Gearing Up for a New Year

As checkout lines grow and shelves diminish, Andre Williams, an employee of the University Bookstore, stocks the shelves as freshman Jason Prezant toasts him a book.

Wellness Center Suffers Extensive Damages
Closure Will Continue Until Further Notice

By Alano I. Copria
Staff Writer

Over the winter break, the Health and Wellness Center suffered two severe floods that have left the Center closed during the first week of the spring semester.

The first flooding took place on Sunday, Jan. 11 and the second on Friday, Jan. 16.

The building was restocked and a new examining room was created to prepare for the semester by Jan. 15.

According to Susan Skalsky, the Physician of the Health and Wellness Center, the flooding was caused when PVC pipes in Blanton Hall ruptured, following the freezes that had been occurring during the week. Water in the pipes froze and as the temperature dropped, the expansion of the ice caused the half-inch and one-and-a-half-inch pipes to rupture.

The first flooding occurred in the reception and medical records areas, while the second flooding occurred at the back of the center.

To date, the Center is undergoing construction to fix all the damaged areas. Included in the repairs are the cracked pipes and the replacement of the plasterboard in the reception area. Molding has been removed to allow the spaces between the walls and the walls themselves to dry to prevent mold build-up.

The reception desk as well as the telephone, chair, computer fax-machine, and printer are being replaced. Chairs in the waiting room were water damaged and medical file cabinets were also found to be soaked. The appointment book was destroyed and the furniture located in the Center has also received some water damage around the bases. Medication and vaccines contained within the Center were not damaged by the flooding.

Skalsky went on to say that three years ago the Health and Wellness Center was gutted due to the fact that the Center and Blanton Hall were repeatedly being flooded, the majority of the piping was changed to copper but the Residence Halls still contained PVC pipes. PVC is a strong, durable material that comes in two forms: rigid and flexible.

As the Health and Wellness Center undergoes repairs due to water damages, it remains closed until further notice.

Student Dies of Unknown Cause
Sophomore Travis Fragala Found in Snow Saturday

By Theresa Cvetelino
News Editor

A funeral Mass was held yesterday for an MSU sophomore transfer student who died on Saturday.

According to The Record, authorities are investigating what happened to Travis Fragala, 19, before he was found in the snow outside his Oak Street home in Fair Lawn as temperatures dropped to 20 degrees.

The cause of death is unknown and the results of the autopsy conducted Sunday by the Bergen County Medical Examiner will not be available for six weeks, according to The Record.

Fragala’s mother, Joan Fragala, last saw him at 9 a.m. Friday night when they ate together.

He then went downstairs where he was assumed to be bed.

She heard the phone ring at 2 a.m. and after w a r d s heard the garage door open, according to The Record.

"From that point on, that’s when the mystery begins,” Philip Toronto, Joan Fragala’s companion, said in The Record.

Before Fragala was found at 10 a.m. Saturday, his mother left the house to visit some friends. At 12:30 p.m. she received a call on her cell phone informing her of her son’s death.

In The Record, Toronto described Fragala as a good kid, in good health who never smoked or took drugs.

He was a justice studies major with a concentration in justice systems. Fragala had coached for the Fair Lawn Recreational Football League and traveling basketball teams.

He was also a varsity member of Fair Lawn High School’s baseball and football teams two years ago.

“He was a good kid. He was a pleasure to be around. He was a popular kid,” Michael Alberque, Fair Lawn High School’s athletic director, said in The Record.

Fragala is survived by his father, Jody Fragala, his mother, Joan Fragala, and paternal half-brothers, Connor and Dylan Fragala.

The funeral Mass was held at St. Anne’s Church in Fair Lawn and the Vander Plant Colonial Home in Fair Lawn was in charge of the arrangements.
Weather

Thursday
cloudy 36

Friday
partly cloudy 23

Saturday
partly cloudy 27

Sunday
partly cloudy 29

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partly cloudy 34

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Three Americans Injured in Afghan Attack

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Water Pipes Rupture

By Theresa Cevetello
News Editor

A total of 21 water pipes have burst, starting Jan. 8, at different residence halls on campus, Theresa Giardino, Assistant Director for Facilities and Services, said. There are 12 locations where pipes broke in The Village that caused 23 areas to be affected by water damage.

The Insurance Restoration Services, an environmental service, was called in right away to clean up all water and dry all areas, Giardino said. "They were here pretty much around the clock," Giardino said. "We are in the final phase of closing up any holes that needed to be opened.

Of the 23 areas affected by water damage, 10 were completely cleaned by Sunday, eight yesterday, and five will be completed by Friday.

"They all could not be completed at the same time because they didn't all happen at the same time and there is a clean-up process," Giardino said.

The first step is to extract and move all water. Then, it takes four days to dry the affected areas using giant machines that blow out dry air. Finally, any walls, tiles, or ceilings that needed to be opened can be repaired.

According to Giardino, there were a number of frozen pipes that Physical Plant prevented from flooding at The Village.

"The Village is a new building. There are always kinks and quirks that need to be fixed on a new building," Giardino said.

Physical Plant is working with Terminix Construction, the company that built The Village, and Terminix Plumbing, who is in charge of heat and air-conditioning, Giardino said. "They ran glycol, which is similar to an antifreeze, in to the water that runs through the heating system.

Besides the pipes that broke in the Health and Wellness Center, there have been three other leaks in Blanton Hall, according to Giardino. Two were outside the Center in the owning but the water was only outside. No residential or medical materials were affected. The other one was a sprinkler pipe in the cafeteria section.

Also, four pipes broke in Bohn Hall, one in Russ Hall, and one in Freeman Hall.

According to Kiki Williams, Director of Physical Plant, the cost of repairs has not been determined because pipes have disrupted as recent as last Friday.

"Everyone worked well together," Giardino said. "Physical Plant responded, Residence Life responded, environmental and safety responded and treated a situation that could have led to more substantial issues."

Asbestos Removed in Partridge, Califia

By Lillian M. Alemán
Managing Editor

Asbestos was removed from Calcia and Partridge Halls this winter after radiators in the buildings, which contained asbestos products, needed replacement.

According to Amy Ferdinand, Director of Environmental Health and Safety at MSU, this is not an uncommon situation as most buildings built before 1970 used asbestos for insulation purposes as it is flame retardant.

