**Visitor Assaulted In Lot 26; No Suspects In Custody**

Two white males, both approximately 20 years-old, assaulted a visitor to campus at approximately 1 a.m. yesterday morning. As they approached the victim and demanded his money, the victim punched one of the suspects and then fled toward Lot 24. The suspects left the scene in an unknown direction.

No weapons were used in the incident, according to reports by University Police. University Police have nobody in custody, but they have released descriptions of the two suspects:

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**Students Vote On Arming Cops**

Open Vote on Proposal Held at Yesterday's SGA Meeting

By Jill Nuber

Yesterday at the SGA meeting, a vote was taken about one of the most controversial issues this year: to see who was for or against the arming of the campus police.

Two different votes were taken among all the people who attended the meeting, including all SGA members, as well as non-members. The first vote was for endorsing President Cole's proposal about the gun policy, which specified when and where MSU officers would be allowed to carry guns. According to Cole's report, these would be emergency circumstances that involve a significant or potential threat to the life and safety of members of the community.

A total of 15 students, five of whom were legislators, were in favor of Cole's proposal. One student was opposed and two abstained (one of which was a legislator).

The second vote was taken to see who was in favor of full-time arming, part-time arming, or not arming at all or abstaining. Overall, 15 students were in favor of full-time arming, six of whom were legislators. One student was in favor of part-time arming, another was opposed, and two abstained from voting. One student was in favor of full-time arming, another was opposed, and two abstained from voting.

SGA President Mike Kazimir said, "In order for the police to do their job, they require the necessary equipment.

"Last year, four legislators were in favor of full-time arming, five were in favor of part-time arming, and one was opposed to any arming. "I am in support of arming the police fully and so is a vast majority of the SGA," Kazimir said.

On the other hand, Wiel Fan Fan, the Director of Welfare and Internal Affairs, who was not present during the vote, is opposed to the arming of the police. He feels that the police don't need the guns because there were not enough incidences since 1991 to justify having guns," Fan said.

Other members of the SGA agree with Kazimir and think the campus police should be armed. Institutions of this size have much stricter gun policies. We need to get up to standards on gun policies. It's not to protect students from students: it's to protect students from the outside world. We have full confidence in our officers," SGA Vice President Bill Guardino said.

There is a Board of Trustees meeting today to discuss the issue of arming campus police. There are 16 students, five of whom were legislators, who were in favor of full-time arming, six of whom were legislators. One student was in favor of part-time arming, another was opposed, and two abstained from voting.

"I don't care what happens (about Cole's proposal), the benefit in the long run is the safety of the community," Gross said.

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**HIGHLIGHTS of our NEW DESIGN**

Turn to Page 6
9/6/00 - Theft
A male entered the Student Center and left books and books, placing his
book bag outside. Upon his return, it was
missing.

9/7/00 - Mischief
A male returned to his car last night and
discovered the rear window shield wiper
was broken.

9/8/00 - Dispute
Two females arged and got into a physical
altercation after one female encountered her
boyfriend in a Bonn Hall room with the
other female. The male separated the females.

9/7/00 - Medical
Officers respond to a
report of a female Stone Hall resident passed
out in a first-floor bathroom. Upon arrival
the victim admitted drinking at an off-
campus party and displayed signs of
consuming an alcoholic beverage. The Little
Falls ambulance unit responded and examined
the victim and her roommate who also was
reported to have been drinking. Medical
transportation was refused.

9/8/00 - Drinking
Officers responded to a
second floor in
Blanton Hall on a report from a resident manager
of under-age drinking. Upon arrival five females
and one male admitted to drinking and exhibited
signs of alcoholic beverage consumption.
Crimes complaints are pending.

9/12/00 - Mischief
A mail-room supervisor reports that he
discovered the rear-driver-
side window of a mail-
room vehicle parked in
Lot 10 smashed.

Soccer parents are trying to change the face of good
sportsmanship among parents. The group SAGE Set a Good
Example, has started to curb fighting among youth-sports parents.
Last Sunday at a tournament in South Brunswick several parents of
a 10-year-old girls soccer team went out of control and ended up
fights. The brawl started over a call made by one of the soccer
referees.

New Jersey residents are urged to change to E-Z Pass when
using the New Jersey Turnpike. As of Sept. 30, 2000 the NJ
Turnpike will be opening E-Z Pass lanes. Drivers who do not have
E-Z Pass will incur a 20 percent toll increase. Drivers using the E-Z Pass system during weekday rush hours and weekends will
likely only have 10 percent toll increase.

A U.S. Judge ruled this week that Megan's Law is not in violation
of the Constitutional privacy rights of sex offenders. The ruling
was made by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.
Megan's law was originally passed in 1994 after the murder of
seven-year-old Megan Kanka. The law requires sex offenders
living in a community. It also allows authorities to warn community
leaders, school officials and neighbors about the sex offenders who
have served prison time, but are still a threat to society.

Compiled from The Star-Ledger by Elizabeth A. Hutchman

Adrienne S. Martin, the Democrat's Presidential Candidate,
has plans to raise sanctions against the music and entertainment
industry in order to promote stronger values. According to
Gore's strategy, it is an effort to gain support from working
mothers, who represent the swing voters of this year's election.

Republic President Candidate George W. Bush traveled to
Florida this week in order to gain support. He spoke to several
retirement communities and set up a town-hall meeting answering
questions for up to 30 minutes. Bush mostly spoke about Social
Security, WOAI's and the management of senior citizens that attended the meeting. Florida is a key state for Bush,
holding 25 electoral votes. In a poll taken before the convention
and vice-presidential nominations, Bush had a slight edge over
Gore in Florida.

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Expense Summary: what it is costing the average MSU student to get an education

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Estimated tuition, fees, housing and meal expenses account for students attending Montclair State University for the nine month September-May academic year, taking a total of 32 credits in that year. 

*Tuition, fees and expenses based upon Spring 2000 figures and are subject to change.

The Breakdown...

1. **Student Union Building Fee:** $8.20 per semester hour. Supports the programs and activities taking place in the Student Center.

2. **Student Government Association Fee:** $3.90 per semester hour. Funds collected from this fee go directly towards the SGA treasury where they are utilized to support that organization's activities.

3. **Computer Technology Fee:** $3.10 per semester hour. Funds collected from this fee offset the costs of adding and updating computer labs, Internet/Networking connections.

4. **General Service Fee:** $6.00 per semester hour. Helps, in part, to finance new facilities here at MSU, such as Science Hall.

5. **Athletic Fee:** $3.65 per semester hour. Supports MSU's athletic programs and offsets maintenance costs of athletic facilities.

6. **Wellness Fee:** $6.80 per semester hour. Helps, in part, to finance new facilities here at MSU, such as the Wellness Center.

7. **Recreation Fee:** Formally incorporated as part of the athletic fee and is meant to relieve some cost on the part of the University in support of the recreational facilities used by MSU students.

8. **Wellness Fee:** $3.00 per semester hour. Helps, in part, to finance new facilities here at MSU, such as the Wellness Center.

9. **Undergraduate Tuition (NJ resident):** $105.16 per semester hour. Beginning in the Fall of 2002, a flat tuition rate will go into effect. The rate will be based on a 15 credit semester and will be applied to all students taking between 12 and 18 credits.
MACOMB, I11. -- The Delta Tau Delta fraternity's Western Illinois chapter may be Y2K-compliant. But a recent advertisement in the school's student newspaper was a little too "1900 for its own good, and now the chapter is facing wave of suspensions, sanctions and negative publicity.

