Facebook Impacts Grades

Students who spend too much time on social networking sites such as Facebook may not concentrate on their schoolwork. As Facebook was created by a college student has something to do with its original target demographic, but the reality now is that even students in middle school can sign up for an account on Facebook. Sure, it seems great that younger generations are adapting to technology more rapidly these days, but how does Facebook affect other, more important aspects of their lives? How does the use of Facebook affect a student’s grades? A few years ago computationalists in New York City colleges, placed surveillance at Rutgers Newark and New Brunswick campuses in New Jersey. "Muslims have felt like they've had a target on their backs since 9/11," said Ammar Al-Khatib, a Muslim student at Rutgers New Brunswick. She said that Muslims have always been aware of the surveillance over their communities, which is something that disappoints her. Emad Hamdeh, a youth director of the Islamic Center of Passaic County and a professor in the modern languages and literature department at Montclair State University, said he was also aware of the spying, but believes that this has heightened paranoia among students.

Students Speak Out Against Tuition Hikes

Many students gathered at the hearing to let the board know that they didn’t want a tuition increase. Over a dozen students spoke on behalf of Montclair State University’s 18,000 students at Thursday’s tuition hearing, urging board members to use their influence to fight tuition hikes. Students who addressed the board of trustees had three minutes to persuade members to freeze or lower tuition. Students shared their personal stories, fighting against a tuition hike that would hurt MSU’s student body, citing that many students are already struggling to pay current tuition costs. Students spoke for an hour, during which about 20 students shared their stories, until the board eventually cut the students off so that other matters could be addressed. "I went to the tuition hearing because I am incredibly annoyed at the fact that tuition keeps steadily increasing every year. It is hard to believe that in just one year, the cost of upkeep for the university rose by an additional $2,000 per person," Matt Chapman, the first student to speak at the meeting, said. "The reason I spoke at the hearing was because I felt I had a unique story that the board should consider."
Pelican Police Report

Members of The Montclarion staff recently won three awards in the 2011-2012 New Jersey Collegiate Newspaper Contest sponsored by the NJPA (New Jersey Press Association).

Opinion Editor Jacob Mercer-Pontier won third place in editorial writing at a four-year school for his editorial entitled, “Put Your Adult Pants On.”

Columnist Dylan Soltis won second place in column/opinion writing for the column, “He Wants More for the Money.”

Sports Editor Nick Verhagen won third place in sports writing for his MSU basketball coverage in the article, “Men Splits Home Weekend.”

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In their new book, Jacques D’Amboise and Catherine Baxter say that in the era of the Patriot Act, the terrorists took action. Bloomberg also claims that taking caution will prevent future attacks, such as the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the 9/11 attacks.

Brian Lehrer is the host of WNYC Radio’s award-winning daily call-in program, “The Brian Lehrer Show,” which he received as New York City’s most thought-stimulating talk show. Lehrer is also a commentator on local and national issues on television and in print. Guests on Lehrer’s show have ranged from politicians such as Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and John McCain. “The Brian Lehrer Show” won honors from the National Association of Radio Broadcasters for “Radio That Builds Communities Rather Than Divides,” and has won numerous other awards, including four Associated Press Awards, “Best Interview Awards.”

Jacques D’Amboise studied and taught at the New York City Ballet. He received a bachelor’s degree in biology from Manchester College, and master’s and doctoral degrees in zoology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Likens is the recipient of numerous awards and honors.

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"We have been aware of the government’s increasingly bewildering restrictions on our civil rights since then: The Patriot Act momentous-ley eliminated protections we had against being spied on or detained, and the recent National Defense Authorization Act made it legal for us to be indefinitely detained without trial," said Al-Khatahtbeh.

Al-Khatahtbeh also criticized Bloomberg’s response to the NYPD’s tactic of clamping down on Muslims. “It’s doing a great job preventing something that has not happened yet, so Muslims are living in constant suspicion has been an additional burden on Muslims. Al-Khatahtbeh asserts that the NYPD’s actions are very likely to affect the mental health of Muslims. "It is driving a rift between communities by instigating paranoia, not just among Muslims towards the government but also among other Americans towards Muslims," Al-Khatahtbeh said.