Exposure to asbestos puts a person at risk for lung diseases, but only if the product is disturbed and its fibers are breathed in. Although some people have developed severe illnesses from short-term or limited exposures, in general the greater the exposure to asbestos the greater the chance of developing health effects.

Because some radiators in both Calcia and Partridge Hall, which were built in 1968 and 1969 respectively, contained asbestos in the elbow, or joint, of the insulation piping, both buildings were closed from Dec. 20 to Jan. 5 for removal of the product.

Center

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and the Center will remain closed until the reception desk equipment has been replaced.

The Director of the Health and Wellness Center, Donna Barry, said: "Since the condition of the Center is not conducive to providing any kind of healthcare at this time, any student that has a medical emergency needs to contact University Police at 5222.

"Students who do not have that urgent of an emergency can 'implement a referral system for care,' Barry said.

The Sexual Assault Services (MSU SART) is also closed until the Health Center reopens. In the event of an assault, students are asked to call University Police or the Health Center. Freshmen Susan Cordero and Carla Paccheco said, "The Center's being closed is unacceptable. In the event that something is wrong and we go into the Center, we could end up getting hurt. The Center is closed but the building itself isn't.

According to Kiki Williams, Director of Physical Plant, restoration work will take up to four days to complete and therefore, should be finished by the end of the week.

"STEVE MILLER / THE MONTCLARION"
Museum Director Hired

By Dennis Anderson
Assistant News Editor

Former chief operating officer for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA), Beth E. Sztuk, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as the new Executive Director of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center.

Sztuk, who has been working for three weeks, said, “The job thus far has been great. There is a lot ahead, and I’m excited for the challenge.”

Founder and Museum President Rose Cali had informally held the position before Sztuk was hired. With the president handling the undertaking of the museum’s expansion, she was no longer able to volunteer her time to the duties of the director, Sztuk said.

“We are all extremely pleased to have an individual of Ms. Sztuk’s stature to direct our team,” Cali said in a press release.

“While I have never worked at a museum before, I was chief to a multi-million dollar government entity. I have experience with business and a museum is a business,” Sztuk said.

Sztuk graduated from the Wharton School of Advanced Management at the University of Pennsylvania in 1986. She also received a Master’s Degree in Business Administration/Finance from Seton Hall University in 1990 and a Bachelor of the Arts Degree in Sociology from Muhlenberg College in 1981.

Sztuk served as the chief for the EDA before taking the position on campus.

Her assistance in the reorganization of the EDA included helping establish the $8.6 billion public school construction program, as well as a $100 million fund for community economic activities.

The Yogi Berra Museum, according to its website, houses permanent and rotating exhibits about baseball, Yankee history, and the life of Yogi Berra himself.

The museum has a mission to educate people, specifically children, with culturally diverse, inclusive sports-based educational programming.

Sztuk is a former Board Member of the Museum. She is also a member of the Advisory Board for the New Jersey Institute of Technology Enterprise Development Center.

Sztuk is also a member of the Clean Energy Council. A Dinner of Hope, Hunterdon Economic Partnership, and the Paul R. Nardoni Federation.

A Dinner of Hope specializes in providing for children suffering from illness and poverty, while Hunterdon Economic Partnership promotes economic development.

The Paul R. Nardoni Federation raises money for families with cancer.

Asbestos

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“66 CALCIA AND PARTRIDGE ARE SAFE.
I’VE GOT THE CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY.

Amy Ferdinand
Director of Environmental Health and Safety"

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

Friends Don’t Let Friends Drive Drunk.
Beyond the Frozen Horizon...

By Disha Harjani
Assistant Feature Editor

The perks of vacation! Winter 2003-2004 offered us choices abound for the perfect vacation spots to raid. This week, The Montclarion was on a mission to uncover the grounds where MSU students left their footprints. To our discovery, while some students did anything to dodge the snow, others found every way to take advantage of mother nature's glory. Students who made every effort to get away from the cold found that the beaches of Miami and the lagoons of Mexico were perfect locations for such a preference. Others found refuge in places like Canada and even Italy.

Alicia from the MSU English Department felt the need to get away from the snow. Therefore, she packed her bags and flew over to Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida. “It was chilly the first few days we were there,” she said. “But after a couple of days, it got warmer. It was 80 degrees by the end of the week.”

According to travelwithkids.com, Orlando, FL is the planet’s most powerful magnet for families. With four huge theme parks and an area the size of Boston, it probably ranks as “Best Family Vacation Spot” for millions. Alicia realized that as long as she was in Florida, she might as well visit the beaches in Miami. A trip to South Beach was just the place to spend New Year’s. She raves on the nightlife and the clubs and cafes that were situated on the beach shores. “It is quite a tourist place. For my friends and I, it was a perfect winter getaway.”

Jim from the Math Department bought his ticket to Franklin D. Resort in Jamaica. There is so much to do in F.D Resort,” he said with a big grin on his face. “Biking, water sliding, scuba diving (for ages 12 and up), walking up a waterfall – the place is like a big, giant bubble of fun.” One factor that appealed to Jim and his friends was that the suites are huge and prices – very reasonable.

Most of the winter lovers took a trip to the ski resorts. Gina, a biochemistry major at MSU, went with her family to the Joshua Tree National Park, California. This is what Gina had to comment on her choice of vacation spot. “It was great because it offers a lot more than just skiing or surfing. We basked in the sun while exploring some amazing desert scenery. We went to both the high Mojave desert and the low Colorado desert. So we got to see many spectacular sights.” The park gets its name from a spiky, crooked prayer tree. TravelCom ranks this fabulous location as the third best vacation spot of the year.

Methow Valley in Washington ranked as the Number One place to go on a winter break.

Getting Back into the Fast Lane
Tips for Staying Focused This Semester

By Disha Harjani
Assistant Feature Editor

First of all, a hearty ‘Welcome Back!’ to all students of from all of us here at The Montclarion. In our last issue, the Feature section left you with words of advice in aspects of love, shopping spree madness, and fashion that screams ‘trendsetter’ while keeping you warm and locaky at the same time. Talk about looking hot in more ways than one. Well, it is time once again to roll up those sleeves, get back to the good old drawing board, and work on those glorious ‘A’s. In this, our first publication of the season, we will enlighten you about how to do just that—more efficiently.

