Faculty and staff of the English Department have gathered in protest as a result of a decision made by Mary Papazian, Dean of College of Humanities and Social Science, to deny tenure professor Dr. Hiram Perez tenure.

Tenure, as described by MSU's standards, is a process that precedes a series of recommendations from the Department Personnel Committee, the Department Chair, the Dean and then a recommendation from the Provost to the President.

According to President Susan A. Cole, the evaluation of a faculty member for tenure is made based on a packet of materials the faculty member composes, providing information in three important areas. The areas include achievements made in teaching, their contributions to the curriculum and instructional program, and research achievements and contributions to the university and beyond.

His case has convinced faculty that there are no set guidelines for tenure at MSU, and that the standards in receiving tenure are inconsistent and obscure.

Papazian's reasoning to deny Perez tenure was due to “insufficient (published work).”

"Since we don't know what constitutes 'sufficiency,' it's easy to say the publications are 'insufficient,'" said Janet Cutler, English professor.

In my experience at Montclair State University, faculty and academic officers work very hard at trying to make these recommendations equitable and fairly, knowing that they have a serious responsibility to the university and to future generations of students to make the best possible decision,” Cole said. "When a committee or an individual academic officer feels compelled by their academic judgment to make a negative decision, it is always a painful thing to have to do.”

Cole added that while the majority of the faculty members at MSU receive tenure, it is not unusual for a certain number of individuals to not receive tenure. Perez said it was no surprise when he was not recommended to receive tenure.

"I've seen all sorts of ugliness in academia and all sorts of injustices," said Perez. "The only thing about academia that shocks me anymore is that I can still be shocked at all. Initially, I felt outrage, but then I just felt incredibly exploited by MSU.”

Perez added that he officially received notice of Perez tenure was due to “insufficient (public work),” according to Dean Mary Papazian.

Montclair State is hosting an Alternative Spring Break to enable students to help an underdeveloped community with Habitat for Humanity during their spring break.

The program was brought to MSU's campus by Jessica St. Clair, who was hired as the Coordinator for Service Learning with the Center for Community-Based Learning in June.

She coordinated a similar program at the University of Kansas who was hired as the Coordinator for the Center for Community-Based Learning during MSU's spring break, from Saturday, March 11 to Sunday, March 19.

Fifteen students have applied to be part of the program. According to Rick Brown, Coordinator of Student Leadership Programs, they would like to take about 10-20 students.

The program is split into two tracks. The first, the curricular track, will take a course in the spring semester taught by St. Clair: Community-Based Learning (COED 201), a three-credit elective course on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

These students receive permits to take the course and will receive a more intense, academic-based program than the others.

The co-curricular track, coordinated by Krysthian Lemus, the Program Assistant for Student Leadership Programs, is meant for students who cannot fit the class into their schedule or do not want a classroom setting.

They will still receive the same information as the curricular track, but in a less formal setting. Currently, the split between the students taking either track is about half for each.

Lemus said it will be a "new experience, seeing what it is like running (the two tracks) side by side."

Approximately $30 million has been raised for MSU's "Campaign for the Second Century," which projects a total of $50 million to be raised by the university's centennial in 2008.

$18 million from the campaign will pay for current campus construction and renovations.

The state of New Jersey does not provide the university with funds for construction and renovations. For the fiscal year 2006, the state appropriated about $78 million to the university. Almost $112 million of the budget is student tuition and fees.

Of the total raised for the campaign, $10 million will fund faculty chairs, professorships, and lectureships according to campaign literature. Another $10 million will fund student scholarships.

"The funding comes from alumni and friends of the university," said Dr. Thomas Haynes, Vice President for University Advancement. "Friends of the university are people who truly believe in public higher education."

Donations are received by businesses and industries with philanthropic interests. Bristol-Myers Squibb funded a science teaching facility built in Blanton Hall last year.

Alumni are notified about the campaign by phone via a call center in College Hall, through mailings, and by email.

"It's important to build a strong alumni network," said Barbara Lewis, an MSU Graduate School alum who will be working with Haynes to reach out to alumni.

Lewis is involved with alumni groups of her undergraduate alma mater, Rutgers, in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco.

The alumni will also have a table comprised of educational information and resources, safer sex kits, and AIDS awareness ribbons.

University Health & Counseling

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is coming to MSU Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, and will be displayed in the Student Center ballrooms. The ballrooms will also have a table comprised of educational information and resources, safer sex kits, and AIDS awareness ribbons.

The University will be asking the governor of New Jersey for a bond to cover the costs of campus expansion and construction.

Dr. Haynes and his associates will be encouraging students and community members to lend their support.

The last major fundraising campaign at Montclair State University raised $8 million.
The Police Report:

Theft and Disorderly Conduct Run Rampant

11/7/05 - A female resident reported that three of her car’s tires were slashed while parked in lot 28. The victim stated that she may know who the suspect is but refused to provide the police with information.

11/7/05 - A male non-resident reported that his rear view mirror was broken off while driving. He was seeking to park in lot 28. The case is under investigation.

Local News

NEWARK - After deliberating for almost two days, an Essex County jury convicted a suspect involved in a murder and a theft. The jury found Jonathan E. Rodriguez guilty of first degree murder and robbery. Rodriguez is sentenced to life in prison without parole.

LITTLE, PA - David Ludwig, who is suspected of killing his 14-year-old girlfriend's parents and then killing his father, has been found guilty of murder. Ludwig faces a maximum sentence of 127 years in prison.

National News

KARACHI, PAKISTAN - Police are searching for bomb attackers who attacked a KFC fast-food restaurant in the Pakistani city of Karachi. According to police, the attackers have been killed in a firefight with police.

International News

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The AIDS Memorial Quilt is coming to MSU

STUDENT CENTER BALLROOMS,
NOVEMBER 29, 30: 10AM - 8:30PM; DECEMBER 1: 10AM - 4PM

Prevention Education Materials and Resources, Red Ribbons, & Safer Sex Kits will be available
Come join us to honor the lives of those who have been affected by HIV/AIDS! For more information, contact Keri Bennett at x 6979 / bennettk@email.montclair.edu or visit the Names Project Foundation Website: www.aidsquilt.org
won't be fired until President Cole makes her the English department have collaborated in President Cole to reverse the Dean's decision, according to English professor, Johnny A. Lorenz.

Faculty members such as Lorenz believe that the work faculty adheres to is not appreciated by the administration.

"Dr. Perez has done more than anyone in my department to mentor students, to bring speakers to campus, to participate in interdisciplinary initiatives and yet, none of this work is being applauded," said Lorenz. "Unfortunately, the administration is creating a hostile environment by dismissing our voices. We have one message for the administration: we need Perez here."

The Chair of the department, Larry Schwartz, and the members of the department's Personnel Advisory Committee, have worked to review Perez's packet, including student evaluations and faculty observations of his classes. They have also been reading his articles and taking into account the evaluations of major scholars in his field, but the decision is yet to be made.

The faculty feels "demoralized," according to Cutler, because "as colleagues in his field, we believe we are in the best position to comment on the significance of his contributions in teaching, scholarship and service," said Cutler.

"It's very clear that there is no respect for our views or our professionalism. The fact that we can know Dr. Perez and still be objective about his work." Lorenz remarked that the faculty is considering taking extreme measures, such as protesting publicly and even suspending their volunteer work for the university to show their support for Perez.

"It's frightening to think about my impending unemployment, especially with New York City rent to pay. I don't know what I'll do."

Hiram Perez
Professor, English Department

Several of her brothers in Phi Sigma Pi are also participating.

"Unfortunately, I was not able to do the curricular track with my fraternity brothers because I simply do not have the room in my schedule next semester to take the course," she said.

Brown says that if enough students participate, they would like to split the two tracks and have some work on a nearby children's agency site.

The groups would work separately on their sites, but meet together for discussion and reflection.

The students participating will need to fundraise about $200-$300 per person for the event, according to Brown. Habitat for Humanity will provide lodging during the break for a fee. The rest of the fundraising will go towards food, which the group will prepare together.

If the program goes well, Brown says, they would like to introduce it into the winter and summer breaks as well.
Health Tips For A Healthy Thanksgiving
The MSDO Serves Up Healthy Dishes And Tasty Substitutes For Fatty Foods.

Darcy Dominques
MSU's Dietetics Association

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Substitute butter; this will provide a lot of the vegetables and flavors! So, you see, for the most part Thanksgiving is on our side and does not have to be attacking our waistline.

Substitute

Pumpkin is one of the very few firms who would hire an African-American woman during that time. At this small firm Ms. Gines earned the required experience and in 1954 she became the first African-American female CPA in Virginia. She spent most of her career working in the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York where she developed an expertise with computers. Mrs. Gines is now retired and does inspirational speaking and offers volunteer tax assistance for the AARP. Professors and students with the employers who will be interviewing on campus, a spring symposium dinner at which outside speakers discuss current topics in accounting, and three meetings each semester such as the one featuring Mrs. Gines. Mrs. Gines and Mrs. Harris are featured in Theresa Hammond's book, "A White Collar Profession: African American Certified Public Accountants Since 1921" (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002).

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The MSDO Serves Up Healthy Dishes And Tasty Substitutes For Fatty Foods.

Other Recipe Substitutions:

Traditional

Substitutions:

Whole Egg
2 Egg Whites
Sour Cream
Fat Free Sour Cream
Milk
Skim Or 1% Milk
Ice Cream
Frozen Yogurt
Cheese
Evaporated Skim Milk.

So, when Thanksgiving Day is here and you are about to create yourself a gigantic plate, try to load up on some of the vegetables and skinless turkey because remember: We need the room for all the calories from all those good desserts.

Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients:

Six sheets of Fillo dough, thawed, Cooking Spray, 1/4 cup Dark Brown Sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. ground ginger, 1/2 tsp. ground clove, 1/2 cup egg substitute, 4 egg whites, 1, 15-ounce can pumpkin puree, and 1 1/2 ounces can-free evaporated milk.

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut Fillo sheets in half and stack on wax paper or plastic wrap (each full length sheet is 14x18 inches; if you happen to have 14x18 inch sheets, leave whole). Place wax paper or plastic wrap on top layer and cover with a damp cloth to prevent sheets from drying out. Coat a 9-inch pie dish with cooking spray. Lay a half sheet of Fillo pastry in a pie dish. Spray with nonstick cooking spray. Repeat with rest of half sheets, fanning out to form circles. Fold and crisp edges. Weigh down with pie weights and bake for 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Combine dry ingredients in a medium bowl. Beat egg substitute or egg whites with pumpkin puree. Slowly pour in evaporated milk and mix well. Add sugar and spices to pumpkin mixture and blend thoroughly. Pour into pie crust; bake for an hour, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

On behalf of the members of MSDO, we hope you have a Fabulous and Healthy Thanksgiving! Enjoy.

