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### Hometown Heroes

By Inbal Kahanov
Production Editor

Throughout the world, many watched as the largest terrorist attack in United States history unfolded last Tuesday, September 11.

The attack, which killed thousands, brought down three World Trade Center buildings and damaged the Pentagon, will be remembered for the trail of pain it has left behind.

While many members of MSU’s campus community heard of the attacks over the radio, watched the television screens or through their windows, two police officer’s from the MSU’s campus police department answered a call to aid in the help efforts and evacuation process in NYC.

Officers Paul Giardino and Christopher Vidro spent over seven hours near ground zero.

There, they brought support to NYC’s police officers, firefighters and EMS members, as an effort to ease the difficult process of evacuating people from the debris of the WTC buildings.

The Montclarion sat with Giardino and Vidro as they shared their recollections and comments from that tragic day.

For a complete transcript of the conversation turn to page 4.

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### Student Center Party Ends Early After Fight

**Damage to MSU Property in the Second Party Related Fight in Two Years**

By Lillian M. Alemán
News Editor

Campus police, along with several nearby agencies quickly broke up the fight that occurred this past Saturday at 11:00 p.m. during a Student Center party sponsored by the United Greek Coalition.

The party was forced to end two and a half hours earlier than scheduled because of the altercation.

About 14 University police and Security personnel attended the SC party which hosted around 500 people; the maximum amount of people permitted for that type of function.

When the first fight started “which was too large for the number of police and security personnel on hand” said Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Karen Pennington; other agencies were called in to assist campus police.

Over 50 officers from 11 various towns such as the Little Falls and Caldwell Police arrived at MSU, which caused the crowds to disperse while smaller groups continued to fight in scattered locations around campus.

There were no serious injuries reported and no one was taken to the hospital.

This recent fight has caused “a thorough review of all policies and changes are anticipated,” said Pennington.

“Currently all events have been postponed until Student Development and Campus Life, University Police, and representatives from the Student Government Association can work out all concerns.”

The Student Center itself faced some damage, which included a broken door and some broken tiles on the patio.

It is unfortunate that some individuals, believed to be uninvited guests, would come to campus and ruin an event designed by and for our students. It is more than unfortunate, in fact it is despicable, if any of the individuals who started the disruption were MSU students,” said Pennington.

No perpetrators were identified, which means that no individual action will be taken, “however actions will be taken to reduce the possibility of similar problems in the future,” said Pennington.

Two years ago, a fight also broke out in a Student Center related event. At that time, “restrictions were implemented regarding outside guest, time and types of events, and new safety procedures were instituted” said Pennington.

Pennington also added that “this is a community where students should always feel welcomed to learn, study, and to socialize with others. Any actions that thwart those efforts are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.”
9/17/01 - Officer noticed a parked car with door lock damage in lot 21. A check revealed the car had been stolen in Newark. Newark police were contacted.

9/13/01 - Officer discovered a parked car in lot 22 with its passenger window broken, door lock damage, and stereo missing.

9/12/01 - Officer discovered a parked car in lot 28 with its doors unlocked and steering damage. A check revealed it had been stolen in Secaucus.

Firefighters and police officers from the Essex and Union County areas from Wanaque and Mount Vernon have been assisting in the investigation of the World Trade Center attack. 12 firefighters from North Caldwell left New Jersey Saturday morning after the attack, and only one made it back home. Newark's civilian squad was deployed to work with the New York police's detective office to assist in the investigation. The Irvington Fire Department also responded.

In an attempt to attract quality businesses or national chain stores, the Dr. King Plaza in East Orange is getting a face lift. A groundbreaking ceremony to begin construction took place Monday. The plaza, which includes a five-story residential development with commercial stores on the ground level, is at Main and North Harrison streets. The project will take 12 to 14 months to complete.

Now that East Orange has recovered from recent financial disaster, the state (local Finance Board has voted to end two years of fiscal supervision and allowing the city's elected officials to resume taking care of their own budgetary affairs. It is more than a three-and-a-half years to correct many problems, including extraordinarily low property tax collections, unrealistic budget projections, and poor cash flow.

Compiled from The Star Ledger by When asked to stop. He continued to ride away.

For this record, The Montclarion willingly corrects its factual errors. If you think that we've made a mistake in a story please call Editor-in-Chief James Davison at (973) 655-5230.
"Room of Possibilities"
Faculty Lab Opened in College Hall

By Ann Lynch
Staff Writer

Last Monday afternoon a new Faculty/Staff Development Lab had its grand opening in room 123 in College Hall. The lab was once a space devoted to software training.

The opening, which took place from 4-6p.m., featured a hands-on demonstration of the various hardware and software packages the lab offers as well as presentations by MSU faculty member Susana Juniú and the Center for Pedagogy's Susan Amirian.

The lab, also called "The Room of Possibilities" features digital scanners, digital still cameras, a digital video camera, the latest web page authoring, graphics production, and multimedia software.

This new room offers the services of two full-time technology consultants Peter Campbell and Shunfa Li who help the faculty effectively integrate technology into their classrooms.

Campbell says the lab's purpose is "to demonstrate to the faculty how technology can dramatically improve teaching and learning as well as provide hands-on training for faculty members on how to use hardware and software."

When asked about the long-term possibilities of the new lab, Campbell said "ultimately we would like to see ourselves as a vital part of teaching and learning on campus."

Faculty members begin working alongside full-time technology consultants on various programs now available in the New Staff/Faculty Development Lab in College Hall room 123.
**Hometown Heroes**

A conversation with Paul Giardino and Christopher Vidro on their role with helping rescue efforts last Tuesday in the WTC tragedy

**By Inbal Kahanov**

Inbal Kahanov: For you, much like everyone else, it was probably just a regular day, and then you get the call. What was going through your mind the moment the call came through?

Officer Vidro: It's pretty unreal. You hear it on the radio, you hear everything just going off and everything happening pretty quick one thing after another. First there was one tower, then the next tower, then the Pentagon, and then, of a sudden you get called in, and you think "okay, I've got to go in there."

Officer Giardino: I was driving in the car, and it came over the Howard Stern show, and it sounded unrealistic to me. So, I turned on an AM news station and heard it. I drove up the West Side and back, not only am I hearing it, I'm seeing it. Because from a couple of the top parts you can see out. The first thing I did was I told the boss because I wanted him to see it. He said "if we get the call for help, I want to go send out some people." And I said Oh, I'd love to go." It sounded like something you're helping people who should do. And I went back outside thinking it's not going to happen. I mean, we're busy as it is up here still with the beginning of school. Then I was called in.

IK: What were some of the things you were seeing as you were driving in towards it?

Giardino: The first thing we saw, when we got off Route 3, were the digital signs that put on the side of the road that usually say things like "stay left." Well, they had changed the sign and it read: "New York City closed." That was it. It didn't say Lincoln Tunnel closed, it said New York City. We approached an empty Lincoln Tunnel Tol Plaza, with no one around but a dozen police officers standing around out there. It was stuff you'll never see again in our life. We stopped there and in the Lincoln Tunnel you can usually see, and it was just smoke now. We pulled up and I knew one of the Port Authority police officers so I talked to him. We got there early, between twelve and one o'clock, so he said they need help down in Stuyvesant High School. They sent some people from NJ Fire Department, some EMS, and then there were a hundred of cops. That ride, boy, it was something else. Finally we were on 9th Avenue and not really many cars on the road. It was a lot of people walking us up the side walks, people screaming and cheering and waving at all the police cars flying by. As you got closer and closer, it was going through my head: "did we make the right decision?" I mean, we're here to help but this is bigger than us, this is bigger than everybody.

Vidro: We just followed the group. He was driving so I was just looking out the window. We turn the corner and said "wow, the smoke is really getting a lot thicker and closer." I mean, the next thing you know, streets are starting to get a little more dirty, and then it was just ash.

IK: What was taking place at Stivison High School that required assistance?

