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A maintenance worker attempts to clear a path through the snow and ice. Slippery conditions caused one student to fracture an ankle.

Photo by Wayne Pierson

Lots freeze over
Parking is snarled

By Linda Weichenrieder

Clove Road became a virtual parking lot on Monday and Tuesday as a line of cars, rerouted by the closing of the quarry, stretched for at least a half mile in both directions. The only means of getting anywhere via Clove Road was by foot, and students did exactly that as they squeezed their way through a narrow path between the line of cars and snow.

Since there are no sidewalks from the parking lot on Clove Road, walking in the frigid and snow.

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Late add canceled

By Dianna Hahner

At last Saturday's late registration period students braving the hazardous weather in anticipation of unbearably lengthy lines and chaotic scenes inside Panzer Gym, were instead met by a barren gym inside Panzer Gym, were in anticipation of unbearably braving the hazardous weather.

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Ticketing goes ahead as usual

By John Papastrat

Despite insufficient parking availability on campus this first week of the semester, most local police departments were ticketing illegally parked vehicles in routine fashion in the communities surrounding MSC.

Lieutenant John Kwasnik of the Clifton Police Department stated that local officers sympathize with the commuters' plight, but had no intention of inconveniencing the local townspeople by not enforcing parking codes. Kwasnik said that they also realize that MSC has a responsibility to clear its own lots.

Both Sergeant Robert Warcho of the Little Falls Police Department and Kwasnik reported that they did not receive official request from MSC authorities to stop ticketing illegally parked or overtime parked vehicles of MSC students in light of the hazardous conditions on campus.

"Officers are now using their discretion as to whether a vehicle deserves a ticket considering the parking situation," Warcho said.

In response to a request from MSC authorities, Montclair Police did not penalize illegally parked commuters this past Monday. However, according to Montclair Chief Edward Giblin, they began enforcing regular parking codes this past Tuesday and "intend to continue strict enforcement."

According to Sergeant Charles Giblin of the Montclair State campus police, ticketing was virtually suspended Monday and Tuesday. He added, "Officers are now using their discretion as to whether a vehicle deserves a ticket considering the parking situation."

Warchol said, Little Falls Police ticket illegally parked vehicles in the Clove Road area. According to Kwasnik, Clifton Police enforced parking codes on Valley Road as they normally do.
Students not about ice

To the editor:

Montclair State students, faculty and staff were greeted this semester with a new twist to the long established commuting situation. The commuters displayed anger, but they also displayed righteous indignation towards an administration that failed to consider all the possible ramifications of its decision to allow students to park only one parking lot de-iced enough to permit its use.

There can be no blame placed upon the maintenance people for the conditions earlier in the week. They worked 12 to 14 hours a day to try to make the lots usable. These people should be commended for their efforts in the face of adverse conditions. They were forced to resort to hand spreading of salt in sub-freezing temperatures with biting gale force winds.

The responsibility must fall directly on the shoulders of Dr. David W. D. Dickson, president of the college, and Dr. Elliott Minnberg, vice president of administration and finance. Minnberg inspected the campus at 7 a.m. Monday morning and recommended to Dickson that he not close the lots. The final decision was made by Dickson. It is obvious that neither of these men considered the effect of closing the majority of the parking lots on campus, leaving two open, with a combined capacity of about 1000 cars to the 8,000 decal holders.

Where did they expect these people to park their cars? Many were forced to park illegally on Clove Road and on Valley Road, where they were ticketed by the Clifton and Little Falls police departments. Others gave up and went home, missing both class and the first day of add/drop.

Those commuters fortunate enough to finally reach the campus found that the condition of the sidewalks were worse than those they had faced on the roadways. Sheets of ice, slick as glass, coated most of the paths on the campus, causing numerous slips and falls. One fall was severe enough to break the ankle of a dorm resident.

The administration can make no excuses for its actions, nor can the students accept such gross errors. The horrible conditions faced by these students cannot be passed off as an error in judgement. Men in such high positions of responsibility should not make such gross errors. This will long remain a black mark against the administration, and rightly so. They have both inconvenience and insulted the students of MSC with their actions.

