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MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE

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Snow snarls traffic; delays classes

by Gerry Geber

Classes were interrupted for the third time in two weeks as Mother Nature dumped another six inches of snow on an already snow-bound area.

A 10 a.m. delayed opening was announced early Tuesday morning when the storm, despite weather bureau predictions, failed to subside in time for local municipalities to clear access roads to the College.

Traffic conditions on Woodbridge Ave. were reminiscent of opening day tie-ups as motorists found the partially plowed road slippery and hazardous. College police were stationed at the Mill Rd. intersection in an effort to speed traffic into the College.

The situation on campus, however, wasn't as terrible. All major roads and parking lots were cleared and, by 11 a.m., it was business as usual.

Acting President Paul Hilf said in a telephone interview last Monday that the College is learning to cope with snow emergencies.

"People up north are used to these types of situations and they're not any smarter than we are; it's just a matter of experience," said Hilf. "I think that in future storms of this type we'll be able to handle things easier."

"We're going to get more and more used to it," Hilf continued. "Car pool a little more and get the plows out sooner. Frankly I thought we

were caught with our pants down during the first storm in January. We handled it a little better this time."

Again the College was put to the test Tuesday when county plows were called in to clear out the parking lots and roads as snow fell into the afternoon.

This snow wasn't nearly as bad as last week's storm, when two county parks dept. trucks and a payload were hired for \$85 per hour for seven hours to remove the snow.

The spring semester has gotten off to a faltering start as the College was closed last Monday and Tuesday due to over 16 inches of snow, the largest amount to hit the area in many years.

The decision to close the school was made at 4 a.m. both mornings. School

reopened last Wednesday and it was business as usual until the third storm.



Cold winds and icy sidewalks made travel between classes difficult during last Tuesday's snowstorm. The storm, which began Monday night, brought the total amount of snow dumped on the area in the past month to over 20 inches. photo by Joe Mannuzza

Board ups tuition \$30

by Debbie Melton

Don't be surprised if your tuition bill is a little larger next year.

The Board of Trustees has announced a proposed \$30 tuition increase for full-time students beginning in the fall semester, 1978. The tuition hike establishes parity with present rates for part-time students.

This increase is just a part of the Board's new 1978-79 budget, which includes increased revenue from both the county and the state. The \$14,844,570 budget, a 10.6 percent increase over last year, was approved Tuesday night by the Board of School Estimates. The Board was comprised of three Freeholders and two members of the Board of Trustees, William R. Walsh Jr. and Joseph Klegman.

The county is expected to contribute over 30 percent of the new budget, and state aid is also expected to rise. Presently, state funding is computed by dividing the number of total students by 12 credit hours. This figure is then multiplied by \$700.

According to John Bakum, assistant to the vice president for academic and student affairs, rising maintenance costs played a major role in

the Board's decision to raise tuition. For example, he stated that the cost of fuel oil used to heat college buildings is expected to rise.

Walsh, chairman of the Board's finance committee, told The Home News last week that the tuition increase was due to the combination of em-

ployees contracts, higher insurance rates and the projected cost of unemployment and social security.

While full-time students must pay an additional \$30, part-time students face no such increase. The reason for

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New position brings new problem for Hilf

by Shelle Fogas and Kathy Burke

Paul Hilf cites the inclement weather as the biggest problem he has faced in his five weeks as acting President.

The decision to close the college headed a list of recent problems for Hilf which included a water main break in front of College Center last week and a power failure Friday night.

The electrical system was one of the short range priorities Hilf presented in his state of the college address to the faculty on Jan. 23.

Hilf listed other immediate concerns as getting the budget approved by the Board of Estimates on Feb. 14, beginning work on the new exit roadway

and completing existing parking lots.

During the same presentation, Dr. Rose Channing, then acting vice president, spoke about the present search for a new President, developing an academic master plan and preparing for re-accreditation in two years.

On the long-range side, Hilf said a new commission to study community colleges will come into existence on Feb. 17 by an act of the N.J. Board of Higher Education.

The commission will re-evaluate the mission of the community college in the community, the governing systems of these colleges and the needs of the changing student make-up such as job-oriented technical programs.

Water-main break christens 1st day of spring semester

by Debbie Melton

Fire hydrants are usually associated with dogs, no parking and occasionally fire; however, after the waterpipe break two weeks ago, students can now associate hydrants with drinking water and the use of bathrooms in the College Center.

The broken pipe was discovered the morning of February 1 when water was seen pouring from underneath the northwestern corner of the

College Center, according to Terry McGlinchy, the Director of Student Activities.

