Campus Crawls to Conclusions
On Growing Traffic Problems

By Mike Halper
Staff Writer

The mad dash from classes to work or home has never been harder for commuters, with traffic on campus taking a turn for the worse this year. West Quarry Rd., which runs behind the Student Center to the Quarry parking lots, has been routinely backed up between the hours of 12 and 3 p.m. this semester, creating lines of cars that stretch well beyond Blanton Hall. The issue of parking has died down on campus in the last year, since the decision to banish residents' vehicles to parking lot 28 was made, but this new dilemma has shown itself to be another community problem.

As all resident vehicles were relegated to Lot 28, the quarry lots became exclusive commuter parking lots. Due to the concentration of commuter vehicles, the number of people attempting to both park in and leave the Quarry lots has increased dramatically, creating traffic jams. Philip Calitre, director of University Police and Security, knows about the problem, and said that the traffic situation is understood and various depart­ments on campus are looking into solutions.

"The main problem is at West Quarry Rd. West Quarry backs up to Blanton, and that is where the problem really starts," said Calitre. "We're limited as far as outlets. We only have one outlet, and we need more." Because of the lone outlet, all vehicles attempting to leave the Quarry are forced to use the same route.

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

9/13/00 - Fire Alarm
Officers responded to a fire alarm in Blanton 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 due to damage.

9/13/00 - Car Damage
Officers responded to a parked car in Lot 24 of the Clifton Fire Dept. Upon arrival it was discovered that there 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 - Arrear
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.

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High on the list of items that the union wants to negotiate is increasing the salaries of professional staff members who have been assigned added tasks for which they were not originally hired.

Increasing merit-based promotions for professional staff and an increase in the number of existent faculty in high-range positions are two other items waiting to be addressed.

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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 active 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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Strutting Our Stuff For the Annual International Fashion Show

By Beatrice Bernadin
Special to The Montclarion

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 contact’s 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 their own schools.

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.

Charette said, “I’m enjoying the college surroundings especially since the campus is so pretty I have to admit the things that I enjoy the most about MSU so far are the library privileges.”

By Karen Clarke
Staff Writer

Newly appointed Director of Government Relations, Gabrielle Charette, takes a moment to pose in her office. She is responsible for facilitating the needs of our growing student population, which includes exposing the MSU campus to other state colleges for increased funding in the future.
Service Learning Provides Students With Rewarding Experiences

By Kara Morillo
Staff Writer

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

66] FELT IT WAS MY CHANCE TO GIVE BACK. I KEW FROM DAY ONE IT WOULD BE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE, AND IT WAS. —Lauren Baccarella

HYPNOTIZED: Freshman Orlando Cabrera (center) looked on as freshman Andrew Morgan forgot the number two while hypnotized by Keith Karkut last Wednesday night. Andrew counted his fingers multiple times, coming up with an extra finger every time.

**Jekyll and “Hide”... Not Just Another Broadway Show**

By Kristina Zimbardo

Special to The Montclarion

In 1828, "Jump Jim Crow" was the name of a minstrel routine (actually "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 distinction favoring those whose ancestry was known to be mixed -- particularly the half-French "free persons of color" in Louisiana -- was abandoned.

The segregation principle was extended to schools, parks, cemeteries, theaters, and restaurants in an effort to prevent any contact between blacks and whites as equals.

In 1954, the Supreme Court declared segregation in public schools unconstitutional and in subsequent decisions ruled similarly on other kinds of Jim Crow legislation.

Gag rule: In U.S. history, any of a series of congressional resolutions that tabled, without discussion, petitions regarding slavery, passed by the House of Representatives between 1833 and 1840 and rejected in 1853 and 1854.

Abolition petitions, signed by more than 20,000 persons, had inundated Congress after the establishment of the American Anti-Slavery Society (1833).

Gag rules, supported by pro-slavery Congressmen, postponed the consideration, printing, and referral of such petitions. Reparation was secured by a House group led by the former president John Quincy Adams and Joshua R. Giddings.