First African American CPA Visits MSU
Berdainde Coles Gines Teaches MSU Students To Never Give Up

Elise Bethke
Staff Writer

Berdainde Coles Gines was the first African American CPA in the state of New York

On October 15, 2005 the Accounting Society hosted Mrs. Berdainde Coles Gines in a lecture presentation to the Montclair State Accounting Law and Taxation majors. Mrs. Gines was welcomed to MSU by Professor Frank Aquilino, Chair of the Department of Accounting Law and Taxation and Assistant Professor Larry Lauricella the Accounting Society Faculty Coordinator. Accounting Society President Elise Bethke introduced Mrs. Gines who has the distinction of being the first African-American female CPA in New York State, and who was celebrating her over 50 years as a member of the profession. Mrs. Gines's amazing story was an inspiration to the students to achieve their dreams, and cut the calories. We want to create ourselves a gigantic plate, try to load up on some of the vegetables and skinless turkey because remember: We need the room for all the calories from all those good desserts.

"In 1954 Ms. Gines became the first African American female CPA in the state of New York and the 34th African American CPA in the United States."

At that time the requirements to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) were different than they are now. Three years of working experience were required. For a young African-American female, finding employment in the accounting profession was no easy task. At first, the only job available was as a bookkeeper for an African-American newspaper, The New York Age.

After two years of searching Mrs. Gines was able to secure a position with a small two partner firm in New York. This was the first African-American female CPA to work in this profession at that time. At this small firm Ms. Gines earned the required experience and in 1954 she became the first African-American female CPA in the state of New York and the 34th African-American CPA in the United States.

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Dear J and J, I met, and had a one night stand with, a girl I met at a part last week. I only wanted a hook up and I think I may have misled her to thinking it could be more. She's been calling me for an entire week. Do I have an obligation to answer her calls or have any further contact with her?

Jose Ortiz Managing Editor

Just because two people have shared a sexual experience doesn't mean that they have to share anything else after the deed is done. You absolutely have no obligation to call her and let her know that she was only a one-night thing; however, it may be the nice and possibly the smart thing to do. If you met this girl at a school or fraternity event, she may be a student here at MSU. Chances are good that you are going to run into her at least once. As much as you are probably hoping that she won't remember the guy that took her home, she might love to hear your confirmation.

I know that this is much easier to say than do. No guy wants to be the next jerk that only wanted a quick jerk, but that's what you are, and it's better to own up to that sooner rather than later. Yes there will be some yelling, and possibly some cursing, but one thing is certain: you are a creepy guy on your conscience. By coming clean, you are being a man, going forward, and not running away from conflict. Of course it seems easier to just shut the front door and hide the guy that took her home, but the calls will continue to come in, and when she finally finds you... It's much better to be the guy who tells her how it is, rather than letting her figure it out for herself.

There is no excuse to avoid anything, or try to hide from at your someday, honest. As much as she will at that moment, she for you for having the her the truth. Technically, having sex with someone doesn't mean that you have to ever speak to that person again.

This is where the term one-night stand comes from. But if she's calling you, it means that she isn't on the same page with you, and is very confused right now. You have every right to forget about her, disconnect her phone calls, and avoid her like the plague. Remember that just because you have the right doesn't make it right.

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Jessica Havery Arts & Entertainment Editor

College parties, for the most part, are a central location consisting of alcohol and a variety of choices for a one-night stand. People have the tendency to wish in no time, let off their inhibitions and grab onto the nearest warm body they happen to happen into.

You apparently have stumbled into someone who hasn't been influenced by the typical "party night" way of life. This isn't necessarily your fault, however if you wanted to restrict your interactions with this girl to that night, you should have said so pre-pulling down the pants.

Worse case scenario, you return to your residence hall to reuni-te with two of your closest friends, Kleinex and KY. On the other hand had you asked, you might have received an all-clear from your potential bed buddy to throw caution into the wind, cut the strings and enjoy yourself.

My first, and only, question is why you ever gave this girl your number. If you knew ahead of time that you weren't interested in anything more than a wham-bam-thank-you-mann-why give this girl your phone number, and a false sense of hope.

Had you not divvied out the digits, she probably wouldn't have a fibrocephyl, happiness ever after daydream in her head, and your phone wouldn't be bliswashed 'er up ever hour.

It probably isn't right for me to simply assume that she's sitting at home relishing every second of your encounter as she choos­es the names of your unborn children. She might not be as crazy as you think. There are always alternative reasons that she may need to contact you. It's possible that your recent fling has happened upon some medical information she feels you might need to know. Or, she could be looking for the thing that fell behind your headboard in the heat of the moment. Whatever the reason be, be honest, answer your phone. If you pick up and suffer through an uncomfort­able, five-min­ute phone call, you're sure to have an upper­ity to end the annoyance of her ight to call. Simply be honest. Tell her that a relationship was not part of that night's agenda, and take responsibility for not having said so in the first place.

You might hurt her feelings, but hurt feelings are a part of life. Besides, by now, there's no escaping this situation, she'll be hurt whether you offer an explanation or not. At least give her a reason to let go of any lingering hope and stop calling.

While I tell you to be honest with her, you might also consider asking her what she has to say before blunting anything too stupid. Would you kick yourself if all she wanted was another booty call?

Pledge Branding Continues In U.S.

Aline Mendelsohn ART/Campus

As his fraternity brothers branded a wire hanger shaped in the form of a Greek letter, Matthew Mitchell gripped his stomach. For about 10 seconds, as the metal touched his skin, Mitchell gripped a fraternity brother's arm. It was the worst pain he had ever endured. But he chose to feel this pain, and later he was glad that he had.

Mitchell, a Phi Beta Sigma member at Florida A&M University, was going through a ritual known as branding, a burning of the skin that results in a scar.

A graduate of Oak Ridge High School in Orlando, Fla., Mitchell had considered being branded for three years before going through it.

Ultimately he says, he wanted a physical representation of his bond with his fraternity a symbol that would be with him forever.

"I'm going to be a Sigma for life, until the day I die," says Mitchell, 23.

Branding has long been a form of body art, and in the past century it has emerged as a tradition among some black fraternity and sorority members. Some Greek organizations have policies banning the practice; others don't prohibit it, but don't condone it, either.

Fraternity brothers have been branded to convey a wide variety of messages. The art form can be broken down into a individual expression.

"It's just like a tattoo," says Aaron Brown, 23, Mitchell's fraternity brother at FAMU. "It means something to me and a lifetime to your life and a commitment to the organization."

The practice of branding dates back thou­ sands of years, says Sandra Mimosas Posey, a folklorist and professor at California State Polytechnic University who has researched the subject.

"It's an indication: 'I am a member,' Mr. Amos said, 'I am a member of this fraternity,' " says Posey, referring to the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. "It's a symbol that would be with him forever."" He said Mitchell's branding was done for belonging, a mark of the successful comple­tion of the fraternity's requirements.

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William Madison expressed a similar sen­ timent.

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Being A Team Player in Sports and in Life

Winning is Not About Selfishness or Individuality, It’s About Team Work

Dr. Rob Gilbert
Department Of Exercise & Physical Education

T.E.A.M. = Together Everyone Achieves More

Once upon a time, it was homecoming weekend at a university very much like Montclair State University. Ted and Joe hadn’t seen each other since graduation day 25 years ago. Ted, an All American basketball player, had gone on to become one of the most successful and powerful CEOs in the country while Joe, the captain of their undefeated team, was a minister in town.

"Joe, I want to thank you for making me the success I am today," the businessman said.

"Tell, stop pulling my leg!" said the minister. "From what I’ve read, you run one of the biggest corporations in the country. I didn’t have anything to do with that and we haven’t seen each other in years."

"Well, I’m sure you never knew this, but it drove me crazy that you were elected team captain and I never was," Ted admitted. "So just before graduation, I asked Coach why the guys on the team voted for you and not me. Coach told me something I’ve never forgotten. He said, ‘Ted, you’re the best player in the school’s history, and you’re a two-time All American. Joe doesn’t have half the talent that you have. But here’s the difference. Ted, you were the best player on the team while Joe was the best player for the team. You wanted to be the best player in the country while Joe wanted to make us the best team in the country. Ted, when you were on the court, you were selfish. Joe was always selfless."

"You know, Joe, it was tough hearing that from the coach," the CEO admitted. "He was being so direct and I knew he was telling me the truth. It’s a lesson I had to learn and it’s a lesson I’ve never forgotten. You see, Coach was right. The difference between us is that for me, it was all about ‘ME’ and for you, it was all about ‘WE.’"

"The ‘old me’ would have wanted my company to be the best company in the world," Ted said. "Now I strive to make my company the best company for the world. Joe, that’s why I need to thank you.

"I want to thank you, too, Ted," the minister said warmly.

"For what?"

"You just wrote next Sunday’s sermon for me!"

The Roth 401(k)

January 1st A New Retirement Plan

Alex Wolff & Erna Stummer
Assistant Feature Editor

On December 31st, as the ball drops in Times Square, a new investment option will take shape on Wall Street, it is the Roth 401(k). This will give Americans, people with the lowest savings rate in the world, another way to invest. What is the Roth 401(k)?

It is the way contributions are taxed. You make contributions to a Roth 401(k) with after-tax dollars and when withdrawn your money comes out tax free.

If you are a younger employee and in a low income bracket the Roth 401(k) is for you. The main reason is because younger employee’s incomes are bound to increase with time, so why not invest money now and take advantage of your lower tax bracket. Let’s assume you are eligible to contribute to a 401(k) and you have the choice between the traditional and the Roth. If you contribute $15,000 annually into the traditional 401(k) you will end up with approximately $30,000. On the flip side, making the same assumption, but with the Roth 401(k), a $15,000 contribution (you will need roughly $22,500, since you pay taxes up front) when the money is withdrawn you will get to keep the full $45,000.

At age 59 1/2 when you are eligible to withdraw the money supposing a 33% tax bracket you will end up with approximately $30,000. On the flip side, making the same assumptions, but with the Roth 401(k), a $15,000 contribution (you need roughly $22,500, since you pay taxes up front) when the money is withdrawn you will get to keep the full $45,000.

