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Residents in Fenwick Fined For Vandalism

Shauna Foster
Assistant News Editor

Vandalism has become a major issue for residence halls within The Village lately, as Fenwick Hall residents have been charged for items that were stolen, tampered with, and broken.

According to Chris Kurzich, Director of The Village, Fenwick Hall damages included stolen exit signs and several people yanking front and back doors.

The doors, however, were fixed Tuesday. Moreover, most of the vacant apartment signs in Basse Hall have been replaced. "Somebody out there knows who's doing this," said Terri Giardino, Director of Facilities and Services.

Giardino, however, believes that a much greater concern than the signs and money is the safety of MSU students. "We're not really interested in billing residents," she said. "Every nickel towards signs takes away a nickel towards programs."

As of this February, the current cost for sign replacement throughout all buildings was approximately $5,000, which represents signage predominantly in Basse and Fenwick Hall.

Each sign cost approximately $30. For each exit sign, there is a $1,000 fine.

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The Police Report:

Thefts and Vandalism

Attack Campus

4/12/04 - A male MSU student responded to Police Headquarters to report a large pothole by the Yogi Berra Stadium.

4/12/04 - The MSU EMS unit responded to Russ Hall on a report of a female who was having stomach pains and had been vomiting. The victim was transported to Mountainside Hospital.

4/12/04 - A male MSU student reported the theft of his vehicle while parked in Lot 29. The case is under investigation.

4/11/04 - A female Blanton Hall resident was having difficulty walking. The victim was transported to Mountainside Hospital.

4/11/04 - A female Blanton Hall resident reported the theft of money from her residence. The money was returned to the victim. Charges are pending on this matter.

4/10/04 - Lian R. Maloney, 26, Rutherford, N.J., was charged with under-age consumption of alcohol, and was released on his own recognizance. He is awaiting a future date in the Little Falls Municipal Court.

4/9/04 - A male MSU student responded to Police Headquarters to report that his vehicle had been vandalized since his side mirror knocked off while parked in Lot 27.

4/9/04 - Officers responded to Blanton Hall on a report of criminal mischief. Unknown individuals were seen throwing a part of an exit sign over the balcony on the 5th floor.

4/9/04 - Officers responded to Fenwick Hall on a report of possible use of a controlled dangerous substance. The incident was investigated and yielded negative results. No charges were filed.

4/8/04 - The theft of an MSU parking decal was reported to the University Police.

4/8/04 - The Montclair Fire Department responded to the rear right side of College Hall on a report of a mulch fire.

4/7/04 - A male MSU student reported the theft of his motorcycle while parked in Lot 29. The case is under investigation.

4/7/04 - The MSU EMS unit responded to Freemans Hall on a report of a female whose speech was slurred and was having difficulty walking. The victim was transported to Mountainside Hospital.

4/3/04 - An MSU shuttle bus accidentally snagged a telephone wire located in Lot 28 while making a u-turn after dropping off students. The U.S. communications company was notified to respond to the scene.

4/2/04 - The MSU EMS unit responded to the Panzar Gym on a report of a male having a seizure. The victim was transported within 15 minutes to UMDNJ Hospital.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at 1-973-655-4477. All calls are strictly confidential.

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International News

MADRID, SPAIN — Spain’s interior minister says the central nucleus of the terrorist cell that car­ried out the Madrid train bomb­ings has been neutralized. But Angeles Arbeles said Wednesday the investigation was continu­ing in seven countries—Britain, Germany, Belgium, France, Bulgaria, Tunisia and Morocco. And he acknowledged there may have been other cells operating in Spain who are planning terror attacks. Arbeles said all the 200 kilo­grams of explosives, stolen from a mining complex in northern Spain and used by the bombers, had now been either exploded or recovered. A Jewish cemetery and cultural center on the out­skirts of Madrid were targets for suspected Islamic terrorists bombings last month.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM — The U.S. government revived the threat of hefty fines and the loss of landing rights for airlines flying across the Atlantic if the U.S. president or his designee sacks them from supplying data on pas­sengers as required under a U.S. security law. Senior lawmakers on behalf of the E.U. said it was clear that the E.U. was not suffering from exposure to the cold. The snake will join a menagerie of creatures in Rosenzweig’s Winchester opera­tion, a rescue and education pro­gram conducted by Snakes and Scuds said. Bell’s right-hand official suspects the python was a discarded pet.

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minor in film and journalism, was elected as Managing Editor. Beginning her work at The Montclarion in 2002, Sajorda was this year’s Chief Copy Editor.

“I’m very excited to work with our newly elected staff,” Sajorda said.

“Everyone has got a lot of heart and talent, and I believe we have what it takes to continue to make this newspaper a success.”

Previously, Sajorda served as Assistant Copy Editor, also writing for the News, Feature, and Arts and Entertainment sections of the newspaper. She is also a sister of the national sorority Phi Sigma Sigma.

Sajorda said her role as Managing Editor will include working with the Dean of Students and feedback on several student-related topics. She will meet with other administrators three to four times a year in order to provide suggestions and the needs and availability of the board members. MSU will maintain a Family Advisory Board list in order to consult with board members on a daily basis.

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Advisory Board and an Orientation Board.

