SGA to Bring Senate Up On Charges for De-Charterment

By Lillian M. Aleman
News Editor

MSU's longest running fraternity has been restricted from the University for causing injury to an observer in addition to displaying inappropriate behavior during Saturday's Homecoming Parade.

Members of the campus community have criticized Phi Alpha Psi Senate for destroying property and re-enacting recent tragedies at a public function.

Besides being banned from the use of campus property, equipment, facilities, and their capabilities to function as a student organization on campus, Senate could also lose their SGA charter. According to SGA President, Chris Fitzpatrick, charges will be brought up against the fraternity within the next couple of weeks for displaying behavior unbecoming of an SGA organization along with negligence resulting in bodily injury of a spectator.

The acts that lead to both administrative and SGA decisions took place during Senate's float presentation and performance that included the smashing of a computer monitor, which caused glass and plastic debris to fly into the observing crowd.

"The injured person was taken to the Health and Wellness Center and has filed a police report on code of conduct," said Adviser to Greek Council, Hayden Greene.

"Senate's actions were despicable...they are on the other end of the spectrum of what we are trying to achieve."

According to Karen Pennington, Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life, the fraternity's act also included shouting of profanity directed toward the observing crowd and re-enactments of current events such as the Washington, D.C. sniper attacks, portrayals of alleged international terrorists such as Osama Bin Laden, and Saddam Hussein, and impersonations of the Unibomber and O.J. Simpson.

"Senate's performance demonstrated poor judgment through their depictions of violence and prejudice against others. This display was completely inappropriate and unacceptable...the University is not willing to include them as part of our student organization," said Pennington.

Although University officials believe the actions taken by Senate were inappropriate, members of the fraternity feel otherwise.

"We didn't do anything new...we did this every year. We used irony and political satire to show the lighter side of these events. In the process, we made a lot of people think about the world and also to find humor in it," said Senate President, John Zuccarello.

"People look forward to homecoming to see what we come up with next. We exercised our right to free speech and this time, we are going to do it right."

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We have researched the option that you stated and found it not possible electronically to comply in the manner that you requested. Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Morse read in his communication. However, we remain open and ready to talk to you about the options you have mentioned, it is important that we do this without anyone being hurt," the chief said.

SGA News & Notes

Due to University Day, an SGA meeting was not held yesterday.

SGA News & Notes will return on November 7.
Over 25 Student ID Cards Found in Room

Two MSU Students Face Charges on Possible Theft; Verdict to Be Announced

By Lora Roth-Biester
Staff Writer

University Police are currently investigating two University upperclassmen and a former student for possession of 26 MSU student identification cards that were gathered between Fall 2000 and Fall 2002.

Upon a safety inspection of Freeman Hall on October 4, a room occupied by Junian Anna Lawrence and Rachel Herman was found with ID cards duct-taped to the back of their dorm room door.

The Resident Advisor who conducted the safety inspection, Charles Williams III, immediately reported his discovery to Freeman Director Deborah Coghlan, who then notified Officer Carlos Ortiz.

The police report was filed on the basis that MSU IDs are the property of both the University and the State. Technically, says Detective Kieran Barrett, both students could be charged with being in unlawful possession of state property.

Legal implications notwithstanding, roommates Lawrence and Herman also have to contend with disciplinary sanctions from Residence Life. The sanctions may be less severe for Herman because she was, as Lawrence puts it, "an innocent bystander" throughout the problem.

The perpetrators are still unknown.

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Conflict Over Broken Greek Signs Arises

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Various organization signs have been found broken and damaged throughout campus. The perpetrators are still unknown.

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Managing Editor

MSU Greek organizations and University Police have been conflict¬ ing on the matter of the Police's handling of the ongoing destruction of Greek rush signs, the most recent of which occurred on Oct. 22. According to Director of Greek Affairs, Erica Manen, despite continued contact for approximately nine months with University Police on the matter, little is being done to solve the problem.

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Detective Kieran Barrett of University Police said that when the issue was brought to his attention last semester at a student safety committee meeting, University Police had looked into it and solved the matter. Since then, said Barrett, no official report was issued, causing no reason for University Police to continue investigating the problem.

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Barrett said a report is only considered official if it is filed in person and not by e-mail.

"An e-mail is one thing, a report is another. They're well-aware of that fact that they need to come down and file a report," said Barrett. "I told them this last year," said Barrett. "Saying a rush board was broken is definitely not enough for me or any police department."

Barrett also said that he clarified this issue to Manen in his last response to the e-mail when saying, "If these [incidents of damage to rush boards] are not reported to us as I have requested, I cannot automatically assume that there is a problem unless I see them in person."

According to Manen, the reason that Greek organizations are not filing reports with University Police is because they feel that doing so will not make a difference.

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The Transition to Teaching program is a state-wide program providing grants awarded nationally. The $2.5 million grant will fund the New Jersey Consortium for Urban Education (NJCUE), led by MSU.

The Department of Education's main objective is to increase the amount of students in the education program each year, while creating a new "Alternate Route to Teaching" program for New Jersey.

The program aspires to have about 60 students enrolled within the program in the first three years, and an estimated 90 students in the fourth year.

In response to receiving the grant, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, Ada Beth Cutler states, "We at Montclair State are delighted that the U.S. Department of Education has given us funding and support for a groundbreaking partnership in New Jersey to educate and mentor new, highly qualified teachers for Abbott districts."

The NJCUE consists of a collaboration of four N.J. universities, including MSU, the state department of education, Kean University, New Jersey City University, William Paterson University, and the three school districts of Jersey City, Newark, and Paterson. In the fourth year of the program, Trenton, Elizabeth, and Asbury Park plan to join the partnership.

Cynthia Onore, Director of the Center of Pedagogy, says, "This program is about providing service to the entire professional community." The Transition to Teaching program is geared to speed up the teacher certification process. Following a six-week graduate credit summer course, students will be fully certified teachers and ready to teach during the fall.

Onore says, "We are creating and piloting a program to recruit teachers for districts in an accelerated way.

Students will work closely with recent college graduates and successful professionals to fulfill their studies. The program will also include a summer teaching internship, mentoring, graduate coursework, working with Master of Arts in Teaching programs, surfing an online teacher network, and benefiting from a peer coaching system. "NJCUE will make a major contribution to addressing the need for new, highly qualified teachers in high need districts in New Jersey by recruiting, supporting, and preparing 270 teachers in math, science, and special education," said Cutter in a recent press release.
updating University Police on the issue consistently since last year, and that she assumes that an e-mail updating Barrett on the situation should cause him to look into the matter further.

"Why is an e-mail not a report? He knows it's going on and it's visible. You walk around the campus and see it," said Manen. "I should have patrol in the area see this and notice the problem?"

Barrett said that there are three patrol shifts that survey the area, and that none of the University Police officers had noticed the problem or reported the issue to him. He also said that he had personally not seen any broken signs and that he had only heard of it through an October 3 issue of The Montclarion, which included photos of the placards. "It is not necessarily natural for police to report the damage," said Barrett.

"We don't know the story, why the placards were broken and if they were broken on purpose for the sake of being thrown away by the organization itself. We cannot begin assuming. Bottom line, these things need to be reported."

Manen said that it is noticeable by the nature of the break and the messages that were written on the placards that they were intentionally damaged. She also stated that the only time Greek signs are thrown away is when damage has occurred.

Further, another reason she felt Barrett did not consider the situation a priority was when in his Sept. 19 e-mail to her he said, "With recent traffic and parking logistics nightmares on campus, this campus has stretched its manpower... this period is now behind us and we can now concentrate on issues such as quality of life."

According to Barrett, University Police needs help from the community, and though this problem is "definitely not being ignored," they cannot see everything all the time. Barrett recommends that if someone does not want to leave their name, they can always contact University Police anonymously through the T.I.P.S. hotline.

