Student Charged With Breaking Into E-Mail Server

By Justin Veliucci
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A student employee of the Office of Information Technology has been charged with Access of a Computer Without Authorization following a campus-wide distribution of a lewd e-mail, allegedly sent from the e-mail account of Brian Driscoll, a junior at Montclair State University.

Brian Driscoll, 21, of Bloomfield, was charged with entering a mail server and sending out a false electronic message under the identity of another, according to Lt. Paul Cell of University Police.

"He [Driscoll] was one of several original suspects and we have conclusive evidence that he was the one who committed the act," said Cell.

Driscoll is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 3. If found guilty, Driscoll could face up to six months in county jail and $1,000 in fines.

In addition to criminal charges, the Dean of Students Office will file charges and hold disciplinary hearings relating to the University's Student Code of Conduct, according to Dr. Karen Pennington, Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life.

"It is imperative that students understand the seriousness of this type of activity and the potential negative impact it can have on their futures," said Pennington.

"As a University, we will take all offenses of this type very seriously and violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," according to university officials.

Driscoll allegedly hacked into MSU's electronic mail system on Dec. 2, contrary to reports published last week's edition of The Montclarion.

"There was no special knowledge of another," according to Lt. Cell of University Police.

"I have never received an e-mail from that address. I thought: a) I don't have access to Dr. Cole's e-mail account. It was pretty much all off the top of my head," said Driscoll.

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On Saturday, Dec. 2, a lewd e-mail was sent campus-wide, allegedly from the account of President Susan Cole.

A few days after the e-mail was first sent, Brian Driscoll, a junior at MSU, was charged with breaking into the University's e-mail server.

In this interview with The Montclarion, Brian shares his side of the story...

JUSTIN VELLUCCI: Tell me a little bit about yourself, your role as a student, and your role in the Office of Information Technology.

BRIAN DRISCOLL: I'm a junior and a music major. I'm a network technician with Information Technology.

I don't know what the status of my employment is. I have a meeting with Dean Helen [Matusow-Ayres] on [Thursday]. I'm fairly certain that I'll be terminated. Technically, though, I guess I'm still employed.

JV: What led you to go into the mail server and send the e-mail in the first place?

BD: The whole incident was an accident, I know that sounds like it's coming out of left field. I have never gotten in trouble in my life, in terms of run-ins with the law. I've never gone after trouble. I'm really just innocent.

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On Nov. 30, at the Board of Trustees meeting, a new policy was adopted that will reduce the number of credits hours an MSU undergraduate student is required to take in order to receive a degree. The AFT (American Federation of Teachers) Local 1904 voiced their opposition to this change in policy.

Under the new policy, incoming undergraduate students will be required to take 120 credits prior to graduation, a reduction from the 128 credit hours currently required for an undergraduate degree. This new policy will theoretically enable students to complete their degrees by taking 15 credits a semester for eight semesters.

There are far too many requirements the way things are now to let students graduate on time, together with certain classes needed to take for your major and GERs," said Bill Guarino, Vice President of the SGA. "This change will allow students to graduate in four years as is the standard with most universities."

Currently, 51 percent of MSU's full-time students take six years to graduate with an undergraduate degree. "With a 128 minimum for a baccalaureate degree, as it is currently the case for University programs, a student at Montclair State University cannot complete the work for a degree in four years unless he or she takes more than 15 credits a term and/or studies during the summer," said President Cole. "The change should have the effect of enabling students to complete their degrees in a shorter period of time."
**S.G.A. News & Notes**

Sigma Gamma Rho and Delta Sigma Theta received a contract extension of February 14 to correct discrepancies in their charters.

Charters were passed for Omega Chi, Sigma Sigma Sigma and the MSU Green Party.

A legislation for the SGA to have representatives from residence halls in the legislature was vetoed.

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to fail. BD | didn’t have access to the list, so I didn’t know if she had been panned out. Finally I thought that it would fail because c. didn’t have access to the server. The message that was sent was the same message that I sent to myself. It is written in my own foolishness and haste and cost me a lot. I figured, kind of smugly, that there was no way this email was going to get through. So I said, “To hell with it” and sent it.

J: At any point during all of this did you realize the magnitude or the consequences of the situation? Did you if you was in the e-mail was sent successfully?

BD: Unfortunately, you know, hindsight is 20/20. Just after I clicked “Send,” I thought, “What if this really works?” I didn’t want it to work. That was the thought that crept into my head. “What if this goes through?” I knew right away what would happen, what the consequences would be. And everything played out like a storybook.

Unfortunately, this program doesn’t provide much in the way of response once that something is actually sent. So, it doesn’t say whether it succeeded or failed (in sending the e-mail). I went and checked my e-mail several times and finally, ten minutes after I sent it, well, to put it this way, I opened my alpha inbox and found a message from President Susan Cole which, of course, obviously was not from her.

J: Where were you while all of this was taking place?

BD: A computer lab on campus. A lab that, at the time, well, I’m not a Lab Assistant, but I was supervising the lab.

J: When you first saw that e-mail in the inbox, what were you thinking?

BD: I never anticipated (the e-mail being sent) actually happening. It was quite a shock. It was not at all what I expected.

J: After those initial moments, what responses did you hear or get from students, faculty or staff after the e-mail began to circulate?

BD: Well, the University Police responded within an hour. They were all over that computer lab within an hour. I didn’t hear a lot of first. Most of what I heard was third party. I’m not sure many people knew of it. Maybe some people were trying to still it, keep it quiet. I thought that was absolutely wonderful, not just because it was my fault.

My intention was not to harm Dr. Cole’s reputation and I thought that people who were talking about it were perpetuating the accidental harm that I had caused.

I thought it’d be better to keep things out of sight, out of mind, out of conversation. The student response, specifically.

Most of the people who talked in my presence – I refrained from having any comment – thought it was quite funny; one person said, in a group of people, “If that were me, I’d take credit for it.”

J: And what did you say in response to that?

BD: I said, “Be my guest.” The thought of someone finding out of my mind. I kind of wanted to see how things turned out.

I’m sure that you don’t need to be told that once The Montclarion hit, everyone knew.

J: Did you start hearing other members of campus talking, such as faculty members or administrators?

BD: Most of the faculty were, I want to say, listening that mildly disrupted to totally apalled.

None of the faculty that I thought here from found it funny. It would be “How could anybody do this? How could anyone have this contempt for President Cole?” It made me laugh because there was I and had no contempt for President Cole.

J: In light of the hacking incident becoming a widely discussed issue around campus, where do you stand in terms of still just being a student or another person just walking around campus?

BD: Everybody in the Music Department agreed that I was doing a reduction for the fall but I don’t know that many knew I was involved, directly involved.

All that anybody ever knew was that I was indirectly involved by being involved in completing the campaign. I found the time that it had happened.

J: What has your reaction been like to the criminal charges and progress on any disciplinary hearings?

BD: My status as a student or my status being on-campus is what I’m thinking about [Dean Helen Matsos-Ayres] about [on Thursday]. Right now, as far as I know, I’m just attending classes. Nobody’s impeded in that so far.

As far as next semester goes, I’m uncertain. I’ve been told that I’ll be able to have the courses that I’ll be able to do. I may be able to plead my case but I don’t know how severe this will be.

J: For a college in suspended, I’ll graduate a semester or a year after I had planned. Again, I don’t know. I may be told that I’ll graduate a semester or a year after I had planned. I’ll just be doing everything four- and-a-half months to a year after I had intended. I’m not going to let it affect me personally.

J: A lot of people have seen this story unfold only on newpaper, where have you gone to look into the newspaper’s readers and the campus, what would you like to say?

BD: I would like to formally apologize, not only to President Cole but to the entire campus community.

As much as I’d like to claim that in accordance to my story and say something to the newspaper’s readers and the campus, what would you like to say?

BD: As far as the criminal charges go, I’d like to first just say how much it affects me personally.

I guess that I’ve learned that I should never put so much faith into the security of a campus network.

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**Credits**

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The AFT expressed their opposition to the proposal at the BOT meeting. The AFT voiced concerns, claiming that the reduction of credit requirements was the domain of the faculty and that their interests were not considered.

“In regard to the faculty union, academic program issues do not fall under the legal scope of negotiations with the union,” said Cole. “They belong within the province of the faculty of the various departments and colleges, and thereby the faculty will be compensated for has not been determined.”

Moreover, the faculty will be damaged by such a decision because they claim that a reduction in credit requirements will ultimately necessitate a 6.25 percent decrease in the size of the faculty.

They claimed the new proposal is in conflict with their contractual agreement with the University and President Cole. They proceeded to pursue action against its implementation.

“The BOT and Cole contend that by reducing the credit requirements for an undergraduate degree they are only attempting to aid students, and that in fact there has been a clearly announced and publicized decrease of faculty,” according to Cole. “As recently as October 25, in my University Day public comments, I specified as one of the action steps before us to replace a larger number of faculty who will be retiring within the next eight years and to gradually increase the number of faculty as we grow in enrollments and programs.”

According to Cole, the issue of the method in which the reduction of credits will be accomplished has not yet been established. The University does expect some departments to exceed their requirements accordingly so as to accommodate the necessary increase. However, it came to a reduction in credits could come from a number of combinations General Education, major, or elective offerings,” said Cole.
The brilliance of the gowns captured every color of the rainbow. Some were poofy and long, and others short and tight. Men dressed in Khaki's and dress pants with shirts and ties to match. Hair was short and styled, down and long, or swept up with curls. But no matter which fashioned their fancy, the beauty stemmed from all directions. This sounds like the perfect picture from a prom, but this was no prom, it was Winter Ball 2000!

This year’s Winter Ball, sponsored by C.L.U.B was a fantasy come true! On Thursday, December 7th, 395 students left MSU on their way to Mayfair Farms in West Orange. With high expectations, guests arrived at Mayfair Farms between 8 and 9 p.m., and entered into a “Celestial Fantasy,” this year’s theme. The room was decorated in the colors of the theme, making it an enchanting sight. Blue cloths and gold napkins covered the tables, with moon and sun balloons floating above. Poinsettias and snow graced the tablecloths adding to the night’s image. The once-empty room soon came to life with music, dancing, dining and the hopes of an extravagant evening.