Many times, students complain about how their enthusiasm deteriorates as the semester progresses. Call it laziness, carelessness, or exhaustion; it is quite evident that most of the times, students charge into a semester with full steam and determination that seems unquestionable. Then somewhere amidst the never-ending reading assignments, piles of paperwork, heaps of glorious projects, and abundance of extra-curricular activities, there is an inauguration of slowness of pace. Students get overwhelmed with the amount of work they have, and others lose sight of priorities. Some even come close to a nervous breakdown. Come to think of it, college introduces us to more than just academic stress. The main problem here is—the inability to stay focused. Here are some situations many of you might relate to, and some tips to keep you in the groove.

Balancing the schedule: Our academic schedule designates a certain lifestyle for us throughout the semester. Why should it? After all, we do plan our every move around our academic schedule. Therefore, for starters, you might want to schedule classes at times that work well for your current lifestyle. If you have a schedule to cover at your place of
A Drunken New Year’s Leads to Relationship Stress

By G.M. Grosso
Staff Writer

I have a problem. I was casually seeing this girl for a couple of weeks, and then on New Year's, I got wasted and agreed to being exclusive with her. After a few weeks, I've realized that it's really not working out between the two of us. I like her as a friend but not as a girlfriend. How do I go about handling this without making an enemy?

The dilemmas of those drunken New Year’s gathering are endless, but you've certainly gotten yourself into a conundrum. This brings a whole new meaning to the perils of drunken debauchery for you. Alcohol influences us to do and say things that we'd never agree to when in a state of sobriety. Although this is true, it can’t always be used as a valid excuse (especially if you've used it before to deal with another compromising situation).

Although one’s ability to use discretion may be altered, unless you were unconscious, there must be some coherency to the events that took place on New Year’s. We all know our limits, and you probably should have cut yourself off before you got to the point of inebriation where there was no return.

On the other hand, we're all very aware if when we're taking advantage of someone at a vulnerable moment. Your “girlfriend” shouldn’t have brought up such a serious topic when you weren’t available to use your best decision-making.

Making a real commitment to someone is a big step and a definite responsibility. Unless she enjoys setting herself up for heartbreak, then it wasn't the best idea to ask you to be exclusive when you were getting cozy with a bottle of champagne.

You should have expressed your discontent with your dating arrangements as soon as you were sober and aware of your mistakes. Prolonging this relationship for an extra couple of weeks is not only going to make it harder for you to break up with her, but it's also going to hurt her more. Sometimes playing “Mr. Nice Guy” isn’t very nice at all. Now you have to make a choice and stick with it. You obviously are unhappy, so there really is only one option. Sit her down and tell her the truth. Be gentle but up front. Tell her that you feel that the both of you rushed into things. Being that you only knew her for a few weeks before you became exclusive puts you in an uncomfortable place.

 Capricorn Dec. 21-Jan. 19
Get up, and get out into the world. Many adventures await you and many new friendships will be made. You're so lucky to be where you are so go wild!

Aries Mar. 20 - Apr. 19
Someone’s lying to you and it’s quite obvious, yet you allow him or her to continue to carry on, which is leading them to believe that they’re getting away with it. Keep it up!

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21
You’re almost home free but you’ve found that's not always true. Be careful and guard your secret. Many want to share in on the wealth, but others just want it all for themselves.

Taurus April 20-May 20
Empty promises are not what you should be making. If you can’t do what is asked of you, don’t be afraid to say why.

Cancer June 21-July 22
Everything is a gamble with you, but who cares about losing when all you do is win! This streak isn’t going to stop any time soon so play it for all it’s worth and go for the jackpot. Think big but don’t jinx it.
Welcome Festival Rocks the Ballrooms
Students Celebrate Their Return On January 20th

STEVE MILLER/THE MONTCLARIAN

Students waited eagerly in line to have their tee shirts and hats airbrushed at the festival.

Julie Fleming of Campus Recreation enjoyed a mid-day snack at the Welcome Back Festival.

More students enjoyed the snacks provided at the festival.

STEVE MILLER/THE MONTCLARIAN

Former peer leader Heston Moy has his caricature drawn by artist Mark Galasso.

SGA President Jacob V. Hudnut finds out details revealed in his penmanship by a handwriting analyst.

Like many students, Shahida Boykin sits on the 'hot seat' as the artist develops her caricature.

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Staying in the zone and staying ahead: Not to sound dorky, but buying your books way ahead of time and skimming through the chapters is one of the characteristics of an academic scholar. If that seems like a bother, take notes from the very first day even if it is routine stuff you already know. Know what is expected of you. If you show up on the first day of class and the professor asks you to take out your notebooks and a pen, try not to be the clueless student hollering, "Does anybody have an extra pen in the house?"

Establish a routine time to study for each class: For every hour you spend studying a subject in class, you are expected to study two hours outside the class. The word 'study' includes more than just homework. Going over the notes from class, labeling, editing, and making sure you understand them are crucial elements of studying. Work on your hardest subjects at a time when you are fresh. Your syllabus will play the role of your best friend, so keep in touch with those sheets of papers. By the way, your professors have asked me to tell you - "Read Ahead!"

Establish a place to study: Your place should have a desk, comfortable chair, good lighting, all the supplies you need, and of course, should be free of distractions. Places like the Ratt, where you routinely do other things are NOT the places I am talking about. However, the Library and Student Center Third Floor comes to mind.

Keep a planner: Keeping a planner helps to prepare ahead as much as possible. When you write down assignments that are due and meetings you have to attend, you can work on your extra study time around it. It is also a good 'memory tactic' for people who tend to forget about commitments very easily.

Do not over do it: Do not torture yourself with 16 to 19 credits when you are working two jobs and have three children. Be reasonable. You are only human. Ask your family and friends for support. Have a back up person to pick up your child if they are sick and you have to stay in class.

Establish a place to study:

Diet and fitness: Studying on four hours of sleep and an empty stomach or junk-food diet is a waste of time. Avoid food and drink containing caffeine just before or just after studying. Fitness should be a part of your daily schedule. For some, it is even a mantra for staying centered in the middle of everyday chaos. About 15 to 20 minutes of jogging in the middle of everyday chaos.

Love Lust

Say you would have preferred taking things slower and seeing your relationship progressed. Being that she rushed you into the relationship, and that you foolishly agreed, tell her that you take partial responsibility for the demise of this union but it was unfair of her to ask you to date her when you weren’t in the proper state of mind. At this point, it’s up to you to see where you want your relationship with this girl to go. If you feel that you can keep up a friendship, then by all means pursue it.

