BOT Votes Yes To Arming Cops

By Martin Theys
Staff Writer

In a unanimous vote, MSU’s Board of Trustees approved the proposal to partially arm the MSU police.

According to the newly adopted university firearm policy, the University Police are now able to "maintain appropriate arms that do not permit unintentional discharge under rigorous security arrangements in the University Police Headquarters." Furthermore, the University Police would be issued arms only in the following scenarios if an incident on campus represents a potential threat to life and would otherwise or still require summoning armed municipal police, if and when University Police are called upon to assist municipal police under mutual aid agreements in response to incidents off campus, and when transporting prisoners off campus.

Wayne T. Poilut, member of the Board of Trustees, said, "Compliments President Cole on the matter of firearms, and he is proud to support her." Cole was pleased at the BOT's final decision.

"I am pleased at the action taken by the Board of Trustees to accept the recommendations that were incorporated in my final report," said Cole.

"I think those actions reflect the right decisions for this university. Further praise was extended to Cole by other members of the Board of Trustees for her proposed initiatives such as, increased communication between the campus community and the University Police, proposed creation of a University Committee on Campus Safety, enhancement of student diversity initiatives, and development of a structure of police community liaisons.

In addition, Ned T. Gross, J.R. Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, stated, "The student body will benefit from such a proposal." However, the proposal is now policy and opposition still exists. The American Federation of Teachers President, Dr. Catherine Becker, objected to the proposal at the Board of Trustees meeting by stating, "There is nothing compelling in her (President Cole's) report that supports the policy of arming the police, however what is compelling is President Cole's failure to dialogue on these issues," Becker said.

Takleen Dean, acting president of the NAACP, said, "I disapprove of the new policy because it can put the campus community in danger if firearms are used carelessly.

In response to the claim put forth in a Montclarion editorial where it stated President Cole's partial arming policy is "willy-nilly," President Cole contended that the recently adopted policy is "a measured response to a complicated issue."

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Becker Accuses Cole and BOT of Poor Communication on Union Issues

By Christine Zielinski
Interim Treasurer

"A lack of communication between the teacher's union and the Board of Trustees resulted in low morale among faculty, said Catherine Becker, president of the MSU AFT Local 1904. "We (the AFT) are ready to solve problems, but we often find ourselves ignored." Becker said at the Sept. 14 BOT meeting. "Morale among teachers is at the lowest it has ever been."

MSU President Susan Cole said that the board was willing to meet with the AFT, but such a discussion should occur in an appropriate venue. A board meeting isn't the right place," Cole said.

While the teachers voted to avoid a strike last year by signing a four-year contract, Becker said there has been no progress to report on negotiations since then.

The union has not been given opportunities to meet with Cole prior to the meetings. "The University believes that we have been extremely close to settlement for quite some time, we continue to be hopeful that agreement can be reached," said Cole.

"Through one of her staff, she informed me that she didn't have time to meet with me on matters of concern of the local. She was too busy," Becker said. "The open public meeting was the only forum available to the local given her imposed inaccessibility." Becker also expressed concern that the board had decreased the number of open meetings to six from eight, and had eliminated their fall retreat. Becker said that the number was "dangerously low for the size and complexity of MSU."

Cole said there was neither an increase nor decrease in regular public sessions of the BOT.

"Over the most recent ten-year period, the number of
news

Off duty Newark police officer was killed late Saturday when he was attacked on a plant parking lot by a woman who was trying to race across Route 9. Both cop and the pedestrian were pronounced dead at the scene. Edward Williams is the second NJ cop to die in an off-duty motorcycle crash this month. There is no evidence that drugs or alcohol played a role in the accident.

Essex County bought a contaminated former chemical plant in Newark as a new prison to be built in that area. They also agreed to assume responsibility for the plants 12-year-old state mandated cleanup. So for the $230 million project will create state's largest county correctional facility. It has satisfies environmental offenses. A federal judge is expected to drop the charges that the site failed to meet the requirements of an environmental-friendly site.

Democratic lawmakers plan to use a hearing Tuesday to protest the change in telephone rates they say will double costs for consumers. Several Democrats claim consumers have complained about the proposed increase in phone rates.

9/12/00 - Trespassing
Blanton Hall RM
reported seeing a male in the building as a person non-grate. The responding officers searched the building and found nothing.

9/13/00 - Fire Alarm
Officers responded to a fire alarm in Bohn Hall. Upon arrival it was discovered there was smoke in the sixth floor hallway. An investigation determined it was a rubber washing machine belt that melted in the laundry room. Clifton Fire Dept responded.

9/14/00 - Theft
Male returned to his parked car in Lot 24 and discovered the rear license plate missing. The bumper had scratch damage.

9/16/00 - Mischief
Female returned to her parked car in Lot 21 and discovered the driver side mirror broken.

9/17/00 - Arrest
Male refused to obey officers commands to leave a secured area during a party in the Student Center. The male, Jessie Jarret of Newark, was arrested and charged with defiant trespass, underage drinking, and resisting arrest. He was processed and released pending criminal complaints.

9/18/00 - Theft
Female placed her bookbag outside the bookstore prior to entering. Upon her return she discovered a book missing.

9/19/00 - Harassment
Female Webster Hall resident reported receiving a harassing phone call.

S.G.A. News & Notes

Two cabinet members were appointed by the Executive Board. Colleen Halpin was inducted as the Director of Public Relations and Michael Lapp was inducted as the President of Pro Tempore.

Three new legislators, Victoria Reznillo, Orlando Cabrera and Jarrett Lampkin, were sworn in.

The National Student discount cards will be in by the end of the month.

News

Four new students were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha this week. The new National Student discount cards will be in by the end of the month.
Teachers

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would be reasons for this practice, but Becker said MSU administration should first look to existing faculty for higher position placement. The three issues listed above were provided in last year’s contract, Becker said.

As the union’s spokesperson, Becker said that the AFT has been meeting with lawyers for the last nine months. “We want what’s legally and contractually ours,” she said.

Similar issues are awaiting discussion at William Patterson University’s AFT Local 1990. Dye said that, over the summer, they negotiated merit-based promotions for the professional faculty, which the union feels do not provide enough opportunities for the entire professional faculty.

“This fall, the administration is prepared to award all three of these promotions to a group of about 30 people. It also excludes all professional staff at the top of their rank—very unfair,” Dye said.

Similar merit-based programs were arranged for salary range changes at WPU. William Patterson University’s AFT Local 1979 President Linda Dye said that WPU’s BOT also scheduled fewer open meetings. “They believe they can do more work in committee meetings, which are not open to the public,” Dye said. She said that there was a faculty representative present at the closed meetings, but the board members still converse on the telephone without any input or monitoring from the faculty representative.

“The union would argue that it is important to have a voice in the discussion before a decision is made,” Dye said. MSU administration’s refusal to subtract union dues from a retroactive check is another matter of concern to the union.

When the contract was approved on July 1, 1999, there was a certain amount of money from the professional and faculty checks from which the University did not take out union dues. It was almost two percent, Becker said.

After the AFT’s contract was ratified in late September, there were three months worth of checks from professional staff and librarian checks. Becker said, “They refer to an issue never done before in the state,” said President Cole. “I felt that was better not left to a single institution, but should be a state-wide decision.”

“We should not be fighting over dues...but (discussing) what’s best for students,” said Becker.

Traffic

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the Quarry worked last year, but has obviously not been effective thus far. “Traffic is not unusual at the beginning of the semester,” Dr. Pennington said. “But here we are in the third week of the semester, and it doesn’t look like the traffic is getting better.”