Lynn S. Zlotnick
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Parking backed up

don't believe the college is not responsible for any accidents unless one can prove that the college was negligent. "All students are responsible for tickets incurred. The students are free to play with the rules and free to go elsewhere, but there shouldn't be any resentment toward the $10 parking fee because the school doesn't guarantee a parking space," he said.

Students who went off campus to park were allowed spaces at the Robin Hood Inn on Monday only, so on Tuesday many students parked at the Primrose Diner. "We like to cooperate with Montclair State College," said Giro Manno, manager of the Primrose Diner. "I think the majority of students are nice kids, but the past few days some of the students who parked in my lot were terrible! They panicked and didn't give a damn where they parked their cars.

Manno continued, "Many of their cars got stuck and were blocking my customers in. I was out there myself, along with some of the guys from Chi Alpha pushing out the stuck cars.

"When I threatened to have the cars towed, one student screamed some really obnoxious things at me. I didn't have any cars towed anyway, but about 90 per cent of my business was destroyed between the hours of 9 and 5 on Monday and Tuesday."

Manno added, "MSC security never even came by to see if anyone was stuck, which is unusual because they usually stop in three or four times a day for coffee."

On Wednesday morning, the quarry lots were reopened with most parking spaces "ice-free." Today, according to the National Weather Service, temperatures should be in the high 30s to mid-40s, which may melt the remaining ice.

Police delay 'Boot'

By John Papastrat

Application of the metal device called the 'boot', originally planned to begin January 11, has been postponed. MSC police will eventually immobilize all vehicles having three or more unpaid campus fines with the 'boot'.

The reason for postponement was a delay in the decision of the process to be used in identifying offenders. Campus police Lieutenant Charles Paige said that the campus police are not sure if they will send out patrols to find violators, or if they will issue tickets for prior violations.

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Butler explained that faculty members, students planning to assist the various departments, and other employees of the college, were notified of the closing by phone beginning at 6:30 a.m.

I tried to apprise students of the closing by notifying security to take calls, explained Butler. Several local radio stations were also requested to announce the closing. Butler said “I am aware that the radio stations began carrying the announcement at 7:00 a.m.,” but added that he does not know how long after that time the stations continued to broadcast the announcement. Butler explained that most people would not be listening for school closing on a weekend morning, and consequently many may have missed the announcement.

The Saturday registration period was scheduled in response to the proposed end of the add/drop period announced last spring, according to Butler. After the add/drop period was reinstated the Registrar decided to allow the Saturday session to remain although it was in addition to normal procedures, as it had already been announced on campus.

“Plowing during the week kept the campus roads in excellent condition during the change of program period prior to the opening of the semester,” said Butler. He added, “To my knowledge there were no incidents or accidents on campus due to the weather.”

Butler explained that there will be no additional registration time scheduled in order to compensate for the Saturday closing. Butler feels confident that the departmental add/drop periods scheduled during the week, in conjunction with the hours designated by the Registrar and the Business Office, will be sufficient for all students, including those inconvenienced by the Saturday closing, to complete scheduling.

Information from faculty members and employees working at Panzer Gym on Saturday morning estimate that about twenty to forty students actually arrived at the gym seeking registration, according to Butler. “I hope they were local students who didn’t have to drive forty miles just to find out that registration had been canceled,” said Butler.

Butler said of this year’s registration that the Saturday closing has not caused any significant change in the number of students seeking changes at this time.

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be held until payment of all overdue fines are paid by cash or check to the business office. If the office is closed, payment may be made only by check, made payable to Montclair State College, placed in a stamped envelope addressed to the business office, and deposited in the mailbox at the west end of College Hall. A campus police officer will witness the writing and depositing of the check before releasing the vehicle to its owner.

In a letter to the campus community, Rich warned that attempts to drive a ‘booted’ car could result in damage to the car.

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