It is a choice of instant gratification or future gratification. With the traditional 401(k) you can lower you taxable income but with the Roth you receive a bigger chunk of change at the end. Paying taxes now with a Roth 401(k) maybe the best choice since many tax professionals predict the tax rates to rise in order to pay off America’s growing budget deficit.
Lots of Love To Go Around At MSU

‘Big Love’ Shows The Danger of Arranged Marriages

Hannah Rolles
Staff Writer

Big Love

Directed by Jorge Caiaho
Starring David Murgitroyd and Jackie Neitz

Not everyone can fall in love, but those who do find it difficult to resist its power. In marriage, it takes a willing spirit to give oneself and to care of one another. Both men and women face challenges in love and compatibility, though they confront different obstacles.

In Big Love, an MSU Theater production under the direction of Jorge Caiaho, reveals the romance, complications and horror that come with marriage. Fifty Greek sisters flee to Italy to escape a marriage contract that binds them into marrying their cousins.

None of the women want an arranged marriage to men they do not know nor love. The sisters seek refuge in the house of Bella with her sons, Piero and Gulliano. Piero, a suave Italian, agrees to accept the sisters, but only after they threaten to hang them with her sons, even some affection towards his destined bride Lydia. Because of his respectful approach, Lydia cannot help but let herself fall into the grips of love. Still faced with the prospect of marrying a complete stranger, the sisters decide to take a proactive influence on their future; they kill every husband before the wedding cake settles in their stomachs.

The wedding scene begins as most weddings, filled with a gorgeous array of flowing white blossoms. As instantly as the aesthetic nature of Constantine to the darker, more primitive impulses of his character. In contrast to Constantine, Nikos (Tim Blackey) shows a far more gentle, even shy affection towards his destined bride Lydia (Jackie Neitz). Because of his respectful approach, Lydia cannot help but let herself fall into the grips of love. Still faced with the prospect of marrying a complete stranger, the sisters decide to take a proactive influence on their future; they kill every husband before the wedding cake settles in their stomachs.

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Aniston’s New Movie Runs Off Track

‘Derailed’ Smashes Through Audience’s Intelligence

Peter Schaus
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Derailed

Directed by Mikael Hafstrom
Starring Clive Owen and Jennifer Aniston

From the moment writer Stuart Beattie put the movie’s title at the top of the screenplay, Derailed was doomed to fail. Fail is an awful word. No, awful is too far a word for a movie as disgusting and ugly as Derailed. It’s the sort of epic proportions that it seems as if the filmmakers tried their absolute hardest to make the worst possible movie imaginable.

Derailed has accomplished the daunting task of presenting characters with no discernable intentions whatsoever. The characters make decisions so illogical that it seems unlikely that anyone involved with the movie had a shred of understanding about the human condition. The script is not a movie script but a Cliff’s Notes version of the mythic tale of Achilles.

To call Derailed a “train-wreck” would be too easy, but since the movie has no quality about playing to such a level, deserves the lowest blow.

Derailed tells the story of Charles Schine’s (Clive Owen) descent into a mid-life crisis. His marriage is on the rocks, as his precocious daughter Amy (Addison Timlin) is quick to point out when his wife won’t kiss him goodbye on his way to work. Amy is suffering from terminal diabetes, which means that at some point in the movie she will suffer a medical emergency that will force Charles to regain perspective on his life. Amy needs one of those fictional life insurance policies to pay for her operation.

Lucinda Harris (Jennifer Aniston) feels violated by a poor script and banal direction in Derailed.

In contrast to lydia, Lucinda’s character is made up of a ‘trailer trash’ woman who is stereotypical, yet oddly appropriate that Paris Hilton is the latter. Derailed has been rivaled only by the phenomenon that swept the American public in 1998. However, its strength comes from accessibility. You can’t sink an ocean liner in your backyard but anyone with a license can join in the fun.

Even Crush proved to be the neek movie picture sleeper hit of the year. A well-made film that deserved its accolades or pop culture candy? My sources say it’s the latter.

This automobile disaster fascination has been rivaled only by the Titanic phenomenon that swept the American public in 1998. However, its strength comes from accessibility. You can’t sink an ocean liner in your backyard but anyone with a license can join in the fun.

For two public figures whose only contributions to the artistic world have been fruit for rubberwacking, it seems oddly appropriate that Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan have made car accidents the next big thing. But what’s next? Autoerotic asphyxiation? We’ll just have to stay tuned.
A film is already in hot water when the central conflict of the plot can be solved with logical reasoning. Clearly, Lucinda and Charles should file a confidential police report instead of placing the villain and putting Amy’s life (and their own) in jeopardy. The film refuses to allow the tension of the story to arise organically by exploring the psychological ramifications of that fateful evening. *Derailed* blatantly ignores any attempt at logical reasoning and chooses instead to twist the story to fit the filmmaker’s agenda.

What they are left with are one-dimensional characters acting in irrational ways for reasons unknown to them or the audience. Even irrational behavior can make for an interesting film (look at *Taxi Driver*), but *Derailed* plays like a greatest hits reel of the cliche and plot conventions of thrillers in the referential comic irony of *Scream*. Rather than fully developing LaRouche’s character, he acknowledges his presence as the stereotypical villain in what Bextie thinks is snappy dialogue.

The detective prototype of the movie goes through all the typical motions, but is given a distinctive character trait to look like more than just a plot device to create tension for Charles. He is a baseball fanatic and can repeat the highlights of Barry Bonds’ career at a moment’s notice. Although it has nothing to do with the movie, five irreplaceable minutes of our lives are spent on it.

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From The Bottom of The Barrel
A Look Back At Five Movies That Barely Scraped By

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In honor of the dismal failure of Derailed, The Montclarion would like to invite you to join us as we wade through some of the cinematic septic tank explosions of recent years.

It seems a lot about the potential of a movie when the star, Kim Basinger, willingly bankrupts herself and pays the filmmakers $3.5 million dollars just to avoid being in the final product. Like most movies, Boxing Helena explores the options that someone must face when their attraction has died.

Rather than stay and blast Peter Gabi (Sherilyn Fenn) by hit off her arms and legs, he is in his fury like a display. Boxing Helena when Helena returns his paying him engage in a spirited dance with a duet player in the next room.

From Justin to Kelly is the remaking of the beach party movies of the 1960's that compelled millions of Americans to look back at Justin and Kelly's that compelled millions of Americans to look back at Freedom of Speech. However, the film's tone is evocative rather than nostalgic, and the topical nature of the plot may cause viewers to wonder whether it is a comment on the current social climate or a critique of the media.

Director Robert Greenwald sets the tone of the first five minutes of the film by having his leading lady, Olivia Newton-John, reveal herself by roller-skating out of a brick wall while lit up like a neon bar sign. Poor Gene Kelly, star and creator of the classic Singin' in the Rain, never got the opportunity to redeem his performance as lecherous club-owner, Danny McGuire, before his death. Despite the hit theme from American Idol, winners Justin Guarini and Kelly Clarkson. Justin and Kelly are unrealistic as human beings with fewer grooms emerging with each transition. The men's bodies dropped to the floor numbness that allows them to let themselves fall in love. Lydia and Nikos have a child-like innocence that allows them to let themselves fall in love, like a child lets an adult hold his hand when he crosses the street. Lydia's sister, Thyna (Nina Leu) does not have that complicity. Law, wearing combat boots beneath her strapless bridal gown, was able to convey Thyna's insecurity with love through her defensive hand. Thyna's distrust for others and refusal to submit to love shows that not everyone can be married, which Bella believes is fine for some.

Big Love offers a glimpse at the multifaceted emotion of love. The men and women both have difficulty meeting what is expected of them. The women are expected to be submissive while the men are supposed to show civil compassion. The behavior of the men and women also contradicts the expected. Constantine believes that women should adapt to this "true" nature of civility that men must conquer the opposition.

However, it is the women that spill the blood of the men. Both sexes have the potential for horrible deeds. But, the subversion for humanity as it was for Nikos and Lydia lies with love.

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Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
Dir. Mike Newell
Starring Daniel Radcliffe and Robbie Coltrane

Walk The Line
Dir. James Mangold
Starring Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon

ALBUM RELEASES

Madonna
Confessions on a Dance Floor

Concerts & Theater
Thursday 17
311 with Alien Ant Farm- Hammerstein Ballroom
Bruce Springsteen- Continental Arena

Friday 18
Alanis Morissette- Roseland Ballroom
India.arie- Apollo Theater

Saturday 19
Bad Religion- Starland Ballroom
Edwin McCain- B.B. King's

Sunday 20
Ashlee Simpson- North Fork Theatre

Monday 21
U2- Madison Square Garden
Bauhaus- Starland Ballroom

Tuesday 22
O.A.R.- Starland Ballroom
Journey- Beacon Theatre.

Wednesday 23
Fall Out Boy- Riviera Center
Why spend hours improving your actual social life when you could join the thousands already on Ragnarok Online? This online community has been in existence since the fall of 2002, and has been improving since then.

As far as the genre of MMORPGs (Massive Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game) goes, Ragnarok shouldn’t stand out. Their job classes are not unique, the battle system is uncomplicated, and there is no permanent story line. Despite these flaws, Ragnarok has managed to consume a good part of my free time over the past year. It could be that these familiar elements are what draw me back to the game.

Every character starts out as a novice with hair color, hair style, gender, and base attribute points, all of which can be customized. At that point, they can complete a quest depending on which class they choose to become: swordsman, mage, archer, blacksmith, thief or a merchant. From there you can evolve up two more classes. The only drawback is that you can only have five characters on each of the four servers. Who needs an archer anyway? Each class has their own skills that you can master as you gain experience points.

There are two separate meters that gauge experience: Base level and Class level. Base level controls your attribute points while Class level controls your skills. This is most useful in the middle of the game when it takes over an hour to level up once. Because each meter is independent of the other, it cuts the time wading through droning minion battle to gain that new technique or increase your vitality points.

The first few levels go fast. Nine levels until you can choose your class and complete your first quest. After that, the learning curve becomes progressively steeper. You can enter other world areas at any time, just don’t get ahead of yourself. Traveling in groups is key; grab a few friends, a guild or start saving up for that next weapon with +40 atk. It will eventually take you an hour to level up. The ability to change class is what keeps the game interesting.

The game play is simply beautiful. The 2D anime pixel characters on 3D backgrounds are adorable. It’s not necessary for every game to break ground with graphic advancements. The scenery is beautiful and each dungeon and town has its own distinctive look. The music is calming and appropriate, but as with any repeating loop, will eventually be too much. Walk away, go have a sandwich, and you’ll be set to play for a few more hours if the music gets to you.

