Sodexho Staff Files Charges Against Union

Shayna Jacobs
Assistant News Editor

Sodexho employees awaited March 24 deauthorization vote, held by the National Labor Relations Board, to decide whether the union's contract provision that requires all employees to join the union will be void. The NLRB is investigating charges against the union, filed by its employees. The contract union, Service Employees United for harassment and other illegal actions.

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Tuning Into an iPod Means Tuning Out the Heart Is Deceitful Above All Things

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Fire In Williams Hall

Mike Johnson
Sports Editor

At approximately 4:40 a.m. Sunday, University Police Headquarters received a signal over the fire alarm system that a fire broke out on the fourth floor of Williams Hall.

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Local News

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NEWARK - Four Newark residents filed a lawsuit in Superior Court yesterday alleging that Mayor Sharpe James violated state law by establishing two nonprofit organizations and then asking the city council to give them $40 million for redevelopment projects.

Last Wednesday, the nine-member city council overwhelmingly approved a plan to endow the Newark Redevelopment Trust Fund Inc. with $50 million, and the Newark Neighborhood and Recreation Redevelopment Fund with $30 million.

ELIZABETH - A Superior Court judge declared a mistrial yesterday in the middle of a weeklong account of how she was raped two years ago.

The 21-year-old from Wayne testified during direct examination in the Elizabeth courtroom that one of the defendants, Elisheh Santos, gave her marijuana, as he had done in the past, in the hours before he raped her.

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National News

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BIRMINGHAM, AL - Three Birmingham college students were arrested Wednesday in connection with 19 church fires in Alabama last month, state and federal officials said.

One of the students said the fires began as a joke that "got out of hand," according to court papers filed Wednesday citing what a witness told investigators.

Two of the men arrested were identified as Ben Mosely and Russell DeBuck, both 19 and students at Birmingham-Southern College, which is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

They appeared in federal court in Birmingham late Wednesday morning.

All nine fires occurred in rural counties southwest of Birmingham.

SEATTLE, WA - In its latest bid to catch up with rivals Google Inc. and Yahoo Inc., Microsoft Corp. is launching a revamped Internet search engine it says will help computer users find information faster, view it more easily and organize it better.

Debuting in test form Wednesday, Windows Live Search is Microsoft's latest move in a major strategy shift that has the world's largest software company focusing more heavily on Internet-based software and services.

The goal of the shift, which includes initiatives dubbed Windows Live and Office Live, is to create online products to complement its main cash cows: the Windows operating system and Office business software.

NEW YORK - The showdown between former Enron financial chief Andrew Fastow and the Federal Government's most recent star witness, former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling started with a bang Wednesday.

Attorney Daniel Petrocelli painted a picture of a man so consumed by greed that he was willing to bring down anyone, including his own wife, to protect himself.

Within the first few minutes of Petrocelli's cross-examination of Fastow, who is considered to be one of the most crucial figures in the Enron case, there was high tension in the air as the two men sparred in court.

International News

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SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA - North Korea reportedly fired two surface-to-air missiles near its border with China, a peasant baskety engineer of the communists' ability to sustain instability in the region amid the ongoing standoff over its nuclear weapon program.

Japan's Kyodo news agency cited a "security source" in China as saying the missiles were fired in the direction of China during a military drill and apparently landed inside the North. The agency also cited a "Western military source" as saying the short-range missiles were test-fired in an eastern direction from the North's eastern coast, toward the Sea of Japan.

DUBLIN, IRELAND - The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin published a report Wednesday that says 102 of its priests were suspected of sexually assaulting or physically abusing at least 350 children since 1949, the biggest such admission to date in Ireland.

The office of Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said it was publishing its findings ahead of the expected formation later this month of a government-appointed commission to investigate the history and handling of such abuse throughout Ireland.

Recent Catholic Archdioceses have been rocked by waves of church-sex-abuse scandals since 1990.

IRAN - The United States has dismissed Iran's comments that it has officially "harm and pain" Washington's role in pushing for U.N. Security Council action over Tehran's refusal to halt its nuclear program.

The White House said on Wednesday Iran continued to move in the wrong direction and would be better served to make "the right decision and face the international community.

"I think that provocative statements and action only fur­ ther isolate Iran from the rest of the world," White House press secretary Scott McQhill told reporters.

NSA Notes

- MINTCO was re-char­ tered
- Money appropriated for a university art mag­ azine
- University Matching Funds was passed

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Coles Receives Knight’s Cross from Hungary

Rachael Warnington
Staff Writer

President Susan A. Coles received the honor of the Knight’s Cross on March 1 from the Hungarian Republic for her efforts in creating educational programs for Hungarian students.

According to the special assistant to the president Frank Schwartz, the Knight’s Cross is one of the gradations of the Hungarian Republic’s Order of Merit which is given to Hungarian or foreign citizens who have served Hungary's democratic interest with outstanding achievements. The award is given by the prime minister and is supported by his cabinet.

“I was extremely honored to receive the Knight’s Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary from the president,” said Cole. “The honor recognizes Montclair State’s collaborations with Hungarian universities and arts institutions. These efforts, developed and sustained by members of our academic community, are extremely important to the university’s educational mission. The creation of knowledge and art and the conduct of business all take place in a global environment and relationships, such as the one we have developed with Hungary, provide opportunities for students and faculty from both countries to learn from each other.”

According to the Executive Director of the Global Education Center Marjina Cunningham, President Cole supported the center’s efforts in establishing programs for MSU and Hungarian students.

“The support of the President helped to enable the success of the center’s international programs. The collaboration included working with the Hungarian embassy.”

Eight students from Hungary joined MSU in 2005. They are part of Montclair State’s diverse community, which includes students from Kenya, India and The Republic of Korea, according to Executive Assistant Schwartz.

This year the Global Education Center of MSU is conducting a Hungarian festival, such as the festival’s success is due to the partnerships between the Hungarian Cultural Center of New York and MSU’s Global Education Center, Office of Arts and Cultural Programming, and the School of Arts.

Many MSU students are grateful for the University’s diversity. Senior English major Katya Alvarez said, “It’s a good idea; this country needs Eastern European influence. Students are getting an awareness of the Eastern European Culture and President Cole is helping to make that possible.”

The “Knight’s Cross,” which was created in 1993, is awarded to citizens of the Hungarian Republic for their services to Hungary, the Hungarian people, and Hungarian culture.

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Workers United, faces charges by three charg­ ing employee parties, and “simply situated discriminates,” ranging from harassment to other unlawful practices regarding the failure to provide money allocations information to employees.

There are employee accounts that union representatives made frequent visits to their homes this past summer, and threatened termination upon refusal to sign their union card in favor of union representation, during a campaign known as a card check.

A car check is a sort of voting process whereby employees are asked to sign union cards in favor of contracting a union agreement.

Additionally, employees may choose the “financial core membership” option, and still receive all union benefits except the ability to vote for union representatives.

This option allows employees to be union­ ised, without being members. These employ­ ees pay a lower percentage in dues.

Most MSU Sodexo employees were unaware of this option, according to Larry Cunningham and Edith White, two of Sodexo’s financial core members who brought charges.

Both said they chose to be non-members because the union was not providing them with adequate services.

“They’re not providing us the quality of care they promised us. They are raising our rates, and union dues are supposed to go up every year.”

Tranz has worked for the company for 11 years and White for five. They were among the few employees who filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board against SWU, out of more than 150 Sodexo employees at MSU.

The union’s set raise scale, is less than it was before the contract agreement in July 2005. Raises decrease after one year of employment from fifty cents to forty cents. Employees who pay “financial core mem­ bership” dues are 1.84 percent of their sal­ ary. Union members pay around 2.2 percent.

When the union was contracted last July, dues were 1.73 percent for non-members, and 2.0 percent for members.

An information sheet distributed to employees with a petition preceding the vote, states, “A deauthorization election has only one purpose and effect: to remove the freed­ un­ ionism clause from contract. The remain­ der of the contract remains in effect and the union continues to serve as the exclusive bargaining unit employees.”

