MSU Administrators Deny Security Issues at University Residence Halls Despite Proof

Open Doors After Hours Continue

By Gina Nitting
Assistant News Editor

The Director of Residence Life, Regina Sargent, said yesterday that other than Webster and Bohn Halls, which are currently in the process of being repaired, the swipe entrances to the residence halls are working properly.

This statement was made despite students' allegations otherwise and The Montclarion's investigation done by Photo Editor, Mike Cafaro, which once again found the front door of Blanton hall open today at 12:13 a.m. Upon examination, every other residence hall on campus was entered without the use of an MSU swipe card.

The above photo, taken today at 12:35 a.m., shows student Frank Puglisi entering Webster Hall, an all-female residence hall, without the use of an MSU swipe card. The swipe card system, which should take effect at 11:30 p.m., has been broken since the beginning of the semester.

The photos were taken well past the supposed 11:30 p.m. automatic locking.

Sargent said, "We still have issues with the Webster and Bohn buildings and we are in the process of attempting to address that...the staff has assured me that the other buildings are functioning properly."

"I would hope that at any moment we would have those [Bohn Hall and Webster Hall] fixed."

"The front door at Bohn Hall is not closing, said Sargent, leaving an approximate gap of one and a half inches of open space."

Sargent said, "In Bohn, the doors don't come together all the way. It may be some-

MSU Seat Belt Checkpoints Set

By Lacey Smith
Feature Editor

MSU Police will stop drivers on campus at prescribed checkpoints next week, in cooperation with a nationwide crackdown on unbuckled teens and young adults, said Patrolman Christopher A. Vidro.

"Our teens and young adults are dying at far higher rates in crashes because they are caught in a lethal intersection of inexperience, risk taking and low seatbelt use," said Vidro.

"Click it or Ticket," as the movement is called, begins Nov. 25 and continues until Dec. 1. The officers at checkpoints will focus primarily on seat-belt laws but also aggressively cover child passenger safety and impaired driving laws.

"Ever since I got into a really bad accident and almost killed one of my best friends, I realized the importance of a seat belt; but I think that police checkpoints will give an impersonal short-term wake-up call for seat belts, not long-term," Vidro.

"See "Seatbelts" on p. 5"
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An Estimated $600,000 in Upgrading To be Completed at Student Center

This damage, done to the Student Center patio, will soon be repaired.

Lillian M. Aleman
News Editor

Repairs and upgrades to the defective Student Center patio will not only decrease safety concerns within the area, but will give MSU a chance to upgrade and enrich the section for the entire campus community, according to the Associate Dean of Students, Marjorie Coleman-Carter.

The infrastructure problems, partly stemming from water damage and detrement caused by vehicles driving onto the cement tiles, better known as pavers, brought about leaks in many offices located in the Student Center Annex.

"It’s a danger and a safety issue," mentioned Coleman-Carter.

"In addition to the water damage, it is not good for the building itself so we are now repairing the area so no further damage can be done."

Throughout the years, the Physical Plant office repaired damaged pavers, but according to Coleman-Carter, "the constant replacement was a challenge."

The $600,000 project, which began its design phase last March, is expected to begin at the end of the Spring semester, and its completion date is projected before the beginning of the Fall semester.

During its initial stage of renovation, the existing power system will be removed along with the water proofing membrane located above the roof of the Student Center Annex. Also, the steps leading to the Student Center Annex will be refurbished and upgraded.

"We have a facilities issue, but we are taking this opportunity to make it attractive for the campus community," said Coleman-Carter.

Currently, the patio has not been phased out of the University’s offerings. In about 15-months, the space will belong entirely to the Industrial Design students and roughly nine months after that, a two-year period of updating computer facilities, modeling and prototyping equipment should be complete. This lag in time is not expected to interfere in the satisfactory completion of a BA or BFA concentrated in this area since a core of classes taking roughly two years to complete is a requirement.

Lutfropp and Greenwald say they were pleased to find the Department of Art & Design as well as the University’s Board of Trustees very responsive to and supportive of the efforts of the group (which includes Moore and Parsons) to bring this idea into being.

When asked, Greenwald and Lutfropp recommended that people who are interested in design and have a knack for visualization should give this concentration, which is less computer-intensive and more demanding of a hands-on approach than graphic design, some thought. Not only is the field of industrial design currently experiencing a 15-20 percent growth per year, MSU will now be one of very few schools in the state to offer a program of this kind in such a comprehensive manner.

Further information on the concentration will be made available in the coming months of the Spring 2003 semester.

By the beginning of next September, the Student Center Patio will be completed with its various infrastructure upgrades, including the addition of seating and various plants and shrubbery. The upgrades stemmed from damage done to the patio from both water and vehicles that have driven onto the patio.

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Some of upgrading for the patio includes the addition of new seating and plants to surround the area.

"I'm excited," said Coleman-Carter. "It adds another option for students, along with the entire campus community, to enjoy the new patio."
Student Leadership Now Pays With Credit
MSU Offers a Course Where Organizational Involvement Counts Towards GERs

Jennifer Bender
Staff Writer

MSU student's will now have the opportunity to earn class credits through their involvement in a campus organization or leadership role through the Commercial Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Program.

PERL 285, Field Experience, labeled Student Activities Management, is a new class created by the Recreation Program which will allow students to earn up to four credits for their organizational involvement on campus.

"No one has really actively tried to help students earn credit for their activities," said Jack Samuels of the Recreation Department.

The class is open to all students, of any major, and costs the same tuition price as other classes. Past students who have participated in the program have included those from organizations such as C.L.U.B., Class One Concerts, and Players. There are currently three students enrolled in this class for next semester.

In order to earn four credits, a student must devote 15 hours per week to an organization. For two credits, they must give 7.5 hours per week.

The class runs over the course of the semester, usually about 14 weeks. Throughout the semester, the student will meet with their course instructor, attend pre- and post-experience seminars, and keep a daily log of their work.

"It’s hard to balance both organization involvement and classes. This would make it pay off," said Valerie Wakeham, President of C.A.R.S. (Commuter Association Resources and Services), and SGA Director of Commuter Affairs.

"Our program deals with a broad range of activities: it is the ultimate applied science," said Samuels.

Organization members who spend more than 15 hours a week working for their specific student organization, can now receive credit for their role at MSU. (above) Delta Chi member, Dave Johnston, who volunteered during freshmen move-in at a grill, is among one of the many students who could now receive college credit with the new course.

Don’t just turn the page... make the page!

Write for the News Section

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MSU Police will patrol certain areas next week on campus in search of drivers who do not have their seat belts fastened.

"Research proves that seat belts save lives and by enforcing seatbelt laws, underage drinkers and impaired drivers can be removed from our roadways," said Millie I. Webb, National President of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

"How much does this really affect our campus? I have not heard an immense amount of stories of DUI's or of death by drunk driver in correlation to the school itself or its events," said Miguel Bolivar, sophomore Music Education Major.

"I think it's a good safety precaution, but why all of a sudden has it come to the attention of the MSU police is my main question."

"Click It or Ticket" comes as a response to the high number of fatalities each year from the failure to use seat belts. It is estimated that this year, 8,000 American lives will be lost from negligence to follow this law.

"Enforcement gets people to buckle up—seat-belt use in states that conduct high visibility enforcement is 10 to 15 percentage points higher than in states that simply conduct public education," said Vitro.

"If every state conducted high visibility enforcement, we would save 5,000 to 7,000 lives each year."

The week's event is conducted by the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign of the National Safety Council, NHTSA, MADD, and the National Transportation Safety Board and enforced by more than 11,000 law enforcement agencies.