Giardino: Stivison High School was being used as a control center. It was a place where predominately police officers, New York City's Health Department, and Emergency Services Units were coming to get briefed. Guys were sitting on the ground halfway, and it had been about an hour before. We were talking about the structural integrity of buildings that were near there. They already lost a considerable number of their own people. We ended up setting up stuff. They came up with generators, ice, water, food, bagels. In the hallways of the school they were doing medical treatment for firefighters and police officers who had been injured. It was a very serious problem, there were people in and out a lot. Everywhere you turn police officers and firemen. You can't imagine that the city has that many, but they do.

IK: What specific role were you playing in the help effort?

Giardino: A lot of logistical stuff. Basically, I didn't think we'd ever get that close. It was so soon that we got there, that they still wanted bodies down close. Just to have people, support, people to move things. We helped carry big jugs of water, lights, setting up generators, they were using their own people and us as support people.

IK: Since there was a lack of real precedent of a similar situation and tactics for handling it, how organized were the help efforts?

Giardino: You know, that police department gets a bad rap all the time. But, they've got 30,000 cops, and I swear every one of them was there. There was about a thousand in that school. They were in that auditorium and they stated screaming out "all the senior class, everyone back to the front." They got their instructions. The seniors, they got into the corner of the room and talked about what their plan was and they broke out and went. I don't know if it was by accident or on purpose, but the New York City police and the fire department, and the EMS, they deserve all the credit in the world because that's bigger than life the whole thing that happened, and it made it work.

IK: People were sitting in their rooms watching the news, or listening to the radio, and realizing what was, a lot of the time, sheer information and speculation as to what was happening. How accurately were you receiving information?

Giardino: Putting together being in the heart of New York City police and the EMS, they have all the journalists there. We had gotten about a block away and we were looking to see what was going on. Just when we had gotten down there, they had started to move all personnel back. That was determined by that big building seven had seen on some fire damage and that it was leaning. And I didn't know if it was going to go in 15 minutes, or it could have gone the next day. So they pushed us about a block and a half, two blocks back.

Giardino: It was everything. They were backing fire trucks back, running over their own hoses, moving equipment and everything back. They didn't know what was going to happen. They know the scene; they knew there were problems, they weren't going to risk anymore people going in. We were backing fire trucks back, running over their own hoses, moving equipment and everything back. They didn't know if it was going to the street from it, that's what really was stable on a truck. Before building seven of people to help was enough. We were overwhelmed with what had happened.

IK: On the news, reporters mentioned that people were being evacuated and constantly pushed back away from the scene. How often were you being moved?

Giardino: When we got there, we walked down to the scene and we were pretty close. And we were gone there for a while, and then they moved us back about a block. Everybody, we're all creeping back, nobody wants to. Everybody wants to be a part of it, wants to do something, wants to help. And then, all of a sudden, they got word that it was serious, and we had to get back even further. So, they pushed us back even further. And when we got down, almost instantly, we went back to the high school, and then, they had their crews suiting up with the respirators, and their equipment, and boxes. They'd have those crews suit up as fast as they could load a dozen on a truck. Before building seven fell, it was kind of touch and go as to what anyone could do. And, there's fear in everyone, but everyone's trying to be brave at the same time. And once that building fell down, I think that relieved everyone's pressure as to what to be scared about.

IK: I assume that in situations like this, a major part of the work is just instinct that kicks in. But, did you have any memories where you could really sit down and think about what was happening?

Giardino: It was an adrenaline kind of thing. When I got home, I was full of sensory overload. Actually, my emotions and the whole thing came out, believe it or not, this past Friday. My wife had gone to work, and I was home alone, and I tuned on the TV. All of a sudden, what I looked at. And the pictures on the TV and the people's reports and to me standing across the street. It was pretty unreal. It really affected me emotionally, I was a major part of the work is just instinct that kicks in. But, did you have any memories where you could really sit down and think about what was happening?

IK: Taking this week in retrospect, how different are the images and the firemen now from that day?

Vidro: I don't know, I know for me personally, I'm okay, I couldn't really say. I learned a lot, but nothing. It's something we had to do, I try not to watch the news reports too much anymore. Because, if you see people talking about losing loved ones, it just all comes back, and I can't take too much of it.

Giardino: Putting together being there and the week that past in between is impossible. I think if I would have simply watched it on TV and wasn't there, I think I'd have a totally different perspective on it. I knew I would. I don't know what it was like for the people in Nebraska who just see it on TV. I think it's pretty drastic, I think it's pretty easy for me to handle. Saying that I was there, and I know what it looked and I was in front of these people. It makes me connect it to it that it's real. It's not just a movie. This isn't something like for the people in Nebraska who just see it on TV. It happened right here, I know it happened, I was there. I saw it. I touched it. I still have my shoes at home which I never cleaned off. They still have dust from walking through it all over. I guess I have a piece of it that can make it seem more real, and I don't know what it was like for me. I probably would have taken it easier. Do every single New York City police officer's shoes. And I said thank you for coming. Just being there in general, even if we did nothing, just for those guys, knowing that they're not alone, that there's plenty of people to help was enough.
Photos Courtesy Of:
Officers Christopher Viro and Paul Giardino
of Montclair State University Police
Teacher Evaluations Soon To Be Online

By John Regan
Staff Writer

Until recently our student written teacher evaluations have served two purposes, enabling a student’s perspective of a teacher’s ability for the administration and as a constructive tool for a professor’s professional development.

In accordance with team MSYOU campaign promises, plans are under way to evolve this process into an open-ended forum to be published on an SGA sponsored website. Thus, all students will have the opportunity to evaluate and read student evaluations of professors before registering.

“The website would give students the chance to look at each class they plan to take and access a database of comments from other students about each professor,” said SGA Vice President Chris Fitzpatrick.

The website would further benefit the university in that the administration would be forced to adhere to the calling of the students and reevaluate their staff based upon the now vocal student perspective.

The SGA hopes their perspective website would similarly enable students to have knowledge of the course and professor before registering. Admittedly the road to a teacher evaluation website is not without obstacles.

The issue of censorship within student comments to be posted needs to be addressed. Both Fitzpatrick and George Mesias SGA Secretary and Webmaster suggested a committee could be designed to ensure the evaluations barred slanderous comments predicated upon race, sex, religion, or ethnicity.

Several other universities have taken a similar step with their evaluations into the information superhighway, most notably Princeton University, North Western University, and the University of Minnesota.

“In the past if we wanted to learn about a course or professor before registering we would have to find a classmate who had enrolled in the class before and hope their single opinion would offer some advice. Then came the Internet ready to be exploited to educate and empower the masses,” said the students of Information Technology at the University of Minnesota when they gave their mission statement for their teacher evaluation website.

The progress of the project is within the “feasibility stages,” said Mesias. The SGA would like to have the site up by spring registration, though they set the end of the academic year as a final goal for completion.

Presently the SGA has set an E-mail address: sgaevals@hotmail.com, for concerns and student written teacher evaluations for the site.

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Bill Berlin, Professor, Department of Psychology
Luis Montesinos, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology
Bill Guardino, Senior Student
MSU Makes Prayer a Campus-Wide Event

Students Gather to Pray for Victims of Terrorist Violence

By Simona Kogan
Feature Editor

September 20, 2001

Two students hold candles and solemnly remember the victims of the violent terrorist act that shocked the MSU community and the nation. The candlelight vigil was just one of the ways the MSU community was helping students cope with the unexpected terrorist act.

Benjamin only came up with 80 candles. Students had to share candles with other students, but did not mind as they stood for a moment of silence to remember the victims. Said Turner "The whole night was just amazing."

MSU Makes Prayer a Campus-Wide Event

By Tina Snyder
Assistant Feature Editor

Many watch the news and read the papers, staring in helpless disbelief at the images of New York City. Many crying out because they don't know how they can help. They only feel their hearts breaking to reach out and be of some use. The outpour of students and people who have responded has been overwhelming. Now there is a chance for students and faculty at MSU to become involved as they join the nation in staying strong and proud in the midst of hardship, which is truly what the heart of America has always been about.