Edward Petersen, the assistant to the regional director at the NLBB Region 22 office in Newark, said that non-members who pay financial core fees contribute to the union’s collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance filing costs.

“Some employees do object to full payment of fees,” said Peterson, “And they’re entitled to do that.”

Before the word of the petition spread, union representatives were rarely seen on campus, according to Tencza. He said he always sees them around his work environment now, with employees.

Tencza, White and others involved, and the legal counsel from the NLBB who re­ presents them, requested a change of date for the vote, which falls on a Friday.

There are fewer Sodexo employees on campus on Fridays than any other day. By 27 employees. On Fridays, the Student Center cafeteria closes early, there is no late-night dining at the Rathskeller and other campus Sodexo food areas. There are no Sodexo employees. SWU did not respond to phone calls for comment.

March Madness Begins on Thursday March 9. Come to Goccia Cafe for a chance to win a basketball hoop, and an autographed jersey!

Celebrate Irish American Heritage Month! Come to the Student Center for great recipes and historical info!
AFT Union Aids Schools Devastated By Katrina

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Local 1904 has arranged a two-day collection drive to possibly adopt a school for three schools which students have lost due to the disastrous Hurricane Katrina. AFT is one of several unions made up of school faculty consisting of approximately 725 people, according to Linda Y. Turano, employee of AFT. Turano said that the fundraiser is strictly for the purpose of school supplies and equipment, including items such as Legos, clay, glitter, clip boards, manila envelopes and staplers. The union is taking "any dollar amount." Turano added, "since Katrina, fundraisers have dried up, yet the need for help is still great. A lot of needs still haven't been met, some kids still aren't going to school." Anyone who wishes to make any contributions can bring items or checks made payable to AFT Local 1904 Adopt-A-School. The union is accepting donations until May 1.

Students who were affected by Katrina had to temporarily have classes elsewhere. These students from St. Martin's school (shown left) had classes held at a chapel on the first day of re-opening after Hurricane Katrina. St. Martin's experienced less physical damage than that of surrounding schools, many of which are still holding classes in unpleasant conditions.

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According to Lilia, "Of course I feel like we need four justices, but (the) one or justi­

es we have takes care of the responsibilities just fine.

Lilia also assures that one justice getting the job done doesn't pose a problem because the President Pro Tempore is active in doing justice duties. He also said that now that the SGA has a bookkeeper, the responsibilities on him and the Pro Tempore have eased. SGA Legislator Jeremy Slagle said the reason he doesn't want to become a Justice is because he likes the power being a legislator entails. "If justices had more entertaining responsibilities, if it had something to do with university policies, we'd get more people willing to be justices," he said.

Chak, who is also chair of the elections committee, said she has written a memo to all organizations about the dates for SGA elections in order to publicize the elections. "It is my hope that through proper publicity we can encourage people to fill all available candidate positions of the SGA," she said.

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When Josh Adams sees other students at Manhattan's School of Visual Arts stuck into their iPods, he figures they're being antiseptic. "I feel like they're trying to shut people out, even maybe unintentionally," says the 18-year-old Manhattan resident.

For New York University student Dante Lima, it's entirely intentional. With his ear buds in place, he's never bothered by side-walk hucksters. "If you want to get away from them, just start listening to your iPod," says Lima, 20. "They don't approach people with head-phones on."

Wearing headphones has become the modern equivalent of wearing a "Don't Disturb" sign around one's neck. Perhaps that's no surprise. The MP3 player is only the latest in a number of gadgets, starting with the Sony Walkman, leading to the cell phone and now the iPod, that gives people the ability to close off the outside world.

Shoppers chat on their cell phones, stopping only to look briefly at a cashiers. Children watch films on the car's DVD player instead of playing license-tag bingo. Airline passenger watch movies on laptops, or answer e-mail on Blackberries, rather than chatting with the person in the next seat.

But is turning out the rest of the world good for us? "We're living in a world where technology is a huge part of our lives, but it can be a blessing and a curse," says Jacqueline Adams, who has downloaded 2,300 songs onto her iPod, "We're living in a world where technology is a huge part of our lives, but it can be a blessing and a curse," says Jacqueline Adams, who has downloaded 2,300 songs onto her iPod.

Being in college promotes being more social," he says. "Now I normally listen when I'm going to school or coming home, to make the time go by. But if someone asks me something, I always answer them. I don't have it tuned by posing the question, "If you're not going to do the work, why even bother going to college?" Although he proposes a critical question, of 25 students asked, only one student denied having ever cheated. That means of students asked from Cornell University, the University of Delaware, Ramapo College and Monmouth University, to name a few, the only student that protested he had never cheated was one from Towson University. Twenty-four of 25 college students have fully admitted to cheating in high school, college or both.

So the question remains: why bother going to college if cheating is the only answer? The reason is simple: most students are unaware of the serious consequences that cheating brings about, and are even unsure of how cheating is defined.

According to the University Code of Conduct cheating can be described as copying from another student's paper, using unauthorized materials for test-taking, collaborating with another person during an exam, purchasing term papers and, of course, plagiarism. Of all violations of ethical standards, the one that is the most common is plagiarism. The easiest way to combat plagiarism is to make sure that students are aware of the serious consequences that cheating brings about, and are even unsure of how cheating is defined.

Cheating might be the easy way out, but the consequences of being caught are not worth the effort.
Dear J. and J.,

My boyfriend and I have been together for the past six months. We see each other on the weekends only because both of us have busy schedules. But during the last few weekends, and throughout our relationship, he’s been cutting our time short to go hang out with his friends. This annoys me, and I’m not sure how to approach him about it. What should I do?

Jose Ortiz
Managing Editor

Being in a relationship should not translate into the unconditional surrender of one’s free time. Not only is it ok to have a life outside your significant other, it’s actually necessary to maintain a relationship, but you aren’t the only person your boyfriend has a relationship with. He also has relationships with his friends and with his family, most of whom he’s probably known longer than you. To get upset because he wants to spend time with his friends is a little bit overbearing.

By getting annoyed about him leaving, he’s going to be more inclined to not want to hang out with you at all. Everyone needs their own space and time away from their relationship. Does he get mad when you want to hang out with your friends?

If he does, then he is also wrong.

However, I can understand the slight cause for alarm since it has been going on for a few consecutive weekends. There are a few ways that you can deal with this so it doesn’t continue to be a problem. The first thing you can do is ask to go with him to hang out with his friends. He probably assumes that you wouldn’t want to do that. Therefore, by asking him, it would show that you are interested in meeting some of his friends.

Another possibility would be to change the itinerary of your weekends. He wouldn’t be so quick to hang out with his friends if he enjoyed what you two were doing together. Make plans to do things that he will enjoy. Instead of making him watch Project Runway, let him watch what he wants to see more often.

If neither of these plans work, it could mean that he is unhappy with the current demands on his time that you are making. The only way to approach this is by contradicting your boyfriend and telling him what you want. I’m sure that there is some way you can deal with this so it doesn’t happen again.

Jessica Sproviero
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Worst sentences, with penalties as extreme as expulsion for plagiarizing. If a case of cheating is suspected in the classroom, certain steps are taken. First, the professor must notify the student involved of his or her suspicion, making them aware that they are under review. Next, the chairperson of the department is notified, who will speak with the Dean of Students to find out if the students involved have ever been under review before. In a case where the cheating is debatable, it is left up to the instructor to decide what the repercussions will be: a zero for the assignment, or a new assignment if he or she believes that the student can rightfully make it up. If cheating is undeniable and proven, an “F” will be marked down for the course, unless the student decides to appeal the case. If the semester ends before a case is finalized, an “F” will be marked down as the final grade.

To some students, receiving an “F” isn’t enough of a threat. Some students will go as far as copying entire pages from unacknowledged sources and try to pass it off as their own. Plagiarism can be anything from whole pages to paragraphs, excerpts or lines copied from other texts without citation. Specifically, plagiarism is copying four or more lines from a source that is not cited in a bibliography. If a student is caught plagiarizing, the minimal sentence is probation, and can even result in expulsion from the school, if repeated or is a severe case.

