Student Turns To WB-11
For Housing Dilemma

Chantal Gabel
News Editor

MSU senior Berlyne Vilcant has resorted to contacting the WB-11 show Help Me Howard and the NJ Dept. of Consumer Affairs in order to gain justice against Residence Life faculty and procedures.

Help Me Howard is a show that aids people who feel they have "suffered" injustices and need his assistance. "His persistent investigations have run the gamut from aides to people who feel they have been sexually harassed at work," according to the WB11 website.

Vilcant, an MSU resident of two years, was approved to cancel her housing from the Village at Little Falls on Jan. 13 due to financial issues carried out from the Fall 2005 semester.

However, Vilcant was told on Jan. 25 that she was not approved to move out because she was registered for classes.

"I filled out a cancellation form on Jan. 13 and was approved the same day to move out from the Village. I completely moved out and submitted my key on Jan. 27," said Vilcant.

Vilcant cancelled her housing for the Spring 2006 semester because she had difficulties paying a housing charge of $5,600 from the Fall 2005 semester.

"I accepted these charges and tried to pay $6 off by filling out loans. The amount I received wasn't sufficient to cover the whole balance," said Vilcant.

"The Financial Office said there was nothing they can do, so I had no choice but to cancel my housing for the Spring 2006 semester."

Vilcant said she filed twice for an appeal by e-mail to Residence Life director Regina Sargent. However, she was rejected both times. "(Sargent) stated that I signed a one-year contract and that it's the university's polities to abide by it," said Vilcant.

Residence Life Launches Modern
Sign-Up System

Spring Sign-Ups To Be Done On Computer

Rachael Warmington
Staff Writer

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Gay Marriage Issues Concern MSU Students

Douglas McIntyre
Staff Writer

Seven same-sex couples went before the New Jersey State Supreme Court Feb. 15 to argue for their right to marry.

The issue of gay marriage is an important issue to such a diverse university as MSU. According to junior psychology major Jeremy Sargent, there was a rally Feb. 14, with the attendance of such people as the presidents and representatives from Garden State Equality and the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, even the president of the Human Rights Campaign.

"I am for gay marriage, and for basic equality. Everyone should be treated equally. As long as there is discrimination in any form, we are not an equal society." Even students who didn't attend the rally feel strongly about gay marriage.

"I think gay marriage should be allowed," said senior chemistry major Elizabeth Hunt. "With the amount of good that it could do, it should just be allowed."

Some of the arguments addressed for gay marriage include the state's law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Additionally, there were arguments on the previous legislation passed through former governor James McGreevey's administration regarding same-sex partnerships.

Many couples seek marriage to be afforded the same rights as heterosexual couples, such as monetary rights, insurance benefits, disability, medical visitation, parental rights and many others.

"Those benefits can make a world of difference in people's lives," said Sargent. "Health insurance and pension are gone when your partner dies. Your way of life is gone. In a limited income household, a substantial change is devastating."

It could take several months before the court comes to a decision on the case. However, this was not the first time the state has seen cases regarding same-sex marriage.

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Interest Rates Rise for Students

Oriana Dagostino
Staff Writer

U.S. students have five months to consolidate student loans as the Budget Deficit Act Legislation is authorised on July 1, an act which entails higher interest rates and the prohibition of in-school consolidation. Sources say that SLM (formerly Sallie Mae) and The House Majority Leader are linked to this law.

Sources specializing in the financial arena suggest that this law will burden students in the present. (The current rate is 4.7 percent) with stress and especially in the future when it comes to settling down, having families, and buying homes; two parents will be working and struggling economically, the days of one parent working will be long gone.

Sources indicate that the future of the U.S. economy will be severely negatively affected as our work force of highly trained scholars may become diminished because of students lacking the funds necessary to attain in order to educate one's self, in order to grasp select positions in the U.S. workforce which help the country prevail worldwide in the realms of science, mathematicians, and more.

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3 Only civil unions
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"We have been attempting to advance our residence life program like other institutions and reduce the amount of time and stress that a manual assignment progress can produce," said Sargent. The electronic system will lessen any errors that would be made in paperwork.

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**The Police Report:**

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licensing to end. Officials declared the marriage invalid.

In January 2004, former governor McGreevey passed through legislation allowing domestic partnerships, which applies not only to same-sex couples, but also to senior citizens and couples, allowing them some of the same rights as married couples.

According to gaylife.about.com, these rights include insurance coverage, medical decisions and joint state tax returns. It does not include parental rights. The second parents have to file for adoption.

Domestic partners must be at least 18 and of the same sex, or at least 62 of the opposite sex to file for the rights. This may also make them eligible for health care and retirement benefits through employers who choose to provide such coverage.

Maine and California also grant domestic partnerships to same-sex partners, with differing rights in the different states. Maine's mostly relates to disability and inheritance issues, while California's relate to property rights, spousal support after a separation and parental rights for second parents, according to gaylife.about.com.

Though it will not grant civil unions to same-sex couples, New Jersey recognizes civil unions and domestic partnerships, granted in other states.

Vermont became the first state to allow same-sex civil unions in July 2000, after the Baker v. State decision, according to gaylife.about.com. Their state supreme court declared that their constitution required that gaylife about.com. Hawaii has a currently unique definition, called, "Receiproc Beneficiaries," according to gaylife.about.com. Hawaii residents over 18 can register under this law, and they are granted such rights as hospital visitation and property and inheritance rights.

In Feb. 2004, the mayor of San Francisco granted marriage licenses to numerous couples. The California Supreme Court later voided all licenses.

Currently, the only state to allow same-sex marriage is Massachusetts as of Feb. 2004, according to gaylife.about.com. In Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health in 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that the state law barring same-sex marriage was unconstitutional.

In Feb. 2004, they ruled that civil unions, instead of marriage, would not meet their requirements. Same-sex couples can now enter into civil marriages in the state of Massachusetts. Several thousand couples have already done so, according to gaylife.about.com.

As a result of this decision, President Bush endorses an amendment to the Constitution defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman to ban same-sex couples from getting married. However, the United States would not be the first country to ban gay marriage. According to gaylife.about.com, in Honduras in March 2005, Uganda in Sept. 2005 and Latvia in Dec. 2005 have passed such legislation. In addition, Ugandans punish homosexual acts by imprisonment from five years to life.


Many other countries grant benefits to same-sex couples, but not actual marriage. Denmark was the first in 1999 and other countries include Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Iceland, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Scotland, Sweden and Switzerland.

Scott Barnes, a junior history major, said, "The Constitution allows Americans the right to pursue happiness. Marriage allows happiness. Plus, all men are supposed to be treated equal, so they should have equal rights." While many students agree that gay marriage is fair, others feel differently. Sophomore biology major Gabriella Gomez said, "Getting married is a religious bond. Gay marriage is against religion. Therefore, I support civil unions, to give gay couples the same rights as others.

Theatre major Kimberly Arnd feels similarly. "Gays should be able to join in a legal bond under state jurisdiction," said Arend. "However, churches who oppose gay unions should not be penalized for turning the couples away. Legally, if you take out religion, then you're left with the choice of civil unions."

Daniel Chrimech, freshman computer science major, believes marriage altogether is unnecessary. "I don't believe in marriage whatsoever, because 'it's not what it used to be," said Chrimech. "There's no such thing as the sanctity of marriage anymore."

According to Slagle, the decision of the state's supreme court is expected by the sum­mar. However, Slagle believes, "If one person is discriminated against, everyone loses. We shouldn't touch anyone hate if we're a people who are curing and giving."
Student Loan Administrator said. However, sources say that the July 1 official rate will probably be about 6.5 percent.

Terry Savage of The Sun-Timer said that one of the largest holders of student loans is SLM, who was formerly federally chartered and now operates under the name SLM. Savage said that allowing easier consolidations and reconsiderations by competing organizations could cut into SLM’s profits, as SLM reacted by lobbying strongly and effectively for the proposal of Budget Deficit Act Legislation.

Frank Cunzo, MSU’s Director of Financial Aid, said that the lender most widely used at MSU is the SLM loan, and students who simply concentrate on obtaining a student loan, their focus is not on which one. Savage reported that SLM made a $1 billion profit in loan volume.

News Max quotes, “SLM has huge market power that it has not hesitated to translate into political clout through campaign contributions that water and nourish the Republicans who control legislative process.” They said that SLM PAC provided House of Education and The Workforce Committee with $140,000 to kick in their preferential treatment.

Free Market News links SLM with the House Majority Leader, Rep. John Boehner. They reported he enjoyed jet flights and donations from wives of gentle­men such as Sally Mae’s CEO.

It was said that SLM lobbyists and Boehner’s staffers worked hand in hand to see the legislation through. Congress was also originally supposed to revoke the loan stating that students could not consolidate while in school or reconsolidate at the end of their educational careers.

A source said that Congress was under the impression that easy consolidation and reconsideration cost tax payers money when in fact The American Chronicle states tax­ payers do earn money in the form of lender taxes and reductions in default rate from easy consolidation and reconsideration.

One student was plagued by the news of her interest rate increasing. Art major Lorenia Rivas said, “Students already have the impression that easy consolidation and reconsideration will be considered and supporting docu­mentation must be provided: graduation, studying abroad, withdrawal from the university, etc. Anything that makes it less likely that students will acquire a bac­calauriate or post-baccalaureate degree is clearly not in the national best interest.”

Such a statement alludes to the idea that financially, our economy may suffer as a result of Budget Deficit Act Legislation.

Cunzo had imminent advice, “Students must be ever vigilant about direct costs they pay for tuition and indirect costs, such as books.” Cunzo said one of the benefits in legis­ lation is that borrowing limits are going up to $3,500 for freshmen students and $4,500 for sophomores.

In the past, freshman students were lent $2,825, Cunzo said that a positive attribute of SLM is “three percent will no longer be taken out of student loans. If you take out a $3,000 loan, you get the full $3,000.”

Cunzo didn’t foresee negative economic situations in the future for students. He recommends that students consolidate loans once, and only then, they will be com­pletely finished with their educations.

Students who will acquire a Masters or a Ph.D. should not consolidate until after they receive these degrees and are completely finished. Students who don’t consolidate by July 1 may have to postpone starting families later, as they will have acquired greater debt. If students do not attain sufficient income, larger hours may be worked.

Second jobs may become options depend­ing on the amount of their loan debt. When students can afford to start a family, depend­ing on the amount of children they choose to have, they will become even harder.

Process Richard Lynde said, “I believe that this is ill advised legislation that serves neither the interests of students nor the long term interests of the country. Anything that makes it less likely that students will acquire a bac­calauriate or post-baccalaureate degree is clearly not in the national best interest.”

In order to be able to cancel housing, the contract states, “Only the following criteria will be considered and supporting docu­mentation must be provided: graduation, studying abroad, withdrawal from the uni­versity or transferring to another university. Exceptions with regard to academic status, financial hardship and/or compelling circum­stances will be subject to review by the Assistant Director for Housing Operations and are not guaranteed.”

Kathleen Ragun, Associate Vice President for Division Administration, said, “This is not the case.” However, students who are strongly urged to attend a housing session so they know their commitment for the 2006/2007 semesters.

While Vilcint has read the contract, she still deems it unfair that she will have to “suffer” paying off the loans for housing since she doesn’t live there. “I completely feel that they are putting me through this trouble because a lot of people have withdrawn from housing and they are trying to keep as many people there as possible,” said Vilcint.

While it remains unknown why Vilcint was approved to cancel housing on Jan. 13, and then dis-approved on Jan. 25, she has contacted the WB-11 show Help Me Howard! and has filled out a complaint report to the N.J. Dept. of Consumer Affairs.

