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Crime Plagues SC Annex Over Summer

WMSC And Players Discover Equipment Missing And Damaged In Their Respective Rooms

Senator's MSU Visit Addresses Financial Aid

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United States Senator Frank R. Lautenberg spoke to students, parents and administrators on campus regarding an extension of the Higher Education tax deduction, which expired in 2005, and permits able income.

“People with four years of a college education earn 62 percent more than those with a high school education,” said Lautenberg. “While college has become more important, it has also become more expensive.”

Multiple thefts and acts of vandalism against two Student Government Association Class One Organizations, possibly reaching $5,000 in damages and losses, occurred within about a two-week period in June in the Student Center Annex. Police would not comment on whether the incidents were related.

Sound board equipment at WMSC, the campus radio station, was disabled when some of Mountain Dew Amp energy drink was poured on its surface. Controls on the sound board were smashed in and racks of CDs were knocked over. According to the staff, hundreds of CDs were stolen and the vandalism allegedly occurred on the carpet in the inventory room and in the garbage can.

“Currently our library has been greatly reduced,” said Adam Butryn, Lead Board Director.

The organization’s system, in which a swipe card key is left on the making about the studio doorway, was designed for easy access for club members at times when Executive Board officers were unavailable. This procedure had been in place for at least three years. It is mostly utilized by DJs who enter the office at least evening or early morning hours. The four Executive Board members have personal keys to the office.

The Players organization, a campus theater group, found that a sound and lighting board were missing from their theater, also located in the Student Center Annex. They saw no sign of forced entry, although the back door was left open when the equipment was discovered missing. The Players staff estimates the cost of replacing the items to be $2000.

“It is essential equipment and we wouldn’t be able to properly run a production without them,” said Jeremy Slagle, Players Treasurer.

“I’ve been informed that it will cost several thousand dollars according to various E-Board members, he added.

Almost all of the Players production equipment is kept in their theater.

“It would take two people to carry the sound board, and three to set it into its space,” said Emma Shankland, Production Manager. “They didn’t take any of the other sound equipment, so whoever it was had no idea what they were doing.”

Slagle said the equipment has yet to be replaced and that options involving insurance claims and reimbursements are being considered.

WMSC engineer Steven Pepe has covered the expenses for replacing the damaged equipment and is currently awaiting reimbursement from the FSA.

The MSUPD’s investigations are pending, and representatives from both groups have regularly contacted police in search of updates.

Alice Paul Stabbing Occurs During Birthday Party Brawl

Four nonstudents were hospitalized after an unknown disagreement resulting in a stabbing incident at a birthday party in Alice Paul Hall of the Village early Sunday morning on Aug. 20.

Luis Martinez, 24, and John Esposito, 21, both of Cedar Grove, were charged with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon.

Patrick Bay, 20, of West Caldwell was charged with disorderly conduct.

Montclair State University Police Officers James Locilento and Matthew Trego responded to the scene at Alice Paul Hall lobby at approximately 3:04 a.m.

MSUPD command staff and the Detective Bureau also responded to aid in the investigation.

Alcohol played a large role at the party and most likely precipitated the altercation, Sergeant Kieran Barrett said.

One individual had a rock thrown at his right eye and suffered vision loss. Another individual suffered lacerations to his right and left arms as well as facial wounds.

According to witnesses, it might have been self-defense, said Barrett.

“I cannot say, however it appears from all witness statements that one group of three was the aggressive party and the other two individuals responded, their wounds also indicated self-defense,” said Barrett.

Luis Martinez suffered a stab wound to the back and refused treatment. All three individuals were taken to St. Joseph’s Hospital in Paterson.

Patrick Bay was treated for two stab wounds in his left arm and taken to Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, while Martinez and Esposito were released from the hospital around 6:00 a.m. and transported to Passaic County Jail.

Students are encouraged to enjoy their residence at MSU safely, said Barrett.

“Know who your guests are and contact University Police if things escalate to an uncomfortable level. All residents are responsible for the actions of their guests on a University level, so enjoy things responsibly.”
The Police Report:

**Police Did Not Provide Police Reports This Week**

**Local News**

**Jersey City** - Thirty-eight days ago, 16 name changes, two deletions and one filed-and-withdrawn police complaint later, the Jersey City 9/11 memorial is back on its base at the foot of Grand Street.

The two-ton granite slab listing the names of Jersey City's 9/11 victims was raised by a crane and gently returned to its base Sept. 5, according to John Burns, co-owner of Burns Bros. Memorials in Jersey City and the memorial maker. The memorial was removed July 31 to make spelling changes and other corrections, including the removal of the names of two people who didn't die in the World Trade Center Attacks.

**Newark** - The body of a 60-year-old Jersey City woman was spotted floating in Newark Bay Sept. 5 by a pair of joggers in Hudson County Park, authorities said.

The woman was identified as Annie L. Clark of Martin Luther King Dr., Hudson County Prosecutor Edward DeFazio said, "the body did not appear to be floating for an extended period of time."

Clarks's cause of death remains unknown until DeFazio receives autopsy results.

**National News**

**Kentucky** - A Kentucky teenager whose father went down the drain after being let out of jail to donate a kidney to his illling son has successfully undergone a kidney transplant.

Destin Perkins received a kidney from an anonymous cadaver donor in California in surgery about three weeks ago, his mother, Angela Hammond, told CNN on Wednesday.

The teen's predicament received national attention after a federal judge released his father, Byron Perkins, from jail in January to a $10,000 unsecured bond so he could complete medical tests before the son's surgery.

**NEWKIL, Maine** - Julie Bullard and her daughter tried to put heart trouble in the rearview mirror while her captor busied himself with other matters.

Bullard meant to be a fresh start for her entire ordeal, and once tried to escape. She bolted to freedom on Aug. 23 while her captor was busy with paper in interviews published last week.

The magazine said it interviewed the woman imprisoned for 8 1/2 years while her captor busied himself with other matters.

**International News**

**Jerusalem** - Israel will lift its sea and air blockade of Lebanon on Thursday evening, the Israeli government announced Wednesday.

Israel imposed the air, land and sea blockade shortly after the 34-day war against the Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah erupted on July 12.

Some 3,250 U.N. forces are now in Lebanon, and the U.N. resolution calls for up to 15,000 peacekeepers, who will help police the border with Israel with a number of Lebanese troops.

**Raghad** - On a day when bombs claimed at least 12 lives, dozens more bodies were found in Baghdad, a top politician warned the country will collapse by year's end if warring groups fail to reconcile.

**Parliament Speaker** Mahmoud al-Mashhadani, a Sunni Arab, urged the rival groups to support national reconciliation, the prime goal of the Prime Minister.

"We have three to four months, and if the country does not survive this, the land will sink," al-Mashhadani said during a parliament session.

**Vienna** - The young Austrian woman imprisoned for 18 months on charges of "thought only of escape", during her entire ordeal, and only began to jump out of her captor's car, she told a magazine and a newspaper in interviews published Wednesday.

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"There are persons of interest in the WMSC case," said Sergeant Kieran Barrett. He couldn't comment on whether there were any suspects in the Players theft.

WMSC broadcasts during the summer and generally on a 24-hour schedule when the fall and spring semesters are in session.

"It's a blow to the station's morale because it kept us off the air for almost two months," said Walter Sodo-Libman, WMSC's General Manager.

Sodo-Libman also commented that "no one has left the station on bad terms." However, it was found that someone had entered the executive offices inside the studio, which is accessible only by a manual lock key. Only high-ranking members of the station have access to this room.

Shankland, who was organizing Players' equipment and stagecraft during the days surrounding the incident, was the first to discover the theft upon entering an unlocked entrance to the theater. According to her, she had been the last one at the theater the evening before, and personally locked all three entrances.

Players waited until they could contact all of the Executive Board members to determine that no one had borrowed the equipment before contacting authorities.

Other organizations with offices in the Annex basement include the Muslim Students Association, Class One Concerts, the International Student Association, the SGA and various others.

"It's really a shame that organizations have to be afraid of break-ins," said SGA President Angelo Lilia. "We all have to live down here [in the SC Annex Basement] for the entire year together, and we need to stress the fact that we will have each other's backs."