She also said that there have been “a lot of wounds that were created in the social fabric of our society after 9/11 and while we are actively trying to heal those things, like the NYPD surveillance completely reverse our progress and cause even greater damage.”

Michael Murray, author of "90 Percent of Muslims," says that Muslims are law-abiding citizens like everyone else in this country. “This is a point in history that Muslims are going through,” Murray said.

According to Murray, the suspicion has been an additional burden on Muslims. "Peoples’ suspicions are like a cup of water for an hour,” he said. “It doesn’t get heavier, but it becomes more difficult to carry.”

"Frankly, I think this sort of self-diagnosis of the Muslim community, our guilt and our anxiety is what we have been lacking and ultimately need to create any trust in the Muslim community at large," said Al-Khatahtbeh.

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Dr. Raymond Brock Murray, a psychiatrist from the University of Southern California, has written and directed for the National Dance Institute in 1976. He has also served as a full professor and Dean of Dance for two years at SUNY Purchase and eleven years as visiting professor at the College of Creative Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara. His contributions in arts education have earned him numerous awards and honors.

Dennis M. Bone is president of Verizon New Jersey and responsible for all Verizon's business and consumer interests in New Jersey. Bone began his career as an outside plant engineer in 1989. In 2000, he was named president of Verizon New Jersey. An executive with extensive service commitment, Bone serves as chairman of the New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission, and chairman of Choose New Jersey. He has also served as the boards of trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, the Newark Alliance, the New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning and the Newark Entrepreneurship and Technology Park. He also serves on the Boards of Directors of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the New Jersey Utilities Authority.
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However, many students think that the solution regarding cigarettes causing the fires is very simple. “I believe students, as well as teachers, should be more aware and cautious of where they smoke and how they dispose of their cigarette,” said junior Kristen Owens. “There are plenty of designated smoking areas that can be used.”

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Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History

The feminism of women acting badly

Linisee Doyle

What do femme fatales, Sylvia Plath, groupies and Nicki Minaj all have in common? They are all silver screen goddesses, literary prodigies, backdoor fans and internationally famous sexual icons. They are all women who have made their mark through cunning, beauty and an attitude to contend with. If well-behaved women seldom make history, these women know that a bad attitude and genius can go hand in hand. Calling one of these ladies a “bitch” only proves the point.

Women behaving badly have a nasty reputation. If their male counterparts carry on multiple sex partners, they are called studs; if a woman does, she’s a “slut.” If a male artist has a mood swinging or a full-blown disorder, he’s a tortured genius in a wan suit, she’s crazy. If a famous male icon behaves poorly, he’s a rebel (or revolutionary); if a woman does it, she’s a bitch.

This is the framework in which rebellion—women have no struggle to make an impact. In the 2008 election, it was interesting to note that struggle between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. What they got was a tidal wave of grassroots campaigns against Hillary’s qualifications as a woman. If she spoke professionally and had a sound voice and presence, she was a stone-faced bitch. If she teared up, she was emotional and manipulative. Hillary was perceived as a bitch for all the same qualities that made Obama an appealing candidate. She was also a major hypocrite: she was in control of some’s lives but never of her own. In response to the hypocrisy surrounding Hillary, Tina Fey added Saturday Night Live view- ers with her “Bitch is the new black” skit. She identified herself as a bitch proclaiming, “Bitches get stuff done.” And in not so many words, women throughout history and society have worn a scarlet “B” to get stuff done as well.

In life, Sylvia Plath was a deeply troubled woman whose cheating husband’s work was famed beyond her own. Across thousands of class-rooms of angry teenagers, how- ever, Plath has become a tempestuous genius post-mortem. Sylvia Plath is either romantically depressed or self- lethally depressed, depending on the source of criticism. Those who get close to her work and her mania have a tendency of calling her a “bitch” for her de- mands and her unlikeliness to settle as a young, married woman of the 1950s with two children. Instead, she killed herself and destroyed, as well as cemented, her own legacy. With this, Plath paves the way for post-bitches, these genius madmen from miserable to tolerate in life, and irreplaceable in death. In their insub- ordinacy they made legendary, but we are not granted the genius without the noms of angsty teenagers, how- ever, Plath has become a tempestuous genius post-mortem. Sylvia Plath is either romantically depressed or self- lethally depressed, depending on the source of criticism. Those who get close to her work and her mania have a tendency of calling her a “bitch” for her de- mands and her unlikeliness to settle as a young, married woman of the 1950s with two children. Instead, she killed herself and destroyed, as well as cemented, her own legacy. With this, Plath paves the way for post-bitches, these genius madmen from miserable to tolerate in life, and irreplaceable in death. In their insub- ordinacy they made legendary, but we are not granted the genius without the mics for herself. In rock, punk and hip-hop, the sexual woman who would otherwise be written off as a “dirt” comes closest to performing the same role as her male counter- parts.

To sell records, you can write a love song about devotion, or you can churn out songs about hookups and parting as hard as the boys. Women in rock defy gender norms and are perceived as wild cards for their music presence and attitude, demonstrated by books like Sex Rebels, Gender, Rebellion and Rock n’ Roll: Riot Grrrl and the History of Women in Rock. Riot grrrl and earlier girl groups entertained the notion of girl- gang mentality, but rap and hip-hop take a curiously opposite approach: only one girl may be a crew’s token female, and any nearby women represent a threat to this cherished position. The “Bitch Queen” title is passed around by rappers like Lil’ Kim, Foxy Brown and Nicki Minaj — with rap battles breaking out over each rival’s credentials.

The “bitch” mentality is that some female rappers willingly embrace is not wholly separate from punk and hardcore. Bikini Kill is a “Rebel Girl,” or punk-rock. The Runaways’ “Cherry Bomb” is distinctly polarizing in her self-identified wild girl of “Cherry Bomb” is distinctly polarizing in her sexuality. They both present young women as equally misbehaved. In fact, bitchiness can be perceived as feminism. Jezebel, the Biblical charac- ter that has come to be associated with women who are sexually pro- miscuous and controlling, has been redacted as a feminist popular cul- ture blog with multiple contributors. Bitch has similarly faced a feminist makeover, being re-appropriated as a third-wave feminist magazine with freelance contributors and over 30,000 readers.

It is in the accomplishments and the dimensions of potential futures of future generations that the term ‘bitch’ connotes inspiration for their own everyday rebellions. Most girls are capable of being a little naughty, but it’s the truly poorly behaved women, not just the girls going wild, who have a tight grasp on rewriting history in bold red. By Hollywood bad girl Mau West’s own quip, “There are no good girls gone wrong – just bad ones found out.” With that attitude, any bad girl with ambition and interest in bettering other girls may stand a chance at making history.

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Insta-book or Facegram?

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Finally, the mega popular pic- ture app, Instagram, is available for Droid users. However, what nobody expected was Facebook swooping in and buying the app for one billion dollars.

If you are not familiar with Instagram — it’s awesome. It’s an app that allows you to follow a person’s profile and his pictures will appear in your feed. If you are a user, you can choose to like, comment or “regram” a photo. If you have a personal account and add the app to your Instagram, you will see a person’s profile and his pictures will appear in your feed.

The app was launched on Oc- tober 26, 2011, and by that December, it was renamed the “App of the Year” by Apple, reaching one million fol- lowers in only three months. Facebook’s purchase of Insta- gram has caused different reactions: critics say it’s too much for the app to be valued at 500 million dollars, to wor- ried makers of other apps. If Facebook impulse on their beloved app.

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The Ambiguity of College Relationships: “what’s this going on?” Could Mean, “Sayonara”

Melanie Solomon

In the college dating scene, it is sometimes very difficult to gauge someone’s intentions. It’s hard to tell who they are looking for and how desirous they are. In fact, it can even be difficult to know what you want for yourself from day to day. And while monogamous relationships are now the norm on college campuses, the need to worry about one’s late 20s, college dating scene, it is often difficult to tell if someone is getting interested in you or not. What seems a lot of time. It’s the only way they can get any work done,” New York Times writer Rebeca Ruiz wrote in 2011 about a study conducted by Reynol Junco, a professor at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, to help determine if Facebook was significantly affecting students grades.

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Recently, New York City’s boys in blue have been getting a bad reputation... and for good reason.

With half of the country up in arms about racist profiling in the Trayvon Martin case and the other half still buzzing about bullying issues across our great nation, the NYPD has found their neat little niche somewhere in the gray area between the two controversial subjects and has been hoping to keep their private business out of the public eye.

That private business just so happens to be the unconstitutional surveillance of Muslim communities and it stems from ideologically-abetted Islamophobia, the intense fear or dislike of Muslims, which been a major issue in this country since the World Trade Center attacks on 9/11.

Though its intensity has hopefully flagged over the past ten and a half years, the fear that followers of Islam are a threat to the greater good of our country is still far too prevalent and continues to provide our government justification for many civil rights violations under the veil of safety and security.

Islamophobia justified training NYPD recruits by forcing repeated viewings of anti-Muslim propaganda specifically created to portray all Muslims as threatening extremists and now it apparently justifies unlawful and unwarranted espionage targeting the unfortunately villainized community.

After an Associated Press investigation revealed that the NYPD were in New Jersey documenting the whereabouts and activities of peaceful Muslim-Americans including where they ate, where they prayed and, in some cases, the details of the sermons themselves, the question of “how far is too far?” comes predominantly to mind.

This isn’t to say that the surveillance of suspected criminals is wrong and that we should leave matters up to chance, but crusading against a group of people based on their religious beliefs seems to be splitting in the face of the very American ideals we are told are in danger.

But, let’s be honest, this is really just old news simply with another scary face emblazoned upon the ever-growing list of threats to the greater good.

Whether it’s the English tax, the communist spy, the black revolutionary or the Mexican laborer, the list of public menaces seems to find no resolution nor does it have an end in sight.

Maybe now, with the country’s focus back on the blatant discrimination that has riddled our country’s economical and social development since its birth, we can become the country we have always believed we are where people are actually free to speak their minds, follow their hearts and even practice their own religions without duress.

As the world’s melting pot, we owe a lot of our contemporary culture to the subtle, and sometimes not-so-subtle (I’m looking at you, English skinny jeans), influences of people from all around the world.

How we repay these fine folks, however, is by distancing ourselves and then denying them even the chance to be equal members of a society that they help forge day in and day out.

If we can’t change everyone’s minds one-by-one, maybe the first step is doing something to change a system that constantly encourages prejudice towards other cultures.

Students Speak

Do you think that George Zimmerman should have been arrested?

Judissa Martinez
Sophomore
French Translation/Religion

“Ai do definitely think it’s good that he’s arrested. It definitely won’t be enough justice for Trayvon’s family though.”

Ariel Flood
Senior
Business Management

“Considering his actions afterwards and the fact that it was a kid, then yeah, there is really not much in his defense.”

Erin Doyle
Senior
Fine Arts/Painting

“I do think it is just. From what I understand, there wasn’t much justification in the reason for his shooting. Also, based on his background, I think it’s a little sketchy.”

Graham Howard Preston
Junior
Fine Arts/Painting

“Yes, for sure. I think the main issue is that this whole thing could have been avoided if the neighborhood watch weren’t allowed to carry guns. Just make the police do their job.”
Shake Off Stress or Let It Fuel You?

Don’t let stress slow you down, use it to your advantage

**L** ooking for a phone that’s both sleek and functional? Google’s Project Glass is here to revolutionize the mobile phone industry.

**MINORS, PLEASE: Assistant Professor Travis Lancaster**

Project Glass is basically a phone that’s also glasses, like those you might have worn in the 80s. They are not just a cool gadget; they are the future of communication.

When the glasses are on, you can control everything from your smartphone by voice command, including text messages, web browsing, and music. If you’re feeling creative, you can even use them to take cool photos and videos.

**THE CLASSICAL PERSPECTIVE**

Plato believed that the soul, body, and mind are all interconnected. He thought that by focusing on one aspect, we can affect the others. For example, when a person is stressed, they may have difficulty concentrating, which can affect their performance in other areas.

**THE MODERN PERSPECTIVE**

In the modern world, stress is a common experience. It can be caused by everything from work and school to personal relationships. The key to managing stress is to find ways to relax and recharge.

By using Project Glass, we can stay connected to our loved ones and keep track of our appointments and important dates. This can help reduce stress and make our lives easier.

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, Project Glass is a game-changer. It allows us to stay connected and in control of our daily lives. Whether you’re a student or a professional, Project Glass can help you manage stress and enjoy your life to the fullest.
The running commentary at even if you don't play. the game is a joy to look ime/art deco mashup style, its oddly compelling an-
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mped at twice the reso-
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cut with our lives, as well as
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laughs, fun and knowledge.

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Is the World Ready for Out Artists?

G.I.A.N.T Showcase at Fat Baby NYC

Rashard Bradshaw
Asst. A&E Editor

Progressive rapper Will Sheridan made a major splash on the web when the former Villanova starter came out of the closet. This gutsy move was followed by an even riskier one. After he was done dominating the basketball court, Sheridan decided to set his sights on recording music. Sheridan is now producing fast-paced dance tracks like “Welcome to the Jungle” and even some hard-core hip hop tracks like “302,” which can be downloaded on iTunes.

On April 3, Sheridan headlined a concert at Fat Baby in the Lower East Side of New York with a slew of other out performers. These performers are defying the odds by making music that spans across various genres while staying true to themselves. The show was two hours of pop, rock and hip hop music from fresh faces and showed that the future of music may have to make room for openly gay artists.

The lineup included Swaggjesty, a pint-sized rapper that packs a major punch. His flow, which he laid over upbeat instrumentals, kept the crowd swaying from side to side of the dimly lit bar. His content ranged from overly vulgar to full on narcissistic, and the crowd loved every minute of it. He definitely lived up to the swag in his name as he confidently tugged at the brim of his snap back hat while he danced to his own tracks.

The host, house singer SAMN, added his own flair of dance music to the showcase. He performed two tracks off his latest project, Synthetic Hearts. His humorous way with words kept the crowd, of about 25 people, entertained between each set.

The crowd was enchanted by the vocal performance of drag queen superstar Sir Honey Davenport. With her face illuminated thanks to an amazing spotlight, she twirled and sashayed across the stage. A slight malfunction occurred when she lost her wig, but like a true performer she recovered quickly.

The concert was rounded out with new wave pixie Heven whose campy pop music was a nice contrast to the male dominated lineup. Will Sheridan’s set was like an off-Broadway production and definitely delivered an amazing show. His use of elaborate props and intense backup dancers prevented any onlooker from looking away as he performed his new single “Here Comes the Sun.”

The show quickly turned into a full on party since the crowd couldn’t contain their energy! The show was a huge success thanks to the intimate setting and the endless energy of the acts. Everyone seemed to enjoy the music as well as each other’s company as they danced till the DJ said it was time to leave.

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A message from the NBA and its players

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It only took newly-acquired Mi-
ami Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen five games to stir up yet another one of his outrageous antics. Guillen is no-
toriously known for expressing his views on self-promotion, whether on the road or simply lashing out at his own players, teammates, or the upper management of the team. Newsflash, Ozzie: Winning a World Series back in 2005 doesn’t give you the author-
sity to say all of these explicit things. His recent mistake was telling Time magazine about his admiration for former Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

He’s a big fan of Castro. You know why? A lot of peo-
lle have wanted to kill Fidel Castro for the last 60 years, but that [expla-
tive] is still here.” Guillen claims that his comments were misinterpreted by the reporter. His question is, why in the world are you bringing up Castro and the Cuban revolution? He has to be kidding! Though Guillen boasts of being a big fan of Castro, he isn’t go-
ing to take a knee in a cell in like Miami, considering that their new stadium is now located in the middle of the Havana, which is home to many Cuban-Americans who red Cuba to the U.S. for economic reasons.

The Marlins already have enough drama of their own so no need to add a ballparks’ seats; the team ranked 28 out of 30 teams last season in total at-
tendance. Not only that, but the Mar-
lins are in the National League East, one of the weakest divisions in the league. The Mets, Phillies, and Braves are tough to deal with; the last time they played was in 2004.

It’s once again the time of year when the NHL starts to grow bigger and bigger with the additions of Ronny Paul and Grizzly Adams to shame. Yes, it is the start of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Of all the teams the NHL has, only 16 teams remain. What lies ahead is the long and arduous jour-
ney of the teams. The teams that didn’t make the playoffs like the Miami Heat in the NBA. The playoffs are the championship of the National Hockey League. Of all the professional sports, the NHL has the longest and the most intense playoffs in the world, and with a total of 82 games, the teams cannot afford to lose.

The NHL is the last professional sport to hold a salary cap. This year, the last match-up of the Stanley Cup is going to be between the San Jose Sharks and the Los Angeles Kings. The Sharks were the one team that managed to foun-
der the playoffs, but the Blues may be in trouble. The last month of regular season play, the Blues dropped five games, but that didn’t make the playoffs like the Carolina Hurricanes, Anaheim Ducks and Colorado Avalanche Blackjackets.

In order to advance any further than the first round of the playoffs, the Blues must step up to their defense and return to their mid-season prime. The Trinidad team of the season is the Phoenix Coyotes. After two straight years of being blown out by the Detroit Red Wings, they managed to win the division title and pulled into third place in the playoff rankings. Their match-up against the Chica-
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(What most kids know about preparing for college.)

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I believe that high-profile athletes and coaches should stay out of the sensitive realms of politics and religion. Everyone is allowed to have their own beliefs, and that does not necessarily make for an exceptional interview. This time, however, he should have kept his mouth shut. In short, Guillen praised Cuban dictator Fidel Castro for his ability to stay in power for so long. The comments were all ill-advised, but the fact that he praised some people and religion is one of the great things about this country. However, if I were in control of a professional organization, I would not take kindly to one of my representatives being so open about his political stance, especially in a part of the country where many people are sensitive to this particular issue. Guillen’s remarks were inappropriate, and the suspension is deserved.
Softball Shows No Sign of Slowing Down
Red Hawks still undefeated in NJAC play

Jeff Onorato
Staff Writer

The 21-ranked Montclair State University Softball team has been dominant this season, going 7-0 in the Big North Athletic Conference and sixth-ranked Kean University last week.

Sophomore Jamie Paulino. In the third, sloppy play by Rutgers-Newark led to an RBI single to center, followed by an RBI double by junior left-fielder Jamie Paulino. In the third, sloppy play by Rutgers-Newark led to another double in right-center field to score sophomore center fielder Shannon Mozol for another unbeaten run. MSU’s final run came as a result of another error and another unearned run in the top of the sixth inning giving the Red Hawks the eventual score 10-2.

The Red Hawks’ next double-header is Thursday at home against the Polytechnic Institute of NYU. Their next conference double-header is home against Rowan University on Saturday.

Red Hawks Still Going Strong
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Sophomore Dylan Papa came on in the sixth and pitched two scoreless innings to split the doubleheader with Kean and give MSU a 13-8 record.

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