"I don't see this problem as just a 'quality of life' or Greek issue," said Manen. "If people are going to break placards and not be stopped, what's going to stop them from breaking into buildings and damaging things there?"
Officials have already taken action against the fraternity by limiting their functional capabilities on campus, Senate's Class IV charter "carries little weight," said Fitzpatrick.

Currently, the SGA Is liable for the actions of campus organizations and thus accountable for the actions of Senate, which is one of the reasons as to why Fitzpatrick has written the initial bill calling for de-chartering.

"As a non-sanctioned, unchartered group of college students, they [Senate] would be 100 percent liable for all of their own actions. The University and the SGA would not be liable at all," said Fitzpatrick.

According to Fitzpatrick, Senate will be notified when their bill will be discussed so that they have the opportunity to debate the issue.

The Director of Greek Affairs, Erica Manen, said that the Greek Council, who met on Tuesday, has yet to state a decision regarding whether or not they are going to file charges against the fraternity.

Although some members of MSU administration and the SGA have voiced their opinions regarding the possibility of having Senate de-chartered, there are members of the campus community who believe the situation is unfair.

"I feel that it was inappropriate, but it was in no way different from their performance the past years," said Manen. "It's not a fair judgement... Senate has had no incidents in the past two years and they are in perfect standing with their charter."

Senate was not involved in last year's homecoming because, according to Pennington, the fraternity "gave a similar performance with some of the same content."

University officials reprimanded the fraternity and gave them an opportunity to change their behavior.

The University tried to help them [Senate] achieve a different standard of behavior at University events. They have, by repeating the same and/or similar actions during this year's parade, indicated that they are unwilling to behave in a manner consistent with University standards," said Pennington.

Although Manen does mention one occurrence, in which the University's posting policy was violated by the fraternity causing them to be suspended for two weeks, she maintains her beliefs regarding Senate.

"I'm fighting to help Senate... with their charter in good standing, I don't think it should be revoked," said Manen.

Because this is not the first time that an incident involving Senate has occurred during a Homecoming event, University and SGA officials forwarded the fraternity.

"That is an issue brought up by the SGA and we had a discussion as to what would happen if Senate caused a problem this year," said C.L.U.B. Vice President Kate Selgal.

Selgal also mentions that the only rule Senate violated in regards to the homecoming parade stipulated that "there should be no destruction or otherwise, it should be cleaned up." Senate is among the top-200 oldest local fraternities and also one of the top-200 oldest fraternities in the country. The organization began at MSU in 1929.

Students web list. Although a faculty e-mail was also sent out Oct. 17, asking faculty to encourage students to check their status, providing proof of immunity is the student's responsibility.

"Though the law has been in place for a long time, it has become much more pertinent since the 1994 measles epidemic at Rutgers University. Since that time, it has been taken much more seriously," stated Skalsky.

It is quite probable that some students may have presented their information to the school in the past. However prior to this time, the law was never really enforced, and some of the information was never entered in the database. "If it will help ensure safety and health issues then I don't see why students can't take 15 minutes to get their immunizations," stated Athletic Training major, Lauren McAlister.

"I don't see what the big deal is."

The Health and Wellness Center is doing all they can to achieve complete compliance within the University by January 2003. It has become an effort all across the campus with the help of the Registrar, the Vice-President, Dean of Students, Information Technology, Admissions, and many more departments at MSU.

"The President has also been very supportive and the Health and Wellness Center should be commended for their efforts," stated Skalsky.

Students can check their status by logging into WESS on the MSU Home Page, and selecting "holds" under student records.

"We have been more lenient, and are in good faith that the students will respond," stated Skalsky.

Gustavo Ci Fuentes, like many other students, have been heading to the Health and Wellness Center in order to submit proof of immunization documents.
Students: Earn Extra Money while raising critical funds for MSU!!!
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I smells like hot glue every night;" my roommate explained to my R.A.

"And we're pretty sure it's coming from our room; it just gets worse the closer you get to our door.

For about a month now, my roommate and I had had a terrible stench permeating our room.

The strange smell only seemed to occur at night, and not in anyone else's room on our floor.

Upon telling my mother, she feared that the fumes were poisonous and if we didn’t get the problem fixed soon, we would end up with cancer.

And with this in mind (more my mother’s health than ours), we decided it was time to call maintenance. Early the next morning, my roommate had gone to class, and I was getting ready to leave when maintenance came.

"So, you’ve been having a problem with a smell?" he asked.

I affirmed the question and explained a little of the situation.

"Well, I don’t smell anything," he told me, and I proceeded to remind him that the smell only happened at night.

With this, the man walked around my room, looked under my desk, and went on to ask me a series of very important questions:

"Do you have any have dryers plugged in?"

For a month? Uh, no.

"Curling iron?" A cutting iron?? Definitely a ‘no."

"Did you happen to leave an iron hidden and plugged in anywhere?"

At this point, I realized we were not going to get anywhere.

After reminding me once again that he did not smell anything, he left saying an electrician would be in later to check the problem.

The electrician followed the same “walk around the room” procedure as maintenance, and after going through a mental checklist, announced it was the carpet.

"The carpet? But we don’t have a carpet in our room."

Oh, the hallway carpet? There is a smell on it that smells like burning rubber? Okay, well thank you for your time.

Obviously, he wasn’t going to solve the problem either.

So for a couple weeks we made due.

We kept the door open. We opened the windows. The fan was on.

We kept on high. The horrific smell wasn’t so bad.

However, walking by the door one night, my R.A. had had enough.

And she called the University Police. And they came. Two officers and a student came in.

One officer said matter-of-factly, "That's burning plastic. Maybe it’s the computer." So she checked the computer. Nope, not there. And without a second thought, she walked over to the other side of the room and said, "Here’s your problem."

And much to my horror, I had put 100 watt light bulbs in our lamp.

At the time I put them in I thought, what difference will 40 watts make anyway? Apparently, it makes the difference between a half melted lamp, and normal lamp.

And it took the police to see our lamp was melted? And why did the smell only come at night? Oh, well we don't turn the lamp on during the day!

So as a souvenir of my roommate and my stupidity, we now have a black molten plastic covered light bulb hanging in our room, with a small paper next to it saying, "What's that burning smell?"

Demystifying Counseling: True or False?
Why Many College Students Might Benefit from Counseling After All

By Ellen Kleinhaus
Special to The Montclarion

Are you confused about counseling? Challenge yourself, and take our quiz.

True or False?
1. Counseling is only for people who have serious emotional problems.

2. Seeking counseling, if needed, is a sign of strength.

3. The counselor will tell you what to do and how to "fix" your problems.

4. The counselor cannot understand you unless you have similar experiences or are of the same background.

Answers:
1. False. Most people can benefit from counseling at one time or another. Counseling can help you in many ways. For example, it can help you if you experience a change in appetite or sleeping pattern, if you experience unusual problems with concentration, a lack of motivation, feel anger or stress, or feel isolated and lonely.

There are no rules as to who would benefit from counseling, because most everyone could gain something.

2. True. It takes courage to explore sensitive feelings and painful experiences.

The individuals who are entering counseling are taking the first step in resolving their difficulties.

3. False. Counseling is not a "quick fix" to cure all of your problems.

The counselor is there to help you explore your feelings, thoughts, and concerns.

They help you to examine your options and to assist you in achieving the goals you have set.

4. False. Counselors are trained to be sensitive to and respectful of individual differences, including the specific concerns of students with regard to gender, racial/ethnic, cultural, religious, age, sexual preference/orientation and socioeconomic issues.

Counseling refers to services for helping you work through issues that are creating problems or challenges in your life.

It can be a little scary to acknowledge that you may need help from someone else, but it can also be a relief to have someone to talk to in a confidential and supportive manner.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, you may be able to benefit from counseling:

Are you experiencing anxiety or depression?

Are you having relationship problems with your roommate, girlfriend or boyfriend?

Are you missing classes, performance practices, or team practices? Are you using alcohol or drugs excessively? Are you confused about your identity?

Are you experiencing a change in your appetite or sleeping pattern?

Are you having difficulty concentrating, and is it affecting your academic performance? Many people can gain insight from talking about their problems.