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Signature: ____________________________

*I have read and understand the above eligibility rules.
The evening consisted of everything from African drum performances to displays of African traditional wear. The DJ rocked the latest African beats, after which, participants danced to the newest Sean Paul numbers. The NASO Dance Troupes performed two dances - one being a fusion of the latest reggae and hip hop dances and the other being a traditional African dance. Both routines were well knit within each other so as to prove that today's knockout dance moves borrow a great deal from the

Essential Remedies You Should Know

Advice and First Aid to Keep You Healthy Through Changing Seasons

James Carpentier
Staff Writer

Hopefully, Montclair State University students, faculty and staff escaped this past winter with no weather-related injuries (i.e. slipping on ice, frostbite) or seasonal illnesses such as colds and the flu. While each season in our area provides its own natural beauty, there are also associated dangers.

During the winter we dealt with ice, snow, wind, cold temperatures and various viruses. As we now look forward to the upcoming summer months filled with swimming, barbeques, picnics, sports and other outdoor activities can also be spoiled by pesky insects (flies, ants, gnats, mosquitoes, bees, wasps, etc.), and the risk of sunburn, heat-related illness, hazardous lightning storms, or poison ivy, for example.

Thankfully, there are remedies and preventive measures for some of these season-related conditions. If you do fall prey to sunburn, poison ivy, or can't stop scratching that mosquito bite, for instance, check below for the appropriate remedy:

• **Sunburn:** According to the book *1,801 Home Remedies* (2004, The Reader's Digest Association), for immediate relief of painful sunburn, soak the sunburned areas in cool water (but not ice water) or with cold compresses for 15 minutes. The book also mentions rubbing sunburned areas gently with sliced cucumber or potato to reduce swelling or applying vinegar that can also ease sunburn pain, itching and inflammation.

To prevent sunburn, apply various sunscreens, wear a hat, don't sit or lie down for long periods in the sun, especially in the middle of the day when the sun's rays are strongest and most harmful. Remember that exposing the skin to sunlight in moderation is beneficial – providing vitamin D, for example, as well as elevating one's mood. Basking in prolonged sunlight, however, can prematurely age the skin and in worse scenarios, lead to skin cancer.

• **Heat-Related Illness:** Nausea, dizziness, lethargy, and worse: heat stroke - are consequences of spending excessive time in an overheated environment, particularly during hot and humid conditions outdoors.

If you plan to exercise, play sports, or do any other physical activities outdoors on hot days, it is wise to schedule such ventures either in the early morning or later at night when it is cooler. Otherwise, it is best to exercise or hold sports practices indoors, preferably in a cool area.

And, of utmost importance, stay hydrated by drinking plenty of cool liquids (i.e. water, sports drinks) during hot weather. If you do experience heat-related symptoms mentioned earlier (lethargy, dizziness, nausea), have someone or yourself immediately contact a medical professional. And head to a shaded area or preferably go indoors, drink water, and have someone place cool, damp towels on you.

• **Allergies:** Allergies to pollen are common during the spring while ragweed sufferers are prevalent during the late summer. To prevent allergic reactions such as sneezing, itchy eyes and a runny nose, medical professionals advise closing windows during the day and using an air conditioner especially when the pollen count is high and not staying outdoors for prolonged periods.

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Salvaging Your Breathing Space

Letting Him Understand Your Desire to Be With Him While Keeping Your Freedom

Dear G.M.,

I haven’t been in a monogamous dating relation in a while, and I’ve recently become involved with someone pretty seriously. He’s a great guy, but he’s kind of clingy and wants me to cut down on going to bars and clubs and doing the things I’m used to. This kind of makes me angry. Do I have the right to feel this way, or have I just been out of the serious relationship loop for too long?

— M.F.

It’s kind of hard to change your ways once you’re set into a routine and are comfortable doing things the way you like, but it’s important to realize that you are now dealing with someone’s feeling besides your own. While it’s reasonable to still want to go out and have a good time with your friends, it’s very unreasonable to think that your boyfriend will be comfortable with you getting hammered and letting other drunk guys dance on top of you. That would make even the most secure person a bit uncomfortable.

Many people associate bars and clubs with the idea that they are only places that you go to when you want to meet someone or hook up with someone. It’s hard to understand that a bar can be a place where you go with your friends to have a few drinks and chat together. You have to find some way to make it clear to your boyfriend that you go to these places to just chill out with a group of your pals.

Maybe you might want to invite him out with you one night to show him how you do conduct yourself appropriately in a setting like this. It might work to put his fears at ease.

Quite honestly, any public place is grounds for meeting someone, so your boyfriend does have to learn how to get over his insecurities and trust you a little more, but it’s also very important that you understand the implications of monogamy.

You are committed now, so you have to think about him as well as yourself when making decisions. If you feel it’s too much of a sacrifice to change your lifestyle, then maybe you should think about whether or not this is the right choice for you.

Dear G.M.,

I feel that my boyfriend has an alcohol abuse problem. I wouldn’t say that he is an alcoholic, but when he does drink, I feel that he takes it to a level he shouldn’t.

When he’s binging he becomes a completely different person, and sometimes forgets what he does. When he’s not drinking, he’s a great guy. What should I do?

— E.H.

Alcohol abuse is a prevalent problem across almost all college campuses. Many people don’t know when to stop and take it way too far. This isn’t a problem that should be taken lightly since it is completely probable that the roots of alcoholism can start at this point in a person’s life. Perhaps you may want to set up an intervention with your boyfriend.

If you feel nervous about confronting him by yourself, ask one of his friends to come with you. Tell him that you are really concerned about his drinking habits and tell him how the way he acts when he’s drunk adversely affects your relationship.