Lilia added that by the end of the semester, all organizations' offices are supposed to have swipe doors or punch locks installed. A university locksmith formerly performed the duty of updating locks for SGA organization offices, before the post was vacated in 2005.

Both cases are still under investigation and police reports are currently classified.

Sergeant Barrett said, "The most frequent [campus thefts] are thefts of opportunity, this occurs when someone leaves something unattended or unlocked and something of value is stolen."
the end of 2005. “Republican Congress is consciously removing tax deductions, and they’ve refused to renew it,” said Lautenberg. “Bush promised to increase Pell Grants,” according to Lautenberg.

He also called for increasing Pell Grants for credible students, which covered 80 percent of a student’s annual cost of tuition on average, but today, Pell Grants cover less than half the cost of an average four-year public college.

“Thousands of students from working families depend on Pell Grants to go to college,” said Lautenberg. “By freezing these grants, President Bush has left them out in the cold. Students across America are about to be hit with a huge tax increase.”

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Physical activity is a great way for kids to build strength and stay healthy. Unfortunately, it can sometimes lead to injury. Broken bones require immediate attention, but what about sore shoulders or swollen knees? If not taken seriously, many youth injuries can become chronic later in life. So before your child gets hurt, visit aaos.org or nata.org. Practice prevention and give all injuries proper attention.

What will they have longer, their trophies or their injuries?
The diagram above is an artistic representation of the new campus recreation center. This building was scheduled to be up for the beginning of the Fall '06 semester, but is still under construction. Located in the lot adjacent to Blanton Hall, one will currently find an incomplete building in the place of a parking lot. The date it is to be opened is unknown.

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You are invited to two opening week events:

1. Our weekly service
the upper room
acts 1: 13
Thursday at 7:30pm
Student Center Rm. 411

2. International BBQ
Friday Sept 8th at 4pm
At our new place
(1291 Valley Road - behind Freeman Hall)
The Paradigms of Culture Shock

For one overseas student, the opportunity of a lifetime resulted in experiences and sights beyond any previous expectations.

Karl de Vries
Interim Opinion Editor

It's remarkable how so much can change in so little time. To think that just three months ago today I was re-entering the United States a changed man with a changed perspective on life after my four-month sabbatical abroad in Ireland. That three months ago, I was turning the pages of one chapter of my life and entering another, braving a new world all over again. In the grand scheme of things, four months of one's life is nothing but a blip on the radar screen. Yet I still find myself constantly longing not for a return to the past, but for a feeling of closure after experiencing the adventure of my lifetime. I often think about the places I've been, the people I've met and the things I've witnessed. Standing in Wenceslas Square in Prague, lining up the perfect photograph of the river Thames in London or pounding one too many Guinness drafts in Dublin, I sometimes feel like I've experienced more in the first half of 2006 than I have in my entire life. At times it's almost overwhelming, as I'm caught between longing for experiences past and the regrets of having been able to accomplish more during the (extended) moment of opportunity. But I realize that it's not as confusing as... etc. It feels awful when that happens.

The Unsettling Nature of Undefinition

When the going gets tough, I believe the cliché states to get going. Maybe it's strength that will one to leave when in a situation that is troublesome, or maybe it's fear. When in a situation that is hard, can one realize the true nature of the driving force behind departure from a relationship?

There are many kinds of relationships had by men and women of the intimate variety. There is the husband/wife, fiancé/fiancée, boyfriend/girlfriend, seriously dating and hook up buddies to consider. There are more in different marital arrangements in other cultures. Each arrangement usually has an underlying set of facts between partners. I often refer to the breaking of these unspoken covenants as a "deal breaker."

Some deal breakers apply to all arrangements, some to only some. For instance, dating other people is only okay in the lower-in-seriousness relations, a third tier deal breaker. But sometimes you end up in some spin, some parallel universe that is completely confusing, some step in a relationship outside of conventional standards. You know you love them, you think they love you, you know they like you, you're not sure if they love you, you think you're in a relationship, or maybe it's not... etc. It feels awful when that happens. The main reason being is that you don't know when to put your foot down, or if you have the right.

Take, for example, a situation between two people—we'll call them K.C. and Tatiana. K.C. and Tatiana both got out of relationships at the same time. They both had existalter issues. K.C., the Y chromosome of the two, had worse ones. His ex, we'll call her Jen, broke into his phone and stalked Tatiana while she was trying to vacation. The two were inseparable for the entire summer they met. They functioned as a couple for the entire summer. The two were inseparable for the entire summer they met. They functioned as a couple for the entire summer.
friends and neither wanted a significant other. They were peers artistically, mentally and other ways. He grew feelings for her and she denied feelings for him.

Her reason was that he was still coping with an illness—malignant phase bombing, etc.—and she didn’t want to be responsible for issues between K.C. and Jen if they got back together. That was before the stalking of Tatiana during her vacation.

On East 48th St., between Lexington and 3rd Ave. is the location of the New York branch of Kabbalah Centre. It is almost directly in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the Midtown business district around the block from the world famous Waldorf Astoria and a stone’s throw away from Times Square. With a wide rectangular arcade, seemingly made of ivory and gold, the Centre is a self-proclaimed “spiritual and educational organization dedicated to bringing Kabbalah to the world.”

It also makes one wonder. The teachings of Kabbalah taught at the Centre teach its followers to aim all actions toward the benefit of others. If this was the true case, then it is completely necessary to have the New York branch in one of the most populated areas of real estate in Manhattan? Would the followers be able to do it better? Does it make more sense to have the Centre in a more modest location to ward off the evil eye? But then that would defeat the purpose of those pecky red strings that Ester, a.h.k., Madonna, and Demi wear to ward it away. It is garbage like this that infuriates true Kabbalah scholars into condemning the Centre and its teachings as a cult.

The Kabbalah Centre has taken one of the most fundamental, yet ignored, fields of Judaism and taking it into the focus of the public eye. For that it should be applauded. Too bad the brand of Kabbalah they are promoting is not Judaism. First off, it should be addressed that the Hebrew word Kabbalah means “receiving” or “that which is received” and refers to a broad range of Jewish mystical traditions and texts written in Hebrew which have been published and studied over the centuries.

On the Kabbalah Centre website it is stated plainly on the Frequently Asked Questions page: “The startling truth is that Kabbalah was never meant for a specific sect. Rather, it was intended to be used by all humanity to unify the world.” Based on this lone statement, it is already obvious that the teachings are a direct contradiction of the obvious Jewish origin of the religion. And there are so many other issues that make Berg’s Kabbalah Centre a fallacy of a religion.

Phillip Berg, the founder of the California-based organization and a former car insurance salesman from Brooklyn, teaches the principles of Kabbalah as understood by himself. Traditionally, Kabbalah was studied by scholars when he—only males were permitted to study Kabbalah—had a firm foundation and knowledge of the Torah and associated Midrashic texts. It was assumed that the reader would have a price knowledge of Jewish tradition, and so the Kabbalistic texts are written as such. “Kabbalah—the world’s oldest body of spiritual wisdom—contains the hidden keys to the secrets of the universe as well as the keys to the mysteries of the human heart and soul.” The way Berg teaches begins with the Kabbalist concept of Klippot, which are known as black angels. The basic idea is every one has a connection to the spiritual world of the “Light” (Ein Sof, infinite God), but Klippot blocks this connection, preventing the “Light” from entering the physical body. This is where the concept of “scanning” comes to play.

“Tzfat” brings power, protection and fulfillment into our lives. “So” in “scanning” the pretty Aramaic letters of the Hebrew text that is one was reading brings one of the practices seemingly designed to ensure the ignorant, and by meditating, one should be able to remove the Klippot and become “like God.” Another issue with the teachings of the Centre is that it seems to promote superstition or a religion. In using devices as the red string to ward off the evil eye— which is really just a piece of pretty red yarn—it fails to inspire the wearer to have a humble spirit and just erases fear of the evil eye instead. The Centre also has a strong belief in astrology as well.