In my honest opinion, any dating relationship that doesn’t begin as friendship is extremely difficult to keep going as platonic pals after the romance fades. She’s probably going to be quite unhappy about the break up, so it may be a good idea to give her a separation period.

If you suggest a friendship, then you may be giving her false hope. Be careful about that. Besides it’s cliché and no one likes to hear words without true meaning behind them.

Bottom line: Be honest and be just. Both of you had your fair share in making this relationship unsuccessful, so don’t start placing too much blame. If you handle this maturely then you might not be able to keep her as a friend, but you certainly won’t make an enemy.

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 Montfeatures@yahoo.com with the title attention G.M. Grosso. I look forward to hearing from you.
The Campus Recreation Office is conveniently located in the Converse Lounge on the bottom floor of the Student Center. Please feel free to visit us anytime. We are normally here between 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Currently, we can also be found in the Panzer Fitness Center and Main Gym.

Check us out on the Web!
www.montclair.edu/pages/campusrec/
Contact Us with ANy Questions via email: steve.smith@montclair.edu

The Panzer Fitness Center
Located next to Panzer Gym, this fitness room has limited supplies for workout needs, and is open when the Panzer FC is closed.

Panzer Pool
Enjoy a swim in our refreshing 25 yard pool located next to the Panzer Gym. Access to the pool can be gained by exiting the back of the Panzer Gym locker rooms. The pool is open for free play (basketball, volleyball, badminton), however is closed during scheduled intramural play or special events.
Sun-Tues: 8:00am—10:00pm

STRESS BUSTERS

Yoga
Yoga is an excellent way to reduce stress and gain flexibility while increasing strength and balance. This class is comprised of static and dynamic poses that put together in a fluid energizing format.
Meeting Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

HydroFit
This refreshing workout!! This class is a great workout for those not able to work out on land. Put on your swimsuit and bop in the water for this great way to tone and tighten for your heart and body.
Meeting Times: Wednesdays 5:00pm - 5:45pm

The Second Fitness Center on campus, located next to Berra Stadium, features 2-3 courts and a "back gym" that are open for free play (basketball, volleyball, badminton), however is closed during scheduled intramural play or special events.
Sun-Tues: 8:00am—10:00pm

THE RECREATION BOARD

**MEETINGS: EVERY FRIDAY AT 2:25PM IN STUDENT CENTER CAFE B & C**

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INTRAMURAL SPORTS 2004

Intramural Sports are 4-5 week sport leagues that Campus Recreation offers to current MSU Students/Faculty/Staff and Alumni Association Members only. To play, you all have to already have a team formed and attend an IM Entry Meeting. If you don’t have a team, you can still participate by attending an IM Entry Meeting and we will try to find a team for you or make one with all the free agents. Please visit our website for more specific information about IM Sports.

http://www.montclair.edu/pages/unisport/IntramuralSports

Key Points for entering an Intramural Team:
- All IM Entry Meetings are held in the Student Center Commuter Lounge.
- One team representative MUST attend the meeting to be eligible.
- All teams must be entered at the time of the meeting.
- You may play for ONE team in a Men’s/Women’s (M/W) division and team in the Co-Ed division.
- Co-Ed only means there are only mixed teams.
- There is a minimal entry fee for men/individual sports.

Spring 2004 (1st 5 weeks)

IM Entry Meetings will be held January 27, 2004

League Time Entry Fee
M/W Basketball 9 pm $40/team
M/W Baseball 9 pm $40/team
M/W Intramural H20 Polo 8 pm $40/team
M/W Intramural Flag Football 8 pm $40/team
IM Swim Meet 8 pm $100/Events
IM Swim Meet (One Event) 8 pm $10/Event

Spring 2004 (2nd 5 weeks)

IM Entry Meetings will be held March 2, 2004

League Time Entry Fee
Softball 8 pm $40/team
Co-Ed Softball 8 pm $40/team
M/W Singles Tennis 8 pm $10/person
M/W Doubles Tennis 8 pm $20/team
M/W Tennis 8 pm $40/team
Co-Ed Tennis 8 pm $20/team
Co-Ed Kickball 8 pm $40/team
M/W Indoor Soccer 7 pm $40/team
M/W Outdoor Soccer 7 pm $40/team
Co-Ed Indoor Soccer 7 pm $40/team
Ashley Hall/2 Grass Volleyball 8 pm $20/team

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Apply to be a Resident Assistant:

Applications are available in each Residence Hall Office or in The Office of Residence Life located in Bohn Hall.

Optional information session
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APPLICATIONS ARE DUE 4:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY 2 to Blanton Hall Office.

Application requirements: 2.3 GPA, open to all MSU students.
Peter Pan Keeps Old Story
With an Underlying New Twist

By Rebecca Hart
Staff Writer

Peter Pan
P.J. Hogan
Universal

It children, except one, grow up."
So begins James Matthew Barrie's classic children's book. The new film adaptation of Peter Pan, directed by P.J. Hogan, more closely resembles the original storybook than the familiar Walt Disney animated version. Although the new film's characters are familiar to Barrie's fans as Tinkerbell and the rashless Captain Hook, this version is more graphic than its predecessors. Relative newcomer Jeremy Sumpter stars as the title character. Peter Pan, the boy-child who refuses to become an adult. The film adeptly illustrates Peter’s conflicted self. The boy refuses youth and detests the thought of becoming a man, yet he seems to realize that there are some benefits of becoming an adult. In the end, he is forced to choose between a eternal childhood and maturing into an adult. With his boyish good looks, Jeremy Sumpter is charming in his role.

Rachel Hurd-Wood, who plays the role of Wendy Darling, clearly steals the show. The young unknown actress is delightful in her role as Wendy, a girl on the cusp of womanhood. In the Disney version, the film acknowledges the underlying sexual feelings Peter and Wendy seem to share. There is an undeniable chemistry between the two adolescents, and the film hints at a budding relationship.

However, it is impossible for the relationship to ever progress because Peter simply refuses to grow up. These two children are on the brink of adulthood and both are extremely ambivalent about leaving behind their childhood. Would they even consider having a child with their commitment problems? The couple meet their friends at the local café for coffee before work, but there’s one problem. The couple doesn’t have the picture perfect relationship that a baby would be welcomed into. They are making an appointment with their think to find out why their sex life is failing. Her partner is trying to have a child and going to a think at the same time! Was the writer of this show in a rush to get the show over with or something because it makes every audience member think, "Why would they even consider having a child with their commitment problems?"