Calitre said that among the various solutions being looked into is a proposal to make Webster Rd., which leads from Lot 16 up to the rear of the Student Center, a two-way street. The undertaking would require widening the road, and the potential pros and cons of the project are being considered. One strike against the idea is the question of whether or not it would be safe having cars travel down the hill during the winter, when ice and snow could cause unsafe driving conditions.

Another issue that has been raised concerning the traffic is how it could affect campus safety. In response, Calitre pointed out that traffic could be blocked to allow emergency units to get up and down Webster Rd. Dr. Pennington also pointed out that the internal network of roads at MSU should be more than able to get emergency units in place without encountering any traffic problems.

One of the problems’ caused is undoubtedly the concentration of commuter students parking at the Quarry lots, and Calitre admitted that the problem was unforeseen as the decision to move residents to Lot 28 was being made.

“Traffic wasn’t even taken into consideration. We didn’t realize it would be a problem,” said Calitre. While the Lot 28 ordeal is the cause of the problem, Calitre noted, “The trade-off is working right now...snow removal is much easier, and our main concern is the crime statistics.”

While this may be true at the moment, if the traffic problem cannot be solved quickly it might be just another strike against the Lot 28 decision in the minds of students. Calitre realized this: “We agree that something has to be done post-haste.”

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4-Walls Struggles to Rise From Ashes of De-Charterment

By Inbal Kahahov  
Staff Writer

As a result of losing its charter last year, a core group of members, along with Dr. Tom Benediktsson, former adviser of 4-Walls, MSU's literary and art quarterly journal, are working on achieving re-charterment from the SGA.

Mike Kazimir, SGA president, is willing to aid 4-Walls in its attempt for re-establishment, as long as he feels there is proof of serious involvement.

"I feel there's a real need for Montclair students to have a literary and artistic venue," said Kazimir. "But there has to be a real drive for it in order to work."

Currently, Benediktsson and a core of approximately eight active members are holding meetings in order to raise involvement and support for 4-Walls. Once they are able to solicit a substantial amount of members, they will meet with Kazimir to establish re-budgeting for their next issue, which they intend to put out in the fall.

According to Benediktsson, "Mike Kazimir is willing to opt for a bill for our re-charterment as long as we can put out a successful first issue."

After running as an on-campus organization since 1928, 4-Walls was removed from the SGA budget in 1998 due to its inability to fulfill its service of publishing as a quarterly magazine, according to Kazimir.

There were problems with the previous editorial board and the SGA, mainly over problems with budgeting requests and price bids for printers, said Benediktsson. "This topic wasn’t really addressed when 4-Walls was made a service of the SGA."

It was restored last year as a service of the SGA, but didn’t manage to publish a fall issue, putting out its spring issue late in May. At the end of his term last year, John Griffin, former SGA president, did not include 4-Walls in the budget, removing it from its status as a student organization.

Benediktsson disagrees with the SGA over its decision to completely remove 4-Walls from the budget.

"I wasn't aware of all the problems with publishing and the SGA until the summer of last year. Had I known there was such a serious problem I would have intervened and helped earlier," said Benediktsson.

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On Sept. 17, 2000, the Unity Collaboration sponsored an International Fashion Show in the Memorial Auditorium. Dean James Harris, Sandy Soliman, Evelyn Correa, and many more exposed MSU students to traditional and cultural outfits representative of people around the world.

Sandy Soliman was the director, producer, and coordinator of the show. Soliman started the afternoon with a hot Middle-Eastern belly dance. She says, "We achieved our goal in getting everyone to work together on a project which was the fashion show."

The Desi/Indian performances kept the crowd amused and entertained.

Other highlights of the show included modeling of outfits from Latin, African, Oriental, Desi/Indian, European, and American cultures. The show began the first of many international fashion shows to be exhibited here at MSU.
The Needs of a Growing School:
New Director of Government Relations
Appointed to Facilitate Needs of MSU

By Karen Clarke
Staff Writer

Walking into the recently moved-in office with boxes still waiting to be unpacked, a new laptop sitting on the desk, and papers scattered around while the pictures and plants provided a feeling of warmth and welcome.

The new Director of Government Relations, Gabrielle Charette, was placed into a brand new position because of the need to provide new facilities for MSU's increasing student population.

Formerly the Chief of Staff for the Governor, for several years she was responsible for trouble shooting and being a lobbyist.

Charette said, “I enjoyed being able to solve challenging issues. I also enjoyed the diversity of my job because I was always meeting new people through working on different projects and that helped me to do my job more efficiently because of the contacts I made and kept.”

Charette has 10 years of government experience, ranging from executive to legislative realms. She also has a law degree.

Realizing that the structures of a state office and state university are two different entities Charette said, “The similarities derive from the need for both systems being able to network and form alliances with each other. I feel my background in being a lobbyist for the state will only benefit MSU when trying to identify financial resources.”

Working closely with President Susan Cole, Charette will research and analyze bills as well as present resources available to MSU in order to decide what the University is lacking.

She is presently working on soliciting monies for a state-of-the-art technology building that will house the latest facilities for the campus community.

In addition she is trying to get Governor Torricelli to host financial planning meetings for state universities at MSU as opposed to MSU in the future.

If the opportunity presents itself, the meeting will provide an enormous amount of exposure for MSU, which will assist in getting university funding.

Charette said, “Coming into a newly created position is exciting because it's not tied down to any specific guidelines and I have the flexibility to make it what I want.”

Charette has only been here a little under two months and feels fortunate to have received out reach from members of the Athletics and International Affairs Departments. She has also kept a quiet profile since she’s been on campus but ensures she will keep an open door policy.

In addition to that she will be making a debut at this year’s Homecoming Parade on Oct. 14 as one of the judges for the float competition.

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On Sept. 13, a group of MSU students gathered in an auditorium of Montclair High School for their training orientation into Montclair Public School System’s America Reads and Service-Learning tutorial programs. Approximately 50-60 MSU students are involved in these important programs, which help grade-school students grasp a better understanding of their schoolwork and attain better reading skills while allowing those who are literacy tutors to gain an enriching and rewarding experience.

The orientation began with a brief overview of the history of Montclair’s magnet schools given by Dr. Jeanne Pryor, assistant superintendent of the Montclair Public School system. Twenty-five years ago, parents of students who were in Montclair public schools were highly bothered by the extreme lack of racial integration in the classroom and therefore sued the Board of Education.

The result was the appearance of magnet schools, an educational system that strives to maintain a racial balance among students while allowing parents to choose a school by theme according to the needs of their child. Themes range from gifted-and-talented and international studies to science and technology and visual and performing arts.

Next, Dr. Freyda Lazarus, director of MSU’s Service-Learning Program, commented on her respective program. She explained how service learning came about, in 1995, as a response to the academic needs of students in the community. However, the first course that allowed MSU students to engage in the service-learning tutorial program was not taught until the spring semester of 1996.

This particular service enables grade-school students, who are doing poorly academically, to gain an extra amount of learning time with a tutor and a small group of students, whether it is during class-time or after school. They receive this special attention for three days a week, two hours a day. However, not all tutorial sites are located in schools. Other tutorial sites include the local YWCA and places of worship, such as St. James and Unitarian Churches. High school and college students as well as members of the church offer their services at these convenient after-school locations. There are presently 209 children signed up for this service for the school year.

As mentioned before, students who

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-Lauren Baccarella


This Week’s Question:
What U.S. Law Terms are Related to Black American History?

Jim Crow Law:

Any of the laws that enforced racial segregation in the southern United States between the end (1877) of the formal Reconstruction period and the beginning of a strong Civil Rights movement (1950s).

