SGA Prepares for Early Elections

By Meg Hackett
Staff Writer

Members of the SGA and those wishing to run for the SGA are preparing for elections earlier than usual this year. While elections are normally held in May, this year's elections will be held in mid-March.

Voting will begin on Saturday March 24 and will end Thursday March 29.

Results will be declared on Wednesday at the regularly scheduled SGA meeting

According to SGA Vice President William Guardino, the SGA statute specifies the date and time during which the election rules are normally intended to come out.

Holding elections in March enables candidates to have ample time in which they can review SGA rules and regulations, speak to people whom are directly involved in the positions and to decide whether or not they are definite on running for the position.

A problem concerning holding the elections in May results in insufficient time for the proper training of the elected officer to meet the requirements of a position.

"That's one of the advantages of doing it like this [holding elections in mid-march]," said Guardino. "There is a transition period, especially since in the past there's a tendency for how we say, a lame duck".

O'Brien States ResLife Reorganization Better Serves Resident Students

By Justin Vellucci
Editor-In-Chief

Recent administrative reorganization in the Office of Residence Life is indicative of the department's commitment to resident students.

O'Brien states that these changes will prove beneficial to residence hall students and MSU's surrounding community.

O'Brien reveals that the Professors and the Dean of Student Activities, Dr. Melinda O'Brien, Director of Residence Life, has since begun working on programing with the Department of Student Activities, the Office of Residence Life, and several other campus organizations such as the Residence Hall Association (R.H.A) and C.H.E.E.R.S. and will be working on programing with the 65 members of Residence Life's student staff.

Walston will also represent the Office of Residence Life in working on event programing with the Department of Student Activities, and is working out the details for the main item on the program's agenda: a shuttle bus that will run from inside the campus to the five different shopping districts in downtown Montclair.

Plans Forming For Shuttle Bus Service Into Town

By Inbal Kahanov
Interim News Editor

MSU is currently working on a program that will strengthen the ties between the University and the surrounding community.

"Students don't realize how much shopping there is in Montclair," said Pennington.

"Some merchants and community groups are really interested in helping those students without cars to get to them."

Further more, the implementation of such a shuttle bus will assist in solving the parking problems of both the University and town.

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66 YOU NEVER KNOW WHO IS GOING TO TURN IN A PETITION.

-William Guardino
SGA Vice President

GLUED TO THE SET: Residents gathered in Freeman Hall Lounge on Sunday, Jan. 28 to watch Super Bowl XXXIV. Refreshments which were provided to those who came to watch the game. The program was organized by R.A. Dan Pollak, and sponsored by the SGA and Residence Life.

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State prison inmate Robert Sogluizzo, seen stepping out, alleging that he acquired Hodgkin’s lymphoma, a form of cancer, from living near the company’s radioactive site. Eight months after his March 1999 diagnosis, Stepon agreed to pay $10 million in settlements to 570 residents of Maywood, Lodi, Rochelle Park. Sogluizzo never pursued a settlement because he was in prison at the time and was unaware of them.

According to Federal Aviation Administration statistics released Tuesday, Newark International Airport ceded its title as the nation’s worst airport for delays to LaGuardia Airport. While delays grew 1.6 percent to 37.132 of Newark’s 457,102 flights, those at LaGuardia in New York more than doubled. This is the only second time since 1991 that Newark did not declare the worst delayed airport in the nation. The other time was in 1993, when it ranked seventh.

On Jan. 18, NJ’s Division of Consumer Affairs filed a civil lawsuit against the International Driver’s License Association, a California business that sells “international driver’s licenses” over the Internet to motorists whose legal driver’s licenses have been suspended or revoked. The IDLA sold the fake international licenses for $500 was stolen.

On Tuesday, Internet retailer Amazon.com became the latest profile company to announce job cuts, saying it plans to lay off 3,300 workers and take a $150 million charge against earnings in the first half of the year.

By a 10-8 vote Tuesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee sent the controversial nomination of former Sen. John Ashcroft as U.S. Attorney General to the Senate for a final vote. All nine Republicans on the committee voted for Ashcroft, a former senator from Missouri; but only one Democrat, Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, voted in favor of the Republican senator has a lengthy legislative record as a former Missouri governor and as State Attorney General, which includes opposition to abortion, affirmative action and certain gun-control initiatives.

The Ravens brought Baltimore its first NFL Championship in 30 years when they Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV. Ray Lewis was declared MVP, one year after he was arrested on murder charges in the stabbing deaths of two men at a Super Bowl party in Atlanta. The Ravens became the third wild-card team to win the Super Bowl.
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"The township is very interested, especially considering their problematic parking issue," said Marchini. "There are a lot of local restaurants, galleries and theaters for students to go to and have trouble getting to, and vice versa. It's hard for people from around to come up here [to MSU campus] too because of the parking. It's just hard. If we can get a service that will run buses up here we can get bigger audiences for such things like art and theater events." Marchini and other members of the administration are currently working on the issue of the financing and running of the shuttle buses. Several options are being looked into, among them the possibility of a state grant. Also, the University is looking to NJ Transit, whom provides buses for commuters, to allow the University to use those buses for the shuttle service during off-hours.

"The University does not want to run a bus company, we're trying to see how we can operate it without it costing an arm and a leg," said Marchini. "Right now we're meeting with planners and other companies that might be able to provide us with the service."

According to Marchini, the shuttle buses would not run if the University did not have an arrangement worked out before this is confirmed. This service is part of Marchin's overall plan to create more activities for resident students, specifically those who stay on campus during the weekends.

Financial Services and Carissa Dunn, a state grant. Also, the University is attempting to inform students about the available shopping areas in downtown Montclair. This map of Montclair's shopping area is from the Montclair Downtown Alliance.

Leak Causes Music Building Evacuation

By Inbal Kahanov
Interim News Editor

On Monday Jan. 29, a heating coil in the maintenance room of the Music Building leaked on an electrical panel causing it to spark and setting off the fire alarm. The building was evacuated.

The alarm went off at 9:40 a.m., was fixed by maintenance and the building was closed until noon. No one was hurt and no equipment was damaged.

While the alarm went off during the break between classes, many students were still in the building at the time it went off. "I dropped music class, Music Operating Engineer, arrived at the building following the fire alarm and called the Fire Department to fix the system. The heating coil had corroded causing the leak," stated Marzulo. The Music Building was built in the 1960's originally as a grammar school, and was last renovated seven years ago.

"Old systems get clunky," said Gina Balestracci, Music Administrative Assistant.

"The architecture and engineering of the building isn't great and when it was renovated seven years ago, not everything could be fixed." Morning classes that were held in the building were cancelled. Several students, as well as one faculty member left for the day, assuming the building would not be reopened according to Balestracci.

Marzulo stated that this leak is a normal occurrence that may happen on occasion. "These leaks occur in mechanical rooms that handle the heating, cooling and ventilation," said Marzulo. "I'm sure all happens in a confined space where there's a lot of equipment. Things like this just happen."

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As of yet, those interested in SGA positions have not formally submitted their petitions. Petitions are due ion March 1. However, rumors are circulating now over possible candidates. Those rumored to be running for president are Jeannette Mammaro, current SGA secretary, and Ned T. Gross, student voting member of the B.O.T. For vice president the rumored candidates are current SGA legislators Chris Fitzpatrick and Matthew Avrach. For treasurer, Sharif Elhagin, current treasurer, and Derek Macchia, SGA legislator, are rumored to be running. "You never know who is going to turn in a petition," stated Guardino. "Things change, people change." Mammaro commented regarding her intended candidacy: "One thing that I really want to do is to start getting the sport teams really noticed and have more people attend games and events because there is such an apathy for it. I think, all the sport teams on this campus and so many of them are such excellent teams and have excellent players. That's something I really want to work towards achieving." Fitzpatrick has been an SGA legislator for two years. He is one of the founders of A.S.S.I.S.T. and is known to be very active among the school community.