"We don't want to give out tickets—we want to give people a reason to buckle up. The threat of a ticket and fines up to $50 per unbuckled person will do just that," said Chuck Hurley, Executive Director of the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign.
thing with the frame of the door."

In order to correct the problem, Terri Giardino, Assistant Director for Facilities & Services, has been working with Physical Plant to see if there is a problem with the door's frame. Giardino is also working with Diebold engineers, the company that created the software package used by the swipe card entrances, and Assistant Director of Auxiliary Enterprises, Kevin Rakowsky, in order to repair the Webster Hall entrance.

According to Rakowsky, it is a "programming anomaly" that is causing the problem at Webster Hall.

Rakowsky said, "I replaced all the parts already. There’s one piece of software that isn’t working and I’m working with a vendor to correct that."

The swipe card entrance system is operated by Access Control System and managed by Residence Life. According to Rakowsky, the system appears to be functioning since there is presently a valid communication between the host database and the Access Control System in every residence hall except Webster Hall.

In response to Blanton, Stone, and Freeman Halls' entrance swipe machines not operating, Giardino said, "we have not received any complaints regarding this matter."

While the system appears to be working properly, according to Rakowsky, "if the lock is broken in the door, then the door’s not going to lock."

"I don’t know if it’s the system or if someone’s unlocking the door," said Rakowsky.

With the increased security risk due to unlocked doors that allow non-residents to enter Webster and Bohn Halls, Sargent stated, "we’re not taking the situation lightly."

Sargent said, "One of the beauties of the system we have is that there is always someone in the front entrance of the buildings."

While front Desk Assistants are posted at the entrances of every residence hall, some students claim that this provides little reassurance.

Students such as Robinson have expressed concern that topping unreliable desk assistants with malfunctioning lock systems is putting the security of the buildings under jeopardy.

According to Sargent, there was formerly an MSU employee whose responsibility it was to ensure the functionality of the swipe card entrances. This person has not been employed by MSU since the start of the Fall semester. While his/her name was not released, Sargent said, "we have back-ups training" and Giardino is presently in charge of the repairs being made to the Webster and Bohn Hall entrances.

According to Crew Supervisor/Locksmith, Ron Bartash, while he is currently not responsible for maintaining the Residence Hall entrances, he said, "With the problems they’re having now, they want to send me to classes to learn them but they haven’t decided yet."

The doors in Blanton Hall are left open at 12:13 a.m. this morning. Other residence halls around campus were found to be easily entered as a swipe card was not needed to open the doors. Blanton Hall is not one of the residence halls that the administration acknowledges as having a legitimately broken front-door lock.
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STUDENT CENTER 126
Put Down Coffee, Pick Up a Sign
Students Boycott Starbucks and Other Israeli Businesses

By Lacey Smith
Feature Editor

While handfuls of students blew in to the Student Center last Wednesday, going to grab a cup of coffee to warm their hands and recover from the cold, others gathered outside the Ratt in a demonstration, holding colorful posters and making conversation with curious passers-by.

Members of Rise Up and Resist, the Green Party, Muslims Students’ Organization, Organization of Students for African Unity and WAVES (Women Achieving Victory, Equality, and Solidarity) have initiated and participated in several protests this fall. Drawing attention not only from the MSU community, but as a national student coalition.

Mike McLean of the group Rise Up and Resist, however, was quick to point out that he was “absolutely not sympathetic to suicide bombings. Peace in Palestine starts with justice for Israel Apartheid.”

The demonstration outside the Ratt last Wednesday focused on a boycott of Starbucks, Caterpillar, Burger King, and other companies which plan on, or currently, have business in Israeli inhabited former-Palestinian lands.

The boycott occurred not only at MSU, but as a national student coalition.

A previous demonstration in late October protested going to war with Iraq. Students carried signs and chanted in front of the Student Center.

Besides opposing war and supporting a boycott, the groups are hoping to raise the political awareness of MSU students on global issues, particularly the conflicts in the Middle East.

“We want to raise awareness about what’s going on in Palestine. People just get coffee and leave, without realizing the different issues at hand. It’s more than just coffee,” explained McLean.

Inside the Ratt, Dunia Saed collected signatures for a petition to boycott Starbucks.

“Hopefully, we get enough signatures to get our point across, and put an end to this,” she said.

Avoiding the Turkey Trauma and Family Feud
How to Make Thanksgiving Run a Little Smoother

By Toni Trida
Staff Writer

Stuffing the Turkey with a handful of holiday cheer and gracious “Oh no’s.”

September passes by in a swift sprint of cool autumn air and October rushes past us with visions of goblins and vampires sucking on candied apples.

Before you know it, November is here and with it comes Thanksgiving. Get ready for the “Oh no’s.” Thanksgiving is a well-known time for turkey, pumpkin pie, obnoxious relatives, the parade in New York City, and elementary school plays.

The most common “Oh No” of the season probably the annoying relatives you may only see on the three major holidays: Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanksgiving is the time when we gradually put up with Aunt Bertha’s cheek pinches, Uncle Marty’s comments on how the family used to be, and all that wonderful stress. What some people don’t know is that there is an easy solution to each of the Thanksgiving “Oh no’s.”

1. Those dreadfully annoying relatives.

Here are a few suggested solutions that just

It’s a Latin November
MSU, Just a Month Behind the Others

By Lacey Smith
Feature Editor

The initial madness of the beginning of a semester caused MSU to depart from the rest of the Latin world, pushing its own Hispanic Heritage Month exactly one month past the usual date, to Oct. 15 through Nov. 15.

The month began with a flag-raising ceremony and followed with numerous other events, speakers, and discussions. Latin religion, food, and music filled the past month at MSU.

The original month from September to October marks the anniversary of independence for five Hispanic countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also have independence dates closely following.

At first, Latin Americans were celebrated through National Hispanic Heritage Week each year.

On August 17, 1988, the 100th Congress enacted Public Law 100-402, which extended the observance from a week to a month.

The annual observance is now a 31-day period beginning on September 15 and ending on October 15. The national theme for 2002 was “Children: Our Hope for the Future.”

This year, President Bush said, “We see the spirit of pride today, most vividly in the ties between our country and los que viven en Latin America — y tambien el sur de America [for those that live in Latin America and South America]. A lifetime in Texas has given me many things to be thankful for. One of them, for certain, is my appreciation for the Hispanic culture, I realize how much the Hispanic culture has enriched my state. And I realize how much the Hispanic culture enriches...”
Have a little fun and take a break from your studies. It's good to relax from time to time.

Batteries are running low but you still have some energy left in you. Just when you think everything's gone wrong, things start to take a turn for the better.

At times it seems as though things can't get any worse yet they still do. Keep your head up and soon things will get better.

The Sagittarius is outgoing and energetic, often found attractive. Never afraid to initiate, he/she often goes in new directions, to the point of being too restless.

You're worrying too much about what other think. Stop stressing yourself and others out in order to please those you don't care about.

You're here in body but distant in mind. People ask you for what can't be done. You know this; now let them know.

You don't want to spend so much of your time on someone who's not even worth it.

You're screaming a message at the top of your lungs yet you're not being heard. Collect your thoughts and prepare a speech that will win your case.

Stop spending so much of your time on someone who's not even worth it.

You've been working too hard. Take a break and have some fun.

You're here in body but distant in mind. People ask you for what can't be done. You know this; now let them know.

Stop jumping and start listening. You're screaming a message at the top of your lungs yet you're not being heard. Collect your thoughts and prepare a speech that will win your case.