Vilcint added, “I hope to speak for all students in the residential halls when I say this school may be the second best and largest school academically, but it’s the last in organization and fairness.”

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There will be deadlines, and students still have to pay their non-refundable applica­tion fee of $125 by March 1, 2006.

The priority will be chosen starting, stand­ing with seniors.

Sargent said, “Only students in the Village and Clove can squat their bed space for the opening academic year. Residents Life started distributing sign-up information packets this week to help make the switch a smooth transition. Students are encouraged to ask questions if they do not understand the new process.

DAs and RA’s feel the process will improve the housing system.

Senior english major and DA of Bohn Hall Danielle Arnaudet feels the system will benefit everyone. According to Arnaudet, DAs and RA’s are currently being trained to use the electronic system.

Arnaudet added that students could pick their roommates; however, once a student selects their roommates, they are “locked in,” and it takes at least two weeks to change.

Another Bohn Hall RA and Accounting major, Alii Mustafa Jr. said, “Residence Life has been making improvements and this system should improve more.”

According to Mustafa, students can register from any computer with this new online system. Mustafa attended a meet­ing concerning the new process Wednesday afternoon. “Upper classroom may be able to reserve a spot for freshman and sophomore that want to room with them,” said Mustafa.

Students agree that a new system for signing-up is necessary.

Physical Ed. Sophomore Ashley Lustenberg had a difficult time with hous­ing last semester. “It was assigned to a triple in Plains that was more equipped for two. Freshman Anthropology student Kim Corrigan had her housing difficulties.

“It is good to improve the sign-up system but there are other issues that should be addressed also,” said Correre.

Accounting Sophomore Owen Amster found the previous sign-up process to be difficult. Amster said, “Last semester people didn’t have a chance to sign-up for the Village, a new system would be better.”

Amster also addressed other issues. “Bohn rooms are drumy, and the dorms themselves can be better.”

For more information regarding housing sign-ups, students are encouraged to watch channel 8.

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On Feb. 1, OSUU (Organization of Students for African Unity) held a flag raising cer­emony above in honor of Black History Month. Denzel Shabaka, SGA representa­tive of OSUU said, “The flag raising is imperative to the African-American heritage. The flag isn’t only flying in honor of African American students with it a diverse group of people who defined African-American history, such as Toni Morrison, Malcolm X, Queen Nduka, and The Black Panthers and Marcella Johnson. Also encouraged African American students to keep fighting for equality. “You have to know what to fight for, you need to know what your passion is,” said Jennings. Jennings pub­lished a book of poetry entitled Race, Rage and Racism along with articles about Malcolm X, The Black Panthers and Toni Morrison.

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The Power of Effortless Mastery

Plagiarism: Not Worth The Effort

Amy Groom
Staff Writer

Plagiarism is the use of another's writing or information without crediting the original work. It is academic dishonesty. The use of plagiarism is cheating for personal advantage. People may use plagiarism by copying information from a book or copying and pasting material from the Internet. Occurrences of plagiarism may happen deliberately or accidentally. Plagiarism is not a criminal offense. The weid plagiarism is not a legal term. However, most educational institutions have policies regarding plagiarism. According to the Montclair State University catalog, there is a policy that if a student plagiarizes, they may be prone to dismissal. When one plagiarizes, they are not only disrespecting the original author, they are disrespecting themselves. There are many reasons why students plagiarize. Students may have poor time management skills and may be cramming to get an assignment or paper done. Students may feel that plagiarism is not serious. They also may not have been taught about the subject of plagiarism. Also, many students are unaware that paraphrasing is plagiarism. Paraphrasing is rewarding the author's work and meaning in your own words. At the college level, it is the students' responsibility not to plagiarize and to understand plagiarism.

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9. When interviewing, give credit to those people.
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1. You won't learn anything.
2. You may get suspended or dismissed from school.

Take A Look At Greek Life In The Montclair Experience

Jessica Suico and Amy Groom
Feature Editor and Staff Writer

Greek is life is ...
"Friendship with people who have the same goals," according to Andrew Brod, a brother of Theta Xi, one of the well-known fraternities on campus.

It is one of the most prevalent aspects of the Montclair experience and includes a large portion of the students on campus. According to the Greek Council of Montclair State University's website, "Greek Organizations are comprised of approximately 30 organizations." Greek life on campus is a large part of Montclair culture.

Greek Organizations give many young women and men an opportunity to be included in organizations that offer them a chance to be "a part of something bigger," says Keri Leon, a sister of Delta Xi Delta, another sorority that makes its home on campus.

With so many students walking around proudly with their sorority and fraternity regalia, it is no surprise that those whom are not Greek are both curious and astounded by the loyalty showing off of these organizations. Montclair State University Greek Council

Take A Look At
Greek Life In The
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Here, members of a fraternity work together to ensure that their organization letters are properly taken care of.

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Match the Motto

Do you know which motto belongs with the organizations at the left? Test how familiar you are with Greek life.

Answers:

Brotherhood of a Lifetime
Fraternities Pro Vitae
Strength in Sisterhood
Esse Quam Videri
Paria Multae Spes Una
Juncti Juvant
Not for Wealth, Rank, or Honor, but for Personal Worth & Character
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SEE 'MASTERY' ON P. 6

Rob Gilbert, Ph. D.
Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education

The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win, but to take part, just as the important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well.

— Baron Pierre de Coubertin

NEWS FLASH: ICE DANCE TEAM THAT TRAINS AT MONTCLAIR STATE WINS OLYMPIC GOLD!

Trains at Montclair State wins Olympic Gold! — Baron Pierre de Coubertin

OLYMPIC GOLD!

The Winter Olympics are fabulous. I don’t understand some of the sports. I’ve never heard of many of the countries, and I can’t pronounce the names of most of the athletes. But none of this matters because I’m not watching the Olympics to gain information. I’m watching them to get inspiration. I’m not terribly interested in who wins and who loses. I don’t care about the controversies, scandals and medal counts. The one thing that impresses me most is watching athletes go all out and give a full effort. If you’re in the Olympics and you’re competing against other world-class athletes, you’ll only have a chance to win if you go all out.

Playing it safe in downhill skiing doesn’t work. Holding back in ice dancing lowers your score. The 1980 Olympic hockey team certainly didn’t bat the Russians by playing conservatively.

If you think it’s going to be difficult for these Olympic athletes to go all out, imagine how difficult it will be for them to compete against someone who’s going all out if they’re not.

If they don’t go all out, it will not only be difficult to compete, it will be impossible to win.

Going all out means giving a full effort. This was Michael Jordan’s secret, a full effort in every moment of each and every game.

So maybe you’re not an Olympic, but you are a student. Can you give an Olympic effort in the classroom? Can you go to class every day and do all out? Can you give your full effort on every assignment, paper and project? Of course you can. And when you do it will be difficult for anyone to compete with you.

Here’s a peak-performance secret: Going all out and giving a full effort is not stress-
Dear J and J,

I have been seeing this guy for a while now, and in the beginning we hung out almost everyday, but recently he's been really busy and I never see him. We are exclusive, but we haven't added in labels yet. How can I approach my desire to see him more without having any definitive titles in our relationship?

Jose Ortiz
Managing Editor

What you have here is a relationship in denial. You assume all the responsibilities, advantages and disadvantages of a boyfriend and girlfriend relationship, but have disguised it by not assigning a title. You two are already boyfriend and girlfriend, you just haven't called it that yet. Whether you guys decide to change the title tomorrow or never, it's not going to change his time situation. If he is too busy for you now, he will certainly be too busy if you are his girlfriend.

That being said, if you want to see him more the best thing for you to do is to make yourself available whenever he is. Give him a call from time to time and see if he wants to hang out right then, if he's too busy, ask if he has anytime available the next day. It may sound like you're being his heel, but if someone is very busy and you want to see them, you have to cater to their schedule.

The best way to be picture perfect is if someone is very busy and you want to see them, you have to cater to their schedule. The last thing you want is for him to let him know you are still there, but by calling him too much, he's going to feel some of the responsibilities of being a boyfriend and he doesn't want that.

I think the most important thing for you to understand is that in order for a relationship to work, both parties have to be willing to sacrifice and compromise. So much so that I would say that you should cater to him, he's got to understand that he has to find time for you. There's no need for you to beg or make him think he can have you whenever he wants to. Let him know that you see him, make the effort to do so, and then let him meet you the rest of the way.

Jessica Sproviero
Assistant Graphics Editor

You shouldn't be reserved talking with your guy about your relationship. If you've been seeing him for a while, you should start to feel more comfortable around each other. By remaining silent, you are only hurting yourself. You are the one who wants to know and unless you speak up it will keep bothering you.

Just ask, the worst thing that could happen is that you hear an answer you don't like. It's better to find out now than a year or two down the line when you find out he isn't looking for a relationship.

Are you sure you're seeing each other exclusive? Maybe he's avoiding the issue because he has someone else on the side. Don't become the creepy, stalker girlfriend, but you probably should start to question his motives.

Of course, it could just be that he's overworked and he's keeping you away; he may have lost interest or he may feel comfortable around each other.

By remaining silent, you are only hurting yourself. If you have any questions you would like answered by our team of sex and relationship advisors, send an e-mail to MSUFeature@gmail.com with "He Said, She Said" in the subject line.

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Mastery

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Their names are Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov. They are amazing athletes. Did you miss them? Don't worry, just take a trip down to the Floyd Hall Arena (right on our campus!) and you'll see how Olympic champions train. Watch them train. They're usually at the rink weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. See them in action and you'll get some inspiration on developing effortless mastery in your own life.

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The Greek system at Montclair State University includes Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), Inter-Sorority Council (ISC), the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the United Greek and Social Fellowship Council (UGSFC). Each of these organizations is made up of six different sub-houses. These sub-houses include Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), the Inter-Sorority Council (ISC), the Professional House, the National Panhellenic Conferences (NPC), the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPBHC), and the United Greek and Social Fellowship Council (UGSFC).

At the end of the day, pledges are obligated to take pledge materials home with them, no matter how large the size is. Here, pledges are removing their pledge belongings with carts to bring them back to their dorms.

The UGSFC rep, Fiona Simpson, the vice president, the secretary, and the treasurer. Each of them come from different fraternities and sororities on campus, but work together to ensure that each organization lives to its fullest potential.

The IFC includes five of the fraternities on campus that are part of National Greek Organizations:
- Delta Chi
- Phi Kappa Alpha
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Tau Phi Beta
- Theta Xi

The ISC includes sororities that are local and available only at Montclair State University:
- Alpha Iota Chi
- Delta Xi Delta
- Sigma Delta Phi
- Sigma Sigma Sigma
- Sigma Delta Tau
- Sigma Sigma Sigma

The NPC are made up of the National sororities that have chapters at MSU:
- Delta Phi Epsilon
- Phi Sigma Sigma
- Phi Sigma Pi
- Phi Sigma Sigma
- Sigma Gamma Rho
- Zeta Phi Beta

The UGSFC represents the Latin and Multicultural Organization on campus and contain both male and female societies:
- Chi Upsilon Sigma
- Groove Phi Groove
- Lambda Sigma Upsilon
- Lambda Upsilon Sigma
- Lambda Theta Alpha
- Lambda Theta Phi
- Mu Sigma Upsilon
- Psi Sigma Phi
- Swing Phi Swing

Each sorority and fraternity on campus has their similarities and differences, but the advantage of the organizations at MSU is simple.

"There are no rivals with other organizations," remarks Berti Leen when asked what are three of the positive aspects of Greek life on campus. She is a part of Delta Xi Delta, and members of other sororities and fraternities would be quick to agree.

