Students Protest Sodexho Marriott

By Inbal Kahane
Inferin News Editor

Recently, students on several campuses nationwide have protested, trying to get their university to end their contract with the company Sodexho Marriott, the contractor that runs MSU's dining halls. The students on these campuses are angered over the campus food contractor's link to privatized prisons.

Sodexho Marriott is a subsidiary of the international Sodexho Alliance, which is an investor in Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), and as of September 2000 owns and operates private prison companies in Great Britain and Australia. According to Kevin Pranis, leader of Not With Our Money, Sodexho Alliance is the largest investor in CCA, with an 8 percent stake.

Sodexho Marriott is a member and sponsor of American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) that works with state legislators to further privatization, according to Pranis.

Driven by Prison Moratorium Projects, a group of young activists working to stop prison expansion and privatization, over 50 colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada have active contracts with Not With Our Money since April 2000, when the campaign began. Among these, four schools that actively protested Sodexho Marriott Services have ended their contracts with the company.

"The fact that we've lost business [because of the campaign] is unfurled... We win some contracts, we lose some," said Leslie Aun, Sodexho Marriott Vice President of Public Relations. "In fact, we've gained more than we lost since the beginning of the campaign, and those we've lost had nothing to do with the issue of private prisons."

So far, both Sodexho Mar­riott and Sodexho Alliance have taken small steps to placate student concerns. Shortly after an April 4, 2000 day of action against ten cam­puses against Sodexho Mar­riott Services, president and CEO of CCA, Doctor Crants, resigned from the Sodexho Marriott Board of Directors.

In a public statement made by Pierre Belton, Chairman of Sodexho Alliance, he stated, "We commit today that once the contemplated recovery plans have been carried out by the new CCA management, Sodexho will divest its share."

Sodexho Marriott Services feels Prison Moratorium Proj­ects is targeting the wrong company. They claim they are a separate individual company, and while they own stock in Sodexho Alli­ance, they have no control over the actions of the company, according to Aun.

"Sodexho Marriott representa­tives are missing the point," said Pranis. "The purpose of the Dump Sodexho campaign is to put direct pressure on their parent company, Sodexho Alliance, in order to force Sodexho Alli­ance to divest from private prisons."

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"Ithaca called it a stud­ent protest, which we know isn't true," said Aun. "Prison Moratorium Projects based in activists who were picketing while pulling carts and suitcases for the protest."

So far, nothing has emerged at MSU on the issue. Yet, according to Dr. Barbara Chasin, officer in the AFT Local, the union is interested in the issue and looking to find out more information before deciding its exact position and course of action.

1,700 Students Dropped From Spring Courses

By Ailyn Kurtz
Staff Writer

Many MSU students did more than study on the week of the fall semester finals. Just under 1,700 MSU students found themselves dis­missed to MSU during the spring semester. Many students were out­raged stating that they never received a bill, confirmation notice, or a warn­ing that their in­de­ter­mination would occur if mea­sures were not com­pleted.

The reason all of these students were reregistering for classes was the result of a let­ter sent out to these students the week of finals stating that their schedules for the spring 2001 semester had been deleted.

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"This is absolutely ridicu­lous," stated Alfred Fatale, a freshman whose spring courses were deleted.

It's like MSU is stuck in the 1980s and the stu­dents are the people who suffer."
A copy of the police report was not forwarded to The Montclarion this week. As a result, we are unable to present the crime log. Please look next week for an update.

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On Tuesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee began the first of three days of confirmation hearings on Ashcroft’s nomination, following President-elect George W. Bush’s selection of former Missouri Senator John Ashcroft as Attorney General. The Republican senator has a lengthy legislative record as a former Missouri governor and as State Attorney General, to which both supporters and opponents referred to during the hearing process.

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As the spring semester classes began, some students were quick to find out when the bill or confirmation of their payment or financial aid would be deleted if a student did not confirm their bill, and therefore did not receive the confirmation notice either. This was the first semester that we allowed students to have the option of either paying their school bill or confirming that they would be attending MSU during the next semester. Students could confirm instead of paying in case they had trouble paying their bill by the deadline or their financial aid benefits had not yet been activated.

"All student’s bills were mailed out on November 15, 2000," stated Registrar Denise M. De Blasio. "Payments or confirmation must be received by December 1, 2000. If the students did not receive their bill it is their responsibility to look in the Schedule of Courses book to find out when the bill or confirmation is due and call MSU. So many student bills are mailed out at the same time and we can not help if some get lost in the mail."

MSU staff also claims that there were many posters and signs around campus warning that courses would be deleted if a student did not confirm that they would be attending MSU in the spring.

The deleted students feel that this was not enough warning concerning that their spring semester classes were at stake. While those students whose schedules were deleted found the policy unfair, the policies of deleting schedules are not as strict as they were in the past.

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"In the past, we only gave students the option of paying their bill by the deadline or their schedules would be deleted."

Although the new policies help to protect students who are on financial aid, in many cases students who receive financial aid are not sent a bill and therefore did not receive a confirmation notice either. This proved to be a problem when the unaware financial aid recipients were deleted from the spring semester.

"It is not always the result of problems professors have with holding courses, caus­ing courses to reach a lower enrollment. The most common reasons professors give are illnesses, transference to different schools, or begin­ning a full-time job."

Richard Lynde, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs stated that if less than five students had signed on for a class, it would not be beneficial for the students, and so, not worth assigning to a professor. Lynde went on to explain that full-time professors are assigned three classes per term, two of which are usually introduction classes. Combining small classes allows professors to teach more classes.

Spring Courses Cut

Deleted

Severa courses have been cut from the curriculum for this upcoming spring semester, leaving many MSU students scrambling at the last minute to find other courses to fill their schedules.

Every semester there are several classes cut for various reasons that must be cut from the curriculum. This semester, however, there was an inordinately amount of courses cut.

Most of the courses dropped were freshman and upperclassmen, graduate, and international students. Students who were unable to find alternative arrangements.

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Construction at Clove Forces Residents to Leave

PACK YOUR BAGS: Over Winter Break, alterations to electric wiring and fiber optic systems at Clove Road took place. Some residents were forced to temporarily move out of their apartments as a result.