As of Tuesday, "Project Give" has collected over $4,000.
“On the morning of Tues. Sept. 11, the people trapped inside the World Trade Center experienced horror beyond belief. Ever since then, their friends and loved ones have been experiencing a different kind of horror, the horror of uncertainty. Continuing (and dwindling) hope that someone may still be alive. Worry that the body may never be recovered. Fear that they may not even be able to find enough evidence to match DNA from a hair brush. This horror of uncertainty will be continuing for some time to come.”

—Professor Linda Tappin, Mathematics

“Obviously this was a horrible day for our country. It’s scary to think that something like this can happen. It is something we all have to face and pull together. I think its time for the rest of us to pull together and say, ‘this is wrong.’”

—Dr. Karen Pennington, V.P. of Student Affairs

“A week later as we prepare for war, my real belief is that it’s very hard to get to peace through war because every death results in someone who wants to revenge that death.”

—James Harris, Associate Dean of Students

“There is only one long-term antidote to hatred and unreason, and that is education. We seek the understanding and knowledge that enables us to find our common humanity, and to communicate it to others. Our university stands as one of those places in society.”

—President Cole, 2001 Commencement Exercises

“Everybody has a story. You talk to anyone and almost everybody knows somebody who knows somebody who was there.”

—Rachel Kleiner, freshman
Beyond the Dust
Dealing with the WTC Tragedy from a Business Perspective

By Asaf Kahanov
Staff Writer

Disbelief, denial, numbness, anger, guilt, despair, shock, confusion, and depression are all common emotional reactions to traumatic events that bring sudden and/or potential loss. The loss can be in many forms, including, but not limited to, life, health, sense of safety, material possessions, etc. You or others may experience many different feelings at the same time.

Some people may try to cope with negative feelings by acting out (drinking or other drug use, social withdrawal, excessive or risky behaviors, fighting, inappropriate humor, etc.). Usually, the intensity of one’s emotional reaction to the trauma will diminish over time. The length of time can range from days to months, to even years in some cases.

Many of the financial firms have been affected by the trauma and minimize the chances of creating additional rumors by refraining from speculating and only giving out information they know is confirmed by official sources.

Events, MSU Students and Staff Learn To Grieve and Lead Normal Lives

The Twin Towers were deliberately named “the World Trade Center” because they were indeed the international symbol of capitalism. Many people have had their hopes concerning a resurgence in the U.S. economy crumble when these once giant towers collapsed, leaving a shroud of dust all over Wall Street. While it may be hasty and pretentious to attempt to forecast the economic effects resulting from the outrageous atrocity that occurred last week, one must consider the potential ramifications.

The accepted assumption for the short-term in such cases is that stock markets would suffer heavy losses and that there would be panicked flocking after investments in gold and oil. The common wisdom of such a scenario sees the dollar weakening (in contradiction to the current strong dollar policy adopted by the U.S. government). The difficult...
Business

“While we’ve said that the economy was vulnerable to a shock, and this is certainly a shock,” he added, “this could push us into negative growth.”

Kevin Logan, economist for Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, said, “There will be no regular business here anymore.” I am an optimist by nature, therefore, I advocate following the positions held by market optimists.

One must distinguish between a one-time occurrence and an extended war. Even though we keep hearing news flashes claiming that the recent assault on the US people and economy was an act of war, we are not really there yet.

As a nation, we have suffered an appalling tragedy but this is a singular event that has occurred on our soil. Despite all the accompanying pain, grief and resultant destruction, there should be no long-term effect although there may be a short-term consequence.

One can actually compare this event to a big earthquake in regard to its economic impact. Nevertheless, this event did occur in the center of the world’s strategic financial center; this will affect the financial system for a while and may cause inefficiencies to occur for the next couple of months. Things will rebound and this event will not cause a lasting recession.

The only occurrence that will cause a recession would be if a large number of people would cease investing money in our economy and capital formations. In order for this not to happen, the nation as a whole must bear the burden of acting responsibly in order to retain the economy on an enduring even keel.

Therefore, the government is playing a major role in helping its citizens gain confidence in the economy. To help citizens invest the hoped for funds, Congress has just passed a resolution that will cause $40 billion to flow into the U.S. economy.

Alan Greenspan and the Federal Reserve Bank also have a similar responsibility and thus, we can expect a cut in interest rates in order to encourage more investing and consumption rather than savings, which removes money from the economic cycle.

We have united as a nation during this past week and share the responsibility to maintain and stimulate our economy to the benefit of the country and the world, particularly during these volatile times.

The Art of Bellydance

By Rachel Warshawski
Staff Writer

If the movie Moulin Rouge comes to mind when you think about belly dancing, think again. Although during one period in time, hoochie coochie, like belly dance, shocked many because of its sexual nature, belly dance, unlike hoochie coochie, does not have only a sexual connotation.

Belly dancing is an art form that has been shared through many generations and ages. This art form was best exemplified on Wednesday, September 12, by Jennifer Ferraro, the featured belly dancer appearing at “The Sacred Art of BellyDancing,” a class held in the Student Center as part of “Survivor September.”

Ferraro explained the origins of the Middle Eastern artform. Belly dance celebrates the cycle of life and death. It is used to worship goddesses, show respect, and help crops grow.

The belly dance is performed to the rhythm of the dancer’s hips and to music. Hoochie coochie is the hula hoop, like belly dance, shocked many because of its sexual nature, but hoochie coochie was a one-time occurrence and an act of war, we are not really there yet.

Ferraro danced the dance of circle, isolating herself from everyone. She created a softness within the room. There was no rhythm and no melody. The only movement came from her hips and the center of her body.

The event had a successful turnout. Freshman Gabby Osmak described her experience.

“I am a very active student on campus... I figured it would be interesting to come and see what belly dancing was all about... Ferraro showed the students how fun, sexy, and passionate belly dancing can be. Describes Ferraro enthusiastically, “It’s funky. It’s like nothing else.”

Most belly dancers were lower class and originally provided dance in exchange for money. With time, there was change in the dance. The body became one with the soul. In the early years dancing was only for women and it was women of all ages and sizes. The rounder the woman was, the better the dance was. It was said that the belly dancer must have something to dance with and more hips created better dance. In the Middle East, there were no perfect body types. The best dancers were heavy and older. They could dance of any age.

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Thinking About Becoming Greek?
Rushing, Pledging - Everything You Need to Know

By Erica Manen
Staff Writer

A new academic year has started and that means that the school is plastered with flyers that have strange looking symbols on them. You see these same symbols on boards of over campus and people are even wearing them. But what are they? What do they mean? These symbols are Greek letters that represent the various fraternities and sororities on our campus. The people wearing them are members of the different organizations. The boards and flyers are used to advertise for the organization and any upcoming events they may be having. Advertising helps attract potential rushes.

For those of you who don’t know, a rush is anyone interested in joining a Greek organization. To find out about an organization, a person must partake in the rush process. This is different for the four national sororities, but for the rest of the organizations, rushing consists of attending mixers (free parties), interest meetings, and the final rush.

Through the rush process, potential members get a chance to know about the organization and its existing members. They contact the organization they are interested in, and if all goes well, a bid, an invitation by an organization to the pledge, is given by the members of the fraternity or fraternity to the potential brother or sister. If the bid is accepted, the process of pledging begins. During this process, the potential new member learns the history, traditions, and rituals of the organization.

In addition to this, he or she also learns all about the individual members in depth and vice versa. When the pledge process is completed, the person becomes a member of that organization and in the}}
What's on the Menu

The type of cuisine offered here is typical Spanish and Portuguese. The appetizers include Camarones al Ajillo or Shrimp in Garlic Sauce, Vieras Rellenas or Scallops stuffed with crab meat, and Spicy Spanish Sausage.

The main courses include the famous Paella a La Valenciana, which is delicious Saffron rice mixed with various types of seafood with chicken.

