Village Entrance Remains Campus Safety Concern

Cherilyn M. Sajorda
Managing Editor

Over one year after The Village apartments first opened, the residence halls continue to experience security breaches with faulty entrance doors. An increase in vandalism and damages to the apartment buildings last spring prompted Residence Life to implement and research various security preventative including additional police patrols.

According to Christian Remiev, a senior early childhood education major, and The Village resident, the system should work by flushing the resident's proxy card in front of an electronic box connected to the door frame to unlock the door. According to students, there have been problems with the door frame system.

Remiev, an Alice Paul Hall resident, said, "The door is never locked; I've never had to use my proxy card to get into my apartment building."

"Here, in my second year living at The Village I have never had a problem getting into any of the buildings from either side, "Basie resident Brian Baker, a senior English major said.

According to Regina Sargent, Director of Residence Life, the security problems concerning The Village apartments have not necessarily been a result of the system, but rather from faulty door frames.

In a collaborative effort with University Police, the Physical Plant and the Department of Architectural and Engineering, Residence Life is working to fix the proximity card readers at each of The Village residence halls.

Sargent said that Residence Life is presently looking into the possibility of putting cameras on the first floor lobbies of The Village apartments, in addition to working with students to better inform them on preventative security measures.

"This is not just a Residence Life issue, but a campus issue," Sargent said. "We want to work on promoting with residents to know who's in their buildings."

Yet, not all residents have had a negative experience with the faulty security system at The Village.

"I don't really feel like I'm unsafe because the doors don't lock, but I think that some of the new policies are putting too much responsibility on the students to stop incidents from happening because the doors are unlocked," Paul resident Anna Einspahr, a senior criminal justice major said.

Earlier attempts to ensure safety and security of residents at The Village took place in September 2004 when MSU hired security guards to sit at the front desks of each of the four Village buildings to ensure each person entering was a resident of the building and authorized to enter. That same week guards were caught sleeping on duty and allowing entrance to individuals who did not live there.

Res Life May Use Hidden Cameras to Capture Hijinx

Heather Heil
Staff Writer

Ongoing damage in The Village at Little Falls apartments have Montclair State University officials investigating the installation of hidden cameras on the first floor of the four buildings. According to the Director of Residence Life, Regina Sargent, the cameras would serve two purposes.

First, it would allow for a heightened sense of security in an attempt to thwart vandals and thieves. Second, it would allow authorities to keep track of all those who enter and exit the building.

The idea of installing cameras in The Village has been on the table since near the opening of the facilities due to the extraordinary amount of damage estimated at $40,000 that resulted.

Some of the damages included the removal of signage, smashed exit signs, concrete bench seating, broken glass in windows, and a damaged bus stop.

Many hope the new Common Area Damage Policy for 2004-2005 will deter people from causing trouble by holding residents in the area of damage financially responsible if they cannot prove they were not the cause of the damage.

"If people observe the rules of conduct, we would not be having damage," said Theresa Giardino, the Assistant Director/Assistant of Facilities in the Office of Residence Life.

"People should observe [rules] in both the Code of Conduct and Resident Handbook," she said. University Police also hope these new policies will allow them to work with the residents to identify and hold those accountable for the damage.

This is not the first time the University has been faced with security problems. In January of 2003 a total of thirteen cars had equipment stolen from them while parked in lots across the campus.

The high rate of theft in the lots caused an increase in University Police patrolling the campus and eventually led to the installation of cameras in parking areas.

Feelings of cameras in The Village are mixed according to residents.

Laura Whitman, a senior student, said, "I think if they've concerned with vandalism or safety, the first thing they would fix would be the locks, but they haven't done that, and so they obviously aren't concerned."
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MGU Campus Calendar

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SAVFRDAY 25

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Women’s Soccer vs Kean, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Pitsker Field

SUNDAY 26

Male Image Week: Poetry & Prose, 8 p.m., SC 126 - Relax!

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Mold Signals Growth in Physical Plant Problems

Bristol Petty

An excessive amount of mold growth in Calcia Hall has caused some health concerns among administrators, leading to the discovery of other preventable health threats across the campus.

Faculty members working in the Art Department, located in Calcia Hall, have made numerous complaints about an excess of mold growth, according to the department head. The growth appears to have originated from a leak in the ceiling tiles. While the fungus is an obvious eyesore, it has become a health concern for others.

Led by allergic reactions to the growth, Dr. Dorothy Heard, Graduate Advisor of Art Education, and Brian Hessel, senior studies major, have been forced to install mold nappers in the rooms where Heard had requested, including her office and an art studio.

In recent weeks, facility problems across campus have increased the need for immediate attention from the Physical Plant Department. And while the Plant’s assistance has been in high demand, many members of the campus community feel neglected.

The Physical Plant, according to their department website, is responsible for
general housekeeping, utilities, vehicle and building repair, and groundskeeping.

“Leptospirosis, a bacterial disease, causes a wide range of symptoms including high fever, severe headache, chills, muscle aches and vomiting, according to the Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases Organization. Typhoid Fever is normally accompanied by high fever, stomach pains, headache, or loss of appetite. Although the symptoms of Typhoid Fever may disappear after a short while, a carrier is not free of the fever’s danger, the Organization states.

Just a few days later, in a first floor, female community bathroom, Liz Chomko, junior education major, discovered vomit on the floor inside a toilet stall. Chomko quickly alerted a member of the housekeeping staff responsible for the cleaning of all Stone Hall bathrooms. Chomko was shocked that the student did not find the problem to be of a serious nature.

“When I brought it to their attention, they didn’t act as if it were a big deal. If someone reports a mess of that nature, it should be cleaned up as soon as possible, she said.” According to Chomko, and other first floor residents, evidence of vomit can still be seen on the stall walls.

In addition to health concerns circling around hazardous materials, students in a Stone Hall first floor bathroom have been without hot water for more than a year. Jasmine Huln, the area’s Resident Assistant, stated that she has completed three work orders this semester, in addition to the 4-5 that were completed by last year’s Resident Assistant.

Stone Hall resident, Bristol Petty, is just one resident affected by the bathroom’s lack of hot water. “I think it’s ridiculous that students pay tuition for housing and we aren’t at least guaranteed a hot shower,” Petty said.

Overall, the timeliness of work request completion is an issue that most students feel needs attention from the Physical Plant Department. Art Professor, a sophomore theater studies major, has been waiting for Physical Plant to address a work order he placed on Sept. 4, 2004, after being locked inside his Stone Hall room.

When Physical Plant painted his door and the surrounding area, they applied too many coats of paint, leaving him to wait for assistance from outside.

“The Plant said that they would have someone come scrape the door down. I placed the work order on the second day of school and the issue still hasn’t been resolved.”
If, for any number of reasons, the order is not placed on time, the department has a difficult time ordering used materials, since universities across the country are attempting to do the same thing, Gapffy said.

In some cases, students trying to save a book will go to bookstores websites to buy or trade their textbooks. While this may seem more convenient Ammerman is concerned.

"By purchasing books online, students run a major risk in obtaining the wrong title, edition and text packages. Often times, instructors change the assigned title after students have ordered an online title," Ammerman said.

The Student Government Association has been discussing the possibility of a website that will enable students to buy and sell textbooks within the campus community, said Jacob Hudnut, SGA President.

"The forum has had a good response from the campus community," he said. 