In addition to offering lasting friendships and an opportunity to meet new people, the ability to network within the Greek community is unparalleled by any other group of organizations on campus. With that kind of network available, the possibilities are endless. It is another one of the reasons Greek life is thought of so highly at MSU and so many are beckoned to join.
Men hold the known faces of the Civil Rights Movement, yet women were far from quiet when it came to their opinions and decisions during that time. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X are two of the most well-known names when it comes to equal rights for blacks. Even though the name Rosa Parks will immediately bring to mind the changes during the Civil Rights Movement. Looking throughout history, there are clearly five women that were influential figures in the Civil Rights history, there are five women that influenced the changes during the Civil Rights Movement.

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Honoring The Women Who Played Huge Roles On The Road To Equality for African Americans

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• Jo Ann Gibson Robinson: Georgia-born in 1912, into a huge family - she was one of twelve children. After attending segregated schools her entire life, she later attended Fort Valley State College, and later taught in Macon, Georgia. Five years later, she accepted a position at Alabama State College. During her years at Alabama State, Robinson joined the Woman’s Political Council (WPC), and wrote to the Montgomery mayor threatening an African American bus boycott in 1954. Eighteen months later, after the arrest of Rosa Parks, Robinson and other members of the WPC helped organize the bus boycott - Robinson handed out leaflets promoting the protest.

• Septima Poinsette Clark: A seemingly natural-born activist, Clark was valiant in her efforts to allow blacks to teach in public schools. Born in 1898, Clark was adamant in changing the laws which barred African Americans from teaching in certain parts of the south. After graduating from Avery Normal Institute in Charleston and with the help of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), Clark returned in 1949 to Avery to create a campaign against the barred teachers. One year later, Clark’s efforts paid off - the policies were turned over and African Americans were finally allowed to teach in Charleston.

• Fannie Lou Hamer: Perhaps one of the most influential women in all of history, Hamer began working with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and helped organize voting efforts in the south. Hamer was a MFDP representative went to Atlantic City for the Democratic National Convention in protest as a MFDP representative, claiming that the Democratic party established for Mississippi did not equally represent blacks. Because of her efforts, the Democrats took in two MFDP representatives to participate in their convention with speaking rights, and all other members were considered guests.

• Mary Church Terrell: Co-founder and first president of the National Association of Colored Women, Mary Church Terrell was a spokesperson for women’s suffrage and was a famous civil rights activist. The National Association of Colored Women was an organization that helped equitable educational and social reforms, in attempts to end racist practices. Terrell was the first woman to gain entrance to the Washington Chapter of American Association of University Women, which ended any exclusions that once were established against black women. Terrell addressed the Jim Crow laws, and in a threeyear struggle, she helped put an end to segregated public eating places and hotels in Washington, D.C.

• Mary Fair Burks: Founder of the Women’s Political Council, was a front-runner when it came to defying the Jim Crow laws. Insisting on using white-only elevators and restrooms, she made it her own personal mission to help abolish the discriminatory laws against blacks. Through the WPC, Burks took a stand in racial problems in Montgomery, Alabama.

Her campaigns varied from the treatment of blacks in the school system and as voters, to the unfair treatment blacks saw on forms of public transportation. Having worked at Alabama State College (with Robinson) for few years as the head of the English Department.

These women, in a joint effort to stop the racism and discriminatory actions taken against them, put their hearts into stopping segregation. Through many organizations like the NAACP, and the WPC, Robinson, Clark, Hamer, Terrell and Burks are just a few of the unknown role models that triumphed during the Civil Rights Movement. Not only were they women, they were African Americans - two of the hardest roles to fulfill during that time period. Unfortunately, these great names are not frequently introduced into classrooms. Regardless, their efforts helped advance America to what we are now - and although we are not perfect, we are certainly living in more harmony than we were decades ago.

Influential Black Women

Queen Nzinga
Harriet Tubman
G.J. Walker
Sojourner Truth
Harriet Beecher Stowe
Phillis Wheatley
Bell Hooks
Mia Angelou
Oprah Winfrey
The Top 20 Most Significant Advancements in African American History

Jane Ortiz
Managing Editor

1. SHE REFUSED TO GET UP (6-28-1955): Rosa Parks unknowingly sparked one of the largest civil rights movements in American history when she refused to get off of a Montgomery bus and re-boarded it from the back. What followed was a bus boycott that lasted for 381 days. Parks became the leader of the civil rights movement in the film and on other media.

2. OSCAR DEPriEST ELECTED TO CONGRESS (6-28-1944): This election ended a 50 year drought for African American in the governmental branches. DePriest became the first African American in Congress. By the year 2006 there were 39 blacks in Congress.

3. AFRICAN AMERICANS ELECTED MAYOR (6-28-1963): Civil Rights of Cleveland and Richard Hatcher from Gary, Indiana became the first black elected mayors of major U.S. cities. This ushered in era of major elections and political appointments for African Americans. By 1974 there were 500 black elected officials including 108 mayors.

4. THE GREAT MIGRATION (6-28-1916): Tens of thousands of African Americans traveled from the South to the North in search of work and an attempt to escape Jim Crow laws. This migration began about 30 years to completely ended up bringing millions of African Americans to Chicago, Harlem, Pittsburgh and other big cities.

5. NAACP WAS FORMED (6-28-1909): An organization that is still recognized today, the NAACP held its first meeting in 1909 with 300 black and white attorneys in attendance. This organization has paid its dues, its black, its white.

6. UNITED NATIONS COLLEGE FUND WAS FOUNDED (6-28-1945): This was one of the first opportunities provided for African Americans to go to college so they could get better jobs and have a better education. Without this fund, thousands of African Americans would not have been able to go to college and get a higher education.

7. DECISIONS ON THE ROAD TO SEGREGATION (6-28-1954): School vs. Parents, the University of Texas Law School to admit African American students. This is because a law school founded by blacks would not have all of the resources, learning opportunities, and chance to be successful as white law schools. This would hinder black students from practicing law. McLaurin vs. Oklahoma ablation of exclusion in school libraries, classrooms and cafeterias because such restrictions would impair or inhibit their ability to study, engage in discussions or pursue their careers.

8. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DELIVERED "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH (8-28-1963): This speech is quite possibly the most well-known oratory of the 20th century. It is the voice for the world that the country's children would inherit. There are certainly reasons many people have heard the words: "I have a dream that my little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

9. "BOOY" (7-28-1972): Are Hairey's search for real democracy led him to create the most realistic depiction of American slavery to date. This film was groundbreaking at the time and is still considered to be one of the best ever to begin to imagine the horrors of slavery.

10. THURGOOD MARSHALL APPOINTED JUSTICE (7-28-1967): Marshall became the first African American in the history of the U.S. to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. He remained on the seat until 1991 when he retired because of advancing age. His position as Supreme Court Justice is one of the highest positions ever held by an African American in government.

11. JOSE OWENS WINS FOUR IN BERLIN (7-28-1936): This may have been one of the greatest single events in sports. Owens ran and jumped and won four events in Berlin for Nazi Germany in the brink of World War II. His victory humiliated Hitler and crushed a myth.

12. TOMMY SMITH AND JOHN CARLOS "BLACK POWER" (1968): If you haven't seen this before you're living on Mars. After failing to get their fellow black athletes to boycott the 26th Summer Olympic games in Mexico City, Smith and Carlos took Gold and Bronze in the 200m track and field event. They used this stage to make a statement about the African American struggle. They stood on the platform barefoot, wore black gloves and raised black-gloved fists to the sky. The picture remains a symbol of the struggle in the late 60s.

13. JACK JOHNSON BEATS JIM JEFFRIES (7-28-1918): Jack Johnson, became the first African American to win the heavyweight boxing title of the world. He became a world champ in 1910 after beating Tommy Burns, but the official champ, Jeffries, refused to fight Johnson because he was black. In 1919 Jeffries came out of retirement to fight Johnson and he became the first of many "great white hopes."

14. UNCLE TOMS CABIN (1852): Harriet Beecher Stowe's classic book, in turn of the highest selling novels of all-time. Stowe, through it, fiction, opened the eyes of countless the attention that were happening in front of their faces.

15. DON HASKINS STARTS STARTS (1966): Haskell Revolutionized basketball when he started an all black team of Texas Western (UTEP) against Kentucky's all white team. For years it was said that African Americans were too stupid to win championships and would ultimately lose to whites. Haskell's team victory changed all that.

16. CARTER WOODSON STARTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH (1926): It originally began as just a week in February has now grown into an annual month of appreciation. This month of appreciation allows allows students to study things and people that they wouldn't have normally, and teach others to teach something that wouldn't normally be in the curriculum.

Farewell To Those Who Paved The Way

These People Were Lost Between The Months of September 2005 and February 2006

Dominique Wilson
Marking Editor

Richard Pryor
(December 11, 1940- December 10, 2006): One of America's premier African American comedians and actor.

Lou Rawls
(December 1, 1933-January 2, 2006): He was an extraordinary jazz and blues singer.

Darrell Russell
(May 27, 1976- December 15, 2005): He was a defensive lineman for the Oakland Raiders of the NFL.

Wilson Pickett
(March 18, 1941- January 19, 2005): A man well known for R&B and soul music.

Cynthia DeLorea Tucker
(September 24, 1913- October 24, 2005): She was a political activist who became the first African American Secretary of State in 1971.

Ernest Crichlow
(June 19, 1914- November 10, 2005): He was a controversial artist in the Harlem Renaissance.

SBC's Field: He became the first African American in Congress.

1641: Massachusetts becomes the first colony to make slavery legal.

4/17/1776: Declaration of Independence adopted, while a section denouncing the slave trade was deleted.

1865: Civil War ended. Congress approves 13th amendment, outlawing slavery.

5/17/1954: The Supreme Court rules that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional.

12/5/1955: Bus boycott begins after Rosa Parks refuses to go to the back of the bus.


7/2/1964: Civil Rights bill is signed by Pres. Lyndon Johnson. Gives public accommodation and fair employment.

There’s Something Special About Yuri

Jessica Suico
Feature Editor

My first impression of Yuri Jadotte was that he was one of those strong, silent types that people often underestimate. With an unusually regal demeanor, it was not hard to tell why Jadotte was chosen to be in many executive positions of the clubs and organizations he was a part of.

“Tough,” he said without a hint of arrogance. “I’ve held all e-board positions so it is easy for me to adapt.”

Born in Florida and raised in Haiti, Jadotte is quick to defend his Haitian roots; pointedly saying that his childhood in Haiti was not as bad as most would think.

“It was not so tough, but it taught me that a change needs to be made.”

Most know that Haiti is not the friendliest place to live. With its recent past and present, most would have given in to the overwhelming feelings of the countrymen, but Jadotte always knew better than to succumb. As a matter of fact, he chose to leave Haiti as his motivation to do well in school.

“Before, when I was younger, it was tough, but now the conditions (in Haiti) are horrific,” he said, with a stoic demeanor slightly crushing at the mention of his former home’s present state.

When he was 14, Jadotte’s whole world changed when someone in his family was deliberately murdered. He and his mother were forced to flee the country with urgency.

“Before anything could have happened to his family,” he said. “It was an abrupt departure ... if we did not leave, the people that killed my family member would have come after [my family].”

He stayed away from the constant exposure of drugs and alcohol that Haiti offers. Jadotte remained strong and chose not to succumb again.

“Sometimes you have to do what it takes versus just giving in,” said Jadotte, a supervisor at the Department of Education. Because of his lack of an American passport his father had no choice but to stay behind in Haiti, but thankfully, Jadotte still sees his father often during the summer.