Grandfather clause: A statutory or constitutional device enacted by seven Southern states between 1895 and 1910 to deny suffrage to American blacks, it provided that those who had enjoyed the right to vote prior to 1860 or 1867, or their lineal descendants, would be exempt from educational, property, or tax requirements for voting.

Because the former slaves had not been granted the franchise until the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870, these clauses effectively excluded blacks from the vote but assured the franchise to many impoverished and illiterate whites. In 1915 the Supreme Court declared the grandfather clause unconstitutional because it violated equal voting rights guaranteed by the Fifteenth Amendment.

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We were in shock! But we figured that she had all of our support, and we all tried to keep her mind off her "problems" by taking her out making her laugh, and of course, involving the "guys".

There were times when we would talk about our concern and disbelief over "Lucky." But we never wanted to bring this up in front of her as not to make her upset or mad -- after all she could not handle that.

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She did not have such a horrible life and she did not work for the President of the United States.

She was raised out very small, like being exposed to her first snowfall, to the extreme modeling jobs that never took place, boyfriends that ceased to exist and serious illnesses that were too realistic for anyone to doubt.

When we all found out that she lied we were in total disbelief, but we were in shock that she managed to weave each of us in a web of lies and not once felt it up. She was such a good liar, that no one disbelieved her stories.

Now as we all wait for the summer to be over, we are debating what to ask first. Should it be, "Who are you?" or "What the hell is wrong with you?" or should we just leave her alone and let her fig some other ignorant, gullible, frightened person.

At some point you just begin to have doubts about what people tell you, but you push them away because supposedly they are your "friends." My friends and I learned the hard way, or maybe the only way. So, at least now we know better to voice your doubt early on than to get strung along and spit on in the end.

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are tutored are not the only ones who benefit from the Service-Learning Program. MSU students, who are enrolled in the particular service-learning course are thus enabled to apply their coursework in a real classroom setting.

As demonstrated in a video at orientation, tutors assigns students tasks such as reading the newspaper and answering specific questions about the articles in order to gain better literacy skills.

The video also mentions that "tutors are not only role models, they keep the students focused." Through the process of tutoring MSU students learn about the Montclair community and what issues lie within.

They also develop a long-term relationship with the Montclair Board of Education and are often recognized at their meetings at the end of the semester.
Tips for Adjusting to College Life

By Chris Garczynski, CAPS Extern
Special to The Montclarion

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 this freedom as both exciting and a little frightening.

College Coursework:

It can be difficult to balance your newfound freedom with the many responsibilities of college life. 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?

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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 in your position will tell you the key is learning to divide your time.

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In addition to being active in problem solving it’s important to also 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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**Something Different**

This Way Comes

A Conversation with World of Witt Creator Scott L. Witt

By Justin Vellucci

Editor-In-Chief

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**It's a world of bright-eyed witches, cynical bartenders, and horror cliches gone astray, a landscape where characters exchange scraps of Shakespearean dialogue and break apart the puns and expressions that pervade our language.**

It's a world where talking dragons are as prevalent as jokes refer to their inclusion in literature. Through my experiences, I've come to realize how much the world of Witt, and, to some extent, the world of the comic strip, is led by the wild imagination of my younger brothers. When I was a child, my older brothers could doodle better than I could, and they were encouraged at an early age by my mother, photographer and cartoonist Scott L. Witt.

I got the opportunity to engage in this world when I was a teenager, but it wasn't until I graduated from Elmira College that I built my comic-strip world of Witt.

**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 Marx Brothers, Neil Gaiman.

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

SW: I just doodled a bunch about this creepy little guy named Iggy making new friends. I was fascinated by these characters, and that was the first World of Witt. I did maybe three or four 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 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: The narratives revolve around Toadie mostly but encompass the other characters as well. Each character has a set of goals and motivations that affect the way that they interact with the world and play a part in who is cast in each joke or situation. Things such as Wolfgang and Mugwart's writing and getting married lay waiting in the future of the strip.

**JV:** And who would you say is the strip's key player?

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Recipe book or novel? Esquivel Meshes Two Flawlessly

By Theresa Concepcion
Staff Writer

Like Water for Chocolate
Laura Esquivel
New York Doubleday

Laura Esquivel has used a writing technique known as "magic realism," a tool she describes as creating a beautiful 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.