According to Lieutenant McKenzie of University Police, residents can protect themselves from security incidents at The Village by treating the "Village and building they reside in as they would their own homes - report any suspicious person(s) or incidents, locking their apartment doors, and reporting hazardous conditions."

In an effort to keep up with the $40,000 in damages to The Village apartments, a Common Area Damage Policy was implemented, billing fines to residents living within a damaged area of their building.

The costly price of replacing The Village's proxy cards has left residents baffled due to their lack of use. Residents insist the proximity readers either are not in working condition or are unnecessary to gain entrance into the buildings.

"I can't believe how expensive it would be to replace the (proxey) card," Romilev said. "I've never even used it once, not even while I was living here over the summer."

This past week, University Police stationed police officers in each of the lobbies of Fenwick, Basie, and Paul Halls from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. in an effort to monitor the building until the doors have been repaired and secured.

According to Sargent, work orders have been placed and The Village building doors and proxy card systems are to have been fixed and in working condition by late this week. William Carlos Williams Hall's doors were reported in working condition.

According to University Police, this past summer an open entrance was cited at Basie Hall after the theft of several computers by a non-resident. The thief was eventually caught and then positively identified by a student who witnessed an attempted robbery.

"Also this summer, a getaway from the Montclair police made an unauthorized entry into The Village this summer when they ran into the building. The police ran a search with dogs but the men were not found."

Sargent adds, that residents living in The Village should take precautions and close the entrance doors behind them so as not to allow unauthorized individuals into the buildings.

In August of 2003, proximity-card readers were installed on the doors of Alice Paul, Count Basie, Millicent Fenwick, and Williams Carlos Williams Halls. Residents of the buildings were given a proxy card at the time of check-in.

The Village residents are subject to a $150 replacement fee should they misplace it.
Hawk Night Rocks Student Center

Students Get a Chance to Mingle Through Music, Games, Psychics and More

Senior Percy Enrique Chang worked the Student Center Ballrooms on Red Hawk Night as he sang karaoke.

Deirdre Maino
First-Year Peer Leader

Camille N. Naipaul
Staff Writer

Last Friday night MSU held a party of its own. As people approached the Student Center they could feel the rhythm of the sales drums blasting from one of the inside rooms of the cafeteria, where a few young ladies were busy instructing the guys and gals how to get every twist and twirl just right. The front of the floor led a passageway connecting to the other room, where groups of friends were choosing what they wanted airbrushed on their hats and bodies. Everyone was so excited about this notion that in two hours there were no pixie sticks left, but there was much more to eat and enjoy. In the main lobby stood a long table filled with goodies including MSU pens, lip-shaped whistles, mini paper fans, key chains and more. On another table was a slot machine for the casino fans. Some of the students were hungry and food was at hand: a cart provided yummy hot dogs and pretzels. Down the hall in the karaoke room many demonstrated their hidden talent. The dim lights gave way for slow jams and upbeat club songs.

"It was a good way for the students to show off their talent and really express themselves," said Percy Enrique Chang, a senior and broadcasting major who enjoyed the music and hosted the room.

Matt Yachin, a sophomore, screamed, "I'm shaking with excitement. I want to go back." Josh Weinstein, a junior, replied, "You totally went down; that was fun!"

A mat and attire was provided for whoever dared to enter the ring. On the other side, a pillow-fighting match was taking place.

According to Tremayne Reid, junior, member of Phi Beta Sigma, "I got a lot of frustration out.

The second floor definitely brought back childhood memories; every table was decorated with Dr. Seuss books and snack trays filled with a variety of potato chips. There were mats all over the carpet for body-twisting games such as Twister. On other tables, mini-boarding games were set up, including all-time favorites of Chess, Checkers, and checkers.

"It's a great way to get the students involved in activities," said Deirdre Maino, a first-year peer leader distributing the cotton candy. Anxiously waiting for the elevator, freshman Karina Montanez was still moving to the beat and said, "I love the music from the salsa room."

Fourth floor, Bohn Hall resident assistant Qwowa Armour waited patiently to award the lucky winner with their choice of a special logo shirt, while another helper repeated the numbers. Down the hall freshman Stacey Spadavecchia released a lot of aggression out on the bubble wrap that covered the room. Following the bubble wrap one went back into time, and became 6-years old again.

This room overflowed with Buzzkoo gum, Jelly Beans, Hershey's Kisses, Blowpops, Swedish Fish, and Laffy Taffys, and these were just some of the many candies. Even recruiter Fred Stolarski of the Admissions office transformed into a kid again as he hastily yelled, "This room is sweet!"

It did not end there; the arts and crafts room was very active. Fun crafts such as sand art, coloring, designing door hangings, and even painting your own plant pots allowed one's inner child to leap out and get artistic. Another student dipped her brush into her intense lavender paint, telling her friend, "These colors are nifty." Stringing some beads to complete his bracelet, sophomore Calvin Dorleian admitted, "This actually was a way for me to be creative."

In the Ballroom dim lights and talented singers discovered karaoke, hosted by Chang.

He stated, "This was a good turnout; it is a way for the students to express themselves, to have a good time and show off their talent." After singing and dancing the night away, students get a chance to relax with some specially-made umbrella drinks and a professional massage while many others were enjoying their cotton candy or purchasing beverages. Before the night was over, curious pupils awaited their psychic predictions.

Thanks to the numerous different sponsors including the Student Activities, MSU RecBoard, New Student Experience, Wellness Education, Residence Life, Student Life, Women's Center and A.S.S.I.S.T., the event turned out to be a great success. Of course, much of the applause goes towards the students who came to enjoy the festivities.

Brushing Off Remnants of The Past

Dr. Gilbert
Department of HIPPELS

You've made a lot of mistakes in your life, but there's one mistake that's so huge that it towers over all the others.

This mistake is…

You Underestimate Yourself

Just for starters, let's look at what you have going for you. You have the world's most powerful computer sitting right on top of your shoulders. You also have the world's greatest machine as a body. Most people underestimate themselves because they judge what they can do based on what they have done. There's a big difference between what you have done in the past and what you could do in the future.

Just because you haven't gotten your incredibly powerful mental computer up and running to its full capacity in the past doesn't mean you won't in the future. Just because you haven't gotten the world's greatest machine as finely tuned as possible in the past doesn't mean you won't in the future.

Your Past is Not Your Future

Imagine trying to drive your car forward by only looking in the rearview mirror. You've got trouble getting anywhere! Many people have trouble getting anywhere with their lives because they've constantly looking in their rearview mirrors.

Just because you weren't a superstar student in high school doesn't mean you won't be one in college. Just because you weren't an outstanding athlete/musician/artist/sports writer/etc. in high school, doesn't mean you won't be one in college.

Don't Let Your Past Determine Your Future

Let me tell you a story. Bruce Baumgartner grew up in Haledon, New Jersey, and attend-
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Student Center Ballroom A
Cafe’s Poems Deal with Real Issues

Disha Harjani
Feature Editor

Every year, the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) here at Montclair State University kicks off the semester with a fun-filled event. On Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, LASO inaugurated yet another semester with an event called Cafe con Leche, which literally means ‘coffee with milk.’

The event lived up to its name by offering coffee, drinks, and Spanish desserts such as empanadas, pasteles, pudin de pan, and pan de queso. The interesting twist was, the incorporation of a poetry jam amidst the delicious array of foods.