Go to http://iro.ragnarokonline.com and download the installers. Emancipate up the extra gig on your PC and make time to install the free demo. There is a small fee, but it’s still cheaper than other MMORPGs out there right now. Always expanding and evolving with its players Ragnarok is definitely worth investing a few hours.
Horizon
Conceived, composed and performed by Rinde Eckert

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Spotlight on Student Life
The only certain thing in college is intoxication. No one knows when, or if, they will graduate, how their GPA will look after four years, who they will be sleeping with and most of the time, students aren't even sure of their majors. However, almost every college student has brought a case of beer to a party at some point in their young lives.

According to the Alcohol Abuse Initiative website, college students consume an estimated four billion cases of beer annually. In total, they drink 430 million gallons of alcohol, which is enough to fill an Olympic sized pool at every university in the United States.

The fact of the matter is that alcohol is everywhere and students, whether they are under age or are of age, are consuming it regularly. Some students have even argued that imposing the age limit only encourages children to drink earlier.

Diana Figueredo, an 18-year-old freshman says that the age limit does nothing to stop students from drinking. "I think that because of the age limit, it makes people drink more," she said. "The fact that you're more restricted makes me want to do it even more. The bottom line is that if I want it, I'm going to get it."

Almost every week The Montclarion's police blotter is filled with alcohol related crimes from underage drinking to just possession, this is a dry campus, after all. Alcohol not only causes problems for the individual students at MSU, but for those surrounding them, University police, and possibly Residence Life as well. In 2004 there were 71 liquor law violations on campus. The total was by far the most, with 57 burglary law violations coming in second.

"In most of the cases when people are getting in trouble on campus with either vandalism, or sexual assault or anything else, when you look at the origin of the incident it's after a night of drinking," said MSU Detective Lenny Santiago.

Being intoxicated can be fun and can add to fun. Losing inhibitions, feeling more relaxed and unwinding are all some of the perks to getting drunk. But aside from throwing up at 3:00 in the morning or waking up with a hangover, there are many other residual affects of alcohol abuse or binge drinking.

Dr. Jagly Friedman-Lombardo, Director of MSU's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) says that binge drinking and alcohol abuse are larger problems than college students might believe.

"I think that people underestimate the dangers of alcohol," said Friedman-Lombardo. "I have seen plenty of people who are in their late-teens and early twenties who are struggling with very serious consequences from their substance abuse."

The fact that there isn't any alcohol distributed on Montclair State University's campus means that outside bars and fraternity/sorority parties are, in part, the way that under-age students are drinking.

Sex and assault influenced by alcohol consumption are a few of the dangers facing women at these parties and at bars.

"Guys definitely use alcohol as a way to get close to women," said MSU undergrad John Carl. "It makes the girl and the guy relax and open up a little bit. It's easier to talk to someone when they are a little loose." According to a website called The Sobering Truth, 90 percent of all campus rapes occur when alcohol has been used by either the assailant or the victim. In addition as many as 70 percent of college students admit to having engaged in sexual activity primarily as a result of being under the influence of alcohol.

It's certainly not a stretch to say that both men and women act more incoherently as a result of alcohol intoxication. Drinking and driving, severe depression, and decreased academic scores are all common results of alcohol abuse. But MSU may be able to make sure they don't add to the 300,000 plus college students that will be injured in drinking and driving accidents by selling alcohol on campus.

This would allow students to drink in the comfort of their own homes while only having to take a few shuttle busses to stock up. The point is that students are going to drink regardless of where they have to go, this is something the University could do to make it just a little safer.

"I don't know how much it would help if the University had a bar or something like that," said Detective Santiago. "It's certainly not a stretch to say that they are getting into accidents off campus either."

"Montclair is probably no different than any other university in the country," said MSU Coordinator of Student Conduct Susanne E. Ferrin. "Alcohol use is still a concern and it's still taken very seriously."

Another part of the college student that is being affected by drinking in their pockets. The average college student spends approximately $900 per year on alcohol (mostly beer), while they spend just $450 on school books and supplies. But a heavy night of drinking can also affect their performance in class the next morning.

"People forget that alcohol is a depressant, and even if you don't realize it, alcohol stays in your system for a very long time," said Friedman-Lombardo. "Depending on how late the student was drinking they could still be legally drunk in class the next morning. This, of course, would affect the student's ability to concentrate."

There's certainly nothing wrong with a drink here and there. It's legal, fun and can be nice after a long week of classes. There are cultures around the world where 15 and 16-year-olds are enjoying beers at dinner with their families, and for them, drinking becomes an act relaxation rather than one of intoxication. It's important to find that line and to know where you stand in regards to it.

Alcohol impairs our judgment, there's no denying that, but we must all realize that we are ultimately responsible for our actions because the consequences come no matter what your blood alcohol content is.
Tattoos have become increasingly popular from one generation to the next. Despite their popularity in our culture today, people still believe them to be unique, bold statements; with a story behind each one.

Tattoos are one of the few permanent alterations one can do to one’s own body. Even piercings have the ability to be taken out and close up eventually. For most people today, body art seems to be a rite of passage they take once they hit 18-years-old, the legal age to receive the tattoo without parental permission.

Though 18 is the standard age for students to let their rebellious side out, a few people risk going into the city with fake identification before that. Circumventing the legal process is definitely a way of showing that parents don’t have total control over your body anymore, even if they never see a discreetly placed tattoo. For some the risk is worth it, but most wait it out.

Waiting until you no longer need a note from a parent appears to add rebellious flare to the increasing trend. Let’s face it, with eight tattoos, said she is willing to go out and close up eventually. It is actually very rare to find someone who got his or her first tattoo alone.

After making the big decision to get a tattoo, it’s time to start thinking about choosing the right place. When it comes to tattoos, most people want to be covered with either watches or a ring. Though many people don’t consider it, the owner of the tattoo will gladly sit down and discuss the meaning and events that led up to the decision.

Tattoos represent a physical alteration of the body. Designs chosen for their design/beauty, memories and even those that show brand loyalty are preferable to most people.

Christopher Kuretich, an anthropology major with four tattoos, exemplifies this with his attitude towards symbolic Chinese tattoos. People “don’t even know what their symbol means because no one ever does research!”

The most recent popular places for females to get tattoos are the hip and the lower back which are easily hidden or disguised.

An anonymous student had the name of her fiancé inked onto her hip. After they broke up, she had to get a larger tattoo, a lotus flower about 4.5 inches by 6, to cover up the area. This time-consuming procedure set her back a few hundred dollars.

If someone is set on having a name transferred into body art, a more prudent choice would be the name of someone who does not have the ability or desire to leave you. One option would be a close family member or a deceased loved one.

Amy Mastrisani, an anthropology major with one tattoo, had a lotus flower designed by a friends artist only to regret it. She doesn’t regret her decision to get a tattoo, she simply isn’t happy with the tattoo artist’s final design. Displeased with her design, she hopes to make an appointment elsewhere so that it can be covered up.

Other tales of woe include procedures where colors were inked incorrectly or insufficiently. Horror stories like this tend to drive potential newcomers away. The amount of pain, money and risk makes a tattoo impractical for the more conventional individual.

On average, it costs about $10,000 to remove a tattoo over multiple sessions with the looming possibility of indelible scarring. Though many people don’t consider this before jumping beneath the needle, it is apparent that many people don’t consider their design either.

Perhaps students should put a little more thought into their final choices before altering their bodies. Or maybe not. If you can’t take the pain, or you’re simply indecisive, there are always alternatives such as temporary tattoos or henna.

Could you live with that dolphin on your belly button forever?
Wearing pajamas to class has been the trademark fashion statement of college students across America since two-piece pajamas were invented. Sure, it's easy—just wake up and go, no fuss made. Well, have you been wondering why that person you're staring at in your 8:00 a.m. class hasn't asked you out yet, or why your professor can't seem to take you seriously? The reason may be the rhinoceros print onesie you're wearing that are obviously pajamas.

Sure, it looks cool when you see the Olsen twins or Brad Pitt dressed in clothes' resembling sweatpants and a sweatshirt are okay to wear in public, said Schwartz. Like plaid or print, it looks sloppy. Cute when people don't look like pajamas. “When people wake up and go, no fuss made. Well, have you been wondering why that person you're staring at in your 8:00 a.m. class hasn't asked you out yet, or why your professor can't seem to take you seriously? The reason may be the rhinoceros print onesie you're wearing that are obviously pajamas.

Fur trim is also a must-have, and an easy way to warm up. For sophisticated girls by day, party animals by night, velvet blazers are perfect for accessorizing a simple outfit.

Before Kenny could restore old MOVIES for a living, someone had to help restore KENNY.

A car accident left Kenny Denton paralyzed below the waist. After intense therapy, Easter Seals helped turn Kenny's glimmer of hope into a bright new career. One in five Americans has a disability, and Easter Seals is there with expert help, hope and humanity. To learn more, call Easter Seals or visit www.easter-seals.org.
Amazed” recall memories of cool times and her hip-hop vibe, encouraging poorly-tre||j§ because she's redeemed herself with her most mental breakdown, the fact that she dated Eminem and left Tommy Mottola. Carey has made it back onto the charts, she’s done an excellent job at reinventing herself and using her life experiences in her creative process.

5. We all have our own guilty pleasures. Lately, mine has been Mariah Carey. I've gotten over the many mistakes Carey has made throughout her career. We all have our mishaps. I can look past Glitter, her mental breakdown, the fact that she dated Eminem and left Tommy Mottola because she's redeemed herself with her most recent release, The Emancipation of Mimi. She revisites her Daydreamer days with “We Belong Together,” and keeps her hip-hop vibe, encouraging poorly-tre||j§ to “Shake It Off.” Not only that, but she's dating Eminem and left Tommy Mottola. Carey made it back onto the charts, she’s done an excellent job at reinventing herself and using her life experiences in her creative process.

1. Kanye West has taken the hip-hop world by storm, bringing hot beats, deep lyrics and a new fashion sense with him. As an artist with incredible awareness, West used his spotlight in the limelight to open opportunities for other conscious hip-hop artists.