Cooking was her specialty, her domain, but most importantly, it was her form of communication. For each significant event in Tita's life, she would create a new recipe, which literally communicated her every emotion and desire. The characters that move from one chapter to another they reactions that range from happiness and sadness to literal erotic. As the reader enjoys her meals often have emotional transitions, that it becomes almost impossible for the reader not to get swept up in her story.

The most incredible parts, which almost defy imagination, is an enchanting novel with enough creative twists and turns that keep the reader compelled from the first to last page. All the characters in the novel are colorful, distinctive and unforgettable. Esquivel uses wording and phrasing so precise and distinct that it becomes almost impossible for the reader not to get swept up in her own world of love, war, sex and recipes. Emotions and desires become synonymous with tastes, smells and colors. Like Water

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Special to The Montclarion

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Censor: This match was never announced, but I see it happening. Bully Ray and Devon with Bradshaw and Farooq taking on Steven Richards, The Godfather, Bull Buchanan 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 unflattering conservatives, and mothers have tried to do to their latchkey 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 Dogg. 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 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 thugs 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

Phish
Live - Pepsi Arena
Albany, NY

A short break from the summer tour schedule, Phish's fall concert began on Sept. 18 in Albany, New York and continued through Sept.15, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Made up of New Jersey native and guitarist/Guido Giuseppe 'Trey' Anastasio, drummer Jonathan 'Fish' Fishman, keyboardist Page McConnell, and bassist Mike Gordon, Phish combine bluegrass, classic rock, jazz, and disco in a stylistic manner and provide nothing but pure rockin' fun for their followers, dubbed "phish-heads" or "phans."

The tour kicked off at the Pepsi Arena in Albany. The first set included a first-time cover of Bob Marley's "的感觉." They then moved on to "Gone" and "Dry," before finishing up with "Character Zero". Trey, took up his vacuum, and gave one of his place behind the drums, replaced by "Phan" favorites "Limb by Limb," "Ghost," and "Bittersweet Motel," (which followed by "Bittersweet Motel," (which seemed to never end). Phish moved on to "Golgi Apparatus," the phans in the audience proudly held their ticket stubs in the air, as Trey blasted the hits. "I saw you with a ticket stub in your hand," through the microphone.

The band was captivating from the beginning, holding the attention of the audience through intermission, and kept everyone there, it doesn't matter. Some say this happens all too often, maybe it doesn't happen enough. Trey and his gang love to tease with the audience, and have some fun. Everything is turning colder, except the music of Phish. Prepare yourselves for the insanity.

So What's Up Tigerlily?

Hey, are you in a band? Or perhaps you work at a cool place that is having a special, event coming up soon off campus. Or maybe your brass ensemble is performing over in McEachern Hall. Whatever the case is, if your event is related to the arts, we can list it here. Tigerlily only lists events for that week (from the Thursday we come out to the following Wednesday). For your event to get listed, it must reach us by the Tuesday before we come out.

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Monday, September 25
Les Paul & His Trio: Irene's Jazz Club, New York, NY; 212-582-2121. The Vapors: Shins; New York, NY; 212-941-0900.

Country/Folk -- Hank Williams Jr., with his Guitar Jazz/Blue -- Marcus Johnson, Urban Grooves Rock/Pop -- Fastball: The Harsh Light of Day Urban/Electronic -- Madonna Music World/New Age -- Medeski, Wald, Underwood

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Phish as a live experience leaves nothing to be desired.