Each month, the Centre puts out a new video to welcome the transition of the new moon for each zodiac sign, which costs about $15.00 a month to view. “The gift of this month (New Moon of Virgo) is the ability to create a structure for your vessel that will determine the kind of Light you will experience in the next 2 months.”

Though it is loosely prohibited in the Talmud, the Centre claims that Astrology was lost in Jewish tradition as a part of the suppression of Kabbalah thousands of years ago. Because of this, the belief that cosmic forces affect everything is very strong and makes the game of love such a blessing and a curse as well. Relationships can be defined and undefined. But undefinition can cause heartache. It is because of this true case, that makes the game of love such a blessing and a curse as well. Relationships can be defined and undefined. But undefinition can cause heartache. It is because of this true case, that makes the game of love such a blessing and a curse as well.

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In this type of situation where people do not communicate what the nature of their relationship is, people become anxious, confused and angry. Refusal to set boundaries is, in itself, a foul in the game of love. People must feel like they know what they mean to the person they trust with their hearts and bodies because, after all, can you actually trust someone who won’t tell you how they view you?

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They loved him. She thought that he loved her. She saw him, and his reasons were fair, acceptable (supposedly, of course), but time created complications. The time apart grew and grew, and she doubted him. But with a definition, she didn’t know what to do. She often questioned whether they were seriously dating, whether they were boyfriend/girlfriend or God forbid, the misunderstanding of understandings: the play-out. But in a game without rules, how can you call a foul? It often seems that men seek this limbo between blip and dating so that they can maintain a certain denial broker status, a certain freedom. But at what point is UNdefinition cruelty? When can refusal to communicate become a foul? What is the statute of limitations?

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Some college classes are specifically tailored to help assist adjusting freshmen transition to their new collegiate environments.

Jessica Foster
MET Campus

Class started at 1 p.m., but 20 minutes after most students in University 110 had settled into their chairs, a lateness rushed in.

"I went to the wrong building," he said.

Coastal Carolina University professor Marvin Marama was forgiving.

That's what the new freshman course at CCU is about, he said - learning the campus and easing the transition into college life.

Aug. 23 was the first day of college for roughly 1,500 freshmen at CCU.

Many of them had already met, in orientation or in the two University 110 classes held before school started, but some still had first-day jitters.

"I was anxious all night," said Samantha Holmes, a New Jersey native.

Amber Booser of Pennsylvania said she had to wake up at 7 a.m. to make it to her first three classes.

University 110 was her last class of the day, and it was different from the biology, English and calculus classes she had earlier.

"I expect it to prepare me for the rest of my college life," she said.

University 110, also known as the First-Year Experience, is a mandatory course geared toward retaining freshmen and teaching them critical-thinking skills.

"I think it gives them a sense of community and understanding of the skills that they need to be successful in the university setting, which is very different from high school," said First-Year Experience program director Nelljean Rice. "It helps them manage their lives so that they can have a good balance, an effective balance between their freedoms and their responsibilities."

Students are grouped with others in the same fields of study so they can form bonds and perhaps find study partners, Rice said.

About 85 percent of colleges and universities across the country have similar freshman programs, Rice said. The one at CCU is modeled after a course at the University of South Carolina that launched in the 1970s, she said.

On other parts of campus, students flooded the sidewalks and crammed into shuttles as the largest student body in EC's history.

"I think it went well," Ingle said. "I didn't receive any major complaints."
I sometimes make it out to be: I’m a young man with the bulk of a lifetime to experience ahead. I’ve returned to New Jersey with at least one full year of college life at MSU awaiting me, as well as an endless data table of cherished friends and family, the newfound novelty of their presence still not faded from my perspective.

Certainly one reason to “escape” was to seek a fresh take on life, away from the shallow preoccupations of grade point averages and while many Americans find it convenient to disregard the rest of the people of the world, I’ve always been fascinated by the experiences of those different than my own. More than any monument, the pleasure of meeting people from nations as diverse as my perspective.

aspects differ greatly overseas, and while blind faith in any news broadcast is ill-advised, I’ve learned to heed the age-old, anonymous advice: “Believe nothing of what you hear, and only half of what you see.” And while Americans tend to identify nations by their politics (the boycott of French commerce, for example), Europeans never held me responsible for the actions of Bush. In their eyes, the action of one man does not label a culture.

“You’ll come back a different person,” my friend Paul Sacri told me shortly after he returned from England last year. I know it’s not my place to evaluate the changes that have happened within my psyche. I can only comment on the changed views I hold with the rest of the world around me and some of the fleeting moments of longing I sometimes feel late at night.

I’ve returned from England last year. I know it’s hard to believe, but three months later, I’m still affected by the sprawling journey that I spent four months taking; now is the opportunity to translate some of these experiences to the improvement of the remaining years of my life.

even aspiring Kabbalists should have the knowledge to understand them.

The Kabbalah Centre is at the forefront of controversy because of their views on organized religion as well. “It is a way of life that can enhance any religious practice.” Christians, Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims and Jews use Kabbalah to improve their spiritual experience.” Though this is the formal statement of the Centre on the website, the Centre has its own views that are overtly pretentious for a religion based upon being humble. The Kabbalah Centre believes the religion of Christianity was formed over misconception and that Jesus was actually a Kabbalist, claiming that his quotations of “being God” were actually Kabbalistic teachings. That statement is enough to anger any devout Christian or Catholic into stoning Michael Berg to death. Islam is thought of in the same manner. The Kabbalah Centre, as a result of their opinions, seem to have little respect for any organized religion, including Judaism and to them, all religions were based on Kabbalah, but have taken its interpretation and corrupt it in its different interpretations. The Centre’s reliance on its celebrity followers is another reason for its global success, playing on common folk’s insecurities to be much like those who they admire. The most prominent member is Madonna, or Ester—as she likes being called now, and she is extremely devout. She observes the Sabbath, as dictated by the Centre, by no longer giving concerts on Friday nights, she wears the headscarf of swneter yarn to ward off the “evil eye” (which, I’m sure, everyone has aimed at her), and is very generous to Michael Berg and his non-profit organization. Unfortunately, now the big rumor is that Madge might be leaving the Kabbalah Centre because the Centre appears to be “ mishandling” the huge donations it has been receiving from her and its other followers. And honestly, if the Centre lost Madge, it would probably lose massive amounts of its current followers as well.

The worst reality of the Kabbalah Centre is, in fact, the money they acquire from its followers. The most prominent controversy involving the Centre happened in October, 2005 when the head of the Kabbalah Centre in Tel Aviv was arrested and charged with fraud and extortion of $60,000 from a woman dying of cancer. She and her family were promised a cure for her cancer if they continued to give the money for prayers and blessings. She died, leaving her family bankrupt and with a fantastic lawsuit to gain their money back.

In addition to the red strings, casting a $26.00 a piece, the Centre also offers “healing” spring water to cure suffers for hundreds of dollars. One of the London heads of the Centre, Eliyahu Yanai, also had the audacity to comment negatively on the Holocaust: “Just to tell you another thing about the six million Jews that were killed in the Holocaust; the question was that the Light was blocked (Rippot). They didn’t use Kabbalah.” Of course the statement causes international outrage and, because it was revealed in a documentary given by the BBC, it reached millions of people worldwide.

Those are just three of the many controversies facing the Centre; but their followers still remain faithful to the religion no matter what the evidence suggests. Rabbi and scholars of the actual Kabbalah teachings rooted in Judaism all agree that the Kabbalah Centre is nothing more than an elaborate cult that has managed to worm its way into the hearts of so many Madonna and Demi fans. It is said that the Kabbalah Centre has managed to make itself a prominent force as a new religious movement, even with the skepticism of its donations. In my opinion, it is probably best that the Centre does not associate itself with Judaism because of the negative message the actions of the Centre make. But as the Centre’s website proclaims proudly: “The Kabbalah Centre steadfastly continues to make this wisdom available to all. While this struggle continues to be one of the Centre’s doorsopen, we will continue in our mission.”
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In the cliff hanging season finale, we discover a five star review of the next season of Fat Suscussions of their neglect. You can say no to them to send me the first four of the new sea­

So I found myself doing what any rational and cheap college Arts & Entertainment Editor would do in my given situation: I used the power of the press to meet my personal agenda. I wrote a pretentious letter to the website moderators of the Showtime website to say that if I just found out that my DEA

They generally don't like drugs. And they generally think that selling drugs is morally questionable and, even worse, tasteless. Which is why they bring down meth labs and throw dealers in prison.