By Meg Hackett
Staff Writer

Approximately 20 Clove Road residents were forced to temporarily move out of their apartments due to a state-funded program to modify electric wiring and upgrade fiber optic systems that existed at the apartments. These alterations took place beginning on December 26, 2000, and were completed before the New Years holiday.

The apartments on Clove Road were built during the 1970s and today house approximately 318 upperclassmen, graduate, and international students. The residents of the Clove Road apartments, as well as those who reside in Russ Hall, also enjoy the luxury of being permitted residence in their 1-year-old dorms during academic recess periods.

"We scheduled this for the 26th because we knew that when the least amount of people would want to be staying in Clove," stated Director of Residence Life, Melinda O’Brien. "As a result, what we [Office of Residence Life] did was provide housing at the Wayne Hotel for Clove Road residents who were unable to find alternative arrangements."

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When at MSU, Do as the Greeks Do
A Brief Introduction to Greek Life on Campus for the Inquiring Student

By Michelle Whitehead
Staff Writer

During the first month of each semester many Greeks chalk sidewalks, hang banners, and plaster kiosks with flyers all for the purpose of getting curious students to attend rush events. Rush is a period where various organizations hold an array of activities open to all students who are interested in joining a fraternity or sorority. Participating in rush can be a great way to add some excitement to the MSU or just get to know some other students. Better yet, rush events are almost always free!

The events students can attend during rush are as diverse as the types of organizations offered at MSU. Most fraternities and sororities hold interest meetings to provide prospective members with information about the organization. Other rush events may be the opportunity to join members at sports or musical events, dinners, game nights, bowling, ice/roller skating, or community service initiatives. Greek organizations have a house owned by the brothers or sisters will usually invite rushes to hang out there. Another popular rush event is a dance or party (sometimes called a mixer) between two or more organizations.

When you’re rushing, though, it is important to ask many questions since different organizations have very diversified purposes and goals. All Greeks perform philanthropies, community service efforts, participate in university events such as Greek Week or Homecoming and like to see their members become active in other aspects of campus life. However, some organizations have multiculturalism, community service, ethnic pride, professional advancement or scholastic achievement among their chief priorities. It's also beneficial to look into more than just one organization because MSU has more than 30 fraternities, sororities, social fellowships, professional associations and co-ed Greek letter groups to choose from.

There are also differences between the structures of Greek organizations. You might hear the words local and national. Local and national are words used to describe the number of chapters within the local area. Local fraternities and sororities only have chapters within the local area. Nations have local chapters and sororities have chapters across the USA, at various colleges and universities. Some are even internationally known.

It's a good idea to ask about membership requirements too. Many sororities and fraternities allow any student to pledge as long as they attend a final rush event. On the other hand, several give out bids (invitations to pledge) or hold one large rush program like Formal Rush shortly before pledging begins. While some organizations allow any undergraduate student to join, many require that prospective members have above a specific GPA, have completed at least one semester of full-time coursework at MSU or have earned over a minimum number of college credits. Certain organizations sponsor rush events in both the fall and spring semester but only pledge in the fall. Others allow pledging in both fall and spring, and may even hold more than one pledge class (group of students undergoing the membership process at the same time) per semester.

Still a little leery about the whole rush process? Well, those students who may be a bit too shy to confidently venture out with a bunch of strangers can do a little research without leaving the safety of a dorm room. Many organizations now have websites or put the name and phone number of a contact person on flyers or rush boards. It's an easy way to get some general information before deciding to attend that big event. So don't be afraid to get out and rush because you’ll probably find at least one organization that suits your unique personality. At the very least, you’ll have the chance to meet some fellow students or get a couple tips on how to survive your least favorite GER.

Christmas Solar Eclipse and New Year Lunar Eclipse a Stunning View for Sky Watchers

By Kara Morillo
Staff Writer

The North Jersey Astronomical Group (NJAG) gathered on January 10 for its first meeting of the year. The main topic of discussion was the recent solar eclipse that occurred on Christmas Day.

Vice President Kevin Conod, the head astronomer at the Newark Museum, started the meeting with a brief video of the eclipse that began at 11:30 a.m. and ended at 12:45 p.m.

After commenting on the video, members exchanged photographs of their personal viewings of the eclipse.

Although it is not safe to look at an eclipse with the naked eye, the use of filters placed in front of a telescope's lens allowed curious observers to look at and take pictures of this phenomenon.

The type of camera used for such occurrences is called the CCD camera. After taking the desired amount of pictures, the images can be downloaded onto a computer for viewing. However, one member simply used a digital camera and achieved equally stunning results.

Recording Secretary Jim Piombino suggested another technique to look at a solar eclipse for those who do not have a telescope. One can easily cut out two holes in a piece of cardboard to fit a pair of binoculars. This way, the sun's rays are not damaging to the eyes.

The members also discussed the lunar eclipse that occurred on January 9. It was difficult to observe because it only lasted about 15-20 minutes and ended at moonrise.

When asked if two eclipses taking place so closely together was unusual, Conod explained that it is typical for a lunar eclipse to happen around the same time as a solar eclipse.

The January 9 eclipse was the last lunar eclipse to occur until May 2003.

NJAG currently has 51 members and welcomes anyone interested in astronomy to join. Individual membership is $20 and MSU student membership is $10.

Membership includes the borrowing of books from the NJAG library, a newsletter, the use of the telescope and the participation in field trips to star parties and planetariums.
Commemorating the Birth of a King:
38 Years Later, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Still Has a Dream Remembered

By Michele Phipany
Feature Editor

I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.’

On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered these famous words on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., where tens of thousands of Americans came to witness the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. This was the beginning of a new era in American history, a time when a young black preacher from Montgomery, Alabama, began speaking out against the racist practices of his state and the nation.

King was instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement. He began to explicate his understanding of the American Dream. He believed that the foundation of this dream would be equal rights for all, regardless of race or color. He saw a need to unite where all men are created equal.

But King’s intentions came to a sudden halt with his support of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee. On April 4, 1968, King was assassinated in Memphis, despite his efforts to unite a country that is not based on race, but on the content of character.