After cocktail hour had ended, the dancing and fun began. The dance floor quickly became the center of enjoyment as the DJ played a wide variety of music to please all guests. Savrina Diaz was in attendance and thought “This DJ was the best I have heard in the last three years. He was very diverse, and showed no bias towards one type of music. The party did not die down, because the music was wonderful; he actually had to tell people to sit down when dinner arrived!”

While the celestial night was only beginning and the floor was already overflowing with people, dinner arrived and allowed for time to sit with friends and eat an appetizing meal. This, however, did not keep people off the floor, as the DJ continued to play music that kept feet tapping and the heat rising.

Before the night was over, an ice cream bar was opened and allowed for a cool refreshing treat. But like all good things, the celestial fantasy came to an end. About five hours after their arrival, guests walked out to a surprise: the first snowfall of the year, which ended the night with a bang!

Guests did not go home empty handed. The favors sported this year’s “Celestial Fantasy” logo, and thanks to the yearbook, disposable cameras were provided for almost everyone.

The hardworking sponsors behind Winter Ball were C.L.U.B. and this year’s coordinator Kristina Zimbardo. When asked how she thought the night went, Zimbardo stated, “It was amazing to see all the hard work finally pay off. I am extremely happy that people enjoyed themselves and it was great that no one was afraid to show off their dancing skills.”

Winter Ball 2000 was a success and proved to be a fun-filled night for MSU students. The only problem that seemed to arise was a miscommunication between the buses. Jim Davison, Production Editor of The Montclarion felt “that C.L.U.B. should have done a better job of getting the buses there on time.” Aside from the minor transportation problems, C.L.U.B. sent MSU through a “celestial fantasy” they will never forget!

Turning up the Heat: MSU students were pumping and grinding on the dance floor to the beat of the music at last Thursday’s Winter Ball. The DJ played a wide variety of music to please the crowded room.

Getting Into the Holiday Spirit

For many people holiday time is a festive, cheery, and fun time of year. It’s a time filled with laughter. It’s a time for gift giving. A time for joy, appreciate what you get, every gift: and every boy. Volunteer some free time, to those who are in need, visit a soup kitchen or hospital, teach someone to read. Sing songs of love, set your heart free, drink hot chocolate with your sweetie. Call an old friend, rekindle romance. It’s the holiday spirit which gives you a chance. Enjoy your life, it’s the only one, stop stressing out, and start having fun. Enjoy the cold weather, but put on your hood, build a snowman, then go find some wood. Light a fire, and cuddle up with a book, think of all the yummy foods that soon you’ll get to cook. Spend quality time with your family, enjoy this time of year, take pictures, send cards, and have a Happy New Year!

- Rachel Warschawski
L.A.S.O. and Freshman English Program Turn the Mic To Poetically and Musically Inclined MSU Students

By Shonelle Willis
Assistant Feature Editor

December 14, 2000

Because it's time for the other to be heard, because too many voices remain silent, because its time for your words to be your weapon, because the silence cannot be your refuge.

On Thursday, December 7, L.A.S.O. and the Freshman English program held an open mic for students to show their talent and express their creative abilities. People of various backgrounds and ages came to share their voices through music and impressing words. The rhymes, poetry, music, and songs filled the air and graced the ears of an audience consisting of around 100 people.

The mic opened up with a poem read by Professor Johnny Lorenz, who also hosted the event. "Poetry is here to share words and celebrate words... poetry is a decision," says Lorenzo after he reading the poem. "Poets have the ability to claim language to themselves."

Student participation was limited to five minutes per person. The majority of the talent consisted of poetry done solo and to the accompaniment of music. Each poem consisted of various issues such as a child's feeling about household rules or a woman's view on what it's like to be black.

Irwin Ragon did a ballad consisting of a poem accompanied by guitar. He said, "poetry is best that's accompanied by music."

As he strummed the guitar and sang a poem he wrote himself, the audience sat back and enjoyed the talent of their fellow student. Next a student named Ruthie Benoau read a short story that she wrote in her freshman comp, class about her life as a younger sister, to a brother who belonged in a world of candy-coated dreams into baseball unfold before them, turning their candy-coated dreams into home runs and foul balls. Their eyes widened with anticipation. Their championship. Two years ago, Rose helped carry his team to a record

By Michele Phipany
Feature Editor

Yogi Berra Museum Shares Baseball Memories with Community Kids

While rustlessly fidgeting in their seats, kids in the Montclair area listened to the story of baseball unfold before them, turning their candy-coated dreams into home runs and foul balls. Their eyes widened with anticipation. Their blank stares became smiles, and for a moment they stepped back into a Yankee dynasty, with Yogi Berra crouched behind home plate.

For 14 years, Yankee fans believed in the Berra legend, in this name. Housing some of the greatest moments in baseball history, the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center has become a reflection of Yogi Berra’s mission to help children, and an intragenerational journey to the social history of America’s favorite pastime.

In an effort to carry out Berra’s mission, Dave Kaplan, Director of the Yogi Berra Museum, and Laura Czarnecki, Publicity Director, have collaborated on a series of workshops to educate kids in the Montclair area about the history of baseball.

On Saturday, December 9 kids of all ages came out with their parents to engage in an afternoon of storytelling, ornament decorating, and movie entertainment.

"The smell of grass -- the smell of baseball. The odd aroma of second base," Renowned narrator Jerry Hahn, President of N.J. Storytellers Association, began the workshop with a series of baseball stories from his childhood. The children listened attentively as Fiest relayed his Brooklyn boyhood memories of baseball, and mesmerized their storyteller with his animated voice and gestures.

From there he moved on to the story of a man who opposed AstroTurf, and had people from all over the city bring in two-inch sections of fresh grass during the Great Baseball Strike. Fiest then told a tale about a horse who played third base for the Brooklyn Dodgers, which tickled the kids with delight. At the end of the story, the horse missed a series game and never returned to the stadium to play. But Fiest was convinced that, "Although baseball is only played by men, soon a horse of a different color will come out to play, and that horse will be a woman."

The theatre echoed with applause at the end of Fiest's presentation, and the children were taken upstairs to make their own subway series commemorative ornaments.

The creative mind behind these ornaments was Cathy LeClarle, an adjunct professor of art at MSU. LeClarle and Lily Hawryluk were just two of the many volunteers at the museum who helped to organize the children's projects.

"This workshop was a pilot program for the start of a regular community weekend event for kids," commented Kaplan on the event. "As of right now, the museum is limited on space for the children, but we plan to break ground in the summer and expand so that there are more interactive features."

Czarnecki was thrilled by the turnout. "Fiest did a wonderful theme because the possibilities are endless. It is a great tool to utilize for teaching about other subjects."

The children also had the opportunity to view a movie on historical baseball bloopers, as well as look through tables of books donated by people in the Montclair community. The proceeds from the book sales will be given to hospitals in the area.

The museum will hold another workshop on sportsmanship ethics and conflict resolution for 4th and 5th grade students on Monday, December 18. "It's great for kids to look up to people that have played baseball," believes Kaplan. While the future of baseball is uncertain, the Yogi Berra Museum brings to life the past of a legendary catcher, and the history of a sport that transformed the people of America. From Fiest's youth dreams, to the present times of baseball, one thing still remains constant -- when the umpire says, "Play ball!" Fiest knows why baseball means home to so many people. For more information on workshops or tours at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, contact Laura Czarnecki at x1677 or Dave Kaplan at x8579.
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By Jessica Hill
Special to The Montclarion

Tis the Season to be Thankful
MSU Student Shares a Pre-Holiday Experience that is Better than Gifts

Come over here. I want to show you something." After a moment of hesitation I walked over to her. She pointed out to the busy street. She said to me, "Look at all those people; they all seem to be rushing. It seems to be all the people in the hospital. I was sitting in the waiting room. It seemed to me that the conversation had been completely one-sided. I had never spoken a true word. She looked at me once more and then returned to her chair. It seemed to me that she had had this conversation many times before.

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Planned Parenthood Denies Role in RU-486 Controversy

By Scott Weinberg

S o far, the only thing Planned Parenthood has given college women is a crash course in the art of denial," said Cathy Brown, director of WhyLife? (a division of American Life League).

"But if Planned Parenthood had its way, college women would have to be rushed to intensive care units on crash carts — complete with shock paddles and adrenalin to revive them after cardiac arrest. All this after killing their preborn children with RU-486."

Controversy erupted on college campuses last week when college newspapers reported moral and medical concerns surrounding the RU-486 abortion regimen. Because of its lethal effects and the medical complications it can cause, most college health clinics across the country will not offer the RU-486 regimen.

Despite the dangers of the chemical, Planned Parenthood is attempting to garner RU-486 regimen referrals for college medical personnel. Through training sessions run by its special projects office, Planned Parenthood seeks to "educate" college women, on and off campus, about the alleged benefits of the regimen.

Planned Parenthood offered blanket denials when reporters asked questions about the controversial college campaign ("Health Services will not offer RU-486," The Daily Orange, Syracuse University, November 30, 2000). Planned Parenthood denies approaching campus medical personnel for abortion referrals. It also denies attempting to market the RU-486 regimen available in college health clinics.

However, all discovered last week that Planned Parenthood's special projects office is conducting college outreach programs through its VOX (Voices for Planned Parenthood) program. And through network affiliates, Planned Parenthood is leafleting campuses with misinformation about abortion.

Citing medical reports, Brown said Mifepristone (RU-486) destroys a human person through starvation. Cytotec, the second chemical involved in the regimen, is used to expel the dead preborn child.

In FDA trials, eight women suffered cardiac failure after taking Cytotec. Even so, Planned Parenthood markets the RU-486 regimen to American students as a "super-safe" kind of "medicine."

"Planned Parenthood is demonstrating the height of irresponsibility," Brown said. "The Big Abortion industry will stop at nothing to promote its radical agenda."

For more information on this article, go to http://www.whylife.org

Celebrating the Holidays, Caribbean Style

By Leslie Rubin

I n a room filled with purple and silver, CaribSO members, students and faculty waited for the varied events to begin at CaribSO's holiday dinner. With a line-up including dance, poetry, speeches and songs, the guests anxiously waited for the mistress of ceremonies, advisor for CaribSO, Mrs. Pamela Kirby, to begin the ceremony.