Ask him to be empathetic and to think about how he would feel if the tables were turned. What would he feel like if you called him up one night completely obliterated and screamed at him and then acted like nothing happened the next day? If he becomes hostile or annoyed with you for this, then you may have to realize that his problem is bigger than you thought. At this point, you may want to get a counselor involved.

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Relationships 101

Sex, Drugs, Rock, and Relationships

Dr. Mark Goulston
KFT Campus

Dear Dr. Mark,

My boyfriend is a lot of fun, but he gets hooked on things from alcohol to pot to sex. It kind of worries me. We’ve been together for a couple years and I don’t feel that we have a future. He’s a great guy. What should I do?

— A.B.

From the little you’ve told me, I don’t feel in a position to tell you what to do. For that you should check with good friends and family members who really do want what’s best for you and can be objective.

You are reminding me of someone I saw for a number of years who was married to a man who smoked pot and took excess amounts of Xanax. Problem was that he was great as long as he was using the stuff and he became awful with life when he went off.

This woman told me that she would never become involved with someone who was hooked on anything and that before she would put time and energy into another relationship, she would need to see the guy clear of his addictions and then make up her mind. What she wisely told me is that as you get older you have more and more responsibilities and that a person is more likely to lean into his or her addictions (hers was to Xanax) and lose into their spouse. It is then that spiral goes deeper and deeper that you lose control of it.

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Seeds of Greatness

How to Keep Your Past in the Past

Rob Gilbert, Ph.D.
Department of HPERLS

"Your greatest weakness is that you don't realize your true strength!"

QUESTION #1: Suppose I give you an apple and a knife. Can you cut up the apple and count the number of seeds in the apple?

"Anyone can count the seeds in an apple. No one can count the seeds in the seed."

This article is not about fruit—it's about your potential. Anyone can tell you the number of seeds in an apple. They can tell you things like, "You'll never make it," "You can interfere with the process."

And, of course, don't become a seed counter yourself. The most common seed-counting mistake is to confuse your past with your future—for example, "Well, I didn't do well on the SATs so I won't do well on the GREs."

Don't limit yourself like that. Your past is NOT your future. What would happen if you drove your car by looking only in the rearview mirror? Looking only at what you have been cruising accidents.

YOUR PAST IS NOT YOUR POTENTIAL

REPEAT: YOUR PAST IS NOT YOUR POTENTIAL.

But—your focus is your future. Don't focus on your past—focus on your potential. When you change from focusing on counting seeds to focusing on counting apples—your perspective will change from limited to limitless. Once you do that, here's a guarantee:

"Your future will be as bright as you'll need sunglasses!"

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The Beer Facts
The Real Deal About Campus Booze

Lindsay Whiting
GA - Wellness Education

Montclair State University students have zero to four drinks when they party." Says who? Word around campus (and on posters, travel mugs, water bottles, highlighters, ice scrapers, newsletters, etc.) is that the vast majority of college students on this campus drink four or fewer drinks when they do choose to party. For those of you who believe that this statistic seems like a gross underestimate, you are not alone. A common exaggeration is that the typical college student routinely engages in heavy bouts of binge drinking.

When asked to estimate how much college students actually drink, most people overlook the real numbers. Perhaps the overestimates are based on media portrayals of college life. Perhaps they are rooted in personal experience—some people may have surrounded themselves with the minority of students who choose to engage in unhealthy binge drinking. Perhaps the minority of college students who do not fit into the "zero to four" range stand out because in social situations people tend to talk about extreme cases.

Regardless of the reasons that misperceptions exist, the accuracy of the perceptions of college drinking has now been challenged. Truth is that college students do not have to drink to excess, or at all, to fit in. Most college students do not drink heavily. This is a statistical fact. In spring 2003, a computer-generated list was utilized to survey a random selection of MSU students. Every student at MSU had an equal chance of being selected to participate in the study, thereby reducing any bias in the selection process.

The survey yielded data regarding substance use at MSU, which were then analyzed by professionals. Results of a national survey conducted in 2002 suggested that most college students have zero to five drinks when they party, which is slightly lower than the national average. So what does this mean anyway? Heavy drinking may be a serious problem on college campuses, but it is not the norm. It's time to adjust those misperceptions and acknowledge the facts. Most college students do not drink heavily.

Most do not engage in high-risk behaviors. Most drink in moderation, when they drink at all. So if you think you have to drink heavily to fit in, think again!

The evening was sponsored and presented by the Native African Student Organization (NASO) and took place from 7 p.m.-12 a.m. NASO, founded in 2001 by Kevon Amin, graduate student at MSU, has been hosting the African Night every semester for the past three years. Once every semester, the organization puts together this event dedicated to the latest African fashions, music, dance, food and culture. This marked the Sixth African Night sponsored by NASO. Contributors to the show were the ISO, OSAC, HSA and Swing Phi Swing.

For the past three years, NASO has been educating, preserving, and influencing the university community about the African culture and community through educational and cultural activities. It has succeeded in bridging the gap between the cultural differences on campus community by establishing social and cultural exchange.
80's RE-LOAD
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There will be free health screenings including vision, blood pressure, carbon monoxide and others. A variety of vendors will display health related items including the Eastern School of Acupuncture and the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network.
**Newlyweds Take on Variety Hour**

**Make Room Sonny and Cher, Nick and Jessica Have Entered the Timeslot**

Nick and Jessica Variety Hour

Sharon, Janny Simpson and Nick Lachey

Cheryl Sajdor
Chief Copy Editor

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he happily-ever-after couple and stars of the hit MTV reality show, *The Newlyweds*, took local broadcast by storm when they debuted on ABC last Easter Sunday with the Nick and Jessica Variety Hour. Sluring former boy band member Nick Lachey of 88 Degrees and pop singer Jessica Simpson of the musical bubblegum-blond era, the hour-long special showcased a total millennium makeover of the infamous Sonny and Cher Show.