It took almost two decades to enact a holiday commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. The bill was defeated twice before it was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on November 2, 1983, enacting the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on the third Monday in January. The first King holiday wasn’t actually observed until January 20, 1986. But since that moment in time, the holiday has offered the American people a chance to observe a pivotal figure in the Civil Rights Movement.

By Eric Ganquy
Staff Writer

Restaurant in Review this week:
Belissmo

First Impressions
Belissmo in Italian basically means “beautiful.” It is the word I would use to describe the food as well as the restaurant.

Location
This large and wonderful restaurant is located at 1 Pompton Ave. South Little Falls, N.J.

What’s on the Menu
The cuisine served is traditional Italian. Many of the items offered on the menu include Chicken Francese, Veal Parmigiana, Shrimp and Scallops, Tiramisu and hot sauce and Shrimp Scampi.

For those who are not meat or fish eaters, there are a wide range of pasta dishes and salads available.

Price Range
The average price ranges are $16.95 for an entrée, $7 for an appetizer, $5 for a drink and $2 for dessert.

Mass Transportation
Bus service is available from campus on the 191 NJ transit line and NJ transit line 705 going towards the Willowbrook mall.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down
This is a superb restaurant because of the service, which is both friendly and prompt, and the overall ambience that includes a mixture of classical and contemporary decor. The huge variety of wines, cognac and other alcoholic drinks are a bonus too.

On a College Student’s Budget
For those who are extremely budget-conscious this restaurant may not be a great choice. However, for those who can afford it, it is worth every penny. If you should get the chance, wine and dine yourself at this restaurant.

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Intramural Basketball Season May Have To Be Cancelled
Campus Recreation may have to cancel largest program and possibly others

This could soon be an actual title on the front page of the Montclarion. This possible cancellation has nothing to do with a lack of interest or participation.

The past two years have seen phenomenal growth in all Intramurals. We expect even more teams to sign up for IM basketball than last year. That means that on the average, there will be close to 300 MSU students, staff and faculty playing basketball each week. These numbers do not include those coming out to cheer their team. If there are more people than ever playing, why would team sports have to be cancelled?

The answer is simple, there are not enough officials working.

Here are the facts:

Basketball:
Total number of teams expected: 30
Number of officials' shifts each night: 9-12
Total number of officials currently trained and on payroll: 4

As you can see, the officiating shortage is serious and everyone should be aware that the late spring sports of softball and indoor soccer might also be affected.

This headline is not a threat, we need your help! The Intramural Sports program cannot be conducted without officials. Participates and non-participants should all support the program by coming out to officiate.

Officiating requires a 5-6 hour requirement for the training program, and only a 3 - 5 hour commitment to work each week during the season.

If there were 15-20 students working basketball, every official would only have to work three hours a week and every game would have three officials.

What can be done? You can officiate or spread the word. Returning officials and new officials are needed for basketball to be a success. We will also be looking for softball and soccer officials the second half of the semester.

Here are the times for basketball official's training, which is mandatory if you wish to become an IM official:

Orientation: Jan. 22 from 5-6pm for paperwork and discussion on expectations and training in the Student Center Commuter Lounge.

Mechanics/Rules: Jan 23 from 8-10pm in Panzer Gymnasium.

Hands on experience: Jan 25 from 8-10pm in Panzer Gymnasium. Scrimmage games will be played and you will get your feet wet in a game situation.

If you complete all training and commit to officiate for the season, you will be paid for the 5 hours of training at the end of the season. Continue with other sports and you may be eligible for a raise.

If you have any questions please contact the Campus Recreation Office at 655-7443 or email smiths@mail.montclair.edu.

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HUNTER MOUNTAIN
SKI & SNOWBOARD TRIP

Need to Get Away?!? Can't Afford Spring Break?
Campus Recreation and the RecBoard want you to join us for a great trip!

When: February 17, 2000
We will leave from the Student Center bus stop @ 7:30 a.m. and return around 8 p.m.

Cost: Lift Ticket & Bus $30
Ski & Snowboard Rental $20 (if needed)
To Snowtube-$15 (if available)
*(Lessons extra)

Trip is limited to the first 45 people who bring their $30 non-refundable deposit (CASH ONLY) to the Campus Rec Office (SC 104-1) by February 9.
The balance is due by February 15.

www.montclair.edu/pages/campusrec Questions?...call Joe @ x 4716 or Steve Smith @ x 7443.
O Brother Invokes Spirit of Lost Regionalism

By Justin Vellucci
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O Brother Where Art Thou?
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Snatch is All Fluff, No Fire

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Snatch
Guy Ritchie
Columbia Tristar Pictures

It's a man's world, or so you would believe after watching British director Guy Ritchie's latest film Snatch. Almost every aspect of the film is geared to appeal to male audiences, from the story, characters, and action sequences, to the way the film is shot and edited. The result is a film that is often confusing, absurd, and lacking in any real substance.

Snatch is about a group of criminals in London, led by a small-time boxer named Jimmy Conlon (played by Charlie Hunnam). Conlon is a man of few words, and he uses his fists to get what he wants. He is also helped by a few friends, including a mysterious woman named Yelena (played by Sandra Bullock), and a petty criminal named 'Big Lenny' (played by Michael Shannon).

The story follows Conlon as he is dragged into a web of crime and corruption, with a particularly nasty mobster named Tony (played by Ray Winstone) at the center of it all. Tony wants control of the city's criminal underworld, and he will stop at nothing to get it. Conlon and his friends find themselves in over their heads, fighting for their lives and trying to escape the mob.

One of the biggest problems with Snatch is the script. Ritchie's writing is often overwrought and nonsensical, with lots of action sequences and dialogue that doesn't quite make sense. The story is also incredibly convoluted, with lots of subplots and characters that are never really developed.

The acting in Snatch is also mixed. Hunnam, who plays the lead role of Conlon, does a decent job of portraying a man who is trying to survive in a world of crime. Winstone, who plays Tony, is a bit more memorable, but he doesn't really have much to work with.