Don't waste your time with people who aren't going to stick around. You don't need those people to make you happy. You have yourself.

You're here in body but distant in mind. People ask you for what can't be done. You know this; now let them know.

You don't want to spend so much of your time on someone who's not even worth it.

You're worrying too much about what other think. Stop stressing yourself and others out in order to please those you don't care about.

A streak of luck is heading you way. Gamble, go out, and be free!
Kicking the Addiction, or Trying
Pick Your Poison: Gum, Patches, Nasal Spray, Hypnosis...

By Mike Cafaro
Photo Editor

Today, in recognition of the 26th Annual Great American Smoke Out, millions of American smokers will attempt to forgo their usual routine of lighting up their cigarette, cigar or slitting a piece of chewing tobacco in their mouths.

The Smoke Out, an event that initially sparked in Randolph Massachusetts in 1971 when Arthur P. Mullaney asked people to donate the money they would have spent on cigarettes in a single day to a high school scholarship fund, annually helps to raise about six percent of smokers kick the habit.

It's estimated that in the United States, 47 million adults currently smoke and approximately half will die prematurely from smoking. With the leading cause of cancer death for men the women unfortunately being lung cancer, every year, the annual event has tried to assist more people halt this inclination to smoke by providing millions of anti-smoking pamphlets and campaign ads.

Although starting statistics continue to be seen on television and radio, many smokers across the U.S. disregard these grim facts and light up whenever they get a chance, even though it's estimated that over 80 percent of smokers want to quit.

Still, for the Great American Smoke Out, here is a list of ways to continue to kick your habit today and begin your nicotine-free life, courtesy of the American Cancer Society.

Nicotine replacement therapy (gum, patch, spray):

- Nicotine gum, patch and spray all help lessen the urge to smoke. The nicotine in the patch and gum passes through the skin while the nicotine in the spray passes through the membranes of the mucous membranes, for even quicker action. This reduces the craving for nicotine when you stop smoking.
- Nicotine gum:
  - The gum must be chewed slowly until a "peppery" taste comes out. Then, the gum is placed between the cheek and gum. Each piece of gum should be used for about 30 minutes.
  - Most people often chew too few pieces of gum per day and for too few weeks to get the most benefit from nicotine gum. At a fixed schedule (at least one piece every one to two hours for at least one to three months) try to give the best results.
- Some people develop mild side effects such as hiccups, upset stomach or nausea. Most of these side effects go away if the gum is used correctly.
- Nicotine patch:
  - Patches come in different strengths. Many smokers start using a full-strength patch (15 mg per 24 hours) and then use a weaker patch for another four weeks (5 to 14 mg of nicotine).
  - Some people develop a rash on their body where the patch is placed. Skin rashes are usually mild and easily treated. Moving the patch to another part of the body helps. Other side effects from the patch may include sleep disturbances, nausea and headache.
- Nicotine nasal spray:
  - Nicotine nasal spray is a new addition to the nicotine spray line-up. Approved by the FDA in 1996, the nasal spray is a prescription drug.
  - The nicotine nasal spray has a couple advantages over the gum and the patch: Nicotine is rapidly absorbed across the nasal membranes, providing a rush much like the real thing.
  - The disadvantage, however, is that the spray has a greater potential for addiction than the slower-acting gum and patch.
  - It is recommended that the spray be used for three months and no longer than six months. Most people using the spray experience nasal or sinus irritation but can tolerate these effects, according to the FDA.
  - However, because of these irritant effects, the spray is not recommended for people with underlying nasal or sinus conditions, allergies or asthma.
- The nicotine-free pill:
  - Even though the nicotine replacement products have been very helpful, it's true that not many of all smokers still had a tendency to miss the "high" or surge of energy that they get from smoking. The nicotine-free pill, which is available by prescription, not only reduces the urge to smoke but it makes quitting more bearable because it controls the craving.

Thanksgiving

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Life by The Pack

Just One Last Smoke... and then Maybe One More

By Lillian M. Alemen
News Editor

Within the past year, hundreds have touched my lips and as of now, I don't regret a single one. They've been my habitual companions through thick and thin. During times when the hardships of a twenty-something's life was seemingly unbearable, they've always given me the mind numbing effect that I so occasionally use them for. I have a psychological belief in the miraculous powers I receive from one drag of the chemically-engineered smoke that fills my lungs and makes all seem okay. At the same time, it spurs endorphins of smoking. Of course, this is a lie that I will continue to tell myself as long as the cigarette continues to burn.

Like many, I've heard all the sad stories of lost loved ones, seen hundreds of well-calculated commercials, and heard the truth about my cancer-causing companions is exposed, but that hasn't stopped me.

Friends have stolen the five dollar packs that I've purchased and have gone as far as showing me pictures of the repulsive yellow nicotine stains it has left on family members' walls in attempts to discourage my seemingly uncontrollable and fairly simple smoking habits.

For now, I don't regret a single one and it is hard to avoid them. Your best bet is to overindulge in turkey.

Why turkey? Turkey contains tryptophan, which makes you sleepy.

If you overindulge in turkey at dinner, you'll be asleep on the couch in no time and be free from relatives' chatty chatter of the old days and politics. This method should be used in caution if young children are around...there's no telling what they may do if you are sleeping.

And there you have it—five easy solutions to the five holiday stressers that get everyone in a tizzy. Just remember that if anything is getting to be too much, take a deep breath and walk outside. Fresh air does wonders when all else fails.

Have a happy holiday and may these solutions help out some of you.

If they do not, then there is always the idea of running out of the house screaming (which never really works anyway). Whatever the case may be, may your holiday be safe, happy and full of cheer.
The Positive Aspects of the Black Panther Party’s (BPP) Contributions:

- Self-defense: This is one of the fundamental areas that the BPP contributed. It attracted members (particularly youth), mass support, and a mass following. The concept is not only sound, but also commonsense. But it must be implemented correctly. Otherwise, it can prove more detrimental than beneficial.

- Revolutionary Nationalist Ideology: The BPP was a nationalist and revolutionary organization. Its main goal was the national liberation of African people in the U.S., and restricted membership to Blacks only.

- Mass Organization: The BPP theories and practices were based on socialist principles. It was anti-capitalist and struggled for a socialist revolution of U.S. society.

- Mass Organizing: Another particular area that attracted members and mass support to the BPP was its policy of "serving the people." This was a policy of going to the masses living among them, sharing their burdens, and organizing the masses to implement their own solutions to everyday problems.

- Practice of Women's Equality: The BPP practiced equality for women throughout the organization and society itself. This occurred at a time when the whole country was going through a great debate on the women's liberation issue.

- Propaganda Techniques: They were adept at spreading their message and ideas through the newspaper, the Black Panther, mass rallies, speaking tours, pamphlets, flyers, leaflets, cartoons, buttons, symbols (i.e., the clenched fist), graffiti, political trials, and even funerals.

The Negative Aspects of the BPP Contributions:

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- Practice of Women’s Equality: This provided the police with a convenient excuse to make raids on any and all BPP offices, or members’ homes, under the pretext that they were looking for suspects, fugitives, weapons, and other explosives.

- Dogmatism: Early successes made some Panthers feel that they were the only possessors of absolute truths. Some became arrogant and dogmatic in their dealings with Party members, other organizations, and even the community.

- Failure to Organize Economic Foundations in Communities: The BPP preached socialist politics. They were anti-capitalist and discovered the concept of building economic foundations in the community.