2. Our Dreams) music artists made a name for themselves, conscious hip-hop was, for the most part, an underground phenomenon. Having the opportunity to appear on Kanye West's album, proved the way for Common's hits, such as “Go” and “Fantasy.” As a result of his new-found fame, Common has received offers to branch out in the entertainment industry and he has accepted an acting gig for an upcoming movie. Tracks including "Stay With You" and "I Can Change" caught the attention of many true music fans, making Legend's name stand out among other R&B newcomers. Though his music has won the hearts of many, the Ivy League graduate has done something in the industry that hasn't been done in some time: he makes his own music. With a soulful voice, fabulous piano skills and his inclusion of live instruments, Legend doesn't need the electronic assistance that so many other artists make use of. For music lovers who appreciate a live performance, this album is as raw as it comes and is definitely worth a listen.

3. Mention Paul McCartney to my mother and you can see the flicker of life light up in her eyes. The mellow beats of “Maybe I'm Amazed” recall memories of my relationships and experiences to Paul McCartney, I'm sure that we all have that artist whose music is capable of evoking flashbacks.

4. As an artist who uses his music to deliver a message on subjects much greater than love and romance, is one man going out of his way to break barriers in the genre. Before Common and other G.O.O.D Music artists present their own material and the way that society embraces hip-hop, because, no denying that music plays a heavy role in the lives of college students. Whether it be while you're nursing a broken heart or jazz background while you're nursing a broken heart or jazz background, music defines, and难怪 so many other artists make the sound of fresh air that hip-hop has been waiting for. There's no doubt that, by now, you’ve learned the true meaning of a “GoldDigger” and that "nothing’s ever promised" in life.
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SEX

Do they intersect in college?

by Koren Frankfort

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I feel a sense of excitement that I might be mistaken for a businessman, instead of this observation. I am the only seasonal employee who isn't on a prison work release program.

... I became drunk with power, demonizing cards for reasons as simple as not smiling at me when I greeted them... a diverse clientele is the irrationality they share when faced, with a Saperstein's One Day Sale.

The allure of gambling in the United States is one that has accompanied the nation throughout its history. The thrill of escalating fortunes, combined with the universal dread of losing it all, forms an adrenaline rush that many have found hard to turn down with each trip to the casino or online.

While gambling was once a scheduled vacation down to Atlantic City or Las Vegas, many college students are finding that they can satisfy their craving at home or on campus, thanks to the rising popularity of online gambling.

According to a national study done this past summer by the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, the number of weekly poker games between college students rose 84 percent between 2003 and 2004. Also, according to the University of Nevada, an estimated 15 to 35 percent of online bets are placed by college students with no emotional investment in the job, looking to make a few extra dollars to buy beer for the weekend, or betting for the only job that doesn't require a background or urine check.

... I was once robbened at gunpoint while working at a vinyl store. Someone whose current job at a men's store. Someone whose current job at a men's store...
Post-Grad Plans:

Most students have spent the last 17 years in classrooms absorbing bits and pieces of information. Between occasional tests and extensive papers, students can concentrate only to be the most important college aspect: their social life. In the safety zone that the university creates, students obsessed about who would be doing what, which parties were being held that night and what craziness occurred the night before.

Come May, seniors will be thrown out of the classrooms and thrust into the harsh reality of the working world. Everything is frenzied and different from the safety of the university. Deadlines have changed from weeks to hours. There are no formal exams but new workers are tested everyday. Report cards are replaced by performance reviews that measure results. Report cards are replaced by performance impacts themselves, like in college, but also in the work place, but they are forced to, making immediate. They have no idea how to be prepared for a job or dealing with a high school in situations like the one above almost ever before with regard to destination selection have considered, for example, the destination is made up of international students, as we can see by the obvious diversity on campus. Turkish, Egyptian, Yugoslavian, students, as we can see by the obvious diversity on campus. Turkish, Egyptian, Yugoslavian, have one life to live, and although the college experience might seem long, it really goes by quickly. Having a college education is not going to be the same from one leaf unturned when it comes to exploring the various landscapes the earth has to offer.

Infamous vacation spots like Cannes, Miami Beach, Acapulco, and so on have been given a run for their money. Sounds unbelievable right? How do personal vacation spots such as these come face to face with their demise? There are no new party spots and no change in ticket fares yet students from all over the nation are subjects of an alteration in holiday traveling.

The reason for the decline is none other than curiosity. Students of our generation have considered, for example, the Bahamas and Orlando as overrated and overpriced. Thus begins the experience of venturing into something new, exciting and most importantly, authentic.

Studies show that more and more students prefer to travel out of the American boundaries. That is no surprise, considering that students today have more choices than ever before with regard to destination and overseas experiences.

According to istc.org, “Whether traveling to study or to relax, it is always better to plan, or simply for adventure, traveling provides a first-hand insight into countries and cultures as well as the natural beauty that one could see nowhere else. These days, schools and universities make it easier for students to explore the world beyond the United States of America.”

This past summer, Anchal Ahuja, a 16 year-old 9th grader went with her high school choir on a European trip. Panning around from Amsterdam, to France, then to London, Ahuja experienced the life-changing journey in 10 days, giving her motivation to go back to London some day. The young girl just got a taste of the world beyond what we perceive as “the universe.” She plans on going to college in London.

Rayhan Julli, a graduate student at Montclair State University, reminisces about his trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic this past semester. “It was a life-changing experience,” says Julli. “The cultural experience touched my heart. I didn’t know people were so nice there.” And those words are not being uttered out of fervent enthusiasm. Julli, a high school history teacher in Paterson plans to go back there some day... for retirement maybe?

The exchange program offered by universities plays a big role in influencing students to go abroad as well. A big chunk of the MSU student life is made up of international students, as we can see by the obvious diversity on campus. Turkish, Egyptian, Yugoslavian, the earth has offer. "I applied for jobs online and [sent] out my resume until someone called me," Basir said, about the right job for her. She now works at small film production company that enables her to make a name for herself in the broadcasting world.

The Internet is a valuable search tool. Job-sites such as Monster and CareerBuilder are a good way to put senior resumes out there. Besides job listings, there are free tools such as fax services and e-mail accounts, networking opportunities, and free Web space to accommodate your online resume. Employers and recruiters use the Internet to find individuals they feel are good candidates for the job.

Not only are major employment sites good for assisting in job-searches, but niche sites are a good way to find jobs specific for your major. Such sites include AlliedNet, for those looking for jobs in homeland security, or Cardinal for those looking for jobs in the sports industry.

Once a student got the job, it is vital to thank the people who helped him get the job. Always arrive at work on time, if not earlier. Listen to advice given to you by your boss before jumping in and suggesting changes. Avoid office gossip, but do not ignore everything said through the grapevine: it can be helpful, just don’t contribute to it. Stick to deadlines no matter what.

And lastly, do not be afraid to ask questions. If you are assigned a project and are not sure how it should be completed, ask instead of doing it incorrectly.

What a senior does after graduating should always challenge him or her no matter what path they decide to choose. Whether choosing to find a job and then attend graduate school or going to graduate school immediately, those wanting to attend graduate school immediately should seek to cover previous tracks as much as possible and sync the final year activities with those listed for their senior years.

Unemployed graduates should review all the information to see if there are any new steps that could be completed to enhance the strength of their resume in mind that it is never too late to start.

Whichever path you take in your post-graduation career, that will both challenge and entertain.

Student Travel: So Long Miami

Hello, Miami

by Disha Harjani

I applied for jobs online and [sent] out my resume until someone called me," Basir said, about the right job for her. She now works at small film production company that enables her to make a name for herself in the broadcasting world.

The Internet is a valuable search tool. Job-sites such as Monster and CareerBuilder are a good way to put senior resumes out there. Besides job listings, there are free tools such as fax services and e-mail accounts, networking opportunities, and free Web space to accommodate your online resume. Employers and recruiters use the Internet to find individuals they feel are good candidates for the job.

Not only are major employment sites good for assisting in job-searches, but niche sites are a good way to find jobs specific for your major. Such sites include AlliedNet, for those looking for jobs in homeland security, or Cardinal for those looking for jobs in the sports industry.

Once a student got the job, it is vital to thank the people who helped him get the job. Always arrive at work on time, if not earlier. Listen to advice given to you by your boss before jumping in and suggesting changes. Avoid office gossip, but do not ignore everything said through the grapevine: it can be helpful, just don’t contribute to it. Stick to deadlines no matter what.

And lastly, do not be afraid to ask questions. If you are assigned a project and are not sure how it should be completed, ask instead of doing it incorrectly.

What a senior does after graduating should always challenge him or her no matter what path they decide to choose. Whether choosing to find a job and then attend graduate school or going to graduate school immediately, those wanting to attend graduate school immediately should seek to cover previous tracks as much as possible and sync the final year activities with those listed for their senior years.

Unemployed graduates should review all the information to see if there are any new steps that could be completed to enhance the strength of their resume in mind that it is never too late to start.

Whichever path you take in your post-graduation career, that will both challenge and entertain.

Eileen Yepes, a senior in the theatre program at MSU says, "I would definitely choose London over a workshop session in California, only because it would be a lot more exciting and a completely different experience." She continues by adding, "If given the chance (and money), I would act the opportunity in a greenhouse in London.

Organizations aiding this type of travel are International Student Travel and the ISTC. Organizations for academic programs on our campus offer not only study abroad sessions, but small department trips for whom is inter-

sted to go during the summer or spring break and experience how their field of study is put to use in a different country as well. For example, the MSU theatre department offers a "Montclair to London" program for everyone who is interested in spending a few weeks in London studying and observing theatre and all its components in there.

"Looks like mankind will not leave one leaf unturned when it comes to exploring the various landscapes the earth has to offer."
ENGLISH FACULTY IN SUPPORT OF HIRAM PEREZ FOR TENURE

The English Department strongly reaffirms the recommendation for tenuring of Dr. Hiram Perez, an expert in US multicultural literature and culture. Dr. Perez has received the enthusiastic support of the Chair and the Department’s DPAC, along with letters of outside support from recognized scholars in the field. The Dean’s decision against tenure is based, so it seems, on the idea that his record of publication is “insufficient.” We find this contention at once vague and inaccurate:

- The quality of Dr. Perez’s work is outstanding; he is doing groundbreaking work on the intersections between race and sexuality in literary and social practices.
- He has published an average of one major scholarly piece per year since receiving his Ph.D. in 2002; letters from outside colleagues attest to the importance of his contributions.
- The venues in which he has published are impressive.
- His oral presentations at conferences and invited talks at universities around the country have generated positive responses from other teachers and scholars.

We are being told that what the institution now expects from Junior faculty is “more” juried publications. That is neither a specific nor a credible standard for tenure. In our view, quantity should be only one among several criteria for determining “sufficient” scholarship necessary to secure tenure. What should matter is that, in Dr. Perez, we have a scholar who already has a solid reputation at the cutting-edge of an emerging critical field with a clearly demonstrated potential for superior accomplishment in the future.