Out of the participants contributed in singing solos and reading multicultural works of literature. Richard Stone, a student from NJIT CaribSO read his original poems, which included "Diamond and "Everlasting. Dr. Hubert Johnson, a computer science teacher here at MSU, gave an inspirational speech, advising that, "In order to get something you've never had, you're going to have to do something you've never done..." The CaribSO dance troop also gave an outstanding dance performance. Other dances included an Indian dance from Shweta Shah and a Punjabi Dance from Aini Begun. After an awards ceremony, there was a blessing of the food by Disha Lynch and closing remarks by CaribSO president Tiffany Smalls. Then it was time to eat, with an interesting selection of food, served by the CaribSO members. The entire night went smoothly, with no delays or problems. As Marge Conrow from SMaily said, "It's a multicultural event...the Caribbean people have a huge influence, which was seen tonight."

Through the events you got to experience all types of music, dances, and poetry that capture our Caribbean people. As President Tiffany Smalls said, "It went really well, the decorations were definitely worth the waiting."
Street Scene: A Less-Than-Stellar Performance

By Simona Kogan
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Although the show had all the makings of a theatrical success, what the audience got was much less promising. The scene opened with two women narrating to the audience, as if on a radio show. The women, Mrs. Emma Jones and Mrs. Greta Fiorentino (Hyumi Oh and Katherine Bolcar) began singing. They were talented in their vocal abilities. However, their voices were quickly overshadowed by the pit band below them and it was difficult to understand what the people were singing. This happened more throughout the production with many singers, acting with their small character. It did occur less frequently as the musical went on.

The acting left something to be desired. At times, one felt as if the acting was a mediator between songs, a sort of timed break to give actors a much-needed rest after an exhausting number. The acting overall did not seem up to par, although a few of the actors slipped through the cracks with believable characters. Jessica Strzychniewicz, left an impression with her skillful portrayal of Rose, a poverty-stricken girl looking for love in all the wrong places. Coupled with Colour (Sam Kaplan), the duo did an exquisite portrayal of a couple brought together, unexpectedly.

Ironically, some of the best acting was done by some of the smallest parts. John Hammel proved comedic relief as Lippo Fiorentino, the Italian husband of Greta Fiorentino. Susan Shann as Mae Jones used a stereotypical Brooklyn accent to garner laughs from the audience. Her character quickly became too familiar to think clearly about what she was doing. William Campos III proved to be talented in both singing and acting with his small, but memorable role as Harry Easter. Willie Favors also displayed a good acting ability and wonderful voice as Willie Maurrant, the son of Anna and Frank Maurrant.

However, the musical itself continued to be choppy at times. Although the play began and ended with the same song, hoping for a cyclic effect, the middle did not seem to flow. Instead, erratic transitions from song to song made the characters and plot believable than it could have been. The story itself did not work because, throughout the entire show, unanswered questions and unexpected moments made the show very confusing and even somewhat boring at times.

The show did make great use of light and shadow as it used the spotlight to project images onto the two white screens that were pulled up and down on the stage. The light reflected off pictures as well as a luminous moon, which made the set seem alive about in one of her solos. The moon was also shown as a big white ball of light on stage. Images kept the audience watching even when some of the characters did not.

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By Theresa Concepcion
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In its first semester, Estrellas has brought to its readers books by various Hispanic and Latino authors, ranging from all types of fiction and poetry. Almost all of the books introduced helped not only to entertain but educate about the many aspects of Hispanic culture.

Just to recap for any and everyone interested in giving books for the holidays, the following were a few of my favorites:

1. Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel. This book was absolutely enchanting and completely unique. Any person who loves a great love story will be captivated from the first to last page with this one.

2. When Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago. This was brilliant and touching memoir of a Puerto Rican girl’s struggle to understand life and the two worlds in which she raised. This book will make you laugh and cry and has a little something everyone can relate to.

3. Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende. Allende challenges the reader by developing them in her world and doing them not to be mesmerized. This story was unlike one I’ve ever read and doubt I’ll ever read again. It was completely unique and shows the reader how some- what you’re searching for is right in front of you.

4. Dominoes by Jack Agueros. Included in this was the short story, “Talking,” which spoke of the hatred and racism people feel and many emotions, making the reader laugh out loud as well as cry. His writing style comes second only to the honesty and humor with which he tells his tales. His stories were told from the heart and had elements that would ring familiar to any Latino.

5. Drown by Junot Díaz was one of, if not the most, powerful and enticing book this semester. His dialogue and writing style is incredibly provocative and every short story in his book has something everyone can relate to. His stories stimulate the reader’s senses as they delve into the settings he creates. Every moment has meaning.

All of these authors were Estrellas in their own right, with their literature being examples of the creativity and talent. Next year, in order to continue informing readers of books that are not only educational but extremely entertaining, reviews will be done on literature written by authors such as Julia Alvarez, Martin Espada, Rosario Pieri as well as a review on the renowned poet Pedro Pietri.

It is always important to understand and appreciate not just one culture, but many.

In the upcoming year, it is my goal to broaden this process by not only covering literature, but music and movies as well. Hispanic and Latino people are extremely creative and talented, and we are more than capable in the area of writing, their talents exceed in other artistic areas as well. Throughout the country, there is a well documented “Latin explosion” in effect, and while mainstream entertainment can’t and won’t be ignored, my goal is to attempt to cover the yet undiscovered talent by exposing local bands as well as independent films.

Anyone wishing to suggest anything they’d like to see, whether it be books, music, movies, can feel free to email Estrellas18@aol.com at anytime. Any other suggestions and/or comments are also extremely appreciated.

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Anime Products in A World of Its Own

By Arnold Kim
Staff Writer

When you look at what today looks like - that squat, yellow body, the light-ning bolt tail. You see his presence immortalized in plush and plastic, by graphic processors and hand-drawn panels, in video games and bookstores alike. You know his oft-repeated name, and the marketing blitz he brought with him. It's a crazed that hasn't been seen here since the Power Rangers.

In Japan, that kind of merchandising is almost a given. While the Pokemon merchandising blitz may have stirred up a storm in the U.S., the marketing bonanza in anime is nothing new to Japan. For years now, anime-related products have been known to come to help make anime the worldwide hit that it is. Like with big-hit movies such as Star Wars in the U.S., anime has never failed to capitalize on the opportunity to sell its image, whether it is through toys, posters or just about anything.

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Seuss on the Silver Screen?

By Anna Lawrence

The album opens with “After All,” a rock song with a kick that is rhythm, if done wrong, three/four. They do it nice enough; you think too hard to comprehend them, but again, it’s a charming solo that’s serious enough, but the charm is substantial enough to keep from being lost in the shuffle.

A great song you’d love to listen to but would most likely never make it to the radio would be “Did You See Me,” a fun little number with bass and a little finger picking on guitar and piano. It starts out with a piano solo that’s serious enough, but the charm is in the twist it changes from 4/4 to 3/4, from a regular beat to one that sounds like a waltz time and kicks into the rest of the song: “I’m waiting for those pills to kick in/ Filling time inside my box/ Walk on by taking away my time/ Pass me some good vibes, such as pencil tests, Grinch goodies, such as pencil tests, Grinch Stole Christmas! Special Edition documentary hosted by Phil Hartman (and for those die hard Seuss fans, the DVD also includes the famous Horton Hear a Who!). Have a happy holiday, and enjoy the break with one of the greatest timeless classics ever created.

The entire album is not all upbeat rock. Slower tracks include “Rain McIver,” a song that is beautiful because of the simplicity, honesty and brilliance of its lyrics, and “Where I Am” with a slow electric guitar riff and lead guitar line that is as hypnotic as it is brilliant.

Perhaps the strongest cut on the album is the beautiful, a definite contender for first single.

The thing that will strike you about this band is their innovation. Look at the pop stars we idolize today and examine why we like them. Britney Spears. N’Sync. Creed. Limp Bizkit. Eminem. These solo artists and boy bands capitalize on a more mature audience, using sex appeal and foul language to draw their crowds.

One Pedaled Bike doesn’t have to, does not need to, and doesn’t even try. 923 will remind you of all the best things about summer, when life is a whole lot simpler and you don’t have to worry about things like papers, professors, work, bills and significant others.

Another reason Bike stands out is the fact that they simply just don’t sound like any other band out there. Even on the more local level, you still find bands that are obviously influenced by mainstream bands like Limp Bizkit and other rap-core bands. Not One Pedaled Bike though. Their album is enough to convince even the most cynical music critic that the industry isn’t full of rap-core and gangsta rap imitations, or clean-cut, harmonious boy bands.

Info on where to find their CD can be found at their website, www.geocities.com/onepedaledbike. Listening to the CD will restore your faith in the presence of a few well penned lyrics coupled with simple, yet captivating guitar riffs.

One Pedaled Bike
923

Their name may sound a little weird, but their music definitely does not. One Pedaled Bike is a three-piece all-male band from South Jersey. They mix a little bit of folk, a little bit of skat, and a little bit of acoustic rock for their debut album 923.

If ever one album could invoke one singular image, 923 most definitely sounds like summer. With acoustic guitars, clever and honest lyrics and a lead singer that sounds like your angelic boy next door, One Pedaled Bike wraps up all that is good, innocent, carefree, fun and all that is summer and puts it all into one singular image.

The Montclarion
At college, Thom realizes that his roommate is a robot. But are there larger machines at work?

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By Duane Kilgore
Staff Writer

At college, Thom realizes that his roommate is a robot. But are there larger machines at work?

In the morning, the light of the sun can be born behind the mountains surrounding the college. Most of the students would see it at least once and marvel at the beauty they may take for granted in their everyday lives. Those mountains were gone in the winter, but their beauty and majesty diminished none the less. It was the epitome of what the earth could do in enough time. Nature seemed to compile in those mountains creating a force that could take anyone's breath away. The students never saw the giant machinery cranking and steaming the power source heating the campus under its illusion behind those mountains. They never saw the large metal arms pushing into the back of those monoliths. If they could see what man had done to their wondrously beautiful home, they would scream.