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act of lighting yet another stick of joy and putting it to my wanting lips. Although barely making enough money to pay insurance, credit cards and the ever-mounting college tuition bill, there hasn't been a day where I didn't have a cigarette to accompany me after hours of a seemingly endless history class or during a shaky ride home from an unexpected car accident.

I guess my story isn't much different from my fellow smokers, except for the fact that I'm one of the few who started this guilty pleasure at the late age of twenty.

It began as an occasional activity during social gatherings where I vowed that this activity would cease if it grew into an addiction. When an entire pack needed to be purchased. Then, the excuses mounted as a pack of Newports were purchased and thoughts rumbled through my brain saying, "One pack can’t hurt. Besides, you can’t afford buying cigarettes all the time." These justifications continued until the day my mother gave me the harshest stare I’ve ever seen her give any human being. And, believe me, she’s had some pretty disturbing facial expressions. She questioned the strong odor that accompanied me as I entered the house. Of course, the answer I gave her was simple: I blamed the smell on fellow friends who smoked, and in attempts to lessen the harsh smell of menthol, I switched to a lighter brand that was more difficult to distinguish. To this very day, she still has no idea, or she probably doesn’t want to face the thought that her seemingly perfect child flocks to cigarettes for comfort. Hail to the power of denial.

Lyin’ is not my strong suit. Neither is that guilty feeling in the back of my mind, stemming from my conscious decision to harm myself. Admitting that there is some sort of addiction problem is difficult, but how couldn’t it be if there are worse things to be addicted to in the world such as drugs and alcohol? I’m not doing anything illegal, there are no chances of the popular, yet unfortunate, morning hangovers and I can’t get pregnant or receive an STD from smoking a stogie. That being said, my mother obviously isn’t the only one in denial.

Although I don’t see myself stopping anytime soon, I consider myself one of the 80 percent of smokers who want to quit. Of course, quitting is nowhere in the near future as long as there’s tight deadlines, mounting bills and incomprehensible professors. I know my problems will not disappear by the time I take the last drag of my Parliament, but the temporary relief is more than I can ask for.

Feeding for the Green

The Tri-Sigmas, [right to left] Tracy Scholl, Anna Ziobro, Lisa Veneziano, Karley Hagopian, and Lauren Parisi pick their answers at Tuesday’s MSU Family Feud.

Curing AIDS Attitude

The Disease is Rapidly Increasing, the Prevention Remains Handicapped

By Tanya Purdy
Special to The Montclarion

Every day in the United States, 10,000 young people get an STD. 2,400 become pregnant, and tragically, 55 contract HIV. Those numbers are truly frightening, but more than the numbers, it’s how we’re reacting that can be the most frustrating.

Every leading medical organization from the American Academy of Pediatrics to the Institute of Medicine supports comprehensive sex education, yet Congress gives $300 million for purely abstinence education—only programs that censor information about contraception.

Network television will use sex to sell everything from Levi’s to laptops, but won’t allow condom ads on prime time television. These policies and cultural contradictions upset many people, and can make for a somewhat ineffective education.

But, it only gets worse. One in four new HIV infections in the United States occur in people under the age of 22; one-half of all infections occur in people under age 25. AIDS is already the sixth-leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds in the United States. Social vulnerability, the need to gain love and respect through sex, and power differentials within relationships are particularly important risk factors for young people affected by the AIDS epidemic. The rate of HIV infection is growing faster among young women than any other group. The proportion among U.S. adolescent (ages 13-19) AIDS cases has tripled from 14 percent in 1987 to 46 percent of the reported cases in July, 1997.

In young people—more than any other age group, HIV is a disease spread sexually. It is time for us all to take responsibility. Educate yourself on HIV and share the information with your friends and family. Knowledge is power. There are many web sites that serve as amazing sources of information. Don’t hesitate to research and learn about an issue that is having a rising impact on this generation.
my nation, as well. The month focuses on influential Hispanics in various areas of life: the medical field, politics, and Hollywood promotion of outstanding Hispanics serves to break down negative stereotypes.

Astronaut Dr. Ellen Ochoa, singer Gloria Stein and Shakira, and Dennis Chávez, the first Hispanic U.S. Senator are among many of the individuals revered during the month.

Major industries also support the education of Latin history. CBS sponsored a month-long schedule of programs on Latin history. Hispanics are a diverse group, made up of many sub-groups, complicating the issues of identity. The term Hispanic is used to refer to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race.

However the term Latino is sometimes used instead of Hispanic to refer to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race or birthplace.

The U.S. is the fifth largest Hispanic country in the world with 32.9 million Hispanics (including Puerto Rico). Sixty-eight percent of the U.S.'s Hispanic population in 2000 was either born in another country or had at least one parent who was.

Most Hispanics see themselves in more than half of the nation's 31.1 million foreign-born residents were born in Latin America. Of those, approximately 21 million speak Spanish at home, even though 75 percent of them can speak English well. Only 1.5 million Hispanics in the States cannot speak English at all (1990 US Census).

Despite their bilingual skills and Spanish heritage, most Hispanic Americans recognize and support the use of English as the United States' first language.

The U.S. Hispanic population has increased 58 percent over the last decade and has accounted for 40 percent of the nation's total population increase. In addition, slightly more than half of the nation's 31.1 million foreign-born residents were born in Latin America.

Hispanics will soon be the largest minority group in the United States, and the month, no matter when it may be, highlights the contributions the Hispanic culture and people have had and shows the intense unity of this myriad of Latin cultures.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Homelessness isn't a problem

It's a person.

Smoking

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Single individual sessions have been reported to have quit rates of 0 percent to 68 percent. Group hypnosis has been reported to have quit rates of 8 percent to 86 percent.

Acupuncture:

Acupuncture is a healing technique derived from ancient Chinese medicine. As with hypnosis, acupuncture works for those with a strong desire to quit.

Needles are placed or pressure applied in areas of the body associated with certain nerves believed to play a role in the specific health problem. The stimulation on selected acupuncture points is thought to make your body produce natural medicines such as endorphins (a brain chemical involved in producing pain relief and pleasure).

These agents are believed to block your "pleasure response" to tobacco and to decrease the withdrawal symptoms that normally occur with quitting.

The treatment involves the insertion of four to six needles into well-defined acupuncture points. The treatment is painless. A minimum of two treatments is recommended. Some people return for a follow-up treatment.

Quit rates at one year have reportedly ranged from eight percent to 40 percent.
College is the middle ground between childhood and the life of an adult: still supported by one’s parents yet set free. A new world of parties, dating, and term papers is opened before a freshman student’s eyes. Of course, this leads to inexperienced blunders with maturity and future sarcastic recollections of ironic past events.

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A Humorous Adventure Known as College

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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Chris Columbus
Warner Brothers

Whether you like it or not, Harry Potter and his magical friends are back in the second movie installment of the J.K. Rowling book based series in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. If another romp in the woods with magical beings, special effects, a quidditch game and some cute little pre-teens playing as they act along side some of Hollywood’s most esteemed actors and actresses was what you were expecting, be forewarned. Chamber has packed enough punch to scare not only the grade-school moviegoers, but also their high-school or college-aged babysitters, older siblings, and maybe even their parents.

Chamber of Secrets is a dark film, it’s dark not only in the physical sense, though a portion of the movie happens either in dark hallways, at night, or deep underground, but in the abstract sense as well. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone used character exposition like pillows, cushioning the plot while keeping the movie light and airy. None of that really exists here, much to the detriment of the overall picture. Chamber is all about plot with very little else in the way of character development. And this plot, unlike Sorcerer’s Stone, involves petrification, missing persons, and even a plan to murder Harry Potter!