Overall, Snatch is a film that is more interested in showing off its action sequences than in telling a coherent story. It's a film that is clearly targeted at male audiences, and it's not a film that I would recommend to anyone else.
Anime: Next Generation

By Arnold Kim
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With the technological revolution of recent years, science has brought upon us products that are faster, easier, and of higher quality than ever before. High-end computers, cell phones, MP3 players, and other products have provided increasingly higher performance, and without an increasing potential hit of cash flow. Even home video has adopted these new technologies. With the advent of DVD, movies at home are sharper and the issue can ever, and even course anime is along for the ride.

DVD is regarded these days as the entertainment medium of the future. However, many people have been reluctant to buy this technology fearing problems with price and noticeable difference in quality versus VHS. But with anime, DVD is an appropriate medium as it is a superior platform for both its artistic canvas and the average fan’s pocketbook. One of the more important aspects of anime is the visual style inherent in a medium based on moving images. Whether it is the vibrant and kinetic Dagon Bolt Z, the somber Black Swan or the slick and stylish Ghost in the Shell, the way the anime looks is important and should be as unhampered as possible. DVD brings near-crystal clear images of anime onto your TV screen in comparison, watching anime on VHS is the equivalent of looking at the sun through a tinted window – it’s nice, but you don’t get the full flavor of the image. Similarly, the emotional chords created by the music shouldn’t be neglected.

Music sounds better, even if it’s the powerful Macross Plus theme, which takes a page from the John Williams book of movie scoring, or the cheesy Japanese pop theme to your favorite anime TV series. With Dolby Digital sound, anime music performs better than ever, making VHS audio sound like AM radio in comparison. The audio/visual performance of DVD is unmatched by other home media.

But possibly of most immediate importance to the average fan is its size of value. After all, the one thing that scares off most people from the DVD is the price. But what they realize is that the amount of content a DVD can hold offsets the initial cost of the player in the long run, especially with anime TV series. On average, a tape of an anime TV series will hold two, three, maybe four episodes, either subtitled or dubbed, and nothing more, at $20-$30 per tape. But on disc, you can have four, five episodes or more, both dubbed and subtitled, with extras like design sketches thrown in.

The greatest contribution to this title is episode count – where it is stretched out to 13 tapes on VHS, it only takes six discs to complete the series. Gundam Wing – Previously mentioned in this column, this series about futuristic war and the five teenage mecha pilots in the middle of it developed quite a following on Cartoon Network, even airing uncut. But even the uncuttability didn’t offer everything that the DVD does – some incredibly crisp visuals and sound, along with the only chance to hear the original voice track. Simply put, this is the cleanest looking and sounding anime DVD out there, and is a good pick for any fan of the show.

Princess Mononoke – A sweeping historical epic and ecological fable set in ancient Japan about a young warrior who leaves his village to find a cure for his curse, but comes across a powerful struggle between man and nature. Often celebrated for its complex plot and powerful message, what really lends it well to DVD is its brilliant animation and visual imagery – from the brook god covered with skin reminiscent of writhing snakes, to the towering glow of the Night Walker. This animation that deserves to be seen at its finest, and the sharpness of DVD does just that.

In many ways, anime has become the ideal subject for DVD to take in, providing more bang for the buck than ordinary video. When looking at advances in audio/visual performance and total content, DVD has become anime’s high-powered vessel, leaving magnetic tape lingering in the dust.

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Chocolat a Tasty Morsel of a Film

Armande, again showing the world what a wonderful actress she is, even when given an eccentric character such as this. Leno Olin (The Unbearable Lightness of Being) supports Binoche as a contrasting character in their scenes together. And despite the fact that Johnny Depp (Edward Scissorhands, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas) does not enter the picture until about halfway through, he is well worth the wait. Also appearing in the film are Carrie Ann Moss (The Matrix), Jean Reno (The Professional), and Alfred Molina (Magnolia) as Reynaud.

Chocolat is a wonderful failure about the ideas of prejudice, tradition, religion, and liberation, all centered around the rich, luscious main character — the chocolate itself. A simple film with a great deal of heart, and a charming story with a beautiful illustration, Chocolat is a sure delight to anyone looking for a warm, funny time at the movies or theater. The acting and the direction are superb, and already the film has been nominated for four Golden Globe awards including Best Picture Comedy. Perhaps sometimes predictable, but always perky and well-crafted, Chocolat is the Godiva of romantic/comedy film: a sweet treat that bears too much quality to be simply labeled candy. And yes, you will crave more than one taste.

Brother

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Coen Brothers’ Latest a Blend of World History and Mythology

scene involving a white supremacist group. Ralph Stanley’s cappella rendition of “O Death” makes the moment all the more devastating.

Cloney, cast in a part that could have been completely butchered by a screen persona of his stature, shines in a whimsical and wickedly reflexive way. Running around with a finely trimmed mustache and obsessively parading off of Dapper Dan-branded hair pomade. Cloney’s Ulisses is almost an actor playing an escaped convict. When delivering his lines, he would mingle his words with clacking Gabriel the matinee movie idol of yesteryear. In several scenes, lost in a society and language foreign to him as bald, bloodied, and deranged, you’re almost waiting for him to turn to the audience, knowingly, and say “I don’t know what I’m doing.”

The rest of the cast is solid but the world the Coens create sometimes swallows them whole. Tim Blake Nelson and John Turturro turn admirable, though highly caricatured, performances as Cloney’s dim-witted fellow fugitives and Coen regulars like Goodman and Hunter flesh out the cast.

In the end, however, the film’s hero seems to be the vitality of the landscape itself. Cinematographer Roger Deakins presents the audience with lush and deeply saturated portraits of the South circa 1937, a world still unchanged by advancing technology, electricity, and the smokestacks, factories and assembly lines of industrial America.

While the Coens get some laughs and mileage out of related Southern archetypes and cliches, they ultimately seem to build a memorial to those archetypes, appearing as far removed from the streets of modern-day New York City as they are from Homer’s Greece.

At the dawn of a new millennium, with socio-political and cultural boundaries continuing to blur and the rapid growth of technology and the Internet making the world a smaller and more consumer-driven sphere, the South might be only something with a nostalgic longing for a sense of regionalism.

Regardless, their ability to stick their necks out regarding such regionalism, while vividly witting America’s cultural heritage as a collision of mythologies is worth more than the price of admission. Were they here to see it, both Homer and Sturgess would have undoubtedly been impressed.
People are fond of talking about how infamously bad prison food is and, no doubt, this has been the source of constant jokes in university cafeterias worldwide. All joking aside, as it turns out, MSU’s food services provider, Sodexho-Marriott might have a lot more connection to America’s prisons than you might consider while you’re joking about stale pizza.

Sodexho-Marriott’s parent company, the Sodexho Alliance, allegedly owns an eight percent stake in Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), the largest provider of detention and corrections services to government agencies in the United States. According to an article in the October 6, 2000 edition of “The (Montreal) Gazette,” Sodexho’s stake in for-profit prison corporation Prison Realty Trust might be as high as 16 percent.

CCA, however, is the industry leader of private sector correctional facilities, boasting about 61,000 beds in sixty-eight facilities through the United States and Puerto Rico. Some of the company’s services involve the management, renovation, design, construction, and ownership of prison facilities, as well as the transportation of prisoners for long-range trips.

The being America, even the incarceration of prisoners is about big business and profit. But the real question might be: should MSU have made its student body and the campus community aware of Sodexho-Marriott’s holdings or political interests? The answer just might be, “Yes.”

It should very much concern the student body when their own tuition money is going toward the finance of what some may consider a questionable or shady industry such as prison management. Does the MSU student body really want its tuition dollars being tunneled into prisons or detention centers? Should students be concerned where their dollar and change is going when they buy a cup of coffee in the C-Store? Again, the answer just might be, “Yes.”

Students most definitely have the right to be made aware of and object to such business agreements. If concerned students picketed and protested during the last time Sodexho-Marriott went up for contract review or renewal, would they be unjustified? Absolutely not.

So, the question that really remains is, should students be concerned? While there is debate over whether there’s a clear answer to that question, we feel as though students should most certainly, in the least, be aware.

On Tuesday, while MSU students dished out their first meal plans of the year in Blanton Dining Hall and the Student Center Café, two correction officers who worked at a CCA-operated facility in Huerfano County, Colorado were sentenced to two years in prison for the beating of an inmate. According to the January 14 edition of “The Denver Rocky Mountain News,” the inmate, Daniel Murphy, was beaten twice in a single day and, both times, was chained and shackled at the ankles and wrists.

Isolated incident? In December, when you were grabbing a coffee on your way to your last classes before final exams, CCA fired two key employees, from a Torrance County, New Mexico facility. Don Donely, the facility’s warden, and William Penneycuff, the facility’s Director of Security, were sent packing after they failed to quell a 32-inmate riot that took place three weeks earlier.


Students at colleges and universities across the country, upon hearing of Sodexho-Marriott’s relationship to CCA and the prison industry, have started petitions, initiated boycotts and demanded that Sodexho-Marriott be replaced with more local outfits. At Concordia University, after petitions began to circulate in October, Sodexho-Marriott jumped to its defense. In the words of Jon Kristensson, a Sodexho-Marriott spokesperson: “We’re not in the prison operation business. We don’t control the actions of our shareholders.”

While debate over the financial or political implications of MSU’s food services provider will surely rage on in the national arena, one thing’s for sure. The Red Hawk Express and the Rathskellar are about more than meal plans and cheese steaks, and MSU students should be more than a little concerned about where their tuition dollars go, to whom, and for what.

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Regardless of Belief: Personal Freedom Should Apply to All

The right to free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment of the Constitution is one of the most cherished rights this country has, held dear by everyone and used to voice every sentiment from the sublime to the ridiculous to the primeval. In my opinion, a person should have the right to present his or her view, be it right or wrong, without fear of retribution or being stifled simply for having a point of view that is disagreeable to some.  

MSU is above all other things, an institution of higher learning, dedicated to promoting intellectual thought and discourse. Where would we be if those with differing opinions were vilified rather than engaged, or shown hostility in place of hospitality and allowed to express any opinion we choose, be it right or wrong? I believe in an absolute moral viewpoint that we should take the tide of censorship to ebb. We should be encouraged, but if we stop him from having his say what will cause a person the right to present his or her views, even when I disagree with them, and believe in an absolute moral view should not be silenced and closed-minded.

As a Christian, I have been accused of such behavior because I disagree with the majority on certain "hot button" topics and believe in an absolute moral system. I do not claim to be the most enlightened individual, but I have encouraged open-minded discussion and have never resorted to the tactic of attacking a person the right to present his or her views, even when I disagree with them. Likewise, I will not deny that there have been times in the past when I have lost my temper, but I regret the things I have done and have done the best I could to make restitution to those individuals I have harmed. Those who disagree with me are hardly innocent of similar crimes though, and I have personally felt the wrath of more than one individual. This is simply a risk that is taken when free and open debate takes place and we should not allow fear of such instances permanently and the flow of conversations. 

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66 WHERE WOULD WE BE IF THOSE WITH DIFFERING OPINIONS WERE VIOLATED RATHER THAN ENGAGED, OR SHOWN HOSTILITY IN PLACE OF HOSPITALITY...
Soy: It’s What’s for Dinner

Eating meat can be both physically unhealthy and completely immoral.

The following year, Ashcroft acquired a law degree from Bob Jones University in South Carolina, which at the time, had a ban on inter-racial dating by students on its campus.

Finally, Ashcroft verbally attacked Missouri Supreme Court Justice Robert Bodley, an African American, appointed by Bill Clinton, while he was making a thanking short-hand lived speech at the White House. Ashcroft slanderously accused White of being “pro-criminal” and soft on capital punishment simply because he had voted to stay the executions of 41 of the 59 cases that came before him while a Justice.

The Montdarion, a vegetarian, loved McDonalds, and one of my favorite dishes was chicken fingers with a side of fries. So why would I even want to become a vegetarian? I never stopped to think about why I shouldn’t eat meat. It was there. It tasted good, so I ate it. The fact is I never stopped to question why I should eat meat, and if I decided not to what I should eat instead. Eating meat is a choice, and I think that everyone is entitled to make that choice. Now that I am a vegetarian, I don’t think people that eat meat are moral degenerates of some kind. However, I would like to make people more aware of how animals are treated in the meat industry, and why eating meat is a healthier lifestyle choice.