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This film can be seen as a metaphor for our youth-worshiping society. Young celebrities such as Britney Spears, Paris Hilton, and Jessica Simpson dominate the media. Women host "Baywatch Parties" in a last-ditch effort to hold onto their youth. Clearly, American society favors youth and shuns old age.

Other cast members include Jason Isaacs, who plays both Mr. Darling and Captain Hook. Although Isaacs did not bring much to the role of Mr. Darling, he shined as the wicked Captain Hook. In this film, Captain Hook appears to suffer from obsessive-compulsive disorder – he is fixated on killing Peter Pan. Hook is determined to either kill the boy or die trying. New and improved technology creates amazing special effects in this film. Peter, along with the children, flies through the air while glittering fairies illuminate the trees.

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The first women that appear are a well-dressed lesbian couple, Tina and Bette, who are gossiping over an over-sized tea. Why must it seem that in every single lesbian story, one has to get pregnant? Anyway, Tina, the WASPish petite blonde and Bette, the "siren" of the couple meet their friends at the local café for coffee before work, but there’s one problem. The couple doesn’t have the picture perfect relationship that a baby would be welcomed into. They are making an appointment with their think to find out why their sex life is failing. Her partner is trying to have a child and going to a think at the same time! Was the writer of this show in a rush to get the show over with or something because it makes every audience member think, "Why would they even consider having a child with their commitment problems?"

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My predictions are right when Jenny and her boyfriend are invited to a party and Mariana, an attractive model-type woman, strikes up a conversation about literature with the fgiven native girl. Jenny goes to the bathroom where Mariana follows her and they make out for approximately a minute and a half. Poor Jenny doesn’t know what she’s doing and makes her boyfriend leave the party where she performs oral sex to re-claim her heterosexual status.

What was bothersome about this show was that they were basically forcing lesbianism down your throat. At the party that the characters attended, they kept on talking about how they were lesbians about every five seconds. I think people got on to that concept already. Did they think people were confused of their sexual orientation from the scene of women having sex in the pool? The jokes were another thing that the writers could’ve worked on. It was almost as if there were tumbleweeds in my living room rolling through from screen to screen. It was cold and just plain mediocre.

There is nothing absolutely nothing, shocking about this show whatsoever. If Showtime wanted to shock Americans via cable, they should’ve done it before HBO did. If these Wells Could Talk 2 about lesbians from different genres, there was a raucous sex scene between Sharon Stone and Ellen DeGeneres. But again, that show was funny and it wasn’t serious and watered down. I have to laugh at the fact that "The L Word" stands for love. It was deplorable to watch the female characters find in many children’s movies. The new film version of Peter Pan appeals to adults and children alike. Children will appreciate the action sequences involving pirates and mermaids, while adults will appreciate the more subtle themes, such as young love.

Although many people assume Peter Pan is a movie for children, adults will undoubtedly enjoy this film.
New Metal Albums Hopefully Reign in 2004

Old and New Heavy Metal Bands Make Ears Bleed With Brand New Records in '04

By Lisa Ponzaiello
Arts and Entertainment Editor

I'll be the first one to say it: I haven't been incredibly nice to my fellow metal brethren last semester regarding the many faces of heavy metal. I apologize to the bands that do work hard and don't get as much recognition as they deserved, because obviously, my middle finger was not pointed at you. In 2004, NIN (Nine Inch Nails) are putting out a new album after hibernating it seems since the late '90s. This is one album I'll play a million times over just like I have with others. I think. Downward Spiral has a permanent spiral on my CD from playing it an obscene amount of times. NIN never once sold out or made a change so drastic that they became a sight for sore eyes. Let's just pray that this album is worth the wait, but I'm sure there'll be no complaints. In the same vein as NIN, The Cure is putting out an album. Yeah, I know, it's hard to mention the British New Wave band in a metal column, but I'm doing it now. Sources say they're in the studio with producer Ross Robinson of Limp Bizkit and Korn fame to record a new wave/heavy metal record. This, coming from a band that sang "Sour?" I'm rubbing my hands impatiently for a while now and I can't wait to see what the masked metalers give to their fans. Will it be head banging and offensive as their past records, or will it be mellow and deep meaning like singer, Corey Taylor's side band, Stone Sour? My prediction: It's going to make your teeth fall out from the loudness and bone-crushing madness this band tends to ensue. Just be thankful that Stone Sour is a side band.

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Jason Horton 1981
Saturday, January 24
Ernest Borgnine 1917
Sharon Tate 1943
John Belushi 1949
Natasha Kimball 1961
Mary Lou Retton 1968
Matthew Lillard 1970
Sunday, January 25
Robert Burns 1759
Virginia Woolf 1882
Dean Jones 1931
China Kantor 1971
Monday, January 26
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Paul Newman 1925
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Beyond 3 Zine Breaks Life’s Limits

Author Writes in a Journal About Leaving Home and Jobs in a New City

By Melinda Smith
Staff Writer

The first time I read “Beyond #3,” I was working at a factory over the summer a few years ago and I would slip it in my pocket and read it in the bathroom when I should have been working.

It’s funny that I have that memory regarding this zine, considering Anke, the author, writes about her past three jobs in this issue.

All of which are not exactly careers, but are ways to make money rather.

Her first job was working at a Kiosk selling things like sausages and cigarettes, her second working behind the bar at a discotheque serving drinks, and her third delivering mail to the rooms of all the regulars, including an inhaler for her symptoms, lab tests, and medical exams. To find out if you qualify for the reader and the writer.

“Beyond #3” is no doubt a journey for the reader and the writer. One wonders if this zine is just a stepping stone, a little push to help Anke move forward rather than she’s ever gone, a move beyond.

Throughout the pages of “Beyond,” she has bits of what seem to be her journal, that spans from August until November.

The zine was published in December, so the journal entries are relatively new at press, leading the reader to the assumption that what she writes about is fresh on her mind and in her heart.

Anke writes about not being afraid and being with her comfortable with herself after being so uncomfortable for all five years before this.

The newfound comfort may be what leads her to decide to move from her home in Germany to England, the land she has a real love for.

“So many things are just too big to explain. Like my love for England and everything that has to do with it.”

Like many of us, where we grow up is not necessarily where we would like to go. Some people will never understand this, particularly the ones that have never left the 10 mile radius of where they grew up.