Statistics show that when counseling, students' academic performance improves and counseling assists students to deal more effectively with their problems.

Counselors are trained professionals who work with college students to promote emotional health and wellness during one's college years.

And, counselors have one main objective: to help the students whom they serve make the most of their lives.
HOMECOMING 2002

By Michele Phipany
Staff Writer

Homecoming week began with the annual Psychic Fair in the Student Center Cafés. Students had the opportunity to see their futures via palm readings, handwriting analysis, or tarot card readings. Needless to say, the Fair drew a lot of eager students into the Student Center where there were lines for hours.

The highlight of Monday's festivities, however, was the King and Queen Talent show later that evening.

Many sororities, fraternities, and campus organizations came out to support those who were running for Homecoming King and Queen. Here's a quick glimpse at who ran and what their talents were:

Denise Cannon, a Spanish major, Vice President of Greek Council, and sister from Theta Kappa Chi, belted out "Bitch" by Meredith Brooks.

T.J. Surick from Senate came prancing along in a red superhero costume with some of his Senate pledges bowing down before him, when all of a sudden the gorilla knocked him off his feet, and the stage.

Amanda Palasciano from Sigma Delta Phi did a creative talk show with sisters from her sorority. "Desperately needed makeovers" went wild as the sisters went from women, to men in women's clothing.

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Steve Ray sings as his mom plays the piano. Bottom Right: Tanya Cavaco gives a traditional Portuguese dance.

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The Foam Dance Party is a trade-mark of C.L.U.B. events, often seen during Homecoming and Spring Week each year, and has grown even more popular over the last few years. For those who were willing to get a little foamy, this was yet another wet n’ wild adventure at MSU. “The Foam Party was a success as always; where else can you lather up to a good song with your friends for free?” asked Kate Siegel, Homecoming Chair and Vice President of C.L.U.B. “We did go through with the Foam Party last Tuesday night. It was the more the merrier. The pep rally, originally scheduled to take place at the Bonfire, was moved into the Student Center Ballrooms. The cheerleading team radiated its energy throughout the rooms in anticipation of showing off their school spirit. “We were all excited to have a bonfire on campus, but unfortunately the weather did not permit us to go through with it,” explained Kristina Zimbardo, President of C.L.U.B. “We did go through with the pep rally, which was not as successful as we had hoped it would be because of the lack of support from the sports teams. We appreciated the cheerleaders coming out though, and hopefully next year will be better.”

MSU Cheerleaders pose for a picture during the pep rally on Wednesday.

Perhaps the most intriguing part of the pep-rally is owed to Dr. Robert Gilbert of the Health Professions, Physical Education, and Recreation and Leisure Departments at MSU. “Very much a motivational speaker, Gilbert aimed to demonstrate that “you have to finish strong. You have to follow through” in the personal stories he shared. He even went so far as to illustrate this idea to the crowd by having volunteers from the cheerlead-
Thursday

Thursday saw Z-100 at MSU, as well as a giant outdoor laser-tag game in the Student Center Quad. Later that evening, A.S.S.I.S.T. ran its famous Coffeehouse in the Ratt, and took the crowd by surprise with their rendition of The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

On Friday night, various campus organizations gathered in Lot 22 for float-building. While the more devote members remained dedicated to the cutting, painting, constructing tasks of the evening, many others could be seen huddled together against the cold, talking.

“The organizations that participated in the float-building did an outstanding job and reestablished the expectations of float building,” commented Jacob V. Hudnut, SGA legislator. Some students brought their hockey sticks, and others, a football.

Music blasted, in hopes to help set an excited mood, and entice individuals to stick it out in the cold and keep building to prepare for the parade.

Left & Middle: Students work hard to build floats for the next day. Right: TKE and Tri Sigma perform Stomp together at the parade last Saturday.

And then the moment that everyone had been waiting for came about - the announcement of the top five finalists for Homecoming King and Queen. They were: Steve Roy, Justin MacDonald, Mark Miller, Carlos Salguero, Jamar Neal, Tanya Cavaco, Eboni Aarons, Amanda Palasciano, Aymara DeArmas, and Denise Cannon.

With no teams there to celebrate, the pep rally drew to an early close, and Saturday’s game drew nearer.

L.A.S.O. does its own rendition of West Side Story, coming in first place.

The annual C.L.U.B. Homecoming Parade draws many people to the President’s front lawn in anticipation of the floats that travel down Valley Road, and the individuals dancing, singing, and having a good time. This year’s theme was “MSU on Broadway,” which brought many organizations center stage to show off their talent through coordinated numbers from plays and musicals, as well as dances that related to the cultures of student organizations. Though the parade had a late start and the crowd was wary of rain, what transpired overall was a unique and fun mix of involved MSU students out to show off their school spirit.

Kicking off this adventure were several police cars, followed by the Grand Marshall, Jeff Friedman, a Newark Station Manager and Executive Producer at NJN. Next came a few motorcycles, the SGA car, and the Residence Life and HDRL Presidential Leaders. The cheerleaders came out and danced to “Grease Lightning”, signaling the approach of the floats and organizations.
The Haitian Student Organization came out dressed in red, white, and blue, dancing barefoot in the streets, and after them came Sigma Delta Phi and Delta Chi doing their rendition of "The Timeskip" from the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Pike and Delta Phi Epsilon came out dressed in black and asked the crowd to "kick off their Sunday shoes" as they danced to songs from Chicago, Grease, and Footloose. TKE and Sigma Sigma Sigma didn't need any music; instead they danced to the beat of trashcans, and coordinated a dance from Stomp.

Theta Kappa Chi held auditions for a Chorus Line as part of their performance, ending in "One Singular Sensation," while Sigma Delta Tau and the Bulls presented a dreamlike sequence of the American Dream, with a series of Broadway songs and theatre production backdrops.

Phi Sigma Sigma and the MSU Ice Hockey Team danced to "Footloose" and "Let's Hear it for the Boys", and the Caribso superstars performed a dance to "Elephant Man Jamaica". The guys and gals of Phi Sigma Pi coordinated their performance to songs from Riverdance and Fosse.

Students from Players presented a skit that included a guy in cow's clothing and a girl in a bright red dress. A.S.S.I.S.T., MSU's premier charity organization, made a grand appearance with their banner, followed by N.A.S.O. Dance Squad. Giving the crowd a taste of the African culture, N.A.S.O. danced to a mix of traditional and contemporary African music.

Next came L.A.S.O. and Lambda Sigma Upsilon's rendition of West Side Story, beginning with a scene of dancing, and eventually turning into a "Shark" performance of the entire group. It took place at their float, the corner of L.A.S.O. and LSU.

O.S.A.U. performed a comical dance to the Wiz, complete with costumes and rhythm, while the HDRL Presidential Leaders coordinated a dance of their own.

Bringing the Homecoming Parade to a close was none other than Senator, who dressed their boys in dresses, brought out their superhero and their gorilla, acted out some controversial issues, and made sure that the end was nothing but complete destruction of anything they could get their hands on.

All in all, the Parade was a great success, says Heather Raywood, Treasurer of C.L.U.B., "The judges are going to have a tough time deciding who the winners are - all of the organizations did a great job today."

While all of the tough decision making was being done at the Alumni House, a tailgating party was taking place in Lot 7 next to Panzer Gym, where C.L.U.B. members made hamburgers and hotdogs for the crowd that came over from the parade. Soon after, the Homecoming Football Game between the Red Hawks and William Paterson began, and ended with a 5-3 win for MSU.

At the conclusion of the game, the Homecoming King and Queen of 2002 were announced: Jamar Neal from O.S.A.U., and Amanda Palasciano from Sigma Delta Phi.

Upon their crowning, trophies were handed out to winners of the parade.

The categories and winners were:
- "Most Enthusiastic" - N.A.S.O.;
- "3rd Overall Performance" - Sigma Delta Tau and the Bulls;
- "2nd Overall Performance" - Pike and Delta Phi Epsilon;
- "Best Overall Performance" - O.S.A.U.; and, "Best Float" - L.A.S.O.