Further, and perhaps most distressing, Dr. Perez’s extraordinary contributions to the department and to the university in areas of teaching, pedagogy, and community outreach have been all but dismissed. He is a crucial member of our undergraduate and graduate faculty, as well as Women’s Studies, who has developed a range of new courses in areas like Black Cultural Studies. He has brought important speakers to campus, served on the President’s Commission for Affirmative Action and the Sub-Committee on Faculty Retention. For several years, he has taught Literature of Immigration for the New Jersey Council on the Humanities seminars for high school teachers. A constant resource for students with an interest in African-American, Asian-American, Latina/o literature, and Queer Theory, Dr. Perez has indeed been a veritable model of responsible campus citizenship and a leader in the arena of minority experience within the university.

Dr. Perez’s case raises important questions about MSU’s respect for faculty evaluation. It also calls into question the University’s commitment to affirmative action, and to maintaining diversity on campus. We are troubled by the prospect of hiring and retaining young faculty of color when standards for tenure are so unclear and enthusiastic faculty evaluations are disregarded. This is especially significant in regards to potential candidates for the Frazee Professorship, a position that segues with the scholarly expertise of Dr. Perez in particular.

Because we consider these issues so significant, we are taking our concerns beyond the department. It is our hope that Provost Lynde and President Cole will recommend tenure for Hiram Perez.

Two weeks ago, Montclair State University made the announce ment that it would not retain Dr. Hiram Perez past this semester, refusing him tenure. Although the final decision is to be made Dec. 9 by President Susan A. Cole, a meeting between Cole and the English department Tuesday yielded “no progress,” according to English professor Janet Cutler.

Because Dr. Perez represents several minority groups due to his sexual preference and his ethnic background, the issue of his dismissal has evolved into a discussion over the school’s policy towards professors of racial minority. This is an unfair swipe at the administration; it is an accusation that is impossible to defend and marginalizes Dr. Perez’s contributions to this campus. However, it is also true that Dr. Perez is one of the few professors at this college who teaches classes solely based on minority literature, and academic disparity is always a credit to any university.

The key issue here is MSU’s policy on tenure; while they require English professors to print in academic journals outside of the school, they do not provide any set guidelines on how many articles they are expected to publish each year. It should be a bazaar priority of any employer to set standards and expectations for the missions who operate under them. In this case, the school has purposely allowed the guidelines of tenure review to exist in a field of grey, allowing them to drop professors at their discretion.

This is, of course, part of their privilege as the academic heads of MSU. But Dr. Perez is more than just a trivial presence at this university; he has become one of the more vibrant and respected professors in his department. A testament to this fact is the petition currently circulating among students and professors of the English department and his positive ratings on the critical student forum ratemyprofessor.com. In fact, the English department, as authored by department chair Professor Larry Schwartz, released a statement in support of Dr. Perez, claiming that he has “clearly demonstrated potential for superior accomplishment in the future.” If the University does not factor the opinions of its students and academic departments when making personal decisions, who exactly are they representing?

There are two kinds of institutions when it comes to higher learning: teaching and research. In the case of MSU, it operates as a teaching University; it has decided that its chief purpose is to educate its students. Therefore, the impact of a professor should be viewed as how he or she affects their students, not the volume of articles that they publish. For Dr. Perez, his work on this campus has not only been sufficient; he has been an exemplary representative of academia here at MSU.

To that end, it is resolved that The Montclarion allays itself with the stance of the English department in its desire to keep Dr. Perez a part of the MSU faculty past this semester. This is not an opinion generated by personal fandom, rather this position is based on what is best for the experience and academic reputation of MSU.

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The Life of a Slave Girl, written by Harriet Jacobs, author of Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, lived in a three-foot high crawl space for seven years in an attempt to escape slavery. Frederick Douglass published the first African American-run newspaper, The North Star. In 1873, Phillis Wheatley, a poet, was the first African American to be published. For some, the above paragraph may be a history lesson. For me, however, it is simply a recollection of a handful of things I've learned from Dr. Hiram Perez, an English professor at MSU.

In my four years as an English major at Montclair State University, I have discovered a few golden professors that have challenged me to stretch my imagination, rework my writing and strive for goals that I never thought possible. Dr. Perez is one of those professors.

Having taken both Black Writers of America and Literature of Immigration with Perez, I have had the opportunity to experience a sometimes non-conventional, but constantly educational environment. Now, thanks to Dean Mary Papazian’s pity decision to deny Perez tenure, that learning environment may not exist next semester.

Though it was ultimately Papazian’s decision to deny Perez tenure, which would result in his dismissal from the University, she was conveniently unavailable to comment on the issue. As someone who is handed the responsibility of deciding the outcome of one’s livelihood, I would expect that Papazian would make herself available to back her decision, rather than having the department lie about her whereabouts.

The reason, or should I say an excuse, that Papazian has given for her decision is that Perez has not achieved the publication requirement needed to receive tenure. But if you ask to see a description of the University’s require-
Marooned Montclair Missed Opportunity

Improved Relationship Between Town and University Would Benefit Both Populations

Did you know, in your experienced tenure as a Montclair State University undergraduate, that there's actually a Montclair Township to complement your University? Or, in other words, how would you describe your relationship to the town from which your school derives its namesake? For most students (and town residents, for that matter), the correct answer is that there isn't much of a relationship at all.

The school and town often exist as two separate entities, as if they're two neighbors from different sides of the street who never bothered to invite the other one over for coffee. For instance, it seems like students will often drive considerable distances to such bars as Celebrities, Doc's and Fatso Fogarty's rather than imbibe at such Montclair joints as South Park, Just Jakes, or The Office.

However, this is a reputation that the school is taking measures to shake off. The addition of the Village apartments (which holds 848 students), as well as the proposed plans to erect a 2,500 bed residence hall on the present site of the Clove Road apartments guarantees that the resident population of this school will soon be swelling. In the near future, the school will soon be enrolling over 20,000 students, another milestone as it strives to gain notice in the consciousness of academic America.

What was once a tiny teacher's college, a mere mosquito on the radar screen of Montclair Township, is now blossoming into its own private little metropolis. Montclair represents a good chunk of the upper crust of Essex County. And as with any other upper middle class community, a lofty reputation is a prized possession; the prospect of drunken college students raising hell on the weekends is one that is understandably met with apprehension.

According to MSU President Susan A. Cole, quoted in an article published in the New York Times on Dec. 26, 2004, "when you send students out of state you are not going to get them back into the work force." And according to the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, 43 percent of students who graduated in 2000 sought education out of state can retain in its public institutions, the town will have to stand up and take notice of the MSU presence and the positive effect it can have on the town.

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Anywho, what's everyone's ever taken a drive down North Mountain avenue, past the Montclair Art Museum, can testify to the elephantine size of the town. Eventually, the town will have to stand up and take notice of the MSU presence and the positive effect it can have on the town. The town should exist more as a deal-sweetener, provided recreation for campus dwellers looking to step out on weekends.

Conversely, 16,000 young adults should be a tempting pool of potential business for Montclair. They should seek out, and cater to, MSU students for their own benefit. As for the individual, the college experience is what you make of it; I know where I can have passport photos taken, find 70s rock records and eat gyros in a Greek diner, all within walking distance of each other.

For the last year, I've managed to hold down a job off of Bloomfield Ave., and was able to take an NJ Transit bus to work for several months when I didn't have a car. I've ventured out and discovered the New World, I would recommend that you do the same in order to round out your years at MSU.

Karl de Vries, an English major, is in his second year as Opinion Editor for The Montclarion.
So you complain about campus, about the government, about the world?

What difference have you made?

Opinion

Montclair Mailbag

Dear Editor,

I have just recently received a bill for $78 for a graduation fee. I am a graduate student hoping to graduate in January, and formerly graduated from Monclair State University as an undergrad in May 2003. I was just wondering where this came from and when the University started charging students to graduate, because I did not have to pay this ridiculous fee in 2003. I do not plan on attending the ceremony and I do not understand why the school feels the need to dip into my pocket one last time.

As of the increasing tuition costs and parking fees every year were not enough, they had to find one last way to make a couple of extra bucks. I appreciated my time at MSU, but this certainly leaves a sour taste in my mouth as my way. I would appreciate if someone would try to explain the University's reasoning behind this bogus fee.

Erik Lovegren
Statistics major
Graduate Student
Class of 2003

Dear Editor,

After a recent experience with the parking violations here at Montclair State University, I believe that, as a student voice, I must write about this catch-22. Coming back to school on Sundays from home, as a freshman, I find myself waiting for as long as forty-five minutes for the bus to come at NJ Transit, to only come to the conclusion that I have to walk the distance back to school at night alone.

Coming back to school another Sunday night, I had a car full of heavy things and needed to unload my car. I parked in Lot 1B, thinking that I could because I have a weekend pass. The sign claims that it is a general lot after 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. I decided to keep my car there overnight, and when I woke up at 5:30 a.m. to move my car, I had already received a $40 dollar ticket. It had come to my knowledge that the campus has made millions in the past years. I think that something should be done about this catch-22. It comes down to walking alone on a dark, cold, Sunday night, or getting a ticket. What is a girl to do?

Alyssa Cole
Athletic Training
Freshman

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Question of the Week

What are the characteristics of a great professor?

CHRISTINE ADEYERI
Year: Senior
Major: Biology

"A professor that doesn’t give a lot of homework. He or she needs to give a lot of options for the final grade."

PETE AZIZ
Year: Freshman
Major: Justice Studies

"A great professor in a person who doesn’t take attendance, doesn’t give midterms or finals and has a good sense of humor."

RALPH ANDRE
Year: Senior
Major: Graphic Design

"Someone who is willing and able to surpass what is expected. They must care about their students future."

DAN GIURLEO
Year: Sophomore Major: Chemistry

"Someone that explains things clearly, knows the subject well, and may be edited for length, content and libel. Letters will not be printed unless they include the author's name, major, last four digits of SSN and phone number or e-mail address. Only one letter by an author will be printed each month. Submission deadline: Monday, 10:00 p.m. Letters may be submitted through e-mail to msuopinion@gmail.com or sent to The Montclarion - Attn: Opinion Page Editor, Montclair State University, 111 Student Center Annex, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043.