“It wasn’t much of a problem ... I do see him every summer,” he remarks about his father.

In East Orange, he was exposed to rough surroundings yet again. But Jadotte remained strong and chose not to succumb again. He stayed away from the constant exposure of drugs and alcohol that East Orange is notorious for.

Now, at Montclair State University, Jadotte seems to have finally found a place where he is able to make a difference. Being the former president of the Haitian Student Association, he was able to gain the charter that makes the HSA a Class I Organization of the SGA, Inc., and to raise awareness of the plights of Haiti. In addition, he has been able to time-manage enough study time to accommodate his two majors of molecular biology and chemistry and help expected to graduate this year with a 4.0 GPA.

He biggest regret, is not having enough time to make more friends.

“With the kind of success he has gained, his sacrifices paid off. Even if he did have the tendency to socialize like his fellow peers, he was able to get into medical school making him one step closer to achieving his dreams of becoming a primary care physician and making large contributions to medical science through research.

When asked about how he felt about being chosen to be featured in this week’s special section, he said, “I am honored to be chosen, and I hope my example will help others find their way.”

Hopefully, his example will inspire others to be successful and to make the right choices.

Shayna Jacobs
Assistant News Editor

The landmark Supreme Court decision, Brown v. Board of Education, which discriminated the law that stated “separate, but equal” could exist, means as much to Dr. Rose Mary Howell, Dean of Students at MSU, as it does to anyone.

Howell, a Crown Heights, Brooklyn native says she always attended integrated schools, in fact many of them were dominated by Caucasians.

She is a firm education advocate who values the culturally enriching aspects of diversity, and is appreciative of the diverse schools, in fact many of them were dominated by Caucasians.

Howell says, “Diversity provides a cultural richness,” Howell says smiling, legs crossed and seated in an office swivel chair. “There is intellectual and social value in getting to know someone from a different background.”

Living in Brooklyn, including areas like Bedford Stuyvesant, and Brooklyn Heights, she says she was never seriously affected by racism. Her mother raised her not to feel inferior because of her color, and not to consider a person’s race when associating with them.

She tells a story of an elementary school crush she had. The boy told her that he could not date her because she didn’t like “niggers.” Too young to understand the meaning of the comment, she was hurt only by the rejection.

The dean’s education was never hindered by her race. Attending the New York City public school system, she received the same opportunities as any white student in the area. She was also trained as a concert pianist, studying formally for two decades. She had a debut at Carnegie Recital Hall in 1968, at 16 years old.

Howell’s mother was her biggest educational influence. She says her mother knew education was extremely important and always helped her with assignments.

“Education is important because it allows people to move out of their current circumstances. It opens doors for people regardless of what neighborhood they’re from or what their family life was like,” she says talking over the third beeping sequence of her office’s intercom.

Teaching led her to decide that she wanted to be an administrator, at the attended New York University for her masters, and later Rutgers for her doctorate. Before coming to MSU, she worked at the NYC Board of Education headquarters and held administrative positions at William Paterson, Rutgers and the Fairleigh Dickinson University.

“The challenge socially for African-Americans is believing that there doesn’t have to be any limits,” she states. “Every race of people has been slaves. There is still a tendency toward the plantation owner-victim mentality, in which African-Americans operate as limits are placed than when they’re not.”

The dean has a firm view on what should be done to improve education in urban and impoverished areas.

She believes there is a call for committed teachers, and that the curriculum in “failing” schools should be just as stringent as it is in prospering, generally suburban, public schools.

“If you don’t expect me to achieve, I won’t,” says Howell. “Unless you are bom with some overall zealous feelings of the countrymen, you don’t have a chance.”

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Dean of Students Reflects On Her Path To MSU

Dominique Wilson | The Montclarion

Dr. Rose Mary Howell took on as MSU’s Dean of Students last Fall.

The same opportunity, no matter what color you are, you will learn.”

Howell feels a major disappointment in the black community is black on black crime.

“Martin Luther King would be appalled by what blacks do to other blacks, as we all should be,” she says.

Over 50 years after the Brown decision, education is still not equal as it should be, with poorer school districts concentrated in urban areas, but Howell is in an example of why a person’s inherent race shouldn’t prevent a minority student from achieving anything.

“Sometimes black folks go to the race card. I’ve experienced racism and bias. You’ve got to get beyond it,” she said.
It is now 2006, and the issues concern­
ing, and ultimately destroying, the black community on and off college campuses, are still over­hand. As a sophomore at Montclair State University, I have seen firsthand the shortcomings of African Americans on campus. I have seen the disappointing faces of my peers that arise within a conversation due to certain issues that seem so unan­ticipated. One of the main issues that I am referring to is the lack of African American students here on Montclair State University’s campus and I am sure on other campuses across the country.

I believe this issue is not hard to deal with, but is easily ignored. If you are African American, you most likely can relate to me when I say, “I am tired of being the only black person in my class.” Although MSU is known for its “diversity,” African American students are still at a low representation. So how diverse can this campus really be? This issue is not for an individual to attack. This issue needs to be attacked by the African American community, on and off campus.

According to Montclair State University’s Statistical breakdown of the Student Body of MSU for Fall 2005, only 11 percent of the stu­dent body was African American. Hispanic representation was a little higher, with 18 percent.

These facts to be disturbing. One may wonder, how can a college student deal with a problem like this? I do not have a definite answer, but I know that African American students can come together and collectively combat this injustice. I call this issue an injustice not only because we are being wronged but also, we must stop doing wrong to ourselves.

Just because I’m in college does not mean that I will not work with my siblings so that they can make it here as well. In addition, I will continue to encourage others to apply to college, if that is what they so choose to do. I think it is a shame that so many of us are still at a low representation. So why Mookie smashed the Right

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consider ourselves successful thus forgetting that we cannot be a complete success until our entire community of African Americans can achieve that success.

Enrollment for African American Students Raises Concern

Yes, it is true that you and I are here to try to make a difference, but there are many others out there that we cannot forget about. It is also true that we cannot save all strategies. The goal should not be to save the whole African American community. We have to start small to ensure a greater amount of change.

You, as a collective whole, must not forget those closest to us. Our friends and family are not just here for support; they are also here for our help. The root of the world is not going to accomplish our goals for us. We will not grow to 50 percent from 11 percent, overnight. It will take a conscious effort to realize that this issue, although one of many, is in the root of something that has become a huge problem.

The problem being that we are not going to college. Whether it is a problem within ourselves or a problem that starts in the African American community, it is still an issue deserving recognition. This issue will never be resolved if it continues to go unrecognized.

The Ten Most Important African American Films

Peter Schaus
Art's & Entertainment Editor

It is a common belief that the main func­tion of art is to comment on the society in which it is presented. For this issue of The Montclarion, we have decided to chart the progression of the civil rights movement through the advances in the portrayal of African-Americans in film. Although not a comprehensive list by any means, here are ten films that have made a landmark

Bamboozled—This controvers­ial film from 2006 touched on the biased stereo­types about African-Americans that still perpetuate the mainstream media when a television network green­lights a modern­day minstrel show on their network.

The Hurricane—Denzel Washington gives one of the strongest per­formances of his career in Norman Jewison’s expertly directed biopic of boxer Rubin "The Hurricane" Carter’s wrongful imprisonment for murder in 1967. Anyviewing should be supplemented by Bob Dylan’s "Hurricane," a fantastic song that comments on the prejudice and hate that drove the true events inspired the movie.

Roots—This widely watched 1977 miniseries focuses on a family heritage that stretches from the capture of Kunta Kinte to the racial ramifications that his descend­ent "Chicken" George faces after the end of slavery. The movie was groundbreaking in allowing the mainstream American public to see, in brutal detail, the harsh realities that African-Americans faced during slavery at the end of the 19th century.

Night of the Living Dead—Already known as a classic of the zombie genre, George Romero's 1968 also broke new ground in its focus on a young woman and a black man as the only two rational people in a sea of white zombies.
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Three Students Win The Top Honors At Theater Festival

William Anthony King
Staff Writer

Two years shy of turning one hundred, Montclair State University is continuing to become one of the most competitive Universities in the northeast. Along with the school going through physical changes, it seems that its direction in the pursuit of learning the performing arts to its students is indeed working.

The School Of The Arts’ division of the Theatre and Dance Department is celebrating the success of their students who were nominated and winners last month at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival held at SUNY in New Paltz, New York from Jan. 17-21. Ten Montclair State students were nominated from the MSU Theatre Department productions from the spring 2005 through the fall 2005 semesters and performed scenes and monologues at the festival.

In competing with over two hundred students from a five state region, including areas in New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey, three students; Stephanali Aguilar (junior) from Jersey City, David Murgittroyd (junior) from Whippany, and Jenna Pasqua (junior) from Rancho, These three New Jersey students and acting majors at Montclair State that took all four top acting honors in the region; the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship, The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Classical Acting Award (KCACTF) and The TVI Actor’s Studio Award. One student, senior Bachelor of fine arts acting major, Benjamin Clawson from Hainesville, New Jersey won the regional playwriting contest at American College Theatre Festival as well. Aguilar and Murgittroyd were awarded The Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship, which was created in 1972 by California by Irene Ryan of The Beverly Hillbillies. The $500 regional scholarships are given to each selected outstanding student performers at each regional festival, Stephanali and David will compete in an all expense-paid trip this April, to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. to perform in a showcase called "Evening of Scenes" with their acting partners. Ms. Aguilar’s acting partner, Steven Medvidick (junior) from Newton, New Jersey and David’s acting partner Jenna Pasqua (junior) from Dix Hills, New York. In addition to these two pairs representing this region, they will be joined by actors from the other seven regions of ACTF at this national competition at the Kennedy Center this spring.

When asked about attending the national competitions in Washington D.C. in April, both Aguilar and Murgittroyd were very humble and honored to be selected. “I’m so excited to perform in the Kennedy Center.”

Senior Clawson stated he is “very humbled and grateful to be given the opportunity to go to the Kennedy Center.” Clawson added, “I would not have been able to come this far if it wasn’t for the support of my family, friends and the people who have believed in me.”

“When a confident and determined air about David Murgittroyd was a pleasure to watch. With a confident and determined air about him, by police officers to be questioned about the murder because Frank was not only the last person to see Phagan alive, but he was also a “Yankee” and was Jewish. From there on, the storyline unfolds, a trial commences and ends in a startling verdict, and Leo Frank and his wife, Lucille (Desire Rodrigo) face hardships for the next two years while trying to ward off more accusations, the police department and media.

The story, unfolded in front of the audien­ce's eye, every cast member was so deeply involved in their character, it was hard to believe that they were just college students in a production.

Lucille Frank, the classy Georgian belle, was played incredibly by Desire Rodrigo. With a confident and determined air about her, she interacted with all the other cast members amazingly. Rodrigo’s voice was a beautiful, classic voice that gives chills to any one listening. David Murgittroyd put on an amazing performance in his role as main-media-man, Brit Craig. He was active on stage with such a lovely character, making it hard for anyone to not feel involved in the show. With a strong voice and even stronger sense of the character’s personality, Murgittroyd was a pleasure to watch. Likewise, the understated role of Jim Conley, played by Jelani Renny, was captivating. His ruthless char­acter made audience members want to hate him, while his smooth and crystal-clear voice simply drew all.

Enthralling, moving and powerful are all words to describe the production of Parade held from Feb. 16-19th in Alexander Kasser Theater. With its seemingly perfect casting to the incredible set, costumes, music and lighting, Parade gave audience members little reason to complain. Set in April of 1913, Parade is about Mary Phagan (Heather Yorksia), a thirteen-year-old girl on her way to pick up her pay check from the factory before the big Memorial Day Parade.