University officials deemed the ad, which depicted fraternity members posing with a black-faced lawn jockey sporting handcuffs, racially and sexually insensitive, and barred the fraternity from participating in any of WIU's campus activities for the 2000-01 school year.

Garth Eberhart, assistant executive vice president of Delta Tau Delta, said that the fraternity is working with the University to jointly discipline the WIU chapter.

Sanctions include participation by the chapter in educational programs, a letter of apology and regularly scheduled meetings with university officials.

The ad appeared in the Aug. 28 edition of the Western Courier, WIU's official student newspaper, and immediately caused a campus-wide eruption of both puzzlement and outrage.

WIU University Relations Director John Maguire says that members of the chapter have been swift to speak not only with university officials, but students as well.

The day the ad appeared, fraternity members met with the University's Black Student Association in order to clear the air and apologize.

While members of the University community took issue with the ad for multiple reasons, it was the inclusion of the lawn jockey that set bells ringing, said Maguire.

"The chapter said that the particular piece had been in the house for years," said Maguire of the chapter's explanation for using the lawn jockey in the ad. "It had been handed down for years, and they just brought it out for a photo."

Chapter President Daniel Dunleavy, a communications major at WIU, later acknowledged that the idea was a bad one.

But while apologies and scheduled meetings, with Greek advisers and university officials, have been plentiful, not everyone is buying the chapter's change of heart.

"Delta Tau Delta, let me thank you personally, from the bottom of my heart, for allowing WIU to realize that African-Americans are not only barred from being a part of your fraternity but that maybe they should also be fearful for their well-being," wrote columnist Susan Baker in the Sept. 1 edition of the Courier.

"Thank you for allowing us to see that your favorite body part is indeed the penis rather than the heart or the brain."

The chapter can appeal the suspension to the vice president of student services, but no plans for such action have been announced.

Eberhart said that situations such as what happened at WIU are not common among Delta Tau Delta's 130 undergraduate chapters.
New Policy Cracks Down On Clove Apt. Parties

By Carolyn Velchik
Managing Editor

One of the newest policies recently introduced to the Clove Road community is the party policy, which was created in conjunction with the Clove Road alcohol policy. It was put into effect to ensure the safety of the residents of Clove Road. The policy includes many terms of agreement, including having alternate beverages for those invited that are under the age of 21, as well as the limitation to 10 guests in order to adhere to the fire code. Parties also have to end by 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and by midnight on Fridays and Saturdays in order to stay within the quiet-hour rules. Another main requirement of this policy is that all parties must be registered 48 hours in advance.

This policy was put into effect with the alcohol policy due to the fact that "Residence Life felt that the alcohol policy was effective only in day-to-day situations, not in party situations," said Garrett. This punishment also occurs when residents sign the policy but host more than 16 people in their apartment, therefore breaking the fire code. "Each case will be dealt with individually, but they will all be dealt with," Garrett stressed.

Residents of the apartments have mixed emotions about the new policy. "We always had parties at our apartment last year and there was never a problem. If people are going to keep their parties under control and be responsible, there should be no need to register," said Tori Ann Bongiorno, a second-year Clove Road resident.

Tina Marie Rizzo, also a second-year Clove Road resident, is also unsure of this policy. "We have positive hopes for the party policy and its effectiveness." said Tina Marie Rizzo, also a second-year Clove Road resident, is also unsure of this policy. "We have positive hopes for the party policy and its effectiveness."

Residence Life has faith that this policy will succeed amongst the residents. Garrett said, "We have positive hopes for the party policy and its effectiveness."
Out With The Old... In With The New!

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Question of the Week: 'What's up with the muddy look inherent with the use of gray boxes?'

To respond, call 055-5241 or mail the details.

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The Graduate School cordially invites you to attend an Open House for all Graduate Programs Sunday, September 17 Student Center 1:30-3:30 p.m.
DATE RAPE by law, is the crime of performing sexual intercourse without the subject's consent. The victim may be deemed legally incapable of consent if incapacitated (e.g., drugged, intoxicated, or below an age specified by law) statutory rape.

Too often these days young girls are forced to give up something held dear to them. Sexuality is by far one of the most incredible changes our body has, and with sex, our lives transform and grow. It is unequivocally sad that some people are so willing, to take something that is ours without our consent. Sexuality is not just anything—it is not a shirt or a hat (nothing material can ever compare). It is something deep within us. Something that we will never remember, whether or not we want to.

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- Rohypnol (also known as “Roofies,” “la rocha,” the “forget pill”) is white and single or doubled scored on one side. “Rocho,” or “RH,” is imprinted and an “I” or a “Z” is circled on the other side. It is often found in its original blister-wrap packaging. A 2-milligram dose can put a person into an excited, agitated, and disarrayed state, leaving only amnesia. It is likely to be slipped into a drink and the effects of the drug kick in immediately. The effects intensify with alcoholic beverages and other drugs. Mixing Ketamine with Rohypnol is a rapid delight.
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- GHB, also known as “Liquid ecstasy,” “liquid x,” or “easy lay.”

What Is Date Rape?

DATE RAPE DID YOU KNOW?

- Between 25 percent and 40 percent of teens have been assaulted by their dates.
- Over 85 percent of all sexual assaults are planned.
- 71 percent of all sexual assaults involve acquaintances or friends.
- According to the National Victims Center, one woman is raped every minute. 60 percent of rapes reported to the rape crisis centers are committed by acquaintances.
- The majority of victims are between 16 and 24 years old.
- Only 1 out of every 10 sexual assaults is reported to law enforcement.

An Exploration of Latin Society and Culture: National Hispanic Heritage Month at MSU

By Florence Raggemann

Beginning in 1968, Hispanic American Student Organizations (LASO) have provided seven days of celebration of Hispanic culture and pride. In honor of the many contributions that Hispanic Americans have made and continue to make to our nation and our culture, the Congress, by PL 100-402, authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating September 15 through October 15 as “National Hispanic Heritage Month.” In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed Hispanic Heritage Month, beginning annually October 15 and culminating November 15, due to the inconvenient timing of Hispanic Heritage Month. “We can't get anything for September because classes just started. Students are more focused on classes at this point in the semester,” stated LASO secretary Cristina Molina. Delaying events until October allows the organization more time to advertise and thereby increase attendance and effectiveness of programming.

LASO has scheduled 15 events spanning the 31 days of Latin Pride Month. The first event offered is a food fair featuring Latino dishes in Blanton on the afternoon of October 17. Four lectures will be offered on topics ranging from Latinos in Law to discrimination. Three off-campus trips have been planned: Nuyorican Café in NYC Oct 20; Hispanic Museum in NYC (Nov 5), and Repertorio Espanol, a Spanish play (Nov 8).

What we want to get is the non-Hispanic campus community to see all of what Latin culture is,” explained Francisco Salgado, LASO’s Latin Pride co-chair. The desire to share Latin culture with non-Hispanic students is LASO’s primary goal.

In fact, LASO events attract a high percentage of non-Hispanic participants, particularly the monthly College Nights and weekly Latin Dance classes offered Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings in the Blanton Atrium.

LASO general meetings are held every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Cafe C. For more information on LASO events call x 4440 or stop by room 100 N, Student Center Annex.

A poster by Jorge Luis Somarrriba in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

COURTESY OF JORGE LUIS SOMARRIBA / VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
Thoughts Before Departure

By Kevin P. Hancock
Staff Writer

Kevin P. Hancock is a Montclarion reporter who, starting next week, will be studying abroad at Kingston University, in London, U.K., this fall. This column is the first in a series appearing throughout the semester about life in the U.K.

