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Residence Hall Alcohol Violations Increase

The number of liquor law violations in residence halls has almost quadrupled within a year, according to MU crime statistics. In 2001, there were 28 violations and in 2002 that number rose to 103. Lieutenant Boyd Lyons of Campus Police said we are facing more people on campus to officers have been added and are patrolling more assertively.

According to the Sept. 11 issue of The Montclarion, Chief Paul Cell said eight officers have been added to the force. The case is not that there is an increase in students drinking, just that more students have been caught. “When population increases, there are more arrests,” Lyons said. “I do not think there is a huge rash of students drinking more. Police have been added and their patrols have been more aggressive.”

As shown in the Police Report on page two, there have been six alcohol cases in one week, five of which happened in the same day. All incidents involve underage drinking.

Resident Director of Residence Life, said that technically, MSU is not a dry campus because alcohol is permitted to students of age at Clove Road and The Village.

The traditional residence halls—Bohn, Blanton, Stone, Webber, Russ, and Freeman—are not allowed alcohol whether residents are of age or not. Sargent said an explanation for the increase in violations could be that students are more blatant about it. “If someone is quiet in their room, we are not going to go searching,” Sargent said.

The consequences for violating liquor laws depend on what building a student is in because residence halls are laid out among three different cities. Each city may have its own penalties. Sargent said Bohn and Blanton are in Clifton, Russ and Freeman are in Montclair, and Clove Road and The Village are in Little Falls.

Sargent also said that the and other administrators meet every week, go through the police reports, and talk about where they are going to go with the cases.

By Theresa Cevetello
Staff Writer

SGA President Vetoes Bill to Grant Charter

Christian Organization Loses Battle Twice

President of Campus Crusade for Christ, Desmond Sugar, spoke at last night’s SGA meeting to promote his organization as SGA President Jacob V. Hudnut watches on.

By Cesarina Miceli
News Editor

More than a year of ongoing debate later, a Christian organization was denied a charter for the second time at last night’s SGA meeting, following last night’s SGA meeting, President of Crusade for Christ, senior Desmond Sugar said, “I do not think we [Campus Crusade for Christ] were given a fair chance. I am disappointed.”

SGA President Jacob V. Hudnut vetoed the bill granting Campus Crusade for Christ a Class III charter, which passed by one vote (27-13) last Wednesday. SGA bills require a 2/3 vote of the legislature to pass. It has been over a year since an SGA president has vetoed a bill. After a bill is passed, it must either be signed into law or vetoed by the SGA president. The motion to overturn the president’s veto at last night’s SGA meeting failed (19-17). Vetoes must be overturned by three-fourths of the legislature.

In the letter announcing his veto, Hudnut states, “let us think there is a huge rash of students drinking more. Police have been added and their patrols have been more aggressive.”
Weather

Thursday: Partly cloudy 51°
Friday: Partly cloudy 55°
Saturday: Mostly cloudy 63°
Monday: Rain 61°
Tuesday: Rain 61°
Wednesday: Rain 62°

In The Montclarion

Firefighter Plead Guilty to Setting Fire

A part-time firefighter accused of trying to make work for himself by starting what became the biggest wildfire in Arizona history pleaded guilty Monday. The fire, known as the Four Corners Wildfire, was started by a firefighter who was supposed to be on duty. He admitted that he purposely started the fire to make himself look good and to avoid being fired. He has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

In Morris County, the Trend is Westward

In Morris County, the desire for rolling hills, quiet streets, and wild turkey sightings is particularly evident in Mount Olive, where five subdivisions of 50 to 100 homes have been approved for construction. According to the developer, the county's western edge is the county's new frontier. That is, at least, what $100 million worth of new homes will bring. The population is expected to rise by 20 percent in the next five years.

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10/19/03 - Joseph B. Suliman, 19, of Clifton, and Michael V. Santussema, 19, of Clifton, were charged with possession of underaged drinking and is awaiting a court date in the Little Falls Municipal Court.

10/13/03 - William Vidal Jr., 24, of Lindern and Arunsa Paul, 22, of Irvington, were charged with disorderly conduct and hindering apprehension and are awaiting a court date in the Little Falls Municipal Court.

10/11/03 - The MSU EMS unit responded to Bobo Hall (9th floor) on a report of an intoxicated male. He was transported to Mountainside Hospital. Daniel Mitchell, 19, of Somerset, was charged with underaged drinking and is awaiting a court date in the Clifton Municipal Court.

10/11/03 - Brian Butler, 20, of Wyckoff, was charged with underaged drinking and is awaiting a court date in the Clifton Municipal Court.

10/07/03 - David M. Webb, 23, of Lyndhurst, was charged with terroristic threats, harassment, and simple assault, and is awaiting a court date in the Montclair Municipal Court.

10/07/03 - Sean F. Concaran, 22, of Colonie, and Richard J. Hager, 22, of Briar, were charged with criminal mischief and disorderly conduct and are awaiting a court date in the Little Falls Municipal Court.

10/15/03 - John M. Mondy, 20, of Bohn Hall, was charged with underaged drinking and is awaiting a court date in the Clifton Municipal Court.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at any campus phone at 714-9800 (0477). All calls are strictly confidential.

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New Guest Policy Enforced in Campus Residence Halls

Residence Life Works to Ensure Residents' Safety

By Jennifer Bender
Staff Writer

Residence Life announced the implementation of a new resident guest policy on Sept. 30, when a letter was sent out to all resident students informing them that the changes made to the guest policy would be put into effect.

While the policy has been created to ensure a safe and more structured campus community, residents have expressed being in stressful situations, and that they are frustrated when in fact, their own security is being improved.

The policy affects the Bohn, Blanton, Russ, Freeman, Webster, and Stoner residence halls, and calls for higher regulations when it comes to guests.

As opposed to the past policy of early September, when a form of identification was left at the desk and a yellow guest pass distributed, there is now a new resident guest pass which requires the resident student to sign an agreement stating: “By signing, I understand that I will be held responsible for the behavior and acts of the individual while he/she is visiting me.”

Residents have expressed anger, stating they are being inconvenienced by the new policy. By having to fill out information on the pass which includes name, room number, signature, and guest’s name, students and their guests now experience a wait in entering and exiting the building.

Students do have the option however, of filling out the guest pass prior to the guest’s arrival and then handing it in when the guest is present.

According to Regina Sargent, director of Residence Life, resident directors and assistants have agreed that the passes are working, and that the change towards higher security has been a positive one.

The department of Residence Life has been spending several months investing in new security systems for MSU, partially due to the high costs of insurance. The decision for the new guest passes was made after Sargent and other employees in Residence Life were frustrated by the increase in vandalism and other problems in the Fall Semester.

One of the main purposes in enforcing the new guest policy is to bring to the student’s attention the liability they take on by having a guest. Residence Life is hoping that vandalism and other problems will diminish as a result of the new policy.

“It’s a good idea; it helps you to track who’s really here,” said Dana Blazszczak, a resident assistant.

The policy will also help assistants with monitoring guests, and knowing when they will need additional staff.