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There's a lot to know about qualifying for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). You need to work and earn less than $53,920. If you have children, they must meet three qualifying tests. And that's just to name a few. But the most important thing is honestly deservin any you can get help figuring it all out. Visit us on the web, call 1-800-TAX-1040 or ask your tax preparer. When it comes to getting h if you qualify for the EITC, you need to work and earn less than $53,920. If you have children, they must meet three qualifying tests. But the most important thing is honestly deserved. Consider it done.


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They shut out the upset twelfth seed, the Young Gunz, 28-0, who shocked the top seeded Head Bangas in the opening round, 41-13 victory and trip to the finals later that evening.

For the third consecutive season, Cool Runnings were able to resist a late rally in order to advance to the tournament semi-finals.

The frequent rain had taken an extreme toll on the condition of the playing field. The resulting run of numerous games found Cool Runnings in a position where they were forced to play their semi-final and possible final contests on the same surface. Third seeded Team Tiger awaited Cod Runnings in the semi-final fresh off a convincing victory over an offensively sound 1990 team.

Cool Runnings appeared ready for quarterback Frank Cerra and Team Tiger as quarterback Jay Cook carried his team to an early advantage.

Following a failed attempt on fourth down by Team Tiger, Cook led his teammates down the field with efficient passing of nine yards. Cook then completed the drive, himself, scrambling into the end zone from nine yards out.

Cool Runnings were able to make a historic onslaught in the opening half finding Evan Giounas in the flat for a 10 and 10 yard score respectively.

Team Tiger quarterback Frank Cerra connected with player of the week nominee Ryan Lamireonde in a hitch-and-go route for an 18-yard touchdown strike to open up the second half. Following this score, Cool Runnings made it clear to all that could hear that it was over.

Jay Cook continued to display his marksmanship at his position, finding a streaking Howard Horowitz for a 60 yard score to seal a 41-13 victory and trip to the finals later that evening.

Young Gunz, well-rested and mentally prepared after witnessing the offensive scheme utilized by Cool Runnings in the earlier semi-final contest, were brimming with confidence following their shocking victory in the waning moments of their match-up with the top seeded Head Bangas.

Their confidence quickly turned to insecurity as Cool Runnings went into halftime with a 14-0 lead. Defensive back Derek Morrison provided the second half spark for Cool Runnings by halting a Young Gunz drive with an interception and a 40 plus yard return for the score to give his team a commanding 21-0 lead that would not be questioned.

It may be easy to label Cool Runnings a flag football dynasty after winning two championships in three seasons, but with many key performers graduating, one wonders whether this team will be able to repeat.

A-Rod And Pujols Win MVP Awards

Mike Johnson
Sports Editor

For 20 years, Yankee fans have awaited their next MVP. Players like Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Bernie Williams and a list of others have been considered some of the more dominating players in the game over their past 10 years, but have never won the award.

The last Yankee to take home an MVP award (besides World Series MVP) was first baseman, Don Mattingly, in 1985.

In that season, Mattingly batted .324, 211 hits, 56 walks, 35 home runs, 145 runs batted in and won the Rawlings Gold Glove Award for his excellent defense (only one award is given out for each position). Mattingly accomplished this in 159 games which is only three games short of a full season.

Rodriguez finished the season with an average of .321, 104 hits, 91 walks, 48 home runs, 138 runs batted in, but was battered by Eric Chavez of Oakland for the Gold Glove Award. But what makes Alex Rodriguez so special is that he accomplished these numbers in all 162 games.

A-Rod edged out David Ortiz of the Boston Red Sox who compiled MVP-like numbers, but was eventually voted out of the race due to the fact that he is a designated hitter and does not play a position in the field.

In 2002, Rodriguez also had the honor of accepting the same award and now became the 19th Yankee all-time to win the award, the most by any franchise.

The statistician, Yankee winners would stand out in everyone’s eye, Don Mattingly, Thurman Munson, Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto, Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig and others have had the privilege to obtain the award in pinpoints, but A-Rod can put that on his ever-growing and impressive resume.

The 30-year-old New York native finished second season.

Albert Pujols has been one of the most dominating players in baseball since his rookie year in 2001.

He has totaled 982 hits, 201 home runs, 621 runs batted in and a .322 average in his first five seasons in the Major Leagues.

A lot of people talk about Pujols not only winning MVP awards, but they also talk about Pujols oneday being the career leader in a number of statitics.

The Editors’ Picks

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Managing Editor

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Sports Editor

St. Louis over Arizona
Jacksonville over Tennessee
Denver over Arizona
Miami over Cincinnati
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St. Louis over Arizona
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N.Y. Giants over Philadelphia
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Over Cincinnati 23-3
Over Philadelphia 28-17
Over Dallas 24-21
Over New England 35-21
Over Jacksonville 20-16

201 career home runs

In the Big Apple, he seems to have settled in after last year’s ups-and-down season that ended on a bad note.

Yankees fans can now celebrate the fact that A-Rod has brought the first MVP award to the Bronx in 20 years. The only thing better than that would be a World Series MVP award.

2011 in five years.

In 2006, Pujols hit .339, with 41 home runs, 137 runs batted in, 97 walks and an average of .310. His numbers are clearly similar to those of A-Rod, but each player’s presence was felt differently.

The last Cardinal player to win MVP was Willie McGee who, coincidentally, came in 1985. McGee batted a tremendous .352 and had 218 hits and 56 stolen bases. He only hit 10 home runs and drove in 82 runs, but, like Pujols, his impact on the team was great.

On a team stacked with all-stars, A-Rod was able to be bailed out of jams, but the Cardinal’s diminished lineup for a good deal of the season squarely put the pressure on Pujols’ shoulders.

Albert finally had the opportunity to win the award after it had eluded him for the past few years because of the Barry Bonds-less 2005 season. Bonds, who had won the award every year since Pujols’ rookie season, was sidelined with an injury and was only able to play a handful of games.

Pujols will begin the second year of his contract in 2006 and will remain the likely favorite.

If he stays healthy throughout his contract, and plays as well as he has, that would put him around 40th all-time on the career homerun list and just over halfway to Hank Aaron’s mark.
How much does Red Hawk, Mike Hogan, love soccer? Enough to leave his life behind to pursue a post college career in Ireland. Enough to end a six year relationship with his girlfriend to become a better soccer player. Enough to consider forsaging his senior year just to play on the next level.

"I'm leaving everything I know for it," Hogan said. "I think there must have been a soccer ball next to me in my crib."

When the time three All-American graduates after summer sessions in August with a physical education major, he plans to move to Ireland and tryout for some semi-pro teams. Hogan, will be staying with his expanded family overseas, fully expects this to be a huge challenge for him, and is now preparing for such.

"I'm going to have to get faster, stronger and have more endurance," Hogan said. "In order to be a great soccer player you have to dedicate your life to the sport and I am willing to do that.

Hogan is the adopted child of two straight off the boat Irish parents. While his father, a former semi-pro German soccer player, is all about his son's soccer career, his mother, a library assistant cares nothing for the soccer."

"My mother is one of the main reasons that I finished my college career," Hogan said. "My parents have me on lockdown, my main is all school, and of course my mom is going to be with him when he leaves for school.

Hogan, who has never missed a game in four years, was a high school baseball player, but like everything else, he eventually gave it up to become a better soccer player.

His commitment to soccer excellence is only rivaled by his knowledge of the game. He's been watching soccer since he could open his eyes and yell goal.

But love for the game alone, won't be enough to take the Parippany native to the next level. He plans to start as a semi-pro and eventually be a professional soccer player in London and start making the big bucks.

Players at the next level will be bigger, stronger and faster. He knows that he needs to improve. To start, he ran 28-miles last week and hit the weight room everyday. "He's a fierce competitor, no matter game or training, he wants to win and win bad," said MSU Men's Soccer Head Coach and semi-pro, Brian Sentkowski. "He's driven to succeed, Mike understands the game at a high level, and has the skill sets to execute."

The day the Red Hawk soccer season ended, Hogan immediately signed up for a men's soccer league and has been playing non-step preparing for his September trip to Europe.

"His biggest weakness is going to be his willingness to commit himself to the physical side of the game," Sentkowski said. "Specifically his speed and explosiveness in small areas and overall fitness levels."

The rare times when the moon is red and he isn't playing soccer, or watching ball with his dad at 7:00 a.m., Hogan enjoys spending time with his close friends and family. He currently lives with teammate, friend and former defensive lineman Kyle Hughes.

"He has been described by himself, his teammates and his coach as a player who likes to take the chance. He was honored with a First Team All-Conference selection and says that because his team lost this season, he feels he doesn't deserve a fourth All-American selection this season and does not expect to receive it. In four seasons at MSU, one of the only things he did not earn was a conference championship or an NCAA playoff birth.

"This year was definitely a disappoint-ment," he said. "There was never a point in the season that the team just clicked."

Chemistry is so important, if you want to win."

It's not soccer or bust for the Red Hawk. He plans to go to Ireland for six months, the can't make any teams there, he will return to the USA and tryout for some teams here.

If soccer on the next level is not in the cards for Hogan, he plans to return to MSU, get his Masters Degree and then become a high school level teacher and coach.

Hogan is determined to make soccer a part of his life for the rest of it. He will be training day and night until he achieves his dream.

"When I was younger all of my friends were always saying that they wanted to be like Michael Jordan, Joe Montana or any other great players," he said. "But I always dreamed that someday some kid would say that he wanted to be like me."

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Mike Hogan

Red Hawks Men's Soccer

Men's 2005-2006 Basketball Preview

Coming off a 15-12 season in which they bowed out at last, Montclair State men's basketball and head coach Ted Fiore look to regain their regional semi-final status of the 2001-02 season in which they were 36-6.

There are high expectations within the Montclair camp as the Red Hawks return numerous contributors from last year's campaign at both ends of the floor. Gia Paul Gonzalez, a former transfer from Messiah College (Pa.), returns for his senior season on the strength of his most productive season to date in 2004-2005.

As a junior, the 6'6 versatile forward, Gonzalez, was bestowed with numerous post-season honors including being named to the All-District Team by the National Basketball Coaches Association (NBCA), the first Red Hawk to earn this honor since 1999.

Gonzalez was also named to the All-Atlantic Region Team by Durene.com, the Metropolitan Writers Division III All-Star Team, and received NJAC player of the week honors twice during the course of the season.

Gonzalez notched a 17.0 points per game scoring average, joining the Red Hawks in that particular department. In addition, Gonzalez was among the Red Hawk leaders under the boards pulling down a shade less than seven rebounds per contest. He also finished first and 28th in the nation from the stripe with an impressive 85.8 percentage.