So when her boyfriend tells her that he knows she sells drugs but still wants to try to work things out, I kind of wanted to cry and vomit on my neighbor's yard alongside Nancy. They resolve this by getting married in Vegas so that he can never testify against her in court and bringing her to the shooting range so that she can kill off a few of her DEA colleagues if she ever gets caught.

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If Nancy's DEA boyfriend knows I'm a drug dealer, I wouldn't have a full out sobbing cry. I'd really act more like Nancy Botwin does. Some watery eyes to react to the shock with a side of vomiting. Hate off, Mary Lou.

I tried to deny my feelings for a whole year. I wanted to do a press freebie DVD of the first four episodes after a friend of mine illegally downloaded it off of torrent site I. Get I what I wanted. Showtime will just have to deal with repro­

Now you can watch a double dose of Kimmy Gibbler, pot laxatives in her over­

Will she be replaced by someone I don't want to meet Connie Chung! But when her firing from ABC caused outrage, I wondered whether or not she would move to Showtime. I knew she would. After all, the Tong is no spring quivering frown. All we got was some well­

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For Bad Movies, Lohan's *Just My Luck* Is A Four-Leaf Clover

**Peter Schaus**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Now, as one may suspect, the producers of *Just My Luck* seemed to have the workings of a contemporary classic and a box-office blockbuster. It's hard not to see the charm of *Just My Luck*. A kiss from a stranger changes her life. Her luck goes from good to bad. Lots of opportunities for slipping-on-the-banana-peel type physical comedy.

People were skeptical about her usage of the vaudeville comedy form in *Freaky Friday*. So Lohan was like, "Bring it!" and thwarted their suspicions. F**king thwarted them. And when she fell into that garbage can in *Mean Girls*, they couldn't help but feel a little impressed. She's the Leslie Nielsen of the crazy-drug-added Hollywood party girl fashionista. And you know what? Mary-Kate & Ashley are totally jealous.

Because La Lohan was in it, there was no way I could let this gem slip out of theaters. I would sit in the front row because if *The Dreamers* taught us anything, it's that real cinema buffi sit in the front row to absorb the images before anyone else in the theater. That and the feet that French people are creepily incestuous.

Now, I believe in Lindz; she's an independent woman. She doesn't take crap from anybody. And yes, she's very lucky. But in this movie, I felt like she had slipped away from me a little. Now, we all supported her decision to do this movie. The role-reversal/magic theme served her very well in *Freaky Friday*. Jamie Lee Curtis in Lindsay Lohan's body? It was a recipe for success.

But Lindz, we did not agree to the creepy subplot with your unknown leading man hanging out with that eight-year-old girl. She's his uncle, but the whole movie makes it seem so unsavory. They have this "special relationship." He brings her to video shoots. He brings her to the Hard Rock Cafe at the end and sprays her with champagne. We shouldn't have left the theater wondering whether or not she had a roofie in her drink by the end of the party.

They're supposed to be close because they're poor. Boo friggin' hoo. As we know from *The Jeffersons*, what poor people lack in money they make up for in heart. Now, we don't get to see a lot of his poor family. They are one of many awkward subplots that come in and you don't want to have to deal with watching it get resolved.

So we don't know if there are four old people lying in a bed together eating cabbage in *Willy Wonka*. How could a test audience not request this? If we have to deal with watching poor people in movies, they had better be British stereotypes. A little chimney sweep coming up to you and saying "Please sir, may I have s'more."

We also didn't agree with the complete lack of realism. Nevermind the luck business, I could handle that. Yeah, she works at a PR firm and, as an intern, is trusted to throw a huge party for a multimillionaire client. But there was just one thing that stretched the willing suspension of disbelief that I could not handle.

There's a scene where a waiter at an art opening offers Lindsay-Poo a martini and she turns it down. I literally gasped in my seat. And let's not forget the awkward passing over the luck through tonsil hockey thing. They keep passing it back and forth to each other after one of them gets cured. Like chlamydia.

But what I did like was the mud people. All it takes is random mud people in a movie to win me over. Uncle. And there was this really awkward moment when the projector-ist changed reels and this black screen came up for two seconds, eliciting howling laughter throughout the theater. It totally one-upped the scene where Lindz slipped in the soap suds.

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Blockbusters Lackluster in Summer ‘06

Superman Returns

Director Bryan Singer started the summer as the comic book nerd’s golden boy. X-Men fans were sad to see him leave their precious franchise with back director Brett Ratner, but fans of “The Man of Steel” rejoiced to see him direct Superman Returns. This “true sequel” to Superman II trusts Superman as modern mythology and contains several shots of Superman looking conspicious. Singer goes as far as visually comparing Superman to Christ. Singer got it right, but the casting was a mistake. As good as it is to see Superman back, it would have been nice to see him in top form. And even for a superhero film, the running time is a little long. 3/5

X-Men: The Last Stand

Throughout the making of Last Stand, devoted X-Men fanboys, like myself, waited in dread to see if hack filmmaker Brett Ratner would ruin the excellent franchise, directed by Bryan Singer. Of course, the fans were right. Ratner’s new film has the glossy (and somehow dirty) feeling of standard Hollywood cinema. And while it’s sprinkled with excellent moments like Wolverine facing off against Phoenix, it’s mostly what you’d expect from Ratner. The man who brought us Rush Hour 2. If this was just standard Hollywood fare, the film wouldn’t have been as upsetting. But to ruin X-Men is unforgivable. 1.5/5

Keeping Up With the Steins

Director Scott Marshall takes a look at the competitive world of Bar Mitzvah planning. Jeremy Piven, of Entourage fame, plays surprise, surprise! a Hollywood power agent giving his son the best Bar Mitzvah in the synagogue. Of course, many characters learn lessons, and we all learn the true meaning of who really cares.

The film’s casting is excellent. The film also has a lot of good laughs and takes some funny jobs at the commercialization of religion, but something about the films seems small. Scott Marshall comes from a family who spent their lives in the television business, and this film seems suited for the boob tube. Something about it told me I’d like it more on TBS. 3.5/5

A Prairie Home Companion

A Prairie Home Companion has been a public radio staple for more than 30 years. Now Robert Altman (Nashville, McCabe & Mrs. Miller) has turned the radio experience into a film. Altman was the perfect choice to do the film. He brings a light joyful quality to the film and yet it manages to carry much.
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weight. Part of this is due to casting (Altman’s specialty), which combines members of the show with big Hollywood stars. The other part is due to the excellent screenplay by both of the show and star of the film A Prairie Home Companion Garrison Keillor. Keillor, who most can hear but not see, does a more then formidable job playing the part. For those who’ve never listened to his NPR show, this film might make them want to. 4/5

Clerks 2

Director Kevin Smith’s debut film Clerks was a hit and became a cult classic amongst movie buffs and college students alike. Smith himself has always been a man of the people, connecting with his fans whenever possible. However many of Smith’s fans turned on him after his film Jersey Girl took a severe critical and financial beating. Those fears were unnecessary. Would be a lazy cash cow for the directors. It was like to be in your twenties with no expectations in your thirties. Smith himself has always been a man of the movie buffs and college students alike. Smith himself has always been a man of the people, connecting with his fans whenever possible. However many of Smith’s fans turned on him after his film Jersey Girl too a severe critical and financial beating. How does Smith recover? Go back to his roots.