Amateur poets of all races, religions and backgrounds were invited to flaunt their eloquence through the type of poetry that suited them best. Host Veronica Cardenas, who is also the Chair of LASO and a junior English major, was the first to take center stage and welcome the diverse crowd.

Creonaille Ramirez, a junior in the communications department and an active member of LASO, spoke about her views about this cultural experience through the type of poetry that suited them best. Host Veronica Cardenas, who is also the Chair of LASO and a junior English major, was the first to take center stage and welcome the diverse crowd.

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And who was the first one to step up and exhibit his poetry skills? Who else, but the President of LASO himself, Orville Morales. A junior in the biology department, CA in the village, and member of the Brotherhood, Morales knows what it takes to hold a leadership position. However, tonight was not about being a leader. It was about blending words with rhythm and rhyme, and that is exactly what he did.

Morales read two of his poems titled “Ladies be Patient” and “Jaded,” the latter about his unborn son. The fragile subject was dealt with in a manner that seemed objective, yet heartfelt. “That was my motivation to write,” he said.

Following Morales was Tania Rodriguez, who spoke about a subject close to the hearts of a majority of students present in the room. It was on the issue of stereotyping. Her poem did not curtail any facts or beliefs that linger among students, but it did provide a sense of understanding, a sense of empathy through the type of poetry that suited them best. Host Veronica Cardenas, who is also the Chair of LASO and a junior English major, was the first to take center stage and welcome the diverse crowd.

Another communications major and junior Ana Garcia added, “This event is for anyone who is interested in poetry, doesn’t matter what kind of poetry. People of different nationalities are also welcome.”

Meanwhile, another communications major, and junior Linda Paulino, recited a self-composed poem titled “A m abelle Lee,” by Edgar Allen Poe. The poem explained the importance of mental attraction rather than physical. A line from one of the last verses explained the poem in a few words, “Give me a chance to address you, not undress you.”

Not only did diversity exist in his words, but also in his style of delivery. Martins comes from a freestyle poetry background. He does a great deal of freestyle jamming in New York City and decided to give us a little taste of it during Cafe con Leche.

Throughout the evening, performers kept a mostly contemporary feel to their poems. Nevertheless, all enjoyed the taste of good old classical poetry when Jessica Abrarad, a senior in the history major, recited a poem called, “Annabelle Lee,” by Edgar Allen Poe.

The grand ending to the evening was a poem written by Olga Garcia, senior in the international business and marketing departments, and Daniela Galvez, senior in the history department.

The poem took the fun of slam poetry and melded it with the seriousness of political issues. It talked about being held back in life, not having choices and not having a broad mind. It urged people to ‘escape’ superficiality, blindness and to communicate with each other, talk to each other...and most importantly, listen to each other.

The last line of the poem was, “But first, we must motivate to escape, listen, educate.” That, in theory, summed up the evening.

Members of LASO came together to mingle, dance, and have a good time. What they left with, however, was a sense of understanding for the arts, and the importance of community.

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The Healing Power of Water

James Carpenter
Staff Writer

It is an annual ritual of New York’s famed Coney Island each New Year’s Day: dozens of daring individuals, clad only in swimming suits, plunge into the icy Atlantic Ocean.

The winter bathers, members of the Polar Bear Club (founded in 1901), traditionally engage in an ancient form of hydrotherapy - the healing use of warm, hot, cool, and cold water. The arctic plunge is believed to fortify the immune system and deter typical seasonal ailments such as flu and colds. Europeans, particularly Scandinavians, undertake similar Polar Bear Club excursions in frigid lakes, ponds and ocean waters.

“Water therapy is as old as man himself,” wrote Dian Dincin Buchman, Ph.D., author of The Complete Book of Water Healing (Instant Improvement Inc., 1994). “Hippocrates used water as a beverage in reducing fever and treating many diseases. He also stressed the value of using various types of baths, each with a different temperature, as a therapeutic tool to combat illness.”

Today, as in centuries later, Montclair State University’s students, faculty and staff can take advantage of the healthful powers of hydrotherapy - and without resorting to icy dips in the Atlantic Ocean like members of the Polar Bear Club. A bath or shower provides similar therapeutic results - when cold, cool, warm or hot water is applied to the skin while drinking several glasses of water daily also promotes health.

Water in a solid state (ice) is also beneficial following injuries, especially in sports, where the ice pack is the athletic trainer’s standard first aid treatment to stop swelling and lessen pain from injuries. Health care professionals recommend ice applications or cold-water compresses immediately to treat general muscle soreness, strains and sprains and to enhance healing.

Warm and Cool Water Effects on Body

More than 20 years ago, Carl Lowe and James W. Neehaus wrote a book called Whole Body Healing (Hodder Press, 1983) and devoted a chapter to water therapy: "Taken internally," they said, "Water is not irritating and can also be used freely on the skin; its only limits are individual tolerances for certain extremes of temperature." They mentioned that a warm bath alleviates muscular fatigue, relaxes the body, and promotes sleep - particularly when the bath is taken before bedtime. They also noted an opposite energizing effect produced from a cold or cool shower or bath - stimulating a tired body. Lowe and Neehaus went on to describe how water can cure various ailments. A hot footbath (submerging the feet and ankles in water ranging from 100-115 degrees for a few minutes) can ease nasal and chest congestion from colds for example. Headaches are also eliminated following the hot footbath. According to the authors, "when prolonged, hot foot baths will induce sweating and may help prevent or abort a common cold." One of the oldest water therapies is a cool water sitz bath (55-75 degrees). Lowe and Neehaus mentioned that many pelvic and abdominal complaints, as well as constipation, are relieved by sitting in cool water a few minutes.

Health Benefits from Drinking Water

While it is commonly known that drinking plain cool water is advised before, during and after exercise or a sports activity to inhibit dehydration, consuming water has numerous other health benefits. Drinking water regularly throughout the day energizes the body, prevents constipation, nourishes the cells, skin and internal organs, and can ward off illness. According to F. Batmanghelidj, M.D., author of Your Body’s Many Cries for Water (Global Health Solutions Inc., 1997), some health problems are linked to insufficient water intake such as hypertension, asthma, allergy, rheumatoid joint pain, diabetes, and hypertension. Water in itself is not a panacea or substitute for medication prescribed by a physician. And for certain people such as the elderly, seriously ill, diabetics, infants and young children, it would be unwise to check with a health care professional before dipping their feet in hot or cold water or applying cold or hot water to their skin.

However, for otherwise healthy individuals who feel the onset of a cold or feel sluggish for instance, hydrotherapy may be just what the doctor ordered.

Peace and Music

Kristen Carlson
Staff Writer

These days, it’s not very difficult to lose hope in a world that seems full of terrorism and violence. But on Sept. 20, a group of people gathered together in the Cohen Lounge of Decker Hall to remind the world that peace is still a possibility.

We are right in the middle of Culture Peace Week, running from Sept. 18 until Sept. 26, and sponsored by Buddhists for Peace International. These people truly believe that we can create what is called “a Peace Mosaic,” an infinite number of pieces in which each of us plays a part.

The proclamation of “Living a Culture of Peace” itself was signed by Montclair State University’s president Susan Cole. The speakers that night included Dr. Richard Lynde, NJ Region Representative of the Soka-Gakkai International (an American-Buddhist organization aimed at promoting world peace and individual happiness), Greg Taylor, and SGI Representative to the United Nations, Hiro Sakurai.