Even with these severe consequences, students still find it necessary to cheat on their exams, papers and various assignments. Mike Biech, an MSIE freshman, said, “We’re supposed to be learning this stuff for our exam. If you cheated, and I hired you for your job, I’d be mad that I’m paying you for something someone else could probably do better.” Of all students asked, no one could deny that cheating is detrimental to the present and future possibilities in academic and work areas.

But why, if it is considered to be so wrong, do students cheat? With resources available to us on the internet, the term “copy and paste” has become more well-known than plagiarism. If we can’t communicate with people, which is why his girlfriend is the only person he thinks is responsive to him at parties. I asked him to change my singles into dollars, as he’d done with his money earlier in the interview. He politely said he couldn’t. "If I really had magic, and could do any trick you go do the same? Find a hobby, hang out on the weekends. This could be true, and the 24 randomly selected students could just be those few who are forfeiting their academic rights. Either that, or most students do that cheat either do not get caught or are not reported for statistical purposes. But according to Don McCabe, head of Center for Academic Integrity at Rutgers, 70 percent of high school students have admitted to cheating.

"What they do is make it look like something very different than what I do," said Kennedy. "I think the way they present themselves works well on TV, but it wouldn’t if they were performing magic to small groups." He distinguishes that their field of magic is known as "shanty" magic, while his is "sleight of hand." What started as a childhood hobby blossomed into a career, one he plans on continuing after college on a larger scale. He now does two to three shows a week usually on weekends.

Kennedy mentioned an underground place named Tammis on 34th Street in New York. He said it’s under a taco restaurant, and that a group of magicians meet there on Saturdays to talk magic. "It’s a magic shop. It’s the most famous one in the world. People come from all over the world, and if you’re interested in magic and in New York, it’s like a Mecca." He attributes his successes to his communication skills. He said that most magicians can’t communicate with people, which is why they can’t all profit from their skill like he does.

I asked him to change my singles into dollars, as he’d done with his money earlier in the interview. He politely said he couldn’t. "If I really had magic, and could do any trick in the world, I’d do anything that would prove money or change currency into different denominations," said Kennedy.

I immediately assumed clown shoes and a Balloon pump when I was told I’d be meeting a magician. He’s an English major who’s denominations," said Kennedy. After some interrogation, he confessed to me that his girlfriend is the only person he knows any of his secrets. He met his girlfriend at a high school terrorism drill, where he was performing small tricks to entertain his friends. He said women ages 40-70 are most responsive to him at parties.

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What To Wear: Suggestions for Spring ‘06
Some Picks for Ladies And Guys To Choose from for The Spring Season

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Now, I know it is important to have an individual sense of style. I appreciate innovative people who create their own looks, and I admire people who really put a lot of thought into their wardrobe. That being said, there are certain staples to include in your wardrobe for this spring and summer that will ensure you always have something to wear in case you ever have someplace fabulous to go!

1. White: It's the new black. Go for all white whenever you'd like. A white dress, white pants and a white shirt, a white skirt. It all works! It's actually pretty simple.

2. Wedges and Stacked Heels: Yes, you can wear shoes that will make you look super-tall. They are in! A wedge can be wooden, espadrille, cork or leather, whatever you prefer. Stacked heels are great too; wear them with jeans, capris, shorts or even a skirt. With shoes, brown is always safe.

3. Shorts: Yes, they are back! I know for a while, us girls had pretty much given up on them, but shorts have returned and are cuter than ever. Especially in, you guessed it, white! Now, with shorts, we have many options: Bermuda, mid thigh, or even super short. It's totally up to you; whatever makes you feel comfortable!

4. Crochet: Now, don't be scared. A little bit of crochet goes a long way. Try it. You could do a bathing suit, tank top, bag or clutch, or even a dress if you'd like. Great colors for summer are white, tan and brown.

5. An eyelet dress: It's feminine, pretty and comfortable! What more could a girl want? Color is up to you, but keeping with suggestion number one, I suggest white!

1. Linen: Don't cringe; don't get upset. It's only fabric, and it looks great! Either pants or a shirt, wear it and enjoy it. It's light and comfortable. My only concern is not to wear linen pants and a shirt together. It's not horrible, but in my opinion, it may just be too much linen. Just a little tip from me to you.

2. Shoes: Now, I say shoes in general because you guys have a few options. Flip-flops are great in the summer. There is nothing worse than being on the beach and seeing a guy in sneakers. Now, when you are not on the beach, sneakers are great! However, when going out to a bar or party, don't wear sneakers you would work out in. Instead, opt for an everyday sneaker by Puma or even a casual sneaker by Nike.

3. Aviators: Boys need to wear sunglasses more often, outside and daytime only, and aviators are great. They are classic, clean and look hot. Any brand you like is fine, but Ray-Bans are classic.

4. A military inspired jacket: I'm not talking full-out army coat. Rather, a jacket with subtle military details. Maybe it's just the buttons, the color green or an extra buckle.

5. Shirts: Again, I am going to keep it general because there are tons of options. A fitted but not-too-tight t-shirt or button-down with the sleeves rolled to about the elbow. Be creative, just make sure it fits!

Please consider my suggestions. You don't have to take them all; you don't have to take any of them. And the next time you are out shopping, which I hope is sooner rather than later, remember to pick clothes that are comfortable, flattering and that represent you!
Some of them still prefer radios to iPods. Younger workers’ iPods keep the music from bothering others, he says, yet may be distracting to the user.

“The younger people are more wrapped up in their music, rather than using it as background,” he says. “We’ve encouraged iPods if they do want to listen to music, but they have greater concentration if they don’t.”

If MP3 players help you tune out noisy co-workers or help you relax while waiting for a doctor’s appointment, then what’s the harm in cocooning inside your own technological bubble?

The danger, says one sociologist, is that we start losing touch with the people in our lives, even if it’s just the cashier, because we won’t get off the phone or take off head-phones to exchange pleasantries.

Studies show that these mini-conversations with the same woman at the coffee shop each morning or the regular huter with the guy who owns the gas station, for example, are important to our psychological well-being.

“If you have a regular routine and you go back to the same places, your day can be filled up with these short contacts with people you see regularly,” says Richard Lachmann, sociology professor at the University of Albany.

“People who don’t have that are really missing something.”

Evident suggests, says Lachmann, that these interactions help us cope with the stresses of everyday life and give us a feeling of community that is “so much good as having a bunch of cousins who live nearby.”

“If people lose that,” Lachmann says, “it’s going to become a big problem.”

Still, the fuss about the iPod strikes some as much ado about nothing. Although he admits that “we go around in a kind of fog of technological insulation,” cultural historian Timothy Burke says most Americans already avoid making eye contact on planes, trains and, in particular, elevators.

“Before the iPod, in subways or on buses, people carried books or newspapers, or they looked at the ground,” says Burke, a professor at Swarthmore College.

“In that way, there’s nothing novel about the iPod. It’s just one more way of controlling the social space around you.”

Bruce MacKenzie, 44, argues that iPods allow that phenomenon to be taken to extremes.

Riding the ferry to and from Hoboken every day, he notes, “Everybody’s in their own world, with those things in their ears blocking out the sound. I often give a greeting and there’s no reaction because they don’t even realize I’m sitting next to them.”

He prefers to use his own iPod to enhance the social space around him.

“The younger people are strange,” MacKenzie says with resignation. “Even in the golden age of television, potentially you’d interact with those around you. Now you’re in your own little universes.”

Do not be spiteful, but if your friends want to go out to dinner, tell your dearest that you’ll catch up to him afterwards. If he expects you to stay home while he goes out to party, he is wrong. You are too young to lose what could have possibly been the best weekends of your life.