“Jim Crow” was the name of a minstrel routine (actual “Jump Jim Crow”) performed beginning in 1828 by its author, Thomas Dartmouth (“Daddy”) Rice, and by many imitators, including Joseph Jefferson.

The term came to be a derogatory epithet for blacks and a designation for their segregated life. From the late 1870s Southern state legislatures, no longer controlled by carpetbaggers and freedmen, passed laws requiring separation of whites from “persons of color” in public transportation.

Generally, anyone of ascertainable or strongly suspected black ancestry in any degree was for this purpose a “person of color;” the pre-Civil War American Anti-Slavery Society adopted the Grandfather clause: any of the laws that enforced racial segregation in the southern United States between the end (1877) of the formal Reconstruction period and the beginning of a strong Civil Rights movement (1950s). Any of the laws that enforced racial segregation in the southern United States between the end (1877) of the formal Reconstruction period and the beginning of a strong Civil Rights movement (1950s).

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Each September MSU welcomes a new group of freshmen. Students often look back on their first year and are able to bring to mind some great memories. On the flip side, many students also have their share of experiences they'd much rather forget! The good news is that many of these unpleasant experiences are normal and there are effective ways of dealing with them.

New Relationships:

While it may appear that everyone else is self-confident and makes friends easily, the more realistic picture is that everyone is having the same concerns. The first few weeks on campus can be lonely. Living with a roommate can also present problems regarding personal property, personal space, and schedules.

Newfound Freedom:

All of the sudden you are able to come and go as you please without anyone commenting on the hours you keep (except perhaps a disgruntled roommate). It's hard to admit, but sometimes it's nice to have some predictability. It's common to view all this freedom as both exciting and a little frightening.

College Coursework:

Classes are often more difficult and the expectations from professors are higher. It's your job to stay up to date on readings and prepare ahead for exams and papers. We've given you some expected problems. So what can you do about them?

Survival Techniques:

Actively addressing problems can be important in resolving them. For example, while it's normal to feel lonely for the first few weeks in college, there are many campus groups and activities where you can meet new people such as Student Government Association (S.G.A.), International Students Association, Latin American Student Organization (L.A.S.O.), Psychology Club, and Spanish Club.

When it comes to roommates, communicating and compromising with your roommate as problems arise can go a long way towards resolving current conflicts and keeping new ones from arising. Although most problems can be worked out on your own, there are also people who can help, like an R.A. or another objective person.

As far as academics go, students who have been given you some position will tell you the key is learning to divide your time. While it is easy to procrastinate, the stress you'll encounter down the road is hardly worth it.

In addition to being active in problem solving it's important to be patient with yourself and allow yourself time to adjust. You didn't form close friendships with your high school friends overnight. College friendships are no different.

Other aspects of college life also take time to adjust to. Lastly, if you need help or support with academic or personal problems, don't be afraid to seek it out from friends and the various resources available to you on campus. Surviving (and thriving) during your freshman year is possible.

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By Justin Vellucci  
Editor-In-Chief

It's a world of bright-eyed witches, cynical bartenders, and horror clichés gone astray, a landscape where characters exchange shreds of Victorian dialogue and break apart the puns and expressions that pervade a language. It's a world where talking dragons are as prevalent as jokes referenced most by modern comic-art equipment that you could think of. I'll just employ myself. I remembered thought, "If I can't get hired by anyone else, I'll just employ myself." I remembered thought, "If I can't get hired by anyone else, I'll just employ myself."

Wolfgang and Toadie

Margarot. I was playing with her name and came up with Mugwart... Her loving response was something to the effect that if I ever called her that she would be wearing my gun for a guitar. Most people get shocked that I've made her a witch but we both see the witch persona as an embodiment of an independent woman of power and craft. Briquette is my mother-in-law. October is based, at least in concept, on my sister-in-law. Gunther is another friend. He and others are pieces of people and house plants that I've met and/or archetypes like the mime.

JV: And who were early influences on that work?

SW: Gary Larson's Far Side, the work of Charles Addams and Lynn Johnston's For Better or Worse were major influences on my love of cartooning. My humor? Pierce Anthony's Xanth books, movies like the Princess Bride, the Martin Brothers, Niel Brooks, Jerry Scott is another work. SW: Making money at the cartooning to-do's. My humor? Pierce Anthony's Xanth books, movies like the Princess Bride, the Martin Brothers, Niel Brooks, Jerry Scott is another work.

JV: How long were you cartooning before the birth or early stages of World of Witt?

SW: I just doodled a pun about this creepy little guy named Igur making new friends by sewing together corpses, and that was the first World of Witt. I did maybe three other gags and two of them made it into The Octagon. When I graduated and couldn't get a job right away as an artist -- I couldn't even get a job as a house painter -- I began to develop the comic as a strip. Those first attempts were awful. It's been five years now since I first set out to make a living as a cartoonist.

JV: And in those five years, what have you found to be key influences on the strip or the strip's growth and maturation?

SW: I don't know, I must have been struck in the head a lot as a small child. Besides my irrational fear of French pastry, I find that the way I look at the everyday world is a bit askew from my average, well-adjusted Joe. Often I'll filter an old saying, a road sign, or an event in my life through a mesh of Gary Larson, a field of roses, and cynical ways. In earlier concepts, he was a vampire but he's not now. Mugwart is based on my wife, Gunther was a daring attempt at humor on my part. When I was still courting her psychology majors go and have a field day.

JV: World of Witt seems a lot less aware of itself and the world in which it's drawn than strips like Dilbert or Shoe. How much does outside media -- be it cinema, television, print, or the web -- affect the content of your work?

SW: I have a lot of character development and plot-line clutter in my head right now and I have to work some of that stuff out and establish the characters before I can notice the world around me in the topical sense. Also, the strip's been in the "put-your-best-foot-forward-in-an-attempt-to-sell-it" mode, so I don't want to be pitching out-of-date gags.

JV: Fair enough. So, we've addressed your influences and the nature of the world in which you've been doing World of Witt. What about the strip's unique cast of characters? How do the players affect the strip's larger narratives or any sense of narrative continuity?

SW: Toadie and Wolfgang are, plain and simple. My original character is a creation. Andrew and myself, Grunt and Toadie. When developing the strip, I wanted to see an Igur-like character but not just call him Igur. I turned to my father's pet name for me and, with it, infused all of the "Young Boy-Trying-to-Please-His-Dad" energy into Toadie.

JV: Interesting. SW: You psychology majors go and have a field day.

JV: And the rest of the cast?

SW: Wolfgang is more physically me and embodies my more reserved and cynical ways. In earlier concepts, he was a vampire but he's not now. Mugwart is based on my wife, Gunther was a daring attempt at humor on my part. When I was still courting her psychology majors go and have a field day.

JV: World of Witt in five or ten years in terms of scope, art direction, and content?

SW: Someone once said that if you want to make God laugh, tell her what you'll be doing in five or ten years. Of course, I have nightmares about all the work ending up in the trash bin and never being read. I also daydream about success on the level Charles Schultz enjoyed. I find the only way to keep the tenuous grasp on sanity that I have is to enjoy the work of drawing the strip each day and just let the future trend to itself. As far as content, I have a world of gags and the underlying plots to help move the strip along and not stagnate. There are only so many one-liners you can throw out before you just ain't funny anymore.
Recipe book or novel? Esquivel Meshe Two Flawlessly

By Theresa Concepcion
Staff Writer

Laura Esquivel knows how to make readers fall in love with her characters. Her novel, "Like Water for Chocolate," is a romantic and magical love story. The beauty of this story is that it makes the reader want to believe that everything is true, even the most incredible parts, which almost defy imagination.