But Anke has moved beyond caring so much about what other people think and she now cares more about what she thinks about her own life.

After all, it is her life. Anke writes about one of her key identifiers being “daughter” and still living with her parents, which causes issues in her life. It is clear that she would benefit greatly from living on her own.

“Sometimes people just need the room to fly if they want to. It may not be that you want to fly, but the chance and option to fly should be yours if you so desire.”

Anke also uses her own photographs in this issue of “Beyond,” something that is a personal choice for all zinesters, in a way putting themselves out there to be exposed even more.

She uses her writing and her photos to show her readers her life as it was, and as it seems she would like it to be in the future. With a few poems she’s written, thrown in for good measure.

TV

 Ashton Kutcher will no longer be in the MTV show “Punk’d” after only two seasons. Kutcher claims that he doesn’t have the time to be the star of his well acclaimed show between shooting for two movies, producing and letting not forget keeping up a hot and heavy relationship with actress Demi Moore.

Music

Rapper, Mystikal, was sentenced to 16 years in prison last Thursday after pleading guilty to charges of sexual battery when he said that he stole $60,000 worth of his checks. The stylist denies she had any of his money.

Music

Goodfellas actor, Robert DeNiro, and director, Martin Scorsese, are writing a joint memoir about their affiliation with over eight motion picture releases. Harmony Books will be publishing the book next year.

Composed by Lisa Panairello from cnn.com
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Soulfly’s, The Third Invasion, is in stores now.

and Slipknot is well aware of that. It’s good to give metal a break from time to time. Do you think Phil Anselmo is constantly listening to Morbid Angel and Venom 24 hours a day? He’s been quoted listening to the Bee Gees and The Smiths, so there.

The Brooklyn bashing, Biohazard are releasing a new album this coming year, which Danny was quoted as saying, “...Will be the best ever!” So, hopefully he will keep his promise, not that the other albums were anything to cry about, their brutal records put a smile on every fan’s face. Kill or Be Killed still reigns, as a top record of mine, and it was even their ninth. Talk about a band getting better with age.

Soulfly, the South American sultans of metal are returning with a new record in 2004 as well. This is another group that I can’t seem to get too excited for since Primitive could’ve been touched up on more without the help of more than enough “special guests.” And with The Third Invasion, I have no comment on that album, because I heard only one song, but it sounded very abrasive which is what I like to hear.

Let’s just hope Soulfly doesn’t decide to tour with just about every band. I swear, every time I went to a show, they played with them. I was waiting for them to open up for Tori Amos when I saw her in March. Alas, they’re legendary.

The gruesome and tantalizing metal militants, Pig Destroyer, are set to release a brand new album this coming year in follow up to 2001’s Prowler In The Yard. Shadow’s Fall, the only band that won’t make a Boston accent annoying, will be joining the metal forces once again this year. The Art of Balance did so well that they were recognized in Guitar World Magazine as one of the greatest new talents. Fans obviously know what they’re talking about and are awaiting another album, which will probably destroy brain mass from head banging onto a wall.

The gruesome and tantalizing metal militants, Pig Destroyer, are set to release a brand new album this coming year in follow up to 2001’s Prowler In The Yard. All fellow metalers for various reasons do not like this band. Their name is definitely not music to the ears, (no pun intended) and their sound may not satiate the senses as well as other metal bands in that genre such as Lamb of God, but there are a handful of fans out there who are anxiously waiting for the young fellows to record their album and get themselves in a tour bus and out on the road for all to hear.

Well, there you have it. A snippet of new music that should definitely make my ears bleed with delight this year.

These hard hitters are not the only bands releasing albums this year. Obviously.

Cradle of Filth, Killswitch Engage, Shadows Of The Damned, In Flames are among others that will be headed towards the studio to make metal fans from all over a much happier person, including myself.

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Bob never talked to himself. He figured, if you don't have anything nice to say ...

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When the Sleet Hits the Fan

David Johnson stayed on campus to work on some recently assigned projects for his hefty 18 credit workload. Research and writing, fact checking and proofreading became the theme for his lonely Wednesday evening. The Sprague Library intercom announces their building will be closing in five minutes.

Surprisingly enough, David stays for the duration of the library’s hours of business. It is now midnight and David walks down to the bus stop. Waiting half an hour for the next shuttle to arrive, David’s frozen hands compliment his wobbly body. Walking into his dorm room is no different as ruptured pipes leave him no alternative to warmth. Fortunately, there is no David. But unfortunately, several students face many of these same exact occurrences.

Father Winter has arrived and no one can do a thing about it. No one is safe from the snow and as a result, the temperature shifts into the frigid state it is now. The list of problems: that MSU is now deafening with is starting to pile up: broken radiators in Partridge and Caicla Halls, a pipe burst at the Health and Wellness Center, and additional pipe bursts in practically every residence hall.

The Health and Wellness Center will be the most debilitating shutdown for the campus. By now, the influenza or flu epidemic has already been widely publicized. How would the campus deal with this now that the Health and Wellness Center is closed for business? To make matters worse, there is no definite date of reopening.

Efforts are being made to clear up all the discrepancies caused by the blistering cold. The Village, the want to be hit by the wave of pipe bursting throughout campus, was not safe despite how new it is. What a way to start a new semester off. The very mention of this school session being named the “Spring Semester” emits laughter. If someone’s New Year’s resolution was doing well in school, it actually might come true.

Most of us are going to be indoors anyway. But for resident students, that may not be the case. Obviously, bad weather conditions can dampen anything. However, the semester has started and the annoyances of buying books, beginning new classes and adjusting to schedules will eventually emerge over a cold that will inevitably be put up with.

Note that last year’s winter wonderland lasted all the way to April. What will be in store for this year? Hopefully there will be signs of Spring sooner this time around.

The Voice of Montclair State University

What Do You Think About Recent Cold Weather?

“I look forward to this type of weather all year.”
Ben Glaz, chemistry, second year

“I wish summer would come. I miss the beach.”
Taryn Townsend, biology, second year

“It’s fricken freezing.”
Mike Jacoby, molecular biology, second year

“Speaking as a student employee, I hate waiting for the shuttle in the bitter cold after a late shift.”
Colette Shelton, biology, second year

“MSU should be better equipped for the weather since they know what NJ weather is. They don’t plow when they should, the shuttles do not come frequent enough, and there’s no reason why pipes should be bursting due to the cold.”
Janet Cruz, molecular biology, second year

Are You Concerned With the Asbestos On Campus?