My final comment is that you may want to show more of an interest in his life. He may not want you to tag along, but he wants you to work your way in. Play some video games with him, listen to guy chat and don’t be too critical of any “typical male opinions.” In no time, you will found yourself the life of the party. You could have more fun with them then sitting home watching your relationship disintegrate. If you ignore this problem it can only get worse; he may feel as though you are getting enough attention despite your beliefs.
LeRoy Hoax Comes To The Screen
Morality Becomes Questionable In Argento’s New Film

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The Heart is Deceitful

Dir: Asia Argento
Starring: Asia Argento, Cole Sprouse, Dylan Sprouse
★★★★

Only a month ago, the secret became known that the autobiographical works of cult writer J.T. LeRoy, a twenty something transgender male forced into prostitution before he hit puberty, was written by a mid-age former female rocker named Laura Albert. In light of this recent discovery, Muse Films has decided to put The Heart is Deceitful Above All Things, the previously shelved 2004 adaptation of LeRoy’s second memoir, into limited release.

Asia Argento, daughter of famed horror auteur Dario Argento and one of LeRoy’s famed celebrity supporters cazzoed by the hoax, takes the helm of the film as director, cowriter and star. In recent weeks, what could have easily turned into a vanity project, Argento handles the film with remarkable precision and ease. It’s easy to see that Argento inherited her father’s talent for vibrant imagery and inventive storytelling techniques.

The Heart is Deceitful Above All Things tells the story of Jeremiah, supposedly based on LeRoy, whose idyllic childhood is stripped away when his biological mother, Sarah (Argento), takes him out of his loving foster home and brings him into her world of white trash squalor, complete with meth addiction and T-shirts with kittens on them. The scenes of Jeremiah’s corruption, including his first drug experience at age seven and apes at the height of this step father, are excellently conceived by Argento and cinematographer Eric Alar Edwaads (Kids, My Own Private Idaho). They are smart to avoid going into graphic details and use the power of suggestion in order to make the audience feel sufficiently uneasy and disturbed. During the scenes of abuse, the film takes on an abstract, avant garde quality.

Long-Awaited Block Party Opens
Dave Chappelle Makes His Big Return In Gondry’s Film

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Block Party
Dir: Michel Gondry
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It was only about one year ago, in the production stages of the third season of the now legendary Chappelle’s Show that Dave Chappelle disappeared from the public eye. At the height of his popularity, Chappelle left Comedy Central and his $50 million contract to retreat to South Africa where he went to home and brings him into her world of white trash squalor, complete with meth addiction.

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Fueled the internet with various reports that Chappelle had either checked himself into a South African mental institution or been ruled out to drug addiction. After almost a year of rumors, Chappelle began to make himself public for the first time in February when he appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show and then again on Inside the Actors Studio to dispel all the tall tales that had chewed up his image for the second half of 2006.

In his first project back since his departure, Block Party marks Chappelle’s return to audiences. The film is a musical documentary based on the documentary film Wattstax, a film documenting the Wattstax concert in Oakland in 1972. When the average Chappelle fan hears that Dave Chappelle is organizing the 2004 block concert in the streets of Brooklyn, Chappelle both confuses and teases his audience. However, Block Party is a documentary that invites its audiences to watch Chappelle, various musicians and everyday people interact sincerely in a way that allows us to peer past the artificial side of people and, as Chappelle puts it in the film, “talk awhile and see what we are all about.” The film, directed by Michel Gondry ( Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind), captures Chappelle during his crusade to organize the 2004 block concert in the streets of Brooklyn. Chappelle both immerses himself in the streets of NYC and T-shirts with kittens on them. The scenes of Jeremiah’s corruption, including his first drug experience at age seven and apes at the height of this step father, are excellently conceived by Argento and cinematographer Eric Alar Edwaads (Kids, My Own Private Idaho). They are smart to avoid going into graphic details and use the power of suggestion in order to make the audience feel sufficiently uneasy and disturbed. During the scenes of abuse, the film takes on an abstract, avant garde quality.

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George Michael Gets Stoned And Falls Asleep

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Arts & Entertainment Editor

In some of the biggest news to emerge from Britain from the world of Wham! frontman, George Michael has found himself in trouble with the law once again.

The police found Michael asleep and slumped over the wheel of his car outside of Hyde Park in London at two in the morning. In his possession, police found two small bags of pot. The police doctor checked over Michael and found him perfectly capable of driving, but the police still gave him a ride home.

To add insult to injury, the singer released a statement saying, “This is my own stupid fault as usual. I was in possession of class C drugs, which is an offence, and I have no complaints about the police, who were professional throughout.”

This is the most depressing rock star arrest of all time. Where was the crazy, belligerent babbled screamed at the arresting officers as they chaped him down the street with a large suitcase full of black-tar heroin?

Dakota Fanning could probably be caught with harsher substances than two measly bags of pot. At least Boy George, the other gay 80s’ pop star with over-treated hair, had the decency to be caught with some cocaine in his recent police investigation.

It’s not like George Michael doesn’t have it in him. His previous arrest for getting caught engaged in lewd acts in a public restroom was pretty rock star. I think I speak for a large group of people when I say that axes of music industry have been lackluster recently.

With the exception of Courteney Love breaking into her ex-boyfriend’s house and kicking it old school style, I long for the days of Ozzy Osborne biting the heads off animals and the guy from Led Zeppelin defecating in some lady’s shoe.

Even more insulting was the off-handed remark that the idea of releasing an album based on the incident, much like he did with the 1998 song “Outside” about his public restroom arrest, was “tempting.”

Disappo...
The Strokes Kick Off Their USA Tour
US Tour Begins At Hammerstein Ballroom In Hometown New York City

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With their newest record First Impressions of Earth released recently, The Strokes kicked off their mostly sold-out U.S. tour on March 1 at Hammerstein Ballroom in their beloved hometown of New York City. Hundreds gathered, eagerly bumping elbows and shuffling up towards the stage throughout the night in anticipation of the spectacles to come.

The Strokes took the Eagles of Death Metal on tour with them, a huge break for the Queens of the Stone Age side project. The band played a few songs, trying to pump up the crowd with their raucous, devil-worshiping, mountains-fueled rock 'n' roll.

They were fairly entertaining, especially with their repeated cheers to the ladies in the crowd. However, a lot of people were getting antsy, and some angry, in their eagerness to see the Strokes. One portly fellow kept yelling, "Get off the f**king stage!" from a safe distance away from the performers.

After a painfully long setup and sound check, The Strokes made their grand appearance, dressed in their signature stylish threads and waving to their ever-adoring fans. The band opened with "You Only Live Once," the first track off of First Impressions of Earth.

Since the tour was in support of the new album, I was a bit nervous about having the set dominated by newer songs; leaving less room for material from Is This It? and Room on Fire. However, I was pleasantly surprised as the band went back and forth between their three albums, giving equal distribution of songs, allowing everyone to be satisfied.

After having seen so many videos and TV appearances, I was curious to see how the Strokes would fair live. Simply put, I was very impressed.

The band's incredibly tight rhythms and punchy sound shine through with Patrick Consolo's metronome-like drumming precision and Nikolai Fraiture's solid bass lines holding up the backbone of the band as Nick Valensi and Albert Hammond Jr. traded sharp hooks and monstrous downstrokes.

An even more pleasant surprise was frontman Julian Casablancas' delivery. Usually shrouded behind a fuzzed out microphone on the records, Casablancas' vocals were never too impressive, although likable.

The truth is that Casablancas' actually has a huge voice, giving him an incredible presence on stage. Casablancas cut through to the front of the band with his deep resonant growl of a voice, proving to everyone that he really can sing. This was best exemplified in songs like "New York City Cops," which has a crescendo of vocal melody that explodes with Casablancas' emoturant yelling.

Although they maintained a huge stage presence, Casablancas and Co. actually had no real charismatic charm. They were relatively quiet fellows. The most Casablancas would muster between songs is a seemingly shy "Oh, thank you, thanks," or at his most enthusiastic moments, a mellow, "F"m.

Nikolai, a tall, steely Frankenstein of a bassist, hardly moved the entire set except to unhook a box thrown onto his bass neck and to stand on the drum riser for the closing song. Nick and Darrel seemed more intensely focused on their playing, rather than interacting with the crowd – actually all of them seemed that way.