The meat industry is made up of factories, and the raw materials are animals. Cows, pigs, chickens and other animals used for food do not live on a farm with green pastures, living an idyllic life until they are processed into meat. The industry wants to produce as much as possible. Most of these animals are fed exorbitant amounts of food and kept in confined areas so that they are plumper and juicier for the consumer. Meat may be tastier due to humane treatment, but it’s unhealthy. Up to 60 percent of chickens sold at the supermarket are infected with live salmonella bacteria. Approximately 30 percent of all pork products are contaminated with toxoplasmosis. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the American Dietetic Association have endorsed vegetarian diets. Studies also show that vegetarians have stronger immune systems than meat eaters, and that meat eaters are almost twice as likely to die of heart disease, 60 percent more likely to die of cancer, and 30 percent more likely to die of other diseases.

We are conditioned to believe that eating meat is healthy, but the evidence concludes the contrary. Also note that many meat products are called by various names besides the animals they are made from. For example, some of the products made from pigs are called pork, ham, and bacon just to name a few. Cow products are called beef, hamburgers, steak or veal. Re-naming is part of this conditioning. Also, most meat products do not resemble the animals they once were. We separate a cow from a hamburger because they simply do not look the same. I remember when I was younger wondering how anyone could eat tongue. It looked like a real tongue, so of course I thought it was gross. I realize people know that meat comes from animals, but I don’t think they associate it directly because of the way meat products are advertised.

There are plenty of alternatives to meat. Products made of soy are very good, and many of them taste like real meat. Sometimes I can’t believe that I’m not eating animal products. These products are lower in fat, and healthier than meat. I was not even aware that meat substitutes like chicken patties (made by morning star farms) are available at nearly every supermarket. I remember that once while contemplating a transition to vegetarianism I was eating a salad with grilled chicken.

How can I give this up? I wondered. But now that I have I never feel deprived. I feel better now because I’m healthier, but also because I’m not eating something that was once alive.
What should we remember on Martin Luther King Jr. Day? In his "I Have a Dream" speech Dr. King said: "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

This statement, made before King became an advocate of "black power," means that in judging other men, skin color should be ignored — that it should not be a factor in evaluating their competence or moral stature. It follows that skin color should not be a factor in taking actions toward other people, e.g. hiring and admitting to universities.

What has happened in the years following King’s murder is the opposite of the "I Have a Dream" quote above. Colorblindness now has been replaced with color preference in the form of affirmative action. No amount of rationalizing can disguise the fact that affirmative action involves implicit or explicit racial quotas, i.e. racism.

Consider the realm of work as a case in point: jobs are taken away from one group in order to compensate the victims of discrimination in hiring, yet favored redheads have not been excluded. (2) The newly favored redheads are now excluded from jobs due to the redheaded preference. (3) The non-redheads who are now excluded from jobs due to the redheaded preference did not cause the previous discrimination and are now unfairly made victims of it. The proper solution, of course, is simply to stop discriminating based on irrelevant factors. Although red headed bias is not a social problem, the principle remains the same when you replace hair color with skin color.

The traditional solution to the problem of racism is colorblindness or, from the other side of that coin, individual awareness. For example, in the job sphere there are only three essential things an employer needs to know about an individual applicant: (1) Does the person have the relevant ability and knowledge (or the capacity to learn readily)? (2) Is the person willing to exert the needed effort? and (3) Does the person have character, e.g. honesty, integrity? The rational alternative to racial diversity is to focus on the collective, to focus on the individual and to treat each individual according to his own merits. This principle should apply in every sphere of life -- from business, to education, to law enforcement, to politics. Americans have always abhorred the concept of royalty, that is, granting status and privilege (and, conversely, inferiority and debasement) based on one's hereditary caste, because it contradicts the principle that what counts is not the self-made characteristics possessed by each individual. Americans should abhor racism, in any form, for the same reason.

On Martin Luther King Day — and every day — we should focus on the proper antidote to racism and the proper alternative to racial thinking: individualism. We need to teach our children and all our citizens to look beyond the superficialities of skin color and to judge people on what really matters, namely, "the content of their character."

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When the fall semester ended, many of MSU's students were happy to get out of their miserable school careers, and return to their parent's houses to wallow in self pity as they awaited their low GPA's. Others went home to enjoy their break. During the winter break, they forgot about the long nights of studying for finals, and the countless hours spent in computer labs trying to get their papers to print for the 3rd time. Or the endless frustration of Tuesday papers to print for the 3rd time. Or the crazy threesome you had with two good-looking girls, or the time you streaked a football game. No worries, everyone does it from time to make up for all the time they could have done something cool instead of sitting around talking on AIM and downloading "80's hits, like Cory Hart's "Sunglasses At Night."

However, we’re back to our real life now, back into the dorms, back into commuting to school and spending three hours a day to find a parking spot that isn’t next to the baseball stadium. It’s back to classrooms and the library, learning the basic subjects of reading, writing and arithmetic. However, after the break, many students find it difficult to get themselves back into the school. Perhaps, because all the fun they spent over the break is boiling over, or, because they worked so hard last semester and came away with a grade that is smaller then the turnout to a MSU Women's Basketball game. We here at the HumorTM self-help department have designed a few tips to help you get through your second semester without really screwing up your life, at least not too much.

1. Learn to accept the 15-plus lbs. you gained your first semester. They can only make you a better person. It's just much easier to keep up with the target at an archery contest.

2. Go to class. After you missed one class last semester, you continued to miss class like a blind man missing the target at an archery contest.

3. Wrap yourself in a blanket and dance to some 80's hits, like Cory Hart's "Sunglasses At Night."

4. Suck up on alcohol. If you live under 7 feet of snow. In case you didn’t notice, the campus is covered with some white stuff, lots of blue moon, these days do come, but the ones that some demented angel will bless only comes out when it is cold. Real cold. As in so cold that you could die, so be sure to bundle up in case you think about going down to Lot 28 to visit your car that is buried under 7 feet of snow.

5. Dealing with all that college drinking is very, very bad. Also, we should like to note that drinking in the dorms is illegal. But, then again, so is having stolen items. Speaking of stolen items, you don’t really think the school paid for the shopping carts you use to put stuff in your rooms. Everyone knows the truth that Melinda O’Brien stole them from outside Path Mark.

6. Don’t do any work. Can you think of anyone that actually did well after they graduated from MSU? The team of monkeys that we have been fine and dandy in the fall, however, in the cold breezy days of January you could get cold feet. Also, that white stuff everywhere only comes out when it is cold. Real cold. In so cold that you could die, so be sure to bundle up in case you think about going down to Lot 28 to visit your car that is buried under 7 feet of snow.

7. Stock up on alcohol. If you live in the dorms, you know that every night you cross your fingers, wear your underwear inside-out and dance the hula backwards in hopes that some demented angel will bless you with a snow storm. Once in a blue moon, these days do come, and when it does the dorms become Bourbon Street. Don’t get caught unprepared on this day, or you could find yourself watching soap operas, again. (We here at HumorTM would like to note that drinking is very, very bad. Also, we should like to note that drinking in the dorms is illegal. But, then again, so is having stolen items. Speaking of stolen items, you don’t really think the school paid for the shopping carts you use to put stuff in your rooms. Everyone knows the truth that Melinda O’Brien stole them from outside Path Mark.)

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Latham's Hat Trick leads Red Hawks to 20th Win
Line of Latham, Trot and Dybus Net Six Goals Despite Penalty-Filled Game

By Mike Halper
Staff Writer

After four weeks of rest and recuperation for the Red Hawks hockey club, the team returned to action in an unfavorable situation. Before the game even started, forwards John Baumgartner, Brent Sopko, and Kevin Micek, ACHA-2's national scoring leader, were out of the lineup. This left one intact line for the game – Captains James Latham and wingers Ryan Trot and Tim Dybus.

It turned out to be enough, as Latham and Trot each netted a pair of the team's first five goals en route to a 10-4 victory over Hofstra University on Sunday night. Dybus and Latham each added a goal in the third period when the Red Hawks (20-3-2) dominated the scoreboard, if not the ice, outscoring Hofstra, 5-1.

"The key is they were consistent," said Head Coach Matthew Maniscalco about the line. "There's a camaraderie on that line. They know each other's going to be," though the Red Hawks' top-scoring line doesn't have the services of a Kevin Micek – an intimidating physical presence who has a knack for getting the puck on, and usually in, net – or a Dave Bodson – who can beat a team with perfect tape-to-tape passes or unerringly accurate shots – it is made up of three consistent players who just don't let up.

Latham, a Co-Captain of the team, along with Barone, has proven his mettle over and over again in the last two seasons. He quietly goes about his business on the ice, waiting for the perfect opportunity to strike. And when he makes his move, Dybus and Trot, both newcomers to the team, are right there for support. Trot has become another good scoring option for the team, and he's not afraid to get in close to put away rebounds when the need arises. He's bound to be close by, and he can be seen as often as not working the corners or foiling the opponent's attempts to carry the puck out of their zone. About his play Sunday night, Maniscalco said, "Overall as a team we came out sluggish, but I don't know what was in Dybus' pants… he was just flying."

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able to play for the Red Hawks in 2001. He had to first explore his professional opportunities for 2001 before he could make a commitment to coming back.

What many people may not realize is that Collins is not 20. He will be turning 25 next season and had to, as everyone in life has to at one time or another, put himself before his fellow Red Hawks. And it turned out that a return to the scarlet and white was in his best interest.

"If I want to pursue a career after college, it was more beneficial to come back to Montclair," said Collins.

But make no mistake about it, while Collins will have the opportunity to showcase his talents for one more season, he's coming back to his teammates at MSU to win.

"It will be fun. We'll have an honest chance at giving a run at the national title," said Collins whose looking to get the most out of his senior year. "I'll enjoy it. This at least guarantees me that I'll be able to play competitive football for another year."

It also guarantees a very happy group of receivers. "That's great," yelled Eric Magrini when learning of Collins' return. "I wish we could group of receivers. "That's great," said Collins whose looking to get the most out of his senior year. "I'll enjoy it. This at least guarantees me that I'll be able to play competitive football for another year."

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Collins finally made his decision to stay is a story in itself. However, Lucas was also quick to put Collins' return in perspective.

"I have all the respect in the world for Eddie, but we can't just put one guy on a pedestal and expect him to carry us," said Lucas. "One guy can't be the whole team."

While the reactions of Collins' teammates tell the story of what he means to the Red Hawks, his arrival at the decision to stay is a story in itself.

While working for the All-American Baseball Academy, Collins was working at a camp held at the bubble at Giants Stadium. This gave him an opportunity to talk with former teammate Eric's brother and many others including Mets' left-handed pitcher, Bobby Jones. After talking with them, Collins felt he should return.

He then spoke with his parents and after battling the decision for some time, Collins finally made up his mind. In response to his father asking what he was going to do, Collins said, "I'm going to go back."

"Then he nonchalantly called Giancola and the man called "Dad" by his teammates was back in the fold for one final season."

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more playing time hasn’t been the answer to pick up a win at home against an NJAC team. Batt can’t carry the team alone.

The victory at Ramapo was big, but it was followed with another home loss. This time the loss came against the NJAC’s best team, the College of New Jersey, in a 57-66 flip.

What it shows is that halfway through the season, the women find home court as nothing else but another court. In fact, their “home-court advantage” has yet to see the defeat of a NJAC team. Instead, the team has picked up their four wins on four different courts.

The Red Hawks always manage to come within a bucket of taking the lead after battling back from double-digit deficits. But they can never make the shot to take the lead.

Over the break, the team went 2-3, managing a couple of bright spots in that they did pick up a home win, even though it was against Hunter, a non-NJAC team. The victory over Hunter saw Batt continue her impressive play as she scored 16 points and added 13 boards.

Against TCNJ, Batt’s scored 12 points with nine rebounds. But TCNJ began the game with a 10-0 run and ended the half with a 14-7 run. The Red Hawks did manage to climb back into the contest after being down 42-24, coming within five.

But as they have done against Richard Stockton and Rowan and Rutgers-Camden, they continued against the TCNJ – never being able to take control of the game from beginning to end.

Playing on the road, the story is different as MSU takes charge of the games and fights off the home team keeping them in check and making baskets when needed. They won at Rutgers-Newark, WPU, Kean and Ramapo.

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This means that chances are MSU should end the season at 10-8, assuming MSU sweeps the Gothic Knights.

What will be needed for MSU to do better than 10-8?

Marlena Lawrence and Lakeshia Langston must continue their play. Lawrence has found her touch, scoring 20 points in back-to-back NJAC games. Langston has quieted down since her early start to the season, scoring only 11 and five points in the final two games.

Also needed will be freshman Nicole McVaugh who has not played a game since December 9.
end with a 75-64 victory that helped MSU even their NJAC record at 4-4 and an overall 9-5. The victory comes on the heel of a 99-92 triple overtime loss against another NJAC opponent, Ramapo. It was a loss that pointed to the out-of-game winning streak that included MSU winning the Billy Martucci Holiday Tournament.

And with the final ten games of the season against ten NJAC opponents, the 1-2 combo may still need another punch, or at least a reliable guy who can step up his game if the time comes.

Not that the two aren’t sufficient enough, in fact the game of Yearwood has surprised many as he leads the team in scoring (16.1 ppg). He has shot well from the arc and Boothe continues to produce, as always, on the scoreboard, glass, and the defensive end.

In the two NJAC games, Boothe scored 18 and then had a career-high 29 points in the win against TCNJ, 24 of those points coming in the first half. Yearwood scored 17 in each game.

The duo came up big-time over the break.

Yearwood had a breakout run scoring 23, 25, and 24 in three of the six games averaging 19.1 points during the stretch. In the Billy Martucci Holiday Tournament, Yearwood continued to light it up from the three-point arc including an 8-10 performance against Baruch, a game MSU won by 20 points.

Boothe would then take charge in the championship game scoring 17 points and grabbing 12 boards. But no shot was bigger than the final shot he took on the night to give the team the one-point edge with 11 seconds left in the game. Boothe was named tournament MVP as he led the team to a 61-60 win.

In the 75-59 victory over Staten Island, the 1-2 combo combined for 37 points and, in the loss to Ramapo, the duo combined for 35 points. But as awesome as MSU’s Dynamic Duo has been, the need for another capped-crusader maybe needed if the Red Hawks want to dream on for a NJAC title.

That other much-needed scorer may be James Bradley, the starting center that has come into his own this season scoring double digits in the last four games. Bradley has been a consistent force in the paint and a reliable high-percentage shooter.

Another player who could have a big impact down the stretch is Jason Bush. Bush led the team in scoring last season and has been somewhat what quieted this year behind the play of Boothe and Yearwood. This season Bush is averaging nine points per game and, should Bush regain his scoring touch from last year when he led the team, the Red Hawks will have another dependable player that can step up and make a needed shot.

And with a team that lacks size, shots come in quantity, not quantity.

But here lies the problem with this team: With Boothe and Yearwood, the duo outfitted in the Scarlet and White, being the go-to guys so far this season, another player joining the scoring ranks to add that extra "POW" may be something that the team doesn’t want, or something Boothe and Yearwood don’t want.

But if that is the situation, the team is more in need of help than another person to aid Boothe and Yearwood and the championship dreams.

Why?

Some players have trouble realizing they are part of a team. And each time certain players touch the ball they think they are Superman and can easily score.

In essence, this team doesn’t need another hero, but a good sidekick or two who could make those much-needed bank shots and rebounds, and to play excellent defense.

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**Hunter College Invitational**

1/16/01

1. MSU 173.50
2. Nassau Community 132.50
3. USMMA 103.00
4. WPU 99.00
5. Rhode Island 57.00
6. Middelford County 55.00
7. Hunter 53.00

**NWCA Top 30**

NCAA Division III Wrestling

(Ass of 1/18/01)

1. Augsburg College (MN)
2. University Of Wisconsin-La Crosse
3. MSU (NJ)
4. Westminster College (IA)
5. Augsburg College (MN)
6. Luther College (IA)
7. College of New Jersey
8. Ohio Northern University
9. Otterbein College (OH)
10. John Carroll (OH)
11. Upper Iowa U.
12. Mitchell College (NY)
13. Ohio Northern Univ.
14. University of Wisconsin-Oshawa
15. Pacific U. (OR)
16. Loras College (IA)
17. Davenport College (IA)
18. Kings College
19. Darrow College
20. Buena Vista Univ.

**New Jersey Athletic Conference Contests**

**WRESTLING**

Sat-Sun 20-21 @ National Duals (Penn State)
TBA
Wed. 24 @ TCNJ* 7:30 p.m.

**SWIMMING**

Sat. 20 @ WPU* 2 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**

Sat. 20 @ Rowan* 4 p.m.
Wed. 24 vs. WPU* 8 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**

Sat. 20 @ Rowan* 2 p.m.
Wed. 24 vs. WPU* 6 p.m.

**Junior Guard/Forward**

Hometown: Teaneck, NJ

Boothe earned MVP for the Billy Martucci Holiday Tournament, in which he hit the game-winning shot in the final game, and was named NJAC Player of the Week (1/18/01). Boothe had a career-high 39-point performance in the victory over TCNJ and averaged 16.6 points a game over the break.

**Rami Ratel**

Junior 149-Pound Division
Hometown: Bloomfield, NJ

Ratel is ranked No. 1 in the 149-pound division in Division III wrestling. At the Hunter College Invitational, Ratel earned the award of Outstanding Wrestler.

**Jasmine Batts**

Sophomore Forward
Hometown: Carteret, NJ

Batts continues to come off the bench in an impressive fashion recording 4 double-doubles in her last 4 games including 16 points-16 rebounds and 19 points-14 rebounds in the last two games.

**Marlena Lawrence**

Senior Center
Hometown: New City, NY

Lawrence has regained a scoring touch in the last 2 games as she scored 20 points in back-to-back games.
Collins Set to Return Under Center
Star QB Hopes Final Season Will Increase Chances of Playing Post-MSU

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