“A culture of peace shows how we are all interconnected. We tend to underrate issues other than our own.”

Hiro Sakurai
SGI Representative to the United States

“Respect and love are the most viable ways to get things done,” said Dr. Lynde.

By simply paying attention to our surroundings and understanding the principle of humanity, we can achieve peace.

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In addition to the inspirational words of the speakers, music from around the world was presented to open our eyes to other cultures and to help us realize that we are all a part of one simple family, planet Earth.

The music of India was portrayed in the sitar and tabla drums, played by Adam Milsud and Mark Johnson. Yumi Kamino gave a moving interpretation of "I Believe In You and Me," and Yasuno Okuda and Harumi Baxer represented the music of Japan using the koto and flute.

The “Peace Mosaic” is meant to embrace many things, including a respect for diversity, the equality of men and women, the free flow of information, and the love of Earth.

Changing the world for the better sounds like an impossible task. However, finding people who have the same interests that you do in your corner of the world is certainly possible here at MSU. If you are optimistic enough, a society of peace can be made possible.
Dear G.M.,

My girlfriend and I have been going through some really difficult times. She was pregnant, and then she miscarried the baby three months ago. We've had a lot of ups and downs since then. She's had a really tough time, and I'm just trying to support her. You can relate to this situation, right? What do you think I should do?

-B.D.

The two of you have been through an amazing amount of stress over the past three months and made some really tough decisions. In coming to an agreement to keep the baby, you both stepped up to the plate and really took responsibility and are to be commended for that.

The decision to bring a child into the world is one of enormous measure, and you should both be proud of yourselves for coming to that kind of bold agreement together. That in itself shows some major strength in your relationship.

When you are so young, it is hard not to involve your family in the decision-making process. Some people choose to handle it on their own, but it is risky for you that you have a support system that you can turn to in really difficult times.

I would suggest that you turn to them again. If they were so willing to help you when you were deciding on keeping the baby, I am almost positive that they'll be there to support you again. Parents have this remarkable way of helping us through stuff that just seems too daunting. They are an amazing resource of wisdom and comfort. Don't be afraid to ask for their help.

In terms of how you should deal with this, it's a tricky situation. One part of you may actually feel relieved that you are not becoming a parent at this point in your life, but another side may be mourning the loss of the child that you had come to accept.

There is a mass of conflicting emotions swelling inside of you right now. Chances are that your girlfriend is feeling the same way, but she has the added stress of this all occurring in her body.

Be patient with her and really be her safe place. If she doesn't want to talk about it, just comfort her. But when she does, be there for her even if you don't have the answers. She'll probably need someone to listen, and I'm sure you're quite capable of that.

Knowing that the two of you have already made it through major stress, I have faith that the both of you can do it again. Be strong, but also let her know how you're feeling. It's okay to let her comfort you, too.

People have a way of taking a really long time to figure out what they've lost, and by the time that occurs, the other person has usually moved on.

In my honest opinion, you don't owe him anything. He was the one who decided that the whole commitment thing wasn't working for him a year ago, and you understood that and handled it like an adult.

Just because he's been recently enlightened doesn't mean that you have to fulfill it. If you've moved on with your life, keep moving on, but if there's something that is pulling you back toward him, then there are other options to consider.

If this invitation into his life is something that you've been offered, then here is your opportunity. A lot can change in the course of a year. Maybe he really has matured and may realize that he blew something that was amazing.

It definitely took some guts to reveal his feelings after a year, so I'll give him some credit for that. Yet, I would still be slightly wary.

Don't just give into him right away. He may pull back into his same pattern if you make it too easy for him. Make him work a little. After all, he did make you wait for a year.

I am here to answer your questions. If you have a dilemma like the one above, feel free to e-mail me at Montfeature@yahoo.com with the subject - Attention GM Gross. I look forward to hearing from you.
Dance Company Moves in Mysterious Ways

Aidan Parents: Sombre dium is most night.

The performance by a dance, particularly modern dance, was an experience for the audience at Memorial Auditorium last Saturday night. For those who are fans of dance, particularly modern dance, it was an evening to savor the freedom of expression. For the many who had never seen modern dance, the show was difficult to comprehend.

Modern dance developed in the early 1900's. The pioneers of modern dance were rebelling against the conventions of ballet and also against jazz. They wanted to create a dance that more personally reflected the emotions of the human condition.

At first glance, modern dance became even more experimental, both aesthetically and in thematic content; dancers performed without music, while choreographers did away with themes all together. "In Shape and Space" was the first of four pieces on Saturday night. The yearning wails of an electric guitar swelled above the dimly lit stage as six scantily clad dancers walked on one large wooden floor. Also on stage were a pyramid and cylinder, both of which the company played on as if they were jungle gyms.

"Travis Love, a senior bachelor of fine arts major with a minor in dance, took the first solo. Love made a silhouette of himself as he perched atop a pyramid in front of a bright light. His arms moved only slightly. Suddenly, the sound of a fast approaching train was heard and Love, while grounded, charged his arms to the best of the train. "In Shape and Space" moved slowly, as the dancer's movements were fluid, yet drawn out.

The second piece, "Archoscopy," was a premiere of great choreographer and performer, Kent Lindemer. The music began with a heavy beat and changed various times throughout the piece as the dancers moved in and out of frame from appearing paralyzed to being completely unmodified. Clad in webbed gloves, the company played on as if they had reached the end of a progression.

According to Love, the piece begins with everyone "praying to heaven for the sake of life...the dancers are individually portraying the elements of an Indian goddess until, at the end, they become gods themselves."

I think this was lost on most people. Lindemer amused the audience with a solo piece in which he stripped down to various gender-specific attire. The concluding ballet piece, "Terrorchord," also a premiere, was a nice change in format. The dancing was what everyone conjures in their mind when thinking of ballet, complete with pirouettes and plates. The dancers showed skill in these precise movements. The purple and turquoise costumes, the lighting and the dancers' graceful movements had a dreamy quality to them.

Unfortunately, after the first couple of minutes, the piece didn't offer anything fresh to the typical spectator. It was nice for a while but made some audience members restless. Conversely, some observers were quite appreciative of the classical ballet piece. Liz Ross, a junior music major, said, "The whole show was really great, but I was usually inclined toward classical ballet. [The show] was beautiful."

Park Show Rocks On Despite Set-backs

Dave Bauer
Staff Writer

R nest The Park," which was held Saturday, Sept. 18 at Yogi Berra Stadium, didn't have the typical "concert vibe." While I was in attendance, I kept thinking back to past experiences at the all-day concert event known as "Ozfest." Obviously this event did not have as great a scope as Ozfest, but the aesthetic is the same, or could have been the same.

At Ozfest, there was an aura, a vibe, that simply lifted my spirits. Seeing hours upon hours of great bands and meeting people of all walks of life had a major impact on me.

Year after year, there seemed to be a recurring theme: I found myself interested in less and less of the bands but still wanting to be a part of this event, part of this vibe. Rock the Park and Ozfest could have had this in common. Our aura or vibe of a concert can be drastically altered if the smallest of details becomes tampered with.

This was unfortunately the case for Rock the Park." Originally slated to begin at 2 p.m., this wasn't the case and the time spent waiting around exhaustingly easily changed what could have been a good concert to a dismal display of something that should have possibly been rehearsed. The weather played a big part in all this; the chance of a storm coming at any minute made it impossible to fully enjoy being part of the upcoming bands.