Police immediately barricaded the area where ice was forming while maintenance dept. shut off the College Center's water supply and began searching for the break. It was then determined that the College's own maintenance equipment was insufficient in repairing the break, so Borwegan Trenching, Inc. of Edison was

called in to assist.

The break triggered a scene of near-chaos in the College Center. It was the first day of the semester, and besides the usual problems, the College Center had to adjust to the absence of water. Bathrooms were closed and there was no water for drinking or cooking. In addition, there were fewer seats in the cafeteria, where new floors were being laid.

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Hilf serves dual roles as Pres., Vice Pres.

by Shelle Fogas and Kathy Burke

Paul Hilf is now serving as acting president in addition to his duties as vice president for finance.

Hilf succeeds John N. Callahan, vice president for academic and student affairs, who had served as acting president from September 1977 until January 1978 when he left for medical reasons.

Dr. Rose M. Channing was appointed by the Board of Trustees to fill Callahan's position as vice president along with her duties as dean of health technologies.

Callahan has since resumed his post after a short absence.

Hilf received his BA in business administration from Upsala College, East Orange and his MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford.

He joined MCC in January, 1968 as assistant to the director of administrative services and was promoted to comptroller of finance in 1969. In 1973 he was named vice president of finance.

Hilf also serves as assistant treasurer of the MCC Foundation, a trustee of Middlesex General Hospital and a member of the board of directors of the Edison Area Chamber of Commerce.



Paul Hilf keeping busy

EDITORIAL

Parking violations totally absurd

AT THE PRESENT time we have a very low crime rate which is fine and dandy. But, look at the traffic violations. The statistics are totally absurd!

Does it come as a shock to you to know that there are plenty of parking spaces for everyone? Does it shock you to know that this is the only College in the vicinity that does guarantee parking for everyone? It shouldn't. By simply employing an old custom-walking-you might snap back into reality.

As a reminder, those neat little parking areas that you construct daily between parking lots Nos. 4 and 6 are illegal.

Although it is ironic that the police do not have any quota system for traffic violators, it is bewildering that such an institution is capable of accumulating approximately 1300 traffic summonses in one month.

VIOLATORS SHOULD come to understand the meaning and the difference between responsibility and negligence.



Cars maneuver cautiously around a student walking behind Raritan Hall on Monday. Huge piles of plowed up snow have reduced the number of spaces in the parking lots and made pedestrian travel difficult and dangerous.

photo by Joe Mannuzza

LETTERS

Letters to the Editor should be submitted to the Quo Vadis office, room 316, College Center by noon Monday. Letters must be typewritten, double spaced, not longer than 250 words and signed. Names will be withheld on request. Quo Vadis reserved the right to edit all letters.

Nice to trust again
To the Editor:

We in the traffic department at Police Headquarters would like people to know what we have to put up with day after day. Often someone will come in and ask for a temporary parking decal and swear that they are a visitor. Later on they come in and ask us to void their tickets and when we look up their name we find that they are a student here. We can't always stand here and check every student's name but we do ask for the trust of the person. It would be nice if they would just tell us the truth.

We would like to add that the same people who lie to us come running to Police Headquarters first when their car is stuck in the middle of the street and they need help. We are all old enough to know what the truth is, so please think about this the next time you come in and lie and then want help.

It would be nice to trust people, again.

**Loretta McCallum
Phyllis Ruiz
Sherri Griffin
(The Workers from the Traffic Dept.)**

Bids Farewell

To the Editor:

Leaving the College for health reasons, I wish to convey my wholehearted feelings for the support and sympathy I had enjoyed so vividly during the time of my employment here. I wish also to apologize for the discomfort caused by my presence here.

To the school goes my best

wishes of future development and prosperity. The social purpose of the school is to prepare new generations imbued to the spirit of democracy conscious of the tradition of the land and confident of the future. In this task the College shall not fail.

Albert Brzozowski

Editor's Note: The following was received by Quo Vadis as an open letter to Dean Hepburn, dated February 2, 1978.

Dear Dean Hepburn:

This letter is in reply to your letter of 1/30/78 which stated:

"Dear Mr. Morgan, This letter is to remind you that your retrenchment is still in effect during the spring 1978 term. However, the teaching schedule you were given for the spring will be honored.