The department of Residence Life has ordered 60,000 guest passes, which they estimate to be used during the Fall Semester.

NYU Student Arrested; Assault at Floyd Hall

By Lillian M. Aleman
Managing Editor

Last Friday during a hockey game, Floyd Hall Arena marked the site of an assault between hockey players and spectators.

A New York University (NYU) student was arrested for aggravated assault against an MSU student spectator during a hockey game at Floyd Hall Arena last Friday, said University Police Sergeant Kieran Barrett.

At 11:10 p.m., hockey players from NYU, NU, and spectators of the game were involved in an altercation as players from both teams were exiting the ice at the end of the second period. According to Barrett, three officers responded to the scene after receiving a call from staff at the Floyd Hall arena and an officer of the scene.

“Fans became abusive and threw things,” said Barrett.

Daniel Nemcsek, 21, of Stamford, Conn., was arrested after University Police interviewed witnesses and received allegations regarding his involvement in the incident.

Police reports also indicate that the alleged victim was found on the ice bleeding. He was taken to Mountainside Hospital for injuries to the face.

The alleged victim’s mother stated that MSU “dropped the ball and did not take care of my daughter...they did nothing to assure my daughter was emotionally, physically and mentally provided for.”

Though, The Star-Ledger reported that Vice President of Student Affairs, Karen Pennington, stated that university officials took immediate action regarding the incident and “understand her frustration and her concern as it is an extremely difficult situation.”

“We care very much about this woman, about her safety and well-being and will do everything to assure she has everything she needs to persevere at the University,” Pennington said.

The female was moved to another room last Wednesday.

In 2002, there were two sexual assaults in residence halls at MSU.

The Star-Ledger contributed to this report.
it be known to all that the grounds for this veto are not rooted in any principle or belief found in the organization's charter request form, proposed constitution, or anything I have found through research on the national organization of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Rather, the presentation by the proposed organization's president is what prohibits me from signing the bill into law and, thus, forwarding it to the campus community with peace of mind."

The bill was introduced to the SGA last Spring Semester, but did not receive legislative approval. It was introduced to the SGA for a second time on Oct. 1, and brought to the Constitutional Review Committee. Hudnut argued that the MSU Campus Ministry Council (MSU-CMC) exists on campus to "coordinate the efforts of, and to facilitate communication among the various campus Ministers, Ordained Chaplains and Advisers to the chartered religious groups on the Montclair State University campus." Campus Crusade for Christ would be involved in the MSU-CMC.

Hudnut also said that an organization has never been de-chartered. According to Sugar, he feels as if his SGA constitutional rights were violated.

Sugar said that Hudnut spoke to him about points of homophobia and warfare, yet he failed to mention these points in his veto letter. Hudnut did, however, state at last night's SGA meeting that "this is not a gay issue."

SGA Legislator Matthew Wilder expressed his opinions. Wilder said, "How can you judge a group of people if they have not taken action? We [the SGA] need to see what the group plans on doing. Actions speak louder than words."

Many SGA members spoke of not agreeing or disagreeing with the organization, but the importance of accepting it, as done with other campus organizations.

According to SGA Treasurer Derek Macchia, he has no problems with the moral aspects of this organization, yet he questions the legal and financial aspects. Macchia does not see the need to charter a third Christian group on campus if two already exist.

Macchia said, "We [MSU] should not have organizations of similar interest."

Based on this argument, Macchia feels Hudnut’s veto was justified. According to Hudnut, former President Chris Fitzpatrick did not veto any bills during his term, but previous SGA presidents have done so, usually due to procedural problems.

Campus Crusade for Christ is a national organization established as a campus ministry in 1951. The organization exists on 1,096 campuses, and has never been de-chartered. The main goal of Campus Crusade for Christ, as stated on their website, is "to turn lost students into Christ-centered laborers.

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–Jacob V. Hudnut

SGA President

66 \[CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST\] A CHANCE. If they mess up, then de-charter them. It'll be a first.”
Alcohol

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longer be the case. "The upperclassmen have different needs," Sargent said.

Information on alcohol is provided in the resident handbook, which is given to all students living on campus. It states, "possession of alcohol (in traditional residence halls), or empty alcohol cans, bottles, etc., constitutes a violation and may result in strict disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the residence community. You may be asked to reveal the contents of bags, boxes, etc., if reasonable suspicion of possible alcohol possession exists." The handbook also gives the conditions in which alcohol may be possessed and consumed at Clove Road and The Village. No kegs or multi-quart containers of any size are permitted in or around the apartments at any time. No alcohol deliveries are permitted. Alcohol is not permitted outside the buildings or in hallways and stairwells.

There are no statistics yet for 2003 but Sargent said, "We’ve been busy this year. They have been making arrests."

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Guest

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dent student. "I feel safer knowing there is a new policy. I’ve seen people in my building that weren’t guests, and didn’t know they were there."

According to Sargent, the department of Residence Life has created the policy not to get resident students in trouble, but to provide a secure environment. "Sometimes it will be inconvenient, but it will also be safer," Sargent said.

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Is All Truly Fair in Love and War?
Trauma Hits When Roommates Like the Same Guy

By G.M. Grosso
Staff Writer

Dear G.M.

I have a bit of a dilemma. My roommate was randomly hooking up with this guy I really like. I had mentioned I had a crush on him before they started hooking up, and now that she is no longer seeing him, I was wondering if it would be okay to pursue something with him. She's actually seeing someone else now, but I still feel limits just because she hooked up with him a few times?

-C.C.-

Human beings have a strange way of placing ownership over other people. Just because someone has gone on a date or kissed somebody at a party does not mean that they have the right to designate that particular person as off limits for every one else they know. If that were the case, then most of us would not be able to date anyone.

On the other hand, there is a fine line of what's acceptable and unacceptable by the standards of the code of friendship. For instance, it is generally taboo to date someone who is the best friend of your ex boyfriend or girlfriend. It doesn't seem right to dry your tears for your friend's tears one minute and at the movies with her the next. Yet, when it comes to lines, the lines of right and wrong become blurred. There is a very gray area there that has to be questioned.

If it was just a casual cup of coffee and a goodnight kiss, then how much would this upset your friend? If your roommate has moved on to someone else, then does she really have a reason to be upset about you seeing her old crush? Since your roommate still hooked up with your mutual love interest after you told her you were interested in him, then how much do you really owe her? She obviously wasn't taking the way you'd feel into consideration when she decided to just randomly kiss him a few times. Is this guy really worth all the problems that might be caused over hooking up with your roommate's old fling?

They shouldn't be able to claim him as her past property, but you have to weigh the pros and cons of this situation.

Unfortunately all is not fair in love and war, and the lines that are drawn can often be very unjust. The important thing to remember is that flings come and go, but true friendships can last forever. Assess the importance of your relationship with your roommate and take it from there.

As silly as it seems, there is potential for a pretty large fight here. This shouldn't be a big deal, but very often people tend to blow small situations out of proportion. If you're in your roommates line of this ratio, then she'll see that it really doesn't matter if she's seeing someone else, but if she is overly attached to his past hookups then she'll probably be offended. You have to take it into consideration who you are dealing with.