There is also baked whole red snapper in lemon juice served with Spanish potatoes. For those who dislike seafood there are some great meat dishes, including Pollo al Ajillo or chicken in garlic sauce, as well as Chuetas De Cordero or grilled rack of lamb. Vegetarians have one basic entree choice, paella vegetariana that is saffron rice or pasta mixed with a variety of vegetables. Drinks include Spanish and Portuguese wines as well as the famous Sangria, which is a wine mixture. Desserts include the famous Flan al Carmelo, or Custard in caramel sauce and Arroz Con Leche (rice pudding).

Ambiance

Approaching the Spanish Tavern one appears to be approaching a Spanish colonial villa. Upon entering the restaurant, one goes through the bar, which has wooden floors and many varieties of liquor. On being seated in the dining room there is a very romantic atmosphere to the restaurant, with white tablecloths and the sounds of the Spanish guitar on the radio.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

Among Newark restaurants The Spanish Tavern stands out among the best. The owners and waiters of the restaurant are friendly, the service is quick and the food is great! The appetizers are delicious and are large enough for two people. The Chicken in Garlic is fabulous. The Flan is gentle and sweet and among the best in all of Ironbound. The restaurant is definitely a place for all you gentlemen to take a date out on a romantic evening.

On a College Student's Budget

The Spanish Tavern can be expensive, but if one budgets carefully, one can spend no more than $40-50 dollars. Those who can and want to spend more the Spanish Tavern is indeed a worthwhile experience and can be for anyone who chooses to dine at this wonderful Spanish restaurant!
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Nothing is Sacred: Entertainment Industry Suffers Casualties from Attack

By Anna Lawrence
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The world screeched to a sudden halt September 11 when horrible terrorist attacks unfolded in New York City and at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Shockwaves reverberated throughout the entire entertainment industry, from concert cancellations, music censorship, halted industry business, and even, in some cases, a spike in revenue.

In Music

A comprehensive list of musicians, which served as a cross-section of what the music industry has to offer, halted their tours to some extent. Whole legs of tours have been cancelled or postponed, while a few artists only suspended a few individual concerts and are now back on schedule. Artists include Britney Spears, Janet Jackson, Aerosmith, Tool, and the Rolling Stones. Many venues in New York are still shut down or have performances cancelled. Any ticket holders should contact Ticketmaster, the venue, or individual artists' websites to check on what concerts are still going on.

A few artists, such as Incubus, James Taylor, Maxwell, Lynn Skarland, and Boys and Girls, went on with concerts as planned, but instead of taking in all revenue, artists donated all proceeds to relief funds, and encouraged concertgoers to bring monetary and material donations.

Many artists issued statements on their websites relating to the blast, most of them expressing condolences to the victims and hopeful thoughts to the rescue workers.

On the Airwaves

On a related note, radio industry leader Clear Channel released a list of songs that may be deemed inappropriate by listeners in light of the recent tragedies. This is not a list of offensive songs strictly about violence; some songs included John Lennon's "Imagine," Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," and Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." Also, theorpyns "New York, New York," the Bangles' "Walk Like an Egyptian," and James Taylor's "Fire and Rain."

As to be expected music's harder offerings were censored as well. AC/DC, Black Sabbath, and Soundgarden all have multiple songs relating to the blast. Other rock bands, Rage Against the Machine has an across-the-board ban on all songs, their first Beattles have four songs on the list.

This list will apply to most New York radio stations: Clear Channel is responsible for 100.3, 103.5, and 104.3. Don't worry, 92.3 will still be playing other songs as well.

On the Screen

On the movie side of things, it was almost business as usual. Movie rentals and movie theaters saw an increase in sales as consumers tried to escape the current horror; however, only for a short time. Comedies like Hardball with Keanu Reeves were tops at the box office, while all the current releases on video, including Hannibal, Blow and The Mexican topped rentals across the charts.

There were set backs in the industry however. The Time Machine, an adaptation of H.G. Wells' science novel will not be released as planned. Unrelated to the attack, the recent releases show that now, following the attack, portions of the movie will have to be reshoot, including the ending, which featured pieces of the moon falling on New York City. Upcoming movies Big Trouble, and Collateral Damage have been shelved, as both deal with scenarios of terrorism. Men in Black 2, Nosebleed, and People I Know also will be delayed. World Trade Center was featured prominently in all three films. Publicity, trailers, and other materials relating to the upcoming Spider Man have been pulled from the public for the same reasons.

On TV

On TV, there are talks of simulcasting fund raising productions on as many stations possible, currently, nothing is confirmed yet. While shows like "The Late Show With David Letterman" have returned to the airwaves, a huge scarce resource is to be found as of yet. Many prime time dramas will have upcoming scripts reordered due to plots that involved terrorism or other acts of destruction.

To avoid confusion, the Federal Communications Commission has suspended the regulations regarding tests of the emergency alert system until October 2. Such tests may confuse and upset television watchers. The FCC does not plan to punish broadcasting stations and cable systems for not doing their weekly and monthly tests.

The IV industry had to first rest one of its own fallen, David Angel. His current credits included producing the prime time sitcom "Frasier." As of press time, there was no word on production of the show.

On the Stage

Perhaps some of the worst casualties lie in New York City itself. For them, just being cancelled or delayed, four Broadway shows that are suffering a decline in revenue will actually be closing after this week. The proved shrew that broke the camel's back is "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" playing at, in its incorrect, A Thousand Clowns, and If You Ever Leave Me. I'm Going With You will all be playing or as soon as possible. The industry is asking the acting union's for permission to waive the one week notice rule which provisions that producers must give actors at least one week's notice before ending their runs. Even more mainstream Broadway productions were threatened by the attack, shows like The Music Man and Kiss Me Kate saw a decline, as well as long-running shows like Les Miserables and the production of the Opera. The only show that didn't follow this trend was The Producers, which saw crowds of 2,000 and 3,000 waiting outside the theater for the chance to take cancellations.

Most of the Quebec New York festival has been cancelled, as the variety of subject matter and presentations were canned either because the presentation may have been in bad taste, or the venue may have been too close to sites of those involved. The festival itself was mostly based at the World Financial Center, which was damaged by the attack, while the subject matter of "Zulu Time" to be performed at Roseland Ballroom was questionable.

Other performances, including the wireless integration of music and film, faced mass cancellations due to artists being stranded in their home countries, with the ban on commercial air flight still in effect.

This is just a sampling of the effect the terrorist attack has had on the entertainment industry. In the end, it is the.$0.00 alterations to "business as usual" whether it be censorship of songs or temporary cancellations of showings of films with terrorist themes. On the other hand, watch for musicians and filmmakers to put together music with the express purpose of fund raising and spirit lifting.

Relief on the World Wide Web

By Jim Topoleski
Assistant Arts Editor

After last Tuesday's attack on New York City, it finally becomes to some people's only ability to find information on a large scale, and to contribute to the relief.

From minute one, the New York City Government's website (www.nyc.gov) has done it's best to provide up to date information such as phone numbers, traffic information, transportation, and much more. Recently the Greater New York Hospital Association created a searchable website to help patients find their hospitalized loved ones in area hospitals which is accessible through the phone. For information relating to the New York area, this is the first site you should go to.

Unfortunately, though, the Internet has also become a way for individualists to prey on the unsuspecting public. Sites have sprung up that offer everything from complete or partial lists of victims, to ways you can donate money or supplies to the rescue and recovery effort. Many of these sites have incorrect, wrong information, or do not actually donate anything to the victims or their families at all. With so many legitimate and illegitimate sites out there, how does one know where to go?

Seeing this problem for early on, six leading Internet companies have united with the U.S. government to provide a safe way to send monetary donations and to get information on an emergency basis. At the American Liberty Partnership's website (www.liberityunited.org), you can get information on many different areas of the world. Some sites have links to over 30 different organizations, you can be sure your money is actually going to the victims and not some teen looking to make a fast buck on someone else's suffering.

As to lists of missing on the web, as of writing, there have been no official releases of the growing list of missing people besides those of the doomed airliners. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has said previously that a site would eventually be set up to help families not in the area, but until then, no site should be trusted as having accurate information on missing.