Among the highlights of the musically endowed show included a stellar duet with Simpson and special guest jewel, singing "Who Will Save Your Soul," as well as a deftly executed karaoke performance of the gruffly Mr. T, Basketball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench, the colorful Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, and a swinging performance of Lachey and Babyface singing Steve Wonders’ "For Once in My Life." The duets and musical chords throughout the show were top-notch.

But even if you're not an admitted fan of the dashing duo, it's hard to deny Simpson, in true diva-esque form, can belt a tune like nobody's business, and without unnecessary added trills and flurries (read: slap-your-chaps-show NightRider). As Simpson ends a long-time-dream duet with Jewel, Lachey begins the next scene by introducing Kit as the one idol he had often longed to perform with. While it may have been somewhat entrancing to revise the sleek talking car, it was cheerier still to turn him into a singing motor with a tacky soft heart to match.

For me, the biggest drop in the show, however, came at the end. Lachey and Simpson ended the hour with a clichéd version of the Sonny and Cher song "I Got You Babe." Granted, this special could be considered a remake of the '70s show, but to blatantly admit to it felt highly uncalled for.

But, what might not have ended so rightly, still played decently throughout. Other skits in Variety Hour proved a more whimsical ride to Simpson and Lachey, even throwing in a delicious eye-candy moment with a shirtless Lachey. The acting and comedic timings of the couple were surprisingly tight.

For the girl whose most famous remark involves a can of tuna (or is it chicken?) and her ever-patient husband, The Nick and Jessica Variety Hour notes that perhaps the marked couple is well apt in extending their once-beloved 15 minutes of fame.

The critics may not have been top-notch fans, but no one can deny the 11.5 million viewers Variety Hour hooked in, pulling a rare number one slot for ABC Sunday night. For those of you who are sick to your stomach with sheer blonde ditzyness, there has been no word as of yet on whether or not Nick and Jessica will return for a weekly round of Variety fun.

At the least, ABC plans to return the show to air during Christmas time, however the network has promised a potential quarterly airing, should the show do well—which it did—in its debut.

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**Leland Tests the True Meaning of Happiness**

The United States of Leland

Ryan Gosling, of Murder by Numbers, as Leland P. Ferguson, a boy who just might think things over more if he were as smart as most others do.

Leland has an overwhelming ability to see everyone’s sadness. When he looks at people all he can see are the bad things. "The kid at the baseball game who won’t let play because he tells every joke." It’s this ability to see what others cannot, or will not, that gets Leland into trouble.

Leland is a boy who meets Becky Pallard, played by Jenna Malone, a girl with a few issues of her own, namely drug addiction. Becky is looking for someone to tell her that everything will be okay and Leland is all too aware that the possibility of everything being okay is slim to none.

But, regardless, he falls in love with her and is devastated when she dumps him for her dealer. This may be what leads Leland to the initial action of the film. The plot of the film starts with the death of a mentally handicapped boy singing Leland to jail. The boy also happens to be the brother of Becky.

This twist pulls Becky and her family into the story perfectly. Could it be possible that Leland has murdered Becky’s little brother in an attempt to get back at her for her deed? It’s a plausible story.

It seems to be the most obvious motive, but oddly no one seems to assume that, most people cannot fiction a reason for such a bizarre crime. In fact, Leland himself says more than once in the film, "I know what they want from me, they want a reason."

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It’s also hard to deny whose star power shines brighter through the hour, with Simpson appearing in nearly every scene, and splashes of Lachey here and there.

Lored between the musical and dance numbers were a variety of comedic skits, some, however, more effective than others. Take, for instance, a skit involving Lachey and the rhythmically-famous Kit from the 80's that one can only see as a clichéd throwback to the timeslot.

"I know what they want from me, they want a reason."

"I got you babe."

"For once in my life."

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Is it true that people really just spend their time trying to cover up the sadness they possess? Can it get to the point where the sadness is too loud to deny and pushes people to do something, which will inevitably only add to the heartbeat? This movie will have its audience questioning their own lives with its flawless performances, and hopefully pushing them to make a bigger effort to be happy.

Wake up and start to realize what is right in front of your eyes. After all, it is your life; don’t you deserve to be happy?
ENTERTAINER OF THE WEEK: JESSICA SIMPSON

Walking Tall Makes Short Steps

Walking Tall

Directed By

Sizzles

This year, for the beautiful

dance and beauty, Jessica Simpson

She has been absolutely

just can't get enough of her. With fans like

Overcrowded with over five

She was visiting because it was

She was tuned in. No matter what Jessica does, the world

Simple and beautiful, but we

Jessica began her reign in the

Singer and actress, she has been

Talented and beautiful, but we

Entertainer of the Week: Jessica Simpson

It's the crooked gambling that sets Chris

The Rock lays the smack down to his hit movie Walking Tall where he plays a rough and tumble cop protecting his hometown.