Thom jumped back from his roommate standing up. The eyes glazed. A fierce green grew even brighter. The strange sounds issued forth from the roommate were like nothing Nicole or Thom ever heard before. It was as though it were standing by itself. The door flew open, and the lights now too. "How is all this possible? What is this place?" The Dean stood up, her eyes glowed. She gave a dry smile showing she could only be human and that even she was not any more compassionately feeling or than a robot. "You two are apart of a very exclusive and expensive program that was designed for children like yousevles that seem to have extreme difficulty functioning within a society. Now that you are functioning within it, you two have no right to be here anymore," Thom was getting angry now too. "Is this all possible? What is this place?"

"The Dean seemed to be in a trance. She left the room. The Dean was more advanced than the Dean had even thought. The Dean". The Dean looked at her with stoic eyes. "I suppose there is no point in keeping this from you now. But you will not like the answer anymore then you can appreciate the appalling darkness we now have restored." Thom was getting angry now too. "Is this all possible? What is this place?"

The Dean stood up and walked out the door. Thom could barely sink into the arms of his father. Thom had done to their wondrously beautiful home, they would scream.

The parents' cars were parked next to each other about six feet away. Thom turned to Nicole, who ran into his arms. He held her in the winter air as it slowly began to snow. He began to cry and she held on to him tightly. Nicole looked up into his face; somehow Thom was able to smile at the sight of her. "Don't forget this is just a dream." She looked into the small mirror. The snow fell softly on her eyelashes and melted warmly on her cheek. Thom just held her closer, never wanting to let her go. The blare of one of the car horns brought them back from the moment. Nicole pulled away and ran towards her parents' van while holding her face. Thom slowly walked over to the car that he had parked behind the tree. The entire parking lot covered in a blanket of white snow as pure as the crisp cold air that rushed into his sore throat. He opened the car door and sat in the artificial warm air. As they drove home towards a place that he still could not remember he marked the passing of the trees that were now bare and fragile in the dim winter sun.

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Strange World a Good Eclectic Mix

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Dan Barcan, a singer/songwriter born in Livingston, N.J., just released his third album in four years entitled Strange World. Barcan, who produces all his records under his own label (Barc Music, Inc.), has gained much attention yet in the States, but has built a small, dedicated following overseas in England. He just recently returned from England after a successful mini-tour in which he played many famous clubs including the Acoustic Café, the 12 Bar Club and the Rock Garden.

Barcan’s style reflects songs of the classic rock genre with a modern lyrical twist. Strange World deals with many current issues including computers and modern technology. While his two previous albums, Park Avenue and No City, reflect his older influences like his 1960s roots, Strange World reveals some of his newer influences like Radiohead, Dave Matthews, and Pearl Jam. Despite the presence of more modern sounds, it is his vintage sound that produces his best songs on Strange World.

The best track on Strange World is “Cold Money Blues.” It is in every meaning of the word a blues song. It sounds like a more polished George Thorogood song. It deals with women problems, like most other blues songs, and uses a very classic blues progression. While the lyrics are redundant, the instrumentation is near-perfection complete with a walking bass line, whaling lead guitars and a blaring harmonica. It’s not surprising that Barcan’s best work is also his most courageous. Good artists aren’t always solid, but it’s the great 50s rock ‘n’ roll chord changes that make the song a very enjoyable listen. The lyrics of “Earthquake” are fun and high-spirited and very reminiscent of the B-52s.

“Esteen Neighborhood” is another song that achieves a great hook by using classic rock chord progressions. It also features Barcan’s best lead guitar work on the album. It is a very reflective song about “an old neighborhood” on the track, Barcan belts out things like: “This neighborhood was the place to go.”

While most of the tracks on Strange World are very fast-paced, Barcan slows it down for “Promises.” It’s a sweet-sounding song with some bitter lyrics about how fragile some promises can be. “Promises,” like the other strong tracks on the album, has some very well composed instrumentation.

Barcan does use more modern sounds on tracks like “Strange World,” “Can’t Trust You Anymore,” and “Ten Steps Backward.” But they produce only mediocre songs. Other tracks, like “Don’t Give Up Your Dreams” and “Life Is What We’re On,” are forgettable at best. It seems that Barcan creates better songs both musically and lyrically when he uses a more vintage sound. It suits his songs better. With this known, it should be interesting to see how Barcan handles his fourth CD, which is supposed to bear a heavier influence on modern dance. His fourth album is due out in a few months.

Strange World may not be a totally solid album, but it is a very easy listen and does contain some memorable tracks. The only thing new listeners may have trouble with is Barcan’s voice because he has a unique style of singing. The instrumentation, however, will help ease his voice into new ears. And that, in the end, is what Barcan truly excels at.

All three of Dan Barcan’s albums are available at the Teaneck, Tenafly, Demarest, and Englewood libraries. You can also obtain one by e-mailing him at cooldanb@aol.com.
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The role of educators in society is undoubtedly an important one. Through education, the youth of today learn to become the leaders of tomorrow. It is understood that those with enough courage to take on the role of educator would be mindful of this fact, when considering what would benefit students the most.

MSU President Susan Cole has apparently forgotten this. The MSU Board of Trustees recently voted a decrease in the number of credit hours required to graduate from 128 to 120. The American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Local 1904 responded to the new policy with contempt, stating that a cutback in credit hours would inevitably lead to a cutback in the amount of classes that need to be taught here at MSU. A cutback in classes, according to the AFT, would ultimately lead to a cutback in teachers. The AFT claimed that their interests were not considered when the BOT was discussing the matter.

Although President Cole claims that the new policy will, “have the effect of enabling students to complete their degrees in a shorter period of time”, the AFT claims that the decrease in credits will necessitate a six and a quarter percent cutback in faculty size.

The AFT, as it were, has every right to complain. Susan Cole has made no bones about the fact that she would like to see a gradual increase in the amount of teacher adjuncts and part time professors, instead of continuously hiring full time professors. In doing so, Cole is not only union busting, but MSU is not taking the best interests of both the student body and the faculty in mind.

Moreover, lowering credit requirements is not how to get students to graduate more quickly. It is by increases in campus quality, better access to information, and advancements in teaching. Nothing will be accomplished by simply lowering the bar.

White it is true that the AFT is being slightly-paranoid about the possible effects of the decrease in the amount of credit hours required for students, it has every right to be concerned with the fate of its future and even some of its current members.

If Cole really wants to make good on her statement that the size of the student body will increase to 18,000 by 2008, then MSU will need a qualified faculty. This is not to take anything away from the temporary employees; truly, they have a right to work as well. The point is that many adjunct professors are often forced to work at several universities at once just to make ends meet. Between them running around frantically to teach classes in several different parts of the state, and the increasing demands of an increasing student body, MSU students will have a harder time finding professors when they need help. This will also take away from the professor’s ability to devote as much time as they need to the classes that they teach at MSU. If the MSU administration was sincerely “a center of learning centered on you”, then it would pay better attention to the demands of its faculty and staff. The education process starts with teachers; they are, in fact, irreplaceable. Why then should Susan Cole feel that they could be replaced so whimsically?

If improvement is needed, replacing faculty is not the answer. Does the IT department downgrade its computers when they want improvement? No, they upgrade.

Is this a lot to be taken from the simple matter of the lowering of the credit hour requirement? Yes, it obviously is a stretch. But should the AFT be concerned with what it sees as the first crack of fighting in a storm that could do them serious damage? Absolutely.

While we as MSU students should be thankful that there are now only 120 required credits to graduate, we should also bare in mind that educators are the ones that will allow us to learn about what we each want to pursue as individuals.
Viewpoint

Birth of Growth Initiatives and Improved Visions of Campus Life For Fall 2000

The semester's end often brings with it a sense of reflection. As we look back at exams and our futures, we reassess the ups and downs of the semester, occasionally punctuating our conclusions with guesses as to what will define the period. While the nation seems to be pulling its hair out over the highly contested Presidency, however, we find ourselves stumbling over the details, age 44, 44, a context and immediate history. Yes, the world is getting smaller. But many of us are far more affected by tuition rates and roomsize fluctuations than we are by Florida's electorate. We are still very much in the concept. Penry's impending execution has marked a real beginning of several important and overdue initiatives.

A new parking structure, complete with dining facilities and performing arts space, will help to alleviate academic building, renovation and expansion on Clove Road. The 24-7 Red Hawk Diner. The wheels seem to be in motion on projects that could change the face of MSU in coming years, putting an end to the rutusystem than with sister institutions like Rowan or TCNJ. While very serious questions remain about how we work to upgrade academic growth while simultaneously throwing ourselves into an infrastructure expansion frenzy, President Cole's vision is taking shape. Let's all do our part to keep the ground running.

Other initiatives also have fought their way to the forefront. Eight new officers and partial use of fireplacent, putting expansion on Clove Road. The 24-7

Death Penalty Should Not Exclude Retarded

The execution of a convicted murderer was recently stayed on the grounds that he was mentally retarded. Should intelligence determine responsibility?

The Texas Supreme Court recently halted the execution of John Paul Penry for the murder of a Texas housewife. Penry's execution was halted on the grounds that he is mentally retarded, and so not responsible for his actions due to his condition. According to reports, Penry is so mentally retarded he still does not know what he was doing or not. Simply because a person is mentally retarded, is a very essential part of the American Bar Association. Penry's case shows that he was morally responsible for his actions, whether competent or not.

What if Charles Manson was responsible for his actions? Would that make him any less responsible for his crimes against society? No, in my opinion. In much the same way, Penry should be held responsible for his actions, whether competent or not.

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Breakdown of Morality
In increased government legislation stands to harm our freedom as Americans. A collapse in the moral structure is to

For one moment, let’s imagine that Al Gore and his supporters are the winners of this current election. In order to eliminate the competition, the Democrats took the army and arrested George W. Bush and his supporters and sentenced them to prison, never to be heard from again. We all say this is silly and would never happen here. However, silly as we may think it, this is happening in certain circles at the moment that I am writing this.

