MSU Staff Member Awarded for Dedication

By Jennifer Bender
Staff Writer

Program Coordinator of the Student Activities Division and Campus Life at MSU, Robert Vincent, was awarded twice by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) for his hard work and dedication to the students. The first award given to Robert Vincent was for serving as the Assistant Director of Student Relations and Services (CARS) program for the Commuter Student Open House Program, which Vincent has created on campus.

CARS was designed as an effort to encourage commuter students to get involved in the MSU college experience. Recently developed, CARS has developed many new options for commuters including a new meal plan.

The second award Robert Vincent received was an Honorable Mention for an Outstanding Commitment Program, being the Commuter Student Open House Program, which takes place once a month. Winning the national award is only pleasing but also important because it gives Vincent and his fellow staff an opportunity to share the work they do at MSU.

“It is gratifying to be recognized for doing something that you really love and that is serving students,” said Vincent.

There are three main organizations when it comes to Student Services, the American College Personnel International (ACUI), the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

The ACPA prides itself on being a comprehensive student affairs organization in which their mission is to serve all levels of higher education student affairs professionals through educational and developmental programs, publications and networking opportunities in order to enable these educators to excel in their positions and contribute to the profession.

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3/7/02 - A Blanton Hall resident reported that the locks and ignition switch of her car were damaged and a tire was slashed while parked in Lot 26.

3/14/02 - An MSU student reported that personal items were taken out of a locker in the McEarchen Music Building.

3/8/02 - A car radio and CD were stolen from a vehicle parked in Lot 24.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

Mother says school failed to protect her son

The mother of a 13-year-old boy who was stabbed three times, when he kept the paper and certificates he found last year in the city public court, but the evidence was not enough to convict him of selling any fake documents.

When he was done about it, despite her repeated conversations with the police, the judge determined that David Rutherford used bad judgement.

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SGA News & Notes

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Stay tuned next week for SGA News & Notes.

New Children’s Center a Reality?

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Montclarion Repeats for Second Best Overall

By Lillian M. Aleman
News Editor

For the second year in a row, the Montclarion won second place for General Excellence in the 2001 New Jersey Press Association’s Better College Newspaper Contest.

The general excellence award was judged based on the overall coverage, writing quality, copy editing, style use and layout of the newspaper.

Monmouth University’s The Outlook was tied with The Montclarion for second place while The College of New Jersey’s The Signal placed first in general excellence.

“I am honored to work with a staff that for the second year in a row has garnered for itself the high honor of being recognized for it’s general excellence,” said Editor-in-Chief of The Montclarion, Jim Davison.

A total of 15 colleges submitted 208 entries in January. The papers were judged by 16 editors, writers and photographers from various newspapers such as The Record and The Times of Trenton.

Last year’s special report, “Panzer Gym Out of Place in 2000 NJAC” and “Panzer Bursting at the Seams,” written by Assistant Sports Editor Eli Gelman, won first place in the enterprise/investigative reporting section.

“I didn’t write the article to receive an award. My goal was to open the eyes of President Cole and the administration to the problems with the poor athletic/recreational facilities on our campus. Until I see a commitment to new facilities, I don’t think my goal has been reached,” said Gelman.

“Unless a new athletic/recreational center is opened at MSU in the next two or three years, all of the reporting that went into that series wasn’t worth anything.”

There were 11 entries for the enterprise/investigative section, which were judged on “an investigative article or in-depth report that uncovers a newsworthy happening on campus,” according to the rules for the 2001 NJPA awards.

“Eli Gelman did an amazing job putting together the Panzer series,” said Managing Editor of The Montclarion, Mike Sanchez.

“I was one of his goals since fall 2000 to show everyone the deteriorating facilities of this campus and he did so.”

The judges also considered enterprise, initiative and resourcefulness of the writer or team of writers.

Sanchez also won third place in the sports writing section for “Good ol’ Spyke” and “3rd Best in Division III.” The sports writing section was judged on “quality of writing, originality, local appeal and lack of sports cliches,” according to the rules of the contest.

“As for ‘Spyke,’ he is a great writer and a very dedicated kid and it was great working with him. He is now working at the Star-Ledgers high school office previewing high school sports,” said Sanchez.

The 2001 Better College Newspaper awards will be presented on Thursday, April 11 during the spring conference of the New Jersey Collegiate Press Association.

“There’s a line in a movie... ‘There’s nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.’ The Montclarion is a perfect example of that,” said Sanchez.

“This reward is the only concrete proof they have for all their hard work, but the memories and the friendships made are what count.”

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MSU has a commuter student percentage of over seventy percent. Through activities and programs such as CARS, and other programs offered through Student Activities, commuter students have a wonderful chance to gain leadership skills and are introduced to new resources and opportunities.

“I am extremely proud and grateful to Robert Vincent for all his hard work with the CARS program. He is truly worthy,” said Associate Dean of Students Dean Marjorie Coleman-Carter.

Coleman-Carter, who is also actively involved with Student Activities states, commented on some of the problems that commuters face and how the Commuter Lounge is a positive role for them.

“So when you [students] complain about the parking and about how much you hate being a commuter, take a break because people like Rob Vincent are there doing everything they can to make things just a little bit better for you,” said Coleman-Carter.

“So keep your eyes open for the little red car because Robert Vincent is definitely on the move.”
"We find that many issues are solved easily once the lines of communication are opened up," he said.

According to Barrett, one issue that was addressed at the last meeting is that most students do not know how to report a crime. In response to this, the police department is distributing information through leaflets and on the police department's website.

"These things can be used as a resource so that all students, including commuters, know how and when to report a crime," Barrett said.

The committee also addressed concerns about lighting on campus and the safety escort service.

"We have provided well over 8,000 escorts this year, but some people don't know that the escort service is still available," Barrett said. "If you don't feel safe walking to your car or to class, you can call up and we will have an officer there."

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Barrett said the committees have helped open up the lines of communication between the campus community.

"We like to be pro-active and handle issues before they become bigger problems," he said. "This is a positive interaction, rather than just seeing people when they have a negative concern."
ECEL Department Welcomes Keynote Speaker Vivian Paley to Opening Celebration

By Michele Phipany

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It's funny how one little word can have so many associations: pretend, imagination, make-believe, naiveté and of course children, being the first few to come to mind. We can all remember the days when baby dolls and Matchbox cars were acceptable forms of wast­ ing the day away. The days when any corner of a room could be transformed into a three­ ring circus and imaginary friends would travel from far away places to sit with family or friends and watch imaginary elephants parade around the living room - all while eating popcorn from an empty bowl.

But these days, the idea of "play" has been replaced by a new word - education. We are told by society that education is our key to the future, and that it is through education that our lives will be validated. To leave our play-lands behind, we venture into the world of education, mature to some extent, and look forward to certain types of work in the future. But who's to say that there is not such thing as meaningful play in education?

Certainly not renowned author Vivian Paley. Invited to MSU on March 18 to join the College of Education and Human Services in the opening celebration of the Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Paley presented an insightful discussion as an expert in this field. Investigating the human condition through the playful and exciting world of children, Paley finds there to be much more logic in their play time than they get credit for. Combining the art of play and storytelling, Paley shared excerpts from her books, as well as drew on her experiences with children to demonstrate how children learn through play, and how that play operates as an actual learning process for younger children in the classroom. Helping students as young as kindergarteners sit with one another in a circle and share stories that will later be acted out has become Paley's trademark in the education industry. Maggie, a magical bird from her book You Can't Say You Can't Play, provides a comfortable meeting place for students and teachers to come together and explore the complex world of child, learner, and individual in an ever-changing society.

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Shout to The Lord

InterVarsity's Gospel Jam a Hit

By Lacey Smith  
Assistant Feature Editor

If you happened to catch dinner at the Ratt last Thursday night, you may have been one of the curious who wandered next door upon seeing the walls shake with vibrations of music such as, “Glory Hallelujah” or Eric Clapton’s “Change the World.”

Poking one’s head in provided the explanation. Pastors and a band of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship’s “Gospel Jam.” Rescheduled after the campus-wide shortage, one would read “no squirel will stop us now.”

Massive amounts of balloons, people and gathered tables filled the room, one with a pile of Bibles and other literature to take. And like any decent event, where there was food, there was plenty of food.

The crowd varied greatly, consisting of commuter and resident MSU students, people from the community and students from other universities all came for the event. As diverse as the crowds were the performances were as well ranging from poety to drama to singing.

Hosted by Nicole Dennis and Eric Loree, acts included Sarah Bruce singing Third Day’s “Take My Life,” Kieran Monahan singing and playing the guitar, Andrea Evangelista with “My Redeemer Lives,” and Chi-Dondro with “Hallelujah.” A group from Kean University even performed. Pastor Ken Levine came and gave a short message.

A guest performer played the saxophone using improvisation through his own rendition of “Change the World,” which included phrases such as lower profits, slower growth, etc. In order to fulfill the Fed’s desire of a sustainable long-term economic recovery it needs a resurgence from these corporations, which in turn will lead to capital investment and then back again to the overall goal, an enduring recovery.

Inflation is also a factor in Chairman Greenspan’s and the Fed’s timing.

With inflation being so low rushing into higher interest rates seems uncalled for. Feds have also claimed that inflation could even recede further due to strong productivity. If this will happen even if the Fed does nothing, real short-term interest rates will be higher relative to inflation.

Other factors that are playing a role in the decision having to do with the reduction in exports, another long-term rise of interest rates and a very strong dollar. In a recent study it was found that the overall conditions that we have now are just slightly more stimulative then in 2001, when the Fed started cutting interest rates.

The choice for Greenspan is not easy. When he makes the choice to follow his proven strategy, he will be held accountable for its results. The enigma is when will he start raising interest rates. When he does so, he will have to hold true to the statement “Timing is everything.”

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Dating: How to Get That Final Checkmate
Comparing Chess and the Dating Scene: It’s All How You Play the Game

By Eric Edwards
Courtesy of KRT Campus

Dating is a game of chess. The only differences are that chess is played on a little board, with little movable characters, and there is little chance that anyone playing chess is going to end up making out when the game is over.

So while dating does not offer people tiny figures to move around, it can on occasion involve hooking up, which is why people spend more time and energy trying to date than they do working on their chess chops.

But just as there are three distinct parts of the game a person must master to become a chess champion, there are three parts to landing a date that must come together before a person can find success in attracting partners.

The basic part of the chess game is the opening move. The person who can position his pieces so they have the best chance to strike is going to have success. These people are called openers.

The openers of the dating world have no compunction about walking up to an attractive stranger and talking about the color of her eyes or her favorite song. A competent opener is disarmingly and friendly without looking like he is trying to sell Arway.

Without proper opening moves, guys are left waiting around for women to make the moves on them.

Their hope is that by laying low they will establish a solid defense to ward off unwanted moves; unfortunately, a good defense is really only good at keeping everybody away.

As the game develops, the opening moves transition into the middle game, in chess the middle game is where the master will start to shake off his opponent’s chances for escape while tightening the noose for his eventual victory.

The middle game is crucial in dating. If a guy can strike up a conversation with a woman but does not have the mental wherewithal to find points of mutual interest, he will lose any advantage he may have gained with his initial outlay of charm. People who have no opening skills usually rely on a superior middle game to get the attention of the objects of their affection. This however, takes time. Middle gamers are likely to meet people socially and develop friendships with them, hoping their charm and intellect will lure the friendship into something more serious. Their goal is to get into a relationship without risking the embarrassment of rejection that openers face.

But the ultimate move is the closing move. The game ends.

In chess the closing move is the final strike at an opponent’s King. The successful closer has trapped his victim in a position from which there is no escape. In dating, as in chess, there is no more important move than the close. All moves leading to the close will be judged on how successfully they enabled the player to finish the game.

If a man is a masterful opener, and has used his considerable middle game skill to keep his quarry’s attention at arm’s length but can’t get her phone number, or walk her to her car, or in some way assure himself of another rendezvous with her, then all is for naught.

A talented closer may not even need a brilliant opening or a middle game. For him it is all one motion - an artful, deliberate set of moves that guarantees he will capture the king, or the girl, whichever the case may be. Unfortunately, a big difference between dating and chess is that the best closers have not necessarily earned that rank through hard work, but rather by being born with incredibly good looks.

So the rest of us had better focus on improving all phases of our game.
The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly in Caqueta

By Domingo Estrada
Staff Writer

imagine for a moment that in a certain area of Idaho, a state known for growing large quantities of potatoes, land was being tilled with a harmful and potentially poisonous chemical. Could this happen? Would Americans allow the U.S. government to spend billions of their tax dollars toward the destruction of their vegetation, livestock, and everything that people need to live?

This is exactly what is happening in various regions of Caqueta and Putumayo, which are Provinces of Colombia. In an effort to reduce the amount of coca crops, coca-processing laboratories, and crippe the leftist guerrillas and other rebels such as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the U.S. is spending approximately $1.1 billion training antinarcotic troops that have combined forces with the Colombian Army to wipe out many of Colombia's coca-growing areas. This has resulted in the destruction of the environment. Why?

The Environmental Protection Agency warns that herbicide tebuthiuron may contaminate water, which can adversely affect people and farm workers who depend on water for their crops to grow and develop. The manufacturer of herbicide tebuthiuron, Dow Agrosciences (controlled by Dow Chemical Company), has warned U.S. officials of the devastating effects that may result from using this chemical in an open area exposing people and animals to potentially deadly conditions. Interestingly, in the past, Dow Agrosciences were publicly protested against and sued for using "defoliant" during the Vietnam War. Since this company has a history of using harmful chemicals, there is a possibility tebuthiuron is harmful as well.

In an effort to survive, many campesinos (farmers) have armed themselves with weapons provided by guerilla rebels as a way to defend themselves, their homes, and their families who have only their land to depend on for living. The campesinos claim that tebuthiuron has killed crops like platanos (plantains), yucca, coffee, bananas, and other vegetation. It is important to point out that not all campesinos are honest, hard working people because many of them work for guerrillas rebels who export their cocaine to the U.S. Also, not all campesinos are corrupt farmers who grow coca crops with no regard to the people who they hurt in the process. There is probably no way of differentiating between the honest and the corrupt campesinos that work for such organizations such as FARC.

It is difficult to determine whether the $1.1 billion that came out of taxpayer's pockets is really reducing the amount of illegal drugs being smuggled into the U.S. The only sure thing is that everyone continues to pay for the effects that illegal drugs have on our society.

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Liturgy of the Day at 6:30 p.m.
Commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his Disciples, at which he instituted the Eucharist, and commanded them to wash one another's feet
Music of McGregor, Durufle, Des Pres, & Martinu; Gregorian chant

Good Friday, March 29
Liturgy of the Day at 6:30 p.m.
Commemorates the Lord's Passion and Death
Music of Palestrina, Victoria, & John IV of Portugal; Gregorian chant

Easter Eve, March 30
Great Vigil of Easter at 7 p.m.
Reminiscence of all God's Mighty Acts, culminating in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus
Concludes with Holy Baptism and the First Mass of Easter
Music of Palestrina & McGregor; Gregorian chant

Easter Day, March 31
Sung Mass with Procession at 10 a.m.
Commemorates Jesus' Resurrection
Music of Charpentier, McGregor, & Noyon; Gregorian chant
**Steps to aBetter You... Learn to Balance Your Time**

By Simona Kogan/Feature Editor

The Webster's Dictionary definition of time is a non-spatial continuum in which events occur in apparently irreversible succession from the past through the present to the future.

But, when it comes down to it, the definition of time is actually something quite simple. It's something that MSU students just don't have. Between classes, work, and off-campus activities, schoolwork, and—getting a social life, time is not something that can be wasted and it seems like most college students just don't have enough of it.

The trick is to be able to prioritize and make sure what gets done is what is most important to you and to be able to balance all of these important tasks in your life, while at the same time giving yourself some time off.

Sound tough? It's really not. Following a few important steps can ensure anyone that they will have at least a little more time on their hands.

1. First, make sure you change your mindset.

Cincinnati-based professional organizer Stephanie Denton says you must change your thinking from the ever-popular, "I only have 15 minutes. I can't start anything." to the more reasonable, "It has 15 minutes, what can I knock off my list of things to do?"

2. Keep a desk calendar or planner handy at all times.

This is a must for all college students who have to keep track of dates, commitments, and assignment deadlines.

3. Eliminate repetitive activities.

4. Make a list of things you need to do.

Having a list handy will make things go faster. Shopping lists are always good for busy people on the run so that when they enter the store, they know what they’re looking for and won’t waste time.

- Turn one big project into a combination of lots of smaller projects.

When you have a big project to do, make an outline of all the small projects that must be done in order to complete the big one. You will have something to follow when it's time to begin and the project won't look like something quite so enormous and difficult to complete.

- Don't postpone... Don't procrastinate.

When something needs to be done, plan a time to do it and stick to that time.

- Find a buddy.

Studying or doing projects with friends, even if you are both doing different things, can make the time go much faster!

- Set a time limit to complete a task and try to do it within that time limit.

If you don't want to rush, don't do this, but even if you can't afford to keep it within a specific limit, try to finish your task within that period so you can move onto the next assignment. Race yourself.

- Don't feel guilty to take time for yourself.

Former President of the American Psychological Association Dorothy Cantor says that studies have proven that, "We consider taking care of ourselves goofing off."

Think of time for yourself as a necessity and a way to live your life.

**Remember these tips...**

- Bad driving habits can be costly to your health, wallet, and environment. Avoid high speeds, drive smoothly, keep tires inflated, you increase fuel efficiency, reduce pollution, and save money.

- Take advantage of the weekly program button on your VCR. It will automatically record each episode of your favorite show without you having to sit there and program it every week.

- Can't read what's on your computer screen? Here's something simple you may have never thought of. Just make the type size larger.

- If you're buying a birthday card, think ahead of future birthdays so that you can have a card ready when your friend's birthday comes up.

- Put that receiver down! Spending less time on the phone is a good way to get a few well-earned minutes in your day.

**Reactions from Students**

"After going to class, I like to relax and eat... to get me to do my homework I think about how good the weekend is going to be and how I'm going to let loose... so I go to class and do all my work to the best of my ability during the week and then I can party on the weekends... I consider myself a very busy person and when I'm not motivated I think about something really good that is coming up."

- Pasquajp Raguseo, Sophomore

"It varies pending on the time of year. For instance, if I don't have exams coming up, then I can afford to let my social life get the better half of my time. I think it's all about finding a balance between the two worlds because they are equally important in shaping your success."

- Phoebe Raguseo, Freshman

"Balancing schoolwork and social life can be hard at times. I try to allow time for everything because a social life can be just as important as schoolwork. I don't devote all my time to one simple thing. I balance it out so that I do not get burned out, make some money, and keep my life interesting."

- Kathleen Eshworth, Sophomore
When Managing Your Time, Studying May Be Low on Your List of Things to Do
Steps to Help You Stay Motivated, Stay Focused, and Get a Higher Grade

By Simona Kogan
Feature Editor

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That means when you’re studying, sounds easy enough, but it’s not. You hate biology or English class or that killer history assignment, but you should begin first. It will help you get it out of the way so you can do more interesting assignments later and you can get it done while your mind is still fresh enough to take in the information.

2. Choose a good study area. Choose it carefully. It’s hard to get yourself focused but once you find an environment fit for studying, you can speed up the process and get yourself to focus on what needs to get done. The library or a desk area is fine. Here’s a word of advice. Please, PLEASE don’t study on your bed, before you know it you’ll be off and doing the laundry...Do I have work to do tonight? They said they wanted to hang out, go to that club...

3. Focus on the task at hand. That means when you’re studying, you’re only thinking about studying. Don’t think about your best friend, or family problems. You’re only thinking about studying. Sounds boring, but it will help you in the end.

5. Keep your notes short and focused and read them over. When you are done, recite main points and ask yourself questions about the material you’ve just read. Sounds boring, but it will help you in the end.

6. Be your own motivator. Sure you can get your friend to study with you or put you to study, but the only person that can really do the studying is you. So psych yourself out, give yourself an incentive, and motivate yourself to sit down, read the material, and remember what you read.

A FEW INTERESTING IDEAS YOU MAY NOT HAVE THOUGHT OF...

* Study with music. Although classical music has been known to help in the studying process, any kind of music one prefers is acceptable. Pick the music that’s right for you and listen to it while studying. As long as you don’t find yourself drifting off and singing the lyrics or humming the melody, it can help you study better.

* Education coach and radio talk-show host Marty Nemko prefers and listen to it when studying to use a cheat sheet on the test. The best letter to write on the test. Just writing out the melody, it can help you study better.

* Create a pretend cheat sheet. This is one of the easiest and most used ideas to use when studying. Pretend that you are allowed to use a cheat sheet on the test and write down all the material you would want to write on this piece of paper if you were allowed to use it during the test. Just writing out the sheet can help you study, because it lists the main points. Make sure to study it right before the test. It’s the last thing your eyes should see before you pick up that pen or pencil.

* Don’t just sit there staring at something with a blank expression on your face. Make yourself study, read your material, and make sure you know it.

* And if all else fails...show up to class on time, do all homework, and ask for extra credit.

Sophomores Paul Sacci and Rob Davis manage to stay focused and study hard despite both of their hectic schedules.
It's About Residence Halls, My Dear Watson
Discovering the Truth About Your Dorm and Dealing With Roommates

By: Robert J. Matheis, M.A.
Special to The Montclarion

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iving with others is not easy. Think about it. You've spent the last 18 years with your parents and/or siblings and, let's face it; things probably weren't always rosy. To make matters worse, here you were thinking that going off to college would give you freedom, independence, a better way of life—and what do you get? A room the size of a shoe box and a couple of roommates to help you fill it. The truth is that residence hall life can be stressful and downright frustrating. But wait! Before you start packing those bags, applying for that "medical single," or even plotting the death of your roommate, keep in mind there is hope. That's right, there is a way out. There is a way to make residence hall life a bit better, and surprisingly, you have much more control than you believe in making things happen. The key is to be a better "detective."

Detective? You're probably asking. Well, the truth of the matter is that whether we are having a small disagreement with our roommate, a major conflict, or even a huge screaming match, the words that leave our mouth do not usually reflect the message we are actually sending. Instead, often what we are really trying to say is coded or hidden by our anger and frustration. So, your job is to become a better detective and to listen for the underlying message. Now, I am not saying you should try and "psycho-analyze" your roommate. Instead, the idea is that one resolves fights when they stop trying to win and start trying to understand.

Let's try an example. Dan is monopolizing the room by having his girlfriend over every night to watch television and study "human anatomy" while Joe is trying to study and enjoy some time alone. A fight erupts, insults are thrown back and forth, and rationality is replaced with profanity. Joe screams at Dan and Dan responds that Joe is just jealous that he doesn't have a girlfriend. At this point, Joe is irate and raging mad. What happened? Neither roommate was a good detective. Both Dan and Joe were good at expressing anger, but Joe did not send the message that when Dan has his girlfriend over he feels his independence is being taken away, and worse, he was afraid of confronting Dan, which made Joe feel incompetent on top of it all.

In reality, it was difficult for Joe to articulate his message because he was too angry. So, in this case, and in many of your own personal conflicts the responsibility lies with Dan or "the accused" to listen for the real message hidden behind the anger. Working to solve conflicts or at least understand other people's hidden message with a little detective work will usually end more successfully than simply trying to win.

Sometimes conflicts get out of hand and the hurt is too deep to remedy. If this is the case, try reaching your R.A. or peer mediator. Additionally, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) have staff trained to help in these situations. If you find you have difficulties that you can't handle on your own, roommate-related or not, please don't hesitate to use your campus resources.

There is a way to make residence hall life a bit better... you have much more control than you believe in making things happen. There is no limit to caring. The need is great. And we are there to offer support and compassion to enrich the lives of the elderly. Volunteers of America is there to help. We work in communities across the country helping seniors lead safer, healthier, independent, and productive lives. With programs that provide home health care, transportation, assisted living and affordable housing. The need is great. And we are there to offer support and compassion to enrich the lives of the elderly.

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Monster’s Ball

Marc Forster
Lions Gate Films

By Jerome D’Angelo
Staff Writer

In case you were spending Sunday drinking and pretending to be an "effete snob" you didn't take much time to consider ethnicity as a true social problem. Contemporary film has not touched upon controversy like this recently, as apparently Big Hollywood thinks people would rather see Mel Gibson screw up a southern accent and Ray Romano screw up a wooly mammoth.

While Monster's Ball, an independent film, contains little of the sociological jargon that is typically thrown into movies about racism, it proves its point more effectively than any film has in years. And it didn't need to show images of the KKK burning a cross, or of Neo-Nazi beating up Jewish people.

Monster's Ball, even though the title sounds like a CGI kid's film, conveys the purest nature of the South, and brings the fury of racial tension to life as it most commonly exists in America: on the local level.

Billy Bob Thornton plays Hank, an embittered and bigoted Death Row Corrections Officer in Georgia, who is unable and convincing, plays Hank's unflinchingly racist father who seems to be the family's ultimate antago- nist. Hank's racism, not to mention his misogyny, flows directly from him. Boyle's character has trouble both breathing and walking, but his condition has not mellowed him in the least bit. "What do those n----r want?" he asks in his first scene. "Pretty soon they'll be living in my damn house..."

Halle Berry, who is spectacular when her talent is not being wasted by playing Storm, plays Leticia, a down-on-her-luck mother whose husband, played surprisingly well by Sean "Puffy" Combs, is on death row awaiting his eminent execution. Leticia can seem neither to keep a job, nor curtail the eating habits of her son (10 year-old newcomer Coriniah Cahoon). Nor can she get a grip on happiness as a result. As the saying goes, tragedy makes strange bedfellows.

After Hank's admitted hatred for his son drives Sonny to suicide, Leticia loses her son in a hit and run along a local highway. With her son's dying body limply clutched in her arms, Hank spots Leticia as he is driving by. For an instant, his bigotry is forgotten and he rushes them to the hospital. After the youngster is pronounced dead, Leticia retreats into herself, for now the realness she is truly alone. This eventually draws her closer and closer to Hank, who himself is feeling a huge void after Sonny's death. Their common trauma brings them together romantically.

Everyone in Monster's Ball, including rapper-turned-rocker Mos Def who plays Hank's living antithesis, supports the view of a conspiracy against the film. Though nothing is planned in Hank's hometown. NY. Lucie Arnaz Ball's daughter has recently said that there are plans to move Ball and her mother "Dee Dee" to the new Luci-D'eslMuseum planned in Ball's hometown.

The 17th annual Rock and Roll Hall of Fame ceremony inducts an eclectic mix of musicians for many genres Monday. The list included: Tallent Heads, The Runemoses, Guitarist Chet Atkins, The Heartbreakers, The Ramones, Russell Crowe say that bad-mouthing of the film to academy voters is taking place. In various news reports recently, including one in The Montclarion, it has been noted that this film was the first to win the John Nash. a Nobel Prize Winning mathematician at Princeton University, leaves out some of the more unflattering aspects, such as the illegitimate child with another woman who he abandoned and his divorce from Alicia Nash. In 2001, they remarried.

Compiled from YAHOO.com by James Topoleski

Sean "Puffy" Combs does surprisingly well in his first major acting role as death row inmate Lawrence Musgrove.
**P.T., a Grim Situation**

*By James Topoleski*

**Arts and Entertainment Editor**

P.T. Grimm's, *Songs To Amputate Your... Buried Alive With a Skunk*, is a musical approach that could have been considered as a bold and creative statement. However, it unfortunately falls short of its intended goal.

The album starts with "Delusion Equals Happiness," a great track with many change ups in sounds, but the distortion comes through. Grimm's screaming works well, its use throughout the entire album causes the effect to go stale and repetitive.

Grimm's vocals have a Rob Zombie quality to them, making the song sound childish, more funny than shockingly. While the same effects layer over the guitars in this track, work for the song, with processing kept to a minimum, letting the true sound of the distortion come through. Another decent track would be "Clown Dirge," the beat keeps the song moving along. Grimm's vocals have a Rob Zombie's quality to them, making the song sound more acceptable.

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The lyrics themselves also do damage to the album. Often they are childish, more funny than shocking, which is what the attempt is supposed to be. They are similar to Manson's Pratrol of an American Family, only now it is more like a male earring after it was fashionable and growing their hair long or getting an earing after it was fashionable and acceptable. "Prostitute of an American Family," is a great track with many change ups in sounds, but the distortion comes through. Grimm's screaming works well, its use throughout the entire album causes the effect to go stale and repetitive.

**McKellen's Changing Faces and Rolls**

*By Glenn Lovell*

**Country of KRT Campus**

The actor, who was knighted in 1991 and maintains his own Web site (www.mckellen.com), at a friend’s home in Los Angeles, He’s stateside for pre-Oscar interviews and talks with director Bryan Singer about *X-Men 2*, which begins shooting in Vancouver in May.

Q. Sir Ian, you may be the first knight with his own Web site.

A. You may be right, The site was suggested to me four years ago to publicize a show I was doing, I thought, “This will be a good chance to put down everything I’ve got in the cellar, my comments on the last 40 years.” It saved me the chore of having to write an autobiography. In January, there were 12 million people who looked at the site, mainly because of Lord of the Rings of course.

Q. You didn’t make your screen debut until age 29, and stardom came 30 years later.

A. The one big element that no actor can deny is their career is luck.

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**Arts Calendar**

**Concert & Theater Calendar**

- **ScoCore Icicle Ball**
  - Hammerstein Chicks On Speed
  - Irving Plaza
  - 3/21

- **Mind Face**
  - Lion’s Den
  - Puddle Of Mudd
  - Roseland
  - 3/22

- **Eels**
  - Irving Plaza
  - Citrus
  - Mark
  - 3/23

- **The Allman Brothers Band**
  - Beacon Theater
  - 3/26

- **Robin Williams**
  - Beacon Theater
  - Need New Body
  - Knitting Factory
  - 3/27

- **Midnight Oil**
  - Irving Plaza
  - Photon Planet
  - Village Underground
  - 3/28

- **Dream Theater**
  - Beacon Theater
  - Eve To Adam
  - C.B.G.B.'s
  - 3/29

**Movie Releases**

- **Blade II**
  - dir: Guillermo del Toro
  - Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson, Ron Perlman, Luke Goss

- **ET**
  - dir: Steven Spielberg
  - Dee Wallace-Stone, Henry Thomas, Peter Coyote, Drew Barrymore

**Album Releases**

- **Rock/Pop - Boha Men: Move It Like This**
- **Rap/R&B - Infinity - Tha Ghetto Child: Pain**
- **Jazz - Warren Hill: Love Songs**

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Tigerlily only lists events for that week (from the Thursday we come out to the following Wednesday). For your event to get listed, it must reach us by the Tuesday before we come out. Be sure to include the name of the event (who’s performing) where it is being held, and the exact date it’s happening. Send all information to the following e-mail address:

msuarts@hotmail.com
Berry is as beautiful as she is talented, so the male and lesbian audience doesn’t mind, but the point could have been made just as well without showing her off.

The execution of Combs’ character also seems to show more than necessary simply for the sake of showing it rather than for story relevance. The film’s use of such scenes seems to be to fill time. Monster’s Ball would have easily received five tigerlilies in this review, had it not been for this.

Otherwise, Monster’s Ball is a film for film-lovers, and generally worth a look by anyone. The racial undertones can be appreciated by anyone, as can the struggle each character has with their own personal misery. And lastly, Monster’s Ball is a sadly needed “film” in an era of “flicks,” as it actually has something to say, and actually has believable characters.

Heath Ledger as Sonny Grotowski, and Billy Bob Thornton lead Sean Combs to his execution.

90.3 WMSU

Top 10 of the Week

1. Shady View Terrace - Lawrence Arms Split
2. You and I - The Final Seven Inch
3. The Gull Up Ritas - Faceinate Mite
4. Medicine - Maybe Still Catch Fire
5. Tia and the Piazzas - Soundtrack
6. Lullabies - Word of Mouth
7. Inex - Movie Mix
8. Poison the Well - The Opposite of December
9. Perse R12 - It’s Hard to Find a Friend
10. Thursday - Full Collapse

Kevin

Fridays @ 1-4 p.m.
Last Action Hero.
A. I took any part I could get. I did walk-ons, tiny parts. Friends thought I was crazy. But over that period I began to treat the camera as a friend rather than as an intruder. The film of Richard III was my calling card in the growing-up film industry, and I began to get offered really good parts. So now, rather late in the day, I'm in the happy situation that those peers of mine were in 30 years ago.

Q. Gandalf must have been a nice change. You've specialized in villains - from Lago to Rasputin.
A. Yes, that's true. It's not often that you get to play a good man because writers are more interested in human frailty. Goodness can be rather boring - "the devil has the best tunes." I suppose best sums it up. You don't find any Shakespeare hero who is totally good. Usually they're guys who have gone off the rails. But Gandalf - though he has self-doubt and realizes he would be corrupted by the ring - is firmly on the rails.

Q. Was there one Tolkien passage in particular that provided the key to your characterization?
A. I saw Gandalf as a scholar, a man of the countryside... and yet a loner on a mission. You'll see that increasingly strongly in the next two films, The Two Towers and Return of the King. The fun of the first film is in Gandalf measuring up to situations: persuading Bilbo to give up the ring or handling over responsibility to Frodo, or riding off to face Saruman, his old friend who's gone wrong.

Q. You've been called the new Obi-Wan Kenobi?
A. I don't see the connection frankly between Gandalf and that part. If anything George Lucas couldn't have imagined Star Wars if he hadn't read Tolkien. I think we rather pre-date Star Wars.

Q. Do you find it ironic that after so much stage work you've found acclaim in digital-effects fantasies?
A. Oh, I don't look at them that way at all. I think the success of Lord of the Rings is that it isn't fantasy. The storytelling that director Peter Jackson has adopted is to make you think you are actually there and that this was at one time a real world.

Q. You spent a year in New Zealand shooting the entire trilogy. That's a huge chunk of time.
A. I am 62. A year doesn't feel very long for me. Elijah Wood might feel you differently, but he celebrated his 18th birthday during the filming. Once we got going, it felt like one film, one long film. I was never entirely certain whether we were filming the third film or second. It didn't really matter. It was one long story.

Q. What do you think your chances are for an Oscar?
A. No idea. It's certainly not a rejection of your work if your name is not called out. I arrive at the awards as a foreigner, an outsider, who, briefly, is allowed to be an insider. I'll participate in the fun of the Oscars.

The film of Richard III, that things began to change. Whilst my contemporaries, Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Alan Bates - were regularly appearing in movies and having great success, that just didn't happen for me. Not having been to drama school, that just didn't happen for me. I felt I had an awful lot to learn as a stage actor. And then great theater parts started coming my way, with -

Ian McKellen and Brendan Fraser as his gardener Clay Boone in Gods and Monsters.
HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW? HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW?

Happy Birthday!

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Thursday, March 21

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685
Matthew Broderick 1962
Timothy Dalton 1946
Rosie O'Donnell 1962
Gary Oldman 1958

Friday, March 22

Bob Costas 1952
William Shatner 1931
Reese Witherspoon 1976
Mathew Modine 1959

Saturday, March 23

Louie Anderson 1953
Richard Grieco 1965
Chaka Kahn 1953
Rick Ocasek 1949
Keri Russell 1976

HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW? HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW?

Sunday, March 24

Alyson Hannigan 1974
Star Jones 1962
Lara Flynn Boyle 1970

Monday, March 25

Aretha Franklin 1942
Sir Elton John 1947
Sarah Jessica Parker 1965
John Stockwell 1961

Tuesday, March 26

Bobby Brown 1977
Jennifer Grey 1960
James Davison 1980

Wednesday, March 27

Quentin Tarantino 1963

Know someone who's celebrating a birthday soon? What else says “Happy Birthday” (on a very limited budget) better than getting your friend's name in the paper? Email msuarts@hotmail.com with the birthday kid's full name and year of birth at least a week before the date and let them know you really care... even though you may be really poor.

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Grimm
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almost like a weird fusion between Zombie and Powerman.

“Baby Bones” is also a winner, melodic but scary. Grimm's vocals work very well here and do not distract as on other songs. Here you definitely see where P.T. Grimm could actually break through and push the envelope if they did not suffer from so many little problems.

One of the definite low points in the album though, is the constant use of computerized voice tracks like those used on Radiohead's OK Computer.

While one track of it would work, two tracks, “I Smell Bad,” and “Emily” tends to be a bit much. Its use becomes more of a novelty, which might have been the point all along, rather than a change up between songs like Radiohead's.

This seems to be a running theme in this album, excess. With the lyrics and song titles excessively adolescent in their nature, and overuse of processing, which makes the guitar choppy and painful on the ears at time, the album becomes tiring.

More tiring is the apparent need to put all of their material on one album. Songs To... tops out at 20 tracks, and while it only runs about 49 minutes long, with many tracks one to three minutes long, it still seems excessive and jumpy, songs styles changing from one minute to the next. If the band had been more selective, and worked out the better songs while keeping the others b-sides and novelty songs on stage, the album would have worked out well.

However, the problems with the album make listening almost not worth the effort, or at the very least, make Songs To... an album you have to jump around tracks to get to good songs. Songs to Amputate Your Face By, is not a horrible album, it is just a rough album that needed some finishing up.

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(NOT THAT CLOSER)

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Housing is provided for Resident EMTs at Clove Road.

Resident EMT’s are responsible for:

- On call from their room (11AM-8AM) for up to 2-3 nights/week.
- On call up to two weekends per month.
- Cover up to two daytime shifts per week.
- Completing other assigned responsibilities.

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- Must be a full-time student (>12 credits) with at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Must be a NJ EMT, with CPR, EMT-D and CEVO certifications.
- Must have a valid driver’s license with a clean record.

Number of Positions Available: 2-3 positions will be available.

Start Date: Applications are currently being accepted for Summer 2002 and the Fall 2002 Semester.

To Apply: Contact Robb Rehberg, EMS Director, at x7838 or pick up an application in the EMS office (SC105).

Application Deadline: All Positions: Friday, April 5th, 2002
Office of Residence Life
Room Selection Schedule 2002-2003

- Pay your application fee today!!!
  Monday, March 18 - Monday, April 1, 2002
- Community Advantage - Sign up for your own room or building on April 3 & 4!!!

Pay Deposit at Cashier's Office  Monday, March 18 - Monday, April 1
Community Advantage           Wednesday, April 3 & Thursday, April 4
Apply for Single Room          Wednesday, April 10 & Thursday, April 11
Deadline to accept single room Thursday, April 18
Room Selection                 Tuesday, April 23 & Wednesday, April 24

Locations for Room Selection Events

- Community Advantage sign-ups will occur at your Residence Hall Director’s Office during the designated days.
- Sign-up for the Single Room Selection at the Office of Residence Life on the designated days.
- Room Selection will occur in the Blanton Hall Atrium.
The semester’s first meeting of the Student Safety Committee, held Feb. 20, brought forth some beneficial ideas, the need for student awareness of how and when to report a crime being a major one.

The committee, which hopes to spread such information to students through the means of leaflets and the police department website, was established last year with the intentions of providing a greater amount of communication between the campus police department and the students.

While such a committee certainly seems to be beneficial to the students, one may wonder how the Student Safety Committee is as unknown among the student population as it is. Having only met three times in the last academic year, it is no wonder that word of the committee has not spread too rapidly. Nonetheless, their intentions are quite honorable and if they are able to promote the accessibility of campus police, then they will have served their purpose.

Another goal of the committee is to increase student awareness of the escort service that provides students with accompaniment if they prefer not to walk alone. Although they have escorted over 8,000 students this year alone, many students are still unaware that the service remains in effect.

Co-chair of the committee and MSU detective, Kieran Barrett, said “many issues are solved easily once the lines of communication are opened up.” This sentiment seems to be the essence of the Student Safety Committee and if this theory pans out, increasing student and campus police communications, it will be a victory for the entire student body.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, any attempt at improving security measures and student awareness certainly seems to be welcome. With the escort service and the seeming accessibility of the campus police, we can all feel a little bit safer while on campus.

As far as the Student Safety Committee is concerned, good luck with getting your message across and thanks for the noble intentions.

Montclarion Question Of the Week:
Were You Upset to Find Your Name in the Student Directory?

Log on to: www.themontclarion.com to voice your opinion.

Last Week’s Poll Results

What Did You Do Over Spring Break?

- Went on Vacation 21%
- Worked 37%
- Slept A Lot 5%
- Stayed at Home 37%
- 0% - Studied
**Opinion**

**Give Up the Keys: You’re...Too Old?**

We all have grandparents and elderly people we see on a daily basis. Some of the time, their driving skills are adequate enough that they can get around and not suffocate the elderly by making them stay at home. The policy of making people give up their keys at a certain age is an infringement on the elderly’s freedom and their right to drive. Why then do we see one special event (3 on 3 basketball tournaments) in the spring? Why are there two aerobics classes per week and one special gym class (Crescillator)?

**Montclarion Mailbag**

**Improving Intramurals**

Four years ago, the students on this campus had two intramural sports (flag football and basketball). Two aeriobics classes per week and one special event (3 on 3 basketball tournaments) was all that this year’s department offered. This is why our department offers or will offer two intramural sports, 8-10 aerobics classes weekly, special events and numerous opportunities for student employment and leadership. Why then do we find ourselves defending ourselves to people who simply find it difficult to follow simple rules and policies? The activities and events of Campus Recreation are meant to provide fun to the MSU community. If you are not in it for fun, a friendly, competitive atmosphere then participate not because you think it is the only way you can stay away from the fun everyone else is having but because intramural policies and rules are explained before each season to the team captains and is it the responsibility of the captains to pass this information on to their players. Sooner or later, all we have to face responsibility for our actions, or inactions, and not blame others because we refuse to follow rules. When you fail to follow rules or you decide that you want to throw a tantrum, there are consequences. When your actions get you thrown out of a game or out of a league then it is YOUR fault, not ours. When, as a team, you refuse to follow rules or control your actions and your team gets thrown out of a league it’s YOUR fault, not ours. We may have seemed unorganized and unprofessional to you, however, the majority of the rest of the players understood that the rules were not working with the equipment (we recall you, Derek Macchia, asking us in blowing up those puffy tubes). We apologize for our low budget, however the duct tape didn’t seem to bother anyone else. It seems to feel like you were not notified early enough of the championship game, however all teams received the information at the same time and made on effort to show up at the right time with an adequate amount of people. Although we welcome your comments and suggestions, realize we are at a stage in our program where we are trying to establish a certain economy as it stood nearly 15 years ago; and eventually these changes and yet the fee has not been changed to help us accommodate these gradually increasing costs.

Thus, in order to further provide you with greater programming, outreach, organizations, and excellent campus events, we need your help in supporting the following fee adjustment. This is a small amount in comparison to the large role the SGA plays in your college experience. These adjustments are not only necessary in order to insure the future of the SGA, as well as the future of your positive experience on campus, but they are fair when analyzed financially. The SGA needs and appreciates everyone’s support with this proposal because no matter what fraternity, sorority, organization, or club that you are in, the success or failure of this proposal will affect you and its future here at MSU.

As expected, there has been some opposition to this fee increase. I, as a representative of the SGA, encourage anyone with questions about the fees to contact me or our treasurer, Shariff Elhag. We are committed to providing the MSU community with financial matters to contact me or our treasurer, Shariff Elhag. We are committed to providing the MSU community with financial matters to contact me or our treasurer, Shariff Elhag. We are committed to providing the MSU community with financial matters to contact me or our treasurer, Shariff Elhag. We are committed to providing the MSU community with financial matters to contact me or our treasurer, Shariff Elhag. We are committed to providing the
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Las Vegas: The City of Sinning and Winning

By Ronald Michael
Humor® Staff Writer

During Spring Break students do one of two things. Some go out on an adventure and travel to exotic places, like Cancun, Panama City, or the Belleville Motor Lodge. Others wind up sitting at home by themselves, cursing the educational system for splitting up the Spring Break so that your friends from high school are sitting at home by themselves as they wallow in their own misery. And when students return to school one of the hardest things is hearing the stories of friends who went out and had fun. It makes some angry enough to want to dip their friends in a bucket full of Anthrax. In my college years, I have only gone away on Spring Break once. To that rim and proper city known as Las Vegas. Where else can you get prostitutes delivered to you who look so much better than pizzaz? Isn't it just wonderful that counties can just take a dessert with a little help from their kidneys stolen! (I am sure my college years, I have only gone once to go for Spring Break. It's got it all-history, gambling, hookers, conventions, rubber bands, hookers, gambling, lights, and have we said hookers. We've all seen the movies that make the city to great: The Godfather (I and 2), Casino, Bugsy, Swingers, and Go. These movies show how rich corrupt Mafia bosses with nice hair took a dessert with a little help from union funds, drug money, racketeer- ing and other illegal sources, built casinos to fund more illegal operations. Instead of killing people to get the cash, they get it from average joes who want to hit it big, but are so liquefied up from the free booze they wind up paying out and waking up with their kidneys stolen! (I am sure we've all see the email.) But despite these negatives images, Vegas is still alluring, and is temptuous wien. The sight of The Strip as the plane lands down is truly mesmerizing. And the sight of seeing slot machines as you step into the terminal is nauseating, with all the lights, sounds, and sights of the dancing Louis Anderson on the "Family Feud" slots in particular. One can find themselves lost in the endless caverns of slot machines and roulette tables. When going to Vegas, which airline you choose is necessary. Some are nice and easy direct flights on an enjoyable air line, and others are like flying in a freight plane full of chickens. When I went, it was on a no-frills carrier, America West. If you want to experience the hospitality the Nazis were so well known for, I highly recommend this carrier. You will hear jokes from the pilots that make toe fungus recoil in fright as you dine on a single packet of eight peanuts for the five hour flight. If they like you, you get a two oz. cup of water. A flight with a stop-over will usually mean you land in some other city and get on a propeller-powered plane. I don't know much about these, because everyone I know who's taken one, died in the crash. But they weren't lucky enough to have Don McLean write a song about them. Where to stay once in Vegas? These range from the Bellagio which you will never afford in your life (c'man now, you go to MSU) to a cardboard box off 15th St. Amazingly, this strange pair is within three blocks of each other. The Strip, or Las Vegas Boulevard is something tourists stray away from only if they have a death wish. It's like how the dead people in the movie Beetlejuice ended up on Saturn when they stepped outside the house. Well, if you venture off the strip, you'll get shot. It's that simple. If you can resist the temptation of the gaming floors in the casinos, Vegas hosts numerous conventions throughout the year. One of the best is the consumer electronics industry where lots of computer experts are gathered talking about improvements of gadgets and all sizes and shapes, But this also means the porn industry honchos will be close by. I don't think I need to explain writable DVDs. So if you're looking for some place with all the phoniness of Disney, and the debauchery of Ancient Rome, put Las Vegas on your list.

This is just the nature of the universe. After all, every advancement in computers is based around porn: cable modems-so we can download faster, zip drives-so we can store more porn, writable CD-ROMS-so we can take our porn with us or make money on the side, and I don't think I need to explain writable DVDs.
The Horoscope Never Lies

However, Jambi is Making This up as He Goes Along

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) - This week work for your horoscope forecasts is going to be a bit tiresome. Expect an endless stream of meetings and phone calls. Try to stay positive and focused on your goals.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22) - Emotions are mounting for you. Be prepared for unexpected changes that may affect your plans. Keep a flexible attitude.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) - While the heatwave continues, enjoy the pleasant weather. It's the perfect time for outdoor activities and socializing with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) - Your creative energy is at its peak this week. Use this time to explore new ideas and projects. Be open to feedback from others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) - The balance between work and personal life is important. Make sure to prioritize your responsibilities and take care of your health.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) - Relationships are in focus. Communicate openly and honestly with your partner. Trust is key to maintaining a strong connection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) - Travel plans may be on your mind. Plan ahead and consider all the necessary precautions. Enjoy exploring new places.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) - Focus on your career goals. Set clear objectives and work towards achieving them. Persistence is the key.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) - Innovation and creativity are your strengths. Use this week to come up with unique solutions to problems.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) - Your intuition is strong. Trust your instincts and let them guide you. Maintain a balanced perspective.

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INSIDE CAPTAIN RIBMAN'S SECRET HIDEOUT, THE GRIEF OF SOLITUDE...

THE ADVENTURES OF SKULLY

BY WILLIAM MORTON

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HONORABLE MENTION

Crystal Sweeney
Sophomore Pitcher - R
Edison, NJ

Sweeney set the school record of strike outs in a game with 16 against Wilmington last Monday. In her five appearances, she’s 4-1 with a 0.55 ERA and 40 strike outs.

Brian Ellerson
Senior Infielder
Boyonne, NJ

Ellerson batted .469 through the team’s first nine games. He collected 7 RBIs on 17 hits and came around to score 15 times. Of his 17 hits, 6 went for doubles.

Jeff Gogal
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Gogal went 3-0 with an ERA of 0.95. He stuck out 22 batters in 19 innings of work. He’s allowed only 2 earned runs and kept the opponents at a .179 BA.

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Baseball Season Started: How Will They Fare? Season Preview

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Baseball Opens On A High Note
Senior Ellerson Leads Team

By John Montesano
Staff Writer

As Spring begins to unfold in these areas, MSU's baseball team has been in full swing for nearly two weeks. Most college students spend their Spring Break having fun in the sun. The baseball squad spent theirs in California having their own fun, winning ball games.

On their nine-game road trip, the Red Hawks began their season 6-3. The Red Hawks had an opening day doubleheader against Bridgewater (VA). MSU took both games, 15-3 and 13-3. Shortstop Brian Ellerson and catcher Shawn Dyckman led the team in their season opener, wining both games.

The Red Hawks' win total grew to 3-0 when they shut out the University of Redlands (CA), 7-0. MSU's first shutout of the young season was a collaborated effort of four pitchers. Jeff Gogal struck out nine, gave up four hits, and six innings. Josh Pine, Jason Are, and James Sur-owicz each threw one hitless inning to secure the win.

The Red Hawk's first loss came against Ithaca College, which was played at Claremont, Ca. 5-4. The Red Hawks rebounded and were on the other end of a one-run game by picking up a 7-6 win over Claremont-Mudd Sciohs. Montclair began the season winning back-to-back games and were yet to experience back-to-back losses. That was until their sixth and seventh games of the season. MSU dropped a contest, 9-4, against Cal-Lutheran and the following day they were defeated by the University of La Verne, 4-3.

Next up for the team was a trip to Chapman University for two games. The first meeting was against UMass-Dartmouth, whom they defeated 6-2 and the next was a bit of an upset as the fourth-ranked Red Hawks topped third-ranked Chapman University, 7-5.

The Red Hawks headed home with a 6-3 overall record. They were scheduled to make their, home debut on March 19, but due to a shocking snowfall, the game against Desales University was pushed ahead a day.

Softball

The softball team raced out to a 7-3 record. They were led by newcomer Kari McDonnell who batted .406 and has 15 RBIs. Pitcher Crystal Sweeney set a single game strike out record with 16 Ks against Wilmington.

Men's Lacrosse

The men's team is 3-0 scoring 10 goals in all three games. The team is led by Chris Meixner with 11 goals and three assists.

Women's Lacrosse

The team won their first game of the year behind the tandem of Jodi Gangemi, four goals, and Cathy Winkleman, two goals and six assists. The game against Gwynned-Mercy was postponed on Monday because of the weather to April 22 at Gwynned-Mercy at 4 p.m.

Indoor Track Runs Well at NCAA Division III Finals

Benson named Coach of the Year, Llanos wins named Atlantic Region Player of the Year

By Mike Sanchez
Managing Editor

After coming in second at the ECAC Championships, the men's team came in third in the NCAA Division III Championship to close-out the indoor track season.

Head at Ohio Northern University, Sophomore Enrique Llanos won the 55-Meter Hurdle race in a time of 7.46 seconds. Llanos bested his time of 7.55 when he won the 55-Meter Hurdles at the CTC Championships Feb. 9. Llanos was named Atlantic Region Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track Coaches Association.

The U.S. Track Coaches Association named Head Coach Bennie Benson NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year. In his seven years as coach, Benson has produced 25 All-Americans. He was named NJAC Indoor Coach of the Year in 2000 and Co-Head Coach in 2001.

Benson is also the Men's Chair of the United States Track and Field Association. Benson is also a member of the IC4A, ECAC and NCAA coaches association.

At Robert Morris College in Pittsburgh where Benson attended college, he was a 10-time All-Northeast Conference selection and set eight school records in seven events, including the 800 meters, the distance medley and the 4x800-meter relay.

This year he led the team to its best finishes in over 10 years. The men's team came in at third, their highest finish since 1985. Ernest Tymes came in fourth for the triple jump while Nick Gregoria was sixth in the shotput. In the 400-Meter dash, Darryl Louis came in third. The Men's 4x400-meter relay team came in third also.

The women's team finished eighth, best since 1992. Tierra Hicks came in second in the 400 meters while freshman Nacole Moore was second in the shotput. The team placed eight players as All-Americans, the most in a single year.

Enrique Llanos, getting ready to run the relay at the Millrose Games early February, won the 55-Meter Hurdle in the NCAA Division III Championship.

Sports Shorts

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