A couple of scenes are well-handled. It's interesting that Vaughn's bi-racial family is

The inevitable courtroom scene, swaying the jury with his memories of a town


The man is losing his way, but he still has

Walking Tall is a lean, mean, beat-

It's the crooked gambling that sets Chris

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Walking Tall: A redneck chic, it's just as violent, just as trashy

The Rundown (now out on DVD) last fall.

The Rock (Dwayne Johnson) has

And The Rock (Dwayne Johnson) has

And he can pick films that will reach

And the guy can be a movie star.

Walking Tall: It's the crooked gambling that sets Chris

The Rock is fast becoming a movie

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The Restaurant Returns

Rocco's Restaurant Faces New Problems With More Madness While Mama's Meatballs Leaves Fans Hungry For More

David Feinberg
KRT Campus

NBC The Restaurant ended its first season with a contrived sense of publicity. After five episodes of chaos and discord, rats and wretched reviews, monotony and mayhem, Rocco DiSpirito took the staff of his eatery to the beach and the managers, cooks, waiters and bartenders celebrated the successful launch of Rocco's on 22nd.

Tragically for Rocco, but fortunately for Restaurant executive producer Mark Burnett, the contrived good spirits characterized by that evening on the beach constituted a Phyrric victory.

When The Restaurant returned last week, for its second season, viewers will be relieved to discover that things aren't all sunshine, lollipops and Mama's meatballs at Rocco's. "I can't tell you whether things have been overdramatized," DiSpirito says of the events of the new season.

"I don't know what the truth is myself." As so often to occurs when Burnett (Survivor, The Apprentice) unleashes his crews on a location, drama gravitated towards the camera.

"I think there was Mark the Bartender, there were definitely times I wished the camera wasn't there," DiSpirito confesses. "I'll tell you frankly that it was not my choice to make my litigation public.

"That's money and that's not ultimate success," he says. "I haven't earned a single penny from this."

"I think there was Mamma, who was going to fall in love with somebody," recalls DiSpirito, thinking back to early story meetings. "There was Mamma, who was going to develop into more of a business partner... This was never mentioned."

"This" refers to Rocco's legal battles with business partner Jeffrey Chodorow and his China Grill Management.

Earlier this year, as cameras were rolling, Chodorow sued his celebrity chef, trying to gain control of Rocco's on 22nd, alleging that in its first seven months, the restaurant lost more than $600,000.

Among his most damning claims leveled is that Rocco's business cards cost $1.80 apiece (a charge Rocco strongly denies).

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"Rocco's is back again, but this time, does he have what it takes to succeed with his dream?

"Last week, Rocco countersued, suggesting that China Grill Management is in the process of destroying his dream.

"Among his most damning claims is the suggestion that China Grill has forced him to use frozen pasta instead of fresh. "

"Viewers won't see the end of this fracas and I were handling privately until the day the cameras showed up."

"Certainly the editors have chosen to make Chodorow into the villain for the show's first episodes, accompanying the financial's every entrance with ominous music.

"Chodorow is also responsible for the introduction of the terminally obnoxious Drew the Intern, a 20-year-old who claims to have 15 years experience in the restaurant business."

"For his part, Rocco appears to be a bumbling, but innocent, absentee chef, spending more time promoting his new book than working the kitchen."

"The show's star and creative consultant knows better than to take it personally at this point, particularly after the first season positioned his management style as the cause of most of the restaurant's problems."

"They had tons of thousands of hours of tape and with that tape, they crafted characters, he sighs. "What you saw on television isn't necessarily representative of who I am as a manager day in and day out.

"I think it's hard to get to know someone over six hours. Rocco's on 22nd appears to be packing in diners, though most of them are there to be part of The Scene."

"Even when Rocco is actually in the house, he has to balance the fact that he's the main attraction and people coming to the restaurant want to mingle with him and that he's the chef and people coming to the restaurant want to eat food he's prepared."

"While yielding no ground in the legal war, Rocco agrees with Chodorow's contention that the restaurant isn't a financial success yet, but protests that he has found something more important.

"I haven't earned a single penny from Rocco's since the day it opened," he says. "But that's money and that's not ultimately that important when you consider other things the family getting closer, the making new friends, being able to go out these and talk about what you do in so many forums in so many mediums."
How Soon Do We Forget - The Sept. 11 Blame Game
Who is Really Responsible for a Moment That Changed the Modern Day World

Last year, country singer Daryl Worley released the song “Have You Forgotten?” to remind the American people why we were going to war - to prevent another September 11 attack on our soil. If I had my way, I would play its music video daily to refresh our memories about the appropriate response to war and terrorism.

I would take this action in memory of my loved ones' friends and family who lost special individuals on September 11. Though I never met these extraordinary people, I want the American people to respect and honor their memories.

Unfortunately, NBC has been disregarding their memories since they have been capitalizing on their losses for their own corporate and political gain.

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Regina Sargett says, “The reason that the RAs have not been charged is that we do not believe that they had anything to do with the removal of the signs.” Well neither did the majority of residents who a select few who decided that vandalism was recreational. Also remember that in apartment-style living, there are no Desk Assistants checking in and out guests. These guests are not accounted for and may be the actual culprit.

The only ones that should pay are the actual people stealing and committing the acts of vandalism. If you blame the residents, then you have to blame the Resident Assistants. If you blame the Resident Assistants, then you have to blame their superiors in charge of safety protocol. It is a never-ending game of finger pointing. Not too long ago there were guards in The Village who were in charge of safety protocol. It is a never-ending game of finger pointing.