The winners announced, and the hard work finally paid off, everyone had a chance to kick back and watch a concert by H2O in the Student Center Ballrooms.

The concert was made possible by Class 1 Concerts, and co-sponsored by C.L.U.B. C.L.U.B. also sponsored a trip into the city on Sunday to see Into the Woods starring Vanessa Williams.

As Homecoming week drew to a close, there was a sigh of relief and satisfaction from C.L.U.B. members - another fun-filled week of events that the end was nothing but complete destruction of anything they could get their hands on.

"I think Homecoming went wonderfully thanks to the support and help of all the C.L.U.B. members, our advisor Greg Brown, administration, and of course, all those who participated in the events and the parade. Congratulations to all of the winners!" said Kate Siegel.
Pat Sajak

Scorpios are determined and forceful, but can also be jealous, even obsessive. They live passionately and with excitement.

October 24, 2002 - The Montclarion

Someone has great admiration for you, yet they’re not able to express exactly how they feel. Help loosen them up by creating an inviting and free-flowing environment.

You’re falling behind but you must have confidence in yourself and your abilities. Don’t waste your time wondering about what others do and how far they get, but rather worry about yourself and how far you can go.

These may not be the best of times, but you must learn to make do with what you have. You possess the ability to turn things around for the better even though you know that it’s a long and tedious process.

You’re neglecting someone who needs your help and attention. Help guide them in the right direction by examining all possibilities and outcomes for their situation. Explain to them why your solution is the answer to their problem.

You don’t need their approval for anything, just keep up the good work and be proud. People underestimate you and what you’re capable of so make them do a double-take. Do something out of the ordinary to let them know that there’s more to you than they could possibly imagine.

Your advice is greatly needed among one of your peers. Help them do a double-take. It’s the little things that count the most, so start off with that in mind.

Surround yourself with positive energy and let those who have accomplished much know that they’re doing great and that you’re proud of them.

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As a trusted person, learn to stop asking so many questions and just let them reveal all the answers in their own time.
Montclair State University
Family Weekend

October 25-26, 2002

Friday Night: Sibling Slumber
Pre-registered siblings arrive at residence halls beginning at 5:30 p.m.
(Permission slips must be completed)
"Franklin Live on Stage" @ 7:30pm in Memorial Auditorium (limited seats)
Movie Night, Bedtime stories and ice cream social in every residence halls

Saturday: Family Day
Rise & Shine for brunch from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. in Blanton Cafeteria
Family Carnival from 12:00pm-5:00pm in the Bohn/Blanton Quad
Games, Prizes, Contests, Giveaways, Jack’s Petting Zoo, arts & crafts
and tons of fun!
Dinner in Blanton Cafeteria from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
"Rockapella Live" in Memorial Auditorium 7:30 p.m. (Pre-performance dessert
and Coffee in Red Hawk Diner)

Other Things to do:
MSU soccer vs. TCNJ at Pittser Field @ 1:00 p.m.
Floyd Hall Arena “Halloween Skate Party” from 1:30 – 3:30p.m. Wear a costume
and skate for free. (Skate rentals extra charge).

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Renowned Awakenings Author Lectures

By Elizabeth M. Coen
Staff Writer

Old renown neurologist and best selling author Dr. Oliver Sacks graced the stage of MSU with a dignified air and a jovial disposition this past Wednesday. Sacks was the first invited to speak in a series of science lectures sponsored by Margaret and Harry Sokol. These lectures should continue throughout the year calling upon some of the foremost innovators in the scientific fields. The goal of these lectures is to bring forth a community of people interested in scientific innovations and educational processes.

Sacks was the perfect candidate in establishing this series of lectures because of his prolific theories, huge body of textual work, and his international fame. His presence drew forth a large attendance of many students of differing majors as well as community members from the surrounding area. Sacks is an award winning author whose appeal became widespread after publication of his first book includ­ ing The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat and Awakenings. This set the stage for a full length motion picture starring Robin Williams and Robert DeNiro.

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One of his newer books, Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood, was so bold as to wear a t-shirt with the periodic table brandished across it. He had so bold as to wear a t-shirt with the periodic table, as if to prove his passion.

This book itself begins with a poetic introduction in which Sacks describes his earliest encounters with the various elements: his mother's golden ring, his copper cup on the gas stove in the kitchen, his uncle's tungsten factory. These descriptions not only capture his childhood innocence and curiosity, but also his depth as a seasoned adult. His prose has a very whimsical quality, which does not deter the reader with cluttered exposition. This propels the storyline for fans of the series it makes it a self-contained habitat in space.

Of course, Char's plan to throw asteroids into the earth to start a war is the final chapter in the Gundam saga. What is highly regarded as one of the foremost innovators in the scientific fields, the goal of these lectures is to bring forth a community of people interested in scientific innovations and educational processes.

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By Phil Casale  
Staff Writer

10. Evil Dead Trilogy (1981-1992) - Evil Dead is the best horror movie of the trilogy. Evil Dead 2 is the best Evil Dead, hands-down. Army of Darkness is the best Bruce Camp-
... And Sometimes Goodie Bags Give You Tricks
10 Worst All-Time Movies for Halloween; Sure to Send You Running

10 WORST:
10. Spice World
9. Jeepers Creepers
8. Merlin's Shop...
7. Scream
6. The Haunting
5. Werewolf
4. Hands of Fate
3. Troll 2
2. Plan 9 from Outer Space
1. Nutbag

The Haunting while the “master” is away. Terror ensues. The only terrifying thing about this movie is that it was made. Directed by Hal Warren.

3. Troll 2 - A family goes on vacation to this town called “Nilbog” (Spelt backwards!!! Let’s revel in the cleverness!). The town’s obviously inhabited by trolls, who try to force-feed the family junk food for some odd reason or another.

As much as I tried, the movie failed to make any sense other than the ending that left me in absolute stitches over how terrible and inept the screenwriting, acting, and make-up effects could be in one movie. Directed by Joe D’Amato and Claudio Fragasso.

2. Plan 9 From Outer Space - Of course... you know this was going to be on this list! How could it not be? Ed Wood is and will always be one of the worst filmmakers in the world. It’s basically three days in the life of a bald serial killer who murders his victims with odd masks on and talks about how prostitutes bleed a lot while telling his victims about birds and fly and... I forget, to be honest. I’ve seen terrible things in my life, but no other movie (not even Batman & Robin or Artificial Intelligence) has ever had the dubious distinction of inducing full-body dry-heaves upon its viewers. Director Nick Palumbo uses his serial killer like Wood used Tor Johnson. Terrible on so many levels, it’s a textbook example on how not to make a movie. If you hate yourself, this movie’s for you.

That’s all for this week. Enjoy your holiday, don’t do drugs, stay in school, and don’t talk jibber-jabber to Mr. T. He doesn’t have time for that.


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Concert & Theater Calendar

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  - **Knitting Factory**
  - **Rush**
  - **MSG**
- **No Use for a Name**
  - **The World**

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- **Popa Chubby**
- **Village Underground**

- **No Use for a Name**
  - **The World**
  - **Linda Thompson**
  - **Bottom Line**

- **Midtown**
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**Movie Releases**

- **Jackass** - dir: Jeff Tremaine
- **Johnny Knoxville, Spike Jonze, Bam Margera**
- **The Truth About Charlie** - dir: Jonathan Demme
- **Thandie Newton, Mark Wahlberg, Tim Robbins**

**Album Releases**

- **Rock** - Tori Amos: Scarlet's Walk
- **Coldplay** - Maximum Coldplay
- **H2O** - All We Want
- **Nirvana** - Nirvana
- **White Stripes** - White Blood Cells
- **Bone Thugs N Harmony** - World Order
- **Notorious BIG** - Maximum Big

**Arts Calendar**

**This Week in Entertainment**

**Movies**

- The film producer who is considered the father of the full-length 3-D movie, Sidney Pink, died at the age of 86 on Saturday. Pink was also known for giving Dustin Hoffman his first big break and he produced over 10 films, including the 1952 3-D feature “Swana Devil.” Pink died at his home in Pompano Beach Florida, after a long illness.