Sincerely yours,
Eric Hepburn
Dean, Division of Social Sciences and Humanities"

I find this letter confusing, to say the least. Can you clarify how someone can be employed full time and be retrenched as well? When I get surrealistic mail like this; it makes me feel like Alice in Wonderland. (Which this college gets more like daily.) Perhaps one day, we will all wake up, pet our cat Dinah, and go have tea. I don't think so.

If the powers that be could spend half the time that goes into harassing the faculty (what else can I assume this contradictory letter is) and half the executive salaries pursuant,

to more positive decisive action, we would all be better off.

If this time and effort was spent improving existing programs and being foresighted enough to develop new programs, leading the way in academic institutions, rather than running behind, then perhaps we might not be having the enrollment problems we seem to be having.

Very sincerely,
Jim Morgan

Calendar

TODAY

Craft Demonstration: Pottery

Artisan Bonnie Courtney demonstrates her skill on the potter's wheel.
12 noon-4pm and 7pm-9pm

17

Pub Night

8:30pm-1am

Featuring "Kidd"
Admission \$1.00
College Center cafeteria

17-19

Regional Recreation Tournament

Finalists from schools in four states, including students from MCC, compete for the Regional Recreation Tournament Championship held at Rutgers University.

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Lecture: Chiropractics

6:30pm-10pm
Amphitheater L'H Hall
Dr. Stephen Rowak lecturing.

22

"Indigo Blue"

8pm
Performing Arts Center
call Community Service For Ticket Information

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Theatre Trip: Dracula

See the Broadway play starring Frank Langella.
Tickets on sale at the Information Desk, College Center
Starting February 15.
9am Full Time Students, 5pm Part Time Students

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Brady's World



MIKE BRADY

Looking out for our side

How about exams before Christmas?

by Karen Price

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE is one of the few colleges in New Jersey to have exams scheduled in January, after a two-week winter recess and a dulling of minds. Had they been scheduled prior to Christmas, like the "wise" majority

of schools in this state, they would not have been postponed this year due to January's horrendous weather conditions. This is one of the many reasons for exams to be held in December.

After returning from a two-week vacation, students have passed their peak for the semes-

ter as far as retention and study habits are concerned, and thus could perform much better on exams if they were held before Christmas. Also, if the Christmas and semester breaks were combined, those buildings used for teaching purposes could be closed for a full month. The heat and electric in these buildings

could be shut off, with a substantial amount of energy being conserved.

The calendar of Rutgers University had been arranged like this College's until those responsible finally "wised-up." Glassboro, Kean and Trenton State College also hold exams in December, in addition to scores of private universities.

IT WOULD NOT be difficult to squeeze the last two weeks of classes, which are held in January, into the first four months of the semester. First of all, classes did not kick-off until September 12 this year. This could have been pushed back at least a week, with orientation

held during the last few days of August, rather than September 7-8.

Also, there were legal holidays in both October and November, and Christmas break began as early as December 16. The ten additional school days scheduled for January could have been over and done with by this date, leaving December 17 through December 23 for exams.

The result: a longer, pressureless break for the students and faculty, which would also save a substantial amount of energy. The calendar should be revised for the 1978-1979 academic year, in order to benefit all of those involved.

Gray Matter

Making sense out of all that horse business

by Carol Heinrichs

THERE ARE ALWAYS BEEN a lot of horsing around on campus, but it isn't always on the part of the students.

Since this is the Chinese Year of the Horse, I decided to find out why so many things at the College have to do with horses. Why, for instance, do we have the Corral Restaurant, the Daily Double snack bar and the Blue Colt Bookstore?

Who ever heard of a "Blue Colt", anyway?

First I tried to figure this out on my own. This place used to be a number of things before it became a community college. It used to be a golf course--so why not the "Hole-In-One" restaurant and the "Tee-off" bookstore? Or since it also used to be an army base, why wasn't the cafeteria referred to as the "Mess Hall?" After all, we already have Bunker Lounge.

But this method wasn't getting me anywhere. Upon the advice of one of the College librarians, I trotted over to the Academic Services Building in the hope of finding someone who could answer my questions.

That someone turned out to be Mrs. Alice Lake, administrative assistant to the president. She has also happened to work here longer than any of the other campus employees.

In going through her files she came up with

a number of interesting facts that explain the situation.

"Back in 1965 when the College was being formed, Mrs. John H. Carman was the chairperson of the committee to find a college seal," Lake explained. "The committee, through the help of the Middlesex County Council of PTA's, ran a contest among area high school students to design a seal. The contest ran for one month, and finally, out of fifty entries, a winner was chosen."