No ‘Exit’ From Village Fines

Billing every resident that lives on the fifth floor hall resembles being guilty by association, but in a new twisted way. For example, it’s like if you jumped into a car with someone carrying drugs or a gun. Even if you were not to blame, you would also be charged with the crime, even if you weren’t aware of the person’s possession. In the case of Fenwick Hall, students who may have even been in the building when the vandalism occurred are being charged without even being at the scene of the crime.

There are different ways of preventing instead of blaming. Conduct a time schedule of when the crimes are happening. At these times, have RAs in that area at that time. Doing this when the crimes started would have prevented some of the present vandalism. Offer a reward to anyone with information about the crimes. These are only suggestions. Regardless, innocent Fenwick residents are guilty until proven innocent. If the lesson of “the world is not fair” was the intention of Residence Life, then the goal of adult apartment style living has been achieved.

To end the rumors, speculation, and urban myths were some of the reasons that the September 11 victims’ families organized the 9/11 Commission.”

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Have you been affected by Parking Services’ excessive ticketing?

MOMOBABH ELANANI
Year: Senior
Major: CS/Math
"Yes I have. The tickets should be cheaper."

MICHAEL PENA
Year: Freshman
Major: Undeclared
"I had a hold cm my registration."

MORGAN BURKLOW
Year: Junior
Major: Business
"Parking here should be free for residents living on campus."

TOM HENNESSEY
Year: Junior
Major: Political Science
"I had to pay $1495 in fines to register."

MASON SHEPHERD
Year: Sophomore
Major: Psychology
"I believe the sole purpose of Parking Services is to horde money."

CHUCK C. GESUALDI
Year: Freshman
Major: Psychology/Philosophy
"There has to be more information given to new freshmen about overnight parking."

ERIC NYMAN
Year: Junior
Major: Philosophy
"I have been constantly ticketed on this campus for three years."

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Babysitter needed two or three week-days now and through summer for adorable 2-yr-old baby girl toddler. Mornings or Afternoons. Recent babysitting experience with young children preferred. Call 973-256-0882.

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Bill discovers that Johnson’s Baby Shampoo does, in fact, cause tears.

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**BY MIKE MAYDAK**

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**Crossword**

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**the Montclarion Wordfind**
Hungry for a traditional activity, Americans gather to observe the changing of the noseguard.

Jane Goodall in the wilds of Milwaukee.

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Aries

(March 20 - April 19)

If you want something, try being nice and maybe you'll get it. That baby cry attitude of yours is only making your enemies become your enemies. Remember, you can't always get what you want, but it helps if you aren't always rude.

Lucky Numbers: 14 - 10 - 23

Taurus

(April 20 - May 20)

Finally, you've found something you feel passionate about! Don't hesitate to let people know what the big fuss is all about. Those closest to you are glad to see that you've come upon something spectacular.

Lucky Numbers: 98 - 60 - 14

Gemini

(May 21 - June 20)

Control your debt. It's starting to get out of hand. You really don't need all the things you buy, so chill out. Stop and ask yourself if you really need that item you're purchasing and how much will you really benefit.

Lucky Numbers: 10 - 77 - 59

Cancer

(June 21 - July 22)

Procrastinating has gotten you into a lot of trouble. Don't sit around thinking others will do the job for you. It's up to you whether things get done and done right. Shake off all that laziness and wake up.

Lucky Numbers: 02 - 45 - 03

Leo

(July 23 - August 22)

You thought you were falling behind but it turns out that's not the case. Finally, you're beginning to get that rhythm of things and are really able to show off your potential. Keep at it and improve those skills.

Lucky Numbers: 50 - 94 - 17

Virgo

(August 23 - September 22)

The silent treatment isn't exactly working. If you want to express how upset you are then confront whoever upset you and get it over with. If you keep your lips sealed and act as if they're invisible it will only make them more annoying.

Lucky Numbers: 97 - 12 - 24

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

You're getting important decisions to make and little time to make them. People gather around you attempting to win you over with their case. Don't be so easily persuaded and remember to hear both sides.

Lucky Numbers: 30 - 11 - 48

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Problems are abundant but so are answers. Lately you've been giving up the fight before it even starts! Perhaps you may feel overwhelmed by such problems, but have you forgotten how good it feels to conquer them by finding a solution? Get back in the ring.

Lucky Numbers: 25 - 46 - 19

Sagittarius

( November 22 - December 21)

Spice up your love life and try doing something out of the norm. If you can't think of anything don't fret, surely your partner has a few things in mind that they might want to try out. Have fun!

Lucky Numbers: 69 - 23 - 81

Capricorn

(December 22 - January 19)

People are trying to put you down, but who are they to do so? Don't feel that you're obligated to put up with them and their baloney. You have better things to do with your time and obviously they don't.

Lucky Numbers: 12 - 34 - 56

Aquarius

(January 20 - February 18)

Someone you would least expect is saying something good about you. People are starting to take notice of you in a different light. This is great and all, but it makes you wonder why everyone does this. Could it be that maybe they have a thing for you?

Lucky Numbers: 69 - 01 - 35

Pisces

(February 19 - March 20)

You've been quite the good listener and such a comfortable shoulder to lean on. Your skills have not gone unnoticed and soon you will be receiving a handsome reward. In the meantime, keep doing what you do best...being yourself.

Lucky Numbers: 03 - 14 - 83
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Is it scientific to believe in the God of creation or is all life around us the result of evolution and natural selection?