Parade explores the hateful tensions brimming beneath the surface of a Southern town at the turn-of-the-century when a Jewish Yankee is falsely accused of murder.

Baby Jessica Falls Into The Married Life

Peter Schaus
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Nearly 20 years ago, in an effort to kick it old-school 18th century-style, the family in Midland, Michigan was forced to dig into an uncovered water well in their backyard. Whether or not they wanted to use the well to water their crops was unknown, but Baby Jessica McClure fell twenty-two feet below ground, presumably after chasing a white rabbit with some corn. The community jumped to Jessica’s rescue and the American public were glued to their television screens to watch as the hunt for Baby Jessica unfolded. After rescue workers spent 58 hours of digging into solid concrete to rescue her, Baby Jessica was able to see the light of day again.

Jessica’s story was told in a movie, Heavenly, and in a book of the same name, which was later turned into a Broadway musical. But Baby Jessica McClure has decided to put her plans to become a pop music artist on hold to dive into a lifetime of motherhood.

On January 28th, Jessica McClure, now 19, married her community college sweetheart Daniel Morland, 22, at the Church of Christ in Midland. The happy couple met when Baby Jessica worked with Morland’s sister at a day care center, preventing any more babies from falling into wells. Much like Brad and Jennifer’s wedding, Baby Jessica demanded a private ceremony and posted a sign on the door of the church to capture her special day. The three people who actually remember who she is were bitterly disappointed.

Whether or not this was done to keep Jessica’s privacy or a last minute attempt to hide the fact that she made a poor choice with the white-archway altar with two hearts dangling from it was unknown at press time.
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The Truth Is Deceitful Above All Things
Another Author Is Under The Microscope for Being Dishonest

Justine Burke
Staff Writer

Authors from all generations have used pen names. Stephen King published several short stories under the name Richard Bachman; Samuel Clemens used the famous name of Mark Twain and Agatha Christie used the pen name Mary Westmacott. It is not seen as uncommon or even unheard of for an author to pick up another name for publishing purposes. But how far is too far? Is there a line between using a fake name for the printing process, and completely changing a new identity? I think so.

J.T. LeRoy published three incredible books: Sarah, The Heart is Deceitful Above All Things, and Harold’s End Born in 1980, LeRoy was first published at age sixteen, and aside from his three books, he’s written for several magazines under the pen name “Terminator.” Using powerful descriptions about childhood experiences, LeRoy captivated his audience in a trance that makes it near impossible to put down the book.

Leading every reader through his painful childhood, LeRoy describes every rape, drug addiction and prostitute experience. Readers can’t help but sympathize with the young boy when he describes being beaten by his grandfather for not being able to recite the Bible, or when he is forced to dress up as a girl so him and his drug-addicted mother can get free meat from butchers. In all, it is easily understandable that LeRoy had a terrible childhood one that would not even be wished upon one, poor child is absolutely terrible. It is near impossible to believe that a truthful in their writing, and readers every-where must understand that above all things, truth is clearly not a priority of hers, it is worse to be snuck into believing a book that describes just that. The content of the book does not change. It is still an undoubt-ably amazing book, easily recommended to everyone who ever reads or editors face-to-face, it wasn’t hard for Albert to hide her true identity. She only conducted phone interviews, and exchanged messages via the internet and regular postal mail. The deception began in 1996, when Albert got in touch with author Dennis Cooper in hopes to begin writing her stories. Afraid that he would be reluctant to speak to an over 30 year old woman, she convinced him, and millions of readers, that she was a young boy seeking to tell of his painful life.

Naturally, after Sarah and The Heart is Deceitful Above All Things were published, readers and fans wanted to meet the acclaimed author. Albert refused, neglecting to do in-store book readings or in-person interviews. This turned four into skeptics, and skeptics into investigators. It was not until A Million Little Pieces author James Frey’s recent scandal came out that Albert was truly interrogated.

Revealing her true identity in early February, Albert and her ex-partner Geoffrey Knoop, were put under the microscope. Knoop apologized profusely for taking any part in the hoax, while Albert pleaded that she wanted to come clean about LeRoy and let everything disappear. She no longer wanted to hide in the shadows of J.T. LeRoy, and especially wanted to begin to redeem herself for her actions. Fans, publishers and authors like Cooper all feel genuinely duped. It is at this point in time where we ask ourselves how far is too far. Is it acceptable for an author to create an identity in which a whole life is created for the made-up character? If so, is it okay to trick readers into believing every word that is written down on the books pages? Does the revelation of this fake author change the quality of the book, or just the credibility of the author?

The content of the book is mind-boggling. To think that everything written could possibly happen to one, poor child is absolutely terrible. It is near impossible to believe that a little boy could experience so much hurt and tragedy in the earliest years of his life, and
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With his latest effort, he has created quite a stir in Hollywood and at the Academy Awards. Much more than your average crime story, this movie gives us a glimpse into the life of one of the late 20th century's most interesting literary figures.

Capote is part biopic and part true crime drama. It focuses on a specific portion of the life of author, Truman Capote (Phillip Seymour Hoffman), and how he came to write his most famous work, In Cold Blood. Following his discovery of a story in The New York Times detailing the murder of a family in small Kansas town, Capote and his assistant, Nell Harper Lee (Catherine Keener), who would go on to write To Kill a Mockingbird, are off to dig around for the facts.

Capote originally thought that the story would make a good article for The New Yorker, but later realized that there was much more to be extracted from this incident. He realizes that what he is embarking on, the "non-fiction novel," could revolutionize the literary field. After spending some time with the two suspects, Richard Hickock (Mark Pelligrino) and Perry Smith (Clifton Collins, Jr.), Capote begins to form a bond with the latter.

Capote does a few things to try to help the two suspects, as much for his own good as theirs, and his involvement influences the story that he's writing. After some time passes, he is forced to face the realization that the only way that his book may ever be able to be completed is for Richard and Perry to meet with a dire fate at the hands of the law.

A lot of what makes this movie interesting is internal struggle Capote has to deal with. On one hand, he really feels a bond with Perry, but on the other hand, Perry is his meal ticket. The way that this is handled really helps to separate it from your typical crime drama. Actually, the crime itself is really more of an afterthought. That may sound cold, but that fact of the film also serves to emphasize that fact, and internal struggle Capote is facing.

Despite the incredible performances done by all of the cast members, the one who truly attention to him. However, one of the most surprising characters was Frankie Zipp, played by Michael Barretti. With an emotion-packed performance, Barretti took the crown's breath away with his powerful part in the funeral scene. The intensity that Barretti brought to the stage was not only evident through his facial expressions and movements, but also through the tone and strength in his voice.

"However, it was the cast that truly made the production one-of-a-kind. The overall ensemble was fantastic, with each person really taking on their character."
Cartoon Network Show Draws Controversy

Rev. Al Sharpton Lashes Out On Discriminatory Content in The Boondocks

Christopher Kennedy & Steven Aarons
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On Jan. 25, 2006, Rev. Al Sharpton requested that Cartoon Network “apologize” for an episode of the controversial show entitled The Boondocks in which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is depicted as recovering from a coma, as opposed to getting killed, and being generally dissatisfied with the current state of the African-American race.

This dissatisfaction eventually leads to an angry tirade by King in which he uses the “n-word” in a sermon reminiscent of his famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

This in turn inspires African-Americans and brings about what can only be described as the second civil rights movement. The episode even ends with Oprah becoming president in the year 2020.

Al Sharpton is quoted as saying that Cartoon Network must apologize and also commit to pulling episodes that desecrate black historic figures, as well as stating “If we don’t receive an apology, we will picket the corporate headquarters.”

Having watched the episode myself, I pose this question to Rev. Sharpton: Are you kidding me? This episode in no way, shape, or form even comes close to desecrating Dr. King.

If anything, it has empowered him, once again giving him the ability to bring about an uproar in the black community. This episode, as well as the show in general, is only guilty of telling the truth. Do you honestly think Dr. King would be proud of what airs daily on BET is being helpful to our people? Of course not!

Sharpton seems to be strongly on the fact that the episode had King using the dreaded “n-word” in his address to the community. “We are totally offended by the continuous use of the ‘n-word’ in [cartoonist Aaron] McGruder’s show,” said Sharpton.

If that’s all he picked up on, then I don’t believe the deeper message behind the episode was received by him at all. McGruder, being a satirist by nature, was simply trying to showcase how we have almost entirely turned away from the dream that was envisioned by Dr. King in a humored manner.

By having King use the “n-word” and subsequently having the “revolution” begin as a result, McGruder simply showcases what lengths it would probably take for King, if he were still alive, to get through to African-American youth in this era.

I hate to say it, but Sharpton is almost being hypocritical by criticizing this sardonic cartoon. Sharpton is a regular guest on the notorious Star and Buckwild Morning Show on Power 105.1 FM.

In fact, Star has issued to Rev. Sharpton an open invitation to use the mic anytime he wants to without needing to ask. Having been a fan of the morning show for years, I can’t help but point out the fact that Star uses the “n-word” like it’s going out of style and Sharpton has yet to speak out against him. Furthermore, Star has, on more than one occasion, called King a “coward” for his beliefs, and yet I see no “picketing” by Rev. Al and his cohorts.

I’m not attacking Star in any way, as he often does bring the truth to light and is, in fact, the only show I listen to on the radio, but you tell me, which is the bigger desecration: Dr. King being portrayed as dropping “n-bombs” or sitting comfortably with a man who openly calls your friend and mentor a coward? Some food for thought?

I respect Al Sharpton for all that he has done, and this was not meant to smear his name, but McGruder should be applauded, not criticized, for bringing to light the cold, hard truth. But, as everyone knows, the truth is always hard to hear.
‘Scientists’ Experiment With New Sound
‘Love and Squalor’ Makes for An Impressive Debut Album

Christine Ledger
Staff Writer

We Are Scientists (a.k.a. W.A.S.). No, not lab scientists. More like rock scientists who more or less started a band in a bar in 2000. Three skinny white guys with the sound of The Killers, The Strokes, and Franz Ferdinand are headed to the big lights, or in 2000. Three skinny white guys with the sound of The Killers, The Strokes, and Franz Ferdinand are headed to the big lights, or at least in the United Kingdom they are. For a trio, they are quite impressive. With Keith Murray originally from Florida as the lead vocalist and guitarist, Chris Cain from Utah as bass player and back-up vocalist, and Michael Tapper from Dallas as drummer and back-up vocalist, they bring a fulfilling sound. They’ve released their debut album, With Love and Squalor with Virgin Records on January 10, 2006 and have so far received extreme reviews.

The pop-rock group met in college at Pomona University in California and from playing in basements to bars, moved to the Big Apple together in 2001 right after graduation. W.A.S. was soon taken under Virgin Records and is already radio one-level in the U.K. Although MTV knows of the indie-rockers, they still are striving to be noticed in the U.S. "I wonder what kind of image they are trying to put out? If you check out their website, wearescientists.com, and read about their section, their answer to how they got together is a not-for-sure joke about their own love triangle. It just makes you wonder. Nowadays, however, a lot of music and their artists are random and hard to categorize. Making a generalized opinion can be difficult just because it seems like anything goes.

With Love and Squalor is their debut of 12 songs. The first song, “Nobody Move, Nobody Get Hurt” is now the most popular with its being the unquestionable first single which will be released on June 27. It has a catchy sing along chorus of, “My body is your body, and I won’t tell anybody / If you want to use my body, go for it.” I would think any girl would enjoy these lyrics coming from nerdy rock stars.