Many were worried that Clerks 2 would be a lazy cash cow for the directors. Those fears were unnecessary. Clerks 2 is a spectacular return to form for Smith. In the most of the film, and packs a great emotional punch at the end. It even gave me a newfound love for the song ”ABC” in a rousing dance sequence (an homage to John Hughes). The only major flaw is the last fine in the film, and even that can be forgiven. 4/5

Monster House

For everyone who misses those great films about kids in the eighties comes Monster House. The film is the next in a long, long, way-to-long line of computer animated children movies, but this one is cut above the rest. It follows three kids as they attempt to find out about and fell a haunted house. The kids feel like they were waking straight out of The Goonies or Stand By Me. They actually act like kids, a refreshing and rare thing in today’s films. This was definitely a pleasant surprise amongst the ordinary cartoons of the multiples in the summer. 4/5

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

Will Ferrell is a comic hero, He is able to make comic gold out of nothing. He’s been in some awful films as supporting roles, but always makes these films a little better. When Anchorman came out, he raised the bar for modern comedies and a film like The 40-Year-Old Virgin have surpassed the comic moments in Anchorman (both films produced by Judd Apatow). Anchorman director Adam McKay teamed up with Will Ferrell again in Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby. Did this film live up to its predecessors? Well, no. Talladega Nights follows the same general structure of Anchorman but takes the story a little more seriously. This leaves less time for the improvisational gags that is Will Ferrell. And it just isn’t as funny. Momen ts with John C. Reilly brighten up the film (who knew Reilly had comedic chape), but Ferrell fans expect a masterpiece ever time, and this is just a really funny comedy; not good enough. Unfortunately the funniest part of the experience was seeing the trailer for the film Abet. 3.5/5

Little Miss Sunshine

Little Miss Sunshine screams out ‘quirky’ or called ‘indie’ flick about quirky characters in quirky situation coping with life, love and general quirky need. To an extent it is true, but first time directors Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris did something unexpected. They turned the quirky characters in to real fleshed out people that the audience really cares about.

Little Miss Sunshine (notice the ironic title) is about a little girl named Olive who wants to enter a beauty pageant held across the country. Her brother (Paul Dano) is a Nietzsche-obsessed teenager on a vow of silence. Her uncle (Steve Carrell) is a suicidal gay scholar. Her grandmother (Alan Arkin) is a profane old man who carries berets in his funny pack. Her father (Greg Kinnear) is a failing motivational speaker who is constantly over-optimistic. Her mother (Toni Collette) is just trying to hold the family together. They all get on the family Volkswagen bus and drive to the pageant. This is a road movie so the film makes some generic road movie jokes, but they never seem too unbelievable. The finale does, however, seem unbelievable, but by that time the audience is rooting them on so much they don’t even notice.

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Bon Jovi Takes Jersey By Storm

It's A Shame It's Only A Little Drizzle

Jamie Lynn Coryell
Staff Writer

The summer of '06 was full of things to do like working, hanging out with friends and going to concerts. Bon Jovi came home to New Jersey, concluding his "Have A Nice Day Tour" at Giants' Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. July 19 was the second night of his sold out dates at the stadium with thousands of people waiting to see them.

Tonight would be the night I would see if three months of waiting with my ticket in hand would pay off as the best Bon Jovi concert ever. As I waited patiently for the concert to start, having already listened to Nickelback and some other new group, I began to notice that the sea of red, hard plastic stadium seats around me were beginning to fill up rapidly with people like myself; we were excited that the day we had finally arrived.

It was about 8:25 p.m. when at long last the man of the hour strolls out on stage. More than 65,000 already screaming fans burst into ear-piercing applause. He stepped out, dressed all in black, silently, with the others close behind. As he began to sing the first song of the evening, I realized that each and every one of the fans had united to see one person tonight: Jon Bon Jovi.

Despite my excitement leading up to the day of the concert, I was somewhat disappointed when Bon Jovi finally kicked off the night. The majority of the section where I was sitting was not as pumped up with energy as the rest of the crowd was. They were not singing, clapping or screaming their heads off as loudly as the others were. I expected to leave with a hoarse voice as I had after the concert in 2003. Instead, I found myself bored during a couple of the songs. I felt as though I had been shot through the heart, feeling very disappointed after spending $97.

Both my friends and I were let down when he sang mostly new songs we and most of the other people around us were unfamiliar with. Granted, Bon Jovi sang many from their new album, but I heard many people say that they wished he had sung more of his older, well-known songs.

Perhaps the only time I remember Jon speaking to the crowd was when he ended the concert, or tried to. It was only 10:20 and they walked off stage bidding good night to us. Then they ran over to some sheets of paper on the ground and read off songs that they had not done yet. He claimed he was getting old and needed glasses to see the list and he began to sing again. "Finally," I thought, "songs I actually know!"

Although Jon Bon Jovi may say he is getting old, he sure does not show it. He bounded around the stage for over two hours (though for not as long as I had hoped) and sang crowd-pleasing songs that we could sing to. Filled with tons of excitement and enthusiasm, he thrilled the crowd, leaving his thousands of fans wanting more.

The wait for Bon Jovi at Giants' Stadium had been a long one, having been three years since his last good-bye. I enjoyed the concert and had fun tailgating with friends, waiting with other huge fans and singing along to classic songs.

It is always cool when such a huge band comes from the state that I grew up in and love. I only hope that next time I sit in a section where others are as excited about the concert as I am.

I am thrilled that I was given the chance to go and am counting down the days to my next concert. Whoever said you can't go home didn't know Jon Bon Jovi!
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watches the sex video they shot together and you get a good impression of just how devastating the loss of him was to her. You also get a hint of her deep sexual frustration, which can be almost as traumatizing. With the inclusion of Leona Naess’ “Ballerina” on the soundtrack, I dare you to watch this clip and not tear up a little bit too.

2. “The Punishment Lighter*

In this episode, Mary Louise Parker coined the infamous “desperate laugh cry.” After getting busted by the head of campus security at the state college she sells at, he decides to let her go for the sake of her kids. Relieved that she won’t go to jail, she still has to beg desperately to keep her $20,000 supply from being confiscated. At the point, Nancy decides to use the best tool at her disposal and turns on the waterworks.

1. “You Can’t Miss the Bear*

This is, pants down, the best Mary Louise Parker crying scene ever. Still reeling from the death of her husband, the rebellion of her teenage son, the isolation of her youngest soon, her sudden role as breadwinner, and her descent into the underground world of drug trafficking, Nancy finds solace in the arms of her supplier. Set to the wonderfully appropriate “With Arms Outstretched”, it was an important scene for the first episode as it helped the viewer look beyond the moral ambiguity of Nancy’s job and sympathize with her a complex character. It’s the sort of acting you rarely see on TV and proves that Parker was worthy of the Golden Globe she picked up this year for Weeds.

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For the members of two of Montclair State University’s most prestigious and visible organizations, the 2006 summer will forever be known as the summer of siege. In two separate — but similar — incidents the offices of WMSC-FM and the Players theatre group were vandalized by anonymous students, with the damage costs reaching thousands of dollars. The campus of MSU has long been aub-room inside the WMSC '•lation was entered and damaged as well, a room opened only with a traditional manual key. Only a room inside the WMSC station was entered and damaged the fringe member who didn’t get the time slot they wanted for their show? Since they aren’t affected by the consequences, why shouldn’t they trash an entire office?

WMSC, meanwhile, has long kept their swipe card “hidden” on top of their office door, for DJs to use during late hours. On two occasions over the first week in June, that access was exploited, giving creditability to the theory that these were “inside jobs.” For Players, their lighting and sound boards were stolen, jeopardizing their ability to operate and prepare for the upcoming Fall season. In this case, the equipment was so large that at least two people are needed to carry the gear.

In both cases, there were no indications of forced entry, giving creditability to the theory that these were “inside jobs.” For Players, their lighting and sound boards were stolen, jeopardizing their ability to operate and prepare for the upcoming Fall season. In this case, the equipment was so large that at least two people are needed to carry the gear.

In the case of WMSC, a generous amount of faith was placed in the “honor system.” By allowing the key to be available, in some ways the station heads were asking for trouble. After all, in an organization as large as the radio station, word easily travels from person to person. Certainly those who work long hours care greatly about the maintenance of the equipment, but what about the fringe member who didn’t get the time slot they wanted for their show? Since they aren’t affected by the consequences, why shouldn’t they trash an entire office?