Question of the Week

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Continuing Where Suffrage Started
Who Women Prove They Are As Strong As Their Male Counterparts

How Was Your Holiday?

How would you feel if you had to come to school on Christmas morn­ing, or any holiday you celebrate, knowing that your family is home having fun, spending time together, opening pres­ents?

Some Muslims have no other choice than to spend one of our two main holi­days. Eid Ul-Adha is the holiday Muslims celebrate on the 10th of Dhu al-Hijjah, the last month of the Islamic calendar. The month of fasting, Eid Ul-Fitr is the other day we celebrate, which marks Prophet Abraham's (PBUH) sacrifice of the ram.

The reasons a Muslim might have to come to school on an important holiday are simple. We may have an important class which cannot be missed, a professor may be obli­gated to go over an exam, or even give an exam on that day!

Yeah, sure, we can go home later, but everyone enjoys it when you don’t experience the whole, entire holiday from the start, and what if a person doesn’t get out until the evening or ever/late of that night? The day is almost over. For some people, it might even be the only day when they see their whole family together. Good reasons for leaving school open on these holi­days certainly do not exist.

These are religious holidays, and are just only two of the main holidays which we celebrate in a whole year. All we ask is to give two days off for each of these holidays, since the exact date depends on the sighting of the moon. These days can certainly be easily fit into the campus schedule.

Doesn’t it seem unfair when everyone is given weeks off for Christmas and New Years, a day off for Easter, and days of for Thanksgiving, when none even one single day is given off for either of the two Eids?

We even have Spring races, and it is just not even a holiday; never mind a religious and highly-valued holiday which is of great importance to billions of people. Just look on campus.

The Muslim Students’ Association is one of the largest organiza­tions of the Student Government Association and is also one of the fastest-growing religions in the world. It is one of the fastest-growing religions in the world, and it is also the second largest. So many people celebrate its holidays. It comes right after Christmas. Therefore, it especially deserves its high share of value when it comes to celebrating its two main holidays.

Morium Akthar, a biology major, is in her second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

The women in government should especially deserve their two days of ‘unofficial’ leave. Women should act as independ­ents, and believe traditionalist, non-secularist, women are just as strong as any male counter­part.

Women should pursue happiness, but not at the expense of the individual and the whole population. Women should act as indi­viduals to achieve success if the success benefits them and their loved ones. When ad­ministrators, the federal government should help women achieve success.

Doesn’t it seem unfair that society’s myth that women are incompetent and unqualified to complete tradi­tional male jobs, careers, and anything. Women should freely exercise their right to raise a family and/or pursue a career.

In the month of fasting. Eid Ul-Fitr is the holiday Muslims celebrate at the end of the month of Ramadan. The month of fasting. Eid Ul-Fitr is the other day we celebrate, which marks Prophet Abraham’s (PBUH) sacrifice of the ram.
Women

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guided Miss.

I believe that Clinton is making a mockery of the women's movement; she is contradictory and inconsistent about her stances on women's issues. Clinton advocates the belief that all the world's women possess the universal right to live. Yet, Clinton advocates women's right to have an abortion—a surgical procedure that prevents potential female children their universal right to live. Clinton emphasizes women's right to triumph over men's injustices and challenge corrupted authority. Yet, Clinton stays with a husband who cheated on her. Clinton encourages the federal government to aid poor women federal taxpayer dollars fund her lavish lifestyle as Senator of New York while she is a wealthy woman in her own right!

In matters such as this situation, women should make up their own minds concerning Clinton and other political, social, and economic issues.

Women should keep up with the news, formulate their own opinions, and challenge corrupted authority. If women do not exercise these rights and obligations to themselves and their loved ones, then elite forces on both sides dominate the women's movement.

The elite forces label dissenting women with negative and vicious names. They then silence the dissenting women with fear by using the names and silencing them of opportunities to express themselves and help solve a problem from a different perspective.

So if female traditionalist Independents want to play in the game, they must possess the courage to publicly express their opinions. They must stand up to the elite forces, and actively participate in the women's movement and society in general. A female Bill O'Reilly would be a great place to start. Am I right?

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

Pulling the “Weed” Out On the Pot Bust

I just have an opinion to state about the girl that was snitched on for selling weed. I want you to print this article because I feel as though people should be aware of this. I recently heard about the girl who got snitched on and I hope whoever told gets the worst beat down of their life.

Where I’m from snitches get dealt with. Then again, there are no snitches where I live.

Yes, it’s wrong to sell an illegal substance but guess what? MSU students were buying it from her. Trust and believe me, if she wasn’t making a pretty penny off her product, she would’ve stopped selling. The bad thing about it is that MSU is making her seem like some kind of criminal.

First of all, weed shouldn’t be considered a “Controlled Dangerous Substance” (CDS) because one, it’s a scientific fact that weed has never killed anyone, so trash the “dangerous” part. They took away her stash and now they are trying to take away her education. Desperate times calls for desperate measures. Maybe she was selling because MSU wasn’t giving her enough financial aid.

If they weren’t so stingy with their money or job opportunities, one wouldn’t have to start a business of their own. But we wouldn’t want MSU’s reputation to get distorted, now would we?

In all, I don’t know the girl, but I think it’s unfair to be snitched on. They probably did it because she wouldn’t give them a bag for free. So, I say FREE CORDEIRO!! It’s not her fault MSU doesn’t like giving out money.

Kushionah Culver
English major

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The Sports Guy

If You Have an Issue, Get a Tissue

Hey there sports fans, happy New Year from The Sports Guy. How much has happened since The Sports Guy last graced you with his print. Pete Rose has admitted to gambling. Kobe's injured, the Red Sox and the rest of A's are trying to knock off the Yanks, and we've had two 14-year-old entering the professional sports world with golfing prodigy Michelle Wie and soccer phenom Freddy Adu, who was picked first overall by the MLS just a few days ago. Needless to say, it's been a wild four weeks since you've last heard The Sports Guy's pearls of wisdom.

Before The Sports Guy begins to tell his little sportlings about how the Red Hawks are doing. The Sports Guy has a little story to let all athletes, coaches, teachers, and anyone involved in the success or lack thereof for Red Hawks. The Sports Guy is watching you. Every shot, every miss, every bounce, every pin, every swing, he will be there looking over your shoulder, so to speak. The Sports Guy pulls no punches, and never bites his tongue. If you suck, he will say that you suck, and if you don't, he will say that you don't.