We saw Saddam Hussein elimi­
nate his competitors—even his own relatives. There is no will of the people, just the will of Hussein. We glanced at Somodoma’s Mosiurops rule Yugoslavia with complete power and saw the violence in Bosnia and Serbia as some people who desired a change being put to death. Why were they sentenced to prison? They had a difference of opinion on the current Communist regime and decided to express it to others through the unauthorized Democratic Party. The leadership says, “Let’s admit that you and your family or friends want to go to a Catholic parish or a Muslim church. Why were they sentenced to prison?”

Chairman of Campus Recreation, Steve Smith, and the Athletic Director, Maurice Green, an MSU football player said that future recreational improvements are needed. An athletic facility for athletes is needed.

Our constitution is an amazing document because within it we have granted several things that are important in our daily lives but is often forgotten: freedom. However, in our current business world, we have made a move to restrict our freedom of little by little. There is a movement to ban the sale of guns, to censor television and other forms of media, to overturn Roe vs. Wade, and many other things. Why? The government has done this in part because we need control. People see killing other kids so we decide that the best thing to do is abolish guns. People also see that our media might be influencing people to do things that normally they would not do so we decide that is illegal. Or a bill of rights program would be best.

People see that are abortions are being voted on and that leads to people possibly taking less responsibility for their actions, so we decide we should stop that. However, all of these actions would not solve the problem because they are quick fixes to a problem that is much greater. The problem is the breakdown of morals. If the kids at Columbine had morals, do you think they would have counted out and shot those kids? The answer is no.

Countries such as China and Cuba feel that they need to control through quick fixes because with government legislation they cannot control the number of people taking it too far, but the United States does not need to do that.

In our short history we have become a nation that has let the individual feel as protected as a society. We have been granted so much freedom and still succeeded where many other countries have failed. Just because we have breakdown of our morals, should we not be turning to the legislation like many other countries have done because if we restrict certain rights now, where is it going to end? Let’s look for a minute at ourselves. There is a breakdown in the family with so many divorces and single parent households. There is a breakdown in the schools where the teachers are teachers who are not a source of guidance and should not be teaching. These are only two examples and they illustrate a serious problem that no amount of legislation can fix. The history of this country is continually crowded to many others around the world and yet we have accomplished so much because we have a movement to restrict our freedom of right. Let’s not ruin it by enacting legislation that will do nothing more than restrict our own personal freedom.

Jessica Bockhorn, a computer science major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion. Bravo, Jessica.

Panzer Needs Room and Improvements
Imagine 72 MSU football players in an 18-passenger van. Not so pretty right?

Well, neither is our antiquated athletic facility. The late 1950’s for approximately 2,000 students, which is now struggling to handle 150 200 students. The Panzer Building, a maze of an athletic facility falling far short of the students. The Panzer Building, a maze of an athletic facility suffering the need of a makeover, if not a visit by the local demolitionists.

Whichever comes first, the Chair­
person of Physical Education and Leisure Studies, Tim Sullivan, the Director of Campus Recreation, Steve Smith, and the Athletic Direc­
tor, Holly Gera, all agree that change is needed to better accommodate our growing MSU community.

Currently, there are three groups utilizing the Panzer facility: the phys­i­cal education department, the ath­letic department and the campus recreation department.

The problem is that there is simply no room for all three groups. They need the time available for the three groups. As it stands now, the physical educa­tion department has 2 hours of time available (8am-4pm), the athletics use the facility from 4pm-8pm, and the recreational services group has access of Panzer from 5pm-8pm.

Professor Sullivan said that from a student’s perspective, “the group that suffers most are recreational ser­vices because it can’t provide pro­gramming during prime time to meet student needs because of the con­flict with other pri­orities.”

Recreational Services Director Smith agreed because no pro­gramming is avail­able for students during prime time. 2-5p.m., most students are unable to enjoy group-centered athletic endeavors, such as intramu­ral basketball, aerobic classes, and therefore miss out on our campus’ great need for socialization outside of the classroom. Everyday commuter students come and go with narrow outlets for socialization. But Smith believes that a new recreation center can help change the “nothing to do” perception that many students have at this institution. More importantly, he believes that the addition of a new facility will help to retain students and instill a sense of community. “Students look for recreational facilities when considering college options as an important part of campus life,” Athletic Director Gera said. Smith, who has been the recreational services director for five years now, indicated that the new recreation fee last year dedicated to the prospect of a new recreational facility.

Recreational sports is certainly not the only group that suffers. MSU currently has the largest representa­tion of sports in NJ, but you would never know it when sizing up the competition’s advantages in terms of access to training facilities. For example, Caldwell College, with a mere 1,900 students, has recently broken ground on a multi-million dollar athletic facility. The College has just put the finishing touches on its brand new $17 million complex: Smith, Doherty, and Stockton College of New Jersey and Jersey City University have all “made the com­mitment to providing their entire student bodies to all-academic recreational facili­ties.”

Similar reforms need to be made at MSU, where the athletic training room is in desperate need of a new floor (the existing carpet is hazardous coming in several layers), better lighting, and well, just more room. “The weight room should be at least twice the size it is now,” said Sullivan.

Maurice Green, an MSU football player, added much insight into the problem in the training room by saying: “a lot of my teammates work out elsewhere because of what we don’t have here.” Strength and Conditioning Coach Roy Hinckman, who recently built weight lifting platforms himself because of a lack of funding, said that athletes and coaches “do not have a say when it comes to their equipment status,” and added that “a separate training facility for athletes needs to be put into action.”

“The collegiate experience becomes an extension of high school for many students.” Sullivan added after being asked to comment on the problems associated with the current athletic facility. Sullivan said that future recreational improve­ments would aid in student recruit­ment and retention: “additional facilities on campus might entice students to stay.” While a target date is far from being set at this point, Sulli­van, Smith and Gera all agreed that the addition of a new recreational facility is the ideal.

In 1958, Panzer was built as a physical education laboratory for the needs of a small physical education community. Besides the addition of athletes and the needs of the Panzer (which campus recreation only has access to six hours a week), astro-turf and a few dozen coats of paint, there have been no changes to the infra­structure since. The Panzer facility is clearly outdated and the need for a new center of athletic excellence is apparent. Panzer is crowded and
Humans Continue to Impose upon Nature

Last month, I was visiting some friends near my hometown, Scotch Plains. We were in suburbia, when we had a chance to enter a friend’s house when a sight stopped us. An eight-point buck was standing at the driveway next door. It isn’t the strangest sight, considering that New Jersey is over-populated with that kind of deer. We ran and were able to take a picture of the buck at get just a half-mile from downtown Westfield.

The Reservation is across the highway, Route 22, and it is the Watchung Mountains. How this deer managed to cross Route 22 is a mystery I’m sure I’ll never know. I wonder if he knew to wait for the traffic light to change to green, or if he managed to hit the light on his bound down the mountain.

I wonder if he jumped the divider, or if he caused any accidents or near misses. He was the trophy buck that instead of being shot and mounted, could have just as easily been hit by a car and mounted in someone’s den with a plaque under his head reading, “I killed his car and his car killed me.”

We were a little hesitant about being close to this animal, as large and majestic as he was. It isn’t that we had never been this close, or that deer are dangerous like a grizzly bear, but we were wild. He was not tame, and he was in a tame place. He stood under the floodlights next door until we left, while we whispered our confusion into the night. I didn’t think we could catch him and register it, but he wandered off to the wild. We had caught hurt birds before, and the Raptor Trust had helped nurse and release the birds back to the wild. But there is no Deer Trust. We tried altruistically, that we could herd him back with our headlights and horns; you know, the deer in the headlights trick. We also have wild turkeys that can sometimes be a nuisance. They wander around on the front lawn of my family’s house, the Police, but the Police have a tactic for dealing with wild turkeys. They have found that a high frequency noise attracts the birds. Some squad cars are equipped with the noise, and they lead the turkeys back up the hill. It’s quite a sight, to see turkeys marching rank and file behind a squad car, holding up traffic, while they are escorted home.

No one has found a safe way to help the last deer. We couldn’t save him. He was too big for us, no experience. We stood still and stored in anticipation of what he might do next. He leaped past us, his hooves clicking an unfamiliar tune on the asphalt. He stopped again two houses away, on a front lawn, and seemed to look at us again. He turned away, and crossed another street before jumping into someone’s yard. I wonder if he knew that if he came down from the mountain to escape the hunt. A few years ago, Watchung Reservation was threatened by the change, the deer appearing before the way a raccoon can annoy you by turning over your garbage bins. However, we are the real nuisance. We took away the deer’s natural predator: the mountain lion. How we have the dilemma, we create the problem, basically, by preservation, and we must solve it.

All of this floods me with pain and guilt. While I certainly am a happy human, I cannot stand the unhappi- ness we have created through our decimation of the wilderness. When we realize that we have to stop our actions before it’s too late, usually it is too late. We can try too hard, but that’s where we don’t belong a lot of the time. We blow up mountains to make concrete; we spill hazardous materials on land and sea; we consume energy like it’s renewable. We are in an unsustainable spiral. Something must change, the deer demanding before me demanded it just by his unusual presence. But how? Work like you have never worked before, change your place on earth, and treasure it. America is beautiful now, but what will it look like if you don’t? Will we continue to pass this buck? What generation will be responsible? I think it should be us.

We crowd the borders of parks and reservations, only to get upset when a wild animal eats our plants. We drive gas-guzzling monsters, only to complain when gas prices skyrocket. We don’t test all chemicals, only to see their damaging effects after they’ve ruined lives or caused a fire. We are urging you to find a problem, and become part of the solution. When we are where we shouldn’t be, we are guests. We should always consider ourselves guests because then maybe we shouldn’t be so damn greedy and inconsiderate to the natural world.

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

The Media and Islam

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There have been many times that my family confronted me, and were judging Islam by the news. They bring up the terrorist bombings, female circumcision, news that speak of Catholic priests molesting children. This leads to my next point. Knowing that people do things that are wrong, we can use our common sense to separate the news and the facts. The news does not teach these things nor does any other religion with the exception of some religious sects; such as female circumcision.

Next, let’s say there are Muslims that commit these acts. What does that mean? It means that Islam is not universal. Muslims who commit such acts are not Muslims, nor are they Islam. Muslims are not Muslims that commit these acts. Muslims are not Muslims that commit these acts.