With their danceable guitar-based rock, the debut is a solid conjunction of disco drum beats and hooky guitar parts. However, some tend to wonder if Virgin still would have signed We Are Scientists if the Killers hadn’t shoveled their path for them. In addition, a good majority of the songs do hold similarities in their introductions and the sound of the guitar riffs do get a little old by the third song. Nevertheless, the CD is a massive amount of extremely appealing super-urgent punk sounds with the included fun from just listening to it.

We Are Scientists are definitely an up and coming group that most punk listeners should check out. On their website, wearescientists.com, you can listen to two of their songs, watch two of their videos and much more. Also, With Love and Squalor can be bought in all stores. If you want to catch them live, We Are Scientists will be touring the U.S. with New Yorkers Bishop Allen July 5 - Aug. 7. I heard they bring on a fun solid show.

With their sarcastic wit and affinity for kittens, We Are Scientists brings a much needed dash of personality to their musical trio.
Agamemnon in competing against some of the best young actors in this country, so I definitely do not expect anything. I am honored to even be going there and I think it will be a great experience," says Murgittroyd.

Aguilar's portrayal of the tyrannical matiarch, Bernarda Alba, from the play The House of Bernarda Alba, directed by Dr. Suzanne Treadth at the Fox Theater this past December, earned her a first time nomination for The Irene Ryan Award.

In asking her about her nominated performance she describes her character as a "strong dominant woman who uses religion and class to separate herself from poor villagers she considers to be like animals according to the text. It was very tough committing myself to this tyrant of a woman. Personally, I’d like to think I am nothing like Ms. Bernarda Alba.”

In addition to winning The Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship, Aguilar was also the recipient of the KCACTF Classical Acting Award Of Excellence. The Classical Acting Award is a $500 that is given to a national finalist in the Irene Ryan Acting Award Program.

Murgittroyd is a two time nominee of The Irene Ryan Award, once for portraying "Bat Boy" in Bat Boy: The Musical and for one on his performance last spring as Agamemnon in Trojan Women.

Murgittroyd is currently performing as Brit Craig in the upcoming MSU musical Trojan Women by Euripides, Murgittroyd says "This was my first real experience in experimental theatre, I like most people in the show, did not even speak. Everything was expressed through body language and movement." Hoche was awarded the TVI Actors Studio Award. The Roxbury will have the chance in going conflict with his brother who harasses him constantly about his job, and a strange woman who wants him to sell an even stranger office appliances.”

The nomination that Clawson received for his play was his first like, Hoche and Aguilar for their performances for ACTF. In winning for his One-Act, Clawson reflects on the nomination process and seeing his play being presented at the festival, “It was a great opportunity just to be selected for the festival, and to get to workshop the play with a faculty director, actors from other schools in the region and getting to see it performed with a nice really nice audience reaction.”

Clawson’s play, Fun Size will be considered for the John Timble and the Mark Twin Comedy Award. The National Selection committee for ACTF will choose four scripts from the eight regional winners to be invited to National Festival for Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C. this April.

In all, the students indeed had an interesting and entertaining time comparing and cheering for their fellow members throughout every round of competition, all the way to the closing ceremony. Each person has their special recollection of what they will always remember about ACTF. “I will always remember the feeling of coming out on stage for both the semi-finals and the finals, and hearing all my friends and fellow Montclair students cheering me and Jenna (her partner). Everyone being so supportive made it even more of a rush that it already was,” says Murgittroyd.

For Aguilar the experience was indeed a learning one. “This ACTF experience has made me more comfortable and confident with being onstage. Every experience is an "experience" or another lesson learned regardless of the outcome.

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The Grass Is Greener On The Other Side

Avella's Play Deals With The Personal Ramifications That Come With Suicide

Is the grass really greener on the other side? It’s a question that Frank J. Avella poses in his latest chilling Off-Broadway production of Greener. After recently coming off the very clever and witty fall production of Bubble, Avella's play, Greener, is a supernatural drama that explores the idea of death, suicide and the afterlife in a new and provocative way.

Greener takes place exclusively in a graveyard at the tombstone of a boy named Greener. A group of friends have gathered there on the eve of their 10-year high school reunion after one of them recently committed suicide.

The group is in a constant state of reminiscence and introspection after the death of Bon (Patrick Allen). The play calls attention to the theme of memory often, as each character plays an object on Greener's grave. The various objects represent a symbol not only of themselves, but who each character believes the deceased Greener in. Each of the six times this happens a different image of the mysterious dead 19-year-old comes to life.

The audience is presented with an engaging monologue from Greener about his death. The boy's monologue, performed by Nicholas Lazenby, are clearly the finest acting of the night. Each of the six performances done with breathtaking precision and terrific pace and delivery.

If Lazzaro's performances are the most definitive, shocking and awe inspiring, then the performance of character, Mitchell (Joe Pistone), is the glue that holds the rest of the cast together. Mitchell quit as a columnist at the hometown to find he is trapped in his past now more than ever. If a central character had to be identified in Greener, Mitchell would have come first to mind first.

The appeal of Greener is in the intricacies of the acting and writing, which are complemented soundly by the Bank Street Theatre in the Village. Bank Street, home of Avella's last two productions, features a small and intimate setting for its audience.

Overall, the production of Greener is extremely intelligent and worth seeing. The play is horrifying and hysterical, frightening and enchanting. Greener implores a powerful statement at the heart of Avella's commentary on the duplicity of people as much as life and death.

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Out of Service

One has to wonder if Susan Cole had to take a campus shuttle bus to work each day, would the service be as bad as it currently is? Certainly President Cole would not wait on the corner of Normal Avenue and Valley Road for an hour and 15 minutes, like a student we talked to who waited this past Sunday for a shuttle bus from Aienue and Valley Road for an hour and 15 minutes, like a student. 

Certainly Frwdfnt Cole wuuld not wait on the corner oi Normal Avemue. This is evidenced by, if nothing else, the sight ot four 'All Campus Local' buses lined up on Carlisle Road prompts one to wonder whether we are focusing on the right problems. It seems glaringly obvious that the shuttle service arena has been missing the point of its existence: to provide services that are needed and wanted.

In fact, the system in its current form is riddled with inadequacies. This is evidenced by, if nothing else, the sight of four 'All Campus Local' buses in succession on President' Day. One would think that Shuttle Services at our university would have planned ahead for a union holiday by scheduling more student drivers. However, what can we expect from a department whose director to provide services has been missing in action for the better part of a week? Even though Presidents' Day is a working day for students and faculty, union bus drivers and directors are apparently not obligated to provide services on this day.

Conditions during the rest of the year are no more enjoyable. 'All Campus Local' riders still have to endure stopping in Lot 40 each route despite the frequently barren conditions, Village riders often have to stand to reach their destination because of an inadequate number of seats, and we won't even touch night and weekend service.

While Montclair State University is announcing its intentions to buy new shuttle buses, the presence of unmanned shuttle buses lined up on Carlisle Road prompts one to wonder whether we are focusing on the right problems. It seems glaringly obvious that the problem is with understaffing, not a lack of equipment. Since the university has not announced any intention to hire more shuttle bus drivers, this is a tunnel without any light at the end.

A New Jersey Transit bus driver can tell you exactly where his or her bus will be at any given time in the future with incredible precision. A Montclair State University shuttle schedule, on the other hand, isn’t worth the paper it has been printed on, and might as well not even exist if riders with the suggestion of accurate time schedules. Shuttle Services must begin to better inform riders about which routes are running, and in what quantity, on a continual basis. We already have the technology in our buses in the form of a GPS system; let’s complete the loop and put visual displays at strategic locations around campus to display the information we already gather.

Perhaps the solution to our shuttle woes lies with contracting out the service to a private company. At least then we would have shuttle operators who answer to someone above them and not repercussions for bad service; something we do not currently have in practice. MSU Shuttle Services operates as a bulky, clumsy bureaucracy where issues are not addressed and progress is not made. If we can outsource our food service and our parking enforcement, we can contract out our shuttle operators as well.

IMSU must plan for parking is to build more vertical decks far away from campus, a critical part of this plan is an efficient and effective shuttle bus service. The Montclarion challenges all administrators to ride a shuttle bus at least once a week to experience what the vast majority of our campus population must endure. Maybe then they will get a taste of the problems that exist in the shuttle service arena, and we will finally get some solutions.
This past Saturday the new members of the Palestinian parliament swore in, 74 out of the 132 seats now belonging to the new political powerhouse, the terrorist organization Hamas. After achieving a stunning victory in the Jan. 25 election, the group, formerly just a terrorist organization, now a terrorist organization with some pretend to government authority, will have a weighted influence on the future of Palestinian progress in the Middle East. However, the death of Yasser Arafat last year (and the subsequent election of moderate leader Mahmoud Abbas) signaled hope for peace in the Middle East. It appears now if so the Palestinian people have voiced their desire for victory through means of more bloodshed and attacks.

There's a very good reason why Hamas is officially regarded as a terrorist group by the United States, Israel, the European Union and it is exactly that. Created in Dec., 1987, they were branded as a terrorist organization by Israel in 1989 after numerous shooting deaths and the declaration of their single-minded goal: the destruction of Israel.

Meanwhile Hamas is destined to be an immortal symbol of terrorism and destruction. As the old saying goes, “violence begets violence.” If the Palestinians are serious about upholding the importance of the peace process, they will pressure and persuade their new government to honor existing accords and recognize the state of Israel. Suicide bombings and militant action will serve only to provoke a robust and capable military, whose government strongly believes in a policy of immediate reprisal for attacks. Unfortunately, it would seem as if peace has taken a back seat to violence as the premier daily newspaper in the Middle East. May cooler heads prevail as the region enters what is sure to be another difficult time in a history beset by civilian death and continuing hatred.

Have a suggestion for next week’s Week in Review? Email: msuopinion@gmail.com
Soundless Smoking Of Cigs
Non-Smokers Rights Should Be Protected, Smoking Limited

Smokers. We see them all over campus. They huddle in circles in front of different buildings, getting in that one last puff before they go upstairs to their room or to class. Their smoking isn't really my business, or an issue of mine, but sometimes it can be a disturbance to a non-smoker's lifestyle. Long hair and several other illnesses smokers are putting themselves at risk for is their choice, but not mine. Everyday, nearly four thousand people light up cigarettes. When cigarette smoke enters the lungs, it creates a burning or painful sensation in the throat and lungs, especially in first-time smokers and people who are inhaling second-hand smoke. This pain is your body's way of telling you that you are being poisoned, and that what you're inhaling is highly dangerous. Cigarettes also contain some unpleasant ingredients, such as nicotine (addictive), formaldehyde (used to preserve dead bodies) and arsenic (used as rat poison mostly), to name a few.

By smoking indoors, and even outdoors in close quarters, smokers are not only putting their own health at risk by doing so, but the health of everyone around them as well. Inhaling another person's second hand smoke is just as bad as putting the cigarettes to your lips and taking your own hit. Not only this, but there are people out there who are allergic to cigarette smoke (myself included). A friend of mine argued that by banning smoking in some places, their right to smoke was being infringed upon. I had to hand it to my friend, that was true. But then I realized that the rights of the non-smoker were being infringed upon by smokers, because second hand smoke causes us to inhale something we don't want in our bodies, but smokers leave us no choice.

Being a non-smoker on a college campus can be rough sometimes. For instance, walking into Dickson Hall, one can't help but feel overwhelmed with the intense cloud of cigarette smoke that hovers around the entrance to the building. Some, not all, smokers see the world as their ashtray, and leave their cigarette butts all over the ground. It's impossible to go through your day without seeing a garden of cigarette butts, particularly at the shuttle bus stops.