If you were the recent victim of a losing streak like our men's basketball team, The Sports Guy is going to remind you about it. But if you are 12-3 like our women's basketball squad, The Sports Guy will give praise, as praise is due. The lovely lady b-ballers started off the season 9-0 and have the best record in the NJAC. The Sports Guy would like to give kudos to Coach MaLaughlin, and "Downtown" Barone may be the best backcourt in the entire conference. Bottom line, top to bottom, these girls play hard, and they play smart, and get the job done with a different star everyday. Throw in sophomore forward Ebony Allen, and team captains Dillard and Kristen Potenzone, and a coach who can get her players fired up for a big game. In Coach Hoff- man, and The Sports Guy says we may have the making of a championship team looming at MSU.

The Sports Guy knows that he got caught than he did in the first place. I think he uses the book and the interviews as a way of gaining sympathy for actually doing it in the first place. He seems more sorry for actually doing it in the first place. Not that winning is the only way to get into the Hall of Fame. Rose's undeniable fan support is definitely a strong voice that must be heard by baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

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The Sports Guy wants to give a quick shout out to Steve Strenkier and the Red Hawk wrestlers who showed what they were made of after being down 18-0 against Wagner, winning the next matches straight and forcing a tie. They are currently 2-5 in dual matches this season, good job wrestlers. The Sports Guy can only hope that these other teams lagging behind can follow your fine example.

The Sports Guy is going to call it when he sees it, and tell it how it is, no half stepping. If The Sports Guy has offended anyone in any way, it's probably because you are losing, so don't be mad at him, be mad at yourself. The Sports Guy will report to his little sportlings, the good, the bad and the ugly, because he'd rather be infamous, than unknown. So to the athletes and coaches, if you can't run with the big dogs, just stay on the porch. Till next time, this is The Sports Guy.

Basketball

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Sports Trivia

Drama Sports

Pete Rose: Hall of Fame, or Hall of Shame?

By Jose Ortiz Sports Editor

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My biggest problem with that is his lack of apology, or remorse for what he did to the game, and the game's credibility. He seems more sorry that he got caught than for actually doing it in the first place.

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**Standings Through 1/22/04**

### Men's Basketball

**Blue Division**
- NJCU: 5-0 14-3
- William Paterson: 4-3 12-5
- TCNJ: 1-4 9-6
- MSU: 1-4 8-6
- Rutgers-Camden: 0-5 2-13

**Gold Division**
- Rowan: 5-0 12-3
- Richard Stockton: 4-2 10-6
- Kean: 3-2 14-2
- Ramapo: 2-3 12-4
- Rutgers-Newark: 2-3 9-6

### Women's Basketball

**Blue Division**
- TCNJ: 5-0 8-6
- William Paterson: 4-2 9-7
- MSU: 3-2 12-3
- Rutgers-Camden: 2-3 7-9
- NJCU: 0-5 3-9

**Gold Division**
- Rowan: 5-0 13-3
- Richard Stockton: 5-1 8-8
- Kean: 2-3 12-5
- Ramapo: 1-4 9-7
- Rutgers-Newark: 0-6 1-14

**This Week's Action**

### Men's Basketball

- **Saturday 1/24**
  - Home vs. Richard Stockton @4pm
- **Wednesday 1/28**
  - Home vs. Rutgers Camden @6pm

### Women's Basketball

- **Saturday 1/24**
  - Home vs. Richard Stockton @2pm
- **Wednesday 1/28**
  - Home vs. Rutgers Camden @6pm

### Results

- **Women's Basketball**
  - 1/17 - MSU 60, Rowan 69
  - 1/19 - MSU 88, Lehman 32
  - 1/21 - MSU 63, William Paterson 55

- **Men's Basketball**
  - 1/17 - MSU 62, Rowan 56
  - 1/17 - MSU 57, William Paterson 48

**PIC OF THE WEEK**

President Susan Cole (right) and Vice President of Student Development and Academic Affairs, Karen Pennington (left) attending Wednesday night's basketball games, cheering on the Red Hawks.

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**Honor Mention**

- **Kristen Potenzone**
  - Junior
  - Hometown: Totowa, NJ
  - Kristen had 16 points in a win against number one William Paterson.

- **Amanda Mullaney**
  - Sophomore
  - Hometown: Brooklyn, NJ
  - Amanda had eight points and 10 boards in a win over William Paterson.

- **Lamont Newell**
  - Junior
  - Hometown: Lodi, NJ
  - Lamont was eight of ten from the free throw line, with 12 points, seven rebounds, and four assists.
Lady Red Hawks Ballin’ Out of Control

By Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

MSU Women’s Basketball Team Improves to 12-3 Knocking Off the Pioneers

MSU Defense Seals a Win

By Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

MSU 57
William Paterson 48

With just under 15 minutes remaining in regulation, Red Hawk center Michael Davis made a defensive play that embodied the theme of Wednesday night’s game against the Pioneers. William Paterson’s guard Dennis Harper weaved in an out of MSU’s perimeter defense only to have shot tossed out of bounds by the 6’6 junior. Harper tested the big man again, and once more had his shot rejected. Another blocked shot by Gian Paul Gonasales, and the Red Hawks had stopped three consecutive tries by the team in black.

Those string of plays came in the midst of a ten minute defensive stand in the final half by MSU in which they did not allow a single field goal. After the game MSU assistant coach Ed Ward said “the defense was outstanding tonight.” He then added “when we hold a team under 60 points we are 5-0 this season.” The Pioneers only made seven of their 30 shots attempted during the second half, and shot just over 32 percent for the game.

Defense wins championships. MSU’s men’s basketball team may have been looking at a fifth straight loss. Putting up a season low 57 points, were it not for the defense and their exceptional 21-29 free throw shooting. MSU’s men’s basketball team may have been looking at a fifth straight loss.

The team was without leading scorer, and rebounder Duquan Everett, and most certainly missed his inside presence on Wednesday along with his NJAC scoring 23.4 points per game average this season. Point guard Lamont Newell was 8-10 from the foul line, and had 12 points for the game. Both Davis led the charge with 16 points, seven rebounds, two blocked shots, and just one turnover for the game. MSU as a team only gave up 11 turnovers as opposed to 15 by the Pioneers.

The stands were packed.