As time went on, the audience became agitated and they had every right. Finally, at approximately 4:30 p.m., a twinkle of hope appeared. Set up for the first band, Sonicult, was beginning. It was unfortunately taking too long that the hope slowly faded and agitation began to grow.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., the waiting around had ended. Sonicult, a local band from New Jersey, and winners of 105.1 FM WDHA Southern Jersey's own rock station's "Battle of the Bands" contest had began their short but good set.

Their sound, falling somewhere between Staind and Tool, was surprisingly solid, especially after a day of such mishaps. For a local band, they sounded much tighter than some establishing acts I have heard.

One of their biggest strengths is their sincerity. As singer David Terrana thanked the crowd and everyone involved for being there, one got the feeling that he was, in fact, being sincere. It was a rare feeling to see a band working towards becoming successful.

A band doesn't stay around for decades by being a disappointing band. I am sure they would have definitely created a vibe that would have been fantastic to be a part of. I left to go to my other scheduled affair a little unsatisfied.

I felt a sense of irony about the whole day. Through delay after delay, I felt as if I was at an all-day concert event, without the benefits of being at an all-day concert event.
We find ourselves viewing a realistic setting toward the close of the season on Six Feet Under. Nathaniel Fisher, Sr. (Richard Jenkins) is sharing the screen with his youngest son (David Michael C. Hall). Except things aren’t so true to life, with the still-dead Fisher father helping David get over the fact of the kidnap- per, who earlier this season left him bloody, bruised and shaken.

With four seasons of the show Under HBO’s belt, the basic format of the show remains unchanged; genuine emotion plus the walking dead, plus borderline soap opera storylines equals compelling drama... mostly.

In the season finale, which aired earlier this month, (and will likely be re-aired through the rest of the summer) the show gave us some closure to a storyline that had been simmering for some time on the various HBO channels before the show’s cancellation.

Meanwhile, David was able to confront his attacker, Jake (Michael Weston) and question him about what he wanted, why he tortured him so. Yet, while a lesser show would have had Jake have a great big abduction explanation, Six Feet Under opted to take its melodramatic storyline and add a dash of realism.

Thus, in lieu of an elaborately-worded motive, the writers had David’s kidnapper just spew more nonsensical babble, leaving David to come to his own conclusion (with help from his ghostly fisher) that sometimes life just sucks, but it’s life, it goes on...at least until it doesn’t, as the show’s life-in-the-presence-of-death funeral home directors constantly re-realize.

It’s too bad David’s long-time boyfriend Keith (Matthew St. Patrick) couldn’t be in a better place. Here is a character that the show still seems to have no distinct plan for, hence his dramatic change in character every few episodes over the last few years, including his heterosexual dalliance with the young pop starlet Celeste (Michelle Trachtenberg) earlier this season. In the season finale, Keith was stuck being blackmailed by a man that David beat up.

Keith in this preposterous potential plot for season five is just plain cruel to the already under-appreciated St. Patrick. Yet, let’s not dwell on that, for the show managed to also put Fisher’s mother Ruth (Frances Conroy), Fisher’s daughter Claire (Lauren Ambrose), and Fisher’s friend Bob (Fredro Rodriguez) in promising storylines for the next season.

First there’s Ruth, who in the season finale again was reminded that her new husband George (James Cromwell) might be a little more paranoid than she originally thought, as he sleeps away his days in the funeral home’s bomb shelter. However, while some of my fellow Six Feet Under fans have complained that George is one crazy man, I don’t at all mind it. I don’t feel so though I could praise the show’s genuine approach to dealing with life and death and then, on the other hand, complain about Cronwell’s character.

I’m sure there are many non-celebrity Britney Spears’ out there who realize that they jumped into marriage a bit too quickly, and brave to the show for giving us a great example of that. More kudos would have to go to the writers for finally putting Claire in a relationship that can capitalize on Ambrose’s talent of making the Fisher daughter the rebel of the family.

All season long, the youngest Fisher had his lights up an American Spirit cigarette while on stage which he most likely does for one of two reasons: a) he was influenced by Lenny Bruce and wants to keep that cool, smoky attitude alive in the industry or b) his addiction to cigarettes is as bad as he says they are. “I live in New York City where cigarettes are eight bucks a pack, and every time I buy one I think, ‘for another two bucks I could be smoking crack.’ Attell manages to conceptualize the thoughts of the audience and put it on paper and run to the next open mic. But, if it keeps Attell in business as one of the best comics that ever walked the earth, we’ll leave the comments with him; he is a professional, after all.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
Fisher Family Buries Fourth Season

Dennis Anderson
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With the still-dead Fisher father helping, he can reunite with his on-again, off-again fiancé, Brenda (Rachel Griffiths), who was still need to see the episode) which means Brenda, played by Rachel Griffiths, shown here with her mother, played by Ioanna Cassidy, cleans up her act and takes on the new role of motherhood by taking care of her fiancé Nate’s young daughter, Mya.

INSOMNIAC’S ATTELL, FRESH AND FUNNY

Lisa Panzarillo
Staff Writer

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The Residence Hall Association at Montclair State University stands as the link between students living in residence halls, and the Office of Residence Life. Through programming, open forums, and most importantly- the RHA Senate, residents have the opportunity to voice their concerns and see programs in which they are interested in, happen in and around their residence halls.

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These doors, which are opened with the use of a proximity card system, have been malfunctioning for some time now. Some of the doors do not fully close and the proxy cards do not open the doors often times. This has been an ongoing problem without a real solution.

Residence Life claims they are working on the problem by placing police officers around the area. The cost of continuing to place police officers must be a higher price rather than fixing the doors.

The police can be patrolling other areas such as the parking lots and dorms, although troubling and time consuming, we must work with.

Students deserve the right to the safety they are paying for and that we all knew had to be our "one and only". Always take it and grip it.

Taking That Next Big Step Toward Life

Gain as Much as You Can While Making That Important Transition from High School to College

You will never understand fully the significance of taking the next step in your life until you have actually done it and are able to look back on it. It is a difficult and time consuming process, we must take it.

I am only at the first couple steps of the long staircase of ideas, accomplishments and obstacles that everyone in some way or another must work with. I suppose I have taken my first step by moving into my dorm room and now continue to progress as I attend my first classes here at Montclair State University. But college, in the big picture of life is nowhere close to the small surroundings of high school.

When they say, "everyone knows everyone in high school", they mean it. Drama was everywhere in high school, from the immovable name calling to the lost and found items that we all knew had to be our "one and only".

We were all a little petty and self-seeking, learning from the experiences that we were forced into. Working your way up the chain from freshman to senior, you are once already what you are now.

Although the contest was much smaller, close to an excerpt compared to a novel, we once only knew the faces we knew from middle school.

Now, realising into the bag of life, we know only the few that went to high school with us that just so happened to also choose Montclair State University as their fairgrounds to complete the next mission in their lives.

As I stood in my class this morning, we had to stand up and say why we came to MSU. Although many who answered had no idea why they were there, perhaps that is what they were forced here, they knew that college was the next step in the path in which they chose.

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**Question of the Week**

What are your views about the computer labs on campus?

**NEAL A. WILLIAMS**
Year: Freshman
Major: Undeclared

“For me, I enjoy using the computer labs. However, there needs to be more computer terminals. Also, they should have color ink for pictures.”