Montclair possesses a multitude of depth in 2005 which has the Red Hawk faithful excited for the season to commence and opposing coaches circling their respective trips to Panzer Gym on their calendar a little earlier this year.

In addition to the return of their effective leader, Gonzalez, Montclair also returns five seniors including Jeme Ford as well as four juniors and sophomores which include Al Hawkins, one of the top NJAC rookies from a year ago.

A former transfer from YSU-Fleisch, had a game-high 15 points in a come back victory at Rowan which helped MSU garner the six seed the NJAC tournament. After spending some time as the floor general last year, Ford will primarily be boxed toward to provide an offensive spark at the two this time around.

Al Hawkins proved himself to be a tremen-dous athlete during his freshman year at Montclair State. In the fall, Hawkins took snaps as quarterback for Red Hawk football completing 22 passes for 302 yards and a touchdown.

Perhaps the most compelling and impres-sive statistic regarding the athletic ability of Al Hawkins to the was signed by the Milwaukee Brewers of Major League Baseball's to a minor league contract in 1996. Hawkins enrolled as high as Double-A in the Brewers organization before missing the entire 2001 season due to injury.

Senior guard Nick Aldiero, junior forward Cliff Schader, and junior center Eric Sylvester will, along with others all have expanded roles on this year's installment of Red Hawk men's basketball.

The NJAC is perennially one of the most competitive basketball leagues in the entire country comprised of teams like Ramapo who was upset in the Sweet 16 of last year's NCAA Tournament. In addition to the rigorous schedule within the league that the Red Hawks must endure, numerous proven non-conference opponents await with Montclair in the first half of the regular season.

Three potential non-conference foes that Montclair may have to tangle with have entered the Steve Alubithe One-on-One Classic held in Panzer Gymnasium. These potential opponents include Keene State, Flushing, and Bridgegewater State (Ma.).

Once again, Red Hawk fans believe their team is NCAA bound at the season's begin-nning. This year, Montclair-State men's hopes hinged it out to prove that underscoring is a thing of the past.
MSU Battles Back for Torres's First Win

Key Pin By Beiermeister Seals MSU’s First Victory Of The Year And James Torres’s First Win As MSU Head Coach

Mike Johnson

SPORTS Editor

It wasn’t sure how overtime works, I just knew that I couldn’t lose,” Beiermeister said. “Coach Torres put us in great shape and got us into the position we needed to be in to win this match.”

Beiermeister’s pinfall was the last of three consecutive Red Hawk wins to finish off a seven point comeback to eventually beat the ranked DII school 26-17.

Jake Beitz started the Red Hawk rally with a first round pin against Cory Geocolay. The Kutztown junior started off well enough, scoring the first take down, but team captain Beitz quickly recovered, escaping to make the score 2-1 in favor of the Golden Hawks.

The match turned when Geocolay attempted a double leg takedown against the Red Hawk senior only to see it defended and then countered into a headlock, Beitz’s specialty. It was only a matter of seconds before Beitz scored the pin and brought the Red Hawks within one point. John Vogel continued the comeback that Beitz started by earning a major decision against freshman Curtis Beardwell.

The former team captain filled in for Red Hawk Mike Burger at the 187 pound class. The match wasn’t even close. Vogel, who is only eligible to wrestle for the rest of this semester, completely dominated, outwrestled and overwhelmed the younger and less experienced Golden Bear wrestler. After scoring a 14-5 victory, the Red Hawks took a 20-17 lead setting the stage for Beiermeister.

“Will Beiermeister has been my diamond in the rough,” said Head Wrestling Coach James Torres. “This is the way I envisioned starting the season — with a win. Today conditioning and leadership prevailed, our older guys really pulled through for us.”

Freshman John Vogel gave MSU the lead with his major decision. Senior and former All-American Derrick Goduto-quieted his knee during Friday’s practice, both Berger and Alan Aponte are not yet eligible, but will be in the coming weeks.

“We’re not even at our full linear,” Anest said. “Once we have our solid lineup in, I think we will be doing some big things, I’ll say we could be a top ten program this season.”

NASCAR Season Coming To An End

Sunday’s Final Race In Homestead, Florida, Will Determine The 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion

Mike Johnson

SPORTS Editor

The Nextel Cup season is finally drawing to an end and after 36 races in 10 months, the winner will stand atop the podium with the trophy and forever cement the moment he has been waiting for all season.

Points leader, Tony Stewart, leads Jimmie Johnson by only 52 points entering the final race.

For those who do not understand the points, it goes like this. The winner of each race is awarded 360 points. The second place driver receives 170. From there, the point total is divided in 5-point increments for places two through six, points awarded drop four points per driver for positions seven through 11 and three-point increments separate drivers’ points for finishers in 13th place or lower over the 43 starting positions.

It may sound a little tricky, but these drivers know what they need to do. In order for Jimmie Johnson to win the championship he needs to make sure he crosses the finish line ahead of Tony Stewart. In fact, if Jimmie Johnson wins, he needs to make sure Tony Stewart finishes worse than 12th. If Stewart were to finish 12th and Johnson were to win, Johnson would win the title by two points.

In order for Carl Edwards, who is 35 points behind Jimmie Johnson and 97 off the lead, to win, he will need both Johnson and Stewart to finish below 10th place and win the race, something he is quite familiar with this season. Edwards has won four races which is tied for second in the overall standings. Only Tony Stewart and Greg Biffle have more.

Anyone who follows NASCAR will remember last year’s championship run by Kurt Busch and teammates Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson.

Gordon and Johnson, who race for Hendrick Motorsports, finished second and third, Johnson fell short by only eight points and Gordon missed the mark by 16.

The 2004 Nextel Cup season gave fans and fans alike a reason to believe that NASCAR isn’t just a bunch of guys driving a car around in a circle for a few hours. It showed that racing came down to little things and that a race may last three hours, but every second is crucial to a team’s success.

Last year’s champion, Kurt Busch, who is eligible to win the championship in 2005, was suspended for the final two races of the year by his car owner after he was cited for reckless driving in Phoenix last weekend.

Busch is currently ninth in points and will fall to the final spot after this week’s race when he will be watching from a television.

Anything can happen this weekend and fans of NASCAR are hoping that this year can top last year’s closest championship finish ever.

In fact, if Jimmie Johnson wins this weekend and Tony Stewart comes in 12th place, the two drivers will finish in NASCAR’s first tie ever at the end of the season. It would be a good end to a rather bland season.

Both Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. failed to make the 10 race playoff and no driver had more than five wins. Last year’s season gave us an eight race winner and a finish that could not be forgotten.

This Sunday could turn out to be one of the biggest moments in NASCAR history or Stewart could completely dominate and take all the fun out of the entire season. One thing that fans do know is that the stands will be packed in Homestead.

Jose Ortiz

Managing Editor
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SPORTS TRIVIA

QUESTION
Can you name the “Original Six” teams in hockey?

LAST EDITION’S QUESTION
Which NFL player holds the record for most career interceptions?

ANSWER TO LAST EDITION’S QUESTION
Paul Krause holds the record for most career interceptions with 81.

Match ‘Em

Match these NBA players to their alma mater

1.) Shawn Marion California
2.) Keith Van Horn UNLV
3.) Jason Kidd Virginia Union
4.) Eddie Jones Utah
5.) Ben Wallace Temple

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Saturday vs. NJCU 8 p.m.

Last Week’s Results
No Games Last Week.

Field Hockey

This Week
End of Schedule/ Final Standings

Last Week’s Results
11/12 - MSU 14, Rowan 31

Eric Ferriol
Senior
Hometown: Belleville, NJ

Ferriol was 19-33 in passing with 292 yards and one touchdown in MSU’s 31-14 loss to Rowan.

Jennifer Tanis
Sophomore
Hometown: Oak Ridge, NJ

Tanis scored the first and deciding goal for the Red Hawks in game one in their 2-0 win over Washington and Lee.
Warrington may have been the offensive boost on the floor, and cient outside shooter and helpful percent. Madej served as a profi­
ter to coach O'Boyle's trip to the Conference Tournament in her first season as the head coach. Amanda Melo. All were key con­
tributors to coach O'Boyle's trip to Rowan and got around that have three
ers. They reached in the top five last season in scor­
ing defense, defensive rebounding, opponents field goal percentage, and blocked shots. However, coach O'Boyle admits that missing their weaknesses last season was the inability to score from outside of the paint, and not hitting free shots.

"Free throw shooting was our Achilles heel last sea­son," said O'Boyle. This year we will have much more scoring options." MSU ranked near the bottom of the NJAC in free-throw shooting and they lost four games by five or fewer points, three of those were conference games. Had they won them, they could have moved from fourth place to second place and completely changed the seeding and, possibly, last season's misfortune.

The Red Hawks will be running the hi-lo motion, meaning that the post game is going to create their scoring opportunities. According to O'Boyle the inside shooting ability of the team has improved especially from beyond the arc.

The defense will be back and just as tough as last season. The motto is that no one scores in the paint, coach says that the team will be willing to take

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Team captain, Stephanie Machin is returning from her sec­ond straight All-Conference team honor and her only first team selec­tion. The junior led the team in scor­ing for the second straight season, scoring one of the highest field goal percentages in the NJAC and had the third highest scor­ing average in the conference. O'Boyle is very excited about the improve­ment of her go to player. The big­gest improve­ment I have seen in Stephanie is her lead­ership abili­ties," said O'Boyle. "On top of that, she has gotten so much stron­ger. When she finishes at the hoop, she liter­ally has defenders hang­ing off of her."

Although O'Boyle says that there are only three spots on the starting five that are set in stone, senior Amanda Mullaney could be a huge defensive and offensive present in the paint next to Machin. Mullaney averages more than one blocked shot per game for her career and was second on the team in rebound­ing last season. There will also be more help in the post this season. "Ferin Catlett has gotten much stronger this season," said O'Boyle. "She's playing with much more confi­dence and will be a big offensive threat this year.

The Red Hawks may have caught a few teams by surprise last year with a new coach, but this year their secret is out. O'Boyle says that William Paterson will be one of the stron­gest teams in the conference, and they will have to look out for TCNJ and Stockton, the defending NJAC champions. The Red Hawks are hoping to build off of last season success, and coach O'Boyle has shown her dedication to the team's steady improvement by scheduling her team to play against three top 25 teams this season.

"We expect to be competing the NJAC championship this season," O'Boyle said. "I felt the reason Rowan knocked us off last season is because they had a team of five seniors who were playing like it was the last game of their careers. Having more experience this year.