"As always, there is a lot of leadership involved and there are things to be done with the students," stated Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick states that if elected he plans to "make meetings fun and increase student involvement by making the atmosphere of the SGA fun, instead of making it feel like a chore."

Fitzpatrick also added that, if elected for vice president, he intends to continue the current integration of revamping the campus food services and restructure classes in the SGA and other classes through the organization. Avrach has also been a legislator of the SGA for two years, where he serves as the Chair of Residence Life. He has been the treasurer and secretary of the Conservation Club and is a founding member of A.S.S.I.S.T.

"If elected Vice President, I want to help fix the computer labs that need to be updated and improved," said Avrach. "Also, I want to continue working on improving the food service on campus."

Elhagin, who has been an SGA treasurer for the past two years, is running for his third term. "I really like the position and it's something I would like to do as a career," said Elhagin.

When I leave, I want the person who is sitting there after me to know what to do, unlike in the past. I'm comfortable where I am and I can do a good job. I don't want to have to start learning the responsibilities for a whole new position."

Other rumored candidates were not available for comment.

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ResLife Community Development, Walston is serving temporarily as the Director of Blanton Hall until a permanent replacement for Matthew Kane is hired. While Walston occupies both positions in Residence Life, she is being assisted by other residence hall directors.

Jamele Adams has been appointed as the Assistant Director for Marketing and Retention and, in addition to working on various communication vehicles and marketing projects, has taken on an active role in student programming.

A dams, who, according to O’Brien, has interests and experiences in diversity awareness programs, worked with the New Student Experience and taught a field of Freshmen Experience in Fall 2000.

Phyllis Blanck, who holds a master’s degree in Student Personnel from Columbia University, has been appointed Assistant Director for Financial Services and Caissa Dunn, an MSU alum and former Blanton Hall Resident Assistant, has been appointed as the new Room Assignments Coordinator.

Appointed following the retirement of Mary Valenti, Dunn will work with students on room assignment and reassignment, as well as various roles relating to customer service.

"Residence Life’s reorganization has been implemented with the goal of continuing and enhancing our commitment to our residents," said O’Brien in a recent interview with "The Montclarion."

"Restructuring (in Residence Life) has allowed us to develop areas of specialty that are necessary in our implementation of the student growth and leadership programs that we are here to provide," said O’Brien. A significant part of that “student growth” is an increase in MSU’s student enrollment, specifically in the University’s resident population.

"It is reasonable to assume that the size of the University’s residence the program will increase by approximately 1500 students over the next years," said O’Brien.

"The efforts we are making now need to anticipate both change and growth," she said.
MSU Calls on Students to Choose its New Flag

By Inbal Kabanov
Interim News Editor

A recent decision by the administration has been made to institute an official MSU flag. The University does not currently have its own flag, and in upcoming months, students will be asked to choose between three designs for the look of the flag that will represent MSU.

According to Dr. Karen Pennington, Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life, voting means are being planned and will soon be set up. Students will be able to vote on their choice of design through the MSU website, or through voting boxes, which will be dispersed throughout campus. Three design options are being offered.

“…we're going to make it a big campaign, and hopefully get a lot of student involvement,” said Greg Brown, Director of Student Activities.

“We're going to put flyers up around campus, with color-prints of the three options for the flag around campus. Also, there's going to be information on voting and a poll should be set up on the [MSU] website soon. We want students to get the full picture so that they'll get involved.”

Pennington proposed the idea to institute an official flag earlier this semester.

“…I was looking at the flagpoles in the Quad one day when I realized we weren't flying a University flag,” said Pennington.

“Flags are important symbols. They're flown in our country on special events. They're a symbol of joy, honor and pride. Our University needs to display the same pride.”

Ten design options for the flag were created by Garry Rideout, Director of Publications and senior graphics design major, Melody Gbur. A committee narrowed the choices to the three options, which are offered now. Gbur created all three designs.

“I initially submitted options to Dr. Pennington, at which point she said she wanted something less traditional,” said Rideout. “That's when I asked Melody Gbur. She was able to incorporate ideas that were a little less traditional.”

The designs incorporate the University seal, the College Hall Bell Tower, and University slogan, “Carpe Diem.”

According to Pennington, an anticipated deadline for voting on the flag is Feb 26.

“This date is flexible. It all depends on how soon voting facilities will be set up and the response to it.”

According to Brown, no specific timetable has been established for the voting campaign.

“I was only approached with this recently, and so I am hoping to start setting things up this week,” said Brown.

Pennington and Brown, who ran the campaign for the MSU mascot, are expecting a good student response to this voting campaign as well.

“We got the word out and the student response we had for the mascot was more than we expected,” said Brown.

“This just shows that students are interested in getting involved, and I expect this will be the same with voting for the flags.”

Our nation recognizes February as African-American Heritage Month, a time for all of us to honor and celebrate the many contributions and social strides African-Americans have made in our country and abroad.

Montclair State University joins in this celebration. African-Americans and other people of African ancestry have served our university in many capacities, and are well represented in our student body. They have enriched our campus with excellent leadership, intellectual growth, artistic achievements, and cultural pride.

Montclair State acknowledges the many contributions that African-Americans have made in our society and reaffirms its commitment to equal opportunity and diversity by providing educational and employment opportunities to members of this group, as well as the larger population, and by supporting their many endeavors on campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan A. Cole, President of Montclair State University, hereby proclaim February 2001 as African-American Heritage Month at Montclair State University, and I encourage our entire campus community to join proudly in this celebration.

Susan A. Cole
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The Chinese New Year is a time to find success for families to find happiness and be of attention at times, and usually snake tend to be charismatic and popular. They want to be the center of the world from a different perspective.

Regardless of intended career, course of study or interests, learning about the world can be beneficial and eye-opening for any student. Once you’ve been convinced of the immense benefits of studying abroad, how do you know what the destination on your plane ticket should read? Well, there’s a wide variety of options to choose from because MU can place students in more than 50 countries around the world. Students who only speak English need not worry since many programs are available that do not require a student to be bilingual. The Global Education Center located on Normal Avenue houses dozens of catalogs and information packets about the many possibilities for spending a semester abroad. While at another university, students can take free electives, GER classes or explore classes in their major and/or minor field. The most important class, of course, is learning about the country itself. In other words, being a French major doesn’t necessarily mean you have to study in France.

One of the primary concerns students have about studying abroad is how to pay for a semester outside the United States. The truth is that any form of financial aid provided to students for study at MU can be used to spend for a semester studying abroad. Or, by doing a little research, you may be able to find scholarship money to help finance your trip. Another option is to study in a place where the cost of living is a little lower than at home.

If you want to study in London, for example, living in the suburbs as opposed to the city can shave money off your expenses. Staff members from International Studies can assist interested students in planning a budget and finding ways to finance a study abroad experience.

Most students who have above a 2.5 GPA and have been enrolled in MU or at least two consecutive semesters right before the semester or year abroad are eligible. Some programs, though, may require junior status in order to participate. If your dream has always been to visit Russia or watch a Shakespearean play in London, don’t be afraid to see how studying abroad can make it a reality.
By Theresa Concepcion
Staff Writer

The Latino community was outraged January 24 when NBC aired an episode of "Law & Order," which exploited the attacks this past June’s Puerto Rican Day Parade.