Nevertheless, the Strokes' popularity and stamina allowed them to be adored at in the mere sight of them, even if they couldn't tell a good joke. And we were definitely in awe. The playing also spoke for itself. Some anonymously expressive fans standing next to me made sure to let everyone know that they loved what they were hearing.

One guy yelled over to his buddy, "This is so good! I'd rather pee myself than leave!"

The Strokes closed their overall great set with the energetic "Take It or Leave It," their underdog favorite off Is This It? for the bootleggers.

Having just conquered the UK in their UK tour, the Strokes continue on with their US tour until April 21, with a final date in Washington D.C. While the Strokes may still be making out their first impressions of Earth, I've already had my first impression of them: Excellent.

Alas, there are no more dates for the New York Strokes. However, The Strokes will be back on tour this fall with the Eagles of Death Metal. Keep your eyes peeled.

"Whether or not you think the Strokes live up to their hype or not, it's safe to say that they played a great live set."

Fan reviews of The Strokes performance that night include quotations such as: "This is so good! I'd rather pee myself than leave!"
ity that involves claymation vultures preying on young Jeremiah. Despite her abusive tendencies, Jeremiah looks at his mother with fierce ability and often wishes that he could look like her and have the same affect on men that she has. When Jeremiah has his first experience as a transvestite prostitute, the audience a reprieve from a scene that could have easily gone too far.

The performances in the film are a revelation. With Sarah, Asia Argento (xx, Land of the Dead) channels the spirit of Courtney Love and creates a character that is alternately captivating and terrifying. With her performance, Argento is able to make the audience fully understand why Jeremiah ultimately cannot leave the side of his destructive mother. As seven-year-old Jeremiah, Jimmy Bennett (The Phantom Express) conveys the perfect mix of fear and apprehension that comes with being plucked from a happy life and thrown into a hellish one. As the older Jeremiah, twins Cole and Dylan Sprouse of Big Daddy fame, prove themselves as fearless actors of great range and integrity at the young age of fourteen.

The film is filled with cameos from the celebrity supporters who had fallen prey to the hoax and befriended LeRoy through a series of phone calls and letters. Winona Ryder (Heathers) plays Jeremiah's ethically questionable therapist, who threatens to take away his toy privileges at the children's hospital until he admits that the abuse wasn't his fault. Michael Pitt (The Dreamz), an actor who LeRoy had written several articles declaring his love for, plays a meth-addicted confidante to Jeremiah named Buddy.

As a movie, The Heart is Deceitful Above All Things is fantastic. It's dark, disturbing, gritty, and definitely not for the faint of heart, but it achieves a level of excellence rarely seen in cinema today. The film's marketing has placed a heavy emphasis on the scandal and the current tagline reads "Behind the greatest hoax of our time in the heartbreaking story that started it all." But it can't be denied that the exposure of the hoax is what makes the film's release posthumous.

While the film tackles important issues such as the downside of parental rights in custody of foster children and religious zealotry as a form of abuse, the film is moral questions. Had JT LeRoy been a real person, the film could be seen as a testament to the endurance of the human spirit and how one person can go from being an abused and drug addicted teen prostitute to a literary sensation on Madonna's personal mailing list. However, as a work of fiction, The Heart is Deceitful Above All Things veers towards exploitation.

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**THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS**

OVERSEEING THE FILM AS CO-WRITER, DIRECTOR, AND STAR, ASIA ARGENTO HANDLES EACH JOB WITH EXTRAORDINARY TALENT AND INVENTIVE VISION THAT HELPS MAKE THE HEART IS DECEITFUL A SUCCESS.

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**BLOCK PARTY**

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and in small rural town setting. Chappelle hands out his golden invitations to people from every walk of life. He approaches strangers in the street, shop owners and even a small college marching band from Ohio. The film is spliced, cutting back and forth from Chappelle's organizational pre-concert footage to live performances from the drizzly Saturday evening in NYC.

Some musical performances featured in the film include those by Kayne West, Roots, Dead Prez, Erykah Badu, Mos Def and a surprise closing reunion performance by the Fugees. Throughout Block Party, we get glimpses backstage and into rehearsal sessions where artist after artist talk about their past, providing an element of humanization to the larger than life stars they perform to in the film. One of Chappelle's greatest talents is his ability to cleverly tackle the nuances of racial and cultural barriers. Chappelle's Show became uncannily recognized for it's brilliance in attempting to call attention to societal superpositions through the vehicle of comedy.

Far more often than pointing out negatively with difference of race, nationality and ethnicity, Chappelle shines a light on a funny and embarrassing unity between people by capturing different cross sections of society enjoying one good time on one street in NYC.

Block Party will remind fans how much they already miss Chappelle's infectious personality. Chappelle is embraced by everyone he comes across in the film. He meets with local child day care center employees, a couple rebuilding a church and neighborhood children. He reciprocates their enthusiasm and offers them the same attention that he would extend to any of the musical stars he is seen with in the footage before the concert.

By the film's end, Chappelle declares the block party as the greatest thing he has ever done. It is a large claim but at the end of all the hoopla, and at the end of the dream concert that Chappelle says "he has always wanted to see," it feels easy to agree.
2006 Academy Awards Shocks Many
Crash Creates Major Upset As Best Picture Winner

Best Motion Picture of the Year
Crash

Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role
Philip Seymour Hoffman (*Capote*)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role
Reese Witherspoon (*Walk the Line*)

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role
George Clooney (*Syriana*)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role
Rachel Weisz (*The Constant Gardener*)

Best Achievement in Directing
Ang Lee (*Brokeback Mountain*)

Best Achievement in Music Written for Motion Pictures, Original Score
Gustavo Santaolalla (*Brokeback Mountain*)

Best Achievement in Music Written for Motion Pictures, Original Song
"It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" (*Hustle & Flow*)

Best Achievement in Makeup
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Best Achievement in Sound
King Kong

Best Achievement in Sound Editing
King Kong

Best Achievement in Visual Effects
King Kong

Best Animated Feature
Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit

Best Foreign Language Film of the Year
Tsotsi

Best Documentary Features
March of the Penguins

Best Documentary, Short Subjects
A Note of Triumph: The Golden Age of Norman Corwin

Best Short Film, Animated
The Moon and the Son

Best Short Film, Live Action
Six Shooter

Hollywood dreams came to life this past Sunday at the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles.

Best Writing, Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen
Paul Haggis, Robert Moresco (*Crash*)

Best Writing, Screenplay Based on Material Previously Produced or Published
Larry McMurtry, Diana Ossana (*Brokeback Mountain*)

Best Achievement in Cinematography
Dinanabe (*Memoirs of a Geisha*)

Best Achievement in Editing
Hughes Winborne (*Crash*)

Best Achievement in Art Direction
John Mylure, Gretchen Ran (*Memoirs of a Geisha*)

Best Achievement in Costume Design
Colleen Atwood (*Memoirs of a Geisha*)

Reese Witherspoon scored her first win for her critically and commercially lauded turn as June Carter Cash in *Walk the Line*.

George Clooney's win for *Syriana* proves an actor can go from Facts of Life cast member to Oscar winner.

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The team from *Crash* celebrate their unexpected win for Best Picture over *Brokeback Mountain*.
Frightful Fire Reminder

Village residents received a first-hand account of improved fire procedures this past weekend when a serious fire ripped through a resident’s apartment building Saturday night, destroying his bed and other belongings.

A quick and professional response by the Little Falls Fire Department helped to ensure public safety. Alarms such as these could, in the past, first be investigated by a Police Officer; a dangerous assignment indeed. However, by ensuring that the correct procedures this past weekend when a serious fire ripped through a resident’s apartment building Saturday night, destroying his bed and other belongings.

Firecrackers, is also extremely troubling. The recent fire in Bohn Hall, reportedly sparked by the illegal use of firecrackers, is also extremely troubling. The recent fire in Bohn Hall, reportedly sparked by the illegal use of firecrackers, is also extremely troubling.