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school than a NJ public college. You want to see one small beacon of hope that positive change isn't too far down the road? December 14. The Rathskellar. Stop by for coffee and notice the names that are co-sponsoring the coffeehouse: A.S.S.I.S.T. and H.E.A.R.T. Here's to hoping that we all can take part in continuing to build a stronger campus life come January 2001.

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D'Angelo

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into contact with. Why should a human be spared if it is equally as threatening? Surely, Perry's mental status is not too far off from the dog's, so the penalty should be the same. The mentally retarded may be deserving of special treatment in regard to their health care and education, but a killer is a killer. Dangerous individuals should not be able to commit horrible acts and get away with them because they don't score higher than 40 on their IQ tests. Perry should be put to death.

Jerome D'Angelo, a political science major, is in his first year as Opinion Editor of The Montclarion.

Fusco

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inadequate now, but imagine what it will look like in 2008, the year President Cole expects our student population to reach 10,000.

The Board of Trustees must consider planning for a new athletic facility soon to relieve an already crowded situation and improve the networks of our ever-growing campus community.

Frank Fusco, an English major, is in his second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

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As a Democrat, I've begun to kick my wounds, now ready to open them and my losses this presidential election. Those "pregnant chads," as annoying the catchphrase has become, affect an entire nation of people, and if Gore didn't put forth a dogged effort in Florida, his convictions would seem insincere. But with the conservative-leaning U.S. Supreme Court and the growing impatience of the American public, Gore needs not readily involve himself in a transition process.

I know how to count my losses and get on with it, and I hope Gore, when the time comes, will do the same. Facing imminent defeat this time around, I've decided to look ahead, as should the rest of the Democratic Party, to eight years from now. As the first of 43 first ladies to become an elected official, New York already belongs to Hillary Clinton; next stop: the entire nation. In 2008, I predict, Clinton will unravel her true agenda, that is, to assume the long- overdue role of becoming the first woman elected to the position of leader of the free world.

America has known since 1992, when she tirelessly worked toward improving the American health care system, that Hillary Rodham is more than simply Mrs. Bill Clinton. A woman of formidable credentials, she - unlike Eleanor Roosevelt, to whom she's often compared - did not confine her stereotypically womanlike political itinerary to covert operations. Rather she became an outspoken policymaker, arguably, second only in importance to her elected husband.

Establishing her place in history as a role model to some but a power-hungry witch to more, Hillary's plight as "wronged woman" won her favor among a voting public chronically fearful of the word "feminism," albeit discrediting her somewhat among the feminist fringe. She was likely well aware that her philandering partner-for-life would mire his political career but also that the circumstances could bolster her own. All was going according to plan.

Come to think of it, maybe she's more than an acute planner; maybe she'sclairvoyant. Only someone with mystical insights could have anticipated that Rudolf Giuliani would suddenly be dually inflected with health problems andextramartial affairs in the midst of his senatorial campaign. The media pounced on Giuliani's woes and withdrew from the race, neatly overshadowing Hillary's own reputation as a carpetbagger. Securing her victory in New York, things couldn't seem to get better for old Hil.

Now, with G.W. raring to go as President, rivalling only Papa's veep in grammatical screw- ups and ignorance of international affairs, it all seems a bit too perfect.

Hillary can continue to rack up her credentials as U.S. senator, while a Republican administration, judging by the reliable economic cycle and one idiotic President, simultaneously leads us into a bitter recession and better seasons of "SNL."

In eight years, America will have property tired of G.W.'s self-satisfying grins and Hillary will have had ample time to establish a solid record to run...
Montclarion Mailbag

Whose Right to Bear Arms?

Dear Editor:
The ideologies that helped to shape the interpretation of the Second Amendment were derived from the recent separation from Britain, more specifically a controlling monarchy. The beginning of a new government caused a nuance of fears within society. Of which, these fears were amalgamated into rigid beliefs of quasi-paranoid security and protection.

I find that the "gun culture" society which existed in the past necessitated arms in the hands of citizens. Today, our circumstances have changed. In my opinion, I feel it is terrifying that the sale of guns in society is rampant and the factors that weigh who is buying them are not stricter. The conviction that without guns Americans are powerless affirms a lack of belief within our society. The answer should be education of the principles and rights within our government, not reverting back to the days of militias. After all, progress is an aim that America strives toward and is recognized for.

As a citizen, I am concerned with individuals who are defining the ability to carry a gun as a necessity rather than a principle that the right to bear arms is in the wrong. First, I find the correlation between the thought of war, not at all Second, women, like men, who choose gun use as a daily practice should also find the appropriate vacation for it. For example, the military and bureaucratic divisions throughout our country have excellent gun training programs and guess what, you also get a job! The requirement for a psychological evaluation is performed and I am wondering why wouldn't we do the same for the general public? If those who are using the guns everyday for motives outlined in the agreements they sign are required to undergo a psychological evaluation, why wouldn't we give psychological evaluations to any individual citizen whose intentions are not clear?

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Eva Sproch history

Second Amendment Column Inaccurate

Dear Editor:
In her 7-Dec-00 Viewpoint editorial, "Let Every American Citizen Be Armed!" Heather Gaydarik cited the Federalist Papers, and adds, "In the [Federalist, Hamilton] view, the nature of a well-regulated militia, under our system, was the able-bodied manhood of the State." The use of the quotation marks clearly suggests that Gaydarik would have us believe (and perhaps believes himself), that the statement came from the Federalist Papers themselves. This is not true. The statement does not appear anywhere in those documents, nor anywhere else that I could find.

Except perhaps, in NRA propaganda:

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From the perspective of Gaydarik, the feminists who do not support the right to bear arms are in the wrong. First, I find the correlation between the thought of war, not at all. Second, women, like men, who choose gun use as a daily practice should also find the appropriate vacation for it. For example, the military and bureaucratic divisions throughout our country have excellent gun training programs and guess what, you also get a job! The requirement for a psychological evaluation is performed and I am wondering why wouldn't we do the same for the general public? If those who are using the guns everyday for motives outlined in the agreements they sign are required to undergo a psychological evaluation, why wouldn't we give psychological evaluations to any individual citizen whose intentions are not clear?

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Eva Sproch history

Unprofessional Approach to Prank E-Mail

To the Editor:
I was disappointed with the lack of professionalism and judgment that was displayed on the cover of the December 7 issue of the Montclarion regarding the obscene message that was received by President Susan Cole's e-mail by an unidentified computer hacker.

Instead of merely stating that an offensive and obscene e-mail had been distributed through a campus listserve, the editors of the Montclarion decided to print, in text and as a sidebar, its exact contents. The manner in which the article was presented was, in my opinion, almost as tasteless as the content of the actual e-mail. Not only was the decision to highlight the text of the e-mail unnecessary, but it only served to further provide the hacker with additional publicity for the exposure and exposure that he/she sought in the first place.

I would hope that matters such as the control and administration of the military and naval forces of a country" (OED also).

However, since there might be some confusion of exactly what was meant by "militia," the founding fathers clarified that matter by attaching the qualifier "well-regulated." To suggest that the phrase "well-regulated militia" could refer to a unregulated body, as Gaydarik does, defies reason.

In my opinion, the statement is also in direct conflict with the actual words of Federalist Papers. Hamilton, in #29, states "uniformity in the organization and discipline of the militia would be attended with the most beneficial effects...it is not a day, or even a week, that will suffice...for the purpose of going through military exercises and evolutions, as often as might be necessary to acquire the degree of perfection which would entitle them to the character of a well-regulated militia."

By the way, "regulate" comes from the Latin meaning "to rule over." I mention this as the NRA likes lying about the origin of that word as well.

Truth,
James M. Curran
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Vlamis

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for President. With her vow as senator to never vote for a bill to further privatize health care -- a promise protecting many urban minorities in need of health care coverage -- she will easily garner the African American vote. Those women not shocked by the Christian Right are also sure to jump on the Hillary bandwagon in 2008 with her pro-choice but pro-tax-break policies for those raising children. Her main adversary, undoubtedly, will be the white-collar white guy, protective of his pocketbook.

That said, the time is soon to be ripe. Maybe it will take only four years, though I can't say for sure: I'm not the clairvoyant one.

Becky Vlamis
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Take Your Huddled Masses Back!

America sends thousands of poor and homeless people back to the country of their ancestry.

By Christine Sikora

WASHINGTON D.C. Monday in the Rose Garden, President Clinton held a press conference and revealed to America of his executive order to deport all the homeless and poor people from the United States of America. As of December 12 at 10 a.m. all the homeless are to report to the nearest port and prepare to embark to the nation of their ancestry. After this shocking decision, Clinton walked through the mall of Washington grabbing homeless stuttering bums by their dirty ears and throwing them in the back of roaring trucks picking up the homeless masses.

“We've had a huge problem with dealing with the homeless and poor people of this nation. We spend billions each year trying to solve this problem, solve the problem of a people who aren't even paying taxes. By getting rid of the problem, we're just saving ourselves some money and making some space,” Clinton commented on the issue.

Many researchers believe that the problem of the poor people present is not our problem. They came to this nation feeling jobs that they couldn't find in their nation, so they came here and thought they could find one. It was only a period of time until there weren't going to be jobs anymore. We've amassed a large excess of useless people; we're just giving them the boot. Kind of like these people are being stamped with, "Return to Sender."

A majority of the people are being packing to old Steamers and being crammed in like their forefathers were, however they now have the luxuries of TV and air conditioning. The voyages will take them several weeks to go back. However, some nations are refusing to let the ships dock. Several ships are circling the globe with no part to land. These ships will drift carelessly through the ocean until they run out of food and water and the passengers eat each other.

The Statue Of Liberty, a long time symbol of liberty and freedom that has welcomed immigrants for hundreds of years, is now being replaced with a 70-story lawn jockey named Skip that will hold a large sign reading "No Thanks! We Got Plenty Of Our Own Problems. Keep Yours." Many of the refugees being sent back are not too happy. One man said, "My ancestors came over as slaves, back in the day I'd have gone back to the tribe and lived as my great great grand-daddies did, however the nations become industrialized, what do they expect me to do?" "That's not our problem," Clinton said. "They aren't bothering us, so why should we care?"