Before my trip to London, I wanted to try and gain some insight into what the city is like - so I'd have some idea of what to expect. So, I spent the last few months asking my friends, family and co-workers what they know about the city, and I was only able to gather three very basic pieces of information. One, it's very beautiful. Two, the food stinks. And three, everything is very expensive. Someone even told me not to forget to visit Big Ben.

So much for insight. There's got to be more to London than just that. While I didn't expect to get a detailed history of the city going back to Roman times from any of my co-workers, the experience did reveal to me how little we all really do know about the rest of the world.

Well, that's what I hope, at least. I won't be able to deal with three months of bad, expensive food.

Starting this week, my crash course on life in the UK begins. Thanks to the MSU Study Abroad Program, I'll be attending classes at Kingston University, located in London's borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, just 20 minutes outside of the heart of the city.

For three months, I'll be living in the nearby home of an English family whom I've never met before.

Aside from the fact that it is rather convenient that the people there speak English, I've always been curious about Britain's rich culture and extensive history.

At one time London was at the center of an empire upon which the sun never set. While Great Britain's imperialist glory days are long gone, the relics of her history are all on display in London and are part of the city's and nation's cultural fabric.

I also hear that "swinging" London is a great place to party. Although, I'm sure the city won't live up to what movies like Austin Powers and Spice World have made it out to be. Newsweek did dub London "the coolest city on the planet," for its wide array of restaurants, clubs, theatre and, of course, pubs. Though it still would, be cool to run into Posh and Baby Spice on a Union Jack painted double-decker bus, or Elizabeth Hurley in one of those skimpy 70's get-ups.

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While I'm anticipating my departure for the UK, the reality of studying abroad is a bit sobering. After all, I will be spending three months in a country where I don't have any family or friends, the sun barely ever shines and they could care less about baseball.

It won't be easy, especially if the Yankees make it to the World Series again.

Throw in the fact that it's going to be more to London than just that, and I'm not sure what to expect.

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New Book Examines “Stupid” Behavior During College Years

By Joe Rogers
Courtesy of TMS Campus

Just as college students are headed to campus, Jessie Haynes' new book, 10 Stupid Things College Kids Do is hitting the market. Even Forrest Gump would recognize the many stupid actions that hinder and sometimes halt a successful career in college as explained in Haynes book where the first time author has put together her list of top ten stupid things college students do.

Abusing alcohol and other drugs is at the top of the list, followed by credit card and Internet foolishness. Haynes talks about panty raids and booty calls as well as quitting and giving up — all in a language well understood by teens and young adults.

Haynes includes hard-hitting facts about college students, supported by statistics and true life stories which she discovered as a reporter, a university relations practitioner or as a mother and aunt. This book is a must read for any college student as well as parents the college bound.

Haynes said she was inspired to write the book when thinking about all of the senseless things that could happen to any student on a college campus. The former university relations director at three universities said "when 'My heart ached too many times I had to explain a campus suicide, a binge drinking death or a rape. In recent years, I have found myself telling my daughters, my nieces and nephews and children of my friends about things to do and not to do when they get to college. Putting these concerns in a book seemed the most efficient way to help those who need the information the most.' 10 Stupid Things College Kids Do also provides some startling statistics for the more than 15 million students in college today. One of every four students will quit by their sophomore year, students drink about four billion cans of beer a year. 80 percent of college students graduate with an average debt of $10,000, more than half the students who use the Net are dishonest while in chat rooms, suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students and HIV is the sixth leading cause of death among persons who are 15-24 years old! It's like taking your mother to school with you," said Haynes' youngest daughter Raven who is a senior in college. The colorful writing also makes the book a fun read. When discussing panty raids, Haynes pointedly warn, "keep your drawers on or in your drawers" and in all frankness she warns students about sex in saying "don't even consider having sex with a person unless you know you are willing to die for that person."

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Way of the Gun Revitalizes Thriller Genre

By Justin Vellucci
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The Way of the Gun
Dir. Christopher McQuarrie
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It's not the stuff on which dreams are made, but, instead, the source material for countless late-night TV movies and watered-down serial novels. The hostage situation. The desperate last-minute plot twist. Along the way, a lot goes wrong but more seems to go right, and the attention to detail that McQuarrie gives not only to the characters, but to the dialogue and the narrative itself, automatically defines the film as a cut above the rest.

The two kidnappers are played by a surprisingly well-equipped Benicio Del Toro (The Usual Suspects, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas) and Ryan Phillippe (Cruel Intentions, St. Elmo's Fire). McQuarrie builds them up as characters instead of caricatures through well-scripted, very human dialogue.

Shifting smoothly from dead-pan and coarse to introspective and philosophical, and expressing a wide range between the tragic and the comic, Del Toro and Phillippe seem to drive the plot forward with the slightest inflections and interaction.

In a genre that depends often on explosions and car crashes, their ability to communicate without reams of useless words land, more so, their ability to further the story by doing so is priceless. As an example, look to the first third of the film, where scenes depend more on silence and intuition than chatter.

Juliette Lewis (Natural Born Killers, Husbands and Waives) as the surrogate mother, also works well without the aid of sound-byte dialogue and, in the film's latter half, shines as the world around her appears to fall down.

James Caan (Eraser, Mickey Blue Eyes) turns in a solid performance as a braggart who continually lays down the rules of the game and acts as if a kind of tagged-edged and weather-worn survivor, the ideal foil to the kidnappers' youthful bravado.

In the five years since The Usual Suspects, it's clear that McQuarrie's spent a great deal of time refining his already impressive talent at writing dialogue. Even David Mamet (The Spanish Prisoner, Glengarry GlenRoss), who is no amateur at getting inventive dialogue on stage and screen, would be impressed by lines such as, "I'm not asking you to trust me, honey. That's the mark of a guilty man" and "We're not talking about how long you're gonna live, we're talking about how slow you're gonna die."

On the downside, there are only so many times that Del Toro or Phillippe can spout gems of wisdom like "Karma's only right without the satisfaction" before questions about the reality factor start to kick in again.

Beyond the craftsmanship with words and rapid-fire delivery, however, McQuarrie exhibits the same command of narrative that made The Usual Suspects so powerful. In the film's first half-hour, there is an unpredictable parking-lot brawl, a humorous and incredibly well-edited assault on political correctness in a sperm-donation clinic, and an ultra-tense scene in a medical building hallway. There are few who could pull off the shift in tone so well, while remaining true to the facets of each scene. McQuarrie nails it almost every time.

The testament to McQuarrie's ability to handle such difficult narrative elements is in the car chase that breaks down the walls of tradition in the thriller genre. Tracked by fully armed bodyguards, the chase drops to five miles per hour as the kidnappers lead us through back-alley mazes and side streets.

Subtract the reckless adrenaline of the conventional car chore and the suspense remains, intensified later, when the movie twists to its conclusion. It's the same desire to be daring and unconventional that keeps the movie from feeling stale.

The final facet in what makes The Way of the Gun such a breath of fresh air is the attention to composition; something seemingly abandoned by a good number of Hollywood's new breed of directors. While some are concerned with rapid-fire, music video-crafted edits and flashy lighting and effects, McQuarrie carefully cultivates the film and elements that give the story space to unravel.

When Caan and Del Toro meet for the first time, the shadows and subtle lighting define the scene as much as their dialogue does. Later, in the film's closing scenes, there is a closeness in the framing of the action that breeds a sense of uneasiness, anticipation and tension.

McQuarrie's The Way of the Gun is a solid movie for all of the reasons that rarely apply to thrillers in the commercial vein.