If apathetic students are still remaining in their residence hall or apartment when an alarm signals them, if nothing else, being inconvenienced with evacuation, having property destroyed by the sprinkler system and, most importantly, having their life safety endangered by reckless individuals. Serious administrative penalties should be assessed on those wrongdoers at the very least, if not criminal charges. Mistakes happen, but recklessly lighting a fire next to your bed in a building full of sleeping residents is not only careless, it’s negligent.

New fire procedures on campus requiring the unimpeded dispatch of Fire Department apparatus can only make situations like these less dangerous for all involved. We can only hope that residents do not slip into a sense of complacency when a string of false alarms do hit, and treat each alarm as a true emergency, as the case twice recently.

Further, the cooperation of neighboring Fire Departments is imperative to the progressive safety measures being undertaken at the university.

Getting an Opinion?

The Montclarion is seeking opinion columnists for commentary on both national and on-campus issues. If interested, email: msuopinion@gmail.com
The Montclarion is a Class One organization of the Student Government Association of Montclair State University, Inc. That little catch phrase highlights the fundamental problem in performing its duties as a constitutionally protected news media organization. The Montclarion's constitution clearly states that we are to "shed light on the manner in which the Student Government spends students' fees and fulfills their trust." We are not to step lightly over issues that the Student Government might be bothered by; nor are we obliged to take their interests into account when we report and editorialize; to do so would make us nothing more than a propaganda machine.

The Montclarion has, for some time, sought to eliminate the conflicts that are inherent in our current organizational situation with the Student Government. By forcing us to answer to the Student Government Legislature and by needing the SGA President to write our "chartar"—the document needed to be approved in order to receive funds and remain in existence—the SGA desires to keep in place the flaws that allow them to put pressure on the leadership of The Montclarion.

Last year, I was personally promised by President-Elect Lilia that he would look into this type of contamination in the Student Government Association. Instead, he has maintained the status-quo, allowing them to put pressure on the leadership of The Montclarion.

The SGA is a recipient of the student fee tax and is therefore beholden to no one but the Board of Trustees. The SGA could be much more stringent in its determination of the student body and use it for what they deem appropriate. Some Executive Boards are better than others at planning and executing the financial operations of the corporation.

The Montclarion has requested the SGA's audit report from its last fiscal year. The SGA's attorney has advised the Executive Board to withhold this information as it might place them in the position of being sued. There needs to be a compromise.

The SGA is a recipient of the student fee tax and is then beholden to no one but the Board of Trustees of Montclair State University when they should be reporting to the student body. The Board of Trustees kindly permits the SGA to give their audit report in a "secret meeting" that students are not permitted to attend.

This is understandable as they want to be given a "heads-up" in the event of any discrepancies. Let us forget that past SGA Executive Board members embezzled enough money to purchase a moderately priced Lexus. I am confident that no one in this administration would defraud the student body but audits do highlight fundamental problems that exist in financial operations.

One of the wise decisions on the part of the SGA is that they set aside money that is used to fund a variety of scholarships that any undergraduate can apply for. Unfortunately, there will not be any SGA scholarships given out this year; look for an answer as to why in the next issue of The Montclarion.

The Montclarion is a student-run publication that is protected by the U.S. Constitution's first amendment: the freedom of speech. The amendment offers wide protection for news media in that it offers protection from censorship. Am I surprised when I hear that there is discussion about whether or not to renew the charter of The Montclarion? Yes, I am actually very surprised. I am shocked that they would try to control our independent body and attempt to silence "the student voice.

The Montclarion is one of the oldest student organizations that serves the campus; we have done so since 1928 and refuse to let it end because of the ill-advised attempt to censor us. I am thankful that there are professionals in the field of press-law that aid student newspapers such as ours. The Student Press Law Center is a fierce advocate for independent student media and routinely fights the legal battle that publications like ours wouldn't be able to do alone.

I have repeatedly invited SGA President Angelo Lilia and any other member of the SGA Executive Board to submit an opinion anytime they wish. We have received only one column and that was the first week of the school-year. If the Lilia Administration is so upset and legitimately believe that the facts we use in our editorials are wrong, why do they not speak up? Why do they not approach myself, the Editor-In-Chief and seek a correction notice? If the SGA wishes to silence the student voice, let them do so with the backing of the SGA's former bookkeeper, Nicole Williams, who left thousands of dollars in checks on her desk for months rather than depositing them as expected. Lilia did not fire Williams until the very beginning of the school-year, putting the SGA in a disadvantage from the start.

As reported in The Montclarion, the constitutionally obligated health insurance that the SGA holds for its employees was almost cut off after the SGA could not keep up with its bills. Staples was owed in excess of $4,000 and the company that prints the Montclarion has requested the SGA's audit report from its last fiscal year. The SGA's attorney has advised the Executive Board to withhold this information as it might place them in the position of being sued. There needs to be a compromise.

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Celebrating A True St. Pattie's Day
Insight Into Enjoying Irish Culture While Sitting Out The Neighboring Scottish Influences

"Beannachtai na Feile Padraig ar anois!" To many, this big mesh of letters representing a Irish phrase looks like the tragic result of a bowl of alphabet soup and a really big breeze. But, alas, that seeming unpronounceable blur of alphabetic chaos is actually the Irish language, and it is waiting you, gentle reader, a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

What's sure to be a surprise, though, is that the St. Patrick's day we celebrate today far outreached its limits. The Montclarion, being a former Feature Editor and in his second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

March 9, 2006
JEREMY SLADE COLUMNIST
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A little over a month ago marked the 33rd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision granting women the right to privacy in the landmark case, Roe v. Wade. As most already know, this granted women the right to choose to terminate their pregnancy. Many pro-choice supporters celebrated this victory, and in turn, many pro-life supporters pledged to continue their fight to overturn this decision. For the past 33 years, this argument has run rampant in law school classrooms, high school debates and cocktail party conversations.

Many proponents of abortion and the right to privacy agree that a woman has the right to do with her body what she pleases. It is the sole decision of a woman regarding the termination. Who else has the right to tell a woman what she can and can not do to her own body? In the historical Roe v. Wade decision, the Supreme Court concluded "that personal liberty, which main­ains that life does not begin after birth and a mother's embryo is her property only. These rights are granted to us by our government, a government that even allows us surgically prevent ourselves from having the ability to pregnant from being raped from a previ­ous abusive relationship. These Anti-Choice supporters have also been known to commit violent acts such as damaging the building of an abortion clinic. For a group of people who are so Pro-Life, how are they willing to hurt people for their cause? Are they really so intent on hurting people, such as doctors, nurses and other health care profession­als, to get their point across? I understand that the Constitution allows for free speech, which is what these protestors are exhibiting. However, the Constitution also allows for personal liberty for all people, especially women. By banning abortion, aren't we talk­ing away that personal liberty, a liberty that people have fought for? A little over a week ago, the state of South Dakota wrote a bill supporting a law that would outlaw and make abortion illegal. Although this has been discussed as a possibil­ity after the recent change-up in justices of the Supreme Court, many in the Pro-Choice community felt the shockwave as it struck the country.

This law was recently signed in effect by the governor of South Dakota and is marked as a challenge to the landmark case. In the details of this law outlaw all abortions, even in cases of rape or incest. Will this turn into a free-for-all, with more states joining the pack and writing laws outlawing abortion in all cases? Pro-Choice supporters are up in arms over this, while Anti-Choice supporters are gearing up for a victory. After the recent events in the Midwest, I think this is only proof of the regression our society and country may be facing with our current leadership and ideals that comes with that leadership.