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Student Needs More Time and Mindless Sex

By Bob Schwartz

I need sex!

In a move that shocked the entire sixth floor of Freeman Hall, MSU Junior, Anne Byzinski broke up with her boyfriend of three years, Jeff Muller. Byzinski was feeling more distant from Muller the past month, however Byzinski's advisors suggest a different tact. Heidi Davidson, Byzinski's suitemate and relationship advisor feels the break-up is a much-needed move. "Jeff's been getting to be too much. Every night he'd call her up and do this whole baby-talk dialogue with Annie. He'd use this stupid Barry White voice and tell her that he loved her. It was like 'I wuv you bubah. I wanna be with ya.' Ugh. Sure, I guess it's cute at first, but after a while, it makes you want to hurl."

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Hockey Solidifies Bid for Top Spot in M-ACHA
Red Hawks' Offense Led by Micek and Bodson Continues to Dominate

By Mike Halper
Staff Writer

The nearly unstoppable offense of the Red Hawks hockey club apparently took this past weekend off, scoring just seven goals in a trio of games in Pennsylvania and being shut out by ACHA-2 Southeast’s tenth-ranked Penn State University on Saturday night. The weekend also included a 3-3 tie with fourth-ranked Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and a 4-0 win over M-ACHA rival and Northeast’s 11th ranked University of Pennsylvania (UPenn). Despite getting only a tie, the IUP game brought a number of positives, including Kevin Micek’s team-leading 60th point, David Bodson’s 45th point, and Anthony Rossillo’s 45th point and team-leading 30th assist.

Another positive for the team was Bodson, who injured his thumb and was expected to be out until next semester, was able to return to action with a half-cast, and has already added a pair of goals, bringing the team back from a 3-1 deficit against IUP.

The Red Hawks’ position in the ACHA-2 Northeast rankings may be hurt when the new rankings are released tomorrow, with three losses having come since the last vote. But a strong showing against ACHA-1 West Chester U. the second time around, a victory over Northeast’s second-ranked Stony Brook U. and a tie with Southeast’s fourth-ranked IUP may win the Red Hawks a few votes.

With the win over UPenn, the Red Hawks now hold a league-leading 12-0-0 record, with just four games to play. In those 12 games, the Red Hawks have outscored their opponents by 99 goals, 127-28. The Red Hawks have already clinched at least second place, and with just four league games remaining, two MSU wins, two Rider (10-2-0) losses, or one of each will clinch the top seed.

The defense allowed UPenn to rack up 35 shots, the most in a league game this season, but goalie Robbie Martinez, who was named Player of the Week for the last week’s performances, was up to the challenge, recording his second shutout of the season, dropping his league-leading goals against average (2.33) and raising his league-leading save percentage (92.1 percent).

The Red Hawks’ last game before the semester break will be this Saturday at 9:10 p.m. against Southern Connecticut State University. MSU will resume play on Jan. 26 against Marist, with whom they’ve already skated to a 4-4 tie, and league play will resume on Feb. 2 at Temple University.
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Learned in football and take it with them in what they do in school and when they graduate and get a job.

Such lessons include how to prepare, be on time, and be a good person. Players also learn responsibility and that they're accountable for what they do. However, there is one lesson that stands out from the rest. "You have to contribute in whatever ways are being asked of you and sometimes your personal goals have to be put aside. That's going to happen with a lot of us in whatever job we do," said Giancola.

Besides the great learning experience that playing football brings, there are many glorious memories that come with playing there.

Who can forget last year's memorable run to the NCAA quarterfinals?

After beating Rowan to win the NJAC on the last day of the year to get into the playoffs. How about this year? To repeat as NJAC Champions by ending Rowan's season in the last game was very special as well.

Adrian Zayas, had some of his best performances against Rowan, earning him the status of "Rowan-killer."

"My defining moment was the diving catch against Rowan in 1999 to set up Ed Collin's game-winning touchdown," said Zayas, who also had his best game of his career this year against Rowan, catching six passes for 105 yards.

Zayas, commonly called AT by his teammates, will be remembered for more than just his outstanding games against Rowan. Many call him a joker and he admits to being a clown.

"I never ever had a towel on and was always naked. Everyone wanted to chip in to buy me a towel, but I just did that to be crazy," added Zayas whose humor won't soon be forgotten.

Another comedian was Turi, who pulled many a prank in his time as a Red Hawk. Many of these seniors remember when Giancola won his 100th game. "Now after being there, I understand what it meant to him," said Mesce who acknowledged his coach's success and modesty. "I think he's more happy for us than he is for himself."

However, without all the wins, pranks and highlights, what is left is the job these seniors did as mentors to their younger teammates. "The seniors led by example on the field and made us play better," said sophomore linebacker Keith Migliorino.

"They (John Turi and Jim Wilkinson) taught me a lot about being a line backer and I owe any success I have to them." So while their playing careers may be ending, their knowledge and football spirits will live on in their young successors.

"The eight of us that are leaving have helped to set a standard for MSU football," said Mesce. "This team was close. It was like a family."

Fans of every sport come to route on their teams, and cheer for their favorite players. However, they don't realize that once the game is over, these players are just like the rest of us: they just have a special talent to play their sport.

The famous author Roger Kahn once wrote The Boys of Summer, a book that many Brooklyn Dodgers fans call "The Dodger Bible." In it he described how the players' lives after the game, when the cheering stopped. One can only imagine what a Carlos Bolanos or a Vic Mesce must have been feeling when the "Clock on their careers."

These players can take everything they have learned while playing the game into the professional world. They understand what it means to be part of a team, to be loyal, dedicated players. The way they have worked off to win. That's what they'll have to do now as the sun sets on their lives as Red Hawks and a new bigger, brighter sun begins to rise on their lives after the game.
which MSU fell 40-34 in two overtimes, ending a three-game winning streak had meaning as well. "It proved to our team that we could play with the top teams in our region and brought us together as a team. Everyone saw that everybody else was playing as hard as they could to help us win," said Giancola. "It showed us at the end that we were a football team."

Of course, it also showed that these Red Hawks would be an incredibly resilient team and that it would be a mistake for any team to ever think that they were out of a game. Perhaps they were more resilient than Giancola’s 17 other teams. They got over so many obstacles and just found a way to get the job done. "That’s why I like this team. This team would be incredible to talent to other teams, but they played to the top of their ability. Every player, young kids, veteran kids, they all gave their best efforts."

"People on the sideline might think that we were a surprise or overachieved. We didn’t think so," said Giancola.

Every player had a significant role in the success from week to week, some different always seemed to come through.

One pleasant surprise was the performance of freshman fullback Alejandro Mercado. After Nick Knappt got hurt in preseason camp, the redshirt freshman was inserted. "He never played a varsity game yet and all of a sudden he’s inserted as a starter and had one heck of a year," said Giancola.

This individual performances deserve recognition, but there were team highlights that deserve acknowledgement too.

"The three-game final (last three games) of the season was very critical and our guys did a great job in approaching each game the right way, knowing each game was important and had conference ramifications as well as NCAA postseason play ramifications," said Giancola. "When you have a pressure situation like that, you really find the measure of your team when they can deal with that type of pressure from game to game to game."

And they did, winning the last three games over TCNJ, NJCU and Rowan to finish at 5-0 in the NJAC, repeat as conference champions and head to the postseason.

"We achieved our goal of being able to defend as conference champion and secondly, to go into the postseason which is what we wanted to do again and I’m glad to say that we did it," said Giancola.

"But for every highlight, there must come a lowlight, which for this year was the 31-29 loss to Springfield in the first round of the NCAA Division III Playoffs. "Springfield played better; they won. I’m not so sure they’re the better team."

"Always tell them to learn from a loss and if you run into a Springfield game, and you’ve got nine more months to wait, that kills me. To be able to sit back and look at that tape and over and over again and know that we have to wait so long to start all over again, that thing just drives me up the wall," said a frustrated Giancola.

While it hurt to lose to Springfield, that loss did nothing to take away from this team’s great accomplishments. The Monday after that game, Giancola made sure to emphasize just that.

"I told them I was proud of them and I loved them. They’re the best kids, good people and gave us everything we could ask. They need to be proud of what they did accomplish and not look back at only the downside of a loss. They did some really good things and they need to be proud of that because we are and we’re proud of them," said Giancola.

"While, we’ll never know what would have happened had the Red Hawks not fumbled going in for a touchdown against Springfield, or if they had opted to kick a field goal at the end of the half instead of going for a touchdown, those are the kind of plays that Giancola will think about during the off-season.

So what was the lesson of the 2000 season? "Don’t want anybody out. Give them all opportunities to see what they can do. It was especially important this year to allow young people to show us what they can do," said Giancola.

Now that the 2000 season has come to a close, the coaching staff is already planning for next year. Their first priority is to make sure players are academically eligible. "I’m hoping that that negative six ineligible players in 2000 will now be a positive and open the eyes of all the players in our program to say, ‘look at what can happen to me if I don’t do the work, I’m supposed to do as a student. It doesn’t matter how good of a football player I am, I’m not going to be allowed to play,’" said Giancola.

The team will hit the weight room in an effort to become a bigger, stronger and faster football team.

Finally, MSU hopes to have some commitment from some young players coming out of high school to fill any needs and become the foundation of a new off-season.

Specifically, the Red Hawks will look to bring in freshman quarterback and hope to head to camp with five or six quarterbacks. They also need help in the secondary for which Vic Mesce has played his last game and both Rashon Johnson and Ros Lee must recover from serious injuries. Lineman will also be targeted as they are in every off-season.

As the team stands now, Bob Appag and Jason DeVirgilio will fight for the number one quarterback spot, Ali, Laquan Mojette and Joe D’Iorio will have the same battle for starting tailback. Ray Meyer may be the sleeper in that competition.