THE WINNER was Joan Gotz of J. P. Stevens High School, who received a \$25 savings bond for designing the now-familiar horse's head seal.

Lake speculated that perhaps the winner had been inspired by the seal of Middlesex County. For in the center of that symbol, designed back in 1675, sits the head of a horse.

While all this explains the basis for the choice of names, the actual selection was left up to Sy Solomon, director of food services.

He said that he made up the names to go with the theme of horses, without resorting to any that might have had connotations.

Yes, Mr. Solomon, I can imagine.

Even for the "Blue Colt" he had a logical explanation. "Well, blue is the school color, and a colt is a baby horse," he commented simply.

Thus marked the beginning of one of the most stable institutions on campus.....

Campus Sidelights

Compiled by Frank DeJesus
"WOMEN ON THE MOVE!", a conference addressing itself to women's concerns, will be held on Feb. 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at West Hall. For further information on the conference and on child care, contact Gilda Ligorner at 51 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick.

PATRICIA GRABER has been elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees at Rutgers Preparatory School. Graber teaches in the Business Division.

The New Brunswick Zeta Beta Tau at Rutgers University will hold its annual three-day marathon to benefit the **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY** on April 14-16 and will be looking for bands to volunteer their musical talents to keep the dancers dancing and entertainers to perform during rest periods. Those wishing to perform please contact Epstein at ZBT, 26 Union St., New Brunswick, 08902, or telephone (201)932-9434.

Students interested in transferring to the **SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM** at Kean College, Union, are urged to call Dr. George Metrey, Director of the Program at (201)527-2139 for an appointment to discuss their interests.

The Performing Arts Department's second production of the year will be William Shakespeare's charming, magical comedy, **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. For more information about the play, which is scheduled for the weekends of March 10 and 17, contact Ed Drake in the Performing Arts Department.

In order to better meet the needs of the non-English speaking population of the College community, the Modern Language Dept. is offering a new course in English as a Second Language this semester.

The non-credit course is designed for students with a minimal knowledge of English. Through class work, drill and use of the language laboratory, students will increase their command of the English language.

Folk singers or rock group performers are needed for the Hand-in-Hand festival to be held here on May 13, 1978.

If interested please call Ann at 548-2935.

The Middlesex County College Ski Club is sponsoring an Easter ski holiday to

French Quebec, March 26 thru April 1. The trip will cost \$171 per person, four persons per room. Triple and double occupancy rooms are available at slightly higher rates.

The price will include shuttle bus service to ski areas, four nights at the Loews Le-Concorde Hotel in Quebec City and four buffet breakfasts and two dinners, one in the hotel and one in a French restaurant in Old Quebec. Also included are daily lift tickets to the slopes of Mont Sainte-Anne, evening activities and a full program for non-skiers.

Persons interested should contact Jeff Hochbaum or Tracy Gerow at ext. 404. Reservations require a \$50 deposit and are one on a first come, first serve basis.

The Clarence C. Lilley production of "Indigo Blue" originally scheduled for Feb. 9, will be presented by the Theatre of Universal Images in the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m.

Quo Vadis wishes to extend condolences to Prof. Robert Dalton on the death of his mother.

Eye on New Jersey

EDITOR'S NOTE: Quo Vadis will publish this column weekly as a capsule summary of what is happening around other New Jersey campuses.

Physics student finds class a real blast

One student at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) really got a blast out of his physics class last week.

Mitchell Rokicki was injured in a physics lab when an explosive he was carrying blew up unexpectedly. Although the accident occurred in the lab, students were not working with any explosives at the time, according to Pat Chumbley of NJIT's student newspaper, The Vector.

Rokicki was carrying the explosive in his coat pocket and when he reached into his pocket, the explosive blew up. Rokicki's hand was injured and his coat strewn about the lab. He was admitted to the hospital and is presently listed in satisfactory condition. An investigation into the matter is continuing.

WPC tests tenure

William Paterson College's (WPC) Board of Trustees could soon set a precedent in the history of the New Jersey Department of Higher Education.

The Trustees have scheduled closed hearings on February 4 and 6 which may result in the detenuing of Jacques-Leon Rose, an instructor of German, according to Andy Chabra, News Editor of WPC's student newspaper, Beacon. To date, no tenured teacher has ever been fired from a state college.

Last May, Rose was charged with conduct unbecoming a teacher by Dominic Baccollo, WPC's Dean of Students. Baccollo filed the charges with Seymour Hyman, WPC President.