The spirit of music is everywhere, and everyone is a "phriend" of everyone else. For those interested, you can grab news and updates for the band, their tour, and their music on a myriad of sites, including www.phish.com, www.phish.net, and www.phans.com. They will also be appearing on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno on October 3. And remember—it's fall, so get out and have some fun. Everything is turning colder, except the music of Phish. Prepare yourselves for the insanity.
Sampling of Literary Beacons on the Web

By Kathleen Savino

The college student’s pockets are not full of cash. Who has money to indulge in poetry? All poetry lovers can now stake their third for fine literature by surfing the Internet. All of the following sites are new artists or photographers. Some of the 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. Thusly, they are completely free, funded mainly by advertisements (usually in the form of banners). It is also an easy way to self-addressed stamped envelopes, or printing necessarily to submit your poetry. Here are some sites I have come across:

"Stirring: A Literary Collection": http://sundries.net/stirring/

"Sundries Publications": (Publishes two web zines, both exemplary):

"Samsara": http://sundries.net/samsara/

"Samsara" 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 a featured 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 in the form of 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/posting board, it is open to submissions.

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

"Glossolalia" is worth checking out just for the bizarre illustration on this page. One of my favorite new surrealist poets, Craig Cory 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 genre breaking. This site will intrigues even the philistine poetry hater.

Other sites to check out:

"Spyten Duyvil": http://www.spytenduyvil.net/

This is the site for "Spyten Duyvil", an independent press much like the highly revered "City Lights." It is committed to publishing the finest 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 Café": 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 Café’s events.

"Lincoln Street": http://www.lincoinstreet.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 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!"
Remember when the cars were lined up along MSU, and you could tell what everybody was thinking? Notice how none of them had 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 descent 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 could go unnoticed 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. But this was how the parking setup was made in the first place. It is 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 blacktop 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.
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 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 these people are quick to believe in Nostradamus, 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 up to a conclusion 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 form what they thought was to be the Virgin Mary over the Church in Zeitoun. It was observable by all 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 videos that were aired. Besides the photographs of the apparition, there are photographs of the people who were observing the events. There are numerous 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 themselves 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 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 if there is no rational explanation because they have programmed themselves. Anything 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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Montclair State University

Due to recent circumstances, and in an effort to allow the student body better opportunity to express itself, The Montclarion will be changing its mailbag policy. Letters containing up to 700 words will now be accepted. This new policy will be in effect starting next week. Thank you.

-Jerome D'Angelo, Opinion Editor

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
The Blind Eye of Faith: A Questioning of Traditional Morality

I was getting ready to leave for work a few weeks ago, all decked out in my primping proper work clothes that make me look like a reject from Booger Room. When I happened to pass by my stepfather watching TV on my way to the front door. Before I let myself out, I heard the voice of the one and only Starr Jones, commenting to one of her co-hosts of The View that she would never, under any circumstances, vote for any political candidate that did not believe in God. Her reasoning behind it, in essence, was that atheists are completely devoid of morality, and thus incapable of making decisions that are ethical. Jones further claimed that belief in a higher being was necessary for an elected official, because "the kind of person official did not have a model on which to base a more ideal society." The predominantly female audience then roared with applause.

Still outstanding and unkilled hearing what that Jobba the Hut-looking moron had just said, I turned to my stepfather. He then informed me that he agreed whole-heartedly with Jones’s opinion, sounding flat-out that people who did not believe in God were "fearing dolt? I makes people who are so small and insignificant in the grand order to believe in God?" He was religious. So by Jones way of thinking Hitler would be an extremely moral person because if he was responsible for the deaths of millions of people? He believed in God, so how bad could he have been? Right? IF I'm being sarcastic, for those of you who didn’t pick it up

I thought the November was long gone, but I guess not. I thought that human race would have lifted themselves out of the shadow of the years and gathered by this point in its existence. Have we not evolved enough intellectually to behave in a civilized fashion regardless of what or not God exists? If we truly are an advanced and sophisticated species, we should not have to rely on outdated and misleading dogmas to further advance ourselves. Is this concept of morality so fundamentally important to the daily functioning of people? Unfortunately, yes. We have not yet seen the disadvantages of belief, nor have we yet realized the ability of the individual to create its own morality and ethics. Certain people still believe there to be a preconceived belief systems of those before them, because they are too afraid to go against tradition, too afraid to cut loose the anchors of faith that hold them down. The fear of the almighty force of God has been beaten into each of us at such an early age that we are not encouraged to think for ourselves, but rather to conform to and not question what we have been told. Too wonder people are considered sheep, with God as their divine shepherd.