Something is happening at Hogwarts’s School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Someone or something is leaving threatening messages that “the chamber of secrets has been opened, enemies of the heir beware!” And while it appears to most of the school that Harry Potter is to blame for some strange attacks on a few students, Harry is really just a victim of “wrong place, wrong time” syndrome. It becomes his mission to not only prove that it isn’t he who is attacking his fellow students, but also to figure out who is… and to stop them.

So what’s so scary about Chamber of Secrets anyway? It’s a kids movie, right? Wrong. Before, the good guys win, the bad guy loses and everyone goes home happy, we accidentally portal to a shop in Diagon Alley with shrunken heads and other questionable items. We hear, along with Harry, mysterious voices echoing from within the walls, the only really intelligible word being “kill.” We witness cryptic, threatening messages written in blood on the wall, we visit the home of a very large spider (not to mention lots and lots and LOTS of little ones), and finally, we venture into the lair of a giant, venomous snake. Think it’s all a kids movie?

During this second year at Hogwarts, we see relationships amongst the students grow, as well as the development of Chamber’s young actors as well. Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, and Rupert Grint all reprise their roles as Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley, respectively. The kids have grown, the voices are deepening and cracking and, as actors, the children are coming along quite nicely. While all three seem to be taking their roles in stride now, Watson and Grint seem to be suffering from a bit of overacting. For the headlining, know-it-all Hermione, Watson seemed to be too close to the verge of tears too often.

Grint, on the other hand, can only squint and make so many completely confused faces before it starts to get a little old. The adults do well also, from Richard Harris in his final performance as Albus Dumbledore, to newcomer Kenneth Branagh as the narcissist Gilderoy Lockhart.

The special effects and settings did not need much improvement from the last movie, except for some very obvious CGI (Computer Generated Imagery) during the quidditch match which, thankfully, has been fixed. While the quidditch match during Chamber seemed a bit pointless as far as furthering the plot goes, it was a high action scene that provided a bit of that character development that really seemed to be missing from this movie. Some new annoying CGI that will hopefully be fixed by the next movie: Dobby, the house elf. Dobby had the possibility of becoming the next Jar Jar Binks, but thankfully, the Chamber crew gave him a less annoying accent and vocabulary.

As far as the book to movie comparison is concerned, let the debate begin.

While the movie remains very true to the book, one major slight includes how the children first learn of the Chamber of Secrets. In the movie, it is Professor McGonagal who tells them, in class, that a secret chamber hidden somewhere inside the school that has a giant creature in it possessing the ability to kill you just by looking at you.

Any other oversights or missing scenes in the movie are deleted mostly because they do not further the plot. Otherwise, an intermission or two would have to be inserted for bathroom breaks for the little kids in the audience.

Chamber of Secrets is not your average children’s movie. In addition to all of this, it is introduced in this movie that there is a prejudice against those wizards and witches that have muggle (normal human) parents. It is a prejudice held by the founder of Slytherin from so many years ago that holds true to now, and may even be brought up in further installments. Also, we learn more about Harry Potter and Lord Voldemort, how there may actually be a connection between them, how good hearted Harry Potter was not intended to belong to the Gryffindor House, and… can it be love? Something’s going on between Ron and Hermione, and there’s something going on with Ron’s little sister Ginny as well.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets will hold your interest from the first opening moments through the final scenes. Meanwhile, you may want to be sure you’re holding on to the hand of the young child with you, for either your sake or theirs. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is not a happy, G-rated romp through the woods.
Class One Concerts’ Night at the Ratt

(I to r.) Lead guitarist Evan Bird, drummer Michael Iuele, bassist Matthew Dwyer, and lead singer Vincent Ardizzzone of the band The Oval Portrait. They, along with other groups such as Worthless United, Paulson, Day by Day, and Last Picked, played at a free show in the Ratt that was sponsored by Class One Concerts on Thursday night.

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Arts Calendar

Concert & Theater Calendar

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Peter Gabriel
MSG

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Roseland

The Samples
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Blonde
Roseland

Ani DiFranco
Beacon Theatre
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Noise Therapy
Irving Plaza

Supafuzz
Killing Factory
11/25
Jazz Is Dead
Bottom Line

Rocket from the Crypt
Bowery Ballroom
11/26
Kelly Osbourne
Irving Plaza

Guster
Hammerstein Ballroom
11/27
Jimmy Fallon
Roseland

Movie Releases

Die Another Day - dir: Lee Tamahori
Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Judi Dench
Friday After Next - dir: Marcus Raboy
Ice Cube, John Witherspoon, Don "DC" Curry

Album Releases

Pop – Paula Abdul: Greatest Hits
Rock – Bob Dylan: Bootleg Series Vol.5
Rock – Paul McCartney: Back in the U.S.
Rock – Kelly Osbourne: Shut Up
Rap – Busta Rhymes: It Ain’t Safe No More
Rap – Snoop Dogg: Paid Tha Cost to Be da Bo$$

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’s being held, and the exact date it’s happening. Send all information to the following e-mail address:

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Ours

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of songs such as “Here is the Light,” and “Meet Me in the Tower” on...labies that created its distinctive sound.

While Gnecco attributes the change to the fact that the original message in “Leaves’” could have been misunderstood and interpreted as a call to violence, some may suspect the voice of DreamWorks executive telling Ours to create a more “user-friendly” package.

How else would one explain their cover of Velvet Underground’s “Femme Fatale?”

On a majority of the album, Ours’ songs are too fast and too “precious.” However, there are moments on the record that brings us back to the band’s darker side.

After “Femme Fatale” reaches its climax, following the initial meandering through the band’s creation of rock-ballad gone Brit-pop melodies, Gnecco’s powerful punch finally strikes: a distorted lullaby than a precious one. And, maybe it won’t take them three years to get there.

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Odd, as with the release of...labies in 2001, Gnecco attempted in interviews to distance himself from Buckley, both due to a desire for uniqueness as an artist and out of respect for the late singer.

Perhaps Gnecco has learned that being equated with Buckley is achieving him some acclaim.

“Broken” does not so much end as it does collapse into the driving guitars of “Chapter 2 (Money).”

The band continues to synchronously pulse along with Gnecco’s voice, as he sings “they pissed around me and tried to drown me, they woke in panic to poisoned attic” and “oh mother don’t leave us to bloom, holy father these Kids have been through the deepest and meanest of truths.”

Unfortunately, after these two songs, though their strength alone is a good reason to purchase the record, Precious quickly falls back to its old routine, or should we say its new one.

Still, as long as Ours continues to give us a few moments where accessible lyrics and swaying guitars are replaced by obscured words and pounding rhythms, perhaps we can forgive them for giving us too weightless a listen the rest of the time.

Nonetheless, here’s hoping that their next album falls a little closer to a distorted lullaby than a precious one. And, maybe it won’t take them three years to get there.
Why Lie?

It isn’t new for an MSU administrator to act as if a problem doesn’t exist. From problems with parking to construction delays to registration issues, very often the administrative response to student complaints is a cheery, “Everything’s fine.” Usually, though, when confronted with evidence that everything is not fine, there is a clear problem that needs to be fixed or addressed, MSU responds with at least an attempt to fix the problem. In the case of last week’s Montclarion article on the unlocked Residence Hall doors, however, MSU administrators seem unwilling to acknowledge the problem.