Steven Stillman, Rose's lawyer, is expected to file a motion with the New Jersey Superior Court and the Department of Higher Education to stop the hearing, Chabra said. Stillman has also been meeting with officials from the Department of Higher Education in an attempt to dismiss the procedure against Rose because he was not provided with a speedy trial.

The charges against Rose allege that he:

- *used profane and abusive language to refer to students in the classroom, as well as to fellow teachers and administrators,

- *accused others of promiscuous sexual conduct on campus.

- *and refused to keep office hours and fulfill other faculty duties.

Presently, Rose has been relieved of classroom duties and has been assigned research work. However, according to Chabra, administrative officials have not been in contact with Rose to find out exactly what he is doing.

Murder-suicide baffles Montclair College police

A murder-suicide mystery has left one Montclair State College senior dead, a former student hospitalized in satisfactory condition and local police baffled as to a motive.

Michael Gartland was critically wounded on Jan. 26 when Michael Goss, his long-time friend, allegedly shot Gartland three times at Gartland's home in Bloomfield, N.J., according to MSC's student newspaper, Montclarion.

After being shot, Gartland staggered onto his front porch, bleeding and crying. Neighbors summoned the police and Gartland told them that Goss had shot him. Shortly afterwards, Goss was found, dead, slumped over the wheel of his parked car in Glen Ridge with a single gun wound in his head.

—Deborah Tortu

Goldfish breeding becomes a gold mine for LA student



by Gary Tainis

Years ago on college campuses eating goldfish was the biggest fad. Well, a student on campus at Middlesex County College is reverting back to goldfish, not to eat, but to raise and sell.

John Koloski, a liberal arts major, raises goldfish during the summer and sells them at the beginning of the fall.

John has a child's wading pool in his backyard that is packed with goldfish.

"All you need is a few fish to start with and nature does the rest," commented John. "It takes very little money to start and by the end of the summer you should sell your stock at a profit."

John buys 15 fish at about 10 dollars in the spring. Along with the food and vitamins the

costs total about \$20. By the end of the summer he has an average of 280 goldfish which he sells at a quarter apiece, a handsome profit.

He has been doing this since his father got him interested six years ago and the money sold him on the idea.

Koloski sells the fish to pet store owners claiming, "it's cheaper than what they pay normally."

"To most people raising fish sounds like a lot of work, but in truth, after the initial work, there is not much else to do."

"No, I don't think eating goldfish will ever become popular again, but if it does I'll be prepared."

If goldfish eating becomes popular again John Koloski could be sitting on a "gold" mine.

Unique inventor

He's all set if the oil supply runs dry

by Kathy McGotty

Some people walked by and laughed at his inventions, while others took a tour with him as he explained their uses. One fact is clear: If the country's oil supply runs dry, Charles MacArthur will be ready.

MacArthur, an inventor, brought his wares for all to see Tuesday, at noon in the College Center Gallery.

A resident of Maine, MacArthur lives in a house that is a showcase of 21st century technology. His home's waste disposal system utilizes biological on-site treatment to recover nitrates which are used as a natural fertilizer, instead of polluting a nearby river.

"Weirdness counts these days," he exclaimed, as he described his unique wind-proof bubble that is placed over gardens to protect them from harsh winter weather. "It's a solar collector for heating gardens to beat the frost. We can start planting two and a half months early and probably go two months into the fall," he added.

Another good point about the bubble is that it only costs about \$12. Plans are also being made to produce do-it-yourself kits that can be assembled in about two hours using a sewing machine.

MacArthur also invented an electric motorcycle that is recharged using windmill power. "The cycle averages about 400-



Charles MacArthur and L.A. student Dan Dunn, take a ride around the College Center on MacArthur's "tricycle built for two". The trike was one of several of MacArthur's inventions that were on display in the Gallery on Tuesday.

photo by Ed Giunta

800 miles per gallon," he said, "depending on how and where you ride it."

Another motorcycle is designed for city travel and cruises at about 30 m.p.h. "It takes two and a half hours to recharge," he stated. "I've driven it about 126 miles in one day and it wasn't even exhausted. It has no fumes, no noise, no muffler, and doesn't have to be tuned up." The cost is about \$1400.

"The only problem with it is that it's quiet, and nobody wants a quiet motorcycle," he said.

MacArthur has used an old steel stove, first invented in 1880 by Jakes Evans, as an air pump.

"What we're suggesting with this is that people with fireplaces can place this inside where it will separate the smoke from the heat, keeping the warm air inside the room. They're very economical on wood. Another ad-

vantage is that you can burn wood at a very high temperