Anonymous Tip Leads to Drug Bust

Blanton Hall Resident Arrested

By Lillian M. Aleman
Managing Editor

A female Blanton Hall resident could face up to eight years in prison and over $22,000 in fines after MSU police seized close to a pound of marijuana from her room on Nov. 13.

On an anonymous call on Nov. 12 that someone in Blanton Hall, room 5A03, was selling a controlled dangerous substance (CDS), the next day at 8:35 a.m., four MSU police officers, Christopher Vidro, Fernando Casta, Ronald DeWitt and Lee Castro, knocked on 19-year-old Sophia Cordeiro's door and told her that they were conducting a drug investigation, police reports said.

After the officers told Cordeiro that they knew illegal drug activities were being conducted from her room, she produced a duffel bag, which contained a ziplock bag with 3/4 of a pound, or 341 grams, of CDS which was believed to be marijuana. Also, drug paraphernalia including 192 baggies and a grinder were found.

Officer Vidro tested the substance and found it to be marijuana. According to Vidro, Cordeiro claimed ownership of the substance and she also stated that it was her first time possessing it.

"We officers at the scene didn't have any expectations of what was going to happen, but I was surprised how much (marijuana) she (Cordeiro) had," said Vidro.

DeWitt also admitted his surprise as to how much of the substance Cordeiro possessed.

Cordeiro was placed under arrest and charged with possession of CDS, a fourth degree crime that could lead to a $7,500 fine and up to 18 months in prison; possession of CDS with intent to distribute (more than 50 grams), a third degree crime with a maximum penalty of three to five years in jail and a $7,500 fine; and possession of CDS paraphernalia, a fourth degree crime with a maximum of 18 months in prison and a $7,500 fine.

Cordeiro posted the $2,500 that was set by the Little Falls Municipal Court and is awaiting a court date in the Passaic County Municipal Court. The criminal records department of the Passaic County Municipal Court was unavailable for comment.

Also, according to Lt. Michael Postaski, Cordeiro was ordered by MSU to vacate her room by Nov. 14 and was placed on an interim suspension from the University pending the outcome of the trial.

According to the University Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures, "The Dean of Students is authorized to place a student who is being charged with a violation on interim suspension for reasons related to his or her physical or emotional safety and well-being, and for reasons relating to the safety and well-being of students, University employees and/or University property."

The policy continues to state that, "In some cases a
11/18/03 - Officers responded to Webster Hall on a report of a female and a male fighting. The two were involved in a dating relationship and had an argument. The victim was advised of his rights and did not wish to file a complaint in the municipal court.

11/18/03 - Unknown individual(s) threw soda cans filled with urine from the upper floors' balcony onto Blanton Hall to the main dining area in the cafeteria.

11/10/03 - A female MSU student reported receiving harassing phone calls from her ex-boyfriend.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at X-6-PS (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.
Town Hall Event Discusses Campus Parking Problems

Michael McClean, Director of Student Affairs, spoke at the Parking and Transportation Problems and Solutions Town Hall event last Monday.

By Lisa Panzariello
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Michael McClean, Director of Student Affairs, and Christine Devenney, Director of Commuter Affairs, issued a meeting on Monday, Nov. 24 to discuss ways to improve student parking at MSU. McClean devoted a chalk board titled “Board of problems and Solutions” for the handful of attendants to come up with his or her own ideas to help the ongoing parking problem that exists.

A major problem that was written on the board was the bus route which residents are having the most difficulty with. “People aren’t waiting anymore, because people don’t know when the bus will be there. There should be a set time,” one attendant said.

The MSU shuttles are scheduled for every ten minutes, although there have been complaints of students waiting up until 45 minutes for their desired bus. “The buses get caught up in traffic and we’re working on a bus schedule for a sufficient amount of time,” McClean said. Another solution that was raised was to eliminate on campus freshman parking.

“The increase of freshmen has been the highest number in history, and too many of them have jobs and many of them are commuters, so it would be difficult to take away freshman parking,” McClean said. Another attendant asked if the Yogi Berra Stadium entrance could be made into an exit since it would be less congested for Clove Road residents. However, if that was pursued, there would have to be re-construction onto Valley Road in order for the plan to follow through, since the right turn is narrow.

The ticket prices are another important factor which students are complaining about. “Students have been taking action where there’s no control. The tickets were 25 dollars, now they’re 50. Prices of the tickets go against standard of student interest,” McClean said.

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Elaine Cooper, Director of Transportation and Parking Services, also joined the meeting and commented on the ticket problem. “Ticket prices vary. They range from 25 to 75 dollars.”

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MSU Recognizes World AIDS Day

MSU's Health and Wellness Center posted ribbons honoring World AIDS Day on Monday. The attached posters read, “At the end of 2002, 42 million people had AIDS.”

The policy for the ticket prices are to teach the students a lesson about where they are forbidden to park, however, in some instances, parking services over looks the problem. “I know someone who has about seven tickets and they had no holds on their registration,” one attendee said. “Students are deterred to not park where they’re not supposed to,” Cooper continued.

The most agreed upon solution for resident parking was to take Lot 28 and give it to commuters, so that when the commuters are not in school on the weekends, the residents could park closer to the dorms those three days.

There was no definite solution as to salvage parking at the meeting. With the added construction on campus, the negative parking problem may grow worse. In February, there will be a document to show where the new deck will be which should move as quickly as possible.
Residents Contribute Thanksgiving Donations

By Shauna Foster
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, MSU had the opportunity of collecting and distributing food for Thanksgiving in the Residence Halls. That day, $4,000 was raised for the food.

In order for this procedure to occur, students volunteered to donate their meal plan swipes. As a result, 2,500 swipes were donated and $10,000 worth of food was raised.

Andrew Voshell (Bohn Hall Director), Arlan Bryant (Stone/Webster Hall Director), Lina Kane (Assistant Hall Director Bohn Hall), Marques Johnson (Bohn Hall Office Assistant), and Natalia Aponte (Bohn Hall Office Assistant) were five of the people who helped with the two week food donation, which Lawrence Alexander (Assistant Hall Director of Blanton Hall) helped coordinate.

Johnson and Aponte were two of the students who helped distribute the food by car.

Although Alexander believed that the process was well received, he thought that more food could have been donated.

"In terms of transportation, next time we want to use U-Haul trucks to distribute the food," Alexander said.

The food was picked up from Blanton Hall on Wednesday at noon and was delivered by five cars to The Good Will Rescue Mission and Saint Paul's Pentacostle Church, which are both located in Newark.

Many MSU students and residents were happy to lend a helping hand to the homeless.

Freshman and Bohn Hall resident Nicole Rosenhouse was one of them. "If it was successful, I think that everyone had more meals than needed," said Rosenhouse.

She, along with roommate and Freshman Audrey Turner donated several swipes to the donation.

"I think it's great and was a very good idea," Turner explained. "The leftover meals don't get used anyway."

Freshman and Bohn Hall resident Keyri Mafias agreed. "If I would have been here during the donation, I would have donated a lot," she said. "I feel great when anyone can help the less fortunate."

Sophomore Guerilne Napoleon, Bohn Hall's Fourth Floor Resident Assistant, was amazed and benefited from the cause as well.

"We had more than enough food for the homeless. We're going to have food leftover for other events. People were really supportive this year."

Among all supporters, Lawrence Alexander was very delighted with the turnout. "I would like to repeat it next year," he said. "I'm looking forward to expanding this opportunity so that it can become an annual event."

Drugs

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According to campus police crime statistics, there were 19 cases of drug abuse violations in residence halls last year.

A student may be permitted to attend class and be suspended from all other campus activities. The Dean of Students will make this determination at his/her discretion, based on a judgment regarding the potential threat of the student's presence on campus."

Dean of Students, Helen Matsows-Ayres, would not comment on Cordiero's specific case. She also would not comment on whether or not Cordiero would face any MSU disciplinary action. Cordiero's case is covered by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which states that disciplinary records cannot be disclosed without a student's permission.

Matsows-Ayres did state that if a student were to be arrested for charges such as those faced by Cordiero, that student would be removed from campus until the criminal case was resolved.

According to Vidro, the investigation is still open, but he would not comment on the reasons why.

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Cheer to Children Afflicted With AIDS Virus

MSU 5K Walk/Run In the True Spirit of Giving
Benefit For the Newman Center Food Drive a Big Success

By Reginald MacLang
Staff Writer

The crisp autumn weather was the perfect introduction to an event that brightened up a lot of peoples’ faces with happiness. On Sunday, Nov. 23, Campus Recreation (a division of the Student Activities and Campus Life department) held its annual 5K Red Hawk Run/Walk.

All of the donations were to benefit the 17th annual Newman Center Food Drive. Running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the spirit of the participants and volunteers warmed one another aside from the chilly morning weather that was involved.

Starting in the back of the lot, which will be the future home of the Recreation Center in a few years from now, the path weaved near Yogi Berra Museum, the Clove Road Apartments, different Residence Halls and Academic buildings, and ending in the Student Center Quad. The participants were encouraged throughout the whole path by the numerous volunteers for the event. (If you were awaken that morning, we apologize for the loud screaming, but you were awaken that morning, we apologized for the loud screaming, but it was for a good reason though).

At the end of the event, a little celebration was held in front of the Student Center for all of the participants and volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

Announcements were made during the celebration of the winners for each division as well as the overall winner.

One of the winners of the race was Mrs. Cabrera for her bracket for females 20 to 40 years.

The prizes for the race winners were medals for their hard work as well as turkeys (goes hand-in-hand with the holiday...gobble, gobble.)

Chairing this event was Red Card Board member and past SGA Campus member Orlando Cabrera, a senior majoring in Biology. “I volunteered to chair this event because I wanted to give more to Red Card,” said Cabrera.

His favorite part of chairing this event was working with Mr. Smith, Mr. Fonseca, Salavatore, Jen Hirsh, Sam Richman, Lisa Malickis, and Tom Haskinsen. Their personalities and work ethic was a pleasure to work with, especially during the difficult parts of this event. “Preparations for this event began in late September up to until the day of race. All of their hard work and determination paid off with the amount of donations and participants that had come to support the annual event.”

While the prizes were having their type of fun, the participants and volunteers made a huge impact on how the event as well. Compared to last year’s attendance which was around 50 people, this year’s attendance doubled to 98 people.

Gloria Hinds (a senior majoring in Accounting and chair for sponsorships in preparation for the event and worked at the registration table) noted that she “was so excited the day of when people started showing up at 8 a.m. and the run didn’t start until 10 a.m. It was our most successful run by far!”

Percy E. Chang (SGA Director of Academic Affairs and First Year Peer Leader), along with his friends, attended the Run/Walk in the effort “to support the cause,” as he had volunteered to chair.

“We always like to help those who are in need,” the consensus exclaimed. Chang stated. “I’m glad that some of my friends joined me this year in the 5K when I asked them because at the same time, they’re supporting an event and having fun.”

In retrospect, the real winners of the race were those who were going to be receiving the donations and all of the support that the chairs, donors, participants, and volunteers had given into the event.

Added to this, Percy noted to get more involve and participate in all the different events that happen on campus... is a way to also experience college life and getting to know different people. This is a really good point, in my perspective, to make to everyone since this is a perfect example of the things that makes college the best four years of one’s life.

66 It Was Our Most Successful Run By Far 99

Card Are More Than They Seem

ASSIST and SPECTRUMS Team Together to Bring Holiday Cheer to Children Afflicted With AIDS Virus

By Toni Triola
Feature Editor

Imagine a person laying in a cold and industrial hospital bed over the holidays. When the air is crisp and clean, they are laying there, their bodies being ravaged by a disease that, as of yet there is no cure for. There is a loneliness that is soon felt by the holiday season, which is a time usually reserved for joy and celebration, their families by their sides, sharing in the strained smiles and wiped away tears of their grief.

Now, imagine this person as a child. A young girl or boy whose body is slowly being taken over by the disease known as AIDS.

In this season, the season of giving, when people walk a little lighter and stop to help the executive whose papers have fallen over the sidewalk, these children are getting a dose of kindness from complete strangers. SPECTRUMS and ASSIST have teamed up to co-sponsor an event that gives back to pediatric AIDS patients.

From Dec. 1 to Dec. 4 these two organizations had tables set up at different locations across campus, asking people to donate a measly 50 cents to make a Christmas card...

All proceeds are going to Sunshine for HIV Kids.

As well as giving a money donation to this foundation, the two organizations will hand deliver the cards at the office for each local hospital the cards made to two local hospitals next Friday. The cards will go to the pediatric AIDS patients spending their season in those four hospitals.

With AIDS awareness month underway, and World AIDS day day and gone, SPECTRUMS and ASSIST are showing that the season of giving doesn’t just apply to people you know. As far as the catalyst that caused such a pairing for the benefit of charity, “SPECTRUMS at a whole thought it important to do a fundraiser for children affiliated with this disease,” said SPECTRUMS president Melanie Drospack. “We knew that we couldn’t pull it off alone. We have worked with ASSIST before and felt that they would be the best organization to co-sponsor this event with us.”

A little bit of kindness goes a long way in this day and age. With busy schedules, and long hours at work or school, it is often hard to stop and think about those who may not be as well off, or as healthy as we are. This just proves that even college students, people who often have to be frugal with their money, are looking to give a little extra to help those in need. It is a Holiday greeting that these children probably need.

Adolescent AIDS Statistics

Information courtesy of NIAID.NIH.Gov

The estimated number of AIDS diagnoses through 2002 in the United States was 886,573. Adult and adolescent AIDS cases total 677,275, with 718,022 cases in males and 159,271 cases in females. Through the same time period, 9,300 AIDS cases were estimated in children under age 13.

The estimated number of new pediatric AIDS cases (cases among individuals younger than age 13) in the United States was 952 in 1992 to 92 in 2002.

In 1997, the number of reported pediatric AIDS cases was 25. More than 2,000 children worldwide are infected with HIV each day.

Worldwide, about 50 percent of all new HIV infections occur among young people 15-24 years old.

In 2002, 5 million people were newly infected with HIV - 800,000 of them were children.
A natural leader, you inspire with your decisive action and dramatic expression; people can’t help but be magnetically drawn to you. Where will you lead your followers? Likely into an exciting adventure of some sort. You’re instinctual, but your mind parks with new ideas and clever solutions.

In love, you’re highly-charged even combustible at times! Hot tempers to the core, these dynamic individuals can see straight to the heart of an issue and make it work for them. You may seem single-minded, but you just refuse to be swayed from a cause they believe to be important.
Changing Lanes
Say Goodbye to Monotony and Hello to a Wilder Side

By G.M. Grosso
Staff Writer

Dear G.M.,

My boyfriend and I have been dating for over two years. Everything is going well in the emotional sense, but in terms of our sex life, I’m getting quite bored. I can tell he is too. We’ve never been very wild in bed, what kind of suggestions do you have to spice up our bedroom repertoire?

~T.T.~

Any long-term relationship’s sex life is going to lose its initial fire after a while. The intrigue of the first few months is long gone and conventional sex is just not as exciting as it was the first year. It functions basically in the same way as discovering all the wonderful emotional stuff about your partner did.

It was fun learning about your pasts and getting to understand each other’s passions, but by now you probably know each other inside and out.

There’s always more to learn about each other, but monotony is setting in.

Your everyday conversations are focused more around the present situations than around learning about your partner.

Perhaps it’s time for a rediscovery of both the body and mind. Instead of staying in and watching a movie, try going out on a real date like you used to when each one of you were trying to win each other’s hearts.

Get dressed up and go to a nice restaurant. Focus strictly on each other and try not to talk about all the icky things in your life that are stressing you. Instead of talking about other people, talk about each other. Perhaps this will stimulate a feeling of really being listened to and understood. This could be a good setup for better sex.

When you finally make your way to the sexual part of the evening, skip the bedroom. It’s old and boring. You’ve probably had sex there a million times by now, so try something a little more adventurous.

Maybe you’ll want to try the kitchen counter or the laundry room instead. If you’re really feeling naughty, perhaps a public bathroom or an outdoor setting would make the act more intriguing.

But be careful about the public places. You don’t want spicing up your sex life to land you in jail and with a fine. Be sure that the chances of getting caught aren’t so great that you risk too much. The risk of getting caught might heighten your arousal though and provide for some very memorable sex. If you’re more of a private couple, then perhaps trying really crazy positions is an option.

The Kama Sutra is available in bookstores everywhere. Pick up a copy! If you think you’ve exhausted all the positions (which is doubtful), then perhaps a little role play is in order.

There’s nothing wrong with pretending for an evening. Sometimes other lives are more interesting than our own.

Try a little doctor/nurse fun. You can purchase some cheap scrubs and go to a hospital. You can be as kinky or as conservative as you want. Try new things, but stick with what’s always worked. Just give it a spicy edge.

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 Montfeature@yahoo.com with the title attention G.M. Grosso. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Beauty is More Than the Media Suggests

By Cesarina Miceli
News Editor

What is beauty? Is it the light-skinned, blond-haired, blue-eyed girls we see on every Abercrombie billboard? Or is it those skinny, half-naked Victoria's Secret models with their legs spread wide open to sell a look? Or maybe it's those tall, muscular, pudge guys we see on every Teen Magazine cover.

Whatever happened to the motto beauty comes from within? We obviously can't determine a model's personality, yet we title him or her as beautiful. How can physical appearance reflect character? What is beautiful or sexy, and what is feminine or masculine has been constructed by a society victimized by the powerful media.

The media culture dominates our lives, penetrating our thoughts and constructing the way we view ourselves, as well as the world around us.

The mind of the media is a mind on drugs. It is distorted and blurry. It only has the ability to focus on one thing at a time. In this case, the media's fixation is selfish and immoral. Its obsession is solely monetary profit. As a result of the media, I have begun to question my outer shell. I honestly do not see myself as beautiful or appealing to the opposite sex, and I know exactly why. In the mind of the media, I am not considered beautiful because I defy all stereotypes constructed in the public sphere. When I tell myself that I'm too chunky, my hair's too frizzy, and my eyes are undersized, who am I comparing myself to? Who sets the standard for perfection? Images of the media do. My dark brown, curly hair, dark brown eyes, olive skin, and un-proportional body have proven to be a curse. The type of men I am attracted to do not approach me for two reasons: because I do not fit the tall, skinny, blond-haired, blue-eyed stereotype of gorgeous women, and because the guys that do look at me aren't the tall, muscular men I look for. Both reasons are completely selfish and hold the media at fault.

The media is responsible for not only shaping the way I am viewed, but also the way I view others such as men. The fact that men assume that I am Hispanic from my appearance, even though I am Italian and dichotomized as Caucasian, undervalues me even more. Based on all the advertisements of Caucasian women, it is evident that the media portrays pale as beautiful, so yet again, I lack another popular characteristic of attractiveness. Anytime I go out with a group of friends, I am only approached by Hispanic or African American men, while my blond-haired, fair-skinned friends attract every Caucasian man I admire, and the men I do want, turn me away. I have nothing against Hispanic or African American men, yet this is just another example of what limitations my appearance places on me. Even girls that I encounter respond to my appearance usually by acting as if they are superior simply because they resemble the media's images.
Today in History

1956 - Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash recorded together (the Million Dollar Quartet). The session would not be released for 25 years.

1974 - Tommy Bolin of Deep Purple died of a drug overdose at the age of 25.

1977 - Jean-Bedel Bokassa, ruler of the Central African Empire, crowned himself emperor in a ceremony believed to have cost more than $100 million. He was deposed two years later.

1978 - Dianne Feinstein became San Francisco’s first woman mayor when she was named to replace George Moscone, who had been murdered.


1989 - The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a ruling that said that Prince did not steal the song “I Got The Look” from his half-sister, Lorha Nelson. Claimed the lyrics were similar to ones she had written.

2001 - O.J. Simpson’s home in Florida was raided by the FBI in an ongoing two year international investigation into drug trafficking, satellite service pilfering and money laundering. Some satellite equipment was taken from Simpson’s home and no drugs were found.

Strange But True

The first known biological weapon was actually the Bubonic Plague. Catapults were used to launch plague infected corpses over city walls and into the water supply.

Barriers in the UK dress in all black because they are officially still in mourning over the death of Mary, wife of William III, in 1694.

A Hummingbird’s heart beats 1,400 times a minute.

Airports that are at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

Every U.S. bill regardless of denomination costs just 4 cents to make.

If someone was to fly once around the surface of the moon, it would be equal to a round trip from New York to London.

In 1958, the Crayola crayon color “Prussian Blue” was changed to “Midnight Blue” by the request of teachers as kids could not relate to Prussian history.

In China, September 20 is “Love Your Teeth Day.”

In Japan, by the time man reaches the age of 60, he is still in mourning over the death of Mary, wife of William III, in 1694.

A Twister toy was actually a Polynesian ball game. It was banned in the 1950s because the “twister” was considered a sexual partner.

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Beauty

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of beauty more than I do.

in addition to possessing a certain physical look, women are also constructed by society to act feminine in order to be desired by men. In the same way men are stereotyped as acting rough, tough, and as the dominant role in a relationship. Women are depicted as vulnerable and in need of rescuing by every man, as they flaunt their body to allure whatever they crave. I do not fit these standards set by the media either. I am proud to consider myself a strong and independent woman unlike to speak my mind and take a stand for what I believe is right. But by not playing the traditional gender role society has constructed for me, men become intimidated and avoid speaking to me. Furthermore, society views me as abnormal.

The way I look and act does not represent the media’s approval. So not only do others around me form a biased opinion of me, but I do as well. I see myself as everything models aren’t. Throwing my self-esteem in the garbage every time I turn on the television, pick up a magazine, or spot an advertisement.

I think I’ve tried and failed just about every diet, purchased every exercise video, and even shopped for clothes that flatter my body shape just so I can appear “attractive”. In many cases, this same feeling causes girls to binge and punish themselves just so they can resemble models.

I am beginning to believe the beauty myth stating that strong men battle for beautiful women and beautiful women are more reproductive successful.

I am positioned inadequately by the media; nothing represents me. In the hazy mind of the media, I am considered odd, while everything the media represents is normal.

I presume that many feel exactly like I do as a result of the media’s influence - sad, angry, and depressed. The media’s image of beauty has been embedded in our minds from childhood cartoons, and it seems merely impossible to resist the media’s powerful grip.

It represents us as one-dimensional: it sees nothing more to us than physical appearance, setting the standards for what is beautiful according to sex, gender and even color.
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Department of Theatre and Dance

The Crucible
Vengeance, deception, and hysteria consume the God-fearing people of 17th century Salem, Massachusetts as a band of wicked girls convince the law that deviltry and witchcraft have taken over their town.

By Arthur Miller
Directed by John Wooten
December 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13 at 8 pm
December 5 at 1 pm, December 7 at 2 pm
L. Howard Fox Studio Theatre

TheatreFest/Great Events

TheatreFest is pleased to present a new, year-round calendar of events that includes the new Conversations Series, Great Events, TheatreFest Regional Play Festival, and TheatreFest for Kids.

Coming soon: In January, the Alumni Dance Festival will feature a number of professional MSU alumni-affiliated dance groups. All artists will offer master classes in addition to performing.

Call 973-655-7071 to inquire about internships and programs.

MSU Art Galleries

Color as Volume
MFA Lecture by Keith Sonnier
December 3 at 6 pm
Calcag Auditorium

Earth, Sand and Water: The Garden State As Art Material
A site specific environmental installation exhibit, featuring three New Jersey artists who utilize natural materials indigenous to the state of New Jersey.

Nisha Drinkard, Gazer Andro, Chuck Glicksman
Installation Multimedia Artists
November 3 through December 20
The Art Galleries, Life Hall
(next to Memorial Auditorium)
Hours: Monday-Friday 10am to 5 pm, Saturday 11am to 4pm

Need to Know Series

Works-A-Foot
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The Superspecs Make New Jersey Proud

By Reyna Steinberg
Staff Writer

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ment, surround by good
friends and beer. I got the
opportunity to interview two great
musicians of the band The Superspecs, Brad Pfeifer, the lead vocalist,
and one of their trombone players, as well as a junior here at Montclair.

Next to him was band mate, and
Bill Dianza, saxophone player, and
back up vocals.

Unfortunately, I was only able
to interview two out of eight great
members of the band. They have
Steve Weiss on drums. Eric Tarn
on guitar along with Paul Bazzano, Jeff
Dittrich on bass, Jared Leskin on
trumpet and their other trombone
player, DJ Cooper.

The first time I heard their music,
I didn’t really know what to expect
and from talking to Brad, I thought
it was going to be like a typical ska
band. But surprisingly, they’re not.
When I asked Bill and Brad what kind
of music they played, at first they
stuggled with an answer because
the music doesn’t really fit in with
any kind of other band. But Bill
responded with the creative answer,
“Picture a big, loud, rock band and
put them in a shopping cart with
a horn section and throw them down
the stairs.”

New Jersey should be proud to
have such talented people because
they are in so many great bands that
came out of it. The Superspecs are
just another great example. The
band started when the boys were
in high school, but only a few of the
current band mates are from the
original line up. They have worked
hard since then to bring their sound
together.

According to Pfeifer, the group,
“started out like any other teenage
band but we practiced all the time.
In high school when everyone was
getting smashed we played their
buts off, so now we can relax
more and enjoy college life.” Each
member of the band has their own
background bringing their own eclectic tastes to the table. All of
them have a great passion for rock
‘n roll which is evident from their
sounds of mixed influences of jazz,
punk rock, and jam bands.

Reyna S: How many albums have
you put out?
Bill D: Well right now we are work-
ing on releasing our sophomore
album [titled] Burning the Band-
wagon.
Reyna S: Does that title have any mean-
ing?
Brad P: Well it’s kind of a stylistic
statement, it’s a lot different from our
first album, “Project Hands O.F.F.”.
It’s a creation of crazy fusions of
nasal beat rock, feels of Latin, a 50s
bar band, and 80s metal. It’s a lot
broader, bigger, and fuller than our
first album.
Reyna S: So you guys have been around
for a while and have played lots of shows at a pretty strong fan base.
From all of these shows, what is one
of your most memorable recollec-
tions?

Gothika Bredes Fine Actors, Yet Weak Film

By Rebecca Hart
Staff Writer

scar-winning actress Halle
Berry stars as Dr. Miranda
Grey, a well-regarded
psychiatrist who works at an institution
for the criminally insane, in Mathieu
Kassovitz’s semi thriller, Gothika.

In the beginning of the film, there
is an important exchange between
Dr. Grey and a patient named Chloe,
played by Penelope Cruz.

Dr. Grey patiently listens as Chloe
rams and raves about “the devil”
inside of her. Clearly, Dr. Grey does
not believe Chloe is speaking rati-
onally.

Chloe senses her psychiatrist’s
skepticism and spits out, “You can’t
trust someone if they think you’re
crazy!” Chloe’s statement proves to
be prophetic as the plot progresses.

Dr. Grey’s dream job suddenly
turns into a nightmare when she is
imprisoned in the very same institution
where she was formerly employed.
(Viewers may also question the plau-
sibility of this scenario, would an
accused doctor really be incarcer-
ad amongst her patients?)

Dr. Grey wakes up inside a cell in
the insane asylum. She’s absolutely
terrified, and has no idea why she is
there. The last thing she can remem-
ber is leaving work and driving home
on a dark, stormy night.

Her usual route home was
flooded, so she was forced to take
delto. Suddenly, a pale blonde
girl appears in the road and Dr. Grey
swerves to avoid hitting her.

The girl appears to have been
beaten, and as Dr. Grey attempts
to speak to her, the girl inexplicably
butts into flames. In the very First
scene, Dr. Grey wakes up in the
asylum.

Her colleague, Dr. Graham,
informs Miranda that her husband
Douglas was found slaughtered
in their home and she’s the prime
suspect in his murder.

Dr. Grey grieves for her husband
cannot forgive having commit-
ted such a heinous crime; she was in
love with Douglas and their marriage
appeared to be perfect. (However
viewers later learn that Douglas had a
few secrets in his closet.)

Although Dr. Grey believes she is
innocent, she has unsettling visions
in the asylum. The blonde girl she
saw in the road seems to materialize out
of nowhere. Dr. Grey
assumes the mystery girl
is a ghost who is trying
to convey a message.

In one scene, the girl
attacks Dr. Grey in the
shower and carves the
words “Not Alone” on her
forearm. Through-
out the film, Dr. Grey
ponders what these
words mean because
she feels that the girl’s
message is locked
inside the words. By
this point, the film has
posed some intriguing
questions. Did Dr. Grey
actually murder her husband?

Is the blond girl really
a ghost? If so, what
does she want from Dr.
Grey? If not, why is
she there?

The film was

add to the confusion.
Although Gothika offers some
thrills and it occasionally suspense-
ful, I would recommend waiting to
see Gothika until it is released on
video. This film simply is not worth a
nine dollar movie ticket.
people watching our set, getting into it. These people all had just left Dashboard and heard our band and were interested. They even missed most of The Get Up Kids. This was a big turning point for our popularity as a band. We went from a small time band to one of the names of the best in Jersey.

BD: We rock hard enough for people to like us, but some people just dislike us for the sake of disliking horns.

RS: Who do you want to target your new album to?
BD: I want 89-year-old grandmas to be buying our albums.
BP: We have spent so much time recording our newest album. We have a traditional four piece rhythm section, add on four horns, and at least two vocal tracks, plus guitars so production takes a lot of time for us. It's like our little baby, we’ve worked so hard on it, and we’re so proud of it. We just want people to appreciate it and like it.

BD: The new album is just so f**kin' ridiculous. We’re trying to create the same energy that we have during shows onto our CD. The physical aspect of our raw energy is hard to convey onto a recording. We believe that you need to have a good live show ‘cause anyone can go into a studio and pay thousands of dollars to sound like a rockstar and suck live.

We pride ourselves on our live show although our membership and musicianship has changed since the first line up.

BP: Yea, we’re really looking for listeners to hear songs on the new album and get the same feeling they would from being at a show.

RS: Was it hard to be in recording for so long with so many people?
BD: The whole process was crazy aggravating but it was worth it. I am proud to be part of this record. The whole band is behind it and we hope the fans will be too. We can only keep growing, and since we’ve been working so hard we’ve already written a lot for our next album.

BP: We had a blast in recording, I wish we could’ve videotaped it or something. But, we also had some bad times. We all got like little women in the booth, whiny and stuff.

RS: Is it hard getting shows, labeled as a Ska band?
BP: There aren’t anymore small venues, now we play with mostly punk and Emo bands. We don’t consider ourselves a Ska band, we’re just a rock band with a horn section.

We don’t have any political or sociological overtones. We’re not trying to change the world, we’re just trying to rock one kid at a time and eventually everybody.

RS: Do you have any songs that are meaningful or with an underlying meaning?
BP: There is one song with a message, it’s our Latin song. Most of the time our messages are just poking fun at pop culture. We’re not trying to emulate anyone, we feel that we have created something new.

We don’t want to be hurtful or derogatory, we just want to be humorous.
Stressed? Sail Across NYC To Relax

By Cesarina Miceli
News Editor

Every day feels like you’re drowning in mounds of work! Everyday consists of a bustling routine. Monday through Friday: class, lunch, more classes, dinner, meetings, work, papers, projects, and exams. Every hour of every day is planned. Sometimes you feel like you just can’t keep up with the world. It’s like you’re choking all week, and you can’t breathe until Friday rolls around. And even your weekends consist of work and homework; you definitely lack a social life. Free time, what’s that? Who needs sleep?

You would do anything for a vacation, even just a few hours to escape from hectic reality. Day-dreaming of an island getaway just isn’t enough. The perfect remedy for a stressful life is a Sunset Cruise around Manhattan, presented by Adolfo America.

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This Week in Entertainment

TV
-Hit Walker, the first black CBS news correspondent, died at his home at age 70. Walker was suffering from prostrate cancer. He retired in 1995 after a lengthy career in foreign affairs for CBS.

Movies
- The Sundance Film Festival officials announced three categories already for the annual event: Dramatic Documentary, and American Spectrums. The annual film festival which kicks off in Park City, Utah on January 15.

Music
-The Ramones are the foundation of CBGB’s in the East Village in New York City. Apple New York is recognizing this and named him street of Bowery and Second “Gray Ramone Place” this Sunday.

Compiled by Lisa Panarello from cnn.com
Love Actually Deepens the Loving Senses

By Lisa Panzariello
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The feeling of love during the holiday season isn’t always as potent as people would like. In fact, Christmas season can be absolute nightmare for most people whose hearts have been broken.

The sights of tear stained holiday cards and lonely mistletoe just reek of painful memories, however, one movie this season is sure to cheer the loneliest and most pain stricken person. This movie is none other than Love Actually. Hugh Grant and Martine McCutcheon at the premiere of Love Actually.

(With Nightly), a has been singer who is recording a Christmas album and with his ever sarcastic wit and demure. He blurs the most insulting things to his jolly manager. Joe (Gregor Fisher), who seems to be the punching bag for his rude comments. However, it’s so obvious that Mack truly loves Joe for being a true friend and sticking by him through his wrinkly skin and bitter personality.

Probably the foundation of the entire movie is the story of the Prime Minister (Hugh Grant) who falls in love with the anxious servant, Natalie (Martine Mc Cutcheon). He discovers the Prime Minister only lists events for that week (from the Thursday we come out to the following Wednesday). For your event to get his heart gets broken after he

Honey ~ Dir: Bille Woodruff, Jessica Alba, Mike Pesner, Missy Elliott
THE LAST SAMURAI ~ Dir, Edward Zwick, Tom Cruise, Paula Wagner, Vincent Ward

Rock: Hoobastank, The Reason
Rock: The Start, Death Via Satellite
Pop: Ryan Adams, Love Is Hell part II
Rap: Westside Connection, Terror Threats

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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66 Christmas Season can be an Absolute Nightmare for Most People Whose Hearts Have Been Broken.

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"I'm sorry, I just can't get excited about your suggestions — I'm ALREADY everywhere I wanna be."

"I don't know, Doc. I just feel like a million bucks."

"Why are you crying, Billy?"

"A bully hit me! I wish I could punch him in the nose!"

"Punishment is never the answer!"

"What about gaining freedom from England, emancipating the slaves and winning World War II?"

"You're nitpicking. Hey, fighting is dangerous. Maybe try the Michael Jackson approach. Give him some wine, a sleeping pill, then abuse him till the cows come home."

"Again with the nitpicking!"

"That's sick!"

"Now help me get these pants off, Sonny. They're starting to itch!"

"Excuse me Sonny. Is this the figure drawing class?"

"And you're in for a treat. The captain of the cheerleading squad models nude in here."

"Sure is old timer."

"Oh yes, that's Beth. She called in sick. I'm her replacement."

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PAUL

HEY DOG, I THOUGHT YOU SHOULDN'T KNOW THAT MY DATE WOULD QUIT WELL, LAST NIGHT SHE EVEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS A DATE.

I GUESS THIS MEANS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN THE FAMILY NOW! HA HA, MAYBE WE COULD SIGN YOU UP FOR ONE OF THOSE INTERNET PERSONALS, SITES, HA!

BY BILLY O'KEEFE

*SINGLE BROWN DOG IN SEARCH OF SASSY YOUNG BITCH,* WAAAAH! UNCLE!

I'D SAY THAT CAT'S GOT CLAWS, BUT IT'S A DOG! YA HA, GET IT? IT'S A DOG!

THE ADVENTURES OF SKULLY

HE STOOD AS BIG AS A HOUSE.

HE WAS RAISED BY WOLVES.

HE ATE NAILS FOR BREAKFAST.

HE WRESTLED A WILD WANDGELY.

HE SHOT A MAN FOR LOOKING AT HIM CROOKED.

HE DATED MORE WOMEN THAN HER.

HE WON THE WAR SINGLE HANDED.

LEGENDS NEVER DIE, SOME HOWEVER ARE ALREADY DEAD.

THE LEGEND OF SKULLY

At the beach, Bob discovered that two things don't make a right.

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Tres leche (dray)
2. Church official
3. Live the eye of a storm
4. South bound dog
20. Start
26. Reheat
31. Right-hand digit
36. Get out of jail free card
49. Painful muscle
54. Truces
61. Artificial bait
62. Flower with residue
63. Love to pieces

Solutions

10. Promised Land
11. Giant with 100 eyes
12. Feudal lord
14. Prophetic sign
17. Jacobs world
18. Nary a soul
19. Spasm
21. Competitor
23. Hang around
24. Molecular biology
25. Twitches
27. Bloke
28. Urban center
29. Texas shrine
30. Chess side
33. Finished
32. Riga resident
34. Thatcher or Heath, e.g.
35. Irish playwright
36. Get out of jail free card
37. Units of work
38. Irish playwright
39. Mata Hari, e.g.
40. Coats and cloaks.
41. Prophetic sign
42. Measuring by stopwatch
43. Dubbers
44. Irish playwright
45. Burn with hot liquid
46. Faux pas
47. Bait fiber plant
48. Served perfectly
49. Stories in branch of horse opera
50. MBA silly
51. Dilly
52. Dolorous Clapton
53. Erotic
54. Light knock
55. Actress/director Lupino
56. Actress/director
57. Actor/director
58. Baseball player
59. Light knock
60. Mensa, e.g.
61. Branch of mathematics
62. Speeding up
63. Map volumes
64. Tangent
65. Laplace strip
66. Parking area
67. Crazy
68. Chess side
69. Left-hand digit
70. Air freshener
71. Nary a soul
72. Church official
73. Boundary
74. Measuring
75. Start
76. Left-hand digit
77. Stopwatch
78. Hang around
79. Prophetic sign
80. Units of work
81. Pneumatic

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SPRING WEEK
MOVE INDAY
REDAHAWK RUN
MONTCLAIR FEST
COMMENCEMENT
ROCKY HORIZON
School Spirit is Dead

What are you doing tonight?
I think we should actually go to this.

Campus programs at MSU are as boring as CNN is to a child. Once this phrase has been read, there will probably be a few skeptics. But as a whole, the majority of attendance to general programming is slim to none. Mind you, Greek and cultural organizations events draw big, i.e. LASO and OSAU, but what is emphasized is the general.

So statistics are in order. Take the attendance of two recent campus events: eight. No, this is not the total number of respective attendees, this is the combined total of both. If the event was basket weaving, it would be understandable. However, “Parking Town Hall Event” and “Conversations with President Cole” are of greater importance.

Parking, an issue repeatedly pondered, perturbed and finally aggravated over would suggest an immeasurable headcount. The fact is only four students, one being a Montclarion photographer, showed up. Obviously students care, in the case of parking, everyone in the MSU community cares. But as time has shown on this campus, the device of a student forum has proved to be unsuccessful.

The poster of the town hall event had a black and red background, featuring a hand in the air holding a set of keys. The stylistic scheme emits revolution propaganda as the text reads in bold, “Campus Parkers, Unite!” This is in no way is a revolution.

Campuses across the nation have parking problems, and Ernesto “Che” Guevara would be puking if he saw a fist up-for simply ending a slot of painted white lines on the pavement. Hopefully this will reveal the intelligence the student body has. The students are not easily swayed by these attempts. Although cliché, action, in fact, speaks louder than words.

President Cole’s event can not be forgotten either. The title “Conversations With President Cole” is reminiscent of the conversation series that the School of the Arts had with Olympia Dukakis. Unfortunately for Cole, the attendance for this event totaled four, a sufficient number for doubles tennis. Hopefully these weren’t the same four who attended the parking event.

Singing out parking and President Cole are not simply brought out for purposes of malice, this is just hitting the tip of the iceberg. Many events have come and gone throughout the years, and have vanished out of our memories without thinking twice...as a matter of fact, even once.

You can blame lack of promotion or you can blame the students themselves for lack of interest. Maybe today’s college student isn’t about school spirit. The Sept. 18 sports article in this very paper titled, “Where’s The Love?” commented on the lack of school spirit for MSU sports. With the recent attendance of our football team’s last game, this is no surprise.

But these ideas carry over toward campus events as well, which has already been noted. The fact of the matter is we live in a time of the constant hustle and convenience. Campus issues mean nothing when paying for higher learning in addition to finding a job in a recession holds more importance.

An edit suggesting what’s good for you, especially by society, is unwanted. This University has a public relations department, so why not apply these ideals to actual events?

Make events interesting, not just applicable to agendas. Make events pertinent to careers, not just job fairs. Get actual statistics of students’ concerns, instead of pie charts of ethnic diversity.

Maybe these suggestions are wrong, but what does the school have to lose? It’s not like the students are breaking down the Student Center doors when they see a flyer for an event.

The Voice of Montclair State University

What do you think about the present SGA situation?
“A personal attack made so recklessly (and publicly) can only lead one to believe that some people in the SGA put their own personal agendas before better serving the students.”
Anthony Menenti, fine arts, third year

“It is understood that this is a hard issue to tackle. I think the actions of individuals, however, should have been more civil.”
Ronald Lee, marketing, fifth year

“Honestly, I am not too informed on the situation, but when it comes to the SGA, does it really matter?”
Ryan Willard, political science, fourth year

What do you think about general MSU programs?

Question of the Week

Call 973-655-5241 or email MontOpinion@yahoo.com to respond.
Let the NROTC On Campus!

Students Have the Right to Choose

There was a recent call for the debate on allowing the NROTC on campus. Unfortunately, the knot in my stomach will not allow me to let this debate go away. While there are thousands of sailors overseas in the overall effort to make sure that the people of this country are safe, the SGA Court decided, in the most inconsistent fashion, that they're not worthy to be on our campus.

This is egregious. This is insulting to any serviceman or servicewoman who has fought to ensure the freedom of the very people who stuck the NROTC bill down. This has to be changed, and as long as I have a breath in my body, this will not go away.

First of all, the bill itself does not violate the Student Bill of Rights on grounds of discrimination. The United States Armed Forces’ “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy is actually aimed at being anti-discriminatory. If someone who is gay wants to join the military, he or she may do so as long as they don’t parade around their homosexuality.

On the other side of the coin, someone who is a little more obsessed with sexuality and feels the need to flamboyantly advertise that should not be allowed either. The U.S. military is the most powerful fighting force in the history of mankind, and it did not get to be that way by becoming a soap box for sexual issues.

Simply put, someone more obsessed with sexuality than service to their country, be it gay or straight, has no place in the military.

Furthermore, according to the original bill’s sponsor Orlando Cabrera, “The United States Armed Forces does not investigate an applicant for the sole reason of determining an applicant’s sexual orientation...Not all students are accepted to their country, be it gay or straight, obsessed with sexuality than service to the country, be it gay or straight, has no place in the military.”

The policy that exists today allows them to continue to serve, as they should be able to, and is thus non-discriminatory.

Aside from this, the opponents to the NROTC bill are trying to hurt the military for their policy, as they’re attempting to.

To be an officer in the United States Armed Forces is a tremendous career opportunity, especially for women and minorities, and a very difficult task to accomplish. There are plenty of people who wish to do this, and plenty of schools which will allow it. The defeat of the NROTC bill only hurts our own students. A great opportunity is being denied to us, especially in a tough economy; THAT is intolerant.

The way the SGA Court shot it down is completely ludicrous and nonsensical. SGA Treasurer Derek Mackia brought up a good point, that by the same logic, Greek organizations would also be considered discriminatory since they’re selective in their membership.

Chief Justice Warren Euhrebutted this by saying the ruling applied selectively. This is absolutely ridiculous! Isn’t it hypocritical to condemn the selectivity of a program with

So, I’m Turning 21

A Right of Drinking...

I mean of Passage

I went through the experience of being an "adult" at 21. Will I wake up on Monday morning and magically feel mature, sophisticated and responsible? Or will I wake up feeling the same way that I have felt since I was a late teen? I can guess that the answer would be the latter.

And if I don’t transform into an "adult" by Monday morning, then when does this process happen? Is it a gradual process, like one that you don’t even realize until you look at yourself and say, "Wow, I have really changed since three years ago."

Or maybe it happens when everything comes together, like when you graduate college, get the dream job and fall in love with the lovely switchboard operator in the office. Maybe there is no real feelings or instructions assigned to a particular age, maybe age is just a state of mind; one in which you encounter with more life experience.

Once I heard an educated individual say, "You are all the ages you ever were," and it’s true. On Monday I will be 21, but I will still be 5, 11, 13 and 17. This takes the pressure off me not knowing how to act and feel as a 21-year-old "adult."

Perhaps I should stop worrying about myself not feeling like an "adult" yet because I bet that before I know it, I will be an "adult" wishing that I could go back to being a 21-year-old "KID."

Christopher Sadowski, a communications major, is in his second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
Montclarion Mailbag

A Board Game Called 'SGA'

The SGA at Montclair State reminds me of a bunch of kids playing government with my money. In truth, they accomplish nothing important besides deciding which campus organization gets my SGA fees. I would feel much more comfortable cutting my SGA check to a qualified University employee, instead of leaving appropriations up to the whims of Jacob Hudnut. Hudnut recently vetoed an "endorsement" of the ROTC here at Montclair State. What jurisdiction does he have to do this?

If Susan Cole and the Board of Trustees want to institute an academic program, they will not hesitate based on a pointless vote by a president who received less than 10 percent support of the student population in the last election.

The SGA would better serve us by doing something they are capable of, maybe estimating some of these clubs that nobody attends and CUTTING our $46/semester fee.

It seems like the only person thinking logically in the SGA is Derek Macchia. He said that the SGA isn't worth anything if they pick some of these clubs that nobody attends and canceling our $46/semester fee.

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So I'm Paying For Housing, And I Can't Make Decisions?

Waking Up to the Morning Mildew

Blanton Hall is great due to its air conditioning, carpeting, and dining hall right, downstairs. This does not mean its everything that's worked out to be. My bathroom is disgusting. The tub is not that bad considering I have seen tubs with green mildew stains on them.

Our tub is in fact its first color but we have done it to the morning mildew. We put in a work order for a new shower with mildew build up. Our tub is in fact its first color but we have done it to the morning mildew. We put in a work order for a new shower with mildew build up. Our tub is in fact its first color but we have done it to the morning mildew. We put in a work order for a new shower with mildew build up. Our tub is in fact its first color but we have done it to the morning mildew. We put in a work order for a new shower with mildew build up.
a ruling that itself relies on being selective? Besides, what is the point of having a constitution in the first place if the Court can simply pick and choose which statutes apply to which organizations in which way? What if the United States Supreme Court decided that Roe v. Wade only applied to the state of Texas and that other states wouldn’t have to abide by the legalization of abortion?

I’m sure SGA President Jacob Hudnut would blow a gasket in his left-tilted head and be outraged by the inconsistency, since this time it is convenient for him.

And thus, now we move onto our President Jacob. When confronted with Derek Macchia’s well thought-out point with the ruling concerning Greek life, Hudnut attacked his character and intentions in a truly classless manner. Instead of rebutting with anything substantive, or any factual basis to counter that argument, he just slung mud.

“I don’t know if you’ve noticed, but we changed presidents on June 1,” said a smug Hudnut. Well, unfortunately he’s right, and I for one have noticed.

I’ve also noticed that since he took office his power trip he’s been on has cost the resignation of a top cabinet official and former close friend. This is just another example of the arrogance and self-righteousness associated with his tenure so far. If you don’t agree with everyone hizzoner Hudnut says, you have no place to make your voice heard.

Overall, two things need to be addressed. In order to be consistent, either NROTC should be allowed on campus, or each and every sorority and fraternity would, in another bad idea, need to get the boot.

Since the latter would just be stupid, combined with the aspects of constitutionality and respect for the men and women in uniform, I think it’s safe to say, let’s let NROTC back on.

Second, Jacob Hudnut needs to get off of his high horse, and realize that his opinion is not the only one in the world that matters. Instead of feeding his ego with pictures of him signing a meaningless bill (like, who cares?), he should do something worthwhile. I’m not objected to him having an opinion opposing NROTC on campus, but back it up in a better way than attacking the SGA treasurer.

John Casacopano, a political science major, is in his second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
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The Sports Guy

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for almost 600 yards fewer than he did last year. Somewhat he wins offensive player of the year, but he’s been sacked over 30 times this season. He was sacked over 30 times per game.

The defense will take another big hit this season, losing outside linebacker Ray Meyer who has played his last game as a Red Hawk. The defensive captain led his team in sacks and tackles this year. He is fifth all-time in tackles and third in tackles. Indeed, The Sports Guy says he’s gonna leave some size 50 shoes to fill, good luck with that one.

With the exception of two other seniors, the Red Hawks started back everyone returning next season. As for predictions, The Sports Guy says you’ll see a decline in the defensive presence of MSU. Losing Meyer is like losing your left leg, expect to see the defense limp next year.

Hey there sportling, can you stump The Sports Guy? The Sports Guy doesn’t think any of you can. He knows anything and everything there is to know about sports because he is sport. But if you think you got the stuff, email The Sports Guy your questions to SportsGuyMSU@yahoo.com. If you can stump him, you can be him for one week. Till then, this is The Sports Guy.
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5. Susan Hinds, women's soccer all-conference goalkeeper failed to make one save in the shootout against Stockton, that the Ospreys won 4 – 2. Richard Stockton's goalkeeper makes two saves, which was the difference in the game.

4. The New York Giants are 4 – 8, and are tied for last place in the NFC East. Jim Fassel is gone after this season and the Giants, for the first time in a while, are looking at a losing season.

3. John Digirolamo, Quarterback of the Red Hawk football team had an abnormal performance against Ithaca in the playoffs. Completing only 12 passes, picked off four times, and he only threw one TD. The team needed him to step up, and he couldn't even complete a deep pass.

2. Alan Brown, head referee of the ECAC championship game against Ithaca in the playoffs. Committed a deep pass, and his game up, and he couldn't even complete a deep pass.

1. MSU construction has been the worst thing about MSU this fall. Its not sports, but playing hopscotch with clothes on. That's no way to live.}

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1. Where are all the Red Hawk fans at? On the last game of the season, in a home playoff game against Ithaca, the Bombers bring more fans to Sprague Field than we do. How weak is that?

2. MSU Tennis team finished 4 – 6. after losing badly to TCNJ 8 – 1. This is supposed to be the biggest complete a deep pass, and there are only six playoff spots.

3. MSU wide receiver Steve Armstrong, dropped four passes against Ithaca including a TD pass that bounced right off of his hands. This was supposed to be the biggest game of the year, and there's he's dropping passes.

4. Hey, it's cold and it sucks. It gets dark early, and you can't even be outside without three layers of clothes. That's no way to live.

Five Burning Questions
Facing the New York Football Teams

By Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

1. Will either New York teams make the playoffs this year?

2. Which New York team will finish with the best record?

3. Who is The New York football MVP?

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Two seasons ago, in an effort to halt the scoring drought that was beginning to plague the NBA, the association allowed teams to play a zone defense. The logic was that teams would try and push the fast break more often, to beat the zone down the court. For the past two years, the theory has seemed to work, as teams were averaging 95 points per game.

However, this season has been a different story, teams are down to just over 90 points per game, the second lowest since 1955, and there are twelve teams who are averaging below 90. In fact, the Toronto Raptors are only putting up 89.4 points per game, and are in danger of being the first team to average below 80 percent from the field, which is the NBA record, and we are just 20 games into the season.

Teams with only one scoring threat, such as the Raptors, the Magic, possibly even the defending champion Spurs, who are averaging just over 86 points per, are the ones greatly affected, as now they don’t have one player to beat anymore, they have to beat an entire team. So the result is more passing rather than dribbling, and more shooting instead of driving to the basket. As a result, we have these boring games where Vince Carter and the Raptors have been under 65 points this season four times which ties the NBA record, and we are just 20 games into the season.

But, is the zone defense the only thing to blame for this? There are 11 new head coaches this season, and the bottom line is, players can’t shoot anymore, all they can do is dunk. So to blame the zone “D” is completely accurate. What about Mavericks who are averaging over 100 points per game, why aren’t they whining about zone defense?

Zone defense makes the game more strategic, and makes it so you don’t have players who are just standing around. It also takes a player who may not be so fundamentally sound, and can turn him into a great defender. But what it takes away from the game is Michael Jordan backing down Alan Houston, for the turnaround fade away that was synonymous with the golden age of the NBA in the 90s.

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- NJCU: 1-0, 2-1
- Rutgers-Camden: 0-0, 0-2
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  - Richard Stockton: 1-0, 2-1
  - Rowan: 1-0, 3-2
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**Women's Basketball**

**Blue Division**
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- William Paterson: 1-0, 2-1
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**This Week’s Red Hawk Action**

**Men’s Basketball**
- Saturday 12/6: Home vs. Lehman @3 pm
- Wednesday 12/10: Home vs. Ramapo @8 pm

**Women’s Basketball**
- Saturday 12/6: Home vs. Lehman @1 pm
- Tuesday 12/10: Home vs. Ramapo @1 pm
- Tuesday 12/9: Home vs. King Point @7 pm

**Wrestling**
- Saturday 12/6: Away vs. Spartan Invitational @10 am

**MVP**
- Gian Paul was named the MSU tip-off tournament MVP. He scored 22 points against Buffalo State.

**Honorable Mention**
- Pierre Mitchell
- Pierre scored 11 points and had four assists to go along with three steals on Friday.
- Ebony Allen
- Ebony scored 22 points and pulled down eight rebounds against Gallaudet in the tip-off tournament championship game.
- Duquan Everett
- Duquan dropped 19 points and grabbed eight boards against Buffalo State.

**Football Results**

- 11/22: MSU 20, Allegheny 19
- 11/29: MSU 13, Ithaca 33

**Women’s Basketball Results**

- 11/23: MSU 84, Manhattanville 62
- 11/29: MSU 77, Tufts 73
- 11/29: MSU 105, Gallaudet 60
- 11/30: MSU 105 Southwestern(TX) 60

**Volley Ball**

- MAC GREGOR: 10 2 0
- SILENT ASSASINS: 10 2 0
- LOS LOCOS: 10 2 0
- JAKOVITASAURS: 2 1 0
- DELTA CHI: 2 10 0
- PINE: 3 12 0
- SPALDING: 9 0 0
- THOSE GUYS: 9 0 0
- WISEMENHUGERS: 9 0 0
- SGA OLD SCHOOL: 4 0 0
- INT2RECTEAM: 2 10 0
- TOP OF THE HILL: 0 6 0

**Wilson**

- 11/21: MSU 80, Lincoln 45
- 11/22: MSU 74, Buffalo State 55

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In order for the Red Hawks to advance to the quarter-finals of the Division III Playoffs they had to do three things. First, have a solid performance from John Digirolamo, and the rest of the Red Hawk offense. Second, get Eugene “The Quick” Vick the ball, establishing the run and finally, get on the board first, and rely on that air tight defense to hold it for them. The Red Hawks did none of the above, and the Ithaca Bombers, dispelled any delusions that MSU had about moving on into the quarter-finals of the Division III playoffs.

Down 19-7 with just over seven minutes remaining in the fourth quarter of a home game that saw more fans from Ithaca, NY than from MSU, John Digirolamo showed his youth, and proved that he was not ready for a game of this caliber. With time running down, the sophomores QB dropped back and threw a pass that was picked off by Peter Mayer of the Bombers. He then returned it 45-yards for a touchdown, and closed the door on a game that for the Red Hawks, was never within reach.

You can point fingers and lay blame, but as a whole, the Red Hawks did not play to their potential, with the exception of a valiant effort by MSU’s defense. It seemed that not even the 30 degree coldness in the arm of Digirolamo. The Red Hawk QB completed just 13 of 42 attempts, and was intercepted four times, including twice in the fourth quarter. Throwing for only 164-yards, Digirolamo was a no show for what he has been his biggest game of his career.

Ithaca came out fired up for this game, and MSU could not match their intensity. On the opening kickoff, MSU gave up a 44-yard return to Bombers cornerback Matt Tosh and the team from ROAD 787 began their opening drive from the Red Hawk 14-yard line. Although the defense was able to get the turnover, MSU’s offense did not score any points on the ensuing drive. Just as they failed to score on their next possessions. In fact the Red Hawk Offense didn’t score their first points until five minutes had passed in the fourth quarter.

Steve Armstrong caught a TD pass from Digirolamo in the right corner of the endzone. After the defense made yet another clutch stop on third down and forced a punt, the Red Hawks took over on their own 12 yard line with 7:19 remaining. On the ensuing Red Hawk drive, and the last possession that they had a chance to make a game of it, Digirolamo completed only two of six passes including one in the end zone sealing interception.

MSU’s defense tried their best to keep this team in the game but they could not do it all and they couldn’t keep stopping a team that was obviously hungrier than the Red Hawks, who looked dead on the sidelines. They forced two turnovers both in the opening quarter of a scoreless game, allowed only 152 passing yards, and gave up fewer yards than the Red Hawk offense gained. So at that point it became a duty to the offense to put some points on the board, but the Red Hawk O failed the Defense.

Eugene Vick, did his part to help with a mediocre performance running for 116 yards on 26 carries, but 100 of those yards came in the first half. In the second half, the Ithaca defense zipped in on Vick, and rendered him useless. This is when the team needed its quarterback to step up, and all he did was step down.

The loss came after a comeback victory two Saturdays ago over the Allegheny Gators in which Digirolamo completed just 13 of 30 passes, but “The Quick” Vick stole the show and ran for 200 yards on 21 carries and scored once. Vinny Doffont kicked the game winner from 52 yards out setting a school record and tying an NCAA championship record. The Red Hawks won that game 20-19 after being down 19-7. After the game, defensive coordinator Tod Agresta was overjoyed to have advanced saying “I’m speechless, and so happy we played hard for 60 minutes. I wouldn’t trade these kids in for anyone in the world.”

Unfortunately, the team was unable to advance past the second round of the playoffs, as Ithaca proved to be the better team last Saturday.

They have all but three players returning for next season in Ray Meyer, an all-conference player along with Matt Champion will not be returning next season, and will leave a huge void in the Red Hawk Defense. Coach Giancola was named Coach of the Year, and despite his recent slump, QB John Digirolamo was named the NJAC’s offensive player of the year. As for a National title, maybe next year.