We as humans, but more importantly as individuals, should break free of traditional moral codes and predetermined ethical viewpoints. People should be encouraged to decide for themselves what morality is, not encouraged to bow to prior superstition. Even as much as I disagree with religion, I respect those who have chosen their beliefs, not simply staples themselves to what has been fed them.

I think that people cannot accept the inevitability of death, or the idea that we are so small and insignificant in the grand scheme of the universe. So they believe in an eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, embodiment of goodness so that they can attempt to make meaning of all their hardship and woe. Some say that there is suffering in the world because it is all part of God’s great plan. Isn’t it just more logical to assume that there is pain and suffering because life just plain sucks sometimes?” Pardon the expression but, believe me. God doesn’t care about how your little day went, or what you had to go through. He will not be there to kiss you good night and tell you to sleep tight and not to let the bugs bite. He’s not going to be there to swoop down like some angelic Batman and save you if you’re in danger. And he sure as hell is not listening when you pray to him. A meaning in pain and suffering? Why must there be a meaning? To justify it? We, might as well go back to saying that the globe is flat.

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Cloud of Controversy Hangs Over Indiana U. Following Knight’s Dismissal

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 Myers Brand’s decision to fire Knight after 29 years as head coach without living a team as beingfit for a man who has been accused of abusive 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 people would have us believe. It was a result, 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 wrong doing, he sent a letter to a local newspaper containing a conference Friday at Indiana’s Assembly Hall to report to Harvey’s allegations.

I thought the Harvey incident was long gone, but I guess not. I thought that human race would have lifted themselves out of the shadow of the years and gathered by this point in its existence. Have we not evolved enough intellectually to behave in a civilized fashion regardless of what or not God exists? If we truly are an advanced and sophisticated species, we should not have to rely on outdated and misleading dogmas to further advance ourselves. Is this concept of morality so fundamentally important to the daily functioning of people? Unfortunately, yes. We have not yet seen the disadvantages of belief, nor have we yet realized the ability of the individual to create its own morality and ethics. Certain people still believe there to be a preconceived belief systems of those before them, because they are too afraid to go against tradition, too afraid to cut loose the anchors of faith that hold them down. The fear of the almighty force of God has been beaten into each of us at such an early age that we are not encouraged to think for ourselves, but rather to conform to and not question what we have been told. Too wonder people are considered sheep, with God as their divine shepherd.

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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 cuts are only one reason for escalating gasoline and oil prices. U.S. federal and state government policies are the worst offender. While American motorists pay an average of 42.4 cents per gallon in gasoline taxes (about $350.00 per year), the main problem is environmental restrictions. These regulations add cost to the production that is allowed or prevents 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 meet natural gas needs 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? The first thing to do is 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 is currently prohibited from developing. One is offshore on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and the other is in Alaska. Both are in areas that are currently closed by environmental restrictions. The second area abundant in oil is in Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Regulations preventing development of these areas severely limit the supply of oil and natural gas available to American consumers. If the United States is to have 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 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 repeating 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. “Slimmy” 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. “Those damn ugly, sweaty people are watching ‘Pokemon,’ collecting comic books and eating Cheese Puffs then perhaps they’d be getting laid instead of downloading fake pictures of Britney Spears off the Internet at 3 am. Who the hell wants to swap bodily fluids with a smelly chick in sweat pants anyway?”

The panel of experts presented their findings this week after heavy research over the past four months—the peak season of sex. The findings said condom sales are far below normal standards, when compared to last year and other nations.

Europeans are having sex, sometimes two or three times a day, those people are like rabbits over there,” said Dr. Hardon of the Institute of Sexual Drive in San Francisco. “Perhaps, with the Internet, Americans are spending too much time alone with themselves next to a computer, which can get all types of pictures, naked or not. When they are done they are just far too tired to do anything with anyone else.”

Many felt that Americans are using other methods of birth control that allow sex to feel more natural. One of the more popular methods that has recently involved is far cheaper and much nicer.