Other website's of importance

American Red Cross (www.redcross.org)

Focusing more on the actual rescue and recovery effort, the American Red Cross website and its Greater New York area chapter website (www.nyredcross.org) provide a safe way to find both info on what is going on in supplies right this minute, how someone could go about volunteering, and also ways to provide financial relief in terms of monetary donations.

CNN (www.cnn.com)

For up to date information you can trust, CNN is the news organization to use. They usually don't report anything unless it is in black and white. Most major news organizations have been pretty good on their reporting. If there were one thing they should stay away from it would be FOX News (www.foxnews.com). They have been very inaccurate in their reporting and are sometimes behind other major organizations on some info on their sites.
“Popstars” Holds Cattle Call for New Group

By April Kosior
Staff Writer

In a phase where reality television seems to reign in viewer ratings, it is no shock that the program “Popstars,” a reality television show that follows young performers en route to forming a pop music group and striking a record deal, will premiere its second season of the series in New York City, where men and women between the ages of 18 and 25 were offered the chance to audition.

The auditions began in New York City, and men and women the first concert performed by the five young girls who would sell, their livelihood to just 25, and finally down to the Sheraton Hotel, the site of the auditions. Some had arrived on the site the night before, sleeping on the sidewalks just to be one of the first 400 performers who were guaranteed the chance to audition.

The audition process began promptly at 7am, as was scheduled. The line to the door seemed to be moving smoothly until about 2pm, when the line ceased moving. Those waiting in line were given no explanation as to what was causing the stationary status of the line.

The line soon turned into an unorganized mob of anxious people. Pushing and swearing were occurring, but “Popstars” employees did nothing to keep order or fairness in the mass of people.

Throughout the day, the judges made some unconventional remarks regarding who they were looking for in performers. According to many of those auditioning, once allowed into the room, the judges made some unorthodox remarks regarding who they were looking for in performers.

According to one hopeful who showed up in New York City, “[Jaymes Foster Levy] made a long speech and said that they were not looking for strong lead voices, or ‘stars’ to be exact. I saw that they were cutting anyone who looked like a star and sounded like a star. Jaymes pretty much said that [they would do that] in her speech.”

Another fellow New York hopeful accounted, “I sat and watched the most talented people get turned down. These people had talent and had looks too. Most that made it were obnoxious. One guy was breakdancing and you could barely hear him and he got called back.”

On the “Popstars” online discussion boards, a woman who auditioned remembered, “Before we went up [to audition], the judges told everyone that if we didn’t get picked, it wasn’t that we couldn’t sing, it was that they had to pick a certain amount of people with a certain ‘look.’”

Will the people behind Popstars be able to create another Eden’s Crush?

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW?

Thursday, September 20
Sophia Loren 1934
Gary Cole 1957

Friday, September 21
Stephen King 1947
Bill Murray 1950
Ricki Lake 1968

Saturday, September 22
Scott Baio 1961

Sunday, September 23
Jason Alexander 1959
Bruce Springsteen 1949
Julio Iglesias 1943
Lillian Gish 1981

Know someone who’s celebrating a birthday soon? What else says “Happy Birthday” (on a very limited budget) better than getting your friend’s name in the paper? Email us at birthday@om.com with the birthday kid’s full name and year of birth at least a week before the date and let them know you really care…even though you may be really poor.
Eternally Amazing

By Anna Lawrence
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Bitch and Animal
Eternally Hard
Righteous Babe Records

You can't call it angry lesbian music, because it's not all that. But it is, without a doubt, angry. Bitch and Animal are the kind of lesbian band that not only plays with words, but with the musical void, blending styles here, there, and everywhere. The duo is inspired by all these diverse genres of music. Their strength is that they must pull over and let off steam when the music requires it. They are the chants and wishes, "May your collar turn silver while you sleep," "May your pot roast never itch, may you your crotch never itch, may you your body never itch," and vice versa. The music is described as tribal lesbian music, with female anatomy references to female anatomy, there are the chants and wishes. "May your catch not itch, may you always be a bitch," "May your blue collar turn silver while you sleep," "May your mercato never run you down," "May the city not degrade you, may she offer you community.

As it seems to be the case for so many bands, what with all this blending of rap and hard rock these days, it's refreshing to know that Bitch and Animal put them through on the thirteenth track of the album. Finally, you will be hard pressed to find another female act, lesbian or otherwise, which tackles dating woes with the raw energy of a pair of Muppets on twocontinue they notice the strange truck parked on the side of the road and attempt to call for help. Predictably, the cell phone is not operating, and the two are forced to continue on their way. As the two pass by, they notice the driver of the truck packages into the sewer pipe. It is at this point that the film slips into a scary movie, and the plot, now a movie that becomes a horror film.

Jeepers Creepers
Victor Salva
United Artists

Jeepers Creepers was billed as the "edge of your seat horror." I was never scared, and the only time I was at the edge of my seat was when the credits were rolling. So how and why did Jeepers Creepers fail? The obvious reason for the failure of Jeepers Creepers was the overall predictability of the plot and the fact that most of the scenes were tite and hackneyed. The film was akin to opening a flat soda, a slight fizz, followed by an bland taste and then a feeling of regret that you didn't have a cold soda to enjoy. The slight fizz was the inception of the film. The very first sequence of events was boring-most of the action. "Ganja," the duo mercato never run you down, and the song gets a slight fizz, followed by a bland taste and then a feeling of regret that you didn't have a cold soda to enjoy. The slight fizz was the inception of the film. The very first sequence of events was boring.

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Offensive Music?

The following 150 songs have been sent out on a list to approximately one thousand radio stations across the country. Clear Channel Radio sent this list as a warning to radio stations across the country, alerting broadcasters to the fact that some people somewhere may find these songs offensive. What do you think? Peruse the list, you may be surprised at what you'll find.


Bruce Springsteen, "I'm On Fire." "Happenings, "See You In September." Ian Hunter, "Dish And Run." 311, "Down." Tool, "Intolerance."


Nickelback, "Let Me Be." "Only The Good Die Young." Elton John, "Benny & The Jets."


American Astronaut.--dir Cory McAbee.

Coy McAbee, Rocco Sisto, Gregory, "Sure Shots." "Love Is A Woman's Door.


Kosior shares the inside scoop on what it’s like to audition for the chance to be a popstar

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Last week on Tuesday it was like waking up from a dream. This is true of the entire country, but especially for those of this college generation. For years we lived under the illusion that the United States was untouchable. "Not here," we said; no one would ever take us on our own turf. We watched as the violent events of far off places played themselves out before our eyes through the two-minute video clips and sound-bites of news broadcasts. "Not here," we said. The black-and-white print of newspapers better known than this one put into words images of terror and pain, often with bloody photos to accompany them, and harrowing rumors of unmentionable deeds reaching us through other channels, and again we said "Not here."

We were dreaming.

Yes, over the years we have at times been pushed and shoved in our peaceful slumber. Within the past decade alone there was the original World Trade Center bombing, Oklahoma City, the Gulf War and embassies struck around the world. It wasn’t real. It didn’t happen. These were but small nightmares, quickly forgotten. Until now.

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Now we have awoken, and with a rage realized our disillusionment. The scenes of honor we viewed like movies have come to us, filmed live for our displeasure. Now some of that tapestry has come unraveled. What do we do? The actions that answer that question will not only define us as a generation but also shape the course that history takes.

We must first band together as we have already begun to do. This is almost ironic, bringing to mind images of family infighting and hatreds that are all put aside when an outsider stops to comment or criticize. Let us be glad for this piece of irony though, and hope it lasts throughout the long struggle ahead.

Next what we must do may be the hardest part. This is simply what we have always done. We go to work. We go to school. We eat, we sleep, and we try to have some fun. The reality is dark enough without losing the daily routines that take us through life.