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Hey there sportlings! The Sports Guy is back from his journey for oneness with the sport's gods. Marciano, Thorpe, Ruth, you know the names. The Sports Guy chi has been a bit out of whack and he needed to find himself amidst the rubble. But, it's been a wicked two weeks we've had here.

If you told The Sports Guy that the Red Hawk women's lacrosse team would only have one loss with five games left to play, he would have slapped you silly and made you say 1,000 Hail Mary's. But the numbers don't lie and the girls are on the way to their first winning season since 2001 and only their fourth since the program began in 1980.

The Sports Guy says that they aren't only winning they are demolishing everything and everyone in sight like a bunch of Tasmanian Devils. This, however, is certainly no cartoon.

Averaging almost 15 scores per game, these girls are beating their opponents by almost 13. The Sports Guy can't decide who's better, the defense or the offense. On the one hand you have Cathy Homiek who is leading the nation in total assists and assists per game. To top it off, their scoring offense is second in the country. They have 11 players with at least one goal and at least five with more than 10. The freshmen girls are scoring points like their shooting into a swimming pool. Brianna Gillin, Brocklebank, Ann Daily and Nicole LaRocca round out the "Freshmen Foursome" who have scored 95 of the team's 133 goals this year. To put it plainly, with Homiek dishing the passes, and three of their last four games, they have been outscored 52-39, and three of their last four games have been in conference opponents. No need to worry though, they are still playing 8-2 ball, despite their conference record, and have three g a m e s r e m a i n i n g before the conference tournament.

The Sports Guy is officially a softball fan. In the top five of almost every offensive category, it seems these girls are hitting balls like the pitchers spit on their mothers. They have three hitters batting over .400, and two players with a slugging percentage of over .500, and over .500 on base percentage. That's translated into a 16-6 season thus far, and has them at sixth place in the NJAC with a 5-5 conference record and four NJAC games remaining. With Crystal "The Muscle" Sweeney throwing the heat with the rest of the rotation, The Sports Guy says that these girls have another win streak in them yet, and will be in the NJAC tournament.

Well The Sports Guy says that he has indeed missed the sportlings. Almost as much as the Red Hawk baseball relievers are missing the strike zone. Their bullpen has given up 46 runs, and 72 hits in just over 55 innings of work. That's not a bullpen it's a cow's udder. Sportlings, The Sports Guy is not so sure about the Red Hawk baseball team. Yes they are in first place, and yes they have a 6-1 conference mark. But they also have only one good pitcher in Gogal, with the other ones giving up runs like they left the Pepto at home. Then they have a decent line up, but they haven't been hitting for power. So what we have here is a team that has trouble scoring, and has trouble stopping the other teams from scoring. This can't mean good things down the road. But the Red Hawks have a statement coming up against the best offensive team in the conference, TCNJ. A win against the Gothic Knights, will legitimize the Red Hawks in first place. The Red Hawks are at home, and the Red Hawks are 4-3 at Yogi Berra Stadium this season.

So much to say and so little time. The NCAA playoffs are right around the corner, and The Sports Guy sees that his favorite little sporting has some of her own predictions. The Sports Guy predicts Detroit over Minnesota. A very educated guess, The Sports Guy sees that the sportlings are learning. But the Sports Guy, just for the sake of competition will pick Memphis Grizzlies to face the Indiana Pacers in the finals.

Baseball season kicked off again, and The Sports Guy takes his hat off to Bonds. Barry Bonds. He passed his godfather Willie Mays with his 661st home run and is now 94 home runs behind "Hammerin'" Hank.

Bondshead of the week goes to all the Bonds haters. He has hit all these homers, accomplished all these feats, and has done things not even heard of in baseball. But all people can do is accuse him of using drugs. The Sports Guy is happy to be back and has learned so much from his time with the sport gods. He will continue to pass on his pearls of wisdom to all the little sportlings so that maybe one day, you can be The Sports Guy. Till next time, this is The Sports Guy.
Drama

Sports

Falling From Greatness

Joe Ortiz
Sports Editor

To think of athletes like Darryl Strawberry, Dwight Gooden and Len Bias, is to think of greatness unachieved. Athletes who looked to be Hall of Fame bound were suddenly given an extremely large dose of life.

Just three days after being picked second by the Boston Celtics, Bias, an All-American from Maryland University, died from a cocaine overdose. Looking as though he were carved from mythic stone, he stood 6’3”, at 210 pounds and supposedly had a better jump-shot than Michael Jordan. He was the rare combination of power, grace and athleticism, but none of those helped him on the morning of June 19, 1986.

Bias was just one of many athletes who bore those careers cut short by irresponsibility with narcotics. It’s an example of great athleticism losing out to human weakness. In the months that followed, the NCAA instituted a mandatory drug testing policy, the NBA and NFL followed suit.

The draft of 1986 was tainted by drug use. Four of the top seven picks, Bias, Chris Washburn, William Bedford, and Roy Tarpley – and seven of the first 14 players drafted were linked to drug use.

Although it may have been the most significant drug event of the last 20 years, more were soon to follow.

Dwight Gooden, also known as “Doc,” is the N.L.’s last triple-crown winner in 1985. As a player for the NY Mets, he stormed into the N.L.’s last triple-crown winner in 1985.

After rehabilitation and a shoulder injury in ‘89, followed by yet another in ‘91, his career began to decline. Gooden and two other teammates were charged with rape in 1991, but the charges were dropped.

