbury Music Fair New York, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
Herbie Mann. Blue Note, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
Madeski, Martin and Wood. Angel Orensaz Foundation Center for the Arts, New York, NY. (212)529-7194

Sunday, April 16

Herbie Mann. Blue Note, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
Madeski, Martin and Wood. Angel Orensaz Foundation Center for the Arts, New York, NY. (212)529-7194

Monday, April 17

Les Paul. Iridum Jazz Club, New York, NY. (212)777-6817
Flaming Lips w/ Loopier. Irving Plaza, New York, NY. (212)777-6817
Tito Puente. S.O.B.’s, New York, NY. (212)777-6817

Tuesday, April 18

Dr. John. Blue Note, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
Milk Machine Mike, Prince Paul, and The Automater. Irving Plaza, New York, NY. (212)777-6817

Wednesday, April 19

Willie Nelson. Irving Plaza, New York, NY. (212)777-6817

Movie Releases

Friday, April 14

American Psycho. Dir: Mary Harron. (212)247-4777
They Might be Giants. Knitting Factory, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
Madeski, Martin and Wood. Angel Orensaz Foundation Center for the Arts, New York, NY. (212)529-7194

Theatre Performances

All My Sons, at The Barrow Mansion. Jersey City, NJ. April 14-23, running Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m.
The Decade That Just Won’t Go Away is Focus of Lecture

By Duane Kilgore
Staff Writer

It’s a common high school and college composer who says that four friends got together to form a band. Forming a band involves a few things: knowledge of a few easy power chords, a pretty good drummer, someone who can sing (or moan, scream and wail) and someone who can write music. More often than not, these bands get together and maybe play one musical night of two very small local venues before breaking up for one petty reason or another. They move on, and the band becomes nothing more than a memory.

However, when this said group of friends decided to forge ahead, they assembled a group of people who not only excel at their craft, but they united to create something that far exceeds expectations. The lighting was dim on their premier performance, which took place in Recital Hall, which helped give the hall a more of a laid-back, jazzy setting. The Recital Hall is a fitting venue considering the musical output of the band. They also covered "Baby" by the Foundations. It was interesting to hear them blend the driving riff, catchy vocals and a strong acapella, harmonizing vocalization from all of their renditions. It was actually almost comical. They all stopped playing their instruments and sang. Through one of their renditions, the saxophonists had to bend over to get near enough to their microphones, which was not even enough to accommodate their horns and not their vocal chords.

Not that anyone really cared. Chapter One played to a full crowd and received a standing ovation. Ask something like that from us once.

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Marvelous Music Made by Music Majors

By Anna Lawrence
Assistant Art Editor

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EARTH WEEK 2000

Saturday, 4/15
White Water Rafting SC REVOLVING DOORS 7AM

Sunday, 4/16
Bergen County Zoo Trip SC REVOLVING DOORS, 12 NOON

Monday, 4/17
Tree Planting w/ JSU, A CLASS II OF THE SGA, SC REVOLVING DOORS, 11:30AM
Career Night w/ THE GEO CLUB, A CLASS III OF THE SGA, MA260, 6-8PM
Rainforest Animal Presentation COMMUTER LOUNGE, 8PM

Tuesday, 4/18
Earth Week Vendors SC QUAD, 9AM-3PM
Who Wants to Be an Environmental Hundredaire? 7PM, COMMUTER LOUNGE

Wednesday, 4/19
Eco-Feminism Presentation w/ THE WOMEN’S CENTER, 7:45PM, SC 419
Possible Side Effects SPECIAL SHOWING IN THE RATT, 9PM

Thursday, 4/20
Conservation Club Meeting COMMUTER LOUNGE, 4PM
MOVIE: “The Great Outdoors” COMMUTER LOUNGE 5:30PM
Environmental Coffeehouse – FREE MUGS WITH ASSIST, A CLASS III OF THE SGA, IN THE RATT, 10PM-1:30AM

EARTH WEEK IS SPONSORED BY THE CONSERVATION CLUB, A CLASS I ORGANIZATION OF THE SGA
MSU has developed a fire-fetish of sorts. At about 6:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, a fire broke out in the A-wing of the fifth floor of Blanton Hall. After an investigation by the Little Falls Fire Department, it was discovered that the fire was the result of faulty wiring in a desk lamp, which was attached to a university-issued desk. It is speculated that after the desk was ablaze, the surrounding materials around the desk caught also. The fire then reached the ceiling of the room, and the fire alarm and sprinkler systems were set off. The fire was contained to the room, however some considerable damage was done from the water of the sprinkler systems. Fire safety at this university is about as good as the one the Russians had at Chernobyl. The only things that kept MSU’s Blanton Hall from erupting like Mt. Vesuvius, like Seton Hall’s Boland Hall, which caught fire in January, was the sprinklers. Currently, there are still several dormitories at MSU that do not have water sprinklers. The state of New Jersey has recently been working on equipping all colleges in New Jersey with working sprinkler systems—9 million to be exact. Where is MSU’s share of this money? It is certainly a desperately needed sigh of relief that no one was hurt in the fire, but why does the university so frequently run into these problems of fire control lately? Just Wednesday morning, a fire alarm sounded in Science Hall, and classes were delayed for 20 minutes. Another fire alarm occurred in Calcia hall under a week ago. Holy Pyrotechnics, Batman! MSU’s burning up!

Are resident students going to have to die before MSU receives its share of the money for fire-prevention? Incidents such as the Seton Hall fire should not happen at all, let alone more than once. When is this school going to realize that there needs to be more done? If the fire had spread to Bohn, or Freeman Hall, where there are no sprinkler systems, MSU would have had to explain to a large group of very angry parents why their children’s names were included in the body count. Safety is worth any cost. Resident students shouldn’t have to worry that the dorms they sleep in at night may be fiery death traps. When are the appropriate measures going to be taken? How about a new MSU add slogan? “Come to good old, MSU. Home of burning rugs and exploding desks.” In fact, to raise money for the appropriate fire safety systems, MSU could start making and selling its own line of flammable furniture. “Get your new combustible furniture to complete your would-be inferno of a dorm room! Get ‘em while they’re hot. Oh wait, they already are!”

Do we want students on campus to end up scarred like the ones who lived in Seton Hall? MSU needs a working fire safety system now.

Question of the Week:
What further measures must be taken to ensure fire safety to resident students?

Next week’s opinions belong to:

Justin Velutucci  
Bill Gray  
Jerome D’Angelo/Liz Hutchinson  
Lou Ruggieri  
Head to Head  
Bill Guardino
Dear President Cole,

If there’s one thing I’m getting tired of hearing, it’s all the negativity surrounding the issue of arming MSU police. It’s about time someone took a stand and supported these officers. But, I’m always in favor of the idea as I may be, I agree that there are many issues preventing me from lending a firm, supportive hand to the proposed idea.