Not only were the attacks re-enacted on the show, but a murder which never occurred was added to the story as a result of the "animal behavior" of the Latino’s in the park that day. Throughout the entire episode of "Law & Order," the portrayal of Latinos was stereotypical and insulting.

The Latino characters were badgered and questioned with no lawyer present, and, with the exception of the Puerto Rican defense attorney, all were stereotypically portrayed as "ghetto" and uneducated.

As the investigation went under way for the murder of a rich, white woman, the police chief was disinterested in any potential white suspects and was quoted saying "find out if it was one of the punks at the parade..."

When addressing the prosecutor's office about who should take the blame for the murder, the character Don was quoted as saying "We had hoped to use this trial to punish one or more of these Puerto Ricans who went nuts in the park that day..."

In the end, suspicion was taken off the rich, Caucasian suspects who actually had a motive and the blame was placed on a mild-natured Brazilian who “looks like he could be Puerto Rican, I mean Brazil is still Latin America right?"

During the trial, against the defense's repeated objections, the tape of the attacks was shown to the jury to establish a stereotype of the attacks throughout the parade.

Some people who found trouble with the "Law & Order" show questioned that if the show wanted to portray violence at a parade, why not use the St. Patrick's Day Parade where, in '97, a fight broke out and a death actually resulted.

We are in the year of the new millennium; Latinos and Hispanics are the fastest growing minority in the United States and yet we are constantly stereotyped and portrayed as nothing more than dangerous, violent trouble makers. Isn't this the first or second time that NBC has aired a show insulting to the Latino community?

Surprisingly, this "Law & Order" episode aired not long after the Puerto Rican community was taken aback by an episode of "Will & Grace" in which the Puerto Rican maid was referred to as a "fagman."

Society is supposedly making strides towards a better future, and it's constantly drummed into our heads how far we've come as a people.

Yet, when such stereotypically negative portrayals are on national television, we have to question how far we've really come and what kind of racist minds control the television stations millions of us tune into.

All the law enforcement characters on "Law & Order" showed a false sense of objectivity when investigating the murder. Yet, what was extremely obvious was the political pressure everyone was under to make sure this person guilty of killing the rich, white woman was Latino.

"It's a statement that sounds remarkably familiar to the one made after the Puerto Rican Parade was negatively depicted and the Puerto Rican Flag was burned during an episode of Seinfeld two years ago..."
What It Means to Have a Learning Disability

By Ryan Paul
Special to The Montclarion

I am commonly asked what it means to be a student with a learning disability at MSU and how I manage the course load with pretty decent grades. Do I play the sympathy card and get by on the charity of others or do I work as hard as anyone else?

It is commonly known that students with learning disabilities are asked to cope and maneuver through the difficulties of school and life ignoring the fact that they have a disability. Since our disabilities are invisible we do not get the assistance we require and people frequently doubt the validity of our needs.

This is the way it works for us. On the first day of class, we go to Linda Smith’s office to pick up our ALERT forms for our professors. These forms instruct professors regarding what accommodations are needed by the student.

Most professors look upon this as an absolute inconvenience and wish for the ALERT form and frequently the student to just disappear. I feel that professors would prefer to come to class, give lectures, have tests that grade themselves and do nothing to class. Giving professors the luxury of getting lazy.

Hard work and determination are some things the student with a learning disability is well accustomed to and the extra time we receive simply levels the playing field.

It does not give us any advantage. Papers take us so long to do, so they are often handed in late. This is permissible due to my disability, but this means nothing to the impatient professor who is trying to get his grades in and teach us the valuable lesson that deadlines are not flexible in the real world.

Why does a professor need to have an understanding ear? It’s because of something called the Americans with Disabilities Act. In the real world we are preparing for must accommodate us.

What happens if we protest? What if we scream at the top of our voices that we are being treated unfairly? Will we offend the powers that be? If we do so, our grades will suffer, so instead we simply make sure to bring our appeals to class.

Students with disabilities want to be in included in all aspects of college life. Although we sometimes need to segregate ourselves into private rooms to study, take tests, etc., we want to be part of the mainstream in other aspects of college life.

MSU helps us because the law says it must. If MSU cares about how students with disabilities are treated they would hold seminars to teach the teachers what it’s like to learn differently.

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Keeping a College Budget 101

When Students Spend More than They Have in Their Bank Accounts

By Shanelle Willis
Assistant Feature Editor

A college student, we all know how difficult it is to manage money. We are constantly faced with financial opportunities that end up controlling our lives, no matter how much we try to fight it. The “pushy” credit card people, who frequently invade our campuses bribing students with free gifts, often make their product seem like the best thing that we ever came across.

Since it is usually the case that we believe it to be, we often cave in and apply for this plastic nightmare we call a credit card.

The idea of having the power to buy whatever we want without having to pay for it at the time it’s bought, is thought to be the best concept ever.

Well, in reality this concept is the biggest way to lead us to a budget that we, as students, can hardly control. Care to know, I have spent more than we can actually afford and have ended up with a debt that we can’t get rid of.

Controlling your budget is a process that must be continuously worked on and not taken lightly. Unfortunately, a strategy was developed in order to help reduce the debt that you have accumulated through your credit card purchases. This strategy is called the “Debt Reduction Pyramid,” and it involves four easy steps to making your lives debt free.

1. First you should write down all your credit balances, in the order from which they are most outstanding.

2. Next try to get rid of the lowest balance that you have accumulated. Besides paying the minimum monthly payment, you should pay as much as possible over and above the minimum payment.

3. Once you pay off your lowest card, you should concentrate on your next card. Try adding the minimum payment of the first card to the minimum payment of the second card. The idea is to try writing checks or using debit cards. This could completely eliminate your credit debt.

4. The previous steps were ways for you to make your debt become less troublesome. In reality, the best way for this to happen is for you to stop using your cards all together. Instead, try writing checks or using debit cards. This could completely eliminate your credit debt.

Unfortunately, college students are the prime targets for these credit cards because we are enticed by the increased credit limits and pre-approvals. We shouldn’t be naive kids anymore; we should take control of our lives and our money.

Don’t let something as unnecessary as a plastic card lead us to a life of negative financial welfare. We are smarter than that, aren’t we?
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Benicio Del Toro Shines But Traffic Ultimately Sinks

By John Watson
Staff Writer

Traffic

Steven Soderbergh
20TH CENTURY FOX

Traffic is a film dripping with self-consciousness. Soderbergh engineered one of the most morally ambiguous and emotionally empty character studies since the dawn of the 21st century. Despite his talent for embedding small moments of tenderness in his scenes, Soderbergh has struggled to find a way to tell his flawed story, and hints at the film it could have been.

Soderbergh's latest opus is part melodrama, part documentary and it attempts to peal back the curtain on drugs (as culture, icon of consumerism, and socio-political paydirt) in American society.

Tired Narrative Weakens A Visually Stunning Film

By Justin Vellucci
Editor-In-Chief

Traffic

Steven Soderbergh
20TH CENTURY FOX

Soderbergh's latest tightrope walk between art-house and big budget Hollywood production is based on a television series. And, sad to say, it can't make it work. Though not for lack of trying. Soderbergh's attention to making the minor comical event seem like it was caught on film by a passer by. In a film dripping with self-consciousness, this simple scene shows the director and the actor at their most compelling.

It's moments like this that Traffic finds a very human and engaging way to tell its flawed story, and hints at the film it could have been.

Soderbergh's recent work has showcased his talent for embedding the screen with a naturalism that connects a viewer to his characters. The jump cuts and verite camera work have a seamless fluidity that would come off as abrupt in a lesser director's hands. His previous film, Erin Brockovich, didn't succeed because of its melodramatic speeches, but in the way Julia Roberts held her children.

But Soderbergh's Traffic, Benicio Del Toro's Tijuana police officer is engaging, him, this most captivating character in the film and big budget Hollywood filmmaking seems on the verge of becoming a revelation or a revelation twenty or thirty years ago. At the dawn of 2001, despite Soderbergh's attention to making Traffic feel as raw and documentary-based as possible, most of those revelations seem tired and somewhat obvious. On top of it all, when Traffic isn't exploring old and familiar ground, it reaches like an after-school special.
Super Bowl (Ads) 35
By Anna Lawrence
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Super Bowl is a marquee event that the National Football League has been running for years. This year, the advertising for the game was...
By Arnold Kim
Staff Writer

The information Superhighway has certainly grown from an obscure service available to only the most computer savvy, to a worldwide network available at the finger tips of anyone who owns a telephone line and a modern. It contains one of the most fruitful sources for just about anything. And along the way, it has become a prolific venue for anime and anime fandom. The popularity of anime reaches all corners of the Internet through chat rooms and e-mail lists. It can all be a little daunting to navigate, but if you find the right resources, finding a type of website on the Internet can become as fun as watching it.

Have your computer, modem and ISP. So where do you start? Sure, you could go to Yahoo or another search engine and simply type in “anime,” which most people begin with. But a start like that is unfocused; you’re led to thousands of pages that may or may not have the exact information you’re looking for, and even if they have what you’re looking for it’s quite a chore sifting through the duds in order to get there. If, say, you’re looking for information on anime in general, you don’t want to go through dozens of Sailor Moon or Pokemon pages in order to find what you need. The Internet is an intricate web; you don’t want to get caught up in it.

So to avoid further entanglements, you should start out with the first page that any anime fan should have bookmarked in their web browser -- the Anime Web Turnpike, or Anipike for short (www.anipike.com). Here, and every anime resource on the net worth its salt is available, and all you have to do is click on the links to get there. You can think of it as sort of an online phone book for anime on the Internet. It’s got links to everything -- general anime info pages, series or character specific sites, online retailers, U.S. and Japanese distribution companies, fanfiction (fan-written anime-based stories), movie and music download pages, and even a column for guests to advise their own favorite websites. And it’s all here in a very focused and organized fashion. It’s the type of website you’re looking for, you can find the category right there on the easy-to-read homepage. This is much easier than perusing the unpleased links in a Google search, which will probably point you to the Anipike in the long run anyway.

But even still, the experience can be a little daunting. After all, there are thousands of web pages and other resources at the Anipike, and while you’ll know what they’re about, you won’t know if they’re any good. So in light of this, there are a few other pages and sources you should definitely check out. For instance, if you want anime news and the latest info on what’s happening in the industry, you should definitely stop by either the Anime News Network (www.animenewsnetwork.com) or the Anime News Service (www.animenewservcie.com). In the latter, updates are just about daily, and the main going-on in anime is immediately reported. In the former, updates are by no means frequent, but the site is bolstered by its solid editorialists and occasional columns ranging from reviews to interviews with anime creators themselves are noteworthy as well. A personal favorite of mine, and many other fans is the “Hilarious Bootleg Toy of the Month” column, which various unlicensed, cheaply made, poorly packaged, and yet amusing anime-based toys are looked at. You haven’t seen cheap until you’ve seen the likes of “Sailor Mary” with the bald split, or the non-transformable, non-fighter, “Transformable Fighter.” As different as they can be, all three anime websites here can offer quite a bit to the online fan.

Of course, not all prolific Internet resources are necessarily on the World Wide Web. For instance, there are various file sharing servers where fans can download anime movie clips, music, and images off one another in an interconnected network. One of the most notorious of these is Napster, which has been subject to quite a bit of media scrutiny in recent months. There you can download MP3 files of your favorite anime music from the computer of another fan. Just about any music ever recorded can be found there. However, as convenient as it is, keep in mind that it is most certainly illegal; ultimately whether or not you want to take the shot at this program is your own call.

And finally, there is the branch of the Internet known as Usenet, in particular the newsgroup rec.arts.anime.misc, which can be accessed through almost any e-mail program. Here, fans gather to talk about and share their ideas on their favorite anime, get recommendations, and learn about the latest news through the process of friendly, message-posted conversation. You can occasionally read the occasional acid-longued arguments notwithstanding. So if you ever feel the need to get in touch with other online fans, this is probably one of the better places to visit. The Internet is a vast maze of information, and it’s easy to get lost among the dead ends and random websites. But if you start off on the right foot and with a sense of direction, navigating through the web of online anime resources should be a snap.
Finding Forrester

By Andrew Ruiz
Staff Writer

Finding Forrester
Gus Van Sant
COLUMBIA PICTURES

Finding Forrester is an amazing story, coupled with a director who has finally really found his talents.

The film follows the story of Jamal Wallace, brought to the screen by newcomer Robert Brown. Jamal is a very intelligent young man growing up in the Bronx, but hides his abilities for fear of being ostracized from his peers. He writes constantly, but keeps it to himself, hiding it away in his backpack. The story comes together when Jamal breaks into an old man’s apartment one day, only to find an old friend, the retired man, Forester, portrayed by Connery, finds Jamal, and chases him out. In his haste, Jamal leaves behind the sketchbook, with his precious notebooks. Forester finds the work, and begins to critique it, inspiring Jamal to develop the story, and the viewer to guide the young writer.

Connery’s performance is flawless. He plays Forester’s paranoid personality completely believable. Connery is completely believable in this aspect. On a climactic scene, he suffers a panic attack while surrounded by people, this being his first foray from the apartment in years. Connery plays this scene wonderfully, and the viewer is moved nearly to tears.

Van Sant has made an incredible film. He has taken his already strong film, and the characters may be analogous to the earlier film, Forrester’s complications are richly detailed, and the film is wonderfully constructed. There are a few breaks to develop a backstory for each. Finding Forrester may be a bit too late for this year’s nominations, but it wouldn’t be surprising if both Connery and Van Sant pick up an Oscar for their work next year. One only hopes that this film doesn’t get lost in the shuffle this time of year, and suffer the same ignoble fate of last year’s hidden masterpiece, Curtiss Hanson’s Wonder Boys.

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Tonic: 107 Norfolk St. New York, NY (212) 356-7503

Finding Forrester

Hey, are you in a band? Or perhaps you work at a cool place that is having a special event coming up soon off campus. Or maybe you own a cool place that is having a special event coming up soon. Either way, we’d love to hear about it, if both Forrester’s beloved film, and the viewer’s ability are fully formed.

Send all information to the following e-mail address:
tigerilymsu@hotmail.com

Forrester

Theater Openings

My Children! My Africa! Luna Stage. Montclair, NJ. Running from Thursday Feb. 1, 2001 until Sunday-Feb. 25. Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.
I t is now official. The Game HHH will face Stone Cold Steve Austin February 25 at "No Way Out." Both participants signed a contract this past Monday night on "Raw," but it wasn't a pretty site as HHH proved again that he is "THE MAN-GOOD."