"Not here," we said; "Not in our backyard," yet here it is. But the giant has awoken. No longer are we oblivious to the threats posed to us, no longer do we distance ourselves from the events that shape our world the way we distance ourselves from the death scenes of movies. We go wide eyed and prepared into our future, ready to face and fight the threats to our freedom.
As I have indicated in my talks to the University community and in recent NALESI, the Unity meeting, at the September 14 Commission on the Committee letter that appeared in the September 12 issue of The Montclarion, I am immensely proud of this University’s response to the events of September 11. We have mobilized as a community to support each other and to lend assistance to the rescue efforts in New York City, and we have, for the most part, maintained a sense of calm and respect on our campus.

In these grim times, reason must overcome emotion.

In the aftermath of the attack, and as our government prepares to take retaliatory measures, the single-minded and unified purpose that held us all together last week to ensure that and to assist all those who could - we no longer bind us. Emotionally, ideologically, and intellectually, our nation and our University community have already begun to unravel into a multitude of strands, reflecting differences in individual beliefs, ideas, and opinions. The multiplicity of views may be complicated, but it is not a bad thing. It is reflection of a free society. We are all bound to feel the same way about the important events facing our country, our nation, and our world.

What we are bound to do - however, is to engage in the discussions about these differences in a manner that is respectful of others views and of the right of others to hold views that differ from our own. What we are bound to do is that the obligation of every one of us bear, as a member of this community, to assure that every individual member of the community is able to enjoy its benefits freely. Every member of this University community, whatever their national origin, including those who may have come from Arab nations, whatever their religious traditions, including those who are Muslim, are free and welcome members of this community. And each and every member of this community is free to hold and to express her or his own ideas and beliefs, as long as the expression of those ideas or the actions taken in the defense of those beliefs is not calculated to harm or harass others or to prevent others from the expression of differing views.

There will be many different opinions on this campus about the origins of this crisis, about who, ultimately, is to blame for the death and destruction that has already occurred, about the actions that will be taken in response to those events. It is my particular societal mission as a free university to provide for thoughtful people can contribute to knowledge and understanding of enormously important and complex issues through civil debate, based on the best facts and information that we are able to bring to the discussion. The simple dichotomies of good and evil are not always enough. Our job is much harder. We must seek to understand, and to help others to understand, so that we can each act, in accordance with our own conscience and understanding, to engage our responsibilities as citizens of a free society.

I call upon each, and every one of you, in the difficult times that must surely lie before us, to help us realize this goal.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Cole, President
The Voices of Montclair State University

We received such an overwhelming number of letters this week we are only able to print a selection representing the thoughts and emotions of the students at MSU.

Facing a New Kind of War

How people in Palestine can celebrate over the destruction of one of the most famous buildings in the world makes me sick to my stomach. I feel that when we find out who has done these heinous acts that they will pay horribly, and many other innocent people will also suffer.

Tim McCann

We know that we are not in this alone. We've seen the reactions of people all over the world, and we've seen the anger in their eyes as well. Bush commented that these terrorists have stirred up a mighty giant who is determined to remove terrorism in this world. Cheney then stated that any nation that is harboring the terrorists linked to Osama Bin Laden will "feel the full wrath of the United States."

I don't think these terrorists realize what they've gotten themselves into. I don't think they understand that we are the most powerful nation in the world, and we will stop at nothing until we win. I can only hope that they are terrified of the United States right now.

Laura Kennedy

Such times that we are living in demand a strong leader. As the week wore on, the president gained strength and support, and he was finally allowed to show some emotion in his speeches. For this newly born president, this is a make or break situation. People around the world will remember him for his decisions based on Tuesday's unexpected and unthinkable terrorist attacks...Let us also hope that the president will continue to ease our tortured souls by staying strong for his country in its time of need.

Kathryn Schützer

It was the terrorists goal to weaken our country and our economy. If people keep losing faith, the terrorists will achieve their goal.

Due to the unfortunate events that happened, many businesses are struggling to get back on their feet. To compensate for this, the securities and exchange commission has announced a series of rules that are making it easier for firms to buy back their stocks.

If the people and the businesses of New York can band together and get back to their daily life, then the rest of the country can do so also. We have to come together as one community and build our faith.

We cannot stand back and let our economy begin to collapse. Let's stand together and make our country even stronger than it was.

Sarah Ker

I believe that President Bush has done an excellent job with the situation he has faced. After a slow start, Bush has come through for America, sharing with us his thoughts and actions.

Shane Schwartz

United We Stand

The most prevalent question being tackled on the web was "Why shouldn't our government seek immediate retribution against all nations who harbor and or support the terrorists responsible for this attack, especially if all the members of NATO are backing America?"

Overall, both CNN and the MSNBC chat room had one common theme, and that was patriotism. Participating in both chat rooms was an important reminder of how great and strong of a country America is and will always be... God Bless America!

Laura Rota

It is almost as if most American teens believe that terrorism will die with Bin Laden. We need to realize that it's not just about Bin Laden, it is about the vicious motives behind terrorism, which will never be defeated with one bomb.

Unfortunately, as one of the most powerful and fortunate countries of the world, we are hated by many and envied by most. This makes us an easy target for terrorism from all over. Thus, the significant fight here is the safety of our nation, and that fight will be a lot longer and stronger than war on Afghanistan.

Natalia A. Aponte

Patriotism

As I spoke to many different people from around the country, I have come to realize that at this point in time everyone is split up into two major groups. Those who are afraid of another terrorist attack and those who want to take action and be part of an attack on all Arabs people. While the is wrong to generalize about one ethnic group, and it is not my opinion, it seems to be a popular thought. I do not think that people have the right to generalize about one group of people and label the entire race or group as terrorists. That is not right and people should not be subjected to that kind of hatred.

John McDonell

I feel that we should have been prepared for a terror as such...But can we also say that Americans take life for granted? Across the sea, a few thousand miles away, there are young kids who walk around every day praying that it is not their last...As a nation so powerful, we should be able to go in there and mediate what is going on and save lives. No instead we take their lives for granted and let the Israelis walk all over these innocent people...I'm sorry for all the lives that were lost in this display, but let this serve as a wake up call for the government.

Chris Anokute

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A letter to my diary 
Sept. 15th 2001

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New Birth of Democracy?

By David P. Southard
Opinion Writer

Tuesday morning we as a nation lost something but maybe we have gained something too. We have gained a sense of national unity not witnessed since World War II. We lost our innocence and our sense of invincibility. Our nation is now in the grips of a national tragedy unparalleled in our history. When we look to the New York City skyline we see not a missing landmark but a missing part of ourselves. When you look into the faces of your fellow citizens you can see your confused and numb look staring back at you. How are we to make ourselves whole again? Can we ever be whole again? And finally what should be the limits of our vengeance? Should there be a limit to our vengeance?

Today our nation is engaged in a new and frightening type of war. It is a war for us as Americans, liberals and conservatives, regardless of race or creed, to come together and focus our national rage toward the right cutoffs. We should take time to make sure we blame the right people and not get caught up in a tide of racism. We should guard against laying the blame on all people of Middle Eastern descent. Do the actions of a few within a race of people represent the whole race? Did Timothy McVeigh represent all white Americans? No, I believe we are growing into a unified people. We are witnessing the birth of a new democracy. In collective way we are growing as human beings by recognizing the accounts of courage and loss we are recognizing a Sentinental bond that most of us did not realize existed. Race, class and political ideology seem to be secondary because when all is said and done we are all Americans. It truly is a strange time to be alive: it is both terrible and inspiring. When we watch others on the TV make the awful decision of whether to jump to certain death or die by fire, most of us can empathize and so we grow. Things are put in perspective and people realize what is really important in life. One also senses the real beginning of an almost symbiotic relationship between the people and our leaders. President Bush quoted FDR at the memorial service on Tuesday: “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”

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Several organizations on campus are working together to provide assistance to the relief efforts in New York City. We are trying to collect monetary donations to be donated to organizations directly involved in the relief efforts. If you can spare even a little cash, it would be greatly appreciated in this time of need. Please come to the SGA office in the Student Center to make a donation (and be on the lookout for more donation containers at the residence hall desks soon). Also be on the lookout for tables selling Andres Lara’s inspirational book. He has graciously donated all the proceeds from his book sales on campus to our cause. For more information, or to join our efforts, please e-mail Amanda at ASSIST_Secretary@juno.com.