The front doors to the Residence Halls are equipped with devices that automatically lock them at 11:30 p.m. and unlock again in the morning, with only residents of the campus able to unlock them by swiping their identification cards. Unfortunately, since the beginning of this semester these devices have been inoperable, leaving these doors unlocked 24 hours a day. In addition, as we reported last week, the front doors to most Residence Halls were left wide open during overnight hours, essentially inviting problems inside. At midnight this Wednesday evening, the front doors of Freeman, Russ, Stone and Bantlin (the halls Residence Life say do not have a problem) were unlocked again (Blonlon’s door was wide open).

For some reason, no one seems to want to accept this problem as fact. If you are on campus after midnight, all you have to do is go to a Residence Hall to see that their front doors are unlocked. Yet Regina Sargent, the Director of Residence Life, and Kevin Rakowski, Associate Director of Auxiliary Enterprises, who deal with swipe card-related issues, claim there is no problem. “The staff assures me,” Sargent says, “that [all buildings but Webster and Bohn] are functioning properly.”

Unfortunately for Sargent, if her staff is telling her this, then her staff is wrong. Once again, all you have to do is go into a Residence Hall after midnight and you will be able to walk right in without swiping any identification card, something that was not possible last year. It may not seem like a problem, but if anyone – resident or non-resident, student or non-student – can walk into a Residence Hall at any time, then, eventually, there will be a problem.

MSU has, in comparison to some other colleges in the area, a fairly effective security system for its Residence Halls, and for this they should be commended. Besides the front doors, which are supposed to keep non-residents out during overnight hours, the front desks to all Residence Halls are manned 24 hours a day with Desk Assistants who are trained to notify the appropriate people in case of any emergencies. This, however, does not change the fact that the front doors are supposed to lock and do not.

It is sad that, when confronted with a problem, the Office of Residence Life cannot admit the problem and try to fix it. While Sargent says that she is not taking this situation lightly, by refusing to acknowledge that the problem exists, that’s exactly what she’s doing. Hopefully, by next week at this time, the front doors to the Residence Halls will once again lock during the overnight hours. If not, then we suggest the Office of Residence Life no longer deny it.

The Voice of Montclair State University

Do you feel safe in the Residence Halls?

"Yes, I feel safe. I’m familiar with all the faces that come in and out of the building.”
Tagen Carbone, Undeclared, first year

"Yes. Even though I’ve lived on campus for three years and the D.A.s know me, they still card me every time. I feel that, since they know me and card me, they card strangers.”
Joel Diaz, International Business, third year

"Yes. The D.A.s do a good job of keeping unsavory characters out. Besides, I have my can of mace.”
Patricia Brewer, History, first year

Why won’t you quit smoking?

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Viewpoint

G.T.A. A-OK

Video Games Do Not Make People Violent

Violence is just about the most naturally human behavior. With all the uproar that Grand Theft Auto: Vice City, and its predecessor, Grand Theft Auto: Advance, have recently brought about, it is an emotionally charged issue for anyone to forget just how inherently violent people are.

We are conditioned to think, speak and act aggressively and violently. Numerous supposed culprits have been brought forward for people's violent tendencies: the homes we live in, the role models we have, the movies we watch. Over the last decade or so, video games have been considered to be the next big bunch. But do playing simple computer games render us all psychopaths, no different from the people that are already aggressively minded, but to normal people the differences are negligible.

In short, if you can't figure out where the game ends and real life begins, then it doesn't matter what games you happen to be playing. For those of you who don't follow popular video game series, the Grand Theft Auto series has caused quite a stir for its realistic depictions of violence.

The character you play has the rather shaky task of stealing random cars that he comes across and doing stunts with them in exchange for making money, or to gain access to new "missions."

The controversy begins with additional aspects of the game, which included the ability to build/steal weapons such as assault rifles, Uzis, conventional handguns, and even some bazookas and guns. With them, you can commit crimes around a C.G. urban environment murdering police officers, drug dealers and innocent car thieves, and even drug dealers and innocent pedestrians. The body count is high when you've run out of ammo, gotten caught, or been killed.

The most talked about scenario, and the one that has drawn the harshest criticism from the opposition groups mentioned above, is when your character's enemy is running low, as it will from shoot-outs or reckless driving, you can drive to a dark alley and solicit a prostitute. The car begins to shake back and forth, and your character's energy is replaced. But this comes at quite a price, and since money is vital to the score you receive, you can chase down the woman, beat her to death, and take back your cash.

G.T.A.: Vice City takes on the purposefully cliché world of South Florida organized crime with a new parody of Michael Mann's Reagen-era police drama "Miami Vice." It's practically playing a tastelessly dressed, evil bastard twin of Don Johnson, in all of its garish, environmentally nightmarish muscle cars, and ironically ugly golden medals. You basically play a bland, ugly, mediocrity, dressed in a suit and tie that's out of place. Even if violent games like GTA 3 don't directly affect our behavior, reads the web site for the National (sic) Rifle Association. That is, of course, not to say it makes it right, but we must admit that people are, essentially, animals with large brains and more sophisticated technology, no more intelligent and certainly no less brutal. Still, N.O.W. asks, "How much faith can we place in a video game suggested the idea?" Plenty. Misogyny is a common trait to male-characters, and the phrase "what does that say about how we escape?" What that says, obviously, is that people are similar to those people that have terrible violence by their very nature. People don't need video games to tell them to act violent. It's just something they do naturally.

Violence is as much a part of us as the very act of breathing. That is, of course, not to say it makes it right, but we must admit that people are, essentially, animals with large brains and more sophisticated technology, no more intelligent and certainly no less brutal.

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Opinion

Bibles on Campus

Should Religion Be Forced Upon Us Like Advertising?

Monday afternoon in front of the Student Center, a nicely-dressed man in his forties was handing out miniature green bibles. This may seem like an odd thing to do, in a town when it is commonplace on campus to be handed a myriad of advertisements with brochures on anything ranging from dance clubs or bars to whatever social issue is popular this week, a bible doesn't seem to fit.

As college students, advertising is forced down our throats. In the parking lots, every car seems to have some type of brochure tucked under its windshield wiper, brochures that are usually adorned with pictures of half-naked women. These brochures are inanimate, especially to someone who does not frequent bars or clubs. They are also a waste of paper, a waste of time (for the hours spent placing them on cars, how many students don't throw them away?), and a waste of the people handing them out.

So, now, bibles are in the same category of these brochures and advertisements. Religion is now being forced upon us. The question is, doesn't this defeat the point of how much faith can we place in something that is forced upon us? Religion is a private and personal choice. Holding out the Bible as if it were another advertisement, you take the privacy out of that choice and you force it into the public eye. Those who refuse are being forced to publicly display their lack of interest in religion. And if someone feels obligated to take the Bible, then what is gained? They certainly haven't been convinced. And, if someone has an interest in the Bible, wouldn't they own one anyway? Is simply handing out a bible going to make someone a believer? Probably not.

Soon, we'll probably see someone handing out bibles along the sides of the parking lots. If a holy document should be treated with respect, then those providing the document should be equally respectful of students when they go about to hand out the Bible forcibly placed into their hands. If a person desires religion, he or she will know where to look, and will not have to visit the Student Center.

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America Leans Right

 Election '02 Gets Us Back on Track

Friends, the American people have spoken through the lens, and the Republican Party now controls the Senate, the House of Representatives, and a majority of the Governorships. For the first time in a hundred years, the party that controls the White House won races in both the House and the Senate, solidifying their majority. What does this tell us? The American people responded to campaigns based on the issues, not vying to be the leader of the party that will lead it back to the White House. The Republicans have one voice, one leader. The party's unity is unparalleled, and working only behind the scenes, the Democrats have one voice, one leader. America Leans Right.