The contract stated that there would be no physical aggression until, yes, February 25 unless said so by the WWF. It states that regardless of who starts an altercation, there will be a harsh penalty to pay. Yet, HHH signed to receive an automatic six-month suspension and Austin could lose the opportunity for the WWF Championship at Wrestlemania, which included intercontinental champion Chris Jericho, Chris Benoit, The Big Show and The Rock. The winner could face Kurt Angle for the WWF championship on tonight's "Xtreme Smackdown." The match started off with Jericho and Benoit going at it. The Rock and Big Show finally enter the ring and the match seems to go on forever as each wrestler, wanting to be No. 1 contender for the WWF championship tonight, continue to break pins. It came down to The Rock as he hit the Rock Bottom on Jericho and wins the shot at Angle. Although it isn't likely that Rocky will win the title because of bad blood between him and The Big Show, who will most likely intercede, the match will be and interesting one to watch.

Tag Team Champions Dudley Boyz put their titles up for grabs against Kaientai. The match was original against Christian and Edge, but Edge said he couldn't fight because he had food poisoning. Both Christians led off with Ross and Lawler. The Dudleys dominated the match when suddenly Christian began distracting the ref as Edge speared D'Von. That still wasn't enough for Kaientai to defeat the Dudleys as they hit the 3-D on Funaki to get the pin.

The Undertaker also defeated Haku this past Monday night. Haku and Rikishi have formed an alliance, as have The Undertaker and Kane. Taker was irate after Haku used a chair across his face after the match was over as he was beating on Rikishi. Both the Taker and Kane are tired of the "Island Boys" and challenged them to a first blood match on "Xtreme Smackdown" tonight. This is definitely going to be another outrageous match-up!

As the WWF gears toward the opening day of the XFL, they are going to be sure to pull out all the stops tonight! Be ready for some ACTION! Who will Austin do to HHH? Will Christian and Edge punk out again or will they actually go at it with the Dudley Boys? Will we see a confrontation with The Rock and Kurt Angle? Make sure you watch "Xtreme Smackdown" tonight!

In other related news, The Road Dogg has officially been released from his World Wrestling Federation contract. The former member of the original D-Generation X crew has been battling a drug addiction for months now. On several occasions, the WWF had suspended the Road Dogg for his drug problems and lack of rehabilitation.


Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon is not merely another kung fu flick; rather, the struggles and plights of the people in the story are manifested in such a way that one no longer sees the actors, but rather the struggles and plights of the people in the story. Although the scenes shift very randomly at times, it just adds to the complexity and intricate nature of the film. While the camera lingers on thin bamboo branches, there is, randomly at times, it just adds to the suspense and excitement.

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By Jerome D'Angelo
Opinion Editor

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he story, Li Mu Bai (played by Chow Yun Fat) is a well respected warrior. He returns to his village in ancient China looking to escape the violence and combat that he was accustomed to as a warrior. He builds a house, a sword, and a gift. Although the scenes shift very randomly at times, it just adds to the complex and intricate nature of the film. While the camera lingers on thin bamboo branches, there is, randomly at times, it just adds to the suspense and excitement.

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By Jim Topoleski
Staff Writer

Cyberlife
Top 10 of the Week

1. Carolina - Process of Self Development
2. Satisfaction is the Death of Desire
3. Deep Sleep
4. The Dilbert Escape Plan - Calculating Spiffity
5. The Hope Conspiracy - Cold Blue
6. God Forlorn - Project the Sickness
7. Still Out West - For Those Who Were Crucified
8. E-Town Concrete - Second Coming
9. Manitoba - LD. SO
10. Production - Release the Cube

DJ Wuss
Mon. and Tues. 1-12am

Welcome to the first installment of Cyberlife. Every week we'll be searching the web for the best in fun and entertainment. This week's site: Atom Films. Anyone who has watched TV enough has seen those weird commercials for Atom Films. But what exactly is Atom Films? Atom Films is a site dedicated to those films that would otherwise only been seen on campuses, or at friends' houses. Many of the filmmakers on the site are unknown, who had an idea, and for better or worse decided to make a film about it. These films are separated into multiple categories on the site. You have everything from animation and drama, to sci-fi and horror. Even foreign directors get into the act, with a section dedicated just to foreign films (many of the films being subtitled). Just about anything you could want to see (excluding porn) is here.

If you are looking for cinema masterpieces though, don't expect to find many. While some of the films are extremely good, much better than most of the stuff coming out of Hollywood these days, you are not going to find the next multi-million dollar blockbuster on this site. Moreover, if you don't like watching videos on the computer for long periods of time (they range from 10 minutes to an hour), you won't like this site either. But if you're looking to kill time, and maybe see something you wouldn't normally go out of your way to view, then surf over to Atom Films. You might be surprised at how good some of these films can be.

Before you go ahead and log on, here are some computer requirements that will help to make your viewing time more pleasurable:

- Cable, DSL, or better modem connection
- Netscape 4.5 or IE 4 or better
- QuickTime, Realplayer, and WinDows Media Player for viewing movies
- Macromedia's Shockwave Plug in to view website animations

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Zhang Ziyi and Chang Cheng provide stunning performances in Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.
The winds of change seldom blow as frequently as they should. In April of last year, The Montclarion reported that a record low number of students (fewer than 250 in all) had voted in the SGA Executive Board elections. The turnout was blamed on, among other things, the fact that only one candidate ran for each position up for election. This year, however, although a final list of candidates has yet to be announced, it appears as though each position will have at least two candidates in the running. Could MSU find itself welcoming a turn-around in student voting?

SGA President Michael Kazimir said last April that voter turnout among students is traditionally somewhat low in state universities. That may very well be the case, but one is still left to wonder why students seem so reluctant to vote. Of course the candidates running in these elections are not going to have as huge a national or regional impact as those who run for President, Governor, or Senator but they have the potential to make a major difference right here at MSU.

So, why would MSU students choose not to vote? According to students that The Montclarion talked to after the 2000 SGA elections were held, the reasons went far beyond just the excuse that there were five candidates and five positions. According to Elizabeth A. Berchtold, "There was no publicity that allowed the students to know who was running or what their background was." A student named Shannon Murrey agreed: "Unless you were involved in the SGA somehow, it was virtually impossible to know who the candidates were and when the elections were held."

But another student, Aaron Macky, told The Montclarion that the real problem plaguing the campus was simple: "It's apathy, pure apathy."

The SGA, recognizing these trends in voter turnout, has pushed a lot of solutions to the forefront. Earlier elections (in March instead of April or May), more publicity and open forums, a stress on important issues and the differences between candidates and campaigns.

The student body, however, has both a right and a responsibility to make their voices and concerns heard by voting. Will we hear SGA officials singing the same sad tune about voter turn-out come final exams yet again?

Some members of the MSU student body might just simply feel that they are powerless to do anything about the quality of this campus. They respond to issues with silence; they answer a call to arms by claiming that there's no reason to get involved.

The truth is that students do have the power to make a difference, to elect officials and representatives who will fight for their concerns and their causes. No one should ever have the impression that they are powerless to change their current situation and make it better.

That is why we must vote. If for no other reason than to have our voices heard.

The least that we can do, to really affect the world around us, is let our voices and opinions be heard. If you want to really find out how, try stopping by the SGA office, Student Center Annex Room 103, voting when the elections come around, and taking that important step toward making a real difference.
Taking the A Train? Try Growing Some Gills

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Yes, I check the spelling, grammar, and punctuation of the syllabus. I read the policies on attendance. I read the syllabus, not when I read the syllabus, when the professor is not excited. Well, by that time they will have come to the last class, and the students will be bored. The sad fact is, a busy life is not going to stop the fact that the students will be bored. The sad fact is, a busy life is not going to stop the students from two courses more than one. I have been known to go to class eight times a week, and I have been known to go to class twice a week. The workload can be too much, but subway cars are another.

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Opinion

Gaining a Sense of Independence
Women Coming of Age in the 21st Century

Almost a decade ago, America found itself laughing over the modern day portrayal of a 1950s family in suburbia on the short-lived television show "The Brady Bunch." "I love you, I love you, I’m home." Perhaps the laughter was a way of shrugging off the sexist reality that still lives within the hearts and minds of many women. Or maybe it remains a huge wake-up call to a society that still defines women as the "other." Whatever the reason, a lot has changed and gradually found themselves following the footsteps of men into the "real world." With the dawn of each decade a new voice was heard and another step was taken; women began to stride through the front doors of independence and equality in a man’s world.

Just because we are women doesn’t mean we have to settle down with the so-called man's world. To settle down with the so-called man's world.

Montclair Mailbag

OIT Speaks Out

Dear Editor:

The Montclarion and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) have enjoyed a free and open exchange of information for the past several years. OIT has been mutually beneficial in that the Montclarion, as the student voice, has been a forum for students to articulate their technological concerns and preferences to OIT. In tum, OIT has been able to respond in a timely and efficient manner to the complaints of the student community in a timely and efficient manner. This past semester, the investigation of the unfortunate e-mail incident involving President Cole's identity reached a new level. Then OIT personnel forego discussion of details with Montclair reporters until the investigation was concluded. This uncharacteristic reticence was necessary to protect the integrity of the process.

From my reading of the cover story and the editorial comments in the opinion section, it appears that OIT has worked very hard to protect the integrity of the system and that any incident that might occur is beyond the scope of the Montclarion reporters. However, the system is not as secure as I would have thought. The University's computer systems have been the target of a number of successful attacks. And it isn't rare to find a working woman at the bottom of the bowl.

Edward V. Chapel
Associate VP for Info Technology

King Article Unsound

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to the editorial "Women, Locks, and Montclair" that appeared in the January 25th edition of the Montclarion. In it the author made a ridiculous assertion that Martin Luther King Jr. would have been still alive, been against affirmative action based on part of his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. This notion is not only false but indicates that the memory of a true American hero. If one looks at what King was saying just before his death, he could see that he was adopting a more radical direction. He was moving decidedly to the left and his speeches started to take on a more Socialist overtone. Before he was assassinated in Memphis, he was planning The Poor Peoples March on Washington, which was intended to demand a redistribution of the nation's wealth. Dr. King realized that class was also a major issue in American society.

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An Open Letter to Britney Spears

A MSU Student Confesses His Undying Love for the World's Biggest Pop Star and His Future Wife

Hello Britney,

As an avid reader of this paper and particularly this section, I am sure you will see this. I hope you will read thoughtfully and completely and fully understand everything I'm trying to say. Please don't be concerned that this is appearing in the Humour section. My intentions in addressing you are completely serious and honest.

Perhaps you're wondering why I am writing this. I think it's pretty obvious. I love you, Britney. I'm not just talking about your CD's or posters or officially licensed hot pants (reasonably priced at $29.95). I really and truly love you. Maybe that sounds a little odd coming from someone you've never seen or talked to, but it's true.

Believe it or not, we have a lot in common. I also was born and raised in the South. (South Jersey, that is). Just like you there was much talk and speculation that I had had plastic surgery. I won't go into too much detail; I'll just say that my pants not fitting as well as they did was due to a sudden growth spurt and that's all. Like you I have been ridiculed for wearing provocative clothing. But my feeling is if you've got a great body and you're proud of it, why not show it off? However, unlike you, many people insist that I don't have a great body and should not be proud of it in any way. I think they're just jealous.

Even though I'm not a member of a boy band (although I did try out for the new Menudo), I think we would be really good together. And we don't have to get married right away. I think we should really take the time to get to know each other. Please don't think I only want to be with you because of your money. That couldn't be further from the truth. I make a very comfortable living working at Starbucks. I was just promoted to head latte maker and that comes with a ten-percent discount on all cookies. Just so you know, as my wife, you'd be entitled to that discount as well.

As a devoted reader of the paper I'm sure you've seen other pieces I have written that may have disturbed you. The ones I am talking about are "An Open Letter to Mandy Moore" and "An Open Letter to Christina Aguilera." I have to say that those letters were completely insincere. They were all a ruse. Those letters were merely intended to make you jealous. I hope your feelings weren't hurt.

This world is a crazy place, Britney. There's really not too much we can be sure of. Perhaps the only certainty is love. And as everyone knows, the most special kind of love is the love that can only exist between an honest, hard working man and a world famous, multimillionaire pop singer.

Please think it over. I'll anxiously be awaiting your answer.

Tim Josephs

Next Week: An Open Letter to that Chick from No Doubt
Are you spending the week in your room, watching "Jenny Jones" and doing nothing? You could be slaving away here at the paper!

Do you find yourself mildly amusing, perhaps even funny? Then you could be Humour™'s next writer. We here at The Montclarion are searching for people to write for the paper's greatest section.* You don't even have to have talent, we certainly don't have aside from our witty comebacks and the ability to hold our breath for 70 seconds. We're looking for all sorts of material: stories, comics, fake ad's, naked pics of your older sister, and good idea's.

So If You Are Interested (And You Better Be) Call 655-5241

*Alright, so maybe the Police Blotter and Classifieds are a little better than Humour, but we are much better than that Opinion page. Who the hell wants to hear about what other people think?

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) - Listening to too much Elton John music can be hazardous to your health. Try something a little more masculine, and yet feminine at the same time, like Ru Paul.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) - So you lost a little money being a Giants fan. Have no fear, if you want to make some money start betting on "Survivor." We here at Humour are betting on Roger, shouldn't you?

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) - Warning, singing too much country music can be hazardous to your health.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) - Beware of your fridge. The little man inside who turns the light off when you shut the door is very irate because of that awful smell in there. Buy an air freshener or you could be finding your cucumbers in the dark.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) - You must feel like a tough guy running into the woods and chasing the squirrels. Just wait until you chase that little raccoon that turns out to be a little bear, and we'll see who's laughing when Papa Bear tears you limb from limb.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) - Your perfect match this week is Leo. Why? Because we said so. The two of you will be unstoppable at the beer pong tables this week.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22) - Stay away from the microwave this week. The electromagnetic waves could erase your mind. But I wouldn't count on it.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) - Stop trying to act like you didn't get aroused by the N'Sync and Aerosmith team at the Superbowl. The secret's out, but why are you afraid? Be proud to love rock and pop music at the same time. However, I wouldn't go requesting "It's Gonna Be Me" at any biker bars just yet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22) - Take this week to sit back and analyze all that you have accomplished in your life. Then next week to actually do something you can be proud of.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) - You may think having pictures of you next to your desk is cool, but you're just trying to compensate for the lack of excitement in your love life...or anything else for that matter.

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Red Hawks Ice Quakers to Take M-ACHA Crown

Micek, Martinez Lead Team Past UPenn to Take League's Top Seed

By Mike Halper
Staff Writer

There he stood, as if frozen in time. After getting a pass and setting up the puck in perfect position in front of him, Kevin Micek had wound up for a big slapshot from the right circle. The blade of his stick pointed straight up at the ceiling, and his head was down; eyes fixed on the motionless black circle in front of him. His weight was shifted precisely onto his back leg, and he looked the part of serene statue amid a sea of motion.

A sudden blur of motion disrupted the scene. A split-second later, Micek’s stick was in the air again, this time to celebrate with his teammates. For the twentieth time this season, he had victimized the poor soul of a M-ACHA goalie. The puck had skidded across the ice, unhindered by any deflection, to nestle in the back of the net.

In just their second year in the league, and third in existence, the Red Hawk hockey club has already put up the best season ever in the three-year-old M-ACHA, setting records for most wins and best winning percentage. Since falling to Monmouth University’s Ice Hawks (6-7-0 M-ACHA) in the first round of the playoffs last year, the Red Hawks have come back with the league’s best offense (134 goals in 13 games; 10.31 per game), the league’s best defense (29 goals against; 2.23 per game), and the league’s best goaltender in Robbie Martinez (13-0-0; 2.35 save percentage).

Almost forgotten after the Red Hawks captured the M-ACHA crown was their victory over Marist on Friday night. After the two teams tied early in the season, 4-4, MSU traveled to Poughkeepsie, NY, and downed Marist, 8-1. Newcomer John Prewitt turned in a solid performance in net in his first game with the team. Tim Dybus scored the game-winner in the first period, Micek added a pair of goals, and Rossillo tallied a goal and two assists.

The Red Hawks will be wrapping up their M-ACHA schedule in the next week, with games at Temple on Friday and at William Paterson on Saturday, and at Floyd Hall Arena against William Paterson next Wednesday at 9:15 p.m. The Red Hawks’ last big non-league game will come against Central Connecticut State University, who are tied for second place in the ACHA-2 Northeast. MSU is still ranked fifth in the latest poll, released on Jan. 28. The M-ACHA playoffs will be played at the Flyers Skate Zone in Voorhees, N.J., beginning Friday, Feb. 16. The Red Hawks will be playing at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, and if they come out victorious, they’ll be in the Championship on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m.

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*On MSU's Schedule
season they have a game they must win. This is the one,” said Pleban before the Richard Stockton game. MSU went on to an 80-67 romp without Lawrence. Instead Schultz was “unconscious,” said Pleban, as Schultz scored 16 points on 5-9 shooting from the floor, including 4-5 from downtown. Schultz also hit both of her free throws and had four steals.

Also stepping up for the Red Hawks was Ellerbe, with 22 points off the bench including 9-12 from the line.

The victory over WPU last Wednesday saw the stat sheet mostly in favor of the Lady Pioneers, but MSU pulled out the 62-59 victory.

“You can create your own luck,” said Pleban.

The game saw Croley hit two big free throws then go to the other end of the court and block a shot in the closing seconds.

“You put yourself in the position to win,” said Pleban.

And they have won two big NJAC games after being handed a shelling by Rowan in a 28-point defeat a couple of Saturdays ago. “The early demise of Montclair basketball was greatly exaggerated,” laughed Pleban.

The streak brought MSU in reaching distance of the final playoff berth of the NJAC. And now their focus turns to Rutgers-Camden, a team that has surprised many people this year.

With the team riding the three-game high, Pleban is confident but also aware of the team’s weaknesses.

“We’re capable of playing a poorly shooting night. I’m worried about our consistency,” said Pleban as the team enters the final six games of the season. The race to the finish line comes with four huge games against Kean, Ramapo, Richard Stockton, and Rutgers-Camden, all teams that are also in the hunt for the four spots in the playoffs.

When the season began, Pleban thought that the team had it in them to earn one of those four spots. And although it took until this past Wednesday, a little more than two months into the season, for the Red Hawks to pick up their first home win against an NJAC team, the team has done their job on the away court.

They compiled a 4-2 record in games decided by less than five points. Of the six remaining opponents, MSU has gone 4-2 against those teams. In the six games remaining, MSU has four home games against the four teams they have already beaten – a big factor.

However, the bad part is that the only two away games are at Rutgers-Camden and TCNJ. The game against TCNJ, undefeated in the NJAC so far, is the final game of the season.

Should MSU swing with the norm and go 4-2 in the final stretch they would finish 11-7, which would give the team a good shot at making the playoffs.

The players are stepping up and it’s almost as if McVaugh’s loss has given the Red Hawks something to prove, some motivation. Or maybe it’s something to push them to that all-eternal fame of NJAC Champions.

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In practice, they go one-on-one with their teammates, and it's as if a dual meet is going on right then and there.

"It's one-on-one," said Strellner of what makes wrestling unique. "If I lose, it's me that lost, not the team. I can't blame the team for losing, I blame myself. It means I've got to work harder to get better until I don't lose."

While each wrestler takes the mat by himself, wrestling ends up a team sport because without the individual at a certain weight class, there can't be a team.

"Football has 11 guys working together, basketballs have five guys, and I have one guy working to get it done, there's 10 on the mat at 10 different times working by themselves," said Strellner.

This team started the season with three goals and has done well so far. "The first goal was to do well at the Metro National Duals, the second is to win the conference and get as many kids to the nationals as we can, and the ultimate goal is to win the national championship. We're working toward it," said Strellner. "The kids are psyched. They see where they belong and are working hard to get to that point. They know they can achieve it and they can see it's in their grasp and are working harder to get to it."

So far the Red Hawks have won three tournaments: the MSU, Kutztown, and Hunter Invitational. They finished second in the York tournament to TCNJ, but were missing two wrestlers, showing that injuries play a part in wrestling just as they do in every other sport.

The Red Hawks stand at 8-3 in dual matches and have only lost three times, to Iowa State, Nebraska-Omaha and TCNJ. Nebraska-Omaha is ranked number one in Division II and they only lose by one point, 21-22 to them and the Red Hawks were missing their starting heavyweight against TCNJ. They rebounded from the TCNJ loss by going 3-0 at the Metro-New England Duals, winning 25 of 30 bouts, and defeating Delaware Valley 24-13 this past Tuesday.

"We didn't wrestle our best [against TCNJ], but that happens and we move on," said Strellner who also pointed out that wrestling TCNJ so soon after the National Duals at Penn State was another reason for the loss. "We were so high the weekend before and it was only a couple of days later. We didn't wrestle our best."

"Football has 11 guys working harder to get to it." They can see it's in their grasp and are working harder to get to it. "If I lose, it's me that loses, not the team. I don't lose," said Ratel. "I was wrestling over aggressive. I was wrestling over aggressive, and when I was aggressive, I knocked his headgear off at least five times."

"I was wrestling over aggressive. When you wrestle over aggressive, you take the kid [his opponent] off his game and bring him to your game," said Ratel, who was yeling at his teammates throughout the evening to motivate them. "On the side I try to coach them because I know how they wrestle."

"There were a couple of matches we should have won but we didn't." One of those unexpected losses came from sopho-
Once a year, WPU busses into MSU with Horace Jenkins, a kid who many say has NBA potential. Behind them comes another bus of faithful followers. And behind them come other faithful followers by their own transportation. The grudge match between the Red Hawks and the Pioneers is set in motion. It’s an intense rivalry. It comes with the thundering footsteps of players pacing up and down the floor, then it ascends into the stands with over 1,200 energetic fans stomping up in the rafters. It’s heightened when a player scoops up the air for a slam dunk, sending his team’s fans into a religious fervor. It surges up into an uproar when the teams are going back and forth in frantic action, bringing the ball court and Panzer Gym to a dull roar. Panzer shakes with the screaming, holterting, vigorous fans surrounding the bleachers and cheering their team on.

And it may never happen again. The annual meeting of both teams brought some of the most intense action to MSU athletics. Sure there are the MSU/Rowan football game that draws a lot of fans from both sides. In fact, they draw about 3,000 spectators. And sure you have Homecoming.

But the energy packed inside the small confines of Panzer Gym to see the Red Hawks take on Horace Jenkins and the Pioneers is unlike any other. It may even be MSU’s most prominent sporting event.

A great environment for a competitor. It’s what it’s all about. That’s why WPU wanted to play in,” said men’s basketball Head Coach Fiore. Fiore has been around for the years which Jenkins and the Pioneers have owned the NJAC, and this year is different as the team is currently 10-2 in the NJAC and in the midst of a nine-game winning streak.

Last year’s meeting between the rivals saw MSU defeat WPU, 51-48, in a packed house much like the one last Wednesday.

There are those who say it’s more about the rivalry between the two teams. Others say it’s more about Jenkins and the team that ranks in the top 15 in the nation. Undoubtedly, Panzer may have seen the last of senior Jenkins this past Wednesday. And along with Jenkins maybe a packed Panzer Gym goes too.

Sure MSU will see a packed house once in a while, but will it be as electric as it was last Wednesday?

Will there be the thunder and electricity? Will the stomping be loud? Will the walls shake with intensity?

Whether a packed gym will be seen next year when the Pioneers visit? Will that just be a year to forget?

So there I was last Wednesday, standing and watching in awe as fans backed up their team. And I stood there realizing Jenkins was a senior and, not too many people had realized this as I did, that Panzer might never see this sight again. So I stood there in the back among other fans and soaked up what little I could. Slowly the crowd got quieter and the seconds ran off the clock and soon the gym was quiet. And the frenzy was over. It was gone.

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By Mike Sanchez
Sports Editor

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adequate offense, MSU has been hit hard with back-to-back 74-58 losses, at Rowan last Saturday and at Richard Stockton this past Saturday.

Sandwiched between the two losses was WPU. When going toe-to-toe with WPU and the infamous Horace Jenkins for the majority of the game last Wednesday, MSU was maybe a call or play away from stealing a victory from one of the top teams in the nation. Unfortunately, as well as MSU played Jenkins, he still scored 31 points on the night and was a big difference.

"Horace Jenkins makes him when the Pioneers are rolling at the same time.

"James has made traffic with one of the best teams in the nation. And it’s sad. Sure Jenkins won’t be with us come next season, Panzer rocked. After he left and went on to an NBA career, the house of the Red Hawks was going to take a dreamy, almost — for a player to be playing in such an atmosphere. For the average spectator, standing or sitting, it was amazing to be part of such passion. Goosebumps and the hair on the back of your head standing up, or sweat coming down your forehead from all the jumping up and down, or the roar from the stands when a Jenkins shot hasn’t been made.

And Panzer will have to wait for another player to get along with the ability of a Jenkins.

Many years ago, a man by the name of Greg Grant played for TCNJ. He brought with him much of what Jenkins brought. A special, idealistic phenomenon to Panzer. And for at least once a season, Panzerrocked. After he left and went on to an NBA career, the house of the Red Hawks was missing something. Now that Jenkins is gone, MSU will miss the passion, the thundering roar of support, the team defeat a top-ranked opponent.

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Horace Jenkins (15) is guarded by MSU’s Jerame Mayo in what was his last game at Panzer Gym.

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After being packed with over 1,200 fans when WPU visited last week, Panzer Gym may never see such an electrified atmosphere again.
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**NWCA Top 30**

NCAA Division III Wrestling

(As of 1/23/01)

1. Augsburg College (MN)
2. University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
3. MSU (NJ)
4. Wartburg College (IA)
5. Bridport State University of NY
6. Lynnong College (PA)
7. Loros College (AL)
8. Luther College (IA)
9. TCNJ
10. Ithaca College (NY)
11. Upper Iowa Univ.
12. Gavel College (MI)
13. Univ. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (WI)
14. Oswego St. Univ. of NY
15. Pacific Univ. (OR)
16. Ohio Northern Univ.
17. Delaware Valley College (PA)*
18. Kings College (PA)
19. Buena Vista Univ. (IA)
20. John Carroll Univ. (OH)
21. Lawrence U (WI)
22. U.S. Coast Guard Academy
23. U. of Chicago (IL)
24. Manchester College (IN)
25. U. of Wisconsin - Whitewater
26. U. of Wisconsin - Platteville
27. St. John’s U. (MN)
28. Springfield College (MA)
29. Thiel College (PA)
30. Bridgewater St. (MA)

**Men's Basketball**

- 1/24 - WPU 71, MSU 65*
- 1/27 - Richard Stockton 74, MSU 58*

**Women's Basketball**

- 1/24 - MSU 62, WPU 59*
- 1/27 - MSU 80, Richard Stockton 67*
- 1/29 - MSU 69, Manhattanville 67

**Wrestling**

- 1/24 - TCNJ 26, MSU 22
- 1/27 - MSU 51, Williams 64
- 1/30 - MSU 24, Delaware Valley 13

**Honorable Mention**

- Stephanie Croley
  - Sophomore Forward
  - Hometown: Piscataway, NJ
  - Croley hit the game-winning free throws in the closing seconds to help MSU against Manhattanville. She also had 10 points, 12 rebounds and has played well off the bench.

- Stephanie Ellerbe
  - Junior Guard
  - Hometown: Pennsauken, NJ
  - Ellerbe has played well, stepping up her play. She scored 22 points in a big game against RSC and has played the glass well.

- Rami Ratel
  - Junior 149-Pound Division
  - Hometown: Bloomfield, NJ
  - Ratel won a major decision over TCNJ and picked up three wins in the Metro-New England Duals on Saturday. He also won Tuesday against Joe Jones of Delaware Valley.

- James Bradley
  - Junior Forward
  - Hometown: Paterson, NJ
  - Bradley has been the only consistent offensive player for the men’s team, collecting his ninth straight double-digit game with 20 points.
Red Hawks Top Delaware Valley; Prep for Metros
Wrestlers Ready for Championship Meet

Junior Rami Ratel, ranked first in the nation at 149 lbs, takes

by Eli Gelman
Assistant Sports Editor

One of the most successful sports in MSU history is
wrestling. In the 26 years that Head Coach Steve Strellner has been at MSU, the Red
Hawks have captured two national championships, one in 1976 when he was an assis-
tant, and one in 1986 when he was Head Coach. Strellner has a legitimate shot to win the
national championship this year. "My kids have
already qualified for the nationals and that's going to be tough," said Strellner.
"To win the national championship we'll have to place seven or eight kids in the
national championships and have them placed in the top eight in the nation, score a

By Mike Sanchez
Sports Editor

The recent three-game winning streak for the men's basketball team has been coming together since the loss of McVaugh. The team has a legitimate shot to win it all.

The downfall began with the loss of Jason Bush and Fred Brown, both leaving the team for unknown reasons prior to January 17. "With them leaving us, we have to make a transition," added Mayo, who believes that the loss of both Bush and Brown has hurt the team. With them on the team you knew you had them there and they could help, he said.

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Mike Halper /The Montclarion

Slip Sliding Away
Men's Losing Streak Grows to Four

The men's basketball team has slipped on a banana peel and fallen face-first into the hard court of the NJAC.

Having lost four out of the last five games and fallen to second-worst in the NJAC with a 4-8 record, the Red Hawks are struggling—mightily.

Now for MSU to have any chance at clinching a spot in the NJAC playoffs, it must win at least five of the final six games of the season and still hope for the best in tiebreaker-games if they can manage to get that far.

"We're not shooting very well," said Head Coach Ted Fiore. "Everyday is a new day. We haven't been able to make shots. We haven't been able to score. We haven't been able to get to the foul line.

"We play with no intensity," said point guard Jermel Mayo, who has started in all four of his years at MSU. Mayo was part of last year's team that won 20 games. He said regarding that team, "Each of us knew what we had to do. That's why we won. This year it seems some people don't understand their role."

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