He manages to get really impressive performances from Del Toro, who has made room to develop his character than he did as part of The Usual Suspects ensemble, and Phillippe, who proves that he is more than just another pretty face. Lewis and Caan pull off interesting parts, and even those with supporting roles (the glassy-eyed young doctor, the shadowy, mil­lionaire and his bitter, trophy wife: a plot­guard) weigh heavily in most of the film's scenes.

The plot spins with a remarkable sense of control and pacing and the script manages to get you on the edge of your seat without resorting to cliched car crashes, mirrored sunglasses, and big explosions.

After years of somewhat predictable thrillers, it's about time that a movie came along to revitalize a tired genre and inject a bit of life into the old formula.

Unusual Suspects: Ryan Phillippe (left) and Benicio del Toro (right) explode on screen as two rogue criminals who kidnap a pregnant surrogate mother (Juliette Lewis) in the Christopher McQuarrie-directed The Way of the Gun.

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Schools in session. That means it’s time to pull on that sweater and zip up that jacket. Wish it was still summer? No school work, no worries, just smiles, and sunshine! It has dropped a few degrees and the wind is blowing harder then ever. Don’t remember that great vacation you took to the beach? Now you can be home and hanging out with your friends. You walkily turn on the radio. And then you hear it. That great song with the unforgettable beat that makes you remember the sunshine and the carefree days at the beach. The one you can dance to in the summer or just have fun with. This is a perfect time to share. But you couldn’t ignore them. Instead, just listen to the unforgettable hits made for the summer. These are the songs that defined the summer of 2000. Do they mean anything to you? You could have loved them or you could have hated them, but you couldn’t ignore them. Instead, just remember them:

1. “There You Go” - Pink. Pink came on the scene only recently, but she had a style and flair like no one else. Her first hit, “There You Go”, had its own style, one that was just as in-your-face as Pink herself. From hip-hop beats to the revenge seeking “I can get any man I want” girl-power lyrics, this song was definitely hot this summer and not worth missing.

2. “The Thong Song” - Snoop. The song became popular because not only did it have a smooth R & B and hip-hop flavor, it was also a song that spoke what everyone thinks about — SEX. Though Snoop may not be the first to sing about the subject, he did it in a way that was more blunt than what most of us have previously heard. Thus, he brought “Thong Song” to the forefront and it became a song that most everyone knows and loves.

3. “It’s Gonna Be Me” - NSync. You can’t deny that NSync was a popular group even before they really hit it big with their second album. But that just proves that a band can get even bigger and better as they mature. Which is exactly what happened with their sophomore CD. Their second single, “It’s Gonna Be Me” made even those who didn’t like NSync stand up and take notice. This was because the voices fused together perfectly and the sounds were sharp for all those who love dance, R&B and the original pop sound the guys seem to be born with. “It’s Gonna Be Me” became a hit for the big four and had airplay everywhere this summer.

4. “The Real Slim Shady” - Eminem. Eminem is back with his second album, showing us that just because he’s up there with the big boys now he hasn’t changed, despite his sudden fame. “The Real Slim Shady” has hard-hitting lyrics that you can say that Eminem is cruel for his lyrics that mock everyone he hates, but you can’t say that he doesn’t have talent. “The Real Slim Shady” is a proven fact that white boys can rap just as well as all the others out there.

5. “Oops! I Did It Again” - Britney Spears. The teen queen came back with a vengeance this summer with her hit “Oops! I Did It Again,” a song that many say sounds too much like her other hit “Baby, One More Time” but is actually a more mature effort. “Oops...” is a song worth hearing because it has a beat that’s as sharp and precise as Britney herself.

6. “Jumpin’ Jumpin’” - Destiny’s Child. Just when you think Destiny’s Child couldn’t produce another hit they’ve already had two! They come out with “Jumpin’ Jumpin’,” another one to add to the list of a string of hits on the airwaves this summer. “Jumpin’...” had the characteristic Destiny’s Child sound that shows off four great harmonized voices telling the guys out there that they are better than anyone else.

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7. “It’s My Life” - Bon Jovi. Bon Jovi has no longer a thing of the past. Bon Jovi had their last hit in the early ’90s but now they’re back and better than ever. “It’s My Life” is rock with the classic Bon Jovi sound. Becoming popular with every kind of music lover whether they go for rock, pop, or contemporary, “It’s My Life” proves that a formula well-known in the ’80s can be just as well-known in the next two decades.

8. “Zombie Nation” - this techno-dance hit could have been another one of those underground club songs that most people hear in clubs but never pay attention to, unless they are dancing to it. “Zombie Nation” is one exception. Something about the song and its electricity made people stand up and take notice. It was one of the few fast and electronically synthesized songs played in the summer of 2000 and you could hear it everywhere from the dance to the dance club. It’s a powerful song.

9. “I Will Love Again” - Lara Fabian. This popular French-Canadian artist has been compared to Cher and Celine Dion and it’s all because of her dance hit “I Will Love Again,” a song that everyone heard this summer. This song conveys the traditional message that anyone can fall in love again after heartbreak, but does so to a techno-dance beat that everyone will remember as part of the first summer of the millennium.

10. “Last Resort” - Papa Roach. Papa Roach’s new group Papa Roach can be compared to Korn and Limp Bizkit because of their first song “Last Resort,” which came out this summer and spent a lot of time on the radio. This song has everything to it: a melody that doesn’t get out of your head, a beat you can rock to, and words you can always remember.

There’s been a slew of hits this summer and even though the weather wasn’t the hottest it’s ever been, that didn’t stop people from flocking to the beach and cranking up the tunes, or making their way onto the dance floors. Tonight when you’re in your room under the blankets, remember the hot tunes of this summer and what they meant to you in the summer of 2000.
By Christina Spotz
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The town of Montclair is well known for its artsy atmosphere, creative people and particularly its multicultural amalgamation of music. Last Saturday, Nishuane Park held a free concert celebrating a sample of sounds from the Caribbean. Children were playing, lovers were dancing and Roots Reggae 2000 gracefully resonated in the air.

A hot new local band Cate And Shades Of Rhythm opened the pulsating three-hour performance. Combining jazz, reggae, gospel and even a trace of Latin, Cate And Shades Of Rhythm opened with the romantic number 'I Think I'm In Love.' Sporting a very relaxed jeans and Hawaiian-shirt look and long hair, dreadlocked Cate spilled out lyrics illustrating a large portion of his personal and counter-productive experiences with love. As the song progressed swiftly into a contemporary reggae feel, the guitar solo strikingly led to a comparison similar to the Steve Miller Band's classic rock hit 'Fly Like An Eagle.' One significant reason why Shades Of Rhythm differs from fellow reggae bands is simply because while other popular club-oriented reggae mixes tend to cover popular hit & B tunes, classic rock and other genres are explored instead.

A bowing the moderately paced warm-up number, the second slower, more seductive-sounding song 'Why You Want To Bring Me Down,' clearly revealed more of Cate's hidden soulful energy. Lyrics incorporating the idea 'Don't worry about a thing 'cause everything is gonna be all right,' evidently resembled the likes of the great king of reggae and peace-making Rastafarian Bob Marley. In addition, an angelic female back-up vocalist chimed in sweetly harmonizing, "Why you wanna bring me down?" evidently resembled the great queen of reggae and soul. Without even a question, this was the pinnacle of the show's mesmerizing impact.