Part love story, part Mexican cookbook, "Like Water for Chocolate" opens with the narrator telling the reader of the life and love of her great-grandmother Tita. Tita was born in Mexico and starting from only a few days after her birth, the majority of her life was spent in the kitchen. Cooking was her specialty, her domain, but most importantly, it was her form of communication. For each significant event in Tita's life, she gives a recipe, which literally communicates her every emotion and desire.

More than just a simple history de amor, the novel also gives significant details of what life was like at the time of the Mexican Revolution. People, villages and towns were always in danger of federal troops raiding, stealing and raping whomever was in their path. Several times, Tita's family is forced to deal with their influence in their lives, whether it be trying to outsmart them or coping with the aftermath of their destruction. Another issue the book draws attention to is women's roles during the time of the Revolution. They existed in a time period when women were the caretakers, always meant to be lady-like and proper, voicing opinions only when asked and never showing any emotion or absolutely necessary. Even when making love, women were required to wear a sheet over themselves, with holes only revealing the most necessary parts to complete the act of sex. Rosaura's wedding day, Tita's other sister Gertrudis had to assist in the making of the sheet that would be used for all of Pedro and Rosaura's intimacies. Esquivel, however, challenges these stereotypical roles of women in clever and often humorous ways.

The majority of the story takes place during the Mexican Revolution, as her family struggles to survive the war, they also struggle to survive each other. Though Tita is a romantic and in love, her mother, Mama Elena, makes it quite clear that they are to follow in the family tradition, where the youngest of her daughters will never be allowed to marry. Instead, she will take her place as her mother's caretaker and look after her until the day she dies. Yet, quando un hombre, Pedro, dares to come and ask for Tita's hand, it starts a chain of events that will change everyone's lives forever. Instead of agreeing to a marriage between Tita and Pedro, Mama Elena carefully arranges a marriage between Pedro and Tita's older sister Rosaura. The rest of the novel tells of their struggles to survive each other. Though Tita attempts to cope with living in the same house with her true love and his wife, she hears the whispers, as the slumber expert in the house. Tita is forced to help in the preparation of the wedding banquet, and most notably, the wedding cake. As arrangements for la boda are made, Tita struggles to get through making the cake. Her tears of despair and longing flow in to the batter. As a result, all that eat the cake when it is finally prepared come to feel the same sufrimiento as Tita, the longing of a love that could never be.

Like Water for Chocolate
Laura Esquivel
New York Doubleday

I was a bad night to be a referee.

Ah, yes, Monday Night -- the pinnacle of the sports entertainment week for anyone sick of seeing the Cowboys get beat on 'Monday Night Football.' With refs being taken out left and right, Trish Stratus and Stephanie McMahon Helmsley going at it, and the Ayatollah of Rock and Rollah taking out Steven Regal. That's not important, though, as Sunday is Unforgiven.

Jerry Lawler vs. Tazz: Jerry Lawler is over 45 years old and Tazz is a former ECW World Champion. Is that enough for anyone sick of seeing the Cowboys get beat on 'Monday Night Football.' With refs being taken out left and right, Trish Stratus and Stephanie McMahon Helmsley going at it, and the Ayatollah of Rock and Rollah taking out Steven Regal. That's not important, though, as Sunday is Unforgiven.

Lawler holds too much stock in his personality. Lawler can't bear to lose, thus he can't bear to lose. Lawler pulling out the win.

Chris Jericho vs. X-Pac: Jericho will win. Jericho will destroy the little green jumping bean. Jericho will neutral X-Punk if he even tries a Bronco-Buster. Walls of Jericho into the top-

Unanswered Questions and Long-lasting Feuds Dominate Unforgiven

by Christopher Fitzpatrick
Special to The Montclarion

"There are the three best things you'll see at Unforgiven: Lita. She's some kind of wonderful. 2. A Swanton Bomb from the top of the cage, by Jeff Hardy, on one of the two champions. 3. New Tag Team Champions. The Hardy's have been grooms for this for months. The only reason they didn't win at Summer Slam was due to The Dudley Boys being involved. New champs at Unforgiven. The Dudleys and Acolytes vs. Right to Win; X-Pac: Jericho will win. Jericho will destroy the little green jumping bean. Jericho will neutral X-Punk if he even tries a Bronco-Buster. Walls of Jericho into the top-

I see JR doing a run-in and Lawler pulling out the win.

Here are the three best things you'll see out, Y2J with the win.

Hardy Boyz vs. Edge and Christian Tag Championship Cage match. In order, here are the three best things you'll see in this match: 1. Lita. She's some kind of wonderful. 2. A Swanton Bomb from the top of the cage, by Jeff Hardy, on one of the two champions. 3. New Tag Team Champions. The Hardy's have been grooms for this for months. The only reason they didn't win at Summer Slam was due to The Dudley Boys being involved. New champs at Unforgiven. The Dudleys and Acolytes vs. Right to Win; X-Pac: Jericho will win. Jericho will destroy the little green jumping bean. Jericho will neutral X-Punk if he even tries a Bronco-Buster. Walls of Jericho into the top-

Stone Cold Steve Austin looking for revenge.
Wrestling
Continued from p. 12

Censor. This match was never announced, but I see it happening. Bub-Buh Ray and Devon with Bradshaw and Farooq taking on Steven Richards, The Godfather, Bull Buchman and Val Venis. Before my prediction, let me say how much I love the Right to Censor angle. "TV Guide"s Phil Trishnik has tried to censor the WWF with some of the most un-lit conservatories, and mothers have tried to do to their latch-key children. Right to Censor is so hated that the WWF fans are rallied against the "bad guys." As for the match, watch for Val Venis to turn on Right to Censor and give the four wild men the win. In addition, look for Val to walk away with the two hos.

Eddie Guerrero vs. Rikishi: Dear Hugh Heffner... Thank you for putting the Chyna issue out on my birthday this Monday... anyway, I don't see Eddie dropping the title to the huge Samoan, but rather to the Road Dogg Monday on RAW with Chyna's turn on Eddie and return to Road Dog. Watch Eddie keep the Intercontinental Strap Sunday only to lose it Monday.

Triple H vs. Kurt Angle: A match seven months in the making. If you saw Triple H vs. Jericho two months ago you know this will be a classic. Stephanie will certainly be involved and will probably cost Triple H the match by accident. Pretty soon, Angle will become top-heel with Stephanie and Shane McMahon, and Triple H will be the top guy once again. Angle over Triple H.

MAIN EVENT Fatal Four Way: In a match with so many plot twists and undertones, this will probably be the worst match of the night. Fatal Four Ways are supposed to be elimination style - this is first fall wins. The match will end with Kane as a new WWF Champ due to the Undertaker's help. Perhaps accidental but maybe not. The WWF has so many "good guys" right now with Triple H getting cheered and Stone Cold coming back that the Undertaker helping Kane win would fit.

Who Ran over Steve Austin? It wasn't HHH, Vince McMahon, or The Undertaker because that's played out. It wasn't The Rock or Chris Jericho because they're too popular. I have two predictions. McMahon hit Austin. What better way for Vince to put Shane in control than to bestow on him the best feud in WWF history?

Scenario 2: Austin was hit around two months before Tazz was first publicized. Tazz's thug life angle would fit in very well, and wrestling fans were dying to see Tazz of ECW against Austin of WWF when they were the champions of their respective organizations. Austin finds out, runs in and costs Tazz his match with Lawler and the feud begins.