It involves shaking up a can of Sprite after sex, opening it underneath that women hole 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 pimples,” other people said 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. Same-sex relationships do not cause pregnancy and if someone does get pregnant then they led 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 of American 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 Whistlispit, 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.

Too help boost the sale of condoms Susan Oprendek, of the Hung Like a Horse condom company, suggested selling condoms with other essential products in package deals to help keep the products moving. They have already started putting free condoms in the bottom of cereal boxes and have also tried tying the product with jars of jellybeans.

The Big Guy Birth Control Company has created what they are calling the “Rubber Deal,” where consumers can purchase condoms, galoshes, a raincoat and an umbrella in one shot for $5999. Also researches are using condoms in other methods besides birth control for example as hats for small children and to cover half-eaten Popsicles when children are done with them, saving them for a later use.

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.” Americans have a reputation for being good at sex, and we need to keep that high on our list of priorities. We need to use condoms to prevent me from having me, mean we from having more illegitimate um, wait, oh having, oh, hide sticks, more children. Oh please, someone shoot me, just go out there and have fun with me, oh no said too much again.”

THE WORLD OF WITT

By Scott L. Witt

Bill Gates is a big fan of condoms. It’s a shame he is such a dork, he will never get to use one.
Aries (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Americans land on the moon, the Jap­
ese bomb Pearl Harbor, the dino­saur dies: all featured on the History Channel this week.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Noth­ing fancy, nothing funny, but you’re going to lose a lot of money.

Gemini (May 21 to Jun. 21) The stars felt Gemini should get two horoscopes this week, but the editor
was too lazy to type them so you don’t get any.

Cancer (June 22 to July 22) The number 16 will highly influence you
this week. It could be anything from meeting 16 different girls
or getting struck by lightning 16 times.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) An
immensely large man will come to
your house, sit on your couch...that
is about it, this week definitely
won’t be much fun.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22) Looking
for new ideas to decorate your
room? Try using Post-it notes to
right the bathroom. 

Libra (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22) For
Sale: a 1992 Ford Explorer, green,
104,000 miles, missing a wheel and
costing $3,000; only needs a bit
of work.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Beware, this week is full of not-to­
bright blondes and totally drunken
dwarves. We recommend carrying a
big stick.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 22)
If you really thought that you were
going to get a good horoscope this
week, you were wrong. Instead, we
personally guarantee poverty and
despair for all.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Play the lottery this week. You
won’t win but there is a special on
corn bread for $1.99 at the conve­
ience store that you can’t pass up.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Romance is in the air. The birds
are singing, children are dancing, and
your going to fall into a well
because you weren’t paying atten­
tion!

Pisces (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Drink
beer. Let’s of it. Hell that is all the
horoscope that you will ever need.
Listen to these words and you will
be fine. *

*Humour in no way condones
underage drinking. It is very
bad...but hell, if you can fight a war,
why can’t you drink a beer?
after this, the corporate ladder will be a piece of [cake]

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After losing two games in a row at home, MSU 15-2, NJAC 0-11 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 determined to break the short slump last at home, MSU (5-2, NJAC 0-1) was won by Meredith Quick on their lead and keep their third loss in as seniors. 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 Alson 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. They were able to hold on and the Red Hawks now stand at 5-2. So as is the case many times in sports, when a team is in a funk, it is sometimes better for them to play on the road in order to get back to their 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 and practiced only the week prior to the game because of the thumb, I thought his performance was adequate.” Collins on the day was 25 for 35 for 282 yards to go along with the four interceptions.

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 defensive player of the week, had 10 tackles, four pass breakups and an interception in the first overtime which stopped the Aggies drive.