Furthermore, moving onto a more aggressive approach, Shayar took the stage. The band's leader, Shayar has played music since the 1970's addressing issues ranging from world peace to social injustices. When the band played Montclair Saturday, they were completing a two-month world tour. "Shouting out 'Rastafarian livin', children,' Shayar made sure that everyone in the audience understood the religious Jamaican background the band stood for. Their first song moved people to get up and dance because it held a relentlessly traditional, reggae-rock style. Fellow singer, and native Jamaican, Loraine "Stormy" Johnson gracefully promenaded onto the stone-built stage singing a few of the numbers off of her album Sweet. The very Erykah deeply smooth-sounding hymn dedicated to the mothers in the audience and an easy-going party hit 'Strictly Reggae' aimed at everyone who relates to the pace of cruising down the street with their sound-system blasting and playing their favorite reggae song.

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Rapper Black Rob has something else to yell: "What's up!" About the mother of his 5-year-old son, claims he's a deadbeat dad.

Ex-girlfriend Anita Spiller, 25, says the hip-hop star (whose real name is Robert Ross) owes her $8,000 in support for Robert Ross Jr.

"He's a drive-by dad," Spiller tells us. He drove by to see his son for a few minutes every couple of months. He makes promises to buy him stuff, and then leaves.

Spiller says Ross, 31, whose platinum record "What's Up!" is a tribute to Yankee Derek Jeter, has been striking out when it comes to forking over his court-ordered check of $500 a month. The single mom says that he did give her $1,300 in cash last Christmas, but in the past two years, she's received only four checks totaling $4,725.

Black Rob argues that he pays Spiller "crazy thousands" whenever he sees her. "My mistake," he tells us. "I said I would go to her in cash and I didn't get receipts."

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Mainstream Pop Icon Stars in Indie Film Tao

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The Tao of Steve
Jennifer Goodman
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I only had a philosophical guide to seducing anyone of your choosing. Even if you are "ugly" and "unsuccessful" by conventional standards. Love and sex are two prominent ideas on the minds of all people, particularly college-aged people. Yet, these two ideas are also two of the most complicating in life. They're complicating for most of us -- but some people seem to have it all figured out much like Dex, who lives by one solid philosophy known as the Tao of Steve.

The Tao of Steve is an incredibly clever look at the sexual games played between men and women. Donald Logue plays Dex, a post-graduate 30-year-old slacker who does little besides meander around his apartment in a bathrobe, smoke pot day and night, and teach grade school part-time. Dex is an overweight, unattractive jerk, who seems to view women as pawns in a self-gratifying game. Needless to say, he gets all the hot chicks simply do not apply.

According to Dex, women want guys who are like Steve, as in Steve McQueen and Steve Austin, the ladies' men in both "Hawaii Five-O" and "The Six Million Dollar Man" (respectively). In order to be a Steve, one must follow the three basic principles:

1. Do not let her know you desire her.
2. Be excellent in her presence at all times.
3. Know when to retreat.

Dex's calculating ways may land him all the sex he wants, but when it comes to love, Dex discovers that these rules simply do not apply.

So, in a college reunion, in which Dex sneaks into the library to have a quickie with his high school sweetheart, behind her back, about what a stud he used to be, he runs into his ex-classmate, who is the woman he forgets (which creates a larger problem later on). Regardless of this incident, Dex decides to target her as his next victim, yet when she resists him something goes wrong -- he begins to fall for her.

The Tao of Steve is a first effort for director Jennifer Goodman, who teamed up with writers Duncan North and Greer Goodman. The entire film is based on North's novel, which would fascinate his friends by talking about all his exploits with women, despite the fact that he himself is overweight. The three teamed up to write the script based on North's conversations, and eventually cast Donald Logue (most known as the slub cadaver in old MTV commercials) as the main character. The writing makes the movie quirky, with its incredibly witty dialogue that is filled with hysterical one-liners and verbal combat. Dex's character is delivered by Logue with such charm and wit that one almost forgets what a jerk he is. He teaches little kids to play poker at school, and he feeds his dog whipped cream straight out of the can. The audience hangs on every word because he keeps them rolling with laughter. It is refreshing to see such a well-written script directed and produced with the quality that the film was made, especially on the indie film scene.

Another notable element of this film is its score, produced and arranged by Joe Delia. The music is campy and playful, very fitting to the situations played out on the screen. Mixed into the score are variations of the "Hawaii Five-O" theme, as well as some great indie music played by unheard-of bands.

The Tao of Steve is a must-see for everyone, not only for its laughs but also for its practical look on issues that everyone deals with. It's a wonderful introduction to the talents of Jennifer Goodman, Greer Goodman, and Duncan North as indie film directors and writers, and it will also make Donald Logue remembered for something slightly more credible than those cab driver commercials. It's also an indie film that anyone can enjoy watching.

So those who are not "into movies" should not shy away from this one. It's charming story is an enjoyable interpretation of the realities of dating in this day and age, and how despite the communication gaps between men and women, love is universal, and even the jerkiest slobs can come to understand it.
Blonde Redhead
Melody of Certain Damaged Lemons

Elements of dance and club music enter the scheme on "In Particular..." and the beautifully put-together This is Not A Love Song. The song rights through the analog bloops and singing guitars. It's almost Coltrane, in the sense that a traditionally complex solo can be controlled by a single note in the human voice.

Blonde Redhead has opened for two Italian twins, Amadeo and Simone Pace. Their roster includes the shrilling Kazu Makino, and it's a shame that they even need to be mentioned. Overall, the sound of its musical underground from the two Italian twins, Amadeo and Simone Pace. They met in a New York Italian restaurant and started playing in small downtown clubs to the college indie crowd. So now, even before you listen to the band, you can expect noise rock.

Blonde Redhead compensates for the lack of a bass player by using detuned guitars and straightforward melodies. Its musical arsenal is usually comprised of guitars and straightforward melodies. Its melodies mostly reflect on relationships between various people, and probably within the band itself, since singer Kazu Makino and guitarist Pace are a couple. And as previously mentioned, this album is about the atmosphere of the New York scene, especially the underground atmosphere, and to be even more specific, the New York City night.

The album does have its low points however, and it's a shame that they even need to be mentioned. Overall, so much of Certain Damaged Lemons is one of the year's most interesting albums to hit the underground. Makino's voice, although passionate and emotional, tend to get lost in the mix of sound and noise. Even though the lyrics are doubled impressed and printed twice, they leave the forefront at the most important times.

Blonde Redhead's live shows are usually comprised of the more demanding tunes. The band then was done and hordes of jovial fans jumped on stage, dancing in jubilation and devouring Clinton with the words in their ear holes. The climax of the show when "Cosmic Slop" was performed, which Clinton dedicated to the audience as a part of the heavy rock. The shows were turned up so loud that most of the audience members had to cover their ears. The audience members didn't cover their ears, but instead jumped around, head-banged and made the horn-heavy costumes with their hands in heavy-metal style.

The primal rhythms of "Cosmic Slop" are synonymous with what funk as a music form is about: the bass-thumping cosmic dance — the glorious cycle of lifeblood. Music is lifeblood. The audience at the show did too. They parted along with the music and turned it into a free-wheelin', high-energy, party like it's 1979.

Blonde Redhead has a wonderful future in the world of American college rock, and will continue creating solid work. The band is touring to support a new EP Melodie Citroquoise on the fall and should be playing in New York sometime in October. The added bonus of a live Blonde Redhead show is a great way to see Kazu Makino dance. It's very nice indeed.

For more information on Blonde Redhead, visit "The Kingdom of Blonde Redhead" on the Internet at http://www.chez.com/blonderedhead. There are some interesting press quotes and interviews that provide a lot more insight into the band than anyone has time for to do with his dream of peace and harmony between people. He ended the nap with a chant which everyone joined in unison: "Rhythm and rhyme, rhythm and rhyme, rhythm and mutha f**kin' rhyme, and I think we're gonna party like it's 1979.