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The Top Reasons to Get Over the Summer Romance And Get on With Your Life

By Kathleen McFadden
Humour™ Staff Writer

Are you feeling down in the dumps because your summer romance is over? Are you still pining for that boy/girlfriend you broke up with last month? Are you still waiting for that phone call or text message? Are you drowning in sad songs, trying to figure out exactly how you are going to survive this winter? Do you feel like you are really going to be alone for the duration of your time here at Montclair State? You aren’t the only one feeling this way... But here’s why:

1. It’s better to burn out than to die out.
2. You won’t have to feel guilty for not eating any ice cream you order at the Ben & Jerry’s in front of your room.
3. You can finally wear all those clothes you bought for the hot weather but never got to wear.
4. You finally get to wear your pants instead of shorts.
5. You will finally give up on pretending that you can actually lose weight.
6. You’ll finally realize that you can actually enjoy a chocolate bar or a rich dessert without feeling guilty.

So people, if these reasons aren’t enough to send you boiling for the hills of MSU after the cute little street vendor selling pina coladas isn’t back at the last rest stop’s Dunkin’ Donuts. And then of course strike up a conversation with someone who is interested in the upcoming school year. Have a piece of gum? Can I have it? How about a game of cards in the dorms or a group study session in a quiet library corner might lead—providing, of course, that no strange middle-aged man approaches you.

3. Now you have an incentive to keep hitting the treadmill during the butchy cold “Joisey” winter. Give your summer fling a reason to genuinely mean, “You look great!” next June. Forget bulky layers and bubbly guts. Just blast “The Thong Song” in your walkman and imagine you and he/she are running towards each other in slow motion on the beach, clad in a stiling bikini or Speedo. Still too tired to pound out extra miles? I didn’t think so.

4. You’ll have time for more random projects. You’ll always wanted to learn how to crochet. Watch a movie with subtitles. Practice the mandolin. Clean those skippies and Z-Cavarricis out those skippies and Z-Cavarricis. All of the above has been swept under the rug for so many reasons, but Fistful of sticky change for the tolls, might feel a little silly chanting “Om” in the near future.
THE DRAMATIC, WHAT BETTER WAY TO DUAL PERSONALITY HELPS YOU IDENTIFY TWO FOR PLAYING PSYCHO CHARACTERS LIKE THAT IDENTIFIES YOU WITH INDEPENDENT PARTICIPATING IN THE MAKING OF THE RING COULD ACTUALLY MAKE IT WORK, TOO.

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CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 22): ...A GAGGER. ON THE BEST BOY. YOU TEND TO STAY HIDDEN IN YOUR SHELL MOST OF THE TIME, SO WHY NOT FARM THE BIG BEANS HIDING IN THE DEPTHS OF THE CREDITS.

LEO (JULY 23 - AUGUST 22): ...A DRAG QUEEN. YOU ALWAYS HAD A FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC, WHAT BETTER WAY TO SHOW IT OFF? YOU’RE ALWAYS IN THE WHOLE MAKEUP, WIG AND WOMEN’S CLOTHES THING MIGHT GET TO YOU AT FIRST, JUST REMEMBER GIRLS DIG GAY GUYS.

VIRGO (AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22): ...A PORN STAR. COME ON, YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO.

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Roller Coaster Start
Win 2, Drop 3 Straight

By John Montesonno
Staff Writer

The MSU Men’s Soccer team started off the year 2-0. Since then the Red Hawks have dropped three straight, losing to City College of New York, Roanoke (VA) and most recently to Allegheny (PA).

The losses to Roanoke and Allegheny came in consecutive days as participants in the Seashore Classic, which took place at Richard Stockton College in Pomona, New Jersey.

In a dramatic loss to CCNY, 1-0 in overtime, the Red Hawks’ offense couldn’t get going. They had eight shots on goal, but could not put anything past CCNY goalie Roger Cyrus. The lone goal came from Santiago Hetman on an unassisted shot.

At the Seashore Classic on September 7, MSU was handed a tough loss to Roanoke, 5-1. The solo Red Hawk goal came from Osei Bonsu and was assisted by Matt Caswell. The goal by Bonsu gave the Red Hawks a 1-0 lead. Roanoke scored the next five and the Red Hawks suffered their worst loss of the season.

In the second game of the Seashore Classic, MSU took a loss at the hands, or feet, of Allegheny, 3-1. Bonsu scored his fourth goal of the season, which turned out to be the only goal by the Red Hawks. All three Allegheny goals came in the second half.

In the season opener against Washington College, the Red Hawks were led by Bonsu, who scored two goals and Caswell, who had the other goal, which turned out to be the game winner for MSU defeated Washington College, 3-2 in overtime. Mike Johnston, Steve Leonard, and Andrew Macho each added an assist. Goalie Alex Luna made a strong contribution, saving six of the eight shots on goal.

At home in their second game of the season, the Red Hawks faced off against Rhode Island College. The goals were scored in this game by Sheppard and Woody Lapointe, who had two goals on two shots, one of which was the game winning goal. Caswell chipped in with two assists and Rob Valerie and Sean Pasieka each added one as MSU defeated Rhode Island, 3-2.

Due to the horrific September 11 attacks, the Red Hawks scheduled game at Richard Stockton was postponed. No makeup date has been set.

All For One

The field hockey team picks up its first victory of the season in a 2-1 overtime win against Wilkes this past Thursday. Sarah Levine scored the game-winner with 78:18 into the game.

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I came to practice last Tuesday thinking it wasn't real. I figured when I went back and turned on the TV, it wasn't really there, I was just dreaming about it. I thought I was dreaming. It was just like a dream. I go to the city all the time and was just thinking if I was there, how would I get out? I feel real lucky I wasn't anywhere close to that. Everyone was here [at last Tuesday's practice] in body, but not in spirit and mind.

- Wooly Lapointe

I found out in my early morning class and everyone was watching it in the Student Center. As far as practicing that day, we tried to get our minds off it and for what it [practice] was and what happened, we showed professionalism, and maturity as a team and had a pretty good session.

It's awful. Hearing about it made me sick. I couldn't stomach what was going on. You saw the smoke and just couldn't believe what happened. It's disgusting to think that somebody could crash a plane into a building where there are 20,000 people. You can't understand why or how somebody could think about doing that.

We took a bad licking this past weekend and had four intense [practice] sessions the past week. We want to play and get ready for the conference. Playing helps guys focus on their lives and move on from what happened this [last] week. We all feel bad about what happened and are trying to move on and playing helps. As long as we're playing, we feel like everything is normal, but once it [the game] ends, the reality sets in again.

- Sean Pasieka

Since we were scheduled to play the next day, you almost have to get out there and at least get a run through, I checked around and made sure that there was nobody on our team that was directly affected by it and if anybody had a problem, they could have taken care of that.

It was a casual, short practice. I think for the kids at the end of it, we thought it wasn't such a bad thing because we got a chance to work out and didn't just sit around. We didn't know if our game was cancelled. Everybody's mind is a bit elsewhere. It's difficult, but we realize we have to keep going. But at what point is it appropriate to play? If I don't know. It's a tough call. If the NCAA come down and said there are no collegiate sports, I would agree 100 percent. If they say move forward and play the games, it's probably ok for the kids to play the games and get a little break and compete.

You just keep staring at the TV and since we're in this area, everyone's going to know somebody who knows somebody who works there [at the World Trade Center]. You can't rationalize it. Everybody's still in shock. Everybody believes something will be done and are going to wait to see what that is.

- Coach Rob Chesney

66 I don't want the people to think that they're going to stop America from going on and from going forward. And if it sounds like I'm waving the flag, I am because I feel that way.

- Football Coach Rick Giancola
Athletes React to Terrorist Attacks

The women's soccer team landed in Newark International Airport at 5:30 a.m. the Tuesday morning of the terrorist attacks.

It's very scary, extremely scary to know that we missed everything by a couple of hours. We don't know, but we could have been in the airport with those [hijackers]. I believe it's a huge tragedy. But perhaps the best way for us to deal with it is to get back on the field and put it aside for a few hours.