**EMMY CIANIELLO**
Year: Sophomore
Major: Human Ecology

“I live in the hotel so it is very hard for me to go back to my room to use my computer. When I go to use the computer labs, I usually have to wait a half hour. I think they should have another computer lab and allow us to use Instant Messenger.”

**JAMEELAH R. WRIGHT**
Year: Graduate
Major: Teaching

“When I walk past the computer lab and see how crowded it is, I decide not to go in.”

**JOHN OLDIGS**
Year: Senior
Major: Humanities

“Absolutely ridiculous. Today I went into the library and three computer screens were broken. For the price we pay and the service given, the whole system is screwed. Bye-bye.”

**HASHAN JOHNSON**
Year: Junior
Major: Business Management

“I think there should be more computer labs. I do not think the library should be changing to print. We are already paying too much for this school anyway.”

**JAEMMARHEB JAVANES**
Year: Junior
Major: Business Marketing

“I want Montclair to have more computers for student use. I do not use the printers but I do not believe they should charge a fee.”

**TRACY ANNE RONQUILLO**
Year: Sophomore
Major: Communication Studies

“I usually use it to print and now I have to pay. I am enjoying the laptop rentals. Though they’re very useful, it would be nice to have some more. I say “No charge!” for printing.”

**KARL DE VRIES COLUMNIST**

***"I’m still waiting for MSU to start thinking in terms of its students, instead of the parents of potential students."***

Here’s my suggestion for the brochure’s title: “Red Hawk Pride in 2005?” How about, “A New Standard of Academic Excellence at MSU!” The possibilities are endless. Tell me, Montclair. Are you excited yet? Aren’t you impressed to be a part of a school that’s on its way up? I’m not. I’m still waiting to be impressed.

More specifically, I’m still waiting for MSU to stop thinking in terms of its students, instead of the parents of potential students. I’m still waiting for MSU to start offering real solutions to what has become an obvious and at times surreal parking situation here on campus, considering the fact that the school still enrolls a sizeable commuter population.

I’m still waiting for an explanation as to why one of our two overnight parking lots are being mortgaged in favor of 5-year-old children.

You want the prestige of a “big-name” school? Then start thinking like one. A first-class school recognizes the importance of holidays like Yom Kippur and Good Friday, not because of the fact that they’re important to a small number of current students but because they’re important to a larger number of potential students, and the tolerance exhibited towards their faith.

If my opinion is worth anything, a first-class organization is one that satisfies to the furthest extent of its ability its employees and clientele. Somewhere I gather that this is a view that MSU and I don’t quite see eye to eye on.

I doubt any of my grievances or issues will be answered by President Susan Cole or anyone else; after all, they don’t need to answer to someone like me. I already go to this school. My case is closed in their eyes. I’m no longer important, so long as my parents continue to mail those checks every semester.

As far as they’re concerned, I’m one of those stooges smiling for the camera, thrilled to be going to such an up-and-coming academic institution.

Now, I’m no guidance counselor, but I can still offer advice to those who are listening: Don’t let the brochure fool you. This school still has a long way to go.

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**Statistic of the Week**

**88 Number of Days Until the End of the Fall Semester**

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**Montclairian Mailbag**

**Dear Montclairian:**

I am writing in response to “Take All Issues into Consideration,” (Vol. 84, Issue 1). In his first paragraph, the writer of this article aims his criticism at an earlier opinion piece in which he claims that writer stirs readers into “liberal propaganda.”

In his second paragraph, he states his non-partisan stance and expresses no patience for those who offer opinions without substantiated proof. It’s his third through sixth paragraphs I have trouble with.

He uniformly defends the Bush administration’s positions as if they are scripture. That is far from the “deeper look” he advocates.

The civil liberties being violated because of the Patriot Act are potentially substantial. Members of government can monitor what each of us reads, views, whom we associate with, what we spend our money on and when they have no right to tell us when they do. People can and have been imprisoned without due process and without communication with even legal representatives.

If you don’t do anything wrong, the saying goes, you have nothing to fear. But nothing in the law says this can’t be used to destroy careers if those in power so desire, or to politically embarrass opponents. The problem is, the government tells you what’s wrong. The word for this is dictatorship.

The tax policy the writer endorses is one of true Republican ideology: those on welfare deserve it; those who earn the most need not pay the most, despite the fact that they have every possible advantage to use a tax system comprised more of elaborate and Byzantine loopholes than logic, and receive tax deductions when using those advantages. This ideology is not wrong, but it is clearly not an objective look. Perhaps the writer should rethink his non-affiliated, non-propaganda claim.

The writer most transparently sides with conventionally “conservative” views on abortion, gay marriage, stem cell research and terrorism, and cavalierly conveys his true leanings point by point. The war in Iraq, for instance, killed not a single person involved in the 9/11 attacks, despite the high body count. That’s a “simple statement” Bush has never uttered.

Readers of the Opinion Section must also understand that it is an OPINION. There is no wrong opinion. There can, however, exist false facts, which is what is wrong with the facts in “Take All Issues into Consideration.”

I only wish this writer had recognized his perspective before looking down with a plea for us to “look for valid points from people you disagree with.”

**Jon DeAngelis**
Third year justice studies major

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(April 20 - May 20)

Improvement should be the order of the day. Financial activities will result in romance. Sign up for a course that will aid you in getting into something new.

**Gemini**
(June 21 - July 21)

You should be thinking about investments, property, making changes to your home or personal situation. Invite people to your house to discuss plans for prosperity.

**Cancer**
(July 22 - August 21)

You may not be doing things for the right reasons in your personal life. If you are with someone because you don’t want to be alone, move on. Love is in a high cycle.

**Leo**
(August 22 - September 22)

Someone you work with may offer you something you can’t refuse. Money matters can be dealt with if you are prepared to make a move. Someone from your past will remind you of your original goals.

**Virgo**
(September 23 - October 22)

Set your goals on doing something that will benefit you. This is the perfect day to make physical or mental changes that will move you in a new direction.

**Libra**
(October 23 - November 21)

You may be need in an argument that will leave you confused and upset. The less said today, the better. An older relative may be a burden.

**Scorpio**
(November 22 - December 21)

Partnerships will lead to prosperity. Get involved in an organization that can benefit you in the future. The more you know about the industry you are involved in, the better.

**Sagittarius**
(December 22 - January 19)

You must be questioning the professional choices you’ve made. Consider your dreams and if you have fulfilled them. You may have to make a few changes.

**Capricorn**
(January 20 - February 18)

You will find yourself thinking about someone you used to know quite well. Don’t be afraid to get in touch. This is a perfect day to reconnect with someone you should have lost touch with.

**Aquarius**
(February 19 - March 20)

You can discover new ways to make a buck. Your inventive mind will lead you to someone who has the skills you are lacking.

**Pisces**
(March 21 - April 19)

Your unique approach will attract attention that could lead to a newfound friend or partner. What you do today will influence the people you care about the most.

**Aries**
(April 20 - May 20)

You can get ahead professionally, but if you let your personal problems interfere with your work, you will miss out on a chance to advance. Focus on what counts and keep your emotions in line.
Child Care Wanted

Childcare afterschool and some mornings in Montclair. Energetic, fun, intelligent babysitter with car needed for our delightful 10-year-old daughter. Help with homework, bring her to activities. (973) 746-2122

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Miscellaneous

Nothing to do?
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For more information about these events, or any other events, please contact Student Activities at ext. 7818
Sponsored by the SGA
The Sports Guy

Who's Up, Who's Down? Who's in, Who's Out?