And as the weather turns colder, fewer and fewer campus residents are apt to go outside for their daily fix. This is dangerous to everyone in the residence building. The cigarette smoke could set off a fire alarm, forcing the evacuation of an entire building. While that isn't dangerous, it's not a very pleasant experience and in a pain to do. But if it put out properly, a cigarette could also start a real fire, which would put the lives of everyone in the building at risk.

The university could designate specific areas on campus to smoke, and programs could be instituted to help smokers quit. This would cut down on the majority of smoking all over the entire campus, and on the littering of cigarette butts that occurs everywhere.

Also, non-smokers wouldn't have to be put in the situation of inhaling other's second hand smoke. To smoke is an individual's choice, but can affect everyone around them easier than they think.

Jen Lepkoski, a History Major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
The Family Monster
by Josh Shulck

Getting ready for a party?

I celebrate President's Day in my own way.

This cutie, along with a special dance, will be pitch hit in Lincoln's Day.

I respect Lincoln. An honest president would be gymnastics.

Do you think I should vote again for hard?

Welcome to Grocery! I can't stay off with a bugger nibler.

So I'm enlisting the help of the doc who shot ME more than any other in the history of the united states. The lady who fixed my eye.

Who are you calling?

BY BILLY O'KEEFE

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Paul

Who are you calling?

I need to find a way to solve my candy problem. I've never dumped someone before.

Crossword

ACROSYLLABIC

A forlorn god
Dew the new light by 8 a.m.
1. Constitution of dogs
4. To seek out
12. A simple level
13. Fine point
20. Clue of a hint
23. Palabras
24. Crossword-
25. Heart, or year
26. Clue of a hint
27. They're cut
28. R.It's saving...it's saving
29. A bird
30. Plant cakes
31. Drink
32. Not as crooked
36. Not a weapon
37. A vital decision
38. Faded
39. Mind
40. A top priority over the next five days.
41. A brief, but intense wave of social disagreement proves annoying. After this next few days, we can expect previously shy friends to be outgoing, seductive and open to suggestion. After Tuesday, expect long-term friends or lovers to ask for a controversial lifestyle change. Gently press forward

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Tentacles are now willing to adjust family schedules.

During this week, trusted friends may ask for concrete details at present lower levels; you may need to describe their plans, challenge the established ideals of others or vent your feelings.

Financial disagreements will quickly fade over the next few days. After mid-week, expect people to request revised paperwork and information. Financial disagreements may prove unusually draining. Respond quickly to unexpected requests and sudden burns of emotion. Disagreements will be brief; but intense. Make sure others understand your commitment to long-term harmony.

Revised employment plans or business expansion will require careful timing. After Tuesday, bosses or managers may be verbally critical or unwilling to approve new projects.

Planned celebrations or group events may this week be surrounded by a sense of sadness. Long-term friends or older relatives may seek for special understanding or added privacy. Old family disputes may prove unusually draining. Respond quickly to unexpected requests and sudden burns of emotion. Disagreements will be brief; but intense. Make sure others understand your commitment to long-term harmony.

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Babysitter wanted for some weekend ends in Montclair. 3 and 6-year-old. References required. $10 per hour. Call Mary Kate Mellon at (973) 509-1443.

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The Transition Sport

The Sunday Sports Faithfuls Have A New Sport To Watch

Mike Johnson
Sports Editor

The race winner was already decided before he crossed the finish line. It seemed almost unfair for it to end that way, but for Jimmie Johnson and his team, it all seemed fitting. Johnson and the rest of the field finished the race under caution because of a late crash by Jamie McMurray, and the field was locked into position how they were at the moment of the crash.

He worked diligently on taking drivers out of the race, one by one. He succeeded in taking out Daytona 500 favorite and three-time champion Jeff Gordon and 2003 champion Matt Kenseth in two separate incidents. The Gordon incident almost seemed like an accident, but when one researches their shady past relationship, they would see that Stewart has had it out for Gordon before. The Kenseth incident was an intentional slap to the face and was even admitted to be intentional by Stewart himself.

Of course the race was the Daytona 500, the biggest race of the year, and by Jimmie Johnson, I mean the Lowe's No. 48 Chevrolet, one of the biggest names and sponsors in the sport. But for those “Sunday Faithfuls” who prefer to see men in pads throwing a ball around over men sitting behind the wheel of an 800 horsepower machine crashing into each other, well, there are only seven months left, so start getting ready.

Port Fort of those who you will actually suck it up and finally admit to yourself that NASCAR is a real sport, then you have a new Sunday project for yourself. Or you may even have an excuse not to go to grandma’s house or your in-laws’ place.

Is this enough to grab the attention of non-fans yet? So when you take a look at the qualifying times. If you want to say that football is a sport of inches and you don’t want to watch anything else, then flip the pages, I’ll give you something.

To qualify for any NASCAR race, the driver gets two laps to get around as fast as they can. The starting positions are decided by fastest to slowest. Jeff Burton won the honors of starting first in the Daytona 500 with a time of 47.581. Jeff Gordon started second with a time of 47.650. That meant that 0.069 seconds separated Jeff Burton from Jeff Gordon. Burton was clocked at 188.151 mph across the line and Gordon was clocked at 188.877. 0.069 seconds was the difference from first to second. What is 0.069 seconds anyway? Well, it’s almost one tenth of a second. Almost!

If you have nothing else to do on Sundays, and you need an excuse why you can’t go shopping or shave your girlfriend’s legs, you can always tune in to the race and enjoy about four hours worth of fun.

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If you still don’t want to admit that, then just take into consideration the speed and danger that goes in every race, as you can see in the picture of Ryan Newman’s car.

If you’re still not convinced, take a look at the money and the rivalries, just like all of the other sports have.

If you want to know about the money, it’s how all sports should do it. Play to get paid. If you win, you get paid. If you don’t, you’ll still get paid, but significantly less.

For example, Jimmie Johnson’s Daytona 500 victory get him a pay day of $5,005,180 and second-place winner, Casey Mears took home $1,956,770. That is a difference of $409,403. I don’t know about Casey Mears, but I sure can use an extra couple of bucks.

That means 43 drivers started the race on Sunday with a $1.5 million payoff in mind. Of course all fans know that would make for some interesting ‘racing,’ if you can call it that.

Tony Stewart, in the No. 20 Home Depot-sponsored car sure didn’t have racing in mind when the race began.

The Fantastic Four

Scott Stevens’ Name Lives Forever At Devils’ Home Ice

Scott Stevens

On Friday, Feb. 4, the New Jersey Devils organization did something that many wondered whether they would ever do. They retired the jersey of their former captain, Scott Stevens. There was much debate amongst fans over whether or not Devils GM, Lou Lamoriello, would come to his senses and go through with retiring No. 4.

Lou finally decided to do the right thing and the response from Devils fans was extraordinary.

The evening began with sports commentator and fan favorite, Mike “Doc” Emerick taking the podium at center ice before a packed crowd at the Continental Airlines Arena.

Everyone in the audience stood up and cheered as he said a few words about Stevens and his time as a Devil.

The huge Jumbotron screen displayed a 90 second highlight reel which upheld the familiar maxim that actions speak louder than words.

After the video, Mike Emerick introduced the crowd to Scott’s family. Each member, his wife and three children, his parents and his two brothers came out and stood on the red carpet to Emerick’s right. Finally, Stevens came out to greet his fans and teammates. His arrival was met with about three minutes worth of cheers and chants of “Scotty Stevens” and “Thank you, Scotty.”

“I think this is the first time I’ve felt intimidated on this ice surface.”

Scott Stevens
Former Devils Defenseman

Somehow the tough defensemen managed to keep his composure, though at one point you could see on the Jumbotron that some of his teammates were getting teary-eyed.

Emerick then introduced Devils’ head trainer, Bill Murray, who presented Stevens, an avid hunter, with a new hunting bow on behalf of the Devils training staff.

That night, Devils Colin White, Brian Rafalski, Patrik Elias and John Madden presented Stevens with the gift of a trip to a season hunt with NHL greats like Brett Hull, Mike Modano and ascending star, Dan Boyle.

The next person to congratulate Stevens was the Devils new owner, Jeff Vanderbeek. Stevens never played for Vanderbeek, but he clearly earned the man’s respect as a hockey fan and a Devils fan.

Vanderbeek presented him with a Tiffany crystal, engraved with Stevens’ name and number. That was followed by a new Lincoln Mark LT truck, from the entire Devils organization.

But the gift that got the biggest response from the crowd came from Martin Brodeur and Sergei Brydin, the only two remaining members of the team that were around for the three Stanley Cup Championships. The two
Olympic Sports?

Are Some Competitions Deserving of Olympic Status?

Pat Lee
Staff Writer

The Olympics have always been a true testament to an athlete’s training, character, national pride and greatness. It is measured by the performance, but more importantly, it is represented by either gold, silver or bronze. I’m sure that any athlete is proud to show off their medals, but in all honesty, most people don’t know half of the sports in the Olympics, and I doubt they’d be impressed by someone with a gold medal in some sport they don’t consider a challenge, let alone an Olympic sport.

In a recent search for Olympic sports, I came across some I knew to be Olympic sports and some that I still won’t give credit to because I think they are ridiculous.

Swimming makes sense to me. In fact, I like swimming a lot because sometimes you do it for fun, and sometimes you do it to not die. Sometimes I can’t tell which one I’m doing when I’m swimming. The only way to tell the difference is by the clothes you’re wearing.

The categories in swimming that I approve of are diving, swimming and water polo. Synched swimming gets the boot. Everyone once mentions it, I just see a group of 60-year-old women with those blue fr6g-eye goggles and those awful hair caps that look like cabbages stuck to their heads. First time I saw it, I thought that vegetables were mounting an attack on human brains.

Archery is a valid sport because at one point in mankind’s existence, it was necessary to shoot well with a bow and arrow and I’m all about that. Athletics is something I can’t go against. I’m saying this because all the people who compete in the Olympics are called “athletes.” It would be like me saying a musician wouldn’t be in a band.

I have mixed feelings about badminton. I haven’t got my behind handed to me by a 40-year-old Asian woman, I would have said it was a bit challenging, but she’s the only person who’s ever beaten me in badminton, so I’m just going to leave it in a neutral zone for now.

Basketball and baseball are definitely Olympic sports because so many people play them throughout the world. No arguments here.

Boxing is one of my favorite sports, because who doesn’t want to see two people punching each other in the face to see which country is better? I wish all Olympics sports got it right like boxing does. Canoeing and kayaking aren’t sports, because when I go kayaking, I’m usually incredulous, and if I can kayak fairly well while under the influence, then I don’t think it should be a sport. It’s just a leisure activity to me.

Cycling’s three categories are all sports. Road cycling, track cycling, and mountain biking all add hard to do. Recently, I’ve gotten into cycling and I’m only doing 45 mile rides. It’s a huge physical toll the body takes while mountain biking and cycling.

Equestrian won’t be a sport to me until the horses are getting interviews and taking drug tests. It’s an animal that’s being challenged, not the guy riding it. If we’re going to consider riding a horse an Olympic sport, then I’m going to say that Narrak should be in the Olympics too.

Don’t agree with it? Then take the horse stuff out.

Fencing is another big plus in my book. It’s right up there with archery, because the art of swordfighting is what allowed nations to settle disputes when politics didn’t work, and look how often it’s been a part of history.


Some gymnastics are sports, like artistic gymnastics, but trampolining isn’t. It’s just stupid. And rhythmic gymnastics? Come on. Look at the equipment they use: a ball, a baton, a rope and a hoop. Why don’t they just throw in Skip-it, a pogo stick, a Roller-racer and some Nickelodeon moon shoes?