Most of the Red Hawks should be back next season as only eight seniors exit, and with Giancola and his staff leading the way, MSU will have every opportunity to again conquer the NJAC and make a run at the Stagg Bowl.
Life After Football
Seniors Look Back on Their MSU Careers

By Eli Gelman
Assistant Sports Editor

"If you have ever played a sport in life, then you'll know what the Red Hawks felt losing their last game of the season. It leaves a bad taste in the mouths of every player, but more significantly, it spells the end for eight seniors.

Carlos Balanos cried at the end of the game just as many seniors before him have after their playing career comes to an end. Most of them will never play on a professional or semi-professional level as they did in college. Once they take their jerseys and pads off, all they have left of playing football is their memories.

So how does it feel to never be able to play again?

"Just imagine losing something you love," said a saddened Vic Mesce the week after losing to Springfield. "I didn't know what to do with myself this week. I had too much free time and wanted to go to practice. "Just want to come back for one more year, that's all.""

"It was hard taking off my helmet and pads after the Springfield game," said John Tun. "I've been playing since I was six and it's going to be tough not playing football in August. It hasn't hit me that it's over. Maybe it will next year.

Turi and other seniors will miss their teammates more than anything. What makes leaving so difficult is that they're not only losing their fellow players, but the truth is they're losing their family.

"They all meant so much to me," said Turi. "The guys are your best friends. The reason we were so successful was because we had so much respect for each other."

The coaching staff had a tremendous impact on these players as well. "They were always there for us. You know they understand the game and they want to succeed," said Mesce.


The staff not only taught the players about football, but also about life. "I teach these guys a little more about how to win, and not just a football game," said Giancola. "I hope they can use the lessons they've learned in life."

Kevin Kelly, towering above the pile, is one of the eight seniors who have finished their MSU football careers this season.

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Head Coach Rick Giancola received praise from coaches around the conference for leading his team to a second consecutive NJAC Title.

By Eli Gelman
Assistant Sports Editor

"When asked his thoughts of winning NJAC Coach of the Year, MSU's Head Football Coach Rick Giancola simply deferred to his outstanding coaching staff and players. He said something along the lines of great players and great staff make great coaches. While this is true, it's hard to deny that the man in charge deserves the recognition for the successful football program at MSU."

Giancola's fellow NJAC coaches have all the respect in the world for he and his program. "I admire him. He's done a very consistent, quality job that has withstood the test of time," said The College of New Jersey's Head Coach, Eric Hamilton. "Just because you win the conference doesn't make you [NJAC] coach of the year. With the competition we have in the NJAC, winning the past two years shows you how great of an accomplishment that is."

"Credit should go to the coaching staff for keeping the team in the hunt to the end this season, Coach G, never panics and always knows what to do," said Coach Rich O'Connor, has for him. "He's the boss and everything that comes from MSU is a reflection of what he does," said the loyal O'Connor. "He has a tireless effort to make us better and sets a great example for everyone. He never asks anyone to do anything that he wouldn't do himself."

"The players and coaching staff know the time he puts in and that's why people want to play for him and coach with him.""

"When you look at Coach Giancola, you realize good people make good coaches and Coach G is a good man," said Hamilton.

As long as Giancola is at the helm, the MSU football program is in good hands and will continue to thrive.
as a team, we weren’t focused,” said senior guard Jermel Christopher Newport. “They were hot, they were strong.”

The Scarlet Raptors were no match for the Red Hawks, the RU-Camden was one rebound shy of recording a double-double. As sophomore guard, Michael Yearwood led the offensive charge with a team high of 24 points, the Red Hawks aimed to protect their second-half lead by maintaining an upbeat tempo that complimented an impressive full-court pressure. Led by senior guard, Omar Boothe, the Red Hawks limited their turnovers and controlled the backcourt at a speedy pace as they pilled on the second-half points. Leading scorer Omar Boothe contributed with 16 points while being one rebound shy of recording a double-double performance.

The athletically inclined trio of Boothe, Bush, and Yearwood scored a total of 52 points as the defense of the Scarlet Raptors was no match. Flustered by the speed and agility of the Red Hawks, the RU-Camden was forced to play an overly aggressive style as they sent the home team into a desperate comeback. Though the Red Hawks were able to correct all of their team faults, “But we also have disadvantages because we’re so short.”

Along with turnovers, the lack of a solid big man in the middle has been the weakness of the Red Hawks as they attempted a total of 56 shots and retrieved only nine offensive boards in Saturday’s contest. “We have more than a week to correct all of our team faults,” said Fiore referring to the upcoming game against Savannah College. “But we also have disadvantages because we’re so short.”

Along with being ranked last in free-throw percentage, Coach Fiore’s upbeat (but undersized) team also trails the rest of the NJAC in rebounding. “Being a small team, we have advantages,” said Jason Bush. “We also have disadvantages because we’re so short.”

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*Mad Science of North Central New Jersey is currently looking for students to work 1-4 hours a week teaching science classes for kids. Excellent pay-including training*

**Do You**
- Love working with children?
- Have full-time access to a car?
- Have an outgoing personality?

If you answered yes to these questions, please give us a call at 720-943-0800 and set up an interview.**

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**Positions Available Immediately for Mad Scientists.**

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**Onslaught**

Jason Bush helps his team recover from a loss at Kean with 14 points Saturday against Rutgers-Camden.

### Top 25

#### Division III Women’s Basketball

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**Senior Kerry Shine had her best game of the year in a 2OT win at Kean with 17 points. She followed that performance with eight points.**

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**LIZETH VICTORERO / THE MONTCLARION**

(Top) Lakeesha Langston hit a school record 18 free throws on Wednesday and her teammate (Below) Stephanie Ellerbe produced off the bench in both games, collecting 14 points and 13 rebounds.

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Sports

NIAC standings
Through 12/11

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NWCA Top 30 NCAA Division III Wrestling
(As of 12/12/00)

1. Augsburg College (MN)
2. MSU (NJ)
3. University Of Wisconsin-La Crosse
4. Wheaton College (IL)
5. Brockport State University of NY
6. College of New Jersey*
7. Luther College (IA)
8. Upper Iowa Univ.
9. Lawrence Univ (WI)
10. Ursinus College (PA)
11. Lynchburg College (VA)
12. Otterbein College (OH)
13. Pacific Union (OR)
14. John Carroll Univ. (OH)
15. Ithaca College (NY)
16. Lewis College (IN)
17. Delaware Valley College (PA)
18. Ohio Northern Univ.
19. Muskingum College (OH)
20. Oswego St. Univ. of NY*
21. York College (PA)
22. Cortland St. Univ. of NY
23. Univ. of Wisconsin-Parkside
24. Buena Vista Univ. (IA)
25. Manchester College (IN)
26. Univ. of Wisconsin-Riverwash
27. St. John's Univ. (MN)
28. Thiel College (PA)
29. Springfield College (MA)
30. North Central College (IL)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wed. 22 vs. Savannah
7pm
Dec. 28-29
Holiday Tournament
TBA
Jan. 4 @ Staten Island
7:30pm
Jan. 10 @ Ramapo*
6pm
Jan. 13 vs. TCNJ*
4pm
Jan. 17 @ NJCU*
8pm

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec. 27-Jan. 2
Grand Canyon Classic
TBA
Jan. 6 @ Hunter
7pm
Jan. 10 @ Ramapo*
6pm
Jan. 13 vs. TCNJ*
2pm
Jan. 17 @ NJCU*
6pm

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Jan. 6 @ Yale Invitational
Jan. 7 @ USATF-NJ (East Stroudsburg)
Jan. 13 MAC Championships (Bronx, NY)

WRESTLING

Dec. 29-11 @ Midlands National
TBA
Jan. 4 vs. Wilkes
5pm
Jan. 6 @ Hunter Invitational
9am
Jan. 10
NYU/Hunter
4pm

MEN'S/WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Jan. 9 @ USMMA*
4pm
Jan 11 vs. Rowan *
4pm
Jan. 13 vs. ESU*
1pm

Senior Guard/Forward
Hometown: Rahway, NJ
Shine hit two key free throws in the closing minutes of the victory over Kean Wednesday night. She had 25 points on the week, 17 came from the win at Kean.

Junior Guard/Forward
Hometown: Teaneck, NJ
Boothe continued to lead his team as he scored 16 points in back-to-back games. Boothe also pulled down a combined 19 boards over the week.

Jasmine Batts
Sophomore Forward
Hometown: Carteret, NJ
Batts continues to explode off the bench as she scored 18 and 10 points off the bench. She also had a combined 12 rebounds.

Michael Yearwood
Sophomore Guard/Forward
Hometown: Edison, NJ
Yearwood led the team in scoring with 22 points in Saturday's win after contributing 15 points in a loss at Kean.
Home Court Means 0-3
Women Still Unable to Pick up First Home Win

Rookie Nicole McVaugh and her teammates have failed to pick up their first home win with three tough losses.

One Last Snap
The Story of the 2000 Football Season

By Eli Gelman
Assistant Sports Editor

As another successful season has come and gone for the MSU Red Hawks football program, perhaps we should take one last look at the memorable year that brought MSU its 16th NJAC championship and seventh trip to the NCAA Division III Playoffs.

"Rewarding, fulfilling," said Giancola to describe his 18th season as Red Hawks' Head Coach. "We were tested so many times in so many different ways and came through most of the time successfully."

First and foremost, the story of this year is not the ineligible or injured players. The real story of the 2000 NJAC Champions are the players who made it through this year, putting forth a courageous effort to lead MSU to the top of the NJAC.

"We addressed it [the ineligible players] at the very first meeting. I said, 'Let's take what we do have and go to work and do the best that we can with it. I don't like to be a complainer. We have control over ourselves, our ability to get better and our abilities to play with what we have.'" said Head Coach Rick Giancola.

That's exactly what this team did. Right from the Widener scrimmage when they went only in pads a couple of days, the Red Hawks didn't feel fair and heard it from their coach, but took what he said to heart.

"I told them they stunk that day and we had a whole bunch of work to do to get better. And from that point on they kept accepting the challenge of getting better," said Giancola.

The team got better for their first game, against Delaware Valley, and squeezed out a victory. Then they improved for the lona game, but still came up with a loss. "I told them we played better, but it wasn't good enough. From that point on, they took the challenge of not just being good enough, but to be the best we can be. That was the turning point, that game," said Giancola.

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