The president's approval ratings have stayed steady at 60-65 percent, depending on the poll, if he continues with those ratings for another month, he will be the most consistently popular President since Lyndon B. Johnson. America loves George W. Bush. They approve of his policies, they approve of his articulation of the war on terrorism, and they finally see a White House that has unified foreign policy. What does America rally to the president? Because he is a plain spoken, honest public servant.

Michael C. McPhee

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Jerome D’Angelo, a political science major, is the first-year editor for The Montclarion.

Montclarion Mailbag

Israel’s War Crimes

Palestinian Violence Is Resistance, Not Terrorism

In an article entitled “Apartheid in the Holy Land,” Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu described the suffering of the Palestinian people: “I’ve been driving to the Holy Land: it reminded me so much of what happened to us blacks in South Africa.” He described the humiliation at checkpoints and roadblocks, suffering like us when we were being stopped by police officers prevented us from moving about.

With the implementation of Jewish-only bypass roads, illegal settlements, and a racist apartheid state, the Palestinians (that interestingly enough, are continuously opposed the acknowledgement that Palestinians even exist!), Israeli policies have lead to the creation of Palestine in the mid-1900s. But, more importantly, the former South African Apartheid.

Interestingly enough, history demonstrates a peaceful and mutually supportive co-existence between Jews and Palestinians before the 1948 war. Living with his nanny, the South African President P.W. Botha attributed the same intention to the South African population. With the predominance of peaceful co-existence today in South Africa, we can learn that the antithesis to the aforementioned paranoia is the only logical conclusion.

Mosaffa Hazin

Biology

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Recently, a new bin Laden recording was aired on Al-Jazeera. Bush has confirmed the existe of a new bin Laden recording. In the recording, the American, anti-Israel, anti-Palestinian terrorist propaganda. The Democrats used the recording as a reason to attack the president’s efforts against terrorism. The Democrats say that the war is entering a lull. They say that he has become so pre-occupied with Iraq that he has forgotten about bin Laden. Meanwhile, they spent the year; (a) refusing to create a department of Homeland Security (bring together the U.S. intelligence agencies as well as law enforcement agencies, immigration, and customs into one cohesive department), ban political abortion and finally appoint judges to the vacant posts throughout the nation’s judiciary. But, for the G.O.P., responsibilities will come along with the privilege of control. The economy, although on the rebound, is still weak and in a precarious position. Congress must pass tax cuts that will reinvigorate the economy, although on the rebound, is still weak and in a precarious position. Congress must pass tax cuts that will reinvigorate the economy.

The Army Wants Kids

It’s quite amusing that people see George W. Bush has a decent man. His aw shucks, down-home personality is one of the biggest snow jobs perpetrated on the American people in a long while. He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would recreate an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while). He ran for president as an outsider, someone that would create an autonomous Palestinian state (on land that, historically and in a long while).
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Men's Basketball Preview

Red Hawks Bounce Into New Beginning

By Justin Van Pelt
Staff Writer

With the weather being quite cool recently, it is a reminder that not only the winter season, but also Red Hawk basketball is on its way.

Last season went extremely well for the Red Hawks as they captured the regular season New Jersey Athletic Conference title with an overall record of 18-7 and a conference title of 12-6.

However, in their first NJAC Tournament home playoff game since 1994, the Red Hawks were upset by the Pioneers of William Paterson University 66-42 and eliminated in the first round.

MSU then gained a birth into the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Metro Tournament and knocked out seventh seeded Baruch College 77-72 in the first round.

A loss to New Jersey City University in round two dropped the Red Hawks final season record to 19-9 and ended the 2001-02 Red Hawk basketball season.

That was last season. This season the Red Hawks return four players that started at least one game last season including senior Joseph Thomas.

Thomas who started all 28 games last season for the Red Hawks led the team in both steals (61) and points (372) and was named to the All New Jersey Athletic Conference Second Team and the D3Hoops.com All-Region Third Team.

The Red Hawks will surely look to Thomas this season as a team leader. He will be expected to pick up where he and ex-teammate Omar Boothe left off last season.

Thomas is one of only two seniors returning this year along with Ben Martinez.

Martinez started in just four games last season, but saw action in all 28. He led the team at the foul line with a free-throw percentage of 80.6%, hitting 50 out of 62 attempts.

With the return of Thomas and Martinez, the Red Hawks are hopeful for another successful season.

A total of nine freshmen are included on the roster as well as five other players who did not play last season.

Pierre Mitchell, Lamar Freeman, Gentle Orlanes, Mikhail Kowlessar, Ellis Sherrod, Justin Tierney, Anwar Montgomery, Antwan Dozier, Jerome Trawick, Joey Mattias, Joe Pecora, Tom Schafer, Jason Cathcart, and Ryan Van Shaften are all new to the Red Hawk roster.

Each player will be expected to contribute to the team's success.

Such a young team will certainly be pressured to play as well as last year's team, but head coach Ted Fiore should be able to make these guys winners.

His .617 winning percentage as MSU's head coach ranks fifth best among all Red Hawk coaches.

In his first four seasons at MSU, Fiore earned a record of 66-41.

He coached the Red Hawks to an ECAC Championship in the 1999-00 season and made the ECAC playoffs three out of four years. Under Fiore, the Red Hawks also won last year's NJAC regular season title and appeared twice in the NJAC playoffs.
Women's Soccer Falls To Richard Stockton

Season Ends in Overtime Loss in the ECAC Metro Final on Saturday, 2-1

By Anne Clifford
Sports Editor

Richard Stockton 2

Freshman forward, Kari Devine, knocked in a shot off a corner kick 7:05 into overtime to lift second-seeded Richard Stockton College to the 2002 ECAC Division III Metro Women's Soccer Championship.

Additionally, the Ospreys toppled No. 1 seed MSU, 2-1 at a rainy Sprague Field on Sunday evening.

Laura Federico had a goal for the Ospreys (16-4-3), who avenged a 1-0 loss at home to MSU back on November 2. The Red Hawks (12-7-2), who captured the ECAC title in 2000, finished as the runner-up for a second straight season.

With 2:55 left in the first overtime period, Stockton was awarded a corner kick. Stacey Chabot lofted the kick into the middle of the goal area where Dawn Belamarich took a shot that bounced off a defender and out to Devine, who blasted a shot into the left side of the goal for the game-winner.

The Ospreys took a 1-0 lead 13:07 into the match as Federico took a crossing pass from Kristie Abbott and knocked in a shot from five yards out on the left side. However, The Red Hawks would tie the match three minutes later as Stephanie Sobaliauskas headed in a corner kick from Kelly Dutko.

Senior midfielder Katie Rudolph was named the Most Valuable Player in the tournament.

For Richard Stockton, which outshot MSU, 11-8, Becky Baisley had two saves while the Red Hawks' Stephanie Romanko made four saves in her final game. Romanko closed out her career as the all-time NCAA Division III leader in minutes played with 7,842:04.

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Wrestling

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(SP) collected the 197-pound crown for MSU's other first-place finish.

The Red Hawks also posted five second-place wrestlers and three third-place wrestlers.

Junior Steve Roy said, "Even though we didn't win, we showed many of the aspects that we worked on in practice. We did well though because we had a couple of champions, which was really good.”

Roy continued to talk about Aliaksyejenka saying, "I was really excited for him. I think he deserved it.”