- Stephanie Romanko

Tragedies happen and we have to deal with it. I try not to watch TV. I show it so much on TV, it's shocking for something like that to happen like that. You see stuff like that in the movies, not in real life. We had a meeting that day [September 11], but we didn't practice which made it better. Coach told us to focus and try to get our minds off of it because we were going to have practice the next day. It was a tragedy. When something like that happens, you don't know how to react or what to expect. It happened in New York, but it still affects people all over. It was much bigger than football.

The first day, we were off and had time to think about it. If we were to cancel this weekend's game [Brockport], I would understand. If you're going to go out there on the field, you have to clear your mind.

- Omar Lucas

It seemed very obvious to me on Tuesday that the best thing to do was gather everyone together, talk to them about what occurred and give them an opportunity to call home and tell their families that they're ok. They didn't need to have football that day, that's the furthest thing from their minds. From a competitive nature, it bothers me to have someone say we can't and what they're saying is, "You can't live your normal life now. We've put fear into your hearts. Everything is going to stop." I think America has finally realized that once everything has calmed down a bit, they're not going to stop us. We're going to go back to doing our normal way of life, we're going to figure out what we need to do and deal with the situation. [Deciding to play] is the toughest decision I've ever had to make as a football coach because I'm torn with my own personal feelings in terms of what's right.

The competitiveness inside of me tells me, "don't let them stop us;" this is the first time people attacked us on our grounds. Pearl Harbor wasn't our home grounds, this is.

- Coach Rick Giancola

Lending Hands

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Neither told their parents of their volunteering in fear of alarming them. They didn't tell their coach either, but he was very proud to hear of their actions.

"I think it's a great gesture. I didn't even know which means they didn't do it for any reason other than they wanted to," said Head Men's Soccer Coach Rob Chesney.

"We have great guys on this team and two of them exemplify this," said Battiato.

While the two sophomore soccer players acted honorably, aiding in the relief effort, they don't feel as though they've done anything special.

"We're just two kids from Montclair [MSU] that decided to get up and do something. We weren't trying to be heroes," said Battiato.

The real heroes are the fire department and police.

Both Battiato and Leonard attribute their good deeds to their upbringing.

"My dad being a cop and always helping people rubbed off on me," said Leonard.

The two returned to New York City on Friday night, this time to the Jacob Javits Convention Center.

"They told us they were overwhelmed with volunteers and to come back," said Leonard. "We were a little disappointed we couldn't help, but were happy other people were volunteering."
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was to continue. The players took their cue from me and they did a good job with it.

It was certainly a difficult decision for everyone involved. Like everyone in the country, the members of the MSU athletic department felt pain in wake of the terrible tragedy.

You try to make decisions together best you can," Gera said. "Everyone's upset. I feel numb. It's tough to concentrate on work and to add on top now you have to make a decision to play"

McLaughlin feels there was not one right way to handle the situation.

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McLaughlin's mood changed as the week wore on as he pulled out of MSU for Towanda, which was scheduled for last Saturday.

MSU's men's and women's soccer teams each haditches during a game against NJAC rival Richard Stockton last Saturday. Just four days after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Friday, MSU stepped forward and decided not to play.

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yard touchdown runs in the second half and finished with 316 yards passing and four touchdowns, rarely executing on offense.

While some teams might have postponed a game, MSU provided a diversion from the 24-hour news coverage that has dominated TV screens everywhere since that tragic morning of September 11.

"The athletic director from Brockport, Linda Case called [Monday] to compliment how our coaches and kids handled themselves," Gera said. "She said people came to her in the stands and said, 'We're happy you played this game because I had not given us something to do other than watching [the tragic news on TV].'

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And while I don't like the inconvenience sports should return to their normalcy, the majority of the NJAC schools were postponing practices and games. And in some ways, it was all worth it. Even though many MSU coaches were upset, I have yet to speak to one athlete who felt that practicing or playing was the wrong decision.

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While many enjoyed the game, others didn't. Many wavered in their decision until the last minute when they either postponed a game, or elected to stick to their original thoughts of playing.

In MSU's case, the final ruling came down to its coaches, something that never should have happened.

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"There were a lot of second thoughts," Giancola said. "After hearing everyone including Bush, Freer, and Jamarl "Mookie" Buie who was in on defense, and I think the NCAA could have made it easier," Men's Soccer Coach Bob Chesney said. "Both the NFL and Major League Baseball stepped up and made decisions, the NCAA is a big organization and they could have made a mandate."

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While some teams might have celebrated a big victory over Brockport, ending the Golden Eagles' season winning streak of 14 games and moving the Red Hawks to rank 11 in the country, this team feels that they haven't accomplished anything yet.

"We still have work to do to get to the next level," said tackled at. As for who's winning some good back yards for the most part one getting posi‐
tive yards from all of them. It works out well when we rotate them in because each one becomes better.

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"They never have and never will take priority over family, friends, or loved ones," Giancola said. "Perhaps the best way to get back to normalcy is to engage in activities, get back with family, friends, etc," Gera said. "People on a team are like a family, so it's important for them to be together and get back to their normal schedules."

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Give credit to Brockport and the other schools that continued to play as well. Just ask Brockport athletic director Linda Case how it felt to have spectators come up to her in the stands and say, "We're happy you played this game because I had not given us something to do other than watching [the tragic news on TV]."

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7 p.m.
Sat. 22 @ Worcester State
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Wed. 26 vs. WPU*
3 p.m.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**
Wed. 26 @ WPU*
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Returning to the Field of Play
Gera Leaves Coaches With Decision to Play

By Andy Seyka
Assistant Sports Editor

To play or not to play? That was the question that MSU athletic administrators faced this past week. In the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, New Jersey Athletic Conference commissioner Donna Ledwin decided to allow individual teams to make their own decisions regarding last week's athletic contests.

"Like the rest of America we mourn deeply the tragic loss of lives on Tuesday, Sept. 11," Ledwin said in a press release last week. "Because of the proximity of many of our schools to the New York City area, we are particularly affected.

Gera echoed the sentiments of Ledwin.

"I think the one important thing is to return to normalcy as soon as we can," Gera said. "That doesn't mean to forget or disregard what has transpired. It will be recognized by us at every game.

"Coaches and I discussed it and tried to figure out what was the best approach to take," Gera said. "Coaches have a better pulse than I have [on how their team feel]. Going along with what the university was doing, and keeping normal activities."

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By Eli Gelman
Assistant Sports Editor

While most of America sat watching the aftermath of last Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York City on TV, two MSU men's soccer players, goalkeeper Phil Battilo and outside midfielder Steve Leonard, were determined to pitch in on the relief effort.

"We were so close to New York City and felt we needed to help our country out," said Leonard. "Watching the news so much and seeing all the people, it's so heart wrenching. You just want to do whatever you can.

Last Wednesday after soccer practice, Battilo and Leonard embarked on one of the most selfless, heroic acts ever performed by any MSU athletes. Not knowing if they would get near the site where the World Trade Center once stood, the pair decided to take a chance at traveling to the city to volunteer their services.

They drove over the George Washington Bridge, got on the Hudson River Parkway, and drove as far as they could toward the disaster area. And after getting near West 14th Street, Battilo and Leonard parked and walked three quarters of a mile toward the site of the tragedy until they were not allowed any further.

"We spoke to a named Mike and he said, 'grab some food and water, and stand by the side of the road (West Side High way).'

With two lanes of the West Side Highway closed, workers heading to the wreckage sat lined up in police cars, ambulances, pick-up trucks and other vehicles on the one open lane alongside which Battilo and Leonard stood. The two Red Hawks, with only pieces of fabric shielding their noses and mouths from the polluted air, handed out apples, sandwiches, Snickers bars, bags of chips, bottle of water, and blankets to the construction workers, police, medical personnel, and others aiding in the relief effort.

After close to four hours of work, Battilo and Leonard walked back towards where they were not allowed any further.

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