Personally, I think these officers should have been armed from the start. They take part in the same training as big city and small town cops, and the badges they receive are no different from those who end up in New York City or Los Angeles. As you state in your proposal, they are all required by state law to reaffirm semi-annually in firearms training. The only reason they are being opposed is because they are guarding college students instead of tax-paying, home-owning United States citizens. But we do pay taxes and some of us even own homes.

I also think you bring up a good point when you cite the mutual aid agreements under which MSU police officers have agreed to. The one thing many MSU students do not realize is that campus police do not only protect the students of MSU, although this is their top priority, they also assist other police departments. Once they leave campus, they still do not have the right to arm themselves with guns, and if they end up in a potentially dangerous situation, they will not be adequately equipped to protect themselves.

One point you may want to express further is more what is followed your previous point. You stated that MSU police officers, last year, required armed backup, eight times from the three towns and two counties in which the campus is located. If you noticed the concern that these other areas may not always be available due to the needs of their own community, then maybe people may begin to open their eyes a bit more to the idea of arming our own police officers.

All of these are great ideas. They just need to be explained in greater detail if you wish people to take this into consideration.

Next, it is my opinion that we are basing some of our negativity on recent occurrences with firearms on Columbine High School, Amadou Diallo: these things are going to happen with guns. There are always a few out there not playing with a full deck of cards, and while I think it’s good to try to protect MSU students from them, we must realize that those occurrences are long and far between.

Justin N. Bourgeois

Clarifying Points is Key in Winning Campus Support

When I first read the memo that you issued on arming our university police force, I felt that the initial proposal, while still sketchy, could spark some interesting debates from different angles. And since our opinions are coming from a different angle at MSU. In the last few weeks, the campus has seen a substantial and passionate amount of debate over the issue of arming officers, to say the least, and I for one, am glad to see so many people taking it upon themselves to voice their concerns.

I feel, then, that it is my duty and responsibility as a student at this university to provide feedback, as requested in your memo, on this highly-sensi- tive and potentially-explosive issue. Arming campus police is a bad idea.

In 1994, a proposal to arm our campus police force was brought before the Board of Trustees and, in April of 1995, that proposal was overwhelmingly denied. During the period that the proposal was being considered, there was an average of 5.1 property crimes for every 1,000 students at MSU, according to a report from “The Chronicle of Higher Education.” While this might seem to be a relatively low number, it is considerably higher than the average at institutions of comparable size and enrollment - an average of 2.6 per 1,000 students.

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To MSU President Susan Cole

Dear President Cole,

I am an adjunct professor who would like to respond to your request for feedback in your recent email. As a teacher at a public university, I believe that the police department should not be armed.

The issue of change to this campus Police policy (relative to carrying firearms) can be considered a potential matter of life or death. It now surfaces at a time when guns in the news are under media coverage more than ever. The NYPD controversial shootings (viz. The Bumpers and Diallo incidents) concerns over the consequences of guns in the hands of anyone, even those formally trained.

In presenting my conclusion, "first," my opinion is that Campus officers should carry mace and handcuffs only as disabling devices. My points are as follows: 1) The visible presence of handguns or nightsticks raises the specter of a "Police State." It can be seen as under the definitions of sexual assault, or aggravated criminal contact, for example, a deleterious situation that might escalate to "domestic" arguments as well as in the dorms. 2) Lethal firearms such as 9mm or semi-automatic handguns should be kept at the police HQ building, which I believe your policy recommends. No hollow-point bullets, but use of rubber bullets and/or tear gas. The visible presence of handguns or nightsticks raises the specter of a "Police State." It can be seen as under the definitions of sexual assault, or aggravated criminal contact, for example, a deleterious situation that might escalate to "domestic" arguments as well as in the dorms. 2) Lethal firearms such as 9mm or semi-automatic handguns should be kept at the police HQ building, which I believe your policy recommends. No hollow-point bullets, but use of rubber bullets and/or tear gas. As a foreseeable example, dating/re-tervention techniques, non-violent conflict resolution, problem solving etc. is now generally recognized as essential for all police offices. First, the "equipping" process is arduous. Second, all police officers have interacted with our campus, ongoing training is a very wise investment where there may be disruption of any sort. Third, we are already "trained semi-annually do they expect us to accept the fact that they are not being done, than how may start carrying guns? I am not opposed to this if a university campus officer, as per the memorandum of "Equipping University Police Officers clarion once, complaining about the time people care so much?" 2) Lethal firearms such as 9mm or semi-automatic handguns should be kept at the police HQ building, which I believe your policy recommends. No hollow-point bullets, but use of rubber bullets and/or tear gas. The visible presence of handguns or nightsticks raises the specter of a "Police State." It can be seen as under the definitions of sexual assault, or aggravated criminal contact, for example, a deleterious situation that might escalate to "domestic" arguments as well as in the dorms. 2) Lethal firearms such as 9mm or semi-automatic handguns should be kept at the police HQ building, which I believe your policy recommends. No hollow-point bullets, but use of rubber bullets and/or tear gas. As a foreseeable example, dating/re-tervention techniques, non-violent conflict resolution, problem solving etc. is now generally recognized as essential for all police offices. First, the "equipping" process is arduous. Second, all police officers have interacted with our campus, ongoing training is a very wise investment where there may be disruption of any sort. Third, we are already "trained semi-annually do they expect us to accept the fact that they are not being done, than how may start carrying guns? I am not opposed to this if a university campus officer, as per the memorandum of "Equipping University Police Officers clarion once, complaining about the time people care so much?"

In closing, I appreciate your consideration of feedback and request for my opinion. It is in the interest of the faculty, staff and students that your request was recently denied. Now, five years later, the SUNY and University Police have written another proposal. The proposal is being directed to the campus community by MSU's president, Susan Cole, and feed...

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with such a proposal, it’s a good idea to act as if they know nothing, and fill them in on everything.

The only part that I have a problem with is timing. Even I have to agree that nothing has happened in recent memory to warrant us addressing this issue right now. Granted, there was a shooting at Clove Road last year and luckily no one was hurt. However, it’s never safe to cushion the blow of a crime by saying that “if it happened, and if an MSU police office had a gun, everything would have worked out better.” We can’t do it because it hasn’t happened.

I also have to agree that there will be significant reaction to arming MSU police, and I know that all of it will not be positive. There will be problems, as there need for our university police to carry fire-arms. There was no need in 1994, when this seemingly ever-present issue was initially proposed, and there is no need now, as we seem to be seeing a decrease in the number of recent crimes on campus.

When you introduce “lethal weapons,” as you refer to them in your memo, to a closed community, there is only realistic reaction that you should expect from the community is that more people will defend or protect themselves, as they choose same “lethal weapons.” Now, I know and truly respect many of the officers on this university’s police force, but I still feel that giving them firearms is like lighting a match in a field of gasoline for no other reason than to see what’s going to happen.