The potential for danger here is that you have to live with this person, so this guy really worth all the problems that might be caused over hooking up with your roommate's old fling?

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If you think the two of you can handle this in a way to pursue the relationship, but remember even if things are okay right now, how will you deal with a potential relationship with this guy? Will you or your roommate become uncomfortable with the fact that you both hooked up with the same guy?

Will it be awkward to hang out with him in your room or in the presence of your roommate? Examine the situation carefully before you draw the lines of war in pursuit of love.

I'm here to answer your questions. If you have a dilemma like the one above, I'm at your service. Just e-mail me at montclairion@yahoo.com with the little attention G.M. Grosso. I look forward to hearing from you.

By Shoval Gur-Arie
Wellness Education

Margaret J. Bige might be the most insightful solo artist in the popular music industry. We all have some trauma in our lives that we would like to rid of. Have you ever felt like you want to get rid of something (or someone) is dragging you down, but you don't have enough strength or conviction to change things?

You are not alone—this happens to all of us at one point or another in our lives. Sometimes we even realize we could be doing so much better, but we tend to ignore that part that says "GET OUT!"

Change is a frightening thing. It means giving up comfortable habits that are familiar to us. Even when we're in relationships that we know are unhealthy, we may stay because we're scared of the alternatives.

Other times, we stay in negative situations because we don't feel strong enough to stand up for ourselves ("I'm an economics major, but I hate economics. I'm only taking it because my dad expects me to follow in his footsteps. How can I do what I want to do without getting in more trouble with my parents?") Staying too long in a bad job, a negative relationship, or an uninteresting major often results in us losing ourselves. So how can we "find" ourselves again?

Empowerment can help. Webster's dictionary defines empower as "giving power to something." Empowerment is about finding our inner voice and asking ourselves. "Is this the best thing for me?" There are many different things we can do to "empower ourselves:

1. Take time to reflect. Some of us are natural thinkers and others avoid thinking it’s week-old sushi. However, thinking can be practiced. Sit down, take out a pen and paper and write down some of your goals.

2. Make two lists. One list consists of all the things you do that keep you stuck in your current situation (e.g., "I tend to ignore my own needs and pay more attention to what my friends and family need from me"). After you make this list, think about how your old habits prevent you from reaching your goals and think about what you can do differently.

3. Look around you. Take an inventory of the people with whom you spend your time.

Other friends are less healthy for us, can make us feel bad and drag us down. Raising our standards on friendships is one of the hardest things to do, but sometimes it's necessary.

In sum, there are many things in life that can get us down and keep us feeling like things will never get better.

However, there is always a better way. In fact, it’s almost a guarantee that if things are bad and they’ve been bad for a long time, we’re probably doing something wrong.

Take time to figure out what’s in your best interest, to rediscover who you really are. Give yourself the strength to do what’s right for you. Empower Yourself!
Football isn’t for guys anymore. In fact, over 30 percent of football fans are female, at least the New York Giants recognized this, which is why my friend, Melissa Miller, and I attended Football 101 at Giants Stadium on Oct. 15. This is a program strictly for females who want to understand the fall sport more than they already do. Honestly, this idea is sheer brilliance. This gave the women fans a chance to ask questions to the football players themselves while getting a shopping sized bag filled with Giants goodies such as a 2003/2004 calendar with Giants stars such as Michael Strahan, Ike Hilliard, Jeremy Shockey, Amani Toomer, and Kerry Collins, just to name a few.

Probably the most helpful of all was the tour of the field and locker rooms. An outline of the field along with football moves are revealed with each one almost paragraphs long of what the movements mean. An outline of the field along with football slang such as “take a snap,” which is when the Quarterback gets the ball from the center, is also included.

In short, this handy book that is fitting for the hardcore football fan who tailgates with their hotdogs, hamburgers, beer and other sports deli-tish delicacies, inside, is a detailed listing of what every player does on a team, even what numbers they are and how much they can weigh. “Coach Tom’s tips” are a useful tool at the bottom of the page. The official’s sometimes secretive answers are revealing with each one almost paragraphs long of what the movements mean. An outline of the field along with football slang such as “take a snap,” which is when the Quarterback gets the ball from the center, is also included.

“An insider’s guide to understanding NFL Football,” that has helpful hints for the ladies, because it’s perfect for the purses.

“Shockey, Amani Toomer, and Kerry Collins, just to name a few. Probably the most helpful of all presents is the gigantic pullout map. “An insider’s guide to understanding NFL Football,” that has helpful hints to follow for football. This colorful booklet displays every nook and cranny about the sport.

As we entered the main dining room of Giants Stadium, the ladies arrived in the actual field and it was sheer bliss. Our eyes were fixated on the empty seats of our favorite team. Hopefully, if you walk on the field with the Giants, our favorite team walks every day. Melissa and I have witnessed many a concert at Giants Stadium, but walking on the field with the turf laid out was surreal. Our eyes were fixated on the empty seats of the stadium trying to live vicariously through our favorite players.

It’s unimaginable how they walk out and not feel an adrenaline rush, because the hairs on the back of my neck stood straight up as I walked from the 10 yard line to the end zone.

After the field tour, we wandered into the locker room where we saw every player’s locker room and how surprisingly organized they were. Some had more shoes than papers, and more sweatshirts than jerseys in their space.

Finally, we all got a real close up of how our home team is off the field and it was sheer bliss. We were then lead into a ballroom style lounge where “class” was held.

Joe Morris, George Martin, Jason Garrett, Delvin Joyce, Jeff Hatch, Dhani Jones, Nick Greisen, Daniel Dinkins, Kevin Lewis, Ryan Clark, Frank Walker and Quincy Monk all greeted their fair weathered fans with smiles, laughs and intellectual answers for all questions.

Players discussed their position and highlights of the game. Everybody talked at least once and answered each question with in depth and easy to understand answers.

The good natured Giants even laughed when women wanted them to take off their shirts and sprawled money from their rocks.

After all the questions were answered and the players did their mini speeches, they were nice enough to sign hats (which came in the goody bag) and took their time with pictures of whoever wanted one.

Football 201 is the follow-up program, which the ladies are actually taught to play football on the field with the Giants. Hopefully, I’ll be lucky enough to attend that one as well since Football 101 was so magical and informative.

Jeremy Slagle was one of the hosts at ASSIST’s coffeehouse on Oct. 16, 2003. The coffeehouse was co-sponsored with SPECTRUMS (represented host-wise by Slagle). The Charity benefited from this coffeehouse was the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN). The winner of the 50-50 raffle donated their half of the money back to the charity.
Halloween is coming upon us once again. The leaves are turning in color and the wind has kicked up to that sweet autumn breeze. Soon the night will be upon us yet again.

Young children running around in super hero costumes, witch costumes
us yet again. But isn’t there still a little of that child left in each of us?
Absolutely. There is still that little part of us that loves to dress up, whether we like to admit it or not.

Now, if you are one of the smart ones out there, you’ve planned your costumes in advance and are anxiously awaiting that Costume Party on the 31st (or 1st, whatever the case may be.)

However there are those who aren’t as organized. Like myself, these people wait until the absolute last minute and throw something together using duct tape, a potato sack and foam rubber (memories of Lisa Simpson anyone?)

Yes, these costumes are a sight to see. But this can be avoided. How you ask? Simple.

There is one small key to making last minute Halloween costumes so great, that you’re sure to win the award for most original or even best costume overall at any party.

You don’t need much money, which, as college students, we all know how great an idea that is.

All you need is an imagination and enough drive to stay up the night before fitting together the fine tunings of your costume.

So now that all of that mamba jumbo is over and done with, let’s get down to business.

First, we have the ever popular “Be my brother/sister” costume. Which doesn’t take much.

You are especially lucky if they are into the easy PJ look and are about your size.

If not? Well call up your friends and beg to borrow that pair of flannel pants. This costume works best if used on opposite sexes (i.e. brother dressing up as his sister).

There is also the “random” costume. This entails finding outdated clothing from your attic, some cool accessories from your parents’ era and throwing together a costume no one else will have.

There is also the very simple costume. Snow White the Zombie or Grandma Dracula. This is the least expensive route to go down, and works best if you decide on Oct. 30 that you want to dress up this year.

There is also the very simple and chic “Greek God/Goddess” option, which only requires a nice white sheet and the know-how to wrap it properly.

Equip yourself with a pair of sandals and a done up do and you’re good to go. (And you don’t need to know how to ride a motorcycle!

Let’s face it, no one likes to spend a lot of money on Halloween costumes. Cheap and easy alternatives exist around every corner you turn down. If all else fails repeat a costume.

It’s almost a guarantee that a year later people won’t remember what you were the year before (unless your home Yoga fell of during that party...which is another story altogether).

Speaking of repeating costumes, one more alternative to trekking to State Fair is taking your costume from last year and making some minor tweaks to give it a new year’s spin.

For example, you may also be the type who likes to just wear regular clothing and let others’ imaginations roam wild with what you might be.

Still have that cardigan Aunt Gertrude bought you? And that file that Uncle Stan left you in his will when you were four?

Throw it on, sneak your kid brother’s glasses and go as a prep school burnout (for optimal effect muss up your hair and create shadows using light black eye shadow.)

Whatever your style of costume may be, know there is a cheap alternative to trekking upstate somewhere to get an authentic pirate costume (hey use a piece of black fabric and a string and make a hat out of last week’s newspaper and you’re good to go.)

This is a holiday for expression, as unique or conformist as that expression may be. As a child who grew up in the days when trick or treating wasn’t something all parents feared, the costume is essential to this holiday.

Halloween is supposed to be fun, not a competition of who spent the most money on their costume. So if you like originality, go for it.

Waiting until the last minute does have its perks...like having a truly unique costume that you know no one else will show up to that party wearing.

At least you won’t have to relive that prom nightmare again. Happy haunting!

Halloween Tricks!
Have an embarrassing Halloween folly? Send it to us! Just e-mail Toni @ Montfeature@yahoo.com (all submissions will have their names changed)
Feature

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Your time has come and your luck has changed. Only good things will be dawned upon you and you deserve it. Relax and let this streak of good tidings unfold before you.

Surround yourself with only positive people and give the boot to all the negative ones in your life. Stay positive and all will be well.

Capricorn
Dec. 21-Jan. 19

Talk to your companion and discuss your present worries is a must. It's not cool to leave them standing in the dark so shed some light on the situation and fill them in.

Aries
Mar. 21-April 19

People are jealous of you but that's not unusual, in fact you find it very entertaining how they hover over your every move waiting for you to fail, but we all know that not going to happen.

Many great ideas pass through your mind but you don't have any time to put them to work. That shouldn't stop you from writing them down and saving them for later.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

No use in running from the truth in the end it will catch up with you. Face your mistakes and correct them. Stop wasting time.

Today in History

- In 1915, 25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote.
- In 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein in Egypt.
- In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte Gulf began.
- In 1956, an anti-Stalinist revolt that was subsequently crushed by Soviet troops began in Hungary.
- In 1972, the musical “Pippin” opened on Broadway.
- In 1973, President Nixon agreed to turn White House tape recordings requested by the Watergate special prosecutor over to Judge John J. Sirica.
- In 1992, Japanese Emperor Akihito began a visit to China, the first by a Japanese monarch.

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- In 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein in Egypt.
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The Texas Chainsaw Massacre
Marcus Nispel
New Line Cinema

One of the most terrifying villains in cinema history has returned. The ferocious chainsaw-wielding Leatherface is back, terrorizing a new batch of hapless teenagers.

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre is a remake, not a sequel, of the 1974 cult classic. Although the newer version fails to live up to the original, this film is nonetheless entertaining and fun movie to see. The film opens with grainy, black and white, "found footage" capturing a shocking crime scene: the brutal massacre of a group of teenagers on their way to a concert. The "documentary" footage succeeds in making the film more startling. Since the film is supposed to be based on a true story, the newsreel footage also makes the film seem more believable.

I found this documentary-like style to be reminiscent of The Blair Witch Project. The audience is immediately introduced to five teenagers traveling in a 1970s van. We are told very little about these characters, and since the film chronicles a massacre, we assume nearly all of them will eventually be killed. Since we know almost nothing about them, moviegoers are not concerned about the teens when they inevitably die. The audience is simply curious... will the bland guy be killed first? Or maybe her? There is certainly never a dull moment in this film: the action begins almost immediately, when the unfortunate teens pick up a hitchhiker, the girl seems shell-shocked and ominously informs the other passengers, "They're all dead." Of course, the film goes on to follow the Standard Horror Movie Formula. The group disregards alarming sightings such as pig heads crawling with flies and unwittingly drives to the home of a psychopathic killer whose pastimes include torture, murder, and sewing. (The vicious Leatherface wears a mask sewn from the skin of his victims.) Predictably, the teens are slaughtered one by one, with each murder more gruesome than the last. The Texas Chainsaw Massacre is definitely not a film for the squeamish. There is so much blood and gore that the audience is practically immune to the violence by the film's conclusion. Although some parts of the film are predictable, Gee, we're trapped in this van and it just won't start - there are plenty of scary moments. The characteristic sequences are thrilling; could anything be more terrifying than the threatening whir of a chainsaw blade? The cast is composed of relatively obscure actors. The lead character and most well known cast member is Jessica Biel, of Seventh Heaven fame. Her role as Erin requires her to release bloodcurdling screams, cry on cue, and look good in a wet tank top. Other cast members include Jonathon Tucker, Eric Balfour, Andrew Bryniarski, Erica Leerhsen, and Mike Vogel.