Watch Sunday Night to see if I'm right.

Will the Walls of Jericho come crashing down on X-Pac?

Will Triple H finally give Kurt Angle the beat down he deserves at "Unforgiven"?
Weather is Cool but Phish is Hot

By Justin Bourgeois
Staff Writer

Arts & Entertainment

Concert Calendar

Thursday, September 21

Suicide Kings: CBGB's, New York, NY; 212-982-4052.


Run DMC: Shine, New York, NY; 212-941-0900.

Friday, September 22


Barbuda Christian Lane: Avalon, Albany, NY; 518-434-2333.

Saturday, September 23

Black 47: Connolly's Pub, New York, NY; 212-867-3767.

Phish - Live - Pepsi Arena

Albany, NY

A few tickets may be available to the Phish performance that will kick off on Sept. 8 in Albany, New York and continue through Sept. 15 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Made up of New Jersey native and guitarist Ernest Glueckstein, Trey Anastasio, drummer Jonathan Fish, Fishman, keyboardist Page McConnell, and bassist Mike Gordon, the band combines bluegrass, classic rock, jazz, and disco in a stylistic manner and provide nothing but pure rockin' fun for their fans. Expect plenty of jamming, dubbed "phish-heads" or "phants.

The tour kicked off at the Pepsi Arena in Albany. The first set began with "Ages and Ages" and included a blend of the singer's most-sung songs. Fishman slipped out of that eerie feel and into a jam that preceded it. The band gently abstract unwinding from the outstanding section of improvisation served as an introduction to one of the phans favorite songs, "Run Like an Antelope." Closing the set was an improvised jam of "Goliath Apparatus," followed by "Bitterweet Motel," which is also the name of their documentary, released in theatres on Aug. 25.

The second set gave us a few rare Phish songs, opening with "Piper" and jamming straight into "Lizards." Trey had some fun with the crowd as he teased them with "Ghost," but instead ran straight into "Tube." The romantics in the audience were pleased to hear Bert Jansh's "W'hen The Circus Comes to Town" as they clapped along to the beat. They also have a habit of going completely knocked over the crowd when they hear a song twice in the span of a week. They never played the same song twice in the span of a week doesn't mean you'll hear the same song twice in the span of a week. It's related to the arts, we can list it here. Phish songs, opening with "Piper" and jamming straight into "Lizards." Trey had some fun with the crowd as he teased them with "Ghost," but instead ran straight into "Tube." The romantics in the audience were pleased to hear Bert Jansh's "W'hen The Circus Comes to Town" as they clapped along to the beat. They also have a habit of going completely knocked over the crowd when they hear a song twice in the span of a week. They never played the same song twice in the span of a week doesn't mean you'll hear the same song twice in the span of a week. It's related to the arts, we can list it here. Phish songs, opening with "Piper" and jamming straight into "Lizards." Trey had some fun with the crowd as he teased them with "Ghost," but instead ran straight into "Tube." The romantics in the audience were pleased to hear Bert Jansh's "W'hen The Circus Comes to Town" as they clapped along to the beat. They also have a habit of going completely knocked over the crowd when they hear a song twice in the span of a week. They never played the same song twice in the span of a week doesn't mean you'll hear the same song twice in the span of a week. It's related to the arts, we can list it here.
Sampling of Literary Beacons on the Web

By Kathleen Savino
Staff Writer

The college student's pockets are not full of cash. Who has money to indulge in poetry? All poetry lovers can now stake their thirst for fine literature by surfing the web. Many of the following sites are visually intricate, many with burgeoning contributors are college students, others are professors, or well-established writers. The web is truly re-inventing poetry. It allows for a relatively inexpensive venue where editors/small publishers can distribute poetry to the masses. These sites are real publications – in electronic form. Thus, they are completely free, funded mainly by advertisements (usually in the form of banners). It is also an easy way for self-addressed stamped envelopes, or printing necessary! to submit your poetry. Here are some sites I have come across:

- "Stirring: A Literary Collection": http://sundress.net/stirring/

"Stirring" publishes poetry and prose. As well as a featured artist. Stirring mixes some great avant-garde work with its verse. A nice touch too is that the email address for any given writer is usually available to see if you like someone's poem/prose you can contact them. It is published every two months and is open to submissions. The editors will give five free critiques, and host on-line "poetry slams." Previous issues are also available to read.

- "Sundress Publications": Publishes two web zines, both exemplary:

"Sundress has poetry, as well as fiction and visual art available for on-line viewing. Like "Stirring" it is set up like a print magazine but with more art than its counterpart. It also has featured a poet every month who is interviewed and has a wider selection of work published.

"Gumball Poetry": http://www.gumballpoetry.com

"Gumball Poetry" publishes on the web and also do random poetry, gumball machines. These machines hold small plastic bubbles with (yes, you guessed it) poetry in lieu of gum. The site has some great work, as well as interactive poetry workshops/boarding panel. It is open to submissions.

- "Glossolalia": http://www.thing.net/~grist/cyano/glossolalia.html

"Glossolalia" is worth checking out just for the bizarre illustration on this page. One of my favorite new surrealist poets, Craig Crow is published in this issue of "Glossolalia." This site also publishes visual art, as well as prose.

Electronic Poetry Center (E-Poetry): http://epc.buffalo.edu/e-poetry/

Comparatively, this site may have a bland name, but it is truly unusual in the most unexpected ways. The site is constructed by SUNY in Buffalo, and combines graphic arts with poetry and even audio effects. The result is genius breaking. This site will intrigue even the philosophy poetry hater.

Other sites to check out:

- "Spyten Duyvil": http://www.spytenduyvl.net/

This is the site for "Spyten Duyvil", an independent press much like the highly-revered "City Lights." It is committed to publishing the best underground poetry and prose. There is no poetry to read, but it's worthwhile to look into the authors, and consider digging into your pocket change for one of the books.

- "Nuyorican Poets Cafe": http://www.nuyorican.org/

It's just the hip place to be. This site has some samples of poetry as well as listings of the Cafe's events.

- "Linnaen Street": http://www.linnaenstreet.com/

Publishes some great prose.

- "Poets and Writers": http://www.pw.org/

This publication is known better for its print version. However, the site contains a nearly as many invaluable resources for poets, contests, calls for manuscripts, etc.

- "Publishing Triangle": http://www.publishingtriangle.org

A resource for Gay and Lesbian publishing.

- "African Americans On-line Writers Guild": http://www.blackwriters.org/

"Supports and empowers black writers."

Don't forget to check out the links on all these sites!
Did you ever see that R.E.M. video where all the cars are backed up along that highway, and you can tell what everybody is thinking? Notice how none of them have anything nice to say. Traffic jams are about as fun as watching the paint chip off the corroding buildings at MSU.

When classes end during weekdays, the commuting students of MSU begin their decent to the campus' various parking lots. When they do, they have to wait 20 minutes just to get to Clove Road. The presence of shuttle buses does not help, but that is hardly the fault of the drivers.

Another strange little fact is that the road that connects West Quarry to the road right next to Blanton Hall is blocked off every day by campus police. If access to this road were given, the pace of traffic could be quickened. Why then, is the road blocked off? The reason is because the campus police said that blocking off this road would make traffic more fluid. The only fluid the MSU traffic could be compared to is molasses.

It would be a much better idea to encourage commuter students to park over in Lot 28, and allow residents to park closer to campus. That way commuters could take the shuttle buses to and from Lot 28, and thus would cut down on the amount of traffic because there would be fewer cars on campus. They would also not have to fight for parking spaces as much. Why wasn't this how the parking setup was made in the first place? It's doubtful that even Steven Hawking has a high enough IQ to figure that one out.

When asked about the traffic situation on campus, Director of University Police and Security Philip Calitre said, “The trade-off is working right now...snow removal is much easier... Great. So there are more concerns about the University's ability to remove snow in the winter than the ability to thin out the traffic jams that occur daily. Calitre even went as far as to defend the decision, saying that, in case of an emergency, the internal roads would enable help to move around heavy traffic. Well, news flash: MSU's internal roads don't go to the baseball field or to other parts of campus. What good is the plan then?

An ambulance would not be able to penetrate the sea of automobiles that gets crammed together everyday because there are simply not enough ways to get around campus. How would help be able to reach the party in need if there was bumper-to-bumper traffic?

Calitre has also stated that the problems with traffic that have occurred were not even taken into consideration when the plan was initially made. Isn't it nice to know that the people in charge of this campus can foresee potential problems? The plain fact is that in an attempt to rid themselves of one problem, MSU has yet again blundered and caused another one instead. Why was it so hard to anticipate that more cars inevitably equal more traffic?

One proposal from MSU is to make Webster Road, which is located between Lot 16 and the rear of the Student Center, into a two-way street. But the ensuing construction that would be necessary for widening the road would just back traffic up more. Not to mention, it would most likely spell out a hike in tuition. Of course, none of this would be necessary if this university had simply put in two-way roads to begin with. Instead, students have to go all the way around narrow roads that snake the entire length of campus before they can get where they need to go.

In response to student complaints, Calitre said, “We agree that something has to be done post-haste.” Really? No kidding.

The traffic at this school moves slower than possibly imaginable. The solutions to this situation were obvious from the start. Why was nothing done? Apparently, MSU is more worried about how to clear snow than they are about how long it takes students to maneuver out of the labyrinth of backstop and white lines.

So the next time you're stuck behind a chemical-spewing shuttle bus, waiting for some way to get to Route 46 so you can go home, perhaps your thoughts will appear in white letters on the side of your car. Hopefully, it won't be too obscene.

The Voice of Montclair State University

Do you agree with the Clove Road party policy?

“It is, without a doubt, the single most ridiculous thing I've heard in a while. College students are not in first grade anymore, but that’s how Clove Road’s residents are being treated. I just don’t understand what MSU hopes to accomplish.”

David Corey, political science

“It's a very difficult policy to follow. They have another thing coming if they think parties are going to end by 12 a.m. I think it is the University’s way of avoiding the responsibility of dealing with parties.”

John Gutierrez, biology

What bothers you the most about the traffic situation?

Call 655-5241 or e-mail MSUopinions@hotmail.com to respond.
**Religion, Miracles, and the Scientific Method**

Many people doubt the validity of religion nowadays. One of the dominant beliefs of our time is that religion is just used by primitive people to explain the natural phenomena. People used religion to explain things because they had no knowledge of science or the natural causes behind the event. While to some extent this may be true, it is not entirely so. Another common belief is that miracles cannot occur. A miracle, to many, is just a figment of one’s imagination that people use because humans need to believe in something. This also may be true in many cases, but not in all.

As a scientist and a rational thinker, one cannot place all claims in one bracket and invalidate all claims. A scientist will examine each case as it is. He or she will take in all the evidence and possible explanations and come to a conclusion based upon the most convincing sources. It is a fallacy amongst many that to be a scientist, one must negate all supernatural occurrences and find a logical explanation, even if the explanation does not make sense. This is false, as a scientist is one who seeks the truth, talking in all the evidences and then trying to find a conclusion based upon them.

Suppose I claim to be able to control the weather, that I can command it to rain on a sunny day, and it will spontaneously happen. What would a rational thinker say? One might be thinking that a rational person would say, "Yeah Right! That is impossible!" I disagree. The rational person would say, "I will not make a judgment until I see it for myself!" There are three types of thinkers. First, there is the emotional thinker. This thinker will jump and believe everything that he or she hears. If I tell people are quick to believe in Nezirads, ghosts, miracle claims without verifying them first, and everything that goes along with it. Second, there is the irrational thinker. They deny everything that claims to be miraculous on the claim of Critical Thinking. They will say, "This cannot occur because scientifically it is unexplainable." How do you know that the one that I am bringing is. The scientific method is not to assume, but to treat each case individually.

I do agree that many religions have tried to explain everything that is explainable naturally through supernatural means, but not all. For example, in the Qur’an, the holy book of Islam, the natural phenomena is explained. The process by which a rain cloud forms naturally is explained, but the Qur’an teaches that it is the One God who causes the natural phenomenon to occur. Therefore, belief in a natural process of the occurrence of things does not negate the existence of a supernatural force behind the natural process.

Likewise, every miracle claim has to be looked at individually. Every religion has miracles that science has been unable to explain. Seeing that I am speaking to a predominantly Christian audience, I will use a couple of Christian miracles as examples. First, in Zeitoun, Egypt in the 1960’s, the people gathered to witness the Virgin Mary over the Church in Zeitoun. It was observable by the people there for two whole years. It was even covered in newspapers in Egypt, Lebanon, and the United States, including The New York Times. There are actual newspaper photographs of the apparition as well as actual news videos that were aired. Besides the photographs of the apparitions, there are photographs of the people who were observing the events. There are witnesses, both Christian and Muslim. Besides this, there are background evidences. First, it was aired in a Muslim country. Other religions are never aired in Muslim countries, yet the news videos were. Second, the ruler of Egypt at the time was a Marxist and an atheist. He had a thorough investigation of the scenes done to make sure that there was no foul play. They could not find any. Therefore, one cannot simply reject the claim and consider himself to be rational. He or she must examine the evidences and come up with a conclusion. There are other such examples such as Fatima and Garabandal where no logical explanation has actually been arrived at scientifically. Now, to disregard without examining is not rational.

This is not a proof of Christianity though, because miracles that are still not explained by science occur in all religions. Therefore, as Hume noted, if each establishes itself on miracles, then each religion cancels the other out. I myself am a Muslim and believe that this was a case of the jinn. My case is that one cannot just reject every claim until they examine the evidences and come up with a conclusion based upon the evidences available and not upon their emotions. Those who decide they do not want to believe in God will explain it even if there is no rational explanation because they have programmed themselves. Everything that goes against their programming will disturb their mind set, thus causing cognitive dissonance to occur. Some do not want their views to be challenged. A true critical thinker never rejects until he or she receives all the evidences and possible logical scenarios.

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**Overheard & Outspoken**

"Let’s face it -- there isn’t one of us in politics who hasn’t denigrated reporters. Who can blame us?"

-Al D’Amato
We all knew it could happen on any given day at any given time, but no one expected Bobby Knight's career at Indiana University would come to an end in a wave of overwhelming controversy.

Some may see Indiana president Myles Brand's decision to fire Knight after 29 years as head coach as an obvious no-brainer because of his abrasive behavior toward players and university employees. However, the Sept. 7 incident involving an IU freshman isn't a clear-cut case against Knight as many have thought. In fact, the result of one of the most beloved and hated coaches in college basketball history is out of a job.

Here's how the event unfolded that lead to Knight's dismissal.

Kent Harvey, a IU freshman, accused Knight of grabbing his arm and verbally assaulting him after he referred to Knight, who was passing by Harvey and his friends at the time, by his last name.

"I don't see celebrities very often. I was kind of nervous, so I said, 'Hey what's up Knight?' I didn't know what to say and I wasn't trying to be disrespectful," Harvey told a Indianapolis TV station.

In an effort to clear himself of any wrongdoing, Knight was coincidental evidence involved.

But Knight's denial failed to impress IU officials, who felt they were left with no choice but to let him go. This sparked student protests and death threats being sent to Harvey, who is now in hiding. And there was no choice but to let him go.

According to IU officials, there continued to be a 'pattern of unacceptable behavior' from Knight since May, but what is that contradict the University's 'ZERO- tolerance' policy? If so, why wasn't Knight removed from his post long ago?

It's clear that Knight got a raw deal and didn't receive a proper investigation into the incident from IU, which is something that would be done to anyone else. Regardless of what they may have said or done in the past. While I am in no way condoning Knight's past acts of abusive behavior, you can't blame him for wanting to set the record straight or can you fully blame IU for considering all the coincident evidence involved.

One can only hope that in the end, justice will prevail.

By James Boozer
Ic TMS Campus, 2000
How the U.S. Government is Causing High Oil Prices

Even with gasoline prices starting to come down from a price of two dollars a gallon, they are still much higher than they should be. American consumers are still angry, and the politicians blame oil companies. If we put aside the hysteria, we will see that there are two fundamental questions to ask: What is the cause of the price hike? What can be done to correct the problem?

The answer to the first question is relatively simple. Prices rise when demand exceeds supply. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) cut production of oil in March 1999 by a total of 4.32 million barrels per day in an effort to raise its price on the world market. The resulting limits on supply caused oil prices to rise in April 1999 from a low of $6 a barrel. By August prices were over $20 per barrel.

OPEC’s production cutbacks are only one reason for escalating gasoline and oil prices. U.S. federal and state government policies are the worst culprit. While American motorists pay an average of 42.4 cents per gallon in gasoline taxes (about $3.50 per year), the main problem is environmental restrictions. These regulations add cost to the production that is allowed or prevent production entirely. The diminished, more costly supply adds to the selling price.

Environmental restrictions also limit production of natural gas, which currently supplies 25 percent of the energy Americans consume. Producers in Wyoming’s Powder River Basin have seen the federal government suspend the issuing of drilling permits pending the outcome of a second environmental study, which is not expected out until next year. Powder River holds 39 trillion cubic feet of gas, which could be used to provide heat and electricity for many years, but the government’s environmental restrictions severely limit production.

What must the United States do to ensure a steady supply of low-cost energy?

First, we must eliminate government regulations and establish a free market. Specifically, we must remove the environmental restrictions that are strangling U.S. oil companies.

The United States has abundant supplies of oil and natural gas that it currently is prohibited from developing. One is off shore on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and the other is in Alaska. Both are offshore in the California coast, in areas that are currently closed by environmental restrictions. The second area is abundant in an Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

Environmental regulations preventing development of these areas severely limit the supply of oil and natural gas available to American consumers. If the United States has to use a steady flow of inexpensive oil products, it is imperative that the government restore freedom by allowing American oil companies unlimited access to these areas.

If the U.S. government establishes freedom in the energy industry by removing environmental restrictions, we will witness a significant increase in domestic production of oil and natural gas.

By Floyd Farleigh and Andrew Bernstein

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Condom Sales Dropping -- Is America Tired of Sex?

By Brian Cross
Humour Editor

This week in Washington D.C., executives of condom-selling corporations are gathering to discuss the huge drop in condom sales this year. The big issue they're discussing: Are Americans having enough sex?

Earlier this year condom sales dropped from 11 million last year, to only six in the month of January. This caused some concern to some of the nations larger distributors of prophylactics. The president, William Clinton, a big fan of condoms himself, was very concerned and wanted to gather a panel to discuss the situation.

Several awareness groups have developed a series of possible reasons why no one is buying condoms anymore. Father McClanock of the Roman Catholic Church said, "The sinners of the world are repenting their ways and bathing in the light of Jesus. We believe that people are staying celibate until marriage, the way things should be."

However, not so many people feel the same way. "Skinny" Minny Simpox of the Fat People Suck Association (FPSA) felt that Americans are getting so overweight and unattractive that no one wants to have sex with them besides themselves. "If those damn ugly, sweaty people are using other methods of birth control that allow sex to feel more natural. One of the more popular methods that has recently evolved is condoms with jelly beans."

It involves shaking up a can of Sprite after sex, opening it underneath that womenhole and cleaning it. Supposedly that bubbly feeling in your throat after you drink the soda does magical mystical things to prevent the eventual appearance of nipples. Other people feel that tying a small piece of rope to the bottom of the penis will do the job to prevent pregnancy and sexual transmitted diseases.

Perhaps the largest reason people are buying condoms is the alternative lifestyles that seem to have become the newest rage. Some-sex relationships do not cause pregnancy and if someone does get pregnant then they lied and are not the same sex. In states such as Kentucky and Arkansas, where the condom sales have reached the lowest, there has been a sudden explosion in the sale of sheep. Are the two connected? We're not sure, but you can figure it out, you've seen these people on TV and they are weird.

Several philosophers feel that Americans are just too tired to have any more sex. In the early '90s young people were going out in the streets and screwing their brains out. But with the Internet craze and the sex shows on HBO, Americans are just bored of sex now. "I am tired of doing it (sex) I would rather just sit at home now and spend my time contemplating my belly button," said Peter Whipitsnipit, of Parsippany.

Now that Americans have an average of 70 plus channels there is no need to leave the house as long have you a towel and a bottle of KY jelly. The year 2000 is a time to relax and enjoy the future, to wait until flying cars come out before we work to overcrowd our nation a little bit more.

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The President has issued the following statement as to the issue and the future of our nation and sex: "I, as president of the United States, plead for people to lower their standards and have sex. We need to be good at it which is why we need birth control."

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Field Hockey
Breaks Slump With Win Over Cabrini

By Meredith Quick
Staff Writer

After losing two games in a row at home, MSU (5-2, NJAC 0-1) was determined to break the short slump last Thursday at Cabrini College. Five minutes into the first half, freshman Lea Smith slapped a goal into the cage with an assist from junior Andrea Ulicny and senior Co-Captain Gina Gillo. With the first goal of the game, MSU looked to build on their lead and keep their third loss in as many contests from occurring. They fought through the end of the half, but the assurance of a win would not come until the second half when the second goal was scored by freshman Sarah Lavine with an assist from junior Alison Bellino.

Now all that was left was to keep the game a shutout for freshman Trisha Winkle and not let her 13 saves go to waste. It was sometimes better for them to play on the road in order to get back to winning ways.

Ahead lies one of team’s toughest matches of the season on Saturday when they travel to The College of New Jersey in hopes of gaining momentum and going (3-1), NJAC (1-0) on a long winning streak.

Opener

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Hawks escaped with a victory.

Giancola rated Collins’ performance as fair and pointed to Collins’ broken thumb as a possible contributor to his shaky performance. “Considering the young man (Collins) is playing with a broken thumb, it is sometimes better for them to play on the road in order to get back to their winning ways.”

An offensive hole was left by the graduation of four aces combined in two wins over Rowan and SUNY-New Paltz.

A positive to look at from an MSU standpoint was their defense, which limited the Aggies to only 170-yards of total offense. John Tun turned in a strong performance at linebacker. The senior collected 14 tackles on the day and was named NJAC defensive player of the week.

Trisha Winkle, selected NJAC and ECAC Defensive Player of the Week, collected 15 tackles in the season opener, including 10 unassisted and two breakups to lead MSU over Delaware Valley 14-13.