In the April 20, 1995 edition of The Montclarion, Robert Becker, an attorney for the New Jersey Law Enforcement Support Association, said that arming MSU’s police force would not necessarily reduce crime on campus, but that a firearm was an “essential item of equipment” for officers on duty. Four years later, in this campus, a firearm and a sexual assault (both at the Clove Road Apartments), the arming of campus police would take place. This is not true, though this time more as an icon of MSU being reactive rather than proactive.

In the April 20, 1995 editorial, Dean of Students Helen Manous-Ayres said that “properly-trained police should have weapons available to protect themselves,” but no mention was made of actually reducing crime or making the campus safer.

We will always have exceptions to the rule, this campus is safe. We will occasionally be hit with violent crimes, or a string of burglaries, and although our campus or community and it is a sad fact of contemporary society that we must accept that the days of leaving our doors unlocked at night are gone.

As I said before, I am in favor of the proposal to arm campus police to rest. By focusing on other ways of improving our campus and, more specifically, campus safety we can come up on a greater goal - to be able to look back in five years, as we are doing now, and know that we have made the right decisions regarding what’s best for this university.

And whatever the question posed, arming our police force is simply not the answer.

Sincerely,
Justin Vellucci, Editor-In-Chief
The Problem with the School Voucher Agenda

In case you haven't already heard, there's a growing number of misinformed Americans out there in support of school vouchers. Governor Bush happens to be one of them, and he is currently proposing a voucher initiative on a national level. A state level voucher program, which provides tax dollars to place kids from failing public schools into private schools, has been a part of the state's education system for several years now. Texas is not alone either. Several cities with a history of failing schools, including Milwaukee and Cleveland, also have voucher systems in place in the form of public dollars being channeled out of public schools and into private ones. In Milwaukee, 1,500 kids from low income families get about $4,700 each to attend private secular schools. In Cleveland, 1,300 kids receive vouchers of up to $2,500 each to attend both secular and religious private schools.

It is clearly too early to determine whether or not voucher reform has been successful in those states that now have voucher legislation in place. But, we can get a glimpse in evaluating data from Milwaukee which pioneered the concept in 1990. According to the NEA (National Education Association), annual evaluations by an independent research group have shown no improvement in student learning for the students receiving vouchers compared to similar students in the Milwaukee public schools.

The goal of voucher reformation is simple enough to provide all students with an equal opportunity to get an education at a good school. But this is nothing more than an ill thought out and idealistic agenda that make the situation far worse for our nation's poorest students. Realistically, there is no way a comparatively small number of private schools could possibly accommodate the huge influx of students that a national voucher agenda would create. But even if, by some stroke of magic, these private schools are unregulated. This means that they don't have to accept students, voucher or no voucher, which makes problems worse for those students left behind. These students would then be at an even greater disadvantage because of the budget cuts the already failing schools would face due to the re-allocation of tax dollars to fund the private schools.

Part of the reason why vouchers have become so increasingly popular, among politicians and citizens alike, is because people believe that they afford parents the luxury of school choice. But this conception is merely an illusion. Vouchers provide nothing more than an empty promise. The real choice still lies within the discretion of the private school administrators. Regardless of voucher status, administrators still evaluate students on criteria such as family background, grades, and state test scores.

If elected president, Vice President Al Gore proposes to spend a very promising $115 billion over the course of the next decade on education. He has outlined several avenues for spending this sum, which would be the largest education budget our nation has ever seen, including an increase in teacher salaries, a reduction in class sizes, the building of new schools, the modernization of old schools, and public pre-K for all children. In a stark and frightening contrast, George W. Bush has proposed a mere $13.4 billion for education to be spent over the course of the next five years.

There is plenty wrong with a proposed national level initiative for school vouchers. In fact, there is clearly nothing right with it. On the most basic level, it is an initiative that says its OK to give up on our nation's public schools. But it is clearly not OK to give up on these schools. Nor is it OK to give up on the students and educators within their walls. Do yourself, and this nation's future a favor this election year and vote for Al Gore. Because there is no solution to failing schools, but $115 billion isn't a bad start, and it sums up how much our nation's value is worth in empty promises.

Fear is Your Only Companion: Intimidation, an Essential Part of Keeping the Peace

One rainy night in New Orleans, a young army reserve lieutenant was driving back from drills. On the way home he stopped at a bar for a few drinks with his fellow officers. The lieutenant was heavily intoxicated and should not have been driving in his condition. Despite his friends attempt to call him a cab, he refused and drove home. On the way home he lost control of his vehicle and wrapped it around a telephone pole in a nearby neighborhood. His car was totaled but he made it out with just a few scrapes.

He ran down the street to a telephone and called the police. Returning to his car he noticed that he was in what he felt was a "bad" neighborhood. He took his baretta out of the remanants of his car and put it in the back of his pants.

At this moment an African American police officer was pulling up just in time to see the young man put the gun away. The officer immediately pulled to the side of the road and drew his weapon. The young lieutenant, confused and intoxicated tried to explain the situation to the officer. In the confusion, the officer was too fearing of his own weapons that he might attempt to kill him. He ordered the man to throw his gun away, and his hands up. The lieutenant did as the cop said. After holstering his gun, the police officer rushed the man and threw him into his car. While throwing the lieutenant against the car a large piece of metal drove into his side. The cop then handcuffed him, so tight that he lost all feeling in his left hand. The lieutenant was bewildered by the cops actions, and tried to talk to the officer. The officer screamed at him took his pistol and beat the man over the head with it. While the man was on the ground the police officer kicked him repeatedly. Other cops came for back up and arrested the lieutenant on charges of resisting arrest and different weapons violations.

Is this case another example in how the police are brutalizing the people? The charges against the lieutenant were all dropped on case of his beating, with the exception of drunk driving. The New Orleans Police Department asked the lieutenant who had been beaten if he wished to press charges against the police officer. He said no. Why?

The police officer was just doing his job. He felt threatened by the situation and acted out as he felt appropriate. While the officers actions were harsh he only beat the man because he feared that his life was on the line. The lieutenant from this situation also learned a lesson. He was afraid of what had happened. The situation never happened from this fear he never drank and drove again.

Police brutality is a problem that keeps plaguing our headlines for weeks at a time. What seems to escape many people is that the officers are just as scared as the people they are arresting, and sometimes more. The police force is bound by many different laws, to protect the innocent. These laws however, also protect the criminal. No one ever learned my lesson. Unfortunately we always have the accidents. The Diallo case is a clear-cut example of it. The police officers made a split second decision and it turned out, it was the wrong one. It appears as if society wishes to lynch these men. They were only trying to do what they felt was right, and they made a wrong. We need to learn from these mistakes, and strive to better ourselves. We have to put the mistakes behind us and re-remember all the lives the police have saved and remember they are here to protect us.

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The Week In Politics

So, after a great uproar, the party-establishment candidates won the whole thing after all.
Walk-Out Serves as Wake-Up to MSU Students

Any doubts that the administration had about the ability of the student body at MSU to ban together and stand up for a common cause were emphatically put to rest last Wednesday, as the MSU chapter of the NAACP held a walk-out and rally against police violence and racial inequality. Despite the chilling cold, over 100 concerned students, faculty, administrators, and even members of the campus police came out against violence and racial tension. The event, organized entirely by the students here on campus, was perhaps so great because it showed that MSU students did have the ability to speak up and stand together for what they wanted.

The event had a colorful array of guest speakers, including People's Organization for Progress president Lawrence Ham, Assemblyman Craig A. Stanley, and the Reverend William Rutherford, NJ State Chapter president of the NAACP. The powerful message of freedom and equality was resounding, as listeners heard the passionate testimony of the community leaders. Attendees were also treated to the poetry of students Kenyada Mitchell and Trina Taliaferro, secretary of the MSU NAACP. Mitchell, a senior history education major, delivered a crowd-pumping verbal cry for reform entitled "Cycle of Brutality." In it, Mitchell describes the horror of police brutality and proclaims the disturbingly real fact that "Sometimes being a good human being requires not being such a good citizen." Michael Taliaferro recited her own street-learned lesson: a hard-driving straight-talk poem called "Emergency Call across the Nation." It reminded women the racial profiling by the police is not isolated to men.

Just as inspiring as the speakers of the afternoon, was the response and energy of the crowd. The students that attended ranged from the MSU students enrolled to Montclair high schoolers who took the opportunity to come in support of a heart-felt cause. Many high school students said they were particularly concerned with the issue of arming campus police at MSU, due to the fact that security at their school carried guns. Also in attendance were several professors, including Dr. Karen Pennington. Pennington stated that, while it was ultimately up to the students themselves whether or not to attend, overall she was pleased with the good turnout. Pennington was also quick to point out that those at the rally should not be stereotyped as to stereotypes others, saying that while students in attendance should not be criticized nor not being there simply because they had class. When asked what she thought the rally could do for MSU, Pennington smiled warmly and said, "I hope to model for the world that the whole a diverse community looks like and can accomplish." Student response was strong to the words and opinions of the rally. One student, Jarrett Lampkin, who walked tirelessly up and down the line of people in front of the Montclair Student Center handing out voting registration forms, told me it was great to see the event be so well received. "Everyone turned out well," he said, "everyone came out in support." Another student who wanted to remain anonymous but who was pulsating emotion of the speeches given was another rally goer. "They've never seen me on campus, they seemingly were not affected and yet they were caught in it. We need to take that anger and frustration on the campus and carry it over to the police brutality and guns on campus. Please with the message sent out over the course of the frozen afternoon, student Jamar Neal called the walk-out "Definitely something that was needed. The timing couldn't have been better." He went on to say that he was pleased with the unity of the campus community in attending the rally. If "We're not organized, nothing will ever change." Strange, but certainly not uninvited, was the appearance of Campus Police. Although they were the only ones at the walk-out who favored arming campus police, Director of Campus Security Phillip Calire said he and his staff were supportive of the rally's general message. "We are not in favor of possibly arming any body," Calire said, "that's why we're here." Lt. Cell of the campus police denounced the theory that arming campus police was proposed simply because of the increase in minority students attending MSU. "It is not a 'now' issue," he said. "It is a long time process." The issue of campus police having guns was a hot topic Wednesday, and some students questioned the insensitive timing of the now infamous proposal.

Even with all of the speakers and powerful words and edicts of reform, the strongest and most inspiring message of the day was that MSU students could come together to accomplish something meaningful, dispelling traditional rumors that college students would only get up for events that featured alcohol. The chants and praise the orators received from the crowd was proof positive that the students were unified. With every shout and call of affirmation, the message of equality and justice rang out across campus, the echoes reverberating in every attentive ear. All this was organized by two students who wanted to be heard.

Jerome D'Angelo is a junior English major. This is his first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

The Week In Politics

A s most of the people on cam­ pus should know by now, a ter­ rible tragedy occurred in the country of Uganda last month. Over 500 mem­ bers of an apocalyptic religious group called the Movement for the Restora­ tion of the Ten Commandments of God were locked in a church building that was set on fire, causing the deaths of the majority of the con­ spiracy had been motivated by the group's leaders, Joseph Kibwetere and Keledonia Mwezirinds, who Kibwetere's "prophecies" about the end of the world failed to come true on January 1 this year.

Unfortunately, the rise of Christianity in Africa is seen as a peripheral cause of such inhumane acts of cruelty, since many people associate such fringe cults with true Chris­

nianity. I do not use the word cult simply because I disagree with the Ten Commandments Movement's theology, or their system of laws. Their prophecies about the end of the world are not without danger. Their beliefs are not isolated to men. They do not practice what the words of the Bible actually say, as much as they claim to be preaching them.

I have written in previous editorials on how the extreme Muslim fundamentalist groups that advocate public stoning and slavery are not indicative of true Islam. Now I write to defend my own faith from similar misrepresentations. Christianity is not to blame, nor should it be associated, with such violent doomsday splinter groups. Such assemblies as the branch Davidians, Jones town, and racist "Christian identity" movements have nothing, if anything, in common with genuine Christians.

One might argue that Christianity is to be blamed anyway, since it is what people like Kibwetere and Mwezirinds were called. Frankly, this is absurd. I know that Chris­ tianity has been perverted and used to sup­ press and destroy people in the past, but such insinuations cannot completely invalidate a 2,000 year-old belief system. Without Christianity, a different source of inspira­ tion would be found for charismatic mass hysteria. They do not practice what the words of the Bible actually say, as much as they claim to be preaching them. They do not practice what the words of the Bible actually say, as much as they claim to be preaching them.

I doubt that false classification will end anytime soon. Regard­ less of how wrong their beliefs are, that exist, Christianity is immediately as­ sumed to be oppressive, violent and unruly by many, while this is only true of the worst pretenders who lay claim to the name.

Tim Carney is a junior English major. This is his third year as a columnist for The Montclarion. He is president of MSU's InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.
Dangers of Alcohol Abuse

Alcohol is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. About 64 percent of Americans over the age of 12 drink alcohol in some form. Through homicide, suicide, and automobile crashes and other incidents, alcohol kills over 100,000 Americans each year. In addition, alcohol abuse contributes to over 50 percent of all murders, assaults, and rapes, and alcohol is frequently found in the bloodstream of both perpetrators and victims. Alcohol causes a rapid blood pulse, and accelerated breathing. It also leads to insomnia, nightmares, anxiety, and gastrointestinal upset. There are many ways to control alcohol abuse and one of them is to educate people about the causes of alcoholism and its effects. The media should provide more information about how alcohol is absorbed and metabolized by the body and the immediate and long-term effects of drinking alcohol. Most alcoholics require a treatment program such as Alcoholics Anonymous, which consists of self-help groups. There are also other types of programs such as in-patient and rehabilitation programs. By obtaining more information about alcohol abuse, we might encourage someone to use it for his/her benefits.

Wendy Santana

Stress Management

Most people define stress as more than the sum of chores, responsibilities and financial troubles. Stress can also be defined as a way of interpreting the world, your state of mind and pattern of behavior. For instance, when our perception of the world is negative, we tend to internalize this negativity. Once we have acknowledged this negative picture of the world our state of mind becomes affected negatively. And because we think negative we will act negative. Studies have shown that stress lowers the immune system and leaves the body vulnerable to infection. Hence, the pattern of our behavior changes, causing distress. We can use stress to prevent this. By enabling ourselves to think positively we learn to become aware of our own reactions to stressful events. Only a few students have found that various forms of meditation relieve tension. Meditation involves focusing on a positive thought or object to calm the mind. Scientists have found that during meditation the body undergoes physical changes, such as a lower heart beat or lower blood pressure, which indicates a state of deep relaxation.

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The meltdown, which occurred on Feb. 28, left a crater of a football field where the dormitory used to be. The cause of the meltdown, which left 5,000 students radioactive, has not yet been determined. President Wally has indicated that Lobo the sheepdog, Acting Provost, was toying around with some Uranium-235 he found in Science Hall when he had a "mishap." The radioactive students were given a free decontamination shower and a years subscription to the "Waffle of the Month Club" for the inconvenience. The thefts were not really thefts, per se, but "eatings," Wally said. Lulu the goat, Public Propaganda Director, got lost for three days in Blown Hall and began eating everything in sight. He said, "We have evidence that Lulu ate $9000 worth of clothes, packaged food, computers, and paper goods. The girl's got quite an appetite, but there's no way to compensate the students who suffered losses. We all have to make sacrifices, and besides, we don't like students very much. Why do you think we make them park in Garlic Road?"

The decision was financial, Wally said, because the BOTM had concerns about rising administrative salaries. Farm animals occupied the same amount of space, but the upkeep was less expensive and, in some cases, the animals made money for the school.

“Our vice president of Student Stuff is actually a dairy cow. They figured that Besse would earn her keep by producing milk for the cafeterias. She also saved them money because they didn't have to worry about severance packages, 401k plans, or pension funds. They were just going to turn her into a cow in the executive board room when they were done,” said Wally.

“You have to see this from our point of view,” said veteran BOTM member Louis Fishlips, “Buddy the sheep is just as good a Dean of Annoying Students as his predecessor. But, instead of wanting money in return for sitting in an office doing nothing, he’s happy to eat grass in the Student Center Quad. And he produces high-quality wool too!”
The BOTM has predicted that this will not affect the incoming freshman class. The new administration will be part of an advertising campaign. Their pictures will adorn billboards and buses, and the ads will be aimed at agricultural majors. "Someone's gotta milk the Vice President of Student Staff. She gets cranky and she might rearrange the tour plan. God we can't have that," said Flish.

BOTM member Edith Horni said, "We realize that some may take offense to our decision, but screw them. I am God. I control the lives of the students. I decide who lives and who dies. I can divide by zero."

Horni also answered concerns about the "Tour Group Disaster," Horni said that Toro the bull, Dileep Greek Advisor, was grazing behind Donnadixon Hall when a tour group of "boogiemans" began taunting him. Toro charged, leaving in his wake three dead, one seriously injured, and a tour guide. "I just don't know why we need them. They look like a bunch of whiny troublemakers," Horni said.

Student reactions have been mixed. Maintenance Saboteur Henrietta the chicken has reached out to students and makes periodic visits to student rooms, and so far, students have responded positively. Michael Dorkbacher, a sophomore alcohol consumption major and temporary host, said, "Yo! The other day, I got kicked in the head by a horse. At least the previous administration didn't resort to that."

Flish confirmed Figuera's concern, adding that Princess the horse's official title is vice president of We'll Think Of A Better Title For You Later. "We've got all these vice presidents and I don't think we need all of them. Besides, the horses keep messing up all over the place. She's clogged up 30 toilets in Cobbwell Hall alone, and the janitorial staff is threatening to quit if she keeps it up," Wally said.

Princess responded by kicking the president in the head.

Sophomore synchronized swimming major Elsa Prosciutto said, "This all really sucks. I hate this place. I wish I were dead. I'm still going to live here and go home every weekend and bitch and moan, but that's it. This place is a dump."

BOTM members are presently discussing plans to replace students with llamas. "They're much more docile," said BOTM member Mike Okizard. "We could turn the place into a llama farm! It's not like the students will do anything about it."

President Wally is currently in Jamaica. His advice to students is to "Put their heads between their knees and kiss their poutiness good-bye."

Editors Note: There was going to be a big blank space here, but the boss said that white space is bad so I have decided that I will just take up space and write nothing until this white space disappears. So I am going to say something. I just need to shut up. Oh, here we go. I am almost done. If I could just make a little more. Yes, I am done!
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**By Eli Gelm an**  
**Staff Writer**

The waiting is over. The New York Rangers have missed the playoffs for the third straight season marking the first time this franchise has accomplished that from 1965-1966. Adding insult to injury, the team also endured its third straight losing record for home at only the third time in the franchise’s 74-year history. They are without a General Manager and coach after the recent firings of Neil Smith and John Muckler, leaving every fan to wonder what went wrong and if they are going to have to wait another half-century to see another Stanley Cup run.

The team was expected to win and win now. They were to be in the playoffs this Thursday instead of on the golf course. Six free agents, more like soldiers of fortune, were hired to bring this team back to prominence and restore some credibility to a once proud franchise. Great expectations that have lived up to.

Leteffebre was as steady a defenceman as any in the league. Unfortunately, Stephane Quintal, a number four defenceman at best, was asked to do too much and never seemed to be here in the first place. Sure Kirk Mclean did a fine job backing up Mike Richter, but spending $23 million of the $60 million payroll on these five defencemen not including the goalie, who have combined to score exactly 41 goals, does not sound like efficient planning by the Rangers’ management.

Didn’t they realize that stars from the Western Conference fade away once they land on Broadway? If they didn’t they must not remember the name Luc Robataille, a former Ranger who lost his scoring touch in New York and regained it once he returned to the West. They just don’t have as much room to maneuver in the East.

The team had no unity this year. Brian Leetch failed in his role as captain and did not keep his players on the same page and yet, the team actually played better without him than with him, but that was a fluky angle. The Rangers went 9-1 over a three-week stretch in January, but their record the rest of the season is 20-40-12. So as you can see, the real Rangers were not very good at all.

The Czechmates line was one of the best in the league, but when one of them is out, the whole line falls apart. The Rangers never really had a true centre as great as Mike York played, he is not a number two center on Broadway and Petr Nedved is not capable of carrying any load by himself. Adam Graves is no longer a first liner and Theo Fleury never played like one, so aside from the Czechs, who is left? There isn’t much else. The Rangers need a big strong player who can stand in front of the net and control the boards. Keith Tkachuk’s name comes to mind, but he would cost a fortune in young talent and the Rangers are no longer in the business of giving away the future. Eric Lindros would be available this summer as a restricted free agent, but to give up five first round picks for a player that could literally be knocked out of hockey at any time is too much of a risk. This leaves Malhotra, a center of size, as the one to get a chance to play next year, but he is no number two center. Physical defencemen are needed to move guys away from the net and Brian Leetch must have a steady partner to replace the retired Jeff Beukeboom.

As far as Muckler goes, he lost the players in November when Smith asked for and was denied permission to fire him... H is players had no motivation or discipline.

Rangers had no toughness or discipline. As one long-time Rangers season ticket holder put it “Right now the only thing we have to look forward to is the wonderful food that they serve in the Garden. The french fries are fabulous, the chicken sandwich is delicious and the roasted nuts are supreme.” I asked him a few weeks ago if he thought they still had a chance of making the playoffs and he said, “All we can do is hope and if they meet it anything can happen.”

I guess he didn’t realize that the Rangers are only a group of names, not really a team. The Beatles were a team that broke up, but the Rangers were nowhere near good enough. Fans can be happy about anything, it’s the legacy that Neil Smith has left them.

The Hockey News recently ranked the Rangers’ prospects ninth among the league’s 28 teams, one behind the revered Devils’ system.

In 1993 the Rangers had the same type of late season collapse... The next year was the greatest in franchise history.

Singh Masterful at Augusta

By Mike Mazanec

Staff Writer

Vijay Singh of Fiji shot a final-round 69 Sunday at Augusta National to finish at 10-under-par, winning the Masters by three shots over Ernie Els, capturing his first Green Jacket.

Singh entered the final round with a three-shot lead over David Duval and managed to survive Amen Corner without losing his lead. He ignored an early charge by Tiger Woods and watched Duval dupe himself.

Down by nine shots after Friday’s second round, Woods was trying to make the biggest 36-hole comeback in Masters history. After a strong front nine Sunday, he got within three shots, after starting the day six strokes behind Singh.

On the back nine, Woods could not keep it going. He just missed a downhill birdie putt on 10, had to settle for par on 13 after an errant tee shot, and just missed a curling birdie putt on 14. By this point, Tiger had run out of chances. He would finish alone in fifth at 4-under-par.

Els had the same problem late in his round as both birdies at 11, 13, and 15, he still lingered a few shots back, but could not get any birdies putts to fall in the last three holes.

Duval would be Singh’s closest threat during the round. Playing in the final pairing, with a chance to win on the final day and tie Singh at 13, David Duval threw everything he had at Singh.

Singh bogeyed the par-4 13th hole and Duval made a couple 8-footers early to trim the deficit to one shot. After that though, Singh matched every approach shot and every birdie putt by Duval.

On Sunday, Singh escaped danger twice at Amen Corner without losing the lead, and Duval would hit a shot that will stick in his mind for a while. Singh’s second shot at the par-4 eleventh hole went into the pond to the left of the green, but he would get up and down for an impressive five.

On the next hole, the par-3 twelfth, his tee shot sailed long, hit a tree and bounced into the bunker behind the green, but he again got up and down for his par. Duval unraveled on the par-5 thirteenth hole. Going for the pin on his second shot, he found Rae’s Creek, which runs in front of the green. He would make bogey, while Singh made par.

A three-putt bogey by Singh at the par-3 sixteenth gave Duval one more chance to force a playoff. However, his bogey at the par-4 eighth killed his hopes and dropped him into a tie for third with Loren Roberts at 6-under-par.

Singh then had three puts to win, but only needed one, as he calmly sank an 18-foot-putter for birdie to seal his second major victory. He also won the PGA Championship at Sahalee in 1998. En route to victory, Singh remarkably hit 58 of 72 greens in regulation, a PGA record.

He had a message taped to his bag by his son that read, “Poppa, Trust Your Swings and he did. Singh won two of the last six majors. He proved that he can stand up against the best players in the world, and that he could make puts when they counted at the biggest tournament.

Legends are made and dreams are shattered here. This is the Masters. The history. The excitement. The azaleas. All under the tall Georgia Pines. To put it simply: Sunday... in early April... at Augusta National...this is what golf is all about.
The First Row With Fred

By Fred Stolarski III
Sports Columnist

The bell has rung and this week’s edition of The First Row is under way! Welcome back from a wild week of wrestling action. There was more shooting going on this past Monday in WCW and WWF than a Smith and Wesson convention! This week I’m going to start off by taking a special look at WCW’s “new era.”

This past Monday on WCW’s Nitro, the slider is clean and a “new era” began. As you already know by now, former WWF storyline writer Vince Russo and Eric Bishoff have joined forces and are now the head creative team for WCW. Where do I begin? First, I want to say that after watching Nitro I feel that WCW is now ready to compete with WWF once again. Although the new Turner Tron is a direct copy of the Titan Tron, it adds something that was missing from the entrance ramp.

For someone who said that they never would be seen on camera, Russo sure spent a lot of time in front of them Monday night! The program started off with most of the roster in the ring with some of the bigger names still filling in.

After a nice introduction by the chosen one himself, Double J Jeff Jarrett, Russo came into the ring with the safety off and his finger on the trigger. Russo started off by saying that he came to WCW to “beat WCW at their own game.” He went on to shoot at the “old timers” like Kevin Nash, Sting, DDP, Flair a “piece of s***” on more than one occasion. Later, Russo came out with a baseball bat, cracked Ric Flair and proceeded to steal his watch. Not a bad showing for his first time in front of the camera!

As if this wasn’t enough to start the program, the real fun began when Eric Bishoff showed up. Bishoff, like Russo, also came out ready for target practice. He said that he had realized the mistakes that he made in the past, and then elaborated on the subject by saying something like Scott Hall, Kevin Nash, Sting, DDP, and, oh yeah, he’s not forget Sid “wish he was” Vicious. Then he went on to say that the biggest mistake he ever made was Hulk Hogan. Later in the show, after Kidman called out Hogan, Bishoff drew blood from the balding head of Hogan with a chair shot that set the scene for Hogan to go on a rampage in the back, which lasted for the remainder of the show.

Of those that tried to shoot back after the opening segment’s attack, Nash had the best. I had to smile when I heard him say how he and Hall saved Russo many times from getting decapitated by ‘HBK’ Shawn Michaels back in the WWF. Following that remark, I almost fell out of my chair when ECW champion, Mike Awesome made his WCW debut and attacked Nash from behind. I’ll get to the story of how Mike’s appearance was made possible in a minute. It was nice to see Shane Douglas back and finally in a good angle. Only now, that angle is five years over due. Also, I’m glad to see that he’s back to calling himself the Franchise again!

I was happy to see Tank Abbott calling out Goldberg, but why ask on pain, defenseless Mark Madden? Well, I hope he at least keeps his shirt on next time... Please! Where was Miss Handcrock and why wasn’t she in Nitro? I missed her so!

Have you ever seen Hulk Hogan in that frame before? It’s easier to take Buff seriously as a wrestler without that ridiculous hat on his head, isn’t it?