Then at age 29, in 1994, he again tested positive for cocaine use, and was suspended for 60 days, holding an above 6.0 ERA, and a 3-4 record.

The final blow to his tragic career was when he again tested positive for cocaine during his 60-day suspension. “Doc” was suspended for the entire 1995 season.

The day after his second suspension, his wife, Monica, found him in his bedroom with a loaded gun to his head.

Another athlete who was honored as a hero but unknown with ambiguities of life was Darryl Strawberry. He, like Gooden, burst onto the scene and won Rookie of The Year Honors in 1983.

For the next eight seasons, he would be an all-star for the Mets. In 1986 his 27 homers and 97 RBI helped propel the Mets to their second World Series championship. But as the 80’s ended and the 90’s began, Strawberry’s career began to head south.

In 1990 he entered the Smither’s Center for alcohol rehabilitation. Then in 1994, the Dodgers announced that he had a drug abuse problem. He was also charged with tax evasion, and failure to make child support payments.

Strawberry battled colon cancer for sometime, he battled back and was given a second chance by the Yankees. He appeared to be fully recovered, helping the Yankees to a championship in ’96. He then violated the drug abuse policy, and was suspended.

He was once considered to be a sure Hall of Famer. Now all he will ever be remembered for is how he off the field problems kept him from being an on the field superstar. Drugs and alcohol ruined not only his baseball career, but his reputation as an upstanding citizen.

The list could go on forever. Lawrence Taylor, Dexter Manley, and Lous Lett are three other players to have drugs taint their careers. It seems that athletes have been trained only to handle the obstacles they face on the playing field, not in the game of life.

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3. Eduard Aliakseyenka (Wrestling): Eduard the "Russian Destruction" won his fourth straight All-American honors this year with an 18-1 record, including an undefeated dual match record at the 174-pound division.

2. Jen Carbonaro (Field Hockey): The pesky defender was named to the third All-American team this season. She scored 18 points this year, and was leader of one of the top defenses in the nation.

1. Megan Ulicny (Field Hockey): The "Fastest Woman on Turf" was named to the All-American first team, becoming the first Red Hawk to ever be named to the first squad. Ulicny led the team in scoring with 55 points.

SPORTS TRIVIA

**QUESTION**

The for# "Hat Trick" was derived from Cricket, it is the feat of a bowler who takes three wickets.

**ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION**

P.J. BACCARELLA
Senior
Hometown: Bayonne, NJ
P.J. had three hits including a homerun with two RBI in a 12-11 win over Ramapo.

ANN DAILY
Freshman
Hometown: Moorestown, NJ
Ann scored a hat-trick against Centenary.

JOHN DELLA PESCA
Sophomore
Hometown: Fair Lawn, NJ
John continued his dominant scoring against Susquehanna with three goals.

NICOLE LAROCCA
Freshman
Hometown: Shamong, NJ
Nicole scored three goals en route to another Red Hawk win.
Red Hawks Move to First Place

Their recent win over Ramapo has the Red Hawk baseball team sitting at the top of the NJAC (New Jersey Athletic Conference). The Red Hawks were 4-4 on March 18, and have gone 9-3 since then including a 6-1 conference record. Their recent win over Ramapo for the Red Hawks, the game is at home.

Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

A point of strength in this team is in batting average, slugging percentage, on base percentage, runs scored, RBI, doubles and opposing batting average. The team has scored over 100 more runs than MSU, and has over 90 more hits. The Red Hawks hope to get away with a win this Saturday over the fourth place Gothic Knights. The Gothic Knights are a mediocre team that is overachieving. In their first over any of the top three teams in the conference, luckily for the Red Hawks, the game is at home.

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If the Red Hawks win this game over the fourth place Gothic Knights, it would solidify their record and make them official contenders in the NJAC

The Red Hawk batters need to add a little more power to their swings if they hope to stay in first place. The Red Hawks are not ranked in the top five of any offensive category in the NJAC except for hits by pitch, and sacrifice bunts for which they have 34. As far as pitching, the only stat that they are ranked in the top five in is losses, with seven, and saves, also at seven. According to the numbers, this is a mediocre team that is over-achieving by scoring just enough to outscore their opponents. Their average margin of victory is at 3.8 runs per game, winning six of their 13 victories by two runs or less. The strength in this team is in defense, fundamentals, and a few choice stars. One star is Rob Blackburn batting .404, with a .671 slugging percentage leading his team in both departments. Another star is Ethan Boyd who is leading the team in total bases with 36, and tied for the lead in home runs with two.

The pitching woes and hitting problems will have to come to an end this Saturday when they take on the offensive powerhouse of TCNJ. The Gothic Knights are leading the conference in batting average, slugging percentage, on base percentage, runs scored, RBI, doubles and opposing batting average.

TCNJ has scored over 100 more runs than MSU, and has over 90 more hits. If the Red Hawks hope to get away with a win this Saturday, they will need the same type of defense they’ve been getting as well as a gem from Gogal. Red Hawk ace is a returning All-American from 2003. All he’s done for the 12-7 Red Hawks this year is go 3-1, with an ERA below 2.0. The Game thrower has struck out 40 batters.

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Crystal Sweeney (Softball): "The Machine" has been flat out unstoppable in her 16 starts this season. Sweeney has a .69 ERA, and has 29 strikeouts in under 90 innings. Her 9-4 record is the best on the team.

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