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre is an entertaining film, but is it really based on a true story? Sort of. Although the movie is fictional, an actual serial killer named Ed Gein, who is believed to have murdered more than 15 women, inspired the character of Leatherface. When police searched Gein's farmhouse, they found an array of objects fashioned from human remains, including chains, a bowl, and a lampshade. (However, they did not find a mask made from a human head.) Interestingly, Ed Gein was also the inspiration for Norman Bates' character in Psycho and Buffalo Bill character in The Silence Of The Lambs. Although Ed Gein was indeed a convicted killer, no teenagers were ever "massacred" in Texas by Leatherface and his cannibalistic relatives.

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre is an ideal film to see during this time of year. Nearly every scene takes place in seedy locations, and the film is filled with creepy images, making it a perfect film to see right before Halloween. Although, this movie may not win an Academy Award, it's an entertaining horror film that provides plenty of frightening scenes.

Bands Rock the Ratt Over the Weekend

The night started out with The Finals. For being the introduction of Bands for the night, they were awesome. The crowd started out small, but as the night proceeded, more people came, giving the band fuel off the energy of the crowd. Between songs, everyone was on their feet and enjoying the music. Their sound was truly remarkable. The entire band as a whole was incredible and were still a fun band to experience. With Janet as vocalist, Nina on bass, Jess on guitar, and Mike on drums, their sound was definitely something to listen for in the future. They had fun with their music and interacted with the crowd that loved the band back in return.

With friends and family supporting Avery in the crowd, this band could do no wrong. The Texas Chainsaw Massacre is definitely not a film for the squeamish. There is so much blood and gore that the audience is practically immune to the violence by the film's conclusion. Although some parts of the film are predictable, Gee, we're trapped in this van and it just won't start - there are plenty of scary moments. The characteristic sequences are thrilling, could anything be more terrifying than the threatening whir of a chainsaw blade? The cast is composed of relatively obscure actors. The lead character and most well known cast member is Jessica Biel, of Seventh Heaven fame. Her role as Erin requires her to release bloodcurdling screams, cry on cue, and look good in a wet tank top. Other cast members include Jonathon Tucker, Eric Balfour, Andrew Bryniarski, Erica Leerhsen, and Mike Vogel.

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I'm all about metal bands going to the extreme. I really am. I think it's awesome when metal bands go against the grain and do something so controversial that it makes the public's ears bleed and eyes crinkle in horror. It's all in good fun, that is, when they don't do something that just screams attention.

The unknown fan in the middle of it, have the band to watch this poor fellow die, thanks to the whole world won't be able to advancing technology. The concept is still glowing, but at least the whole world won't be able to watch this poor fellow die, thanks to advancing technology. What's next? Igniting the entire audience to show how metal they can be!

**66 C'MON, EVEN SLAYER WOULD THINK IT'S A LITTLE BOGUS TO HELP KILL A FAN IN THE MIDDLE OF A SHOW.**

Definitely not something that should be celebrated afterwards with a shout out to the fan's family. The word on the street is that since Hell on Earth postponed their earlier date for the show, they will still continue with the act, but this time, be in the company of a select audience.

**I'm a realist who knew this band was going to get so much crap for this and it probably wouldn't even go anywhere, only because it's all been done before and because this band is underground does not mean that they will get away with this.**

This deals with a person's life that's going to get lost. Sure, I'd rather die doing something a little more exciting than being hooked up to machines, but live on the Internet?

It's a little bleak don't you think? It's bad enough that people actually bought tickets to the show, but the fact that anybody can see this live is even more joyless.

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**I'm not old fashioned and definitely the farthest thing from politically correct as anybody can tell you. I'm a realist who knew this band**
By Melissa Miller
Staff Writer

Clay Aiken's new album, "Measure Of A Man," is mediocre, yet lovable. If you do buy this CD, take a listen to the song "Touch." This is a song that's very not Clay. It's fun and upbeat too, and very sexy. "Yes, I've been thinking about you/I've imagined the feel of your body and how it will be when we move/Darling, magics alive tonight in your arms/wanna drown in this moment, get lost in your charm/No, you're not ready I can feel it/Outside it's raining, but I just go place/Someday your heart will let him go." (Lyrics from "Run to Me").

I think it's rather funny that Clay's CD came out before Ruben Studard, our American Idol. I honestly hated the single Ruben put out, so much so, that I can't even remember the name of it. Sadly, I believe many people feel the same. For a runner up, Clay had the number one single ("This is the Night") graced the cover of Rolling Stone, "Entertainment Weekly," and "TV Guide." Ruben graced "Rolling Stone," also, but the article criticized his weight, and not his music. Sex sells, and Clay is hot, both musically and in his physical appearance. Clay has this innocent charm that drives the ladies wild, which is very apparent in his new CD, Measure Of A Man.

Aiken's new CD is mediocre. There are great songs, such as "Invisible." "No More Sad Songs," "I Survived You," "This is the Night," "Measure of a Man," and my personal favorite, "Touch." Then, there are the awful songs, such as "Will Carry You" and "When You Say You Love Me." It's not that they are sung awful or that Clay makes them boring, because Clay desperately tries to breathe life into those songs. They are just written and orchestrated poorly. Even some of the songs I mentioned above could be reworked lyrically, and musically, a couple more times to make them better sounding.

The other problem with the CD is the presence of the ballad. The only truly fun and upbeat song is "Invisible," and the rest are slowed down pop standards or mushy ballads. Not that I mind ballads, because I do like them, but when I buy a pop CD (a rarity), I expect some fun songs that sheepishly admit to listening to in my car with the volume turned all the way up. "I'm a 1's where Aiken's CD falls short. There are many depressing ballads. "You don't have to save my life/No, you're not ready I can feel it/Outside it's raining, but I just go place/Someday your heart will let him go." (Lyrics from "Run to Me").

It's October 14th, and I'm on my way to Target to buy Clay Aiken's new CD Measure Of A Man. Let me stress, I am not, nor have I ever been an American Idol fan or a "Claymate" (some sort of play on words his fans came up with). But I can honestly say I heard "This is the Night" (his single that came out at the end of American Idol) and really liked what I heard. Clay Aiken has a beautiful night-club singer voice, very sassy, very expressive, very Frank Sinatra.

I walk into Target, grab the CD from the rack, (which was flooded with Aiken's) and go directly to the cashiers, listening to some girl in front of me painfully sing "This is the Night." I sheepishly admit to listening to it a few times to make them better sounding. Even some of the songs I mentioned above could be reworked lyrically, and musically, a couple more times to make them better sounding.

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There are some problems, yes, but Clay's got the charisma to win you over, much like he did to the thousands of girls in the American Idol audiences.

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

Thursday, October 23
John W. Heitman 1869
Sylvia Ross 1908
Johnny Carson 1925
Pete 1940
Weird Al Yankovic 1959

Friday, October 24
Warne Foster
John Alvin 1917
Kevin Kline 1951
Evan Jacobs 1968
Monica 1980

Saturday, October 25
Pablo Picasso 1881
Grace Houston 1916
Marlon Ross 1928
Ward Burton 1969

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Aiken Measures Too Short on New Album

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Anselmo Raises the Bar for Halloween

House of Shock in New Orleans Frightens Fans of All Ages in Annual Horror Show

By Lisa Panzariello
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Hardcore heavy metal fans are a sucker for Halloween and not just any old Halloween.

Forget the bobbing for apples and dressing up as angels, they’ll roll their eyes at the sight of an angelic wing, and probably swallow the apple whole without a blink of an eye. They go all out.

For instance, metal phenomenon, Phil Anselmo, who’s damaged many an ear drum with bands like Pantera, Down, and he’s ever so Halloweenesque, Superjoint Ritual.

However, ask any Anselmo fan what his real love is and they’ll tell you that his famed horrific haunted house, The House Of Shock, Jef ferson, LA., is his real pride and joy.

Why, you ask?

Because he likes the real horror, that’s why. He cringed at the thought of any Anselmo fan ever so Halloweenesque, Superjoint Ritual.

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Phil Anselmo terrifies all who enters the haunting House Of Shock during the Halloween season. But until then, we’re just going to have to settle for a plane ticket and hotel room expenses if the dreary holiday means that much to us.
We all have heard of the term “separation of church and state.” America was founded on the basis of religious freedom, but were the men who drew up the Constitution aware of the clash between politics and religion? Laws were created for them not to interfere, in order to limit the confusion. But is that actually so? Religion in school, religion in class curriculum in state schools as well as morality issues continues to pop up. Can anyone actually say that this issue has been resolved? No Forest Gump, church and state don’t go together like “peas and carrots.”

When it comes to touchy issues and ideas of sexuality, religion and politics top the list. In the case of the Student Government Association, all three were dealt with in the case of Campus Crusades for Christ (CCFC), as they were denied a charter. There were many factors that lead to this eventual rejection, but overall, the way (CCFC) went about pitching their cause didn’t hit the mark.

Although last week’s vote was in favor for the organization, SGA President Jacob Hudnut vetoed the bill, the first in his term in office. Some may assume that this decision was based on personal issues with the organization. What Hudnut pointed out in a formal letter to his decision to veto was CCFC’s lack of organization, or in other words, their “presentation.”

It cannot be forgotten that MSU has a campus ministry program. The fact that there are two other Christian related SGA organizations are also factors. One may argue that Greek life is the same type of organization, but particular ways of conduct are different. This was a point that CCFC made, which is valid. The con in this case is quite obvious—three Christian organizations of MSU. There is only one Muslim organization, as well as only one Jewish organization. Does anyone even know if a Buddhist club exists, not to mention many other religions in a diverse campus as this one is?

Financially, the idea of a third Christian organization takes away appropriation money from other organizations that are attempting to gain a charter with the SGA. The CCFC pointed out that they were financially stable as their regional chapter provided them with funding. Politically a bad move, somewhat voiding their appropriations, but their main goal is to be represented on campus.

Why not accept another organization that is attempting to enrich the MSU community? From last week’s SGA meeting, the idea of presentation still overshadows their good intentions when insensitivity to the gay community, non-Christians and Sept. 11 references arose.

If anyone fell under the three previously mentioned, it wouldn’t be hard to see that people would be offended. But ironically, the vote still managed to go in favor of CCFC. If there were no veto, Campus Crusades for Christ would be a Class II organization of the SGA. Unfortunately for the organization, the veto reigned supreme. Although attempts at this week’s SGA meeting for a legislative override of the veto occurred, the decision stood as the bill ultimately failed.

Can a politician, either it be from student, state, and all the way up to a federal government, be politically correct and religious? Some may argue that to be true, but it sure isn’t easy, especially in today’s standards where the demographic has shifted. The idea of all religions in the “rubix cube” of politics simply stands on this: each religion is represented by a color but in order for them to match up, takes time and energy. For those impatient, all is left is a mess. How many people could you actually say solved these puzzles? The idea of church and state is the same—simply confusion.

The Voice of Montclair State University

Do You Think NROTC at MSU Is a Good Idea?

“Yes, I agree with it because it helps students out with paying their tuition.”

Charles Kanya, history, third year

“Yes, I wish they already had it this year!”

Arlen Dalicanag, political science, fourth year

“I don’t think that they are excluding anybody based on sexuality, but that’s a whole other issue. It’s an opportunity but a controversial one.”

Susan Suchenberger, English, first year

Do You Think There Should Be Another Christian Organization at MSU?

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Other politicians have allied with Rothman's cause including New Jersey State Senator Paul Sarlo, Bergen County Freeholder Louis A. Tedesco, and Freeholder David Ganz. Still, FAA wants to lift the 100,000-pound weight restriction for small airports, such as Teterboro Airport. In its website states, "[a]ccording to the National Plan of Integrated Airports Systems, the Airport is designed as a 'reliever' airport that serves vital interests and general aviation requirements of the Northern New Jersey and the New York Metropolitan Area."

Yet, according to The Bergen Record, "Boeing has lobbied the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for years to get access to Teterboro for its Business Jet, a 737 half the size of the Boeing 767.

"Boeing's interest in gaining access for its planes rests with customers seeking use of exclusive well-positioned airports such as Teterboro. The increased noise level would be an inconvenience and the Port Authority will pay $450,000 for a Meadowsom Commission's study of this nature. Obviously, nobody in New Jersey wants to let a federal agency own our major airport.

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Fasting's Importance and Pertinence to Other Faiths

One of the many reasons is because it is a divine injunction of Allah (the Arabic word for The One Supreme Being, to whom we all return) in the Quran. The Islamic holy book which contains the words of Allah that fasting is prescribed for you (Muslims) (2:183). It is mandatory for all able-bodied Muslims who are free from compelling excuses such as a sickness, disease, etc., to fast. Another reason Muslims fast is to practice the tradition, the way of the pious people before them. Allah draws attention to our devout predecessors who attained piety in His sight. An Islamic hadith (a holy book) quote, "O ye who believe, fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for your predecessors before you." This also shows that fasting is not new to Islam, and is as old as Adam. The Quran mentions that Moses fasted for 40 days (2:51). This is what the New Testament words "The Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 26:22).

Fasting during the month of Ramadan is the last day of the full reward of the Night of Power, in one of the odd days i.e. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29. Therefore, Muslims try to reactivate the Night of Power (as this night is called), by trying their best to do all good deeds that will inevitably come after death. It is written in the Quran (the Islamic holy book) in one of the verses: "Ramadan is the month in which the Quran was sent down, as a guide to mankind, and a clear guidance and judgment (so that mankind will distinguish right from wrong). Whosoever among you witnesses the month of Ramadan should fast therein if he is able to do it. Any man among you who is ill or on a journey, he should fast when he is able to do so, a manner of atonement for sins. By fasting, a Muslim can have his sins forgiven only by being sincere and trying to live by the rules of the Quran. Among the holy Quran was revealed during this month. Specifically, that night is the last ten days of Ramadan and in one of the odd days i.e. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29. Therefore, Muslims try to reactivate the Night of Power (as this night is called), by trying their best to do all good deeds that will inevitably come after death. It is written in the Quran (the Islamic holy book) in one of the verses: "Ramadan is the month in which the Quran was sent down, as a guide to mankind, and a clear guidance and judgment (so that mankind will distinguish right from wrong). Whosoever among you witnesses the month of Ramadan should fast therein if he is able to do it. Any man among you who is ill or on a journey, he should fast when he is able to do so, a manner of atonement for sins. By fasting, a Muslim can have his sins forgiven only by being sincere and trying to live by the rules of the Quran. Among the

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Montclarion Mailbag

Independence Day

Robert Wettengel, your article “Maintaining the Arab State” provided some viewpoints about the situation in the Middle East. However, I let you add some more insights to realize that it is really going on, points that you might have unintentionally, missed. The first thing that your question about the strategic objective of Al-Qaeda.

Your answer was very short and lacked so many facts. You said that you want to remove the influence of the US from the Middle East. Well, according to what Al-Qaeda wants, the fact is that the entire Middle East is under the influence of the US. All we know that everybody has its own agenda, the US is no exception. I don’t believe you would disagree if I say that everybody wants a piece of the pie regardless of what happens to the people. But let’s just talk about the important ones; the citizens of the Middle East don’t want the US in the region. Let me remind you that this has nothing to do with Al-Qaeda, in spite of what you are trying to refer to as the “considerable base of support for bin Laden and his terrorist network.”

For some reason, you fell in the same trap that most people fall in, but they never try to learn. You talked about the people of the Middle East as a horde of goats being led either by the US, or by Bin Laden. Well let me strike you with this, neither one of these two sides represent that much importance to what the people really want.

The Middle East is a region that has its own unique and stable culture. Fortunately enough for us, we are Muslims and the US is not a party to the deal, and we’re also not planning to be Americanized by no body, and both parties will have to accept that fact.

You also asked another question; is a clash inevitable? And your answer to that was a “no” based on the three facts that you referred to as the parts of the puzzle: Politics, economy, and education. I’ll have to admit that these are all important factors; nevertheless, there are more important ones. For example, is that transformation coming from inside or outside, and if it is from outside, then from who?

The US and its so-called allies have already been successful in establishing an everlasting bad reputation. I think you can see how much rejection they are causing in Iraq, and how surprisingly people are joining from all over the Muslim countries to fight the invaders. Nobody will accept them, not in two years, like you mentioned, not even in two hundred years.

Throughout your article, I felt your rejection to be Islamized, or “Talibanized” like you said it. Believe it or not, the same feelings against the invaders exist over there. Astonishingly, they are also real human beings after all.

Mostafa E-Baghrahyi
marketing major

Ramadan

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is common among many of today’s prominent religions. May Allah give us His support in this world and in the afterlife and give us strength and good health to be able to fast during the month of Ramadan.

Mouriam Akhter, a political science major, is in her second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

Beyond Idocy

I went to WESS, I saw that my loan had been cancelled on the 3rd of October without any prior notice from the school or any permission from FAA. Who in the hell gives you permission to adjust loans that have been disbursed and reduce or cancel them without first notifying me?

Are you out of your mind? I have always known that these administrative offices have been filled with incompetent personnel, but this is beyond idocy.

I was walking in the Bohn/Blanton Quad this week and saw three students kicking around the carcass of a bird. They were playing kick the dead bird from foot to foot and laughing hysterically with the fact that I found them to be heartless for lack of a civil word, made me think of three administrative offices that kick students around from office to office much like these students kicked around the dead bird.

We kicked around the Financial Aid, Bursar’s, and Registrar’s offices that kick students around in an endless cycle which in the end leaves students with no answer or resolution to their problem. Hence, the dead bird. What is wrong with this picture?

For once, I would like President Susan A. Cole to come out of her ivory fortress and live among us and actually DO something about our problems instead of letting the President be supposed to do it! I am sorry, maybe she is too busy in construction plans thinking of what she will demolish next making her too occupied with things that do not affect us to actually service us. And to think that the money we pay actually funds the Montclarion.

Tania Rodriguez, a computer science major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

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The Fallacy of Financial Aid Mail

Imagine going home for a casual weekend after on which we all need from time to time and go through your mail. You have about two months of mail accumulated. Some of it are other junk mails.

You discover about seven letters from the Montclair State University Bursar’s office.

One of the letters tells you that you have submitted all of your paperwork for financial aid and tells you all of your awards. The other letter is from Sallie Mae telling you your loan was disbursed and a copy of your promissory note is included. All of this dated in September. One of the letters is a refund check of the left over funds.

Then in letters dated Oct. 3, you have a bill for $3,000. You all back in awe while your jaws drop to the ground and you lose all sense in your trainee. You want to scream and pass out, but you are frozen still! You can barely afford to pay for books, insurance, and your food, yet alone pay three grand that seems to be past due.

Your next letter seems to also be from MSU, but this time from the registrar’s office. It says you have a past due amount that has not been paid and therefore your courses have been cancelled. All this time you have been taking midterms and exams when you are not even enrolled in these classes!

The money encountered cannot be contained in these pages: words cannot do them any justice. When
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**Sports Guy**

Around the NFL and Back

Earth to earth to earth to MSU. This is the Sports Guy calling in from his house on top of the world where he can see all the sports in all of the land. The NFL is back and the Giants suck, oh the Giants suck. Is the Sports Guy a little late with that? They are last place in the NFC East, nine and a half games behind. This past Sunday at home against the Eagles, the Giants took a three point lead into the fourth quarter but gave it away minutes remaining, and against a Philadelphia offense that they had just shut down. Leave it to the Giants to find a way to lose any game. Leading 17-10, Terrell Owens punts the ball to Brian Westbrook, who took it 84 yards for a TD with just over a minute remaining. Even the Sports Guy couldn’t believe the Giants had lost. Walking off the field with that, Britney Spears-Oops-we-did-it-all look. The Sports Guy was reminded of another home loss earlier in the season to the Cowboys. With just 11 seconds left, the Giants kicked the ball out of bounds with a missed “Squib” kick. Of course, the Cowboys go on to win. The G-men have lost their second straight, and they go to undefeated Minnesota next Sunday. This will be a season defining game for the Giants. The Sports Guy says you can count on the G-men to continue the giant tradition of losing. If you take a team, subtract one of the greatest running backs of all time, and add the greatest coaches of all time, throw in a pre-season QB controversy, and you would have the 5-1 NFC East leading Dallas Cowboys. Roosting the NFL’s top D, Dallas has been a bigger surprise than The Terminator elected Governor. Bill Parcells is showing us what a great coach can do for a team. Quincy Carter is playing as surprise than The Terminator elected Governor. Bill Parcells is showing us what a great coach can do for a team. Quincy Carter is playing as well as he ever has with an 84.6 QB rating. Not to take anything away from the boys, but they haven’t played anyone good yet, the teams they’ve played are combined 10-27, but the Sports Guy says you can start somewhere. But this weekend, Dallas goes into Tampa Bay, and against the defending Superbowl Champs. Although only 3-3, the Bucs are gonna be out to prove something, and so will the Cowboys. This should be Parcels’ first real challenge of the season. The Jets win, and they’ve won their last two. The Sports Guy says they’re on a roll like peanut butter and jelly. They go on the road next Sunday against Philly, this is a game both teams need to have, but there can be only one. Pennington is set to get his first action next week. The Sports Guy says Pennington is set to get his first action next week. Look for him as a late season MVP candidate. The Sports Guy tips his hat to Steve McNair, who has finally put the “at” back into McNair. With 12 TDs, and only two interceptions, the Titans QB has quickly turned into an elite quarterback this season. His 106.8 passer rating and league leading 1,800 passing yards has made him team one of the best things to happen to Tennessee since “The Music City Miracle.”