It’s well known that the first floor of the Student Center exists without the protection of security cameras. Besides Players and WMSC, the office of the Student Government Association has been burglarized, as well as that of The Blanton dining hall for serving the same reprehensible quality of food. Whether or not the station heads were asking for trouble is irrelevant. After all, in an organization as large as the radio station, word easily travels from person to person. Certainly those who work long hours care greatly about the consequences for hurtful actions, but without any law enforcement, people are free to do as they please.

The bottom line is that in the future, greater precautions need to be taken, not just for the two wounded organizations, but for all organizations across campus. If there is a lesson to be learned here, it is that those responsible for the well-being of their offices can never be too careful.

Week in Review

Thumbs Up to the new sushi bar located in the Rathskellar.
Thumbs Down to the incomplete status of the new Rec. Center.
Thumbs Up to additional spaces in the NJ Transit deck.
Thumbs Down to no more free overnight parking for commuters.
Thumbs Up to the Blanton dining hall for being open until eight o’clock.
Thumbs Down to the Blanton dining hall still serving the same reprehensible quality of food.
A 2006 MSU Student's Survival Guide
Managing Editor Koren Frankfort Offers Pointers On How To Flourish in Your College Years

Welcome to Montclair State University. You are about to embark on a journey towards self-discovery and personal growth. It is a journey that will take you through the discovery of a world that, in childhood, was not at your fingertips. This transition towards true adulthood, the step between infantile innocence and wisdom, but like any other path that one may tread, college is a path that one can easily stray from to end up in a worse place than one may have started.

Judging the function of a university; they assume that college is merely a social experience, and although those holding that assumption are not entirely wrong, they are far from right.

Indeed, a university is a place where you will meet people who will affect the outcome of your life both socially and professionally. However, one must not forget, that the social aspect is not where most of your tuition is going; your tuition goes towards the education in which you have chosen (or have you chosen to be there). As incoming students, you must open yourself up to this new adult role and see that your next life challenge is not the work, but the way you manage your work load. Your parents, teachers, bus drivers, and the police, managed your time and workload for you. Your life was regimented by those surrounding you and your sole responsibility was to complete the tasks when they were presented to you. Now you are expected to not only complete yourself, task, duties, and assignments; but what or have what-you, but you are also expected to organize in the time in which you have been given.

It is true that the rigor of college level work is more difficult, but it is also more enjoyable in that it is much more stimulating than the "busy work" that high school students are plagued with. That being said, I feel it is important to make known some trade secrets of this academically stimulating environment.

Go to class. I realize that when you were in high school, you may have had a guidance counselor tell you that when you get to college, attendance is not as important as the work. However, where some professors will not enforce an attendance policy, don't get caught up in the hype - you need to be there. Your guidance counselor told you that to make you more apt to go to college; it was classic guidance counselor propaganda.

Class attendance is like success insurance: if you go to class and stay awake, you can't help but learn enough to pass as long as you stay awake and listen - it's learning by osmosis. For others, it is that you will not "click" with every teacher you have, but it is important that you make clear to the verbal and non-verbal communications that you care about your studies. Your professor is paid and obligated to behave in a respectful manner toward all other members of the community; fellow students, professors, university staff may be found on the online directory www.montclair.edu/CareerServices/oncampusEmployment.htm, or drop in at the Student Development Center in Room 317 of Morehead Hall. Staff may be found on the online directory www.montclair.edu/CareerServices/oncampusEmployment.htm, or drop in at the Student Development Center in Room 317.

4) Get involved in at least one significant extracurricular activity
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5) Plan your working hours carefully!
We realize that some students must work to cover their tuition, fees, and expenses during the entire academic year. Your first-year counselor can be found through the office of New Student Experience in Morehead Hall. Make yourself known to the people who are here to help you. I assure you that they want to know you, and genuinely want to be of assistance to you.

3) Take responsibility for your university life
Although your parents and other family members want to assist you, an important part of the university experience is developing your ability to tackle challenges and problems on your own. Begin to build your own network of advisors and resources to enable you to realize your ambitions, and work at getting the information you need and get the most out of yourself - respectively, of course.

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The Majestic Mantra of The Montclarion

The Principles Behind One of MSU's Leading Organizations Are Discussed And Examined

"As journalists, taking an objective position on campus news is not a negotiable liberty; it is, and must continue to be, our highest priority as members of The Montclarion ...

KARL DE VRIES
INTERNAL OPINION EDITOR

In room 113 of the Student Center, a band of committed, weary students will continue to labor into the early mornings of Thursdays every week this semester, overseeing the production and publication of 5,000 copies of The Montclarion.

A campus newspaper is certainly expected on campus, its purpose for existence is something that is often misunderstood. Depending on who you ask, The Montclarion has evolved as either too harsh when reporting and commenting on the news, too lenient when reporting and commenting on the news, uninformed and ignorant or doesn't pay enough attention to the positive qualities of MSU.

I suppose on a campus of nearly 16,000 undergraduates, these criticisms are to be expected and though they may be inevitable, perhaps the time has come to fully disclose our purpose and motivations, our missions as student journalists. This is the official purpose of The Montclarion as per our constitution:

"I. The Montclarion shall act as an open forum for the student body of Montclair State University." If we give up the fight in the streets, we won't mindlessly proclaim the glories of this world peace a "lame duck" president. To do so, it is estimated that the Democrats need over fifteen seats to gain control of the House of Representatives. They also need to gain six or more seats in the Senate to fully take control of this country.

The Montclarion is a gauge for the pulse of Montclair State, recording its news and allowing the student body forum for expression. As members of the campus newspaper, we have an obligation to truthfully and accurately relay the news to the students; the favor is returned with both the contributions and readership of the MSU community.

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The gun has gone off, the race has begun; our coverage and our editorial opinions are your guide around campus, relaying the digest of life at MSU.

In the eyes of the individual student, we recognize that the students as often as possible and, when the case of the executive board, these students fail to use the best resource that they have to defend their record and actions. The Montclarion. Especially in the case of the executive board, these students should feel obligated to communicate with the students as often as possible and, when appropriate to their sentiments, even feel free to criticize the paper.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard this common excuse from perspective writers, flushed with anger at our coverage and wanting to put us in their place. "Well, you wouldn't print it anyway." Really? Try us.

Ultimately, the purpose of The Montclarion lies depending on the point of view. To the administration, we represent the direct pipeline between the majority and the minions. In regards to the SGA, we are a watchdog, watching the spending of student funds and monitoring the performance of its officers. In the eyes of the individual student, we are your guide around campus, relaying the digest of life at MSU.

This week marks the beginning of the race, which period known as Back-to-School, with The Montclarion snooping around trying to cover every minute of it. The gun has gone off, the race has begun; welcome to a new year at Montclair State University.

In his first year as Internal Opinion Editor for The Montclarion, Karl de Vries, an English major, is in the first year as Internal Opinion Editor for The Montclarion.
The Montclarion is seeking opinion columnists for commentary on both national and on-campus issues. If interested, email: msuopinion@gmail.com

Got an Opinion?

Statistic of the Week

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Estimated number of barrels of oil found by the Chevron Corp. underneath the Gulf of Mexico

Question of The Week

"Entering the new school year, what are your expectations of the MSU Administration?"

Jackie Ferranti

Year: Junior
Major: Physical Education

"I expect the administration to begin building the recreation center again. The administration should finish what they started since they took parking spaces away for it."

Tashom Carroll

Year: Sophomore
Major: Psychology

"I have good and bad expectations. I expect professors to be rude and say everything has been given to me within the syllabus. I also expect them to be there when I need assistance."

Judy Loiseau

Year: Sophomore
Major: Undeclared

"For the mold to be cleaned up."

Angelito Carigao

Year: Junior
Major: Classics

"I believe the MSU administration should continue doing a good job pertaining to the students' needs."

Pauline Lacanilao

Year: Junior
Major: English

"Expectations lead to disappointment. I just hope they don't post my Social Security information on the Internet again."

Claudia Urbani

Year: Junior
Major: Psychology and Anthropology

"That the professors will teach with passion and make the classes interesting."

