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 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.

The amount of money allotted to MSU by the state is at a fixed rate.

Only 37 percent of the

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**Mold Poses Potential Health Risk**

**By Frank Fusco**
Staff Writer

The Health and Wellness Center remained closed this week as a result of a potentially hazardous mold fungus that was discovered there 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 are 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.

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**LET'S TALK:** At last Thursday's BOT meeting, President Susan Cole explained the amounts of money needed for salary increases. A 10 percent increase was suggested, but none was settled.

Banton 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 A-wing of the fifth 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.

"This fire could have been a lot worse if it were in a building without a 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 fifth floor room and extinguished the fire before the sprinklers finished," Lt. Mike Postaski, of University Police said.

Officer Don Maxfield 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 Postaski.

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

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SMOKED OUT: Blanton Hall residents huddled together early yesterday morning after the fire and flood in their residence hall.
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.

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

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 turned in 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 municipal hurdle.

Trenton- A biprotagonist in a state police uniform played “Amazing Grace” while a service at St. Mary’s Cathedral persisted in commemoration of a fellow officer.

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National News

Naples, Florida- A wind-driven fire burned down 13,000 acres of land near Big Cypress Swamp, and destroyed three houses.

Denver, Colorado- President Clinton visited Colorado and attempted a new strategy to pass gun control laws at all states Wednesdays.

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

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PARLY SUNNY

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LO: 59°

SUNNY

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SUNNY
Arming of University Police Still Simmering on Campus

By Jay Thompson
Staff Writer

The issue of arming campus police with guns continues to be debated on campus with numerous open forums and discussions. Students are expected to voice their opinion on the issue when a referendum is issued by the SGA, said Vice-President Mike Kazimir.

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.

Kazimir said the SGA has not specified whether they support President Susan Cole's proposal because they are waiting to find out the public opinion of the students from the referendum vote. The vote will most likely occur before the end of the term. Students will be able to vote over the Internet, said Kazimir.

Director of University Police and Security Department, Phillip Calitre, 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 2-4 p.m. in Student Center room 411. Today's session is an open forum that is being sponsored by the SGA and The Unity Collaboration from the Dean of Students Department. Presenters include SGA President John Griffin and Director Calitre. 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.

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In Related News...
Three William Patterson University Officers were recently suspended for a 1999 alleged beating of a hand cuffed prisoner.

**Mustafa Thomas** of East Orange was the victim of the alleged beating. He was taken into custody by the officers for resisting arrest and being drunk and disorderly.

*One officer, a Sargent, was suspended for 30 days without pay, and demoted.*

*Only one of the three officers was fired, the other suspended for 90 days without pay.*

*All involved officers were trained by the same program as the NJ municipal officers.*

*The officers allegedly used mace.*

All information is from The Wayne Today

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.

MOLD

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It is unknown when the facility will re-open. 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 chartarum. All that has been confirmed thus far is that stachybotrys, the fungus, was found at the MSU campus facility. According to Fama, the stachybotrys 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 or not it is a health risk. Ferdinand said that it is not yet known when the results will be known.

"Living with mold" is unhealthy, disgusting, and scary," La Bruna said. Sal Fam from the Passaic County Board of Health explained that stachybotrys chartarum is only one particular species of the stachybotrys genus. All that has been confirmed thus far is that stachybotrys, the genus, was found at the MSU campus facility.

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Fire

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

"When people come to breakfast into the building, workers used a wet-vac to mop up the water from the sprinklers," Pennington said. "There was no damage to any of the other rooms, unless residents had personal belongings right up next to their doors."

Blanton Hall also had a mandatory evacuation during late February, following a small fire in the building's circuit box. The evacuation lasted for a week.

"This fire [the most recent] could have been a lot worse if it were in a building without a sprinkler system," Pomponio said. "The results could have been tragic."

Out of the six residence halls on campus only two, Blanton and Russ, are equipped with emergency sprinkler systems.

"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," Pomponio 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.

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"We are increasing safety for obvious reasons," O'Brien said. "The fire in Seton Hall was a wake-up call... We need to increase the acceptable levels of safety, so the bar can be raised."

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By Christina Spatz
Assistant News Editor

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Tuition
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university’s money is funded by the state, said President Cole. This still leaves 63 percent for the university to pay.

A report released by Harry Schuckel stated that MSU is $1,212 less than the most expensive public institution and $422 less than the sector’s average, compared to TCNJ, Ramapo, Rowan, WPU, Kean, NIC and Stockton.

“There is no denying the success of our students after graduation, we have a high quality of education second to none,” Schuckel said.

“I would like to know, where exactly does the tuition money go?” Mike Kazimir, vice president of the SGA, said.

Karen Clarke, SGA legislator, said, “I remember just some time ago camping out in front of President Reid’s office on this issue, I hope to see the day when we can sit and plan for more than a year in advance on the tuition.”

Students are being urged to voice their opinion on the tuition rate by emailing or writing to President Cole, care of Lisa Green, Executive Assistant to President. Dr. Cole’s email is Coles@mail.montclair.edu.

Opinions must be in before May 5.

MSU Annual Undergraduate Tuition Trends

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Cumulative Increase 1990-2000

$1,565

* MSU’s annual rate is calculated by 30 credit per hour load per year
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) • Vice President of the Young Democrats (98-99)
• Multicultural Diversity Weekend (98-99)
• Student Programming Committee (98-99) • Bohn Hall C.H.E.E.R.S. (98-99)
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Finding the Ballot Box: WHERE AND WHEN TO VOTE IN THE SGA ELECTIONS

Monday April 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(Student Center)

Tuesday April 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(Student Center)

Wednesday April 19, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
(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

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 prepared 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.

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“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

Everybody in college thinks everyone else in college drinks. Right? Well, not exactly. According to a study just published in the Journal of American College Health (“College Binge Drinking in the 1990s: A Continuing Problem,” March 2000), 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, 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 or drugs. These include cancer; stomach problems; increased 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, drown ing, 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.

Research shows that most men feel something is lacking in their friendships but have difficulty delineating exactly what they might be. To make matters more complicated, contradictions abound.

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 friendships 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.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

L'ete en Or a Nice

De l'avenue jean medicin
Au promenade des Anglais
On voit defiler des femmes sainte
Pour se rendent vers ta plage parfaite.

Nice tu es sans mesure sur la cote d'azure
Tu es l'or qui fait rever les chats qui dort
De tes coteaux charmants qu'est vraiment moulure
Ta lumineuse image, s'allume au coucher d'or.

En avion, par bateau, en train
En voiture, cheval ou patin
Ta beaute est incomparable
De toute aurtre ville de France, fiable.

La clarte du soleil qui brille sur tes monts
Et la grace éblouissante de toutes tes portes
Sont tellement super, on dirait un sermon
Ecrit pour les amoureux de tous les sortes.

Lociano Benjamin
Poete Au Coeur Blesse
"The Poet with the Broken Heart"

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 Jackie Parker
Staff Writer

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. You 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 “Total Request Live” telling you what good music is, take a trip over to the indie side of things.

Freshmen Year: The Experience of a Lifetime

The Inside Scoop on Residence Life

By Kristina Zombardo
Special to the Montclarion

From the first moment I walked into Koch Hall as a freshman, I knew 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 just how close we all are, practically like sisters! After all, we share each other’s clothes, shoes, makeup, and we know each other’s deepest secrets and fears. We know just who we can turn to whenever we just need to “vent” a few tears, or when we need a smiling face. When one of us has a date, we are all excited and wait up like little girls waiting for the scoop.

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/doug “event” will never be erased from our memory, especially if it involved throwing bagels 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 a hell of a lot about LIFE! It really isn’t as sugarcoated as you thought. We’ve learned the true meaning of maturation and lifelong friendships, and despite the true value of money, especially as struggling college students. Learning to balance work and school, making sure to leave time to party (forget about eating and sleeping) has led to many rough mornings.

College surely is the place to learn, but sometimes the real lessons we learn are not from a professor or textbook, but from the people we meet and the friends we keep.

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 be easily 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 bay leaves around windows and doors to keep away ants; cedar chips for repelling moths and even beer in the garden for keeping grubs out of your vegetables. Biologically-friendly solutions are not only all around us; they are probably already in your home. Take the time to read the labels and ask around. The planet will thank you.

Sandra Bullock
The Life of the Party... before she got a life.

COMING IN APRIL
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

H e 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.

He was 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 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.

I sat at the smokey bar and washed down a shot of vodka with a sip of my cold Amstel Light. My eyes off of him. She traced my stare.

“I have to meet that guy,” I whispered to my friend Christina sat next to me and we both reached for a cigarette at the same time.

“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.

Before we planned our first date on the phone, I assumed that we would do the “dinner” thing on a Friday night and maybe get to know each other even more over a few drinks afterwards.

However, to my surprise, our first conver­sation revealed that this guy, Alex, whom I met in a bar, didn’t drink and wasn’t really excited by the idea of hang­ing out in bars or clubs.

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 stared 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.

However, according to some of my friends and family, a girl in her early twen­ties should be going out with as many men as she 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.

Looking forward to the company of that one special person.

“You know, Lisa, there are so many guys out there, and you are so young,” says my mother when she hears my plans to stay home with my boyfriend.

“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."

How 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?

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?

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-some­thing single night outs. This includes, flirt­ing with every attractive man in sight and accepting drinks from any admirer willing to shell out a few bucks. It is fun for the first hour, but then the night just becomes a rerun of what happened last weekend and the weekend before.

You continue to meet a couple more losers, hear a whole bunch of low-budget pickup lines, and dance with some guy whose breath smells like he ate “booty” for dinner.

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.

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.
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 our expectations, excitement, and even our fears, could not have come at a better time; especially one with all the technical accuracy and visual panache as Mission to Mars. Boasting a great director and a cast that includes Gary Sinise (Forrest Gump, Reindeer Games), Tim Robbins (The Shawshank Redemption), and a scrupulous Jerry O’Connell (Scream 2), Brian DePalma’s new film doesn’t live up to the expectations generated by its intriguing theatrical trailer: all the fault of a few minor but glaringly obvious flaws.

The first half-hour of Mission is useless and perhaps even advantageous to the viewer if slept through. It’s somewhat painful to witness poorly drawn, one-dimensional characters being sketched into a storyline that plagues the next hour and a half with a confluence of awful dialogue. Sinise looks bored, his excitement contrived at half of cinema with awful dialogue. Sinise’s character will...
Acting, Music and Visuals Combine for Indie Masterpiece

By Krista Strebel
Staff Writer

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 is Judy Berlin is its musical score, composed by Michael Nicholson. The use of quiet strings, pianos, and box sounds brings the essence of fairy-tales to life, especially during the ex-erie 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 affections 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. Visu-}

Words We’ve All Heard Before

By Dorothy Chudoba
Staff Writer

American Slang is a mixture of good old rock ’n’ roll and raw intense energy. From Northern New Jersey, this band is kicking up some heat with their demo, American Slang, which was released in January. They recently recorded with Mike Ward and Tim Gillies in Big Blue Meenie Studios in Jersey City. These guys are definitely one of the bands that brings in the heavy rock outfit into its prime. 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 get where they are now. They are planning on going back into the recording studio, Big Blue, sometime in Jersey City. To keep updated on all the American Slang happenings and information, you can check their website at www.americanslang.net or e-mail them at ladd74@aol.com. Keep rocking!

What’s Up, Eigerlily?

Out and about in the local scene...

Concert Calendar

Thursday, April 13

Medeski, 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)247-7800

Friday, April 14

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

Sunday, April 16

Tower of Power. Bottom Line, New York, NY. (212)956-4000
Herbie Mann. Blue Note, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
Medeski, Martin and Wood. Angel Orensaz Foundation Center for the Arts, New York, NY. (212)529-7194

Monday, April 17

Les Paul. Iridium Jazz Club, New York, NY. (212)777-6817
Joe’s Pub, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
Herbie Mann. Blue Note, New York, NY. (212)475-8592
Medeski, Martin and Wood. Angel Orensaz Foundation Center for the Arts, New York, NY. (212)529-7194

Tuesday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 19

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

What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?

American Psycho, Dir: Mary Harron.
Saturday, April 15
They are planning on going back into the recording studio, Big Blue, sometime in April to record a full-length album. Over- all, the band has some awesome sounds and good vibrations; they just need some diversi- ty. To keep updated on all the American Slang happenings and information, you must check their website at www.americanslang.net or e-mail them at ladd74@aol.com. Keep rocking!

Theatre Performances

All My Sons, at The Barrow Mansion. Jersey City, N.J. 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 experience: Five or four friends get together and form a band. Sometimes, 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 may play one musical occurrence for three or four friends to see. There are the fantasti
cal chord progressions, or the basic musical genres. There were the fantas­tic electronic soundscapes that included such legends as The Police, Cul
ture Club and Dire Straits; the Australian influence of AC/DC; Ireland's biggest band, U2; The American sounds of Bruce Springsteen, John Cougar Mellencamp, Bob Seger, Bonnie Raitt, Hall and Oates, ZZ Top, Huey Lewis and the News, Tom Petty; the Icelandic women of Björk; Irish electronica, the Go-Go's, Pat Benatar, the Bangles and Cyndi Lauper. Eighties hip-hop brought about the birth of popular rap music with such artists as Sugarhill Gang, Grand Master Flash, Run DMC, The Beastie Boys and the ar­ rival of gangsta rap with Compton's N.W.A. The hard rockers and infamous big hair bands like Aerosmith, Guns 'n' Roses, Van Halen, White Snake, Poison and Bon Jovi.

Among these artists were the pop soloists such as Michael Bolton, Amy Grant, Lionel Richie, Whitney Houston, Don Henley, Peter Gabriel and Michael Jackson. Each genus had its own unique influen­ces: classic rock, the Foundations, one of the most popular of musical genres, Queen, Tina Turner and the Rolling Stones. There were the pop groups and teen stars like Tiffany, New Kids On the Block, Debbie Gibson, Donny Osmond and the infamous Vanillie Ice and Milli Vanilli. While pop was as strong as it would ever be there was still room for the underground scenes of punk and metal. This included bands like Black Eyed Suskies, Black Flag and Black Sabbath. Later in the decade, college ra­dio would help propel such hard rock bands as Nir­vana, R.E.M., and 10,000 Maniacs, groups that would usher in the 90s grunge scene. While the 80s is oftentimes criticized for its almost mindless indulgence in all things stylistic and fashionable there were still some very rel­evant and meaningful events such as Live Aid, a benefit thrown by the most popular of musicmas­ters including Queen, Tina Turner and Pleasurecraft. It was also surpris­ingly well attended. The Re­cital Hall is used to seeing classical perfor­mances by ensembles and soloists throughout the year, but not Billy Joel standards, which is what Chapter One started their set with.

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Chapter One can be contacted through O'Brien at x5550.

Marvelous Music Made by Music Majors

By Anna Lawrence
Assistant Arts Editor

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Pleasure

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JH: Has anyone ever wished to collabo­rate with Pleasurecraft?

MKB: A large man named Paul played piano with us once.

JH: What is the future plans of Pleasurecraft?

SH: To practice. For the third time. Ever. Someime next week. In the meantime, me and Dickey will pursue our own individual pleasures.

JH: We'll, we've only played together three or four times, so we should probably do that again. I'd like to meet cyriaque somebody too, since we're both in the band and all. That would be nice.

JH: What message do you want to send to today's youth, who engross themselves in Pleasurecraft?

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SH: Get with Mike!

And with those final words, the inter­view was over. As you can see, Pleasurecraft is not absorbed in their own music, rather the experience of being in the band itself. Next time you are in the Philadelphia area, be sure to make sure you visit Pleasurecraft. They will be waiting with open arms to please you with their music.

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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
MSU Experiences More Fiery Episodes

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 certainly is 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 Calcila 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!”

What further measures must be taken to ensure fire safety to resident students?

Next week’s opinions belong to:

Justin Velucci
Jerome D’Angelo/Liz Hutchinson
Lou Ruggieri
Bill Gray
Bill Guardino
Thursday, April 13

**Opinion**

Justin N. Bourgeois

**Bourgeois**

**Head to Head: ARMING MSU POLICE**

Two Open Letters to Susan Cole

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 we took a stand and supported these officers. But, after hearing 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 qualitatively 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 that 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 back-up 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 might 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.

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**Vellucci**

**Safety Concerns at MSU? Guns Are Not the Answer**

Dear President Cole,

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 and discussions. As you state in your proposal, the Board of Trustees did not view any of the concerns that these officers concern themselves with as their top priority. But, after hearing the angle to that angle that almost every other state college has an armed police force. Well, everybody else is doing it, why can’t we?

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Dear President Cole,

I am an adjunct professor who would like to respond to your request for feedback in your page 6 of your memo to the Board of Trustees. In your memo to the Board of Trustees, you discuss the proposal regarding the use of firearms by members of the MSU police force. I would like to offer my thoughts on this matter.

First, I would like to address the point that the proposal states that the MSU police force has the necessary training to handle firearms. I believe that this statement is not entirely accurate. While the MSU police force may have received training in the use of firearms, they are not the only groups that have received such training. Additionally, the proposal does not mention the qualifications of the police officers who would be responsible for handling firearms.

Second, I would like to address the point that the proposal states that the use of firearms by the MSU police force would increase the safety of the campus. I do not agree with this statement. The use of firearms by the police force could lead to an increase in the level of violence on campus, as well as a decrease in the level of trust that students and faculty have in the police force.

Third, I would like to address the point that the proposal states that the use of firearms by the MSU police force would be a way to respond to potential threats on campus. I do not believe that the use of firearms is an effective way to respond to potential threats. There are other, more effective ways to respond to potential threats, such as increasing the presence of security personnel on campus.

I believe that the proposal regarding the use of firearms by the MSU police force is not a solution to the problems facing the campus. Instead, I believe that the campus community needs to work together to find a solution that is in the best interests of all students and faculty.

Sincerely,
Jessica Borrell
Adjunct Professor

In 1999, a request was made to allow MSU campus police to carry firearms. In 1995, the request was denied. Now, five years later, the SGA and University Police have written another proposal. The proposal is being directed to the campus community by MSU's president, Susan Cole, and feedb
I turned 24 yesterday, and I'm starting to feel older, not just in age, but in understanding what sort of an impact my life has made and could make, reflected on my life thus far.

If you ask people on campus, what is “apathy?” A likely response would be “the students of MSU.” There is little doubt that the majority of our community has little interest in controversial or political affairs. Maybe they are complacent because of the usual, and comfort and duty our nation has given them, or maybe they are lazy, or maybe they think, “This doesn’t affect me.” Of the 13,000 students here, about 700, not even 1,000, voted in the last SGA election. Of the 13,000 here, only about 100 bothered to show up last week and the NAACP's Unity Rally and Walk-out against police brutality.

Wake up MSU! Things do affect you. It might not be national or worldwide, but indirectly we are all affected by police brutality or racism or sexism. Racism might not be direct, but I was affected by police brutality. I traveled to Washington, D.C. for a rally in front of the White House and march on the Justice Building. I lived the First Amendment to our Bill of Rights sitting on the steps of the Justice Building protest against the imprisonment of Leonard Peltier. When Ahmer Louaiwa was tortured and sodomized by members of the New York Police Department, I marched across the Brooklyn Bridge to protest outside City Hall in protest. My neighborhood in Scotch Plains has mobilized against suburbanization by “the powerful” and won. I have registered voters with the Student Voter Coalition on campus. These memories make me feel bad and guilty for feeling for me because my voice was heard.

You don't hear many voices like on campus, and if you do, you better believe these people are concerned and are committed to their cause. Are you committed to any cause other than your diploma and your job? If any of you had walked out of your classes April 9 and gone to the Unity Rally I'm sure you'd be received an educational experience on par with the class you would've walked out of.

Currently, there are at least three more chances for your voice to be heard by the SGA and the democratic term. SGA elections are coming up next week and unless you want jabronies running the SGA and using your funds, then vote! The campus police may be armed with guns. You will be safe! You will vote for this too. The SGA and the Board of Trustees want your input, vote! Sign a petition for the arming of campus police and do something. The FanFan controversy is in full swing. An arts festival could break MSU of its notorious absence of fun, activities, and participation. Sign that petition to get it going or write a letter to The Montclarion if you think it's a sham.

There are many opportunities for you to do something, many of which, like voting or signing a petition, take only a minute. Oh, but I'm sorry, you need at least minute to socialize or shop or check your beloved e-mail. The recent surge of protests and petitions on campus lately have given me hope, may get even more hope depending on the responses you provide. But for the most part, I am splattered at the apathy of our generation. We're so lazy we barely even voted in the last presidential election, not even 20 percent of us.

I am urging, badgering and insisting that you lazy and apathetic bums do something! Join one of the numerous worthwhile organizations on campus, write a letter, vote, as Nike implores, “Just do it!” If we don't become a formidable, unified and politically active generation then we will surely end up worse than our parents in both economic and social terms. In this regard we are well on our way.

Come on, MSU! Show me how angry you can get, how loud your voice is! I'm tired of being the only activist in many of my classes, show me some support! Or at least protest me and this article! Get off that cell phone and off the computer and pound the pavement down to the voting booth or to City Hall. Just remember: people won't give a damn about you if you don't shout your opinions in the ear of the nation. Joy Thompson is a senior English education major. This is her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

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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 the arming of campus police. It is none other than the fact that some people actually enjoy this campus and enjoy sitting around and not having to look at everyone else's trash.

The levels of consideration at this campus are dropping and it's repulsive. I have been to many college campuses and this one is so much worse than them. Why don't we care? I guess I shouldn't be surprised, after all, I am at MSU.

Matthew Cipoletti business management

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The Problem with the School Voucher Agenda

In case you haven’t already heard, there is a growing number of misinformation 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 as huge sums of public dollars are 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 researcher has 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 will 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, they could 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 reallocation 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 no 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 one solution to failing schools, but $115 billion isn’t a bad start, and it sure as hell beats $13.4 billion worth of empty promises.

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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 drill. 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 urban neighborhood. His car was totaled and he was injured. He was hurried to the back of his pants.

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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 numbing 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 Chap­ ter 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 Taliaferro, secretary of the MSU NAACP, 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, saying that white stu­dents in attendance should not be criti­cized for not being there simply because they had class. When asked what she thought the rally could do for MSU, Pennington smiled warmly and said, "We hope to model for the world what a diverse community looks like and can accomplish."

Student response was strong to the words and opinions of reform, the strongest being the shout and call of affirmation, the message of freedom and equality rang out across cam­pus. One student, Jarrett Lampkin, who walked tirelessly up and down the line of students in front of the Student Center hand­ing out voting registration forms, told me it was great to see the event be so well re­spected and supported. He stated that the ar­ranging emotion of the speeches given was another powerful reason for them to vent their anger and frustration on the matters of po­lice brutality and guns on campus. Pleaseed 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."

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Viewpoint

Walk-Out Serves as Wake-Up to MSU Students

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The Week In Politics

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As most of the people on cam­pus should know by now, a ter­rible tragedy occurred in the country of Uganda last month. Over 500 members of an apocalyptic religious group called the Ten Commandments Movement, the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God were locked in a church building that was set on fire, causing themselves and their children to perish. This hideous act was motivated by the group’s leaders, Joseph Kibwete and Kenedonia Mwezird, who Kibwete’s “prophecies” about the end of the world failed to come true on January 1 this year.

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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.

Tambudzai G. Ndoro

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ISO IS A CLASS I OF SGA
By Chris Finegan

You thought you were away from his nonsense?

The Board of Trust-Me's replaced key members of the MSU administration with farm animals earlier in the semester which has caused a rash of campus problems, said MSU president Wally the Alien.

"I knew nothing about this. I had heard rumors that a herd of goats were living on the fourth floor of the Student Center, but I had no idea things were this bad. I'm not the Anti-Christ. Please stop mailing me letter bombs," Wally said.

Quackers the duck, acting vice president of Budget Blowing, said in his defense, "Quack quack quack quack quack. Honk honk. Wakk wakk wakk." I know most of you do not speak fluent duck, so I’ve translated it for you. It means "Happy alumni num uncle poop eight stops wet table green good rock." Editor's note: It actually means, "If you think you've done the absolute best I could, but then again, I'm just a duck."

The president made this announcement three hours after Bland Hall sank into an undiscovershaped sand. Fourth-floor residents, said he, were able to reach out their 1' x 2' windows and touch grass. All students were evacuated, and none sustained injuries, but residents were left homeless and with no alternate housing available. When questioned, George the rooster, Director of Animal Relations, pecked the eyes out of a student reporter.

Wally charged the BOTM’s implementation of the animals with a rash of campus debacles, from the Freeride Hall nuclear meltdown to the rash of thefts in Blown Hall.

The meltdown, which occurred on Feb. 28, left a crater the size 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 theists were not really theists, 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 Bessie 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 couch 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 of 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 board of trust-me’s hold a meeting concerning whether to fix up the dorms or add to the wonderful collection of rocks in the rock garden of the science building.

See FARM ANIMALS over there →

The Horoscope

Never Lies

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Enjoy Spring Week, play the games, for beware this campus will kill it by next year.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Go see Of Mice And Men and when it ends bring a box of tissues, you’ll need it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): There are two kinds of people in life. Those who talk about it, and those who live it. You are neither, you’re just sitting there.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Your car breaks down on the side of Route 46. When you open the hood you discover the small hamster in the wheel has dropped dead.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Your constant babble, quite ridiculous at times, is getting better. Just put a plastic bag over your head next time you inhale.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Stay away from the mall. High school kids will start harassing you and you’ll never want kids.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Take up a new hobby this week. The stars say something like collecting stamps or taxidermy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Buy a bicycle, the world has enough pollution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 22): You need a hug.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Get a life. Go out and enjoy yourself because this could be your last year in school.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Just because a handful of people who are jealous of your skills hate you, doesn’t mean you should feel bad, the majority still finds your jokes funny.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): As the world turns it comes to a complete stop, people start flying in the air and you find yourself to be the first person to fall into space.
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Farm Animals
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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 Stuff. She gets cranky and she might rearrange the tour plan. God we can't have that," said Fishpipe.

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. You can divide by zero."

Horni also answered concerns about the "Tour Group Disaster." Horni said that Toro the bull, thanks Greek Advisor, was grazing behind Donnadixon Hall when a tour group of "bighorn" began taunting him. Toro charged, leaving in his wake three dead, one seriously injured, and a tour guide. "We didn't want their kind here anyway. They looked 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! Dorkbacher, a sophomore alcohol consumption major and temporary host, said, "YO! We've got all these vice presidents and I don't think we need all of them. Be sides, the horses keep crossing all over the place. She's clogged up 30 toilets in Crwebb 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, "All this 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 disussing 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 patooties 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 write over space and write nothing until this white space disappears. So, write nothing here."

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By Scott Adams

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Broadway Blues

Rangers Leave Fans Wondering What Went Wrong

By Elf Gelman

Staff Writer

The waiting is over. The New York Rangers have missed the playoffs for the third straight season marking the first time in their 47 year history that they have been accomplished since the 1955-1966. Adding insult to injury, the team also endured its third straight losing record at home for only the third time in the last 12 season. They are without a General Manager and off-Order 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 now lived up to.

Let's get this straight. Neil Smith did everything he possibly could to get this team to win. He brought, or you could say bought, every free agent out there capable of helping. He made trades on Draft Day just to ensure that this team had a future. Pavel Brendl, Jamie Lundmark, and Jan Hlavac were all great free agents and will all be stars in this league one day, hopefully sooner than later. However, the tragedy of it all is that eventually he got fired that was he brought in the guys his coach asked for.

He brought in speed, skill and finesse. This is great if you're in the Western Conference. In the East you need size and grit up front and there are nothing but sorely lacking in both. It couldn't have had a better start, physical defender either. Smith never replaced Darren Langdon after he was injured for the year. So when they needed someone with muscle to defend the stars, a goon, for lack of a better word, no one was there.

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Lefebvre was as steady a defenceman as any in the league. Unfortunately, Stephane Quintal, a number four defenceman at best, was asked to do the job and never made it 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 players 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 Robitaille, 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 bet­ ter without him, but that was a fluke anyway. The Rangers went 9-1 over a three-week stretch in January, but their record the rest of the season is 20-46-12. So 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 need to make sure that as great as Mike York played, he is not a num­ ber two center on Broadway and Petr Nedved is not capable of carrying the load by himself. Adam Graves is no longer a steady partner to replace the retired Jeff Beukeboom. 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.

Let's start at the top. Neil Smith has left them. Mr. Muckler and John Hlavac have since Sergei Nemchinov, and Sylvain Lefebvre, were hired for the year. So when they needed a big strong player who can stand in front of the net and Brian Leetch must have a steady partner to replace the retired Jeff Beukeboom.

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Singh Must Beat at Augusta

By Mike Mazzone

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 go under duress.

Down by nine shots after Friday's sec­ond round, Woods was trying to make the biggest 36-hole comeback in Masters his­ tory. After a strong front nine Sunday, he got to 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 that 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. Both birdies at 11, 13, and 15, he still lingered a few shots back, but could not get any birdie putts to fall in the last three holes.

Duval would be Singh's closest threat during the round. Playing in the final pair­ ing, with a chance to win on the final day with birdie putts to fall in the last three holes.

Singh bogeyed the par-4 17th 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 putts to fall 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. Go­ ing for the pin on his second shot, he found rough. The excitement. The azaleas. All the green. He would make bogey, while Singh made birdie.

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 putts to win, but only needed one, as he calmly sank an 18-foot­er for birdie to seal his second major victory. He also won the PGA Champion­ ship at Sahalee in 1998. In route to victory, Singh remarkably hit 58 of 72 greens in regulation, which is quite rare.

He had a message taped to his bag by his son that read, "Poppa, Trust Your Swinging Hand. He won two of the last six majors. He proved to find out. The New York Rangers have missed the playoffs for three straight seasons, as John Muckler and Neil Smith found out. The New York Rangers have no toughness or fire and are now without a coach and general manager; All of this because they went for the quick fix of free agency that almost never works in sports, especially when there is so much that needs fixing.

One long-time Rangers seasons ticket holder put it "Right now the only thing we can do is hope and if they make 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 no. The Beatles fans can be happy about any­ thing, 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, losing 11 of their last 12. The next year was the greatest in franchise history. This year they finished the season going winless in nine of their last fourteen, so maybe 2001 can be as great as 1994, but only time will tell and that is exactly what Rangers' management, fans and players have to look forward to.
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 slates were 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 back to calling himself the Franchise again! I was happy to see Tank Abbott calling out Goldberg, but why does he look so post, defenseless Mark Madden? Well, I hope he at least keeps his shirt on next time... Please!

Where was Miss Handcock and why wasn’t she Nitro? I missed her so! Have you ever seen Hulk Hogan in that ring 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 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 Eric Bishoff asked Sid about 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 ECW champion, Mike Awesome made his return 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.

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As the end of the summer, Eric Bischoff was relieved of his duties as president of WCW. Writer Vince Russo was hired away from the WWF to take over the head creative position. Above, the two shake hands as finally their paths cross and they take control of the WCW creative department. They brought in ECW Champion Mike Awesome (bottom left) to help their takeover. Meanwhile, Bret Hart (far left) kept an eye on them all night long, wondering where this union will leave him.

That bell means that our time has expired on this week’s edition of the First Row.

Questions? Comments?? Send me email at: FirstRowFred@aol.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!
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 that for the other. 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 being played at.

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 Dorn, 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 it’s like on both ends of the spectrum. I’ve played for a baseball team that regularly blew out opponents, played in 28-0 and 30-0 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, I never begrudge the other team when they wiped the floor with us. And I never felt bad when we ground other teams’ faces into the grass. Part of sports is losing, and sometimes part of sports is losing by a LOT. It happens. Accept it and move on.