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George Clinton and The P-Funk All-Stars. Like it's 1979

By Lorenda Knisei
Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

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In an apparent attempt to give MSU students even less of a reason to stay on the weekends, the University is set to institute a new party policy for students living in the Clove Road apartment complex. The controversial new policy, which has been attached to the University's alcohol policy, states restrictions for groups of people assembling at Clove Road at night. According to the report, parties can only stay as late as midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, and only as late as ten p.m. from Monday through Thursday. Not only that, but the host must physically register their parties 48 hours in advance. Furthermore, if alcohol is being served, there must be at least one "alternative drink" available. Like anyone will be consuming it if given the choice.

If you look up, you might catch a glimpse of the gigantic thumb that MSU is intending to hold you under.

Why is it so important for Clove Road residents to register their friends just because they want to hang out? Is the University so paranoid about potential problems that they have to clamp the proverbial iron fist down on innocent students who are just having fun? Clove Road apartments are not dorms and they shouldn't be treated that way. They were built off campus in order for students to have more freedom to do as they wish. Why then, should the University see fit to infringe upon that freedom? There's a pretty good chance Clove Road residents wouldn't like MSU residence life directors and RAs marching into their rooms like Gestapo soldiers and telling them they have to disperse because they're making a racket.

If MSU is worried that the gathering of large groups of students will lead to troublesome behavior, the reasons for the implementation of this policy are completely ludicrous. So what if a group of students stays at Clove after midnight? Making them break up is just going to leave them with nothing to do. Then, there will be even more people out in Lot 28 at odd hours of the morning. Sorry for sounding truthful, but college students like to hang out. Does the administration think that we just stay in all evening and study? Do they think students go to bed at 10 p.m.? Young people will be young people. If the University cannot handle something as simple as young adults who want to have fun, then they should not give students the option to dorm at all. What possible good is this new policy going to accomplish other than more boredom-induced tension on a campus where fun things to do are about as rare as good food in the Rathskellar?

No wonder this campus is so lively on the weekends. There's just so much to do. One can just envision the circus barker with his top hat and cane announcing to all the marvels of MSU.

"Step right up! Step right up! Come one, come all! Witness the daring shuttle busses with their disgruntled drivers as they putter around campus in mystical ancient vehicles, right before they take their nine-hour breaks! Behold the mysteries of the Blanton Flail cuisine. Is it meat? Is it chicken? Is it even food? Wander the vast desert of blacktop at Lot 28, and travel to far-off places like anywhere near campus! Dance and be gay at the campus parties that are never held! Try not to scream at the sight of the MSU ghost-town, where not a single MSU student can be found, because there's absolutely no reason for them to hang around on the weekends!"

Just what the hell is going on at this college? A few complaints are made about strange figures in the middle of the night and all of a sudden MSU turns fascist? Bossing around Clove Road residents is going to do nothing to prevent problematic instances. Maybe if the University had a more effective police force there wouldn't be any need for concern.

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Do you feel safe on campus knowing that MSU police do not carry guns?

"Yes I feel safe now. But I would feel safer if they were able to handle difficult situations when they arise." Michael Kazmir, SGA president

"I've been here for about a year now, and I haven't been threatened yet." Shannon Murry, theater

"Enough with the guns! My god! Don't you people talk about anything else? I mean, it is an election year." Jackie Mantegna, theater

"I feel safe now, but I'd feel safer if more cops spanned a wider area." Jackie Mantegna, theater

"Basically, it's the presence of the cops in the area. You'll never see a cop walking around on a nice day." Christian Bailey, biology

Do you agree with the Clove Road party policy?

Call 655-5241 or email MSUopinions@hotmail.com to respond.
Since 1994, the year in which University police first requested permission to carry firearms, sworn-in MSU police have responded to a total of 15 incidents involving handguns or the threatened use of handguns. Not to mention an additional 36 calls involving an assortment of other lethal weapons including an assault rifle, hatchets, razors, kitchen knives and a motor vehicle.

There are 10 commissioned police officers currently employed at MSU. All have attended and graduated from police academies and are fully certified to perform any and all police duties. All are required to attend police-training sessions conducted by county, state, and federal authorities throughout the year. All are trained and licensed to carry firearm, and as a last resort use a firearm to protect civilians. Most importantly, all have taken an oath to protect and serve the members of this campus community under any and all circumstances. Yet, without a firearm, all are vulnerable — if they are vulnerable then we are vulnerable.

As recently as the spring of 1999, MSU police have respond to calls that were of the most urgent and potentially tragic in nature. In one of two alarming incidents that occurred at the Clove Road apartments that year, MSU police responded to the call at "shots fired" without the necessary means to protect themselves or the residents. Despite the fact that they were not carrying arms, the officers were required at the time by law to respond. Back-up from municipal authorities would come in accordance with procedure for such incidents, but not before the suspects were able to successfully flee the scene.

The solution to this problem lies within a report recently released by President Cole entitled "Equipping the University Police with Firearms" which calls for the part-time arming of MSU police. More specifically, if approved by the Board of Trustees, MSU police would be armed while on duty from dusk to dawn when responding to reports of serious crimes in progress; during emergencies, as determined by the Director of University Police, and in those special events, as determined by the Director of University Police and Security in consultation with the Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life, when transporting prisoners off campus and when assisting other agencies under mutual agreements.

As requested by the campus community, and the University Police Department itself, the part-time but full-time arming of MSU police officers would not only serve our unique community. Specific proposals included within the Cole report provide measures to create a stronger bond between students and police officers. Currently, as mentioned in the Cole report, MSU exists as one of the only universities and colleges in New Jersey that does not have armed police officers on patrol at least on a part-time basis. Among those that do have armed police officers are Essex County College, Kean College, NJIT, Rutgers Newark, UMDNJ, and William Paterson University.

The potential arming of police officers on campus would only serve to make us safer as response time to potentially life threatening calls would be reduced. MSU police officers would then no longer have to wait for armed back-up of municipal authorities before proceeding, and thus critical situations would be handled more promptly.

The best way to illustrate how essential this proposal would be is to offer the words of former University President Juan J. Rivera as presented to President Cole on April 8, 2000: "In my career here at MSU I have been involved in dangerous situations here on campus that have put my safety and the safety of the campus community at risk. I am confident this proposal would allow us to do our job effectively. We are professionals who take pride in doing a job that we are trained and prepared for. Part of that training is carrying a weapon that is essential for us to fulfill our commitment to protect and serve the community of MSU."

Frank Fusco, a senior, is in his second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

Pelican’s Brief

52 Years of Unjustified Dispossession:
A Complete Look at the Palestinian Refugees

During and after the establishment of the state of Israel, almost 800,000 Palestinian refugees were created by a process that today would be described as ethnic cleansing. These refugees and their descendants are the largest and most persistent refugee problem in the world with over 3.2 million registered by the United Nations and countless others not registered living close to their homes. Israel refuses to accept responsibility for the creation of this refugee problem. The international community, which recommended the partition of Palestine, felt a deep sense of responsibility for this tragedy. Count Folke Bernadotte, the UN mediator, stated: "It would be an offense against the principles of elementary justice if these innocent victims were denied the right to return to their homes, while Jewish immigrants flow into Palestine [UN Doc. A-498, 1948]." This remains true today as any person with a Jewish religion can gain automatic citizenship while indigenous Palestinians cannot return to their homeland.