Montclair Mailbag

Dear Editor,

"9/11 changed everything!" So say the apologists for the U.S. invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. By this slogan they hope to distract our attention from some basic, irrebuttable facts: 9/11 happened because the U.S. government, Republican and Democrat, have been bombing, killing, torturing and raping people in the Middle East for decades.

The invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq were planned long before Sept. 2001, to steal Middle Eastern oil and pipeline routes. That fascist attack on Americans' civil rights — the so-called "Patriot Act" — was planned by the bipartisan Hart-Boxrud Commission years before 9/11/01. The invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq made terrorist attacks on U.S. soil much more likely, make U.S. citizens much less safe. This is what the Bush Administration wants: fearful people will do just what the President and his cronies want! With the complicity of the Democrats, the Bush regime has used its aggression to become an excuse to radically cut taxes for the rich and benefits for the rest of us. Bush and allies are the enemies of ordinary Americans.

Faced with sagging popularity in the Spanish policy gone wrong, Bush has pushed racist anti-immigrant policies, seeding National Guardsmen to stand side by side with gutter racists like the KKK Klan and rightwing "border patriots." How many Iraqis have been killed — "murdered" is a better word for it — by the U.S.-UK aggression? Probably close to 150,000; the tiny British medical journal The Lancet estimated over 100,000 almost two years ago (October 2004).

Private "Blackwater Security" agents roam the country with a license to kill any Iraqi. Atrocities by American soldiers — put in an impossible position, heavily armed amidst a hostile population — are commonplace and vastly under-reported. Guacamole torture by Americans of natives held without trial has become routine behavior. Last year pro-war New York Times writer Thomas Friedman let it slip that "we apparently tortured to death war criminals in our custody" (October 12, 2005). Iraq is American fascism in operation. This is reality, not the imperialist propaganda that calls itself "patriotism."

What can we do about it? A lot! Discuss it with our friends. Read up on it. Raise it in our classes. The war affects all of us. Everybody knows a soldier, a National Guardman — or woman — who is directly involved. Students, talk it up in your classes. Professors, teach it! Give writing assignments about it. Learn. Organize teach-ins, debates and discussions. Write articles. Get criticism, learn more, get involved! Write letters to your newspapers. Most local weeklies will print protest letters from a resident. Let that be the start — not the end. Let us speak out against the Bush aggression. During July 4th and 7th, outraged and involved Americans had a big impact in undermining the more massive American invasion of Vietnam. We can do it — because we must. Together. Students and youth! We too are the force of U.S. imperialism.

Grove Farr
Professor
English Department

Deer Editor,

As we commemorate the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, let us not forget those who were brought to our community last on 9/11/01: Jean DePalmia, Robert Hughes, Shari Kandell, Dario Kopolcz, Joseph O. Pirk, Steven F. Schlag, Khalid Shahid and Dennis Tarminio, Jr.

Arnold Korekin
Professor
Sociology Department

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Sagittarius
(March 21 - April 19)
Minor romantic attractions and new friendships will prove distracting over the next few days. Although positive, workplace flirtations and bold social invitations may be short-lived.

Gemini
(May 21 - June 20)
Sudden assignments or newly revealed team mistakes will demand careful attention, even over the next five days. After Monday, authority figures will defer to your judgment, but avoid angry fresh activities with trusted friends or colleagues.

Capricorn
(December 22 - January 19)
Previously silent family members may this week offer a candid description of their long-term aspirations. After Monday, expect both full attention and daily devotion. Rejected or difficult short-term relationships will steadily improve. In the coming weeks, loved ones will openly declare private concerns.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 18)
A recent wave of casual attraction or private musing will now fade from long-term friendship. Although key relationships are emotionally unsettled, expect mixed reactions in new roles.

Pisces
(March 21 - April 20)
Complicated relationships with current public information may be a key concern.

Aries
(March 21 - April 19)
Before mid-week, an insecure or shy colleague may request special assistance. Complicated relationships with current public information may be a key concern.

Taurus
(April 20 - May 20)
Issues concerning business promotions are assessed over the next few days. Reluctant managers or terminally overworked workers may soon relinquish control of key respects. Social triangles are highlighted.

Cancer
(June 21 - July 22)
Romantic planning and improved house relationships will soon offer powerful results. Early in this week, expect loved ones to seek further instruction and daily devotion. Rejected or difficult long-term relationships will steadily improve.

Leo
(July 23 - August 22)
Financial mistakes from approximately six weeks ago will now recede. Early in this week, expect key officials to offer detailed records and timely explanations. Study vital documents or missed deadlines or faulty calculations. If possible, finalize postponed agreements.

Virgo
(August 23 - September 22)
Long-term relationships will this week begin meaningful plans of revised planning. Careful research or romantic partners may have recently felt isolated or estranged. After Friday, a friend or colleague may announce an unreported career decision.

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
This week, a close colleague or long-term need may appear to seek for detailed records and timely explanations. Study vital documents or missed deadlines or faulty calculations. If possible, finalize postponed agreements.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
Business advancement, revised contracts and sudden promotions are assessed over the next few days. Reluctant managers or terminally overworked workers may soon relinquish control of key respects. Social triangles are highlighted.

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Part-time child care with children; ages 11, 8, and 6. Looking for creative person who enjoys children. Driving required. Afternoon and evenings. 12-15 hours at $12 per hour. Please contact Cathy at: (973) 618-0866

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With the Major League Baseball season winding down, it seems that sports fans have more burning questions than ever before. Will the playoffs for the first time in 15 years? Will the Red Sox stay behind the White Sox and Twins for the Wild Card? Will the Blue Jays make the Blue Jays have third place in their division? Can the Tigers stay strong and finish with the best record? Finally, will the Mets and Yankees meet up again for the next Subway Series?

Both teams seem destined for the playoffs barring a complete meltdown. Each team’s lead in their division is around the 10-game mark which is good enough at this time of the year. If the season ended today, the Tigers would match up against the Oakland A’s in the first round while the Yankees hosted either Minnesota or Chicago, two teams which the Yankees have had success against this season. Here is why the Yankees will make it to the Fall Classic.

STARTING PITCHING: The Yankees got off to a slow start with their pitching. Randy Johnson seemed nothing like his old self, and Shawn Chacon, Aroldis Small and Chien-Ming Wang weren’t expected to have more than a minimal impact in the first half last season. Also, Carl Pavano was actually expected to start, but it’s the beginning of August and he still hasn’t picked it yet. It all looked bad, but Mike Mussina and Wang picked up most of the slack combining for close to 30 wins between them. And Randy Johnson having almost as good a year as Wang himself. With the addition of Laffey, the Yankees have a rotation that one might call a decent rotation. If only Jaret Wright were good for more than five innings, they’d be a lot better than average.

LINEUP:
Johnny Damon, Derek Jeter, Bobby Abreu, Alex Rodriguez, Jason Giambi, Gary Sheffield, Hideki Matsui, Jorge Posada and Robinson Cano. This is the Yankees’ lineup for the playoffs. I’m sure anything else needs to be said. The Yankees are leading the American League in runs scored and team average, among other categories, and this has all been done without Hideki Matsui and Gary Sheffield who will both be returning to the lineup from wrist injuries. With help from little-known players like Andy Phillips, Melky Cabrera and Craig Wilson, the Yankees have lifted themselves to a big lead in the American League East, but those players will see little to no playing time when the regulars return to work.

DEFENSE: The arms in the outfield are a perennial Gold Glove candidate in center field. While Endy Chavez are above-average left fielders, while Shawn Green is a solid first baseman. This is the Yankees’ defense upgrade in October. Odds are that they will keep playing defense like this throughout the playoffs.

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OVERALL: The record of the Mets has been unmitigated disappointment. Nevertheless, they feature a strong infield (including a surprising Jose Valentin) and a perennial Gold Glove candidate in center field Carlos Beltran. Both Cliff Floyd and especially Endy Chavez are above-average left fielders, while Shawn Green is a solid first baseman. This is the Yankees’ defense upgrade in October.