The Little Falls Fire Department would like to set the record straight. Last semes­ter a first year assistant opinion editor, by the name Brian Gatens, wrote a troubling "opinion" editorial attacking the Little Falls Fire Department. The article was entitled "Regrettable Fire Response," printed in The Montclarion's November 3rd issue. The article erroneously states the Little Falls Fire Department's "unintelligently to fully protect the residents of MSU." This statement deeply insulted every member of our department. Being called to duty is not "understandably a burden" as charged in the editorial. Our 100% volunteer fire department responds to MSU 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to answer every call to MSU, as well as any other emergency throughout our municipality. Mr. Gatens cites the high volume of fire alarms under past University operating pro­cedures. Multiple false alarms engender con­fusion among students and staff. Students often fail to fully evacuate buildings after repeated false alarms (especially on cold win­ter nights). Local fire officials have the right to fine those repeat offenders for false alarms within the municipality. Yet the University is exempt, being a state institution. State regulations trump those of a local municipal­i­ty. MSU has dictated the fire response pol­i­cy based on NFPA guidelines and NJ DCA regulations. The local fire departments have no jurisdiction over the state campus. We suggest Mr. Gatens seek out the MSU policy maker with which he disagrees instead of unjustly laying the blame on the volunteers of Little Falls.

Additionally, Mr. Gatens makes the accu­sation that the Little Falls Fire Department "can not handle the call volume." On what basis does he make this claim? Did he speak with the LFFD Chief? Why not? Perhaps the editor should do a lit­tle more investigating and re-write the whole editorial to include the whole truth. We ask that the students and faculty keep in mind that the Little Falls volunteer fire department always responds to MSU and asks for nothing in return. Most of the campus is in Little Falls and the University collects zero taxes from the state university. Moreover, the volunteer fire companies receive little in the way of donations from the students and facility they protect. Perhaps a "thank you" would be more appropriate than a blinded attack.

Sincerely,

The Chief Officers and Fire Fighters of the Little Falls Fire Department

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Probation Policies Pelted

Policies On Residence Offenses Overly Harsh for First-Timers

In one of my favorite Seinfeld episodes, Jerry and Elaine are taking a flight back from God-knows-where when the attendant says that one of them can be upgraded to first class. Jerry, being the traveling comedian in the show, decides he will take the ticket because "once you are in first class, there is nothing that compares too it." Elaine takes the coach ticket and is cramped between two passengers while Jerry has it up in the luxury of first class. At Montclair State University there is a dilemma quite like this. Many upperclassmen, last semester or this semester, while living in Cleve Road Apartments or The Village have a redline in their transcripts. I'm not talking about this in any academic sense, but in a more social sense. They are on probation for getting caught partying too hard. I know this because I am one of those individuals.

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Help Wanted

Money making opportunity for your fundraising organization or for scholarship programs. Distributorship also available for part-time income potential. Call (973) 472-6896.

Experienced companion for senior citizen. Light cooking, driving, shopping and light housekeeping. Also needs to be experienced with detail for paperwork for senior benefits for state programs. (973) 472-6896.

Waiters/Waitresses: hired for weekend catering work in West Orange will train pay at $12 per hour can make up to $400 on weekend, call 973-731-7900.

Seeking organized individual for Clifton office. Responsibilities include order processing/account management. PC skills/fluent in Chinese a must. Able to multi-task. Email resume to sharon@alistateprint.com.

Models. Natural women, 18 years of age and older, for Thursday evening Life Drawing class. Tasteful nudity. No experience necessary. Pay (973)-460-1037.

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Rooms for rent in Cedar Grove, beautifully furnished. Five minutes to Montclair State University. $950 a month including utilities. 973-857-6656.

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Upper Montclair family seek mother's help 6-8 hours per week, $12 per hour (after school). Must be 20 years plus, car driver, non-smoking, responsible, caring and fun! 973-744-1834.


Afternoon childcare needed for warm, fun 11-year-old twin girls in Montclair. Must have own car, excellent driving record, and strong references. Monday-Thursday, 3:30-6:30, $14 per hour. Call 973-655-0637 to leave message.

Female babysitter wanted for 7-year-old girl in Upper Montclair. $10 per hour, references required - must have own transportation. Call Lisa at 973-509-1355.

PT Child Care (Clifton, NJ) 2 or 3 afternoons/week (2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.). Five year old twins (boy/girl) and 8 year old brother. Must be responsible, warm and energetic! Excellent pay. Call Rivka at 973-249-6282.

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Don't guess whether you qualify for the EITC. Know.

There's a lot to know about qualifying for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). You need to work and earn less than $15,642. If you have children, you must meet three qualifying tests. And that's just to name a few. But the most important thing to know is you can get help figuring it all out. Visit us on the web, call 1-800-TAX-1040 or ask your tax preparer. When it comes to getting help claiming everything you honestly deserve, consider it done.

Don't guess whether you qualify for the EITC. Know.
Jose Ortiz  
Managing Editor

It seems that baseball fans love to hate Barry Bonds. They don’t want him to break Hank Aaron’s homerun record, they want him to retire, but, most importantly, they want him to stop talking.

I’ve heard Bonds called a liar, a cheat and a jerk. I am one of the few remaining Bonds proponents left. I think that people unfairly criticize the future Hall of Famer and expect him to be a person that he is not.

The first thing that I want to get clear is the fact that Bonds has never failed a drug test in his career. Although there were grand jury testimony leaks, it’s not right to discredit everything the man has accomplished because of speculation. I’m not stupid, it’s obvious that Bonds was doing something. People’s heads don’t just grow for nothing, but the point is that there is no proof.

Bonds was a fantastic baseball player before he ever hit 73 homers in 2001. It’s not outside the realm of possibility that he could have maintained his greatness or even improved upon it as he was approaching and surpassing age 40. Roger Clemens of the Astros has not shown much of a drop off in the past two seasons. In fact, you could argue he’s pitching better as an Astro now than he was as a Yankee before.

But even if Bonds had admitted that he willingly took steroids to improve his playing ability, it wouldn’t be such a bad thing. He didn’t break any rules!

There were no steroid testing policies in place before the 2002 collective bargaining agreement. The players were responsible for proving their innocence in baseball. Bonds was just taking advantage of all of the opportunities presented to him. If you could take a pill and become better at your job, wouldn’t you take the pill? People who are calling Bonds a cheater aren’t looking at the larger picture.

Firstly, it has been estimated that during the “juice ball” era anywhere from 50-80 percent of pre-baseball players were taking steroids or some other form of performance enhancers. Can it still be called cheating if the majority of your colleagues are doing it? Secondly, Bonds and all the other players in this controversy were just catering to the demands of a transitioning league.

After the strike year of 1994, it was clear that baseball needed something to get the fans back into the sport. Since sports fans that baseball; they made the game more exciting. If we want to vitify these same people?

Another factor that everyone seems to overlook is that you or I could take steroids everyday for years and it won’t make us great baseball players. To be a great ball player it takes years of dedication, practice and hard work. Just because some people may have used performance enhancers doesn’t mean that they haven’t worked just as hard as everyone else to be an elite player. Being great at baseball requires superb hand speed, excellent hand eye coordination, great balance, discipline, foot speed, arm strength, instincts and, yes, bat power. Simply shoot­ ing up some ‘roids doesn’t give a player all of those tools. If it did, then everyone would be hitting 70s hom­ run per season.

Players in the mid-90’s had to choose between being a clean, small-ball player who made $2 - $6 million per season, or a home­ run hitter making $10 - $20 million per year. We would have all made the exact same choice that those players made.

Who are we to complain about how dirty the game is? Baseball is now more popular than it’s ever been, drawing in more revenue than ever before and selling more tickets than ever before. Players like Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, Mark McGuire, Frank Thomas and Albert Belle gave us all what we wanted in baseball; they made the game more exciting. If we want to vitify these same people?

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**National League**

**WEST**

1. **Los Angeles Dodgers (93-69):** The Dodgers have plenty of reasons why they are going to finish first. Nomar Garciaparra, said to be at the end of his career, is still Nomar and Jeff Kent, J.D. Drew, Bill Mueller and Kenny Lofton add enough to the lineup to make this team a contender. Their pitching is nothing short of good. Derek Lowe is a proven 20-game winner and the other pitchers are still fairly young and improving.