The Sports Guy says that it's a shame that the women's soccer team isn't getting paid for losses. At the rate they're going they would have made a fortune by now. After losing their first four games scoring a total of one goal, they finally netted a victory against William Paterson. The Sports Guy hates being wrong, but he thinks he may have been concerning the Women's soccer team. He thought they would terrify the New Jersey Athletic Conference, but maybe they don't have any weapons of mass destruction after all.

The NJAC is at the dawn of a new era in field hockey. The rise of this team has been led by the steady coaching of Beth Gottung, team captain Erin Balint, and a defense that has led its opponents to just nine scores in eight games. But beneath it all, like a phoenix risen from its own ashes, a new star has emerged. Freshman Jennifer Tanis is leading her team in points and goals, picking up right where Levine and Ulicny left them. The Sports Guy isn't wrong often, but he's willing to admit when he has made a mistake. The Sports Guy had the field hockey team not even winning the ECAC, nevermind being at the forefront of a battle for NJAC supremacy. The Sports Guy said they couldn't do it because they lost too many players, and now they're ranked as the number six team in the nation.

The Sports Guy knows you sportlings may have been a little worried about the volleyball team this season. After beginning the season 3-3, they took a nose-dive into hell losing their next nine games. The Sports Guy knows you were asking yourselves, "Will they ever win again?"

The Volleyball team grabbed their fourth win of the season on Tuesday night against Keen. Who knew the Asian connection would actually live up to the billing of their last name? It is the scariest thing, there are actually three teams in the NJAC with a worse record than the Red Hawks. The Sports Guy says there's back, there's terrible, there's ugly, and then there's Bush, a combination of all three.

It might be turning into a common misconception, but just because you're a Red Hawk doesn't mean that you have to lose. Just ask the men's soccer team - they haven't lost yet this year. Seven wins, no losses, what's going on in Red Hawk town? How far can this team go? Well, with the exception of Ramapo, the Sports Guy says there is no team in the NJAC that can compete with the Red Hawks' men's soccer team. They have a balanced offensive attack, an All-American defender, and a shutdown goalkeeper.

For any team in the conference to have a chance they have to hold the Red Hawks scoreless, because their defense can keep them in any game. The Sports Guy says "congrats" to Barry Bonds who hit his 700th homer last week and completed what is now called the "babe tranquility of baseball." Bonds is a top five all-time great player, and in order for him to move up, The Sports Guy needs to see Bonds to get to at least 800 homers. The Sports Guy will be here watching until then. Till next time, this is The Sports Guy.
A Man on a Mission
Coach Joel Pasternack is Looking to Take the Men's and Women's Cross Country Team to the Top

José Ortiz  Sports Editor

At 6:30 in the morning, while most are still sleeping, Joel Pasternack has already begun coaching. Be it private lessons, self-training or coaching for the Red Hawk Cross Country team, Pasternack loves to run. But more importantly, he loves to teach.

Pasternack's hiring was announced in June of this year, just months after beloved former coach Gerald "Bennie" Benson passed away. He returns to Montclair State University after coaching for Ramapo College from 2001–2003, where he helped to produce the Ramapo Runners' first All-American, Benina Killins.

But Pasternack has much more running experience than his four year stint at Ramapo could show. If you add his daily running regimen to his numerous marathons, including a 2:25 finish ranked 35th nationally in 1974, Pasternack has run for a total of over 102,000 miles in 49 years. The man loves to run.

"What I like about it is what you put in, is what you get out. You can put in as much as you want and be great, or as little and be average," said the former New Jersey State six-mile champion.

The cross country team consists of six men, and six women. The team captains are Tom Kurtovic for the men, and Cathleen Daly, Sarah McMillen, and Taryn Townsend for the women.

Pasternack's goal is to bring MSU's cross country team to prominence in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. The first step, Pasternack said, is to get more runners.

"If you could have 60 or 80 students to come to college with MSU, and you can come with MSU with 40 kids, why can't you come with 25?"

It seems a simple and fair enough question, but one without such a simple answer. With 16,000 plus students enrolled at MSU, to get 10 or 15 more kids to run should be easy.

"If you like running you can join the team. I'm just happy to have a kid finish a race," Pasternack then added, "I've got the knowledge. If the kids want to get better and reach their potential, I can give it to them."

But how does Pasternack replace a coach like Bennie Benson? Benson has produced 43 All-Americans, and over 100 conference champions during his tenure as head coach of the Red Hawks. Pasternack insists that he does not feel pressured to fill the late coach's shoes.

"I think that it's in the back of the V.P.'s and President's mind to drop cross country sports. But I'm not worried. I will try my best. It would hurt the school not to have the program because all the other top state schools have one."

Athletics director, Holly Gera, said, "There have been no discussions to drop the cross country program. Like our other athletic teams, we are looking for the cross country program to be competitive, to have students in good academic standing, be part of our community service efforts and overall be a positive part of the university."

Although Pasternack is looking to improve the team, there couldn't be a coach who is more proud of his runners than the William Paterson graduate.

"I'm very proud of all the kids who have run so far, and are working hard, and doing everything I've asked. They're like a family to me. I feel very close to them, and I see us being very successful together."

Pasternack plans to make the cross country team at MSU one of the top two or three in the state within the next five years.

"He's got the know how, he's got the experience, and now all he needs is more runners to complete the formula."

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The Cross Country team practices for one to two hours everyday running along Normal Avenue.

Losing Streak Ends
Tiana Conner  Staff Writer

Kean University might have dominated the first game of four that took place in the Panzer gym Tuesday night, but the Red Hawk's volleyball team bounced back with 30-22, 30-20, and 34-32 post wins, snapping their nine-match losing streak and advancing the team with an overall record of 4-10.

This was the first time since 1998 that the Red Hawks were able to defeat Kean University.

Kean University quickly took advantage of MSU's mishaps and faulty serves, placing them at a comfortable lead in the first game. With the ball just out of arm's reach or the team not breaking fast enough, it seemed that this game (and the next three) could easily pick up the score 6-4. There was an obvious separating factor between the games against Kean the preceding loss against Rogers-Newarks. Aciz adds that, "the line play was different." Whether the change worked could be questioned. For instance, once the Red Hawks increased their net defense it left open the middle and back end of the court, and gave Kean the lead in the fourth game 17-18. A final kill by Livingston took the Red Hawks back into the lead 20-18.

Massive block and net defense keeps MSU in the game 27-25. A final kill by Livingston gives the Red Hawks the satisfaction of their first win in the NAC conference.

Sophomore hitter Heather Aciz came up with 13 kills, 11 digs and four aces in game totals. Sophomore hitter Kelly McGuire added 11 digs and four blocks to the totals. Rackling up 11 aces and 11 digs was sophomore hitter Elysa Grywalski, while Asia Livingston ended up with seven kills, two aces and three aces.

Leading the Cougars was sophomore hitter Elizabeth Cougur with nine kills, five aces and 15 digs. MSU dominated Kean with 46 kills compared to their 28. However, Kean towered over the Red Hawks in digs with a 105 compared to 63. This showed Kean's stability, endurance and commitment to keeping the ball off of their turf, though MSU persevered in the end.

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Think You Know What The Montclarion's Writers Needed?
Intramural Flag Football Season Begins

Recreators Challenge Those Guys On Sunday

There are four divisions in flag football, three men's and one coed. Here, one player lends his support for his opponent's flag.