Similar in circumstances to the mythical 1986 ballclub that went on to win 108 games and clinch a world series title, the New York Mets of 2006 have found themselves at the distant pinnacle of the NL East this year. With a 16 game lead, their magic number dwindles by the day, so they arm themselves with a rotation of Martinez, Glavine, Hernandez and Wang to demolish previous season records, while clinching a world series title, the New York Mets. For the first time in years, the Mets have a rotation that one might call a decent rotation. If only Jaret Wright were good for more than five innings, they’d be a lot better than average.

The Mets have plenty of questions regarding their staff ahead of them to be answered as September plays out.

LINEUP: Ah, the broad and better of the New York Mets. For the first time in a long time, the Mets have an undisputed elite lineup. The core of Carlos Beltran, Carlos Delgado and David Wright is on pace to destroy records against both teams. While Jose Reyes is developing into a future Most Valuable Player candidate with every at-bat. If you want it, the Mets have it: speed, power, average and line drives galore. They also seem to have a penchant for pouncing early on their opponents.

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Red Hawk "D" Beats Iona

New Rochelle, NY (9/2/06) - Junior corner back Sal McGrady returned an interception 17 yards for a touchdown and senior Derrick Simmons scooped up a fumble for a 97-yard score as Montclair State took advantage of six turnovers in a 21-7 win over Iona College at a rainy and windy Mazzella Field on Saturday afternoon.

Linebacker Cornell Hunt registered 14 tackles and had an interception return to set up another score as the Red Hawks (1-0) overcame a decided offensive disadvantage in beating the Division I-AA Gaels for the fourth time in seven overall meetings and avenging a 21-14 overtime loss to Iona in last year's season opener.

Played admits a strong 30-plus mile per hour wind and light-steady rainfall, each team battled for field position through the first three possessions before Montclair State scored the first of its points. After Iona took over at its own 22, Dustin Croick's out-pass toward the sideline deflected off the receiver's hands and into the arms of McGrady who raced down the right sideline for a 7-0 MSU advantage with 4:57 to play in the opening quarter. The Red Hawks would extend the lead in the second quarter thanks in part to another defensive play, this time by Hunt, who picked off a Croick pass at the MSU 21 and nearly raced the final 79 yards for a score, however, Brian Watts made an all-out hustle play to tackle Hunt at the Iona 2. Two plays later Michael Jump found fullback Vin Varcadipane on a scramble for a four-yard touchdown and a 13-0 Montclair lead.

The Red Hawks final points of the half came courtesy of the two-point safety. Iona took possession at the MSU 34, but after three plays the Gaels were forced to punt. The snap from center sailed way over the head of punter Chris Lofrese, who tracked the ball down at the Iona 25 and tried to kick it away. However, special teamer Brian Kopp blocked the attempt and the ball rolled all the way into and out of the end zone for the safety as Montclair State led 15-0 at intermission.

In the second half, nearly got back into the game as it took the opening kickoff and promptly marched 75 yards in 12 plays down to the Montclair 5. Running back Rudy Arcara accounted for 35 yards on the ground. But on a first-and-goal play, Arcara plowed into a pile where he was met by Sal Fama, who knocked the ball loose. Simmons pulled the ball out of the pile and sped 97 yards for the longest fumble return (and fumble return for TD) in Montclair State history and a 21-0 lead with 8:37 to go in the third quarter. Simmons surpassed the previous mark of 54 yards set by Greg Porzio against William Paterson in 1999.

Iona would avert the shutout in the fourth quarter as Rich Wroblewski rumbled in from a yard out on the first play of the period to cap a seven-play, 35-yard drive that was set up by a mishandled punt snap by the Red Hawks. The Gaels then had several opportunities as they began each of their final four drives inside MSU territory, but came away empty each time as Eugene Pinkney intercepted a pass to end one possession and Simmons picked off his second in the end zone to thwart another.

Montclair State is now off on a bye week and returns to action on Saturday, September 16 as they travel to Springfield, MA to meet the Pride of Springfield College in a 1:00 pm matchup.

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ask to speak to our nursing staff.
SPORTS

SPORTS TRIVIA
QUESTION
Who is the only MLB pitcher with 10 or more wins in 15 straight seasons?

Unscramble ‘Em
Unscramble these baseball names

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3. dtod tlehnno
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12. omt valgein
13. nro Ivilneo
14. ory laowsta

player of the week

Derrick Simmons
Football

Senior
Hometown: Red Bank, NJ

Simmons scored on a 97-yard fumble recovery in MSU’s 21-7 win over Iona College on Saturday.

Honorable Mentions

JENNIFER TANIS
Junior
Hometown: Oak Ridge, NJ

Tanis had one goal and one assist in the Red Hawks’ shutout over Washington College.

SAL McGRADY
Junior
Hometown: West Orange, NJ

McGrady scored the Red Hawks’ first touchdown of the game with a 17-yard interception return and set the stage for a big win.

JACQUE SUPKO
Freshman
Hometown: Moorestown, NJ

Supko held Washington College scoreless and made nine saves in a complete 70 minutes.

This Week
Sat @ Rowan 1 p.m.

Last Week’s Results
9/2 - MSU 21, Iona 7

Jen Soss
Senior
Hometown: Hamilton, NJ

Soss, along with Tanis, had a goal and an assist and led MSU to their first win of the new season.

FOOTBALL

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Last Week’s Results
9/1 - MSU 3, Washington (MD) 0

This Week
Wed @ Rowan 4 p.m.
Red Hawks Ring In A New School Year

A Look Back At The Year That Was Hard To Forget for More Than A Few Reasons

Bobby Melok
Assistant Sports Editor

If you're new to campus, or if you haven't been paying attention, the Montclair State Red Hawks are quickly becoming contenders in Division III athletics. Whether it's in the fall, winter or spring, our athletes are standing out from the crowd. But before we get too far into 2006, let's take a look at what our teams did last year.

The fall 2005 season was very productive for MSU. Red Hawk football got off to a slow start, but quickly rebounded to achieve a 5-5 record. Some highlights included a 3-0 overtime win against Kean in the Homecoming game and a 36-13 victory over Western Connecticut. The team also made it to the ECAC South Atlantic Championship game.

MSLFS women's soccer team put together an impressive season, going 7-8-4, which qualified them for the NCAA Tournament. They went on to the second round for the second year in a row. The men's team had a 10-7-2 record last foil, and four players were named to the All-NJAC Team.

MSU Volleyball was 10-15 last year, but is on track to improve this year. Red Hawk Field Hockey had an amazing run in 2005, going 17-2 during the regular season. They were the second MSU team to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, also making it to the second round. The Red Hawks continued their winning ways in the winter. Senior Gian Paul Gonzales led the men's basketball team to a 13-12 season record. Gonzales was named NJAC Male Athlete of the Year and was featured in "Faces in the Crowd" section, among many other accolades.

The women's basketball team compiled an 18-10 record, with 14 of those wins coming against conference opponents. They qualified for the ECAC Metro Tournament. MSU swimming enjoyed a successful winter campaign, with the men's team finishing 9-4, and the women's team ending their winter at 8-4.

MSU wrestling came to a sad end in the winter season. Originally cut in Spring 2005, the program was brought back this winter after much protest. The program never got on track after their head coach was fired, and his replacement clashed with the team to the point where all but a few wrestlers were left in what was once one of Montclair State's most successful programs.

The spring of 2006 turned out to be one of the most successful seasons in Montclair State University history. Men's lacrosse went 9-9 during the season, and was the runners-up in the ECAC Metro Tournament. The women's lacrosse team had a great spring. In their first season in the Skyline conference, they finished 15-3, and won the ECAC Upstate Tournament.

Red Hawk softball continued their six-year streak of winning the ECAC Division III South Championship, compiling a 33-13 record along the way. Wrapping up the athletic year, Red Hawk Baseball put together a season for the record books. They went 35-19-2 during the season, and qualified for the NCAA Division III World Series for the 11th time in program history. They finished fourth overall.

If the 2005-2006 season is any indication of what the future holds for Red Hawk athletics, the future is looking very bright. MSU football is already off to a great start, defeating the Division I-AA Iowa State last weekend 31-7.

To continue making moments like this, the Red Hawks need all the support they can get. So go out and support your Red Hawks at all their home games; you just might be a part of school history.