In college sports, there’s an even better reason to keep driving in those runs or scoring those touchdowns. In races for conference or tournament titles, it is possible that it will come down to running differential to determine the placing of the participants.

For instance, a couple of weeks ago the MSU softball team played in the MSU/WPU Softball Classic, and the championship came down to running differential during playoff games. Running up the score wasn’t an issue in this case, since all the games were close, but it potentially could have made a huge difference.

There’s also the example of college football. The ratings and points systems to determine the top teams in Division I are partially based upon points scored and points allowed. Teams like the Florida Gators of the mid-80’s were renowned for their scoring prowess, and scores they did. The Gators would pick up victories by scoring 40 or 50 points more than their opponents. Sure, some people got mad, but the Gators had a National Championship on their minds.

Also, you have to think about the other end. When I played ball, I went out on the field to do my best, and to win. If a baseball team is up 10-0 in the third inning, isn’t it conceivable that the other team could possibly come back? There are six innings left in the game, and there is always that threat. To put it down, you pour it on. Athletes that aren’t getting paid to play are there to do one thing: enjoy themselves. If an athlete goes up to bat in the ninth inning, and their team is winning by 20, are they going to want to get out on purpose? I wouldn’t. I’d go out to play. And play is what I expect athletes to do.

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 pretend they don’t see the gaping hole in the defensive line?

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It’s 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 would have to strongly disagree with that statement. Maybe it’s thought that when Rickey steals a base, he’s laughing at the opposing team. I would also have to strongly disagree with that. When Rickey steals a base, he’s looking to get into scoring position for his team. He’s looking to make his fans and his kids proud.

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 led the team as they both had a double and a triple. Sophomore left-hander Corey Hamman had a solid performance as he pitched 7 2/3 innings to improve his record to 3-1 on the year. Steve Ballerini and Jesus Francia. The Panthers rallied for three runs in the top of the ninth inning.

MSU jumped on the board early, scoring two runs in the first and two more in the top of the second. The runs came due in part to an RBI double from Frank Francia. The Panthers rallied for three runs in the bottom of the eighth, but MSU added an insurance run in the top of the ninth making it 10-8. Belson picked up his second save of the season as he struck out the side.

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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 home runs. 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 Dam added nine assists to bring his team-leading total to 44, 32 ahead of Pat Lukasko’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 game through 5 1/3 before an error on a strikeout left her with the no-hitter.

In the same game, leadoff hitter Toni Milito went 4-4 with an RBI and two runs scored. She hit a couple of doubles and also added a stolen base.

Earlier in the day, Alex Lamont, MSU’s rightfielder, drove in four runs while going 2-4 with a triple.

George Gallagher went 4-4 with two runs and three RBI during the second game of Saturday’s doubleheader at NJCU. In the first game, he was 2-3 with a run and two RBI.

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

Junior 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
Staff Writer

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 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 batter Dave Wurst was 3-4 with an RBI and two runs scored. In the top of the second, MSU opened up the floodgates, scoring seven runs on seven hits. Chris Baran delivered a two-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. Todaro's domination gave her a team-high five strikeouts. Rowan's Jamie Elias, lefty's counterpart, Rowan's Jamie Elias, shut down the MSU bats, spreading out four earned runs over six innings. He also struck out five.

Jim Whalen, the starting pitcher for the Red Hawks, was the beneficiary of all this offensive as he improved his record to 2-0 on the season. Whalen gave up 11 hits and five earned runs, all of them earned.

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The Red Hawks 3-1 record over the season 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.

Hawks Open NJAC Play With Split

By Mike Sanchez
Assistant Sports Editor

It was as if MSU's Kim Caruso had stepped into opposing worlds. First she went from a slugger to a pitcher Thursday afternoon as she pitched her first game of the season. Although she slugged a team-high .583, Caruso continually struggled, allowing three runs in the first inning and four in the sixth. The lefty's counterpart, Rowan's Jamie Elias, shut down the MSU bats, spreading out four runs in her six innings.

Caruso's struggles also showed at the plate as she proved unsuccessful, going 0-3 and finding herself in a slump as she is now 0-3 lifetime against the top of the order. Caruso's three-run triple off of Rowan relieved Jamie Elias, cut the MSU lead with 33 runs batted in. Schriber. Gallagher had a huge game, going 4-4 with three RBIs. Currently, he holds the team lead with 33 runs batted in. Gallagher came in when Longo, who also had a big game, singled to right field.

MSU starter Steve Docherty really took one for the team, saving the pitching staff and remaining in the game for most of the Red Hawk damage. He left the game after five innings, responsible in 16 hits and 12 runs, all of them earned.

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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 goaltender Vinni Delienaro 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.