Trisha Winkle
Freshman Goalkeeper
Hometown: Forked River, NJ

Winkle had 13 saves in the Red Hawks’ 2-0 shutout at Cabrini last Thursday.

Ely Polanco
Senior Outside Hitter
Hometown: Passaic, NJ

Polanco had 19 kills, eight digs, five blocks, and four aces combined in two wins over Rowan and SUNY-New Paltz.

Susie Cipriano
Senior Setter
Hometown: Jersey City, NJ

Cipriano had 14 kills and 21 digs in two wins over Rowan and SUNY-New Paltz.
MSU can manage to improve themselves helping push MSU through the rest of the game against Rowan on September 30. If at 6-0, and Ramapo at 6-0, all undefeated, Tennessee, until they return for a home including one in Kentucky and another in Virginia, hopes may be slipping slowly.

Ramapo, 6-0, ranked seventeenth nationally in Division III, nationally in Division III, Ramapo, 6-0, ranked seventeenth nationally in Division III, and then RSC, 6-0, Rutgers-Camden at 6-0, and Ramapo at 6-0, all undefeated. hopes may be slipping slowly.

MSU's next four games will be away including one in Kentucky and another in Tennessee, until they return for a home game against Rowan on September 30. If MSU can manage to improve themselves and upstage Rowan at home, it could help push MSU through the rest of the season.

Women's team

Once again, the MSU defense holds its opponent scoreless. However, this time they were held scoreless as the women's team managed a draw as they also opened NJAC play at RSC on Saturday.

The scoreless tie came against an Osprey (2-2-1, NJAC 0-0-1) team that brings a tough defense and a weak offense. MSU (2-1-2 NJAC 0-0-1) brings the tough defense, but also brings a heavy offense as they have scored 17 goals compared to RSC's six.

Their defense leads the league in the fewest goals against with two, both coming in the first half of the season opener. Since then, sophomore goalie Stephanie Romanko has not been scored on. MSU returns home Wednesday night in a game against another NJAC opponent Rutgers-Newark (2-5, NJAC 0-1). In what should be an easy win, MSU should be able to blast Rutgers-Newark, who has a week defense that has given up 26 goals already. Their offense has only scored nine times.

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MSU RUGBY

A Player's Journal

By Brian Cross

This past Sunday MSU's Rugby Football Club, the Revelers, added another victory to its already flawless record against Bard College. The Revelers 12-0 this season have not been scored upon and are dominating the field in every way. We were without fear when we set foot on the field at Bard College.

The Rugby club's roster this year was overflowing with talent, and had grown in numbers when compared to last year when they barely had enough guys to field. This year a number of new players came out to try their hand at a sport for "real men.

As the Revelers took the field, the loud cries of the hardcore Bard fans was deafening, but the Revelers stood hard and were ready to shove the kickoff back down the throats of Bard. At first the game seemed rather even, with both sides taking little yardage for the first 20 minutes. Although MSU had slaughtered Hofstra the week before, it was Bard's first game this season and both teams fought hard for positioning.

However, MSU controlled the ball using the massive power of its forwards, continuing to crash into the Bard line gaining meters. At the 22 minute mark, Mike "Meat" Hade scored the first try of the game. (A try for those of you who don't know, is like a touchdown in football except it is only worth five points.) With only a few minutes to go in the 40-minute half, the Revelers found themselves once again in front of the Bard try zone.

A scrum down was called and the Revelers were putting the ball in. Driving with their immense power with strong support from their second row they pushed the ball all the way into the try zone and flanker Amaury Guzman was able to put the ball down for another try putting the score at 14-0.

After an exhausting first half, the Revelers were able to put some of their lesser experienced players on the field to see how they would handle an actual game. Bard seemed determined to tie the score against the MSU team, but there was little they could do. Prop Nick Kumburis was able to score another try before long, which started a trend for the rest of the team.

"Gooch" Luca ran the ball down the field on a breakaway, and quickly passed to fellow winger Jeff Guber Ently, followed by another try.

Later in the game, Scrumhalf Cavan Londergan broke through the Bard defense and scored another try. Bard's crowd seemed to become very irate over their favorite team getting dominated and began to chant MSU sucks" over and over.

Overcome by the power of the MSU forwards, lead by captain John "Big Dog" Mendez, the Bard College squad succumbed to two more tries resulting in a 41-0 defeat. The Revelers now boast two games that they have not been scored on.

Next up for the Revelers is a home game against Columbia this Sunday.
Football Scrapes By Delaware Valley, 14-13

Despite Seven Turnovers, Strong Defense Leads to Red Hawk Win in Double Overtime

By Andy Seyka
Staff Writer

Many times it is said that a final score is not indicative of how a game was played out. Saturday's MSU-Delaware Valley matchup at Doylestown, Pennsylvania was a perfect example of a game being closer than it should be. Four interceptions thrown by Ed Collins, seven turnovers in all, including three inside the red zone kept Delaware Valley in the game. It was a strong defensive effort that allowed the Red Hawks to squeeze out an unimpressive 1-3-14 double overtime victory over Delaware Valley. Perhaps it was playing a team they had not faced since 1982. "When you play an unknown opponent there is a personality gap that you don't know about," Coach Rick Giancola said. "When you play teams over the years you get accustomed to them. You get a sense of what their personality is." Whatever the reason MSU was unable to put the ball in the end zone despite consistently moving the ball down field.

"We were in control of the game," Giancola said. "We just couldn't score. Our ability to put the ball in the end zone has to improve."

The problem of putting the ball in the end zone began on the Red Hawks' first possession. They moved the ball all the way to Delaware Valley's 11-yard line. However, on first down, Collins was sacked by the Aggies' Sean Ryan and fumbled to end the drive. The Red Hawks finally broke through in the third quarter. They went 40 yards in 11 plays capping the drive off with Collins one-yard touchdown run that broke the scoreless tie. With less than a minute to go in regulation and the score tied at 7-7, Collins completed a pass to wide receiver Jamal Dorseg. Dorseg, however, fumbled at Delaware Valley's 13-yard line. Delaware Valley's Carlo DeAngelo recovered the fumble to force overtime.

If the field were only 80 yards long we would have had a heck of a day," Giancola said when joking of his offense's inability to score touchdowns. "It is frustrating because you don't get the end result you want."

The defending NIAC champions had a chance in the first overtime to seal the victory. Delaware Valley quarterback Duke Greco was intercepted by MSU freshman defensive back Ros Lee. MSU took over at Delaware Valley's 25-yard line. After two incomplete passes from Collins, Laquan Majette's nine-yard run brought MSU to the 10-yard line. That set up a 35-yard field goal attempt by Majette's sophomore kicker, Brent Grablachoff. Unfortunately for the Red Hawks Grablachoff's kick hit the upright and was no good, sending the game into a second overtime. It was Grablachoff's third missed field goal of the afternoon. All of them were 45 yards or less.

"We can't afford to have attempted field goals that are makeable and come away with none," coach Giancola said.

The Red Hawks had possession to start the second overtime. It took only two plays to go 25 yards for the go-ahead score. Majette scored from 13 yards out. Grablachoff's extra point made it 14-7. However, Delaware Valley fired right back, going 25 yards on five plays to cut the lead to one. Delaware Valley then chose to go for the two-point conversion and the win.

But it would not go their way as Red Hawk defensive back Taras Glenn saved the day. Glenn knocked down Greco's pass in the end zone and the Red Hawks had possession.

MSU Spikes Rowan

BOOM: The volleyball team defeated Rowan 3-0 Tuesday night at the Panzer Gym improving their record to 6-4. MSU was lead by seniors Ely Palanco and Susie Cipriano.