**Music**

- The Icelandic singer/songwriter, Bjork, is expected to release a box set including previously unreleased material, as well as a greatest hits album. The former founding member of the group breaking group, The Sugarcubes, in 1988 and uncompromising solo-artist has earned herself a reputation known as Icelandic wonder. “Family Tree,” the box set and her greatest hits album are set to be released by Nov. 5.

**T.V.**

- The next version of “American Idol” was confirmed by Fox that it will welcome a fourth judge who is planned to add a different and unique perspective to the group. The show will also be welcoming back prior judges Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson, and Simon Cowell. Ryan Seacrest will once again host the show and insiders say he may be joined by a female co-host. The auditions are set to begin on Monday in Detroit and will end in L.A. on Nov. 17.

Compiled by Clarin Cumy from cnn.com
Gundam
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series, must battle his nemesis Char to see who will end up the greatest Mobile Suit pilot there is.

Of course, nothing is ever as simple as that in the MS Gundam world. As any fan would know, there are tons of twists and turns and political intrigue which makes the series so popular. It also makes the series very hard to follow as both sides are routinely shown to be both right and wrong in their ways of thinking. These twists and turns are the underlying problem in the movie, as we will see.

The biggest problem with MS Gundam Char’s Counterattack, is the fact that you need to have at least seen the original television series, or the three movies that were created from that series to understand what is going on half the time.

While mention is made to why Char and Amuro fight, both their political reasons as the best MS pilots on their respective sides and the personal reasons, much of the movie leaves you in the dark as to what happened in the original series or even later series many of which have still not been seen in America. The biggest plot holes result from plot shown in “Mobile Suit Zeta Gundam” and “Gundam ZZ” both series which have yet to be seen in America and both series that come shortly before the events in Char’s Counterattack. While you can make guesses as to what happens in those shows and how it relates to the story line, it still leave a glaring hole not easily filled unless you search out synopses online of the events that take place.

Many series staples like newtypes, humans that have gone to space and started to use more of their physic abilities, and even the Mecha themselves are very prevalent in the movie, and while fans will know much of the history behind them, people just watching a Gundam series for the first time will be very lost watching this movie since there is such a lengthy history behind it.

Visually it’s stunning for its time. While it’s no Ghost in the Shell, or even the recent Vampire Hunter D movie, compared to the original series and it’s seventies anime production values it’s gorgeous. It’s beautiful even in its recreation of the original series characters like Bright Noah, Char, and Amuro who seems to have lost his curly hairstyle in the TV show, for a more realistic mop.

The dub is done by the same staff who does the current run of the original series on Cartoon Network, so there are no weird changes in the voices from one series to the other, which is a bit of a problem when you remember Amuro is only about 16 in the series and is 29 in the movie.

He’s taller, but the aging in him ends there, which is a shame since it would have been nice to see a more mature Amuro, who at times was a brat in the original series.

The ending leaves much to be desired as well, with it getting super philosophical and leaving you wondering what actually happened to both Char and Amuro.

You are kind of left with a letdown, much as fans of the Neon Genesis Evangelion series were at the original ending.

Still, if you are a fan of the original MS Gundam world that spawned the alternate realm series like “MS Gundam Wing,” and “Mobile Fighter Gundam,” Char’s Counterattack is a decent ending to a great saga. While not exactly the ending you may have hoped for, it does conclude the story in typical MS Gundam fashion.

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Amuro Ray sports a new hairdo, as well as a state of the art “Nu Gundam,” in his final struggle against Char Aznable in Mobile Suit Gundam, Char’s Counterattack.

Tiki God
BY: JEFF “CHIEF” DRYLEWICZ

TODAY CLASS, WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT OUR FATHERS

Tiki God, you can go first.

THEN THE RIVERS RUN RED WITH BLOOD OF THOSE WHO NO OFFER PROPER SACRIFICE.

LH... WELL, OKAY I GO.

MY FATHER IS MIGHTY TH GOD, HE KILLS THE UNFAITHFUL WITH VOLCANO FIRE.

School Council

WILL TAM"NÔ
Happy Birthday

How old are you now? How old are you now?

Thursday, October 24

Kevin Kline 1947
Steve Martin 1954
Monica 1980

Friday, October 25

Pablo Picasso 1881
Minnie Pearl 1912
Barbara Cook 1927

Saturday, October 26

Pat Sajak 1946
Bootsy Collins 1951
Dylan McDermott 1961

Sunday, October 27

Theodore Roosevelt 1858
John Cleese 1939

Monday, October 28

Roberto Benigni 1952
Kelly Osbourne 1984

Tuesday, October 29

Winona Ryder 1971
Ben Foster 1980

Wednesday, October 30

Grace Slick 1939
Shawn Rannigan 1964
Alisha Jones 1984

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 montarts@yahoo.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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Sat. October 26th, 8pm & 12am SC126

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Fri. Oct. 25

10:30PM START

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Hyde

Fri. Nov. 1

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Senate Goes Too Far

Homecoming at MSU should be a joyous event. Students, faculty, staff and alumni look forward to this time of year, a time when all members of this diverse campus can come together and celebrate our University. Homecoming 2002, however, was marred by the immature, obnoxious and violent behavior of Phi Alpha Psi Senate. As a result of the behavior of its members, the fraternity will no longer be permitted to function as a University recognized organization, as per Karen Pennington, Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life. Further, the SGA will soon debate on the issue of revoking Senate's charter.

It's hard to determine which of Senate's actions were more obnoxious. One of its members dressed as the sniper who has recently been terrorizing the Washington, D.C. area. As if this wasn't tacky enough, Senate members dramatized a series of sniper killings. With the sniper still on the loose, and targeting schoolchildren, Senate's decision to make light of it was in very poor taste indeed.

Further attempts at humor by the fraternity included members dressed as O.J. Simpson, the Unabomber, Sadaam Hussein, and Osama bin Laden. Though poking fun at O.J. Simpson and the Unabomber is not offensive so much as extremely un-topical, playing with boxes marked "bomb" and running around hitting each other with baseball bats did not fit the celebratory mood of Homecoming. Adding to this, a member of Senate dressed in a gorilla suit shouted profanity at a grade school playground?

These sophomoric actions alone may not have resulted in any sanctions. After all, the afore-mentioned behavior may have been rude and childish, but it was not illegal or against school policy. However, Senate went too far when one of its members destroyed a computer monitor by throwing it to the ground. As a result, shards of plastic and glass flew into the audience, injuring at least one person. At a recent meeting of the Greek Council Senate gave no official statement, leading us to wonder why they felt it was necessary to create such a hostile, violent environment at the Homecoming Parade.

Defenders of Senate have said that Senate's actions that day were no more offensive than their behavior at past school functions (they were not permitted to march in last year's parade, for example, because of their behavior the year before that). This is less of a defense of Senate than an additional reason to de-charter them. And Senate's previous acts of good will — their acts of community service, for example — do not negate the fact that their immature and childish behavior at Homecoming was unacceptable.

Not everyone who attended the Homecoming Parade was a university student. Letting Senate get away with their conduct would give those people — alumni, family, friends — the idea that MSU tolerates such offensive, crass and violent behavior. This would be the wrong message to send. Senate needs to take responsibility for their actions. They were warned to stay in line and act appropriately. They did not, and now they must pay the price.

The Voice of Montclair State University

Do you have an account hold? If so, why?

"Yes, I have unpaid parking tickets. I haven't finished paying tuition."
Brian Williams, Music Education, fourth year

"Yes, because I can't afford college. It is too expensive with the residence halls and everything."
Linda Jimenez, Music Education, third year

"Yes, because of an outstanding bill. What's the point of punishing you for something that's out of your control? An outstanding bill is not my fault; it's the fault of financial aid."
Latoya Mikel, Political Science, second year

What do you think of Senate's recent actions?