Handball is another neutral sport, so put that in with badminton to keep it company.

Hockey is definitely an Olympic sport. As George Carlin explained, it’s actually three different sports in one. “Figure skating, playing with a stick and a puck and boating the... out of people.” Works for me.

Judo is in the same category as archery and fencing. It was a necessary survival skill to defend oneself.

The modern pentathlon is one of the greatest Olympic sports. It tests an athlete’s training in a variety of ways. Rowing and sailing are more leisure activities. Sailing’s wind factor is stupid, unless the sailors are in a controlled environment where the conditions are the same in each instance.

Shooting is not only fun, but it’s a more modern approach to archery. Think of how important shooting has been in the history of the world. It’s actually quite depressing when you realize how instrumental it’s been in the forming and destruction of nations.

Softball is as justifiable as baseball. Softball to the world is like baseball to America, we just don’t realize that because most of our interests are limited to the good old U.S.A.

Table tennis, if you guessed, is going right in there with badminton and handball.

Tae kwon do is going with judo and boxing.

Tennis is where I have a bias, so it’s up to you if you want to consider it a sport. Everyone has who read my articles knows I’m going to say yes.

Weightlifting is a sport. It’s one I’ll never watch or compete in, but it’s a sport, plain and simple.

Wrestling is in the same grouping as boxing and judo. Self-defense is always important, and so is grappling guys in tights. I’m just kidding, calm down.

There are no limits to caring.

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So This Is What I’m Watching! Olympic Sports Origins Uncovered And Categorized

Pat Lee
Staff Writer

The 2006 Olympics have started for anyone, and most likely nearly everyone, who hasn’t started to watch them. I know I haven’t, but it’s not because I don’t like them. I just have no idea what events are going on, and I’m going to blame it on the media because they’re not doing a good job of covering them. I searched online and found seven main categories for the Winter Olympics, and they are further broken down into different events within the major category.

The biathlon’s origin lies within survival tactics. Northern Europeans would ski while hunting with rifles because it was easier and quieter than trying to run in position to get a good shot on an animal. Later on, skiing with weapons was a way for countries to defend themselves. The Swiss are the most notable country for this tradition.

Bobsledding immediately reminds me of the movie Cool Runnings. Yeah, it’s the movie with John Candy about the Jamaican bobsledded team. Bobsledding was first introduced in 1894. It’s the group of people flying down an ice track in what looks like the world’s largest Tylenol tablet.

Curling has been around since about 1510. It originated in Scotland where people would throw stones, bottles, and marbles. Rocks were taken from the bottom of lakes and fashioned with handles, which is where the modern handle disc took its style from. Now, curling takes place in an indoor refrigerated facility where one person bowls the disc while two other people slide along with it. They are playing like champions. It is self-explanatory, and if there isn’t a chance I can keep my mystery beverage frosty and refreshing nearby, without them then these sports might not be so bad.

Alpine skiing, cross country skiing, freestyle skiing and ski jumping. There is a whole other category of all the winter sports. There is skating. Skating is by far the oldest Winter Olympic sport. A leg of bone attached to sandals with slippers show evidence that ice-skating took place as far back as 20,000 B.C. The Dutch used to skate from city to city as a means of communication in the 13th century. Skating is broken down into three categories: figure skating, speed skating and short track speed skating.

Skiing is another ancient activity. In Russia, a hunter with rudimentary ski equipment would glide from city to city, hunting with rifles, and cook food and clothing in the snow. The biathlon’s origins lie within survival tactics. Northern Europeans would ski while hunting with rifles because it was easier and quieter than trying to run in position to get a good shot on an animal. Later on, skiing with weapons was a way for countries to defend themselves. The Swiss are the most notable country for this tradition.

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All in all, I haven’t really watched the Winter Olympics because it’s not really my bag, but I’m sure they have plenty of things other people might find interesting. I tend to stay away from the winter sports because of the metacritic factor. If there’s a chance of frozen bogies stuck to my face, I’m out. If there’s a chance that I’m going to have frozen fingers that are more gnarled than the branches of an old birch tree, I’m out. But if there’s a chance I can keep my mystery beverage frosty and refreshing nearby, without having to walk all the way to the fridge to get them, then these sports might not be so bad after all.

The luge is also bobsledding, except for the fact that there is nothing protecting the athlete except for a tiny helmet and a skipping suit. Speeds exceeding 80 mph are reached during each of the four runs and the athlete with the quickest overall time (each time is added) is the winner. This is the scariest sport because I’ve fallen off a bike going roughly 30 mph, and I looked like a figure puzzle. I can’t imagine falling off a going 80 mph and having much left of me. If an athlete were to fall off the luge at peak speed, the only new Olympic record being set would be the world’s longest blood smear.

The Olympics are underway and the players have all taken a break, or have been selected to represent their country, in this group of competitors in the Winter Olympics. The red-hot Flyers chatted up a bit and the Carolina Hurricanes have shown that they are the new team to be messed with. How does your team rank? The first number in their current rank, then the number in their previous rank, followed by their record.

5 (5). Detroit Red Wings (32-13-8): The Wings won’t break the string of seven of their last ten and gained 36 points (two overtime losses). They have recently emerged in the NHL points leader and have only moved up from No. 3 in the last few power rankings. Although they may play a factor later in the season, it looks like the Red Wings are going to make the playoffs, but the only question is whether they will fall sport like they usually do. Only time will tell.

3 (3). Carolina Hurricanes (34-14-6): The Hurricanes have been playing some great hockey this season and into Detroit, have 39 total points and are fourth in their last ten games. The only thing that sets them back from the No. 1 spot is that Carolina has recently been a powerhouse and has made the playoffs more proven themselves that time and again. Carolina is mostly comprised of young talent that can only get better as time goes on. The team stays together.

6 (6). New Jersey Devils (32-15-8): The Devils have not had the most wins in the NHL. They don’t even have the second or third most. In fact, they are five teams behind the Rangers in a powerful right now. In last season, they have won eight of their last ten games and have the Flyers in the lead for the Atlantic Division. They have more goals than goals allowed, which is pretty good. They still remain in third in their Atlantic Division. Their plus/minus in goals and wins is still a bit of a mystery. They still have to do plenty more to grab this No. 1 seed.

8 (5). Nashville Predators (34-18-6): The Predators dropped from fifth to ninth and are currently in danger of dropping even further if they keep up in the poor play. As of right now, they are the Western Conference’s worst team. If they want to get out of the last few months, they are looking to do it in the next few months, but if they lose three of all these games, they can just about kiss their playoff hopes goodbye. But even if the Sabres can find their way back to the playoffs right now, they can’t take it from the Senators. Nothing has happened yet in the top of this list. They still have to do plenty more to grab this No. 1 seed.

11 (4). Philadelphia Flyers (39-13-7): These newcomers to the top-ten list have moved up silently and steadily with almost no problem. They are 4-2-1 in their last ten games, which is much better than first-place Ottawa. If Buffalo wants first place, they are going to have to take it from Ottawa themselves. It’s been quite a while since the Flyers were in the No. 1 spot, and if they are able to win four more times, and if Buffalo loses three or all of these games, they can just about kiss their playoff hopes goodbye. But even if the Sabres can find their way back to the playoffs right now, they can’t take it from the Senators. Nothing has happened yet in the top of this list. They still have to do plenty more to grab this No. 1 seed.
SPORTS TRIVIA

QUESTION
What was the first televised sport in the US?

LAST EDITION’S QUESTION
In what tournament did Tiger Woods miss his first cut as a professional?

ANSWER TO LAST EDITION’S QUESTION
The Bell Canadian Open

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Player of The Week

DERRICK GODUTO
WRESTLING

Senior
Hometown: Stanhope, NJ

Guduto won the 133 pound weight class as MSU placed sixth overall in the Metropolitan Conference Wrestling Championships at York College.

Honorable Mentions

GIAN PAUL GONZALEZ
Senior
Hometown: North Haledon, NJ

Gonzalez scored 24 points with four rebounds and an assist against Kean in MSU’s final game of the season.

AMANDA MULLANEY
Senior
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Mullaney had 12 points, 11 rebounds and three assists in MSU’s win over Kean.

FERIN CATLETT
Junior
Hometown: Lawnside, NJ

Catlett posted up 15 points and six rebounds to go along with it in MSU’s victory over Kean.

JONATHAN ARTHUR
Sophomore
Hometown: Maplewood, NJ

Arthur scored 19 points with seven rebounds and three assists in MSU’s win over TCNJ.
Men Fall Short; MSU Ousted From Tournament

Despite A Valentine Victory, Men Miss Playoffs

Tom Shields
Staff Writer

The Valentine's Day balloons decorated Panzer Gym as proud parents and devoted fans lined the bleachers to see the men's basketball team take on the top ranked TCNJ Lions. For four seniors it was their grand finale as they took their final bow at home.

The game itself was a must win for the Hawks, who at 12-11, needed a win to stay alive and qualify for the last spot in the NJAC Tournament.

The first half was close, as an up and down battle ensued, but the Hawks were in the lead 26-24 when the buzzer rang to signal half-time.

Statistics, however, can deceive. It was actually the Hawks after starting the game down six, but they quickly settled in.

During the first half, the score drastically fluctuated. Senior guard Jamal Ford kept the Hawks in the game on many occasions raining three's. Gian Paul Findlay, with a total of 25 family members and friends show up to the game. Ford, however, wasn't alone. His teammates, including Jamel Demery, Findlay and his brother,重金属, Findlay, and making plays that either gave him a bucket or sent him to the line.

"I told these guys in practice a couple of weeks ago that we needed to make a run," he said, "and the guys responded and everyone brought intensity to the practices and the games. Since then we've been 4-1." Even if the words of the pep-talk faded, the intensity stayed and the Hawks played one of their best games of the season. With three minutes left in the first half they had the game wide open with Gonzalez making big plays when it counted, hitting two free throws to take the lead 65-63 and then again with 1:30 left hitting a jumper to extend the lead to 73-65.

The game was in cruise control after that, and the Hawks played tight defense.

In the final minutes, the Lions Dan D'Avino was the only opposing player to score, hitting a three with 28 seconds left, but it was too little, too late.

When the game was over the Hawks had another win while the Lions walked off the court simply defeated.

Senior Night added a feeling in the air to make the victory bittersweet as Gonzalez recalled: "I feel blessed, I wasn't always at Montclair, I went to Messiah College in Pennsylvania and that didn't work out, but I'm glad I got the opportunity to play here. It was a blessing and I enjoyed every feeling, but I'm glad we won for the sake of the seniors being our last night playing here and the sake of our team's future. We needed this one and we got it."

The seniors that were honored included a player at the beginning of the night was Guard, Nick Aldieri; Guard, Isaiah Devensport; Guard, Jamal Ford and Center, Gian Paul Gonzalez. Unfortunately, Keon eliminat­ed Montclair Saturday 67-66. The Hawks finished this season 13-12 (9-9 in conference play).

Good luck to all the seniors and returning basketball players in future endeavors.

Had the game been any closer they might still be playing. After a few consecutive free throws by TCNJ, the game was almost statistically identical.

TCNJ moved on to the conference championships, MSU will have to wait and see if they get a bid to the NCAA tournament, but will be losing only one player in the off season. Despite a great season, in which the Red Hawks finished with the second best record in the conference, this was a tough loss for MSU.

"I just told the team to remember this," said O'Boyle. "Remember this during the summer when you don't feel like working out, or you don't want to run or lift. We want to be the ones finishing on top next year."