**Hawks and going (3-1, NJAC 1-0) on a long winning streak.**

**Johnny Turi**

**FOOTBALL**

**Fri. 22 @ Thomas More (KY)**

**4 pm**

**Sat. 23 @ Maryville (TN)**

**1 pm**

**Wed. 27 @ William Paterson**

**7 pm**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Sat. 23 @ TCNJ**

**1 pm**

**Tues. 26 vs. Suny-New Paltz**

**7 pm**

**FIELD HOCKEY**

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**VOLLEYBALL**

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**4 pm**

**MEN’S/WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**

**Sat. 23 @ NYU**

**10 am**

**FOOTBALL**

9/23 - MSU 14, Delaware Valley 13

Men’s Soccer

9/16 - Richard Stockton 2, MSU 0*

Women’s Soccer

9/16 - MSU 0, Richard Stockton 0*

Field Hockey

9/14 - MSU 2, Cabrini 0

Volleyball

9/14 - MSU 3, SUNY-New Paltz 1

9/18 - MSU 3, Gwynedd Mercy 0*

Widener 3, MSU 17

Richard Stockton 3, MSU 0*

9/19 - MSU 3, Rowan 0*

* New Jersey Athletic Conference Contests

# Richard Stockton Tournament

**HONORABLE MENTION**

**Ros Lee**

Senior Defensive Back

Hometown: Keyport, NJ

Lee, selected NJAC Rookie of the week, had 10 tackles, four pass breakups and an interception in the first overtime which stopped the Aggies drive.

**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 and then RSC at 6-0-1, Rutgers-Camden ranked seventeenth nationally in Division III, 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 opener. Since then, sophomore goalie Stephanie Romanko has not been scored upon and are dominating the opposition. MSU (2-1-2  NJAC 0-0-1) brings the tough defense, but also brings the fewest goals against with two, both against RSC's six.

MSU returns home Wednesday night in a game against another NJAC opponent Rutgers-Newark (2-4-1) up next. With a week Rutgers-Newark (2-4-1) up next, MSU has to dispose of them if they want to compete this year. In what should be a dirty and hard fought game, MSU has to find away to pull out a win as they battle this NJAC opponent Wednesday.

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 15 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 (2-4-1). In what should be an easy win, MSU should be able to blast Rutgers-Newark who has a weak defense that has given up 26 goals already. Their offense has only scored nine times.

MSU RUGBY
A Player's Journal

By Brian Cross
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This past Sunday MSU's Rugby Football Club, the Revelers, added another victory to its already flawless record against Bard College. The Revelers (2-0) 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.

"Goool" Luca ran the ball down the field on a breakaway, and quickly passed to fellow winger Jeff Guber Earley 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

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Many times it is said that a final score is not indicative of how a game was played. 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 squeak out an unimpressive 14-13 double overtime victory over Delaware Valley.

Perhaps it was playing a team they had not faced since 1962. "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 Jamel Dorsey. Dorsey, 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 ten minutes later Greg Rutler scored to give RSC breathing room with the 2-0 lead. 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 forced overtime.

"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 fared 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.

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 MSU’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.

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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.

The MSU men’s soccer team put their undefeated record on the line as they open NJAC play Saturday in a home game against Richard Stockton. The game however, became a thorn into the unblemished record as MSU fell 2-0.

Richard Stockton put the game away 16 minutes into the contest when Sophomore John Epley scored on a header for the early lead. MSU goalie Alex Luna was again hounded by the O’s defense as when ten minutes later Craig Rutler scored to give RSC breathing room with the 2-0 lead. Epley, whose goal turned into the game winner, is fifth in scoring in the NJAC with 13 points. His counterpart, Rutller, leads the NJAC in scoring with 16 points, with six goals and four assists.

It seemed MSU was heading in the right direction after coming home winning the Oki Soccer Classic a couple of weekends ago and having a record of 4-0-1. But since then, they’ve gone 0-1-1 in two home games. Unable to defeat a 0-5-1 team in Bloomfield last week at Fitter Field, managing a scoreless tie, and then falling down early to Richard Stockton, MSU showed signs of a team losing its steps.

The MSU offense has not scored in two games. Woolley Lapointe, who started off hot, has been quiet.

Although MSU was not lucky in the 201 against Bloomfield, MSU shouldn’t have to worry about luck when penalty shots are as good as gold, yet MSU ‘borked’ and missed the chance to take a 1-0. It was worse when the shot attempt in the second overtime by MSU Mark Sa hit the goal post.

Now at 4-1-2 and closing in on the halfway mark. MSU has to pick it up and play better then