Three part question: Did you get it when Eric Bishoff asked Sid about the scissors? If so, could you believe he said that? Didn’t you think Sid was going to snap when Bishoff mentioned the scissors? Did you ever think that you would see the white Hummer again? How great was it to see Bret Hart on Nitro even if it was only for a second? What a great way to end such a great show. This past Monday’s Nitro was by far the best show I’ve seen from WCW since before I can even remember. Now back to Mike Awesome... Is he with ECW or WCW? Well, as of now he is under contract with both. Mike told WCW that he was not under any official contract with ECW, so WCW signed him to a contract. ECW produced his signed contract and put a stop to Awesome’s appearance on Nitro. After some negotiations, WCW paid ECW a sum of money that was in the range of six figures to release Awesome from that contract. The other terms of his release were that the ECW championship belt could not be shown on TV and that Mike would be referred to as the ECW World Heavyweight Champion. Also, WCW had to announce that Awesome would be making a title defense tomorrow in Indianapolis. WCW also had to guarantee that he would make that title defense. Obviously, Mike will lose the belt, but at this time it is not known who his opponent will be.

That bell means that our time has expired on this week’s edition of the First Row. Questions? Comments?? Send me email at: FirstRowFred@att.com. Also, be sure to tune into 90.3fm WMSC and let me quench your thirst for Hip Hop and wrestling talk every Thirsty Thursday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Until next week, stay out of the cheap seats!

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Sports Columnist

The bell has rung and this week’s edition of The First Row is under way! Welcome back from a wild week of wrestling action. There was more shooting going on this past Monday in WCW and WWF than a Smith and Wesson convention! This week I’m going to start off by taking a special look at WCW’s “new era.”

This past Monday on WCW’s Nitro, the slider is clean and a “new era” began. As you already know by now, former WWF storyline writer Vince Russo and Eric Bishoff have joined forces and are now the head creative team for WCW. Where do I begin? First, I want to say that after watching Nitro I feel that WCW is now ready to compete with WWF once again. Although the new Turner Tron is a direct copy of the Titan Tron, it adds something that was missing from the entrance ramp.

For someone who said that they never would be seen on camera, Russo sure spent a lot of time in front of them Monday night! The program started off with most of the roster in the ring with some of the bigger names still filling in.

After a nice introduction by the chosen one himself, Double J Jeff Jarrett, Russo came into the ring with the safety off and his finger on the trigger. Russo started off by saying that he came to WCW to “beat WCW at their own game.” He went on to shoot at the “old timers” like Kevin Nash, Sting, DDP, Flair a “piece of s***” on more than one occasion. Later, Russo came out with a baseball bat, cracked Ric Flair and proceeded to steal his watch. Not a bad showing for his first time in front of the camera!

As if this wasn’t enough to start the program, the real fun began when Eric Bishoff showed up. Bishoff, like Russo, also came out ready for target practice. He said that he had realized the mistakes that he made in the past, and then elaborated on the subject by saying something like Scott Hall, Kevin Nash, Sting, DDP, and, oh yeah, he’s not forget Sid “wish he was” Vicious. Then he went on to say that the biggest mistake he ever made was Hulk Hogan. Later in the show, after Kidman called out Hogan, Bishoff drew blood from the balding head of Hogan with a chair shot that set the scene for Hogan to go on a rampage in the back, which lasted for the remainder of the show.

Of those that tried to shoot back after the opening segment’s attack, Nash had the best. I had to smile when I heard him say how he and Hall saved Russo many times from getting decapitated by ‘HBK’ Shawn Michaels back in the WWF. Following that remark, I almost fell out of my chair when ECW champion, Mike Awesome made his WCW debut and attacked Nash from behind. I’ll get to the story of how Mike’s appearance was made possible in a minute. It was nice to see Shane Douglas back and finally in a good angle. Only now, that angle is five years over due. Also, I’m glad to see that he’s back to calling himself the Franchise again!

I was happy to see Tank Abbott calling out Goldberg, but why ask on pain, defenseless Mark Madden? Well, I hope he at least keeps his shirt on next time... Please! Where was Miss Handcrock and why wasn’t she in Nitro? I missed her so!

Have you ever seen Hulk Hogan in that frame before? It’s easier to take Buff seriously as a wrestler without that ridiculous hat on his head, isn’t it?

Three part question: Did you get it when Eric Bishoff asked Sid about the scissors? If so, could you believe he said that? Didn’t you think Sid was going to snap when Bishoff mentioned the scissors? Did you ever think that you would see the white Hummer again? How great was it to see Bret Hart on Nitro even if it was only for a second? What a great way to end such a great show. This past Monday’s Nitro was by far the best show I’ve seen from WCW since before I can even remember. Now back to Mike Awesome... Is he with ECW or WCW? Well, as of now he is under contract with both. Mike told WCW that he was not under any official contract with ECW, so WCW signed him to a contract. ECW produced his signed contract and put a stop to Awesome’s appearance on Nitro. After some negotiations, WCW paid ECW a sum of money that was in the range of six figures to release Awesome from that contract. The other terms of his release were that the ECW championship belt could not be shown on TV and that Mike would be referred to as the ECW World Heavyweight Champion. Also, WCW had to announce that Awesome would be making a title defense tomorrow in Indianapolis. WCW also had to guarantee that he would make that title defense. Obviously, Mike will lose the belt, but at this time it is not known who his opponent will be.

That bell means that our time has expired on this week’s edition of the First Row. Questions? Comments?? Send me email at: FirstRowFred@att.com. Also, be sure to tune into 90.3fm WMSC and let me quench your thirst for Hip Hop and wrestling talk every Thirsty Thursday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Until next week, stay out of the cheap seats!


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Pride and Prejudice
When scores go up, tempers tend to follow, often without reason.

Every sport has its own intricacies and individual tendencies, and every level of playing is separated by certain rule changes, levels of maturity, and expected codes of conduct. Certainly, football and basketball are very different sports, as are tee ball and college leagues. But for all the differences between sports, there are always going to be a few universal themes that run across the board of team competition.

Be it basketball, volleyball or hockey, someone is always going to have a problem with trash-talking. Someone is always going to feel that sometimes things are “more fair” than the other for that level of team. There’s always going to be the questioning of the ethics of the referees or umpires, and suspected payoffs and cheating, no matter what sport is being played, at that level it’s always going to happen.

One of those universal complaints has recently come to my attention, with the scoring sprees of the baseball and men’s lacrosse teams here at MSU. For all my life, in both professional and amateur sports, there have been the problems with running up the score.

Be it little league, college sports, semi-pro leagues, or professional sports, there is forever going to be the ethical question of whether or not padding stats and padding scores is morally acceptable in sports.

On Saturday, the men’s lacrosse team put a beating on the City College of New York, pulling off a 28-3 victory. At the end of the first quarter, MSU was up 10-1. They had out-shot CCNY, 82-17, and were obviously far superior to the opposing team. Could they have taken out their prolific scorers, Will Van Dor, Pat Lukasko, and Steve Urbanowycz, at that time? Sure, they could have.