Debbie Jones Staff Writer

Sunday night intramural flag football began its fall season with a dominating game. Competing were The Recreators versus Those Guys; both teams were excited to be representing the Independent League (Co-Ed) for the first game of the season. In the first half, Those Guys came out strong tallying up 13 points, ending the game with a score of 27-0. Jeremy Loverde was a key to his team’s success as he notched two touchdowns, adding two extra points. Matt Garcia and Vinny LeDyto were two more players that added to the dominating victory over The Recreators.

The game was followed by a tough match-up between the Gules and The Young Guns. Each team inch their way to the final score of 20-13. The Young Gun’s assistant captain is also Flag Football Supervisor Waldie Gole. When asked what his feelings were toward this season he replied, “Last year we had a lot of competition but not great sportsmanship; this year I would love to have both. I want everyone that is playing the game to learn and teach themselves how to be better.”

The last game of the night was a fierce competition between 1868 and the Agents. With 10 minutes left in the second half, neither team had scored. Finally with time running out in the game, Mike Giaretta pushed his team to a victory of 6-0. For the first night of Flag Football, it was a great beginning to the season. Each team came out with a competitive spirit and an overall “A” for sportsmanship.

Monday night flag football provided another tough couple of matchups between teams. There were two games Monday, Sept. 20. As shown by the score, this was another even battle between Franchise and 1868. The score was 12-6, leaving Franchise one touchdown behind. Kevin Tuohey scored all twelve for 1868, showing promise for their next few games. Squirrels versus Bone Squad were the next teams to battle it out on the field. Entering the second half with nothing to show, Bone Squad took advantage of the 0-0 score. With only one half to go, Bone Squad took the lead with Tim Berdan scoring the one and only touchdown of the game.

The badminton games began Monday night at 9 p.m. with Youngster versus Petry. Rumor has it the Badminton doubles team is still holding out on their opponents. The Recreators versus McBride was a great game, providing a tough battle. The Recreators took the lead with Tim Berdan scoring the one and only touchdown of the game. The badminton games began Monday night at 9 p.m. with Youngster versus Petry. Rumor has it the Badminton doubles team is still holding out on their opponents. The Recreators versus McBride was a great game, providing a tough battle. The Recreators took the lead with Tim Berdan scoring the one and only touchdown of the game.

Pic of The Week

The women’s soccer team notched their first victory of the season on Wednesday against William Paterson.
Who is the baseball player with the highest single season batting average?

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION
Name the only pitcher in the Hall of Fame with a career losing record.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK’S QUESTION
Rollie Fingers of the Oakland A’s, San Diego Padres, and Milwaukee Brewers had a career 114-118 record with a lifetime ERA of 2.90.

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Last Week’s Results

9/18 - MSU 29, Frostburg 14

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Last Week’s Results

9/16 - MU 2, Eastern Conn. 1 (OT), 9/19 - MSU 0, TCNJ 0

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Last Week’s Results

9/16 - MU 0, TCNJ 2

Soccer

Field Hockey

Player of the Week

MIKE PASSERO

FOOTBALL

Senior
Hometown: Verona, NJ

Passero passed for three touchdowns against Frostburg on Saturday.

Honorable Mentions

JENN SOSS
Sophomore
Hometown: Hamilton, NJ

Soss scored MSU’s first two goals against eighth ranked Franklin & Marshall.

TODD TUMELTY
Sophomore
Hometown: Freehold, NJ

Tumelty scored his first goal of the season in a win over St. Thomas Aquinas.

HEATHER ACIZ
Sophomore
Hometown: Secaucus, NJ

Aciz chipped in with 13 kills, 11 defensive digs, and four serving aces against Kean.

VIN DOFFONT
Sophomore
Hometown: North Arlington, NJ

Doffont kicked three field goals in against Frostburg University.
Red Hawks Tame the Bobcats

Coach Giancola marked his 150th career victory as head coach of MSU on Saturday against Frostburg. Mike Passero completed four catches for 95 yards, post game with Gil Bolden completing four catches for 45 yards. Collecting 10 tackles for a total of 342 yards compared to the Bobcats was Kevin Culbert. The Bobcats was Kevin Culbert. The Red Hawks' second half was assisted by an earlier penalty call of roughing the kicker on a punt. Frostburg continued to take advantage of the penalty by gaining a four-down inside MSU's line and finishing off with a touchdown. The Red Hawks began to capture the lead as a Passero to Armstrong pass pulled up the lead to 26-14 in the final quarter. A final 29-yard field goal by Duffont, gave Frostburg the 15-point loss. Post-game, the team registered a total of 342 yards compared to Frostburg's 295. For the Bobcats' Jimmy Ward registered 11-24 for 50 yards, post game with Gil Bolden completed four catches for 45 yards. Collecting 10 tackles for the Bobcats was Kevin Culbert.

Despite the Red Hawks’ unfoiled record thus far this season, there are definite improvements that the team needs to make. Giancola agrees, “There is always room for improvement.” “Improvement…” the 22nd season veteran added, “within the team, better techniques and better executions.” The team completed 13-27 passing attempts compared to Frostburg’s 13-25. While the Red Hawks’ managed to stay one up over Frostburg, there were mistakes. As Giancola states, “there has never been a perfect game, yet.” True, but with Passero completing nearly half of his attempted passes, each fitter could have cost the Red Hawks’ the game. The coach commented that the team does “need to pick up more blits and allow the quarterback more time to find an open receiver.” These and amongst other mistakes could be the possibility of many defeats in the past and in what is to come.

“We’re not going to do anything different (against Cortland), just what we do best.” While the best may or may not have been fully implemented at the MSU/Frostburg game, let’s just hope whatever “the best” in sticks around long enough for an undoubted season. The Frostburg Bobcats are now tainted with a 1-1 record, while the Red Hawks’ bump up 2-0 and move on to face SUNY Cortland on home turf October 2.

Sophomore Vin Duffont kicked three field goals in the victory against Frostburg, Mike Passero passed for three four touchdowns, two of which went to Steve Armstrong. MSU improved to 2-0 for the year.

Tania Conner
Staff Writer

Red Hawks Keep on Rolling

After two back-to-back shutout victories for the Men’s Soccer team, the Red Hawks find themselves sitting atop the NJAC with no losses yet to their credit. Simply put, Head Coach Brian Sentowski and his team have solidified a position as one of the elite teams in the conference, and maybe a threat to move into the NCAA Division III playoffs. Last season the Red Hawks embarked on a journey that took them to the doorstep of a conference championship only to see Richard Stockton College claim it right in their faces. Well it would seem that these boys have taken it personally. They have begun their season 6-0 - 1, and have outscored their opponents 17-4.

Head Coach Brian Sentowski said “I think we’re a year older now, more prepared for the competition, and we have a couple of games under our belts from last year.” “So far so good,” the former Rutgers star added. The team is a relatively young one with just one senior and three juniors as team captains. The men’s soccer team is one of only two fall sports program at MSU with juniors as captains. Although the numbers are similar from last season at this time, the difference this season is in the.

“We have to continue to work hard at practice, listen to coaching, stay hungry, and stay humble.”

Brian Sentowski
Men’s Soccer Head Coach

More on MSU football

Sophomore forward, Kerin Burkhardt goes up for a header on Monday against St. Thomas Aquinas.

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