The Right of Return has a solid legal basis. The United Nations adopted Resolution 194 on Dec. 11, 1948. Paragraph 11 states: "...the refugees wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbors should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date, compensation should be paid for the property of those choosing not to return. Resolution 194 was affirmed practically every year since with a universal consensus, except for Israel and the United States. This resolution is further clarified by UN General Assembly Resolution 3236 which reaffirms in Subsection 2, "the inalienable right of the Palestinians to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced and uprooted, and calls for their return." Hindering return is an act of aggression which deserves condemnation and action by the Security Council. Liability for consequences of violation remains with Israel. United Nations partition resolution 181 and Israel's later admission to the United Nations were conditional on acceptance of relevant UN resolutions, including 194.

Research not only shows that the right of the refugees is sacred and legal but also possible (i.e. it is a myth that Israelis would have to be displaced to allow for the return of the refugees). A study on the demographic of Israel shows that 78 percent of Israelis are living in 14 percent of Israel and the remaining 80 percent of the land in Israel is mostly land that belongs to the refugees on which 22 percent of the Israelis live. The total number of refugees from Gaza and Lebanon equals the number of Russian immigrants who came to Israel in the ’90s to live in the homes of these refugees. What right brings in Russian Jews and what kind of peace deprives Palestinian refugees the right to return home?

It is our job as a democracy to rise up against the tyrannical forces of oppression, and show our support for those who are denied the very rights we are granted in the Constitution of this country. As human beings it is our responsibility to stand up for the rights of those exiled in the name of injustice. On Sept. 10, 2000 the people of America will assemble on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. in order to display their genuine concern for the Palestinian refugees. Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of the great forefathers of democracy for this country, put it best when he said, "Justice can never be bestowed, it MUST be achieved."

Free transportation will be provided to Washington, please contact the Arab Students Organization for information regarding this event. Contact 655-7728, 594-9617, e-mail: Hazin477@cs.com, or visit the ASO office at SC-124B.

Moustafa Hazin
president Arab Students Organization
To Improve Our Students
We Must Improve Our Teachers

Joy Thompson, an English major, is in her fourth year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

Unqualified Teachers Now Lead to an Unqualified Youth Later

Jessica Bockhorn, a computer science major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
Pelican's Brief

Student’s Challenge to SGA for Immediate Action

I hereby accept my nomination by popular demand. I make this plea to all students on campus. To petition myself as president of the SGA. Effective immediately: on the grounds, due to ineffective government services and non-existent results. I hereby challenge the president of the SGA to do something for the people -- simple or step down! Nothing personal, this is politics. The job goes to the individual that can do the best job! And that means me! I challenge you or anybody to do something about the food in the cafeteria, and the bookstore prices. And if you can't do it, step down and let a 'big dog' roll. My options are simple! Take one! Remember the government means benefits. And so the only one who benefits from your government is you. My philosophy is this: Even in defeat you can still win something. It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings!

Derrick Dillard
humanities/political science

“I am so uptight about being called a racist that I refuse to separate the whites and colors in my wash.”

-Dennis Miller

/////BEAT BOX/////  

Got Some Thoughts to Share? Let Your Poetic Voice be Heard!

The Montclarion Opinion Section is now accepting poetry submissions for a literary collection to be published later in the semester. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you have deeper thoughts that must be shared, or a voice that must be heard, submit your work (along with your name and contact information) to The Montclarion in Student Center Annex, room 113, or send them to MSUopinions@hotmail.com.

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Then, the hippies came. Oh God, those idiots with their long hair and their bongo drums and their Bob-Dylan whining! Shut the hell up or I’ll call the cops! It all started when those damn hippies assassinated JFK. Our bold, young president dared to send a man to the moon, and that was his mistake. Those damn long-hairs with their non-rhyming poetry and their ‘Groovy, man’ kept talking about getting higher and higher and ‘8 Miles High’. Those hippies wanted to go higher than the U.S. of A., and Jack framed him. Hell, a hippie almost wiped them out.

We've got to stop those damn hippies before another one gets elected president. Mark my words, you let another one slip past you and those liberal pinko bastards will ravage the women folk. Now put that in your pipe and smoke it. And for crying out loud, are you long-haired freaks ever going to fix that rusted VW van? Get that damn thing off the cinderblocks and out of your front yard.

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Christ almighty...
My Neighbor is a Major Toolbox
And I'm A Product Of Public Education

By Craig "Baxman" Baxter
Part-time Video Store Clerk

Dude, like, man, my neighbor sucks. He's this old guy. I mean, it's, like, man. Hey, did you ever, like, watch "Josie and the Pussycats"? Man, those babes were awesome! That Melody chick was a fox. Why can't real-life girls be cool like that?

Same with Daphne, man. Dude, tell me she and Velma weren't smoking some mondo cheeba-cheeba in the back of that van with Shaggy and Scoob, right? Hey, know what else? That's why Scooby loved Scooby Snacks man! He had the munchies man. All right! Woo-hoo!

Oh, whoah, you guys ever, like, watch a dog eat peanut butter? My neighbor's got this, like, Cocker Spaniel named "Ike," man. Dude!

I CAN BE THE DUDE
Craig BAXTER
baked bro! Then his dried-up stanky-ass owner yelled at us and stuff. That guy sucks big time.

Okay, this one time we were, like, watching "Pinky and the Brain," and stuff, and Voorhees was all like, "Dude, I know how to solve the world's problems!" And I was all, like, "No way!

And he was all like, "Yeah-uh-huh! Let's play Sonic!"

It was like, man, that little "Sonic-the-Hedgehog" dude is a total stoner. I bet him and Tails and that evil Dr. Roboto dude score some primo bud, man. Then when we turn off the game, they, like, light up.

Ever wonder what would happen if, like, the video game could turn you off? It's like, whoah. Deep, man. Crash Bandicoot ditched us. Dude, so anyway, like, this one time, we were in Tony's, and we saw this Barney bank, right? And it was, like, made outta clay and stuff. So I was like, "Bro, Barney Bong!"

A little five-finger discount scored us a Barney bank. When we got him home, we were, like, up all night turning that little port-bellied freakazoid into a serious bong. Dude, check it out, you light his bellybutton and take a hit off his head, man! Dude, I love that little guy, man! He rules!

Man, that guy next door needs to, like, shut up. He keeps yelling about, like, get a haircut and stuff, but it's like, "Whoa, man. Don't start none, won't be none."

Dude, let's go get some Donuts and, like, some FritoTots man. And a pizza And some Chef Boyardee Beefaroni, man. Hey, you know what else we should get? We should, like, try to score some of those hairy pink marshmallow snowball things. Those things rule! Hey, don't grind that! That roach ain't stomped yet! You, my friend, have a lot to learn. Here, let a pro show you how to do that man.

My neighbor is a major toolbox.
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Jason Taggart, defensive back, Mark Hall, wide receiver, Rashon Moore, The ability to hold the field line is important, but one needs to go from the backfield. The offensive line is not as good as it needs to be.

"I would hope that they would feel comfortable with themselves," says Giancola. "I feel sorry for them, but it's a hard lesson learned that they'll have to deal with. The unfortunate thing is that we as a program will suffer, but we have to tighten our belts, move forward, and do the very best that we can."

Certainly all five of these players would have made this team better, but to what degree, we'll never know.

That isn't the only adversity this team will face.

"Last year we were fortunate not to suffer any major injuries and have pretty much the same unit in tact throughout the year," adds Giancola. "Our short-term goals for this year was to come out of camp healthy."

Unfortunately for the Red Hawks, that is a far cry from what has been one of the worst years as injuries go and much like the ineligible, these players could have been key contributors.

The offense has taken a huge hit with Nick Knepper, the team's starting tailback, possibly tearing his ACL and Joe D'Orio, Lewis, his backup, apparently suffering from a severe case of asthma. No one could have predicted that wide receiver, Mike Orlando, would have gotten into a car accident.