Thumbs down to 49ers receiver, Terrell Owens, who for all of his talk, has dropped six passes, two for a TD in two games. The Sports Guy says don’t talk about it, be about it. If you’re gonna talk a big game, you can’t believe his little sportlings, to have time to mouth write checks that your butt can’t cash.

The Sports Guy could go on and on forever and back and forth through the NFL but he wants you, his little sportlings, to have time to reflect on The Sports Guy’s pearls of wisdom, like little nuggets from heaven, till next time, this is The Sports Guy.

**Sports Trivia**

**MSU’s Top Ten List**

By Jose Ortiz

**Top Ten Freshmen Athletes**

5. Mike Hogan ( Parsippany, NJ): A huge part of one of the nation’s best defenses, and a huge reason why the men’s soccer team is 11-1-2. He also has three goals on four shots for a team high .750 shooting percentage.

4. Asia Livingston ( Paterson, NJ): The volleyball team has had a tough year going 7-22. But this season a star was born in Livingston. She played in 81 games, racked up 28 serving aces, and was fourth on the team in kills/game at 2.11.

3. Blas Tasci ( Paramus, NJ): The freshman forward is fourth on the team in points, and is a big part of a men’s soccer offense that struggles at times. With a hat trick to his credit this season, there is no doubt that MSU would not have 11 wins this season without him.

2. Vincent Alcilha ( Spring Lake Heights, NJ): The freshman defensive lineman has played in every game this season, and is a key component to a strong defense. He has 25 tackles, two sacks, three forced fumbles, and two blocked kicks this season.

1. Ryan Morgan ( Princeton, NJ): The soccer phenom, leads his team in points, shots and goals. One of the team’s MVPs this season, Morgan may be the fastest man at MSU.

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**Intramural Update**

**Cool Runnings, and Those Guys Are Intramural Flag Football Champs**

By Jose Ortiz

**Sports Editor**

The Playoffs ended last week for Intramural Flag Football. Thursday Night, Oct. 16, was championship night with terrors in ten for both leagues.

In the Co-ed league, “Those Guys” would play a game defeating “Webstone” 22-21. “Those Guys” will be moving on to the Northeast Regional Championship at Cornell University. Congratulations to “Those Guys” who swept through the season undefeated at 4-0, and were the definite favorites.

The Men’s league saw a close match between Fraternity champs, Pike, and the surprising sixth seed “Cool Runnings.” The independent league champs, made up of the baseball team drew first blood scoring early. A quick Interception by “Cool Runnings” member Howie Horowitz gave them a 14-0 lead. With time running down in the first half, Pike’s QB, Scott Seidenberg, ran in a TD from the goal line, to give Pike their first score.

Pike’s strong defense kept “Cool Runnings” scoreless for the rest of the game, but their 14 points would prove to be all the would need. A strong pass rush on Pike’s QB proved to be the death of their offense, as he was constantly pressured into scrambling, or throwing deep passes right into the ground instead of his teammates.

Pike scored once more midway through the second half, but a controversial extra point decision kept the score 14-13 in favor of “Cool Runnings.” An Interception by Mike Fenna gave Pike one last chance at a come-from-behind victory, but “Cool Running’s” defense closed the door on the Fraternity champs.

Next up for “Cool Runnings” is a trip to Maryland for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship, where they will take on the best Intramural flag football teams on the east coast. “Cool Runnings” with a job well done.
This Week's Red Hawk Action

FOOTBALL
Saturday 10/25
Home vs. Buffalo State @1 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday 10/25
Away @ CTC Championships @11 a.m.

FIELD HOCKEY
Saturday 10/18
Home vs. Wilkes @6:30 p.m
Wednesday 10/29
Home vs. E. Connecticut @7:30 p.m

WASHINGTON'S SOCCER
Saturday 10/25
Away vs. TCNJ @1 pm

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Saturday 10/25
Home vs. TCNJ @1:00 pm

Monday 10/27
Home vs. Palm Beach ATL.

This Week's Action

Liz D'Alto
Junior
Hometown: Clifton, NJ

Steve Armstrong
Junior
Hometown: Passaic, NJ

Trisha Winkle
Senior
Hometown: Forked River, NJ

Honorable Mention

Liz scored MSU's second goal against Centenary for a 2-0 shutout.

Steve caught two touchdown passes on Saturday at William Paterson's Homecoming Game.

Earned a 1-0 shutout as MSU's goalkeeper on Saturday against Kings University.

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INT2 REC TEAM | 2 | 1 | 0
SGA OLD SCHOOL | 1 | 2 | 0
WILDMENMAKERS | 0 | 0 | 0
THOSE GUYS | 0 | 0 | 0
TOP OF THE HILL | 0 | 0 | 0

Mens Flag Football Champs

Cool Runnings

Mens flag football champs, also members of the Red Hawk baseball team, are set to go and test their skills at the regional finals in Maryland against the very best along the East Coast.
Cheering Their Hearts Out

MSU Wins Again!

Levine Powers Field Hockey Squad to Their Sixth Shutout

By Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

You didn’t have to know that MSU field hockey was 11 - 2 and that William Paterson held a 12 -3 record to know that this was a big game. You didn’t even have to know that they were in the same conference, fighting for a playoff spot with five games remaining. You could just see it in the girls’ eyes, or in the stands where half was dominated by Pioneer fans.

On a bitter cold Wednesday, the crowd at Sprague, those two teams squared off in one of the biggest matches in both of their seasons. MSU would turn to their playmaker Sarah ‘The Tiny Terror’ Levine as the road team would rely on their all star goal keeper, Kelly Harcetich, who came in to the game with a .70 goal against average.

The game started as a defensive contest between the top two offensive teams in the NJAC. But then, the Red Hawks took over, dominated the game as they have dominated most of the teams they have faced so far. In the 15th minute of play, MSU’s MVP up to this point, Levine scored on an assist from Lea Smith to give the Red Hawks a 1-0 lead. MSU forced two penalty corners in the first fifteen minutes of play, and by the end of the half, had forced nine, giving up none. That’s the way you win a ball game.

The first half was owned by Montclair, who out shot William Paterson 16-1, They dominated the game as they have dominated the entire season, it doesn’t seem like the game would turn to their playmaker Kelly Harchetich, who came in to the game with a .70 goal against average. But MSU’s career rank eighth on the scoring list. Levine’s career rank eighth on the scoring list.

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