But why? As a former baseball, soccer, and football player, I know what’s like on both ends of the spectrum. I’ve played for a football team that regularly blew out opponents, played in 28-0 and 50-0 games. Let me tell you, they were the most fun of all the games I played. I’ve also been on the losing side. I’ve played for baseball teams that got blown out by scores of 15-20 to two.

Having been on both sides of the spectrum, I’ve played ball and it’s always been fun, and for the stronger to prevail. Pride and Prejudice, to me, is the game to provide us with scores and enthusiasm to pete and perform at high levels. But when one team is winning by 50, or they suppose they did, does anyone think that the other team doesn’t see the gaping hole in the defensive line?

If a running back gets the ball with 5:00 left in the game, and their team is winning by 30, are they supposed to don’t see the gaping hole in the defensive line?

Is it wrong when Rickey Henderson steals third base in the eighth inning when the Mets have a 10-2 lead? A lot of people say yes, including other players, managers, radio personalities, and columnists. But Rickey’s contracts are based upon his stats. Why not take the opportunity to steal a base?

Maybe it is expected that athletes stop being competitors when they’re winning. I wouldn’t. I’d go out to play. And play is what I expect athletes to do.

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To put it down, you pour it out on purpose? I don’t see the gaping hole in the defensive line? Of an athlete goes up to bat in the ninth inning, and their team is winning by 20, are they supposed to want to get out on purpose?

In our society, we tend to condemn people for taking for themselves at the expense of others. I can understand it when Bill Gates is cornering the computer market and making billions of dollars, but in a game? The game is there to provide us with fun, and for the stronger to prevail. Pride and competitiveness drive athletes to compete and perform at high levels.

Why are their complaints when they do just that?
Greg Belson recorded his fifth win of the season this past Friday as he helped MSU win their third consecutive game by a score of 11-8 over Kean. Belson had a great outing as he pitched eight innings, giving up eight hits to improve his record to 5-0.

Dave Wurst went 3-4 with two RBI’s in the game. The save was picked up by Brian Ellerson as he earned his third of the year.

Thursday afternoon’s home game at Yogi Berra Stadium saw the Red Hawks snap Rutgers-Newark’s two game winning streak and win 5-3. Wurst and Jeff Schriber got the job done early, scoring two runs back. Once again, it was with big two-out hits. Ellerson tripled to center, and Houser then made it 4-1 in MSU’s favor.

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The Red Hawks next play at NJAC opponent Ramapo on Friday before taking on Rutgers-Camden at home on Saturday, at noon.
Chris Baran, MSU Baseball

Sophomore outfielder Chris Baran had a hot week, earning NJAC Rookie of the Week honors, hitting .391 in five games, and contributing nine RBIs to MSU’s potent offense. He helped the Red Hawks to a 18-3-1 overall record, including 7-1 in the NJAC, good for first place. Friday and Saturday, Baran drove in eight runs on eight hits, and also scored four runs while racing to a pair of triples. For the season, Baran has compiled a .379 batting average, 27 runs, 28 RBI, and 11 extra-base hits, including four homeruns. He’s also hit for a .621 slugging percentage and stolen four bases on four attempts.

Notable Performances

Vinnie DeGennaro, the freshman goalkeeper for the men’s lacrosse team, scored his first goal of the season as he ran downfield to score MSU’s twenty-first goal to cap off the first half scoring during their 28-3 victory over CCNY.

In two games this past week, Will Van Dorn added nine assists to bring his team-leading total to 44, 32 ahead of Fer LaRusso’s second-place 12 assists.

MSU pitcher Tara Todaro was named NJAC Pitcher-of-the-Week for her play last week. She recorded two wins, and gave up only one earned run in the two games, one of which was a 7-1 win over Rowan.

Kim Caruso of the MSU softball team pitched a no-hitter against NJCU for a 6-0 victory in the second game on Thursday last week. She had a perfect doubleheader at NJCU. In the first game, he was 2-3 with a run and two RBI.

Brian Ellison had a superb Saturday, going 6-9 at the plate, with five runs and three RBI.

Freshman Chris Baran was named the NJAC Rookie-of-the-Week for last week’s play. In a five-game week, Baran recorded nine RBIs while batting .391. He is now tied for second on the team with a total of 27 RBIs. He also picked up two triples, raising his total to four for the season, tied for the team lead.

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Hawks Dominate NJCU; Extend Winning Streak to Five

**By Andy Seyka**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Red Hawks pummeled the hapless Gothic Knights of New Jersey City University on Saturday afternoon, sweeping a doubleheader at the Gerrity Complex in Jersey City. The runs just kept on coming as MSU (18-3, 1-1 NJAC) took game one by a score of 24-9, and the nightcap, 15-5. NJCU (3-16, 0-6 NJAC) was unable to contain the Red Hawks high-powered offense.

The Red Hawks breezed to victory in game two. MSU scored one run in the first inning, seven in the second, and three more in the third. Lead-off hitter Dave Wurst was 4-for-4 with a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

MSU added another in the fourth inning when Wurst singled to center, bringing in run double to left center, and Craig Conway picked up an RBI with a single to center. Fred Longo got into the act with a two-run triple to left.

MSU added another in the fourth inning when Wurst singled to center, bringing in Brian Ellison and putting MSU up by 10, with an 11-1 score.

Jim Whalen, the starting pitcher for the Red Hawks, was the beneficiary of all this offense as he improved his record to 2-0 on the season. Whalen gave up 11 hits and five earned runs over six innings. He also struck out five.

The Red Hawks had an even greater offensive output in the opening game of the doubleheader. MSU scored in all but one inning as they picked up 23 hits, including five doubles and three home runs.

Tara Todaro, the MSU bats found their way back to level the playing field in the second game of the doubleheader Saturday by shutting out five runs in the top of the fourth inning against Rowan, led by Alex Lamont’s three-run triple off of Rowan relief pitcher Elias. MSU drilled two different pitchers that inning.

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The Red Hawks’ 3-1 record over the weekend keeps them heading in the right direction. The team is playing well now. As long as the top of the order produces its runs and RBI’s and the pitchers don’t step into the world of beach ball-sized softballs, MSU will once again be a force in final two weeks of the regular season.

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Men Win Two

The men’s lacrosse team picked up two big wins last week with a 13-7 win over Manhattanville on Wednesday and a 28-3 victory over CCNY on Saturday.

The backups got a chance to play against CCNY as MSU left the first half with a 21-2 lead. Even goal-tender Vinni Delemarre got in on the scoring, netting MSU’s final goal of the first half.

Against Manhattanville, MSU jumped out to an 8-2 lead before trading goals during the second half. The Red Hawks now hold a 4-1 record in the Knickerbocker Conference, and have only three games left in the season. They play at Lycoming on Monday.