Last, but not least, probable starting tackle, Nick Gregorie, fractured his hand. So this team has got to light an uphill battle to overcome these obstacles.

"Yet they have kept the faith throughout camp. Our biggest strength is our attitude," asserts Giancola. "They feel they're going to be very good and have worked hard to make that a reality."

While we may be undersized as a football team in general, our speed, hustle and understanding of concepts will make up for it."

There are some bright spots on this team although it hasn't been easy to see early in the year. With Lewis game and D'Orio out, this team needed a tailback and that's where Laquan Majette, a transfer from Rowan comes in. He had an impressive camp and will be a feature back. Keith McGall, a transfer from Rowan who spent time on special teams last season, will be playing inside linebacker. Mike Orlando, who is a far cry from what has been one of the worst years as injuries go, has got to fight an uphill battle to overcome these obstacles.

Anthony Vitale is the team's new center and has shown early that he is capable of being the field leader when it comes to the offensive line. Only time will tell whether those bright spots outweigh the negatives.

Throughout the hard times, the goals for 2000 remain the same. While every team is always concerned with getting off to a good start, the coaching staff has higher expectations than just winning the first game.

"We want to repeat as NJAC Champions and get the automatic playoff bid that comes with it," emphasizes Giancola. Of course last year's Red Hawks were a veteran team going into camp which is not true of this year's version. One aspect of the team that remains the same is the kicking game, but that's about it. The Red Hawks boast a mixed defense, half-veteran, half-new. The offense has skilled players returning, but a young, untested offensive line.

"I've told my offensive line that I have about two-and-a-half weeks to turn them into a veteran line," says Giancola. To win, a team has to be injury free and have a little luck. So with the large number of downed Red Hawks to go with the ineligible players, it would seem that this year's team will have some problems.

However, the players on this team will not be worrying about the players they don't have when they play their first game this Saturday against Delaware Valley. The leaders of this team won't allow it.

Four captains have been chosen by the players to lead this team to victory along with the coaching staff. Defensive lineman Kevin "Kid" Kelly and Carlos Balanos, wide receiver, John Rodriguez, and defensive back, Vic Mesce, were expected to rally the troops every game.

"I feel honored that my teammates think highly of me," says Kelly. "He and the other captains are respected for their playing ability, team leadership, work ethic, and citizenship. The four are different in the way they perform their duties. Rodriguez is the most vocal while Kelly will say less, but lead by example. Balanos and Mesce fit somewhere in between being very vocal and leading with quiet intensity."

"That's good because everyone can relate to one of them," says Giancola. "I don't usually like four captains, but if the players believe strongly in them, being the top guys that they want, then I would never penalize them."

As far as Delaware Valley goes, MSU hasn't played them since the late 50's to early 60's. The coaching staff knows very little about this new adversary and can only rely on the tapes they have watched to prepare.

"I don't like playing a brand new opponent," says Giancola. "We'll try to go into the game off of what we've seen on the tapes and do what we do well, making adjustments accordingly."

The 1999 Red Hawks played well in pressure situations and won some big games on the road. They were also sharp with picking up adjustments. They exemplified a championship team because they were able to triumph in the face of adversity.

With nine key players injured or ineligible to go along with those graduates of the program, the 2000 Red Hawks will have to do much of the same if it has any hopes of repeating as NJAC Champions.

Five Questions for 2000

- How long will it take the offensive line to jell?
- Can they overcome a roster depleted by key injuries and ineligible players?
- Can Laquan Dajette carry the load at tailback?
- Who will step up to replace Dan Rella at tightend?
- How will they fair under pressure?
1999 Overview
A Look Back at Last Year

1999 Football Team Statistics

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Coach Giancola’s Impact

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Although the team didn’t show any intensity against Bloomfield, MSU remains undefeated at 4-0-2, and look to bounce back against Richard Stockton College this Saturday, at 100 p.m. right here at Sprague Field.

Montclair State 2
N.C. Wesleyan 1

Montclair State 1
Methodist 0

Draw Short Slump
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what turned to be the game winner as senior co-captain Gina Gigli aided with the assist. Also during the second half, Gigli converted a penalty kick to help keep the momentum on MSU’s side.

Les in less than minutes later, junior Brianne Bertini passed the ball to junior co-captain Alison Bonivita, who shot the ball into the cage. Popes ended up tapping the ball in and scoring her second goal of the game.

The team advanced to another win and upped their record to 4-0. Freshman goalkeeper Trisha Winkle had five saves on the game to help the Red Hawks maintain their undefeated season.

Montclair State 3
Eastern Connecticut 1

Montclair State played a home game against New Jersey Athletic Conference opponent and one of their fiercest rivals, Bloomfield College (4-0).

The game was hard fought, yet the team could not manage a goal and ended up falling to Rowan, 2-0.

In the first half, Rowan scored twice, rending the Red Hawk team.

At the start of the second half, Rowan was rejuvenated and mustered up as much as they could. With 29:17 left in the second half, a penalty stroke was called and freshman goalkeeper Winkle dove for the save. But Winkle’s 19 saves during the game and a save by junior Alison Bellino, weren’t enough to prevent Rowan from handing MSU the first loss of the season. MSU was forced to face their first loss of the season, leaving them with a record of 4-1.

Parents Day was Sunday for the team and after having faced Rowan the previous day, the hand at task would prove nothing to laugh about. Facing a tough opponent in Division II Franklin Pierce College of Massachusetts, MSU started out the game strong. They put up the first goal quickly as they set out. Within the first three minutes of the first half, sophomore Melissa Herbert hooked up with another fellow sophomore Jamie Donato, for the early goal.

However, with 20 minutes left on the clock, a penalty stroke was called. Although Winkle dove for the save, she was not fast enough to prevent the goal. By the end of the second half, there were two more goals in the cage, and another goal was added due to a penalty stroke. The game was not over yet for the fighting Red Hawks. Bertini passed the ball to Bonivita on a perfectly played corner. Bertini’s 19 was added due to a penalty stroke.

The game ended with a final score of 4-2 in favor of Franklin Pierce.

Winkle tallied nine saves for the game and Gigli another defensive save. The Red Hawks dropped their record to 4-2 and must wait until Tuesday, September 26, to find themselves back on the winning track.
Red Hawks Getting Ready to Take the Ice

By Mike Halper
Staff Writer

The sparkle of a new facility, in this case the Floyd Hall Ice Arena, only goes so far. The exterior of the building is pristine as are the lobby and the spectator area on the second floor. But an ice rink, no matter how new, is a place of blood, sweat and tears.

Standing in the lobby, the eyes are assaulted by the bright crimson identified with Montclair State University, the point not yet having had a chance to fade and crack the nose picks up the unmistakable scents of hot dogs and pretzels, cooking on the gleaming silver of new steel equipment at the snack bar. The entire setting gives off an aura of newness, impossible to miss.

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Women Keeping in Stride
Improved Record Behind the Goalkeeping of Sophomore

By Mike Sanchez
Sports Editor

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Soccer Team Manages Draw; Remains Undefeated

By Plus R. Essandoh III
Staff Writer

Horrible, ugly, uninspired. Just a few of the words you can use to describe the play of the soccer match between MSU and Bloomfield College Wednesday afternoon at Pister Field.

When you lose the last game, it always leaves a bitter taste in your mouth," says Coach Giancola of the 42-13 loss to Rowan that eliminated them from the NCAA Division III playoffs. "You don't get over the Rowan loss. You hope that you can get into the next game as soon as possible, and because it happened to be the last contest it's a long, long wait.

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