Last year's NL West had only one team finishing over .500, but this year should see three teams battling for first place with winning records and the Dodgers will be right at the front.

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2. **San Francisco Giants (90-72):** After that, it's not too deep, but hopefully for the team a contender. Their pitching is nothing short of good. Derek Lowe is a proven 20-game winner and the other pitchers are still fairly young and improving. The Giants, the offense can do most of the dirty work. The only problem in this team is the age. They are one of the oldest teams in baseball and, like we saw last season, if Barry Bonds is out of the lineup, they have definitely added a little strength to their lineup. Their offense is above average, but their pitching could definitely use some improvement. They do have one of the game's best closers, but their starting rotation is mediocre. Jake Peavy and Woody Williams are solid, but the rest of the rotation could go either way.

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3. **San Diego Padres (83-79):** The Padres gave a reason to be happy last year when they were the only team to finish the season with a winning record, only to be ousted in the first round of the playoffs. This year the Padres have added Mike Piazza and Mike Cameron to their roster. Although they have lost second baseman Mark Loretta, they have definitely added a little strength to their lineup. Their offense is above average, but their pitching could definitely use some improvement. They do have one of the game's best closers, but their starting rotation is mediocre. Jake Peavy and Woody Williams are solid, but the rest of the rotation could go either way.

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4. **Arizona Diamondbacks (71-91):** The Diamondbacks had a decent season last year, but have only gotten worse. They did add the pitching of Orlando Hernandez, but they lost Javy Vasquez. Their bats are insufficient and that should drop them almost to the bottom of the NL West.

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**CENTRAL**

1. **St. Louis Cardinals (102-59):** The Cards have been one of the best teams in baseball for the past three seasons. With Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen returning from an injury plagued year, Jim Edmonds slugging at a high rate and one of the best rotations in baseball, there is no reason why this team shouldn't be playing late in October.

**X-Factor:** The only things that can stop this team are injuries and a questionable bullpen. If they don't get hurt, and can pull out close games they should be playing in October.

2. **Chicago Cubs (93-69):** Carlos Zambrano and Mark Prior lead this rotation. Because Prior will be starting the season at full health and Derek Lee is coming off a career year, I full expect them to be in the thick of things in September. They haven't really lost anything from last year and top to bottom are a very solid team.

3. **Houston Astros (91-71):** If they don't get hurt, and can pull out close games they should be playing in October.

**X-Factor:** Kerry Wood, Greg Maddux and Ryan Dempster. Wood, if he's back to his old self, would be a huge upgrade to their top-heavy rotation. Maddux just needs to give them 12 wins this season and a low ERA. Dempster will have to close fulltime for the first time in his career.

4. **Cincinnati Reds (97-85):** Todd Helton is possibly the best contact hitter in baseball. The thin Colorado air could be the reason why he hits so well, but then again, probably not. If Colorado can put some money in the next few years and attract some bigger names, they should show improvement, but for this year, expect them to have one of the worst records in all of baseball.

**X-Factor:** Roy Oswalt and Andy Pettitte leading off the rotation anything is possible.

**5. Florida Marlins (87-95):**

**X-Factor:** If each day shows that he can get the job done as the No. 5 starter, he should move up in the rotation, possibly to No. 1 or two. The only thing that is holding him back is the city itself. Which brings me to the X-Factor. It is the thin, mile-high Colorado air that is the pitcher's biggest nightmare. They are prone to the longball.
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X-Factor: The third baseman needs a big season. He had a great year in Class A last season, but this season he will be following in the footsteps of Scottie Flash. He should be a star just as he was in college.

4. Cincinnati Reds (92-70): Ken Griffey Jr., Adam Dunn and Ryan Freel are the keys to this team having a big offensive season. This is the first time in about four years that Griffey is attending Spring Training without any injuries. With the addition of Tony Womack, they should at least be able to score runs. Their problem will be stopping the other team from scoring.

X-Factor: This team needs a bullpen buster. They will lose a lot of games after the seventh inning. If they don’t get this problem fixed, it won’t matter that they have a great lineup.

5. Pittsburgh Pirates (81-81): The big question for the Pirates will be if they can score enough runs. They have the potential with Sean Casey, Jeremy Burnitz and Jason Bay, but they lack a proven run producer in that lineup. Aside from that, they have a decent pitching staff featuring Zach Duke who was lights out to close last season.

X-Factor: Mike Gonzalez is beginning this season as the team’s official closer. His performance will be the difference between them winning 80 or 65 games this season.

6. Milwaukee Brewers (70-92): Aside from Ben Sheets, there are no consistent starters in their rotation. Doug Davis and Chris Capuano are good pitchers but are certainly very spoty. Even more, their lineup is about as deep as a sandbox. Carlos Lee will of course put up big numbers, but the other hitters on the team are not very good.

X-Factor: Brady Clark showed that he could hit on the major league level last season. The question will be whether he can do it again. In order for this team to make any noise this year, someone (besides Sheets) in their rotation will have to emerge as a star. Their have no chance without better pitching.

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**EAST**

Neither of the Jones have lost any offensive ability and they will be important contributors to the team.

1. New York Mets (91-72): This could possibly be the year that the Braves don’t win the NL East title. The Mets made a lot of changes over the winter break, including the additions of slugger Carlos Delgado and veteran catcher Paul Lo Duca. If Pedro Martinez can stay healthy the whole season, the Mets have the best chance to finally overtake the NL East crown from the Braves.

X-Factor: Can Atlanta’s youthful team live up to its expectations and win their division again? Their pitching is somewhat decent, but in order to be a contender, they would have to make an upgrade or two.

2. Philadelphia Phillies (93-70): The Phillies are coming off of a decent season but unfortunately, they will have the same season this year as they did last year.

Frankly, they didn’t improve on their pitching staff and their offense is the same. They do have Ryan Howard who won the NL’s Rookie of the Year Award and the addition of Edgar Renteria they have some more leadership in the clubhouse.

X-Factor: It all depends on how well the pitching will be this year. They may have added Alfonso Soriano, but he can only bat and play the field. He won’t be doing any of the pitching this year, so Hernandez and Patterson better do well.

3. Florida Marlins (72-90): The Marlins seem to be more interested in getting a new stadium than winning games. They traded every single star player they had except for Dontrelle Willis and Miguel Cabrera. The Marlins are basically playing with prospects. New manager Joe Girardi will have to find some way to be both a manager and mentor to all the young players.

X-Factor: We all know that Dontrelle Willis can get the job done, but can Mote, Moehler, Vargas and Johnson follow in his footsteps? It’s not only going to be a year of rebuilding for the Marlins. It’s going to be years.
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Which MLB pitcher holds the record for best career win / loss percentage?

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Name Those MLB Hall of Famers' Teams With Which They Were Inducted

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4. ) Dave Winfield
5. ) Robin Yount
6. ) Bob Feller
7. ) Paul Molitor
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Honorable Mentions

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STEPHANIE MACHIN
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Hometown: New Providence, NJ
Machin was named NJAC Player of the Week, and First Team All-Conference. She also put up 21 points against Farmingdale.

JESSICA HORAN
Sophomore
Hometown: West Haverstraw, NY
Horan had 10 points, seven rebounds and six assists in MSU's loss to Farmingdale.

EVAN WEHMEYER
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Hometown: Succasunna, NJ
Evan scored two goals and picked up an assist against Stevens.
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5. Jonathan Arthur
Arthur was second in virtually every category including points, field goal percentage (minimum 100 attempts), free throws and assists and led the team in rebounding, three point percentage, blocks and total minutes played.

6. Maurice Torres
Torres was one of three players to average 10 points or more per game and led the team with three pointers made. The 6’7” Freshman is expected to be an important part of Red Hawks basketball in years to come.

7. Jessica Garrabrant
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Ford was a strong defensive and offensive presence on the court for MSU, though his stats may set the stage for his future. He led the team in steals and assists and was fourth overall in points, third in rebounds and free throw percentage. He gave the Red Hawks another scoring option, an outside shooting presence, a long-distance threat and made defense play honest.

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