Kutztown posted six champions, in Joe Bentz (125 lbs.), Jeremiah Nickeson (141 lbs.), Ryan Wasser (157 lbs.), Anthony Coropa (165 lbs.), Bret Wade (184 lbs.) and Octavius Newman (Heavyweight). The Golden Bears also had five runners-up.

The Centenary Cyclones and USMMA Mariners each posted one third-place finisher.

The Red Hawks return to action on Nov. 30 at the Kutztown Tournament.

Question:
What is the name of the Pittsburgh Steelers' defensive lineman who was featured in a soft-drink T.V. commercial, where he gives his jersey to a boy that gives him the drink?

Answer:
Harold Grange's nicknames were "Red Grange" and "The Galloping Ghost."
Swimming Wins Against Adelphi

Regina Potocnie swims the butterfly on Tuesday’s meet at MSU.

JOHN SPARACIO / THE MONTCLARION

Potocnie dives in and helps MSU win the meet against Adelphi, which ended 89-72 for the women.

RPI Surpasses MSU
At ECAC Semifinals
Hawks Lose in Overtime 2-1 Saturday

By Anne Clifford
Sports Editor

Senior midfielder Katie Coleman scored just 40 seconds into overtime to lift eighth-seeded Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute past fifth-seeded host MSU, 2-1, and into the title game of the 2002 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Mid-Atlantic Field Hockey Championship.

RPI (13-6), which advanced to the semifinals after a 2-1 double-overtime win at top-seeded William Smith College earlier this week, will face the winner of tonight’s second semifinal game between sixth-seeded St. Lawrence University and seventh-seeded College Misericordia.

The Red Hawks, the defending ECAC Mid-Atlantic champion, finished the 2002 season at 12-6 overall.

Saturday’s contest was scoreless until RPI freshman forward Laurie Young connected at 61:09, deflecting home a shot by Coleman for her second goal of the year and a 1-0 lead.

RPI was 5:07 away from advancing when MSU junior attacker Sarah Levine knocked in a loose ball at the left post for her team-leading 10th goal of the campaign to tie the contest.

Coleman then scored on the only shot of the extra session, taking her eighth goal of the season following a rush on the MSU cage.

RPI senior goalkeeper Cathy Hotchkiss finished with 10 saves, while MSU junior netminder Angela Wilkins registered five saves.

MSU outshot Rensselaer, 16-11, and had nine penalty corners to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s seven.
**Field Hockey**

**NJAC Overall**
- **Rowan:** 4-0 17-0
- **TCNJ:** 3-1 11-2
- **MSU:** 2-2 11-5
- **Kean:** 0-4 11-7
- **WPU:** 1-3 10-6

**Men's Soccer**

**NJAC Overall**
- **Richard Stockton:** 8-1 18-4
- **Kean:** 6-3 16-5
- **Rowan:** 5-6-1 15-3-2
- **NJCU:** 3-4-1 10-8-1
- **MSU:** 3-6-1 10-6-2
- **Ramapo:** 4-5-0 10-6-1
- **TCNJ:** 5-3-1 10-7-3
- **WPU:** 3-5-1 8-8-1
- **Rutgers-Camden:** 1-7-1 7-11-1
- **Rutgers-Newark:** 1-8 6-10-1

**Women's Soccer**

**NJAC Overall**
- **TCNJ:** 8-0 16-0-2
- **Richard Stockton:** 6-2-1 14-4-3
- **WPU:** 7-2 13-7-1
- **Rowan:** 5-3-1 12-4-2
- **MSU:** 6-2-1 11-6-2
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- **NJCU:** 0-9 5-14
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**Football**

**NJAC Overall**
- **Rowan:** 4-0 8-0
- **SUNY:** 4-2 7-2
- **MSU:** 3-1 4-4
- **TCNJ:** 3-2 4-3
- **Kean:** 2-3 3-5

**Volleyball**

**NJAC Overall**
- **Rowan:** 6-2 25-8
- **NJCU:** 5-3 22-8
- **Richard Stockton:** 7-3 20-13
- **Kean:** 3-5 20-19
- **WPU:** 3-4 19-10
- **Rutgers-Newark:** 7-1 19-9
- **MSU:** 3-5 13-13
- **Ramapo:** 1-7 7-14

**Tennis**

**NJAC Overall**
- **Ramapo:** 4-0 9-6
- **Kean:** 3-1 8-2
- **MSU:** 3-1 7-2
- **Richard Stockton:** 3-1 7-2
- **TCNJ:** 5-0 5-0

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**WRESTLING**

Sat. 11/30 @ Kutztown Invitational TBA

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Fri. 11/22 D'Youville/Trinity 6 p.m.
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Tue. 11/26 @ Rutgers-Newark 6 p.m.

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Fri./Sat. 11/22-23 @ Kutztown Invitational TBA

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Sat. 11/23 Brooklyn College 6:30 p.m.
Sun. 11/24 New England College 3 p.m.
Tue. 11/26 @ Rutgers-Newark 6 p.m.

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**Red Hawk Action**

**Red Hawk Player of the Week**

Eric Magrini

**Men's Soccer**

11/17 - MSU 0, Stevens 1

**Women's Soccer**

11/17 - MSU 1, Richard Stockton 2

**Football**

11/16 - MSU 12, Rowan 48

**Wrestling**

11/17 - 2nd Place

**Swimming**

11/19 - Men 87, Adelphi 58
Women 89, Adelphi 72

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**Senior Wide Receiver**

Hometown: Wayne, NJ

Eric made a seven-yard touchdown on Saturday's game. He ends his career setting an MSU record for All-Time Leader in receptions and receiving yards.

**Honorable Mention**

**Colleen Griffin**
Sophomore FR/BK
Hometown: Bloomfield, NJ

Colleen set a new MSU record in the 50 Free (24.83) on Tuesday.

**Trisha Winkle**
Junior Goalkeeper
Hometown: Forked River, NJ

Trisha had five saves in the women's field hockey final on Saturday.

**Maurice Green**
Senior DE
Hometown: Irvinton, NJ

Maurice had 11 tackles in Saturday's game.

**Stephanie Sablaskas**
Sophomore M/F
Edison, NJ

Stephanie scored her 13th goal of the season on Sunday.
MSU Loses to the Rowan Profs in Saturday’s Championship Game 48-12

By Anne Clifford
Sports Editor

Rowan 48
MSU 12

Senior quarterback Tony Racioppi threw for 262 yards and three touchdown passes as third-ranked Rowan University captured the 2002 New Jersey Athletic Conference championship with a 48-12 victory MSU at a rainy Sprague Field on Saturday afternoon.

Senior wide receiver Michael Osborne caught a pair of TD’s for the Profs (10-0, 6-0 NJAC), who won their second consecutive season, finished second at last year’s Invitational, claimed this year’s team title with 179.0 team points, while MSU, which was third last season, finished in second with 171.5 team points.

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On their next possession, Racioppi hit Luis Cortes on a 59-yard strike. Two plays later, Racioppi hit Osborne from five yards out and Rowan lead with a 0-0 tie in the opening quarter.

MSU put up one more touchdown as Chris Becker scored with a one-yard run. It is the first time since the 1996 season in which the Red Hawks did not finish above the .500 mark.

The Profs started the drive right back with a 17-yard TD pass from Racioppi to Osborne with 3:34 left in the opening quarter.

Rowan struck right back on a seven-yard strike to Osborne. It was fourth (36.0 points) in the four-team event.

Rowan out-gained MSU 431-205. The Profs had 10 for MSU. Rowan out-gained MSU 431-205.

Wrestling Takes Second in MSU Invitational

By Anne Clifford
Sports Editor

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