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Praxis, Not Predestination

Why Do People Continue to Believe in Fate and Religion?

Memories fall like autumn leaves from the dying oak trees of our psyche. About a year ago I was in a barbershop in Bergen County waiting for my turn for a much-needed trimming from me. This was weighing heavily on her affairs. She went on...

She finally ended her latent cry for help by acknowledging that her husband had struck a deal with her: when she had several offspring, she finally could have children. She finally turned into a sexual being. It seems that part of the duty of playing a sport is to be loyal to your fans, while another part belongs to the school or organization you are playing for. It's an inside-and-out relationship, but how can that relationship work if it seems to the students that the sport is in their control? Perhaps it is a matter of following through. In the words of Dr. Robert Gilbert of the MSU Department of Health Professions, Physical Education, and Recreation, "You have to follow through." His words have stayed with me since he said them at that so-called pep rally. Not week, and while they can apply to so many things in life, they speak clearly to the lack of school spirit at MSU. Being a part of a team or an organization isn't following through when that is all we acknowledge; there is an active component that requires us to become engaged in some manner. It is the student that stays behind to write her paper and study. It is the organization that works to better the community, and to make this happen, it must be hungry. It is the team that brings its fans to the stands.

There never time to bring your fans to the stands than Homecoming Week? Each year, C.U.B.B. sponsors an entire week of activities that all lead to one grand finale - the Homecoming Football Game. It is the one weekend of the year that so many in this school forget about going home and bring their MSU spirit to the Annual Thrift and Sanders Gym. Why should the football season, or any team's season, ever end with only one fan-filled weekend?

It shouldn't, and the teams should take you seriously. Students who are out to lose their reputation have to follow through with it. This is not enough to be included or to work with other organizations. But what's interesting is how often it is said that the teams do not get enough support of their own; their fan seats are frequently empty, and so they want the recognition they deserve. I say, if you deserved it that much, you'd come out and prove it. It seems that part of the duty of playing a sport is to be loyal to your fans, while another part belongs to the school or organization you are playing for. It's an inside-and-out relationship, but how can that relationship work if it seems to the students that the sport is in their control? Perhaps it is a matter of following through. In the words of Dr. Robert Gilbert of the MSU Department of Health Professions, Physical Education, and Recreation, "You have to follow through." His words have stayed with me since he said them at that so-called pep rally. Not week, and while they can apply to so many things in life, they speak clearly to the lack of school spirit at MSU. Being a part of a team or an organization isn't following through when that is all we acknowledge; there is an active component that requires us to become engaged in some manner. It is the student that stays behind to write her paper and study. It is the organization that works to better the community, and to make this happen, it must be hungry. It is the team that brings its fans to the stands.

Viewpoint

MSU School Spirit: Where Is it?

If the Teams Do Not Show School Spirit, Why Should We?

Imagine yourself at a pep rally. It is filled with energetic cheerleaders in brightly colored uniforms note that people are out to lose their voices as they show off their school spirit. Perhaps there is someone playing music that is getting everyone in the mood. But there is just one thing missing – the reason that all these people have gathered in the first place – the sports teams themselves.

So we wait...and we wait. The show must go on or be canceled with the teams. But what is a pep rally without the teams? Not week, and while they can apply to so many things in life, they speak clearly to the lack of school spirit at MSU. Being a part of a team or an organization isn’t following through when that is all we acknowledge; there is an active component that requires us to become engaged in some manner. It is the student that stays behind to write her paper and study. It is the organization that works to better the community, and to make this happen, it must be hungry. It is the team that brings its fans to the stands.

Put a 12-gauge to my temple and I think, because we cannot accept it. Chaos is the only "God" there will ever be. Many reading this will be appalled by the sheer logic behind it. How can life be so whimsical? What would it be like if there was no greater purpose?

In her late 40s, she and her husband had never reproduced, due entirely to his reluctance to do so. Though, as she had long desired to have children, she finally ended her latent cry for help by acknowledging that her husband had struck a deal with her: when she had several offspring, she finally could have children. Oh, real smooth, I thought. This was weighing heavily on her affairs. She went on...

It was her next comment that put a 12-gauge to my temple and splattered the walls a deep crimson. Fate is the Achilles heel of The Montclarion. Was she serious?

The belief in fate is the Achilles heel of The Montclarion. Was she serious? Self-defeating a concept as one is meaningless. It is a con­ception that there is nothing after death, or that we'll turn into an animal in our next life, or that we'll achieve dogma that claims a purpose of light. Now, I totally agree that we should believe in faith and religion. The concept of follow­through has a lot to offer. If you don't care about something only because it's a pep rally, why should we care about Homecoming or the playoffs? MSU has a lot to offer. But teams also have a responsibility to their school and their fans – they need to follow through on that responsibility. Demonstrate your dedication to the sport you are involved in. Inform others on your team's season, how well it's going, what you can improve on. And most importantly, show us that you care! If you don't care about something other than your own self-interest, why should we care about Homecoming? Yes, enough. We refuse to allow ourselves to think, because we cannot accept it. Chaos is the only "God" there will ever be. Many reading this will be appalled by the sheer logic behind it. How can life be so whimsical? What would it be like if there was no greater purpose?

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Mess in New Jersey

For the Senate, Is There a Choice?

Since Frank Lautenberg was able to step into the New Jersey U.S. Senate race in proxy of Robert Torricelli, it has been managed to avoid what Democrats have been complaining about since the outset of the campaign: the issues. Back when Torricelli was still on the ballot, the cry from the left was that his opponent, Doug Forrester, was making Torricelli's violations of the campaign finance issue the focus of the campaign instead of the issues. I suppose that being the only Sena­tor to ever be brought up on ethics charges in both Houses of Congress is not an issue to Democrats. Then again, neither was porcupine a few years ago.

Now that the New Jersey Democratic machine virtually defecated on the table and debate Doug Forrester, it has decided to stick its head into the sand, avoid all confrontation with his opponent, and let him have his referendum on name recognition; a smart move, putting aside the understanding that Forrester is little known statewide, despite his former tenure as mayor of West Windsor, his work as Assembly Speaker in the Ken Caufield administration, and his success in business. Lautenberg, on the other hand, has already said that he support­ers, so voters will be familiar with his name on the ballot. But does this strategy give the Lautenberg camp any sense of New Jersey as fair a choice, as the Democrats wanted in the first place?

The main strength of the Lautenberg camp, led by Gov­ernor McGreevey, took their cue from the obvious ballot switch­eroo was that they needed voters to have a “choice.” This ignores the fact that the Lautenberg camp clearly pro­hibits it, not to mention it shuns the third party candidates. The belief that another Democrat is the only way to give voters a “choice” is pompous and untrue, taking into account the handful of names that will appear on the ballots. Puffing up all of this a la Lautenberg’s campaign manager, said he would only debate Forrester if all the candidates were included. What happens to Democrats and Republicans being the only “choice” for voters?

On the whole the positions Democrats take are only valid if it’s politically favorable for them. Lautenberg sees what is going on in the New York gubernatorial race in which challeng­er Carl McCall tried to debate incumbent George Pataki, saw it, and decided he will do the same. But in New Jersey, the put the issues on the table and debate Doug Forrester campaign is on only him. Since you can’t vote on choice, give the voters a fair chance to make an educated one. Unfortunately, it appears that there is much of a coward to step up to the plate.

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The Neverending War

It’s Not Bush, It’s The Entire System

It is great to see so many people from all over the world come together to express their hatred for President Bush. A spoiled son of a wealthy oil family that has extensive ties to the oppressive Saudi Arabian ruling class. A man who is too cowardly to fight his own battles, so he has an army of young soldiers for him. A man who has waged relentless wars against populations not because of their actions but because of the coun­try that they live in.

Who is this man? Yep, you guessed it: good old George W. Bush.

Did you think I was talk­ing about someone else?

The only problem is that learning only, so he would either avoid it all together.

Lautenberg’s vulnerabil­ity is seen in his record on defense, which is a grave issue right now. This record includes: a vote against the Persian Gulf War; 11 votes for slashing the defense budget; votes against halt­ing defense cuts, even in the face of war; two votes against higher pay for military personnel; votes to cut $1 billion from our Intelligence Programs; three votes to make the Intelligence Budget public; votes to slash F.B.I. funding by $80 million; votes against missile defense; and finally, seven votes against the death penalty for terrorists.

Finally, Lautenberg is vulnerable because of his age. At 78 years old, he does not exactly have age on his side, espe­cially after having said upon his first retirement that his tenure in the Senate would be great “in­convenience.” Further­more, another candid­acy even more hypocritical is that during his first bid for the Senate, he pointedly op­posed, Congresswoman Millicent H. Fenwick, too old to serve in the Senate, at age 72.

Lautenberg overall seems scared to go anywhere Forrester will be. I know this firsthand. Last Sunday, I proudly marched with Forrester in the Nutley-Belleville-Columbus Day parade. Several prominent Democrats were also in attend­ance, including Governor James E. McGreevey, and Senator Jon Corzine. Lautenberg was notably signed up for the parade, but for some reason wound up safely far away in Seaside Heights instead.

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going to die. You will not come back from it. You will not wake up playing a harp or eating grass or being any better than you were before. One day, your life will completely cease to exist. The sooner you realize this, the sooner you may begin to have a more productive life, and perhaps more importantly, a more intellectually developed sense of being. You will understand your limited time in this existence more clearly than you ever have, and you will realize that you must be good to yourself, and learn to grow. You will free yourself from your own thing.

Perhaps this sounds harsh, or even cruel. It is, but it is a reality. If you are out of luck, or offended by this, you have my humble apologies. Please under­stand I mean only to illustrate that we are capable of such great things, you and I.

Often, our biggest obstacles are ourselves. We handcraft our lives to preexisting, though illith, that do no good. We must allow ourselves to rise above what has been done before, and that we allow ourselves what will be done next.

External forces fill our lives with enough adversity as it is; we don’t need to add a new one. We handcuff our lives to the interests of the elite (or bourgeoisie, as some like to call them), and until we realize that and act on it, nothing will change.

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MSU women's soccer coach Eileen Blair knows what it takes to be successful on the soccer field. She was an All-County and All-State player during her scholastic days at Kearny High School during the mid-1980's and later at Division I Monmouth University.

Now, in her fifth season at the helm of the Red Hawk program, Blair has established herself as one of the finest coaches in the state as well. She has posted a record of 50-26-6, the 50 wins just six less than the program had accumulated in its first eight seasons. It is also no coincidence that all three of MSU's post-season appearances have come under Blair.

An assistant with MSU for two seasons, Blair became the fourth women's soccer head coach in 1998. That season, she guided MSU to a 7-10-1 record that included four one-goal losses.

Despite that sub-.500 mark, Blair had laid the foundation for success, and it paid off in the following years. In 1999, the Red Hawks posted their finest season in the history of the program, finishing 13-7-1 and setting a schoolrecord for victories. MSU qualified for the New Jersey Athletic Conference Tournament, falling to The College of New Jersey in penalty kicks. The loss did not signal the end of the year for the Red Hawks, however; as they earned their first-ever post-season bid with a berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championsip. MSU fell to Richard Stockton, 1-0, in the semifinals.

Two seasons ago, MSU finished 17-4-2 and won the ECAC Division III Metro Women's Soccer Championship with a 1-0 victory over New York University at Sprague Field.

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MSU Volleyball Tries But Faults, and Stays In Mid-Ground

By Robyn Carofine
Assistant Sports Editor

The MSU Volleyball team traveled to Georgian Court College this past Tuesday to record their second straight win.

The Red Hawks defeated the Lions 3-1, which brought MSU back to a .500 mark.

As the Red Hawks standings went to 12-12 overall, their win brought the Lions already losing streak to an even worse record of 1-13.

The MSU volleyball team did not stay above the .500 mark for long. Tuesday evening brought that .500 mark back down after being beaten by Kean University 3-1 in North Jersey Athletic Conference action.

Montclair State had 12 kills in the first game and beat Kean 30-23.

The Cougars then fought back and swept the next three games 30-22, 30-28, and 30-28.

Jihan Girard-Issa and Evenlina Trzeciak both collected 14 kills for Kean.

Iowa also added 14 kills and 25 digs. Stacey Johnson and Flavia Velga both had 11 kills in the loss against NJAC member Kean.

Jennifer Clan recorded 25 assists, 20 digs, and two blocking solo’s for MSU.

Kelly McGuire also had three serving aces.

Being beaten by Kean for the second time this season, first being shutout 3-0 at the DeSales Volleyball Invitation on Sept. 28, the Red Hawks are now eliminated from contention in the NJAC Volleyball Tournament.

The best the Red Hawks could have done was tie either William Paterson or Kean University for the last spot, but since both teams defeated MSU this season they are not able to compete.

The Cougars are now 19-15 overall and 3-4 NJAC.

MSU is now 12-13 overall and 3-5 in NJAC.

Men’s Soccer Defeated

By Justin Van Pelt
Staff Writer

The Red Hawks unsuccessfully tried to improve their New Jersey Athletic Conference record against the Kean University Cougars on Saturday.

Both teams fought hard, but Kean came out on top with a 1-0 victory, dropping the Red Hawks to sixth in the NJAC with a conference record of 2-2-1 and nine points out of first.

While they have already done better than last year’s 1-6-2 last place conference record, MSU surely wants to cap off a terrific season with a conference title.

The road to that title is no easy task, but the Red Hawks are up to it. To get to the title game however, they’re going to need to quickly get back on track as all four of their remaining regular season games are against tough conference opponents.

Jersey City is arguably their easiest opponent left, with a conference record of 2-3-1.

However, to have a decent chance at making the NJAC playoffs, the Red Hawks will need to defeat all remaining opponents.

First year head coach Brian Sestowski hopes to lead the Red Hawk charge to the championship.

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MU's fed up with being behind, came out of the locker room fired up and eager to score.

The battle continued in the third and MU eventually faltered when Manfredini provided another pass to Adam Bowers who shot a puck past the screened Moyes, tying the score at two.

Forty-five seconds later, Manfredini made another pass to Nick Lawson who was waiting at the side of the net.

Lawson received the pass and buried the puck giving the Hawks the lead, and Manfredini his third assist of the game.

The Hawks continued to play well, killing another Rider Power Play, which was their twelfth of the night. With 2:05 left in the third, another penalty was called against MSU.

The Hawks continued to kill the penalty until a face off with eight seconds left in the third.

Rider's Ottersman, won the draw back to his defense-man, who buried a big slap shot by the heavily screened Ballance ending the game in a three to three tie. Ballance stopped 34 of 37 shots to keep the Hawks in the game.

The following day, the Hawks showed up eager for their second game of the weekend. Starting in net for the Hawks was Justin MacDonald.

In the first period, the Hawks played with fire in their eyes. They dominated play but could not get a puck past Mari's goals. The end of the first period ended with a 0-0 score, but the Hawks clearly held the upper hand in the game.

The second period resumed where the first left off. Hits were constantly being thrown from both sides and scoring opportunities were denied by both goalies.

Towards the very end of the period, the Hawks held control in Mari's zone. A shot from the point by Justin Conigliaro ripped away from the net to Adam Lepore who was being defended.

Lepore tapped the puck back behind him and there to meet it was Tim Dybus.

Dybus, who was also being heavily defended, took a desperation shot while he was falling and buried the puck under the goaltender's arm.

The score remained tied into the third but was broken when Mari's Jeremy Buichi scored two minutes in.

The goal was scored from a fluke deflection off a players skate. This goal however did not get the Hawks confidence down, though they were unable to tally again.

After an exciting overtime period of chances from both sides, the game retired into a tie. The tie could not have been achieved if not for MacDonald's phenomenal play stopping an impressive 36 of 37 shots including five dangerous ones in the overtime period.

John Baumgartner, one of the team's assistant coaches, comments on the win this weekend, "You can really look sharp and our power play puck movement was strong, but not aggressive enough. We need to take more shots and crash the net. We are a young team but I think this weekend we proved we could hang with one of the top teams in the league. This will be a great weekend to build on. I think it inspired a lot of confidence in our player's abilities in our system."
**Men's Soccer**

**Rowan**

- **Overall**: 11-2
- **NJAC**: 5-0

**Kean**

- **Overall**: 13-3
- **NJAC**: 5-2

**Richard Stockton**

- **Overall**: 11-4
- **NJAC**: 5-2

**TCNJ**

- **Overall**: 10-5
- **NJAC**: 3-1

**Ramapo**

- **Overall**: 9-3
- **NJAC**: 3-3

**MSU**

- **Overall**: 9-6
- **NJAC**: 3-3

**William Paterson**

- **Overall**: 8-8
- **NJAC**: 2-3

**Rutgers-Camden**

- **Overall**: 7-9
- **NJAC**: 2-4

**NJCU**

- **Overall**: 6-11
- **NJAC**: 0-3

**Ramapo**

- **Overall**: 6-12
- **NJAC**: 1-5

**MSU**

- **Overall**: 5-9
- **NJAC**: 1-5

**NJCU**

- **Overall**: 4-11
- **NJAC**: 0-3

**Rutgers-Camden**

- **Overall**: 3-9
- **NJAC**: 1-4

**Rutgers-Newark**

- **Overall**: 2-8
- **NJAC**: 0-2

**Kean**

- **Overall**: 2-8
- **NJAC**: 0-2

**Richard Stockton**

- **Overall**: 1-8
- **NJAC**: 1-1

**William Paterson**

- **Overall**: 0-7
- **NJAC**: 0-2

**Rutgers-Camden**

- **Overall**: 0-6
- **NJAC**: 0-2

**Rutgers-Newark**

- **Overall**: 0-4
- **NJAC**: 0-2

**Jermaine rushes for 80 yards and scored two touchdowns at Saturday's game.**

**Women's Soccer**

**TCNJ**

- **Overall**: 10-6
- **NJAC**: 6-0

**Richard Stockton**

- **Overall**: 12-6
- **NJAC**: 6-1

**William Paterson**

- **Overall**: 15-6
- **NJAC**: 5-2

**Rowan**

- **Overall**: 10-4
- **NJAC**: 5-0

**Rutgers-Camden**

- **Overall**: 9-9
- **NJAC**: 5-2

**MSU**

- **Overall**: 8-9
- **NJAC**: 5-1

**Kean**

- **Overall**: 6-9
- **NJAC**: 2-3

**Rutgers-Newark**

- **Overall**: 3-8
- **NJAC**: 1-4

**Jermaine rushed for 80 yards and scored two touchdowns at Saturday's game.**

**Field Hockey**

**TCNJ**

- **Overall**: 10-4
- **NJAC**: 6-0

**Richard Stockton**

- **Overall**: 10-6
- **NJAC**: 5-1

**Kean**

- **Overall**: 9-6
- **NJAC**: 3-3

**William Paterson**

- **Overall**: 8-8
- **NJAC**: 2-3

**MSU**

- **Overall**: 7-8
- **NJAC**: 3-5

**Rutgers-Camden**

- **Overall**: 6-8
- **NJAC**: 3-5

**Rutgers-Newark**

- **Overall**: 5-9
- **NJAC**: 2-3

**Erie scored her first career goal Saturday. Her goal was the game winner.**

**Volleyball**

**Rowan**

- **Overall**: 21-8
- **NJAC**: 5-2

**Richard Stockton**

- **Overall**: 19-10
- **NJAC**: 7-0

**Kean**

- **Overall**: 19-15
- **NJAC**: 1-4

**William Paterson**

- **Overall**: 16-10
- **NJAC**: 3-4

**NCU**

- **Overall**: 15-7
- **NJAC**: 4-3

**MSU**

- **Overall**: 12-13
- **NJAC**: 3-5

**Rutgers-Camden**

- **Overall**: 11-7
- **NJAC**: 6-1

**Ramapo**

- **Overall**: 10-2
- **NJAC**: 1-7

**Rutgers-Newark**

- **Overall**: 9-6
- **NJAC**: 1-8

**Women's Soccer**

- **Overall**: 10-4
- **NJAC**: 5-0

**Men's Soccer**

- **Overall**: 11-2
- **NJAC**: 5-0

**Football**

- **Overall**: 10-1
- **NJAC**: 10-1

**Field Hockey**

- **Overall**: 10-2
- **NJAC**: 1-1

**Volleyball**

- **Overall**: 10-1
- **NJAC**: 10-1

**Field Hockey**

- **Overall**: 10-2
- **NJAC**: 1-1

**Tennis**

- **Overall**: 9-6
- **NJAC**: 5-0

**MSU**

- **Overall**: 8-2
- **NJAC**: 5-1

**Kean**

- **Overall**: 8-4
- **NJAC**: 3-2

**Richard Stockton**

- **Overall**: 7-2
- **NJAC**: 3-1

**TCNJ**

- **Overall**: 5-0
- **NJAC**: 5-0

**New Jersey Athletic Conference Contests**
MSU Football Crushes William Paterson 35-0
MSU Red Hawks Take Home the Win in the Homecoming Game on Saturday

By Anne Clifford
Sports Editor

Sophomore running back Jermart Buie rushed for a pair of touchdowns and freshman quarterback John DiGirolamo throw for two scores as MSU took a 35-0 halftime lead and routed William Paterson, 35-0, Saturday at MSU's Sprague Field.

For the eighth consecutive time against William Paterson and upped its edge in the rivalry to 28-2-1, including a 16-0 record at home.

The Pioneers have now lost four straight games and were held to only 41 yards on 49 plays, while MSU amassed 360 yards including 310 in the first half.

William Paterson sophomore defensive end Mark Zirkel forced a fumble that senior strong safety Lamar Askew scooped up and returned to William Paterson.

On the very next play, sophomore quarterback Pat Obuchowski was picked off by Red Hawks' defensive back Pat Freeland, who returned the pick 48 yards to pay dirt to give his team a 7-0 lead.

MSU tacked on a pair of scoring runs by running back Buie that covered 34 and two yards, giving the Red Hawks a 21-0 lead after one quarter.

DiGirolamo finished the half 13-of-18 for 187 yards and two touchdowns with one interception.

Going into the locker room, the Red Hawks held a 310-19 edge in yardage and held the Pioneers to those 19 yards on 21 plays.

DiGirolamo completed 13-of-18 passes for 187 yards and one interception and did not play in the second half as Buie did, who had 80 yards before leaving the game at halftime.

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MSU Red Hawks Hockey Gets in a Knot

By Lee Elias
Staff Writer

Coming off three straight losses, the MSU Ice Hockey team was hoping to get their first win at home last weekend against either Rider University or Rider University on Friday evening or Marist College on Saturday evening.

The Hawks showed up ready to play Friday night, taking the ice with determination.

In net for the Hawks was freshman Joe Balance. The first period was totally dominated by the Red Hawks. Hits were being given out like candy on Halloween.

Although neither team scored in the first period, MSU had the edge.

MSU came out of the locker room for the second period determined to score first and scored five minutes into the period when Nick Manfredini gave the puck to Mike Grey who slammed it past Rider's goalie Jeff Moyer.

Play continued smoothly until a high-sticking call left the Hawks shorthanded.

Less than ten seconds into the power play, John Maglini had five catches for 72 yards.

For William Paterson, junior running back Thomas Stovall carried 10 times for 29 yards as the Pioneers gained 28 yards on 24 carries.

By air, Obuchowski and sophomore Cristobal Rodriguez combined to complete just 4-of-25 passes for 13 yards and three interceptions.

Junior receiver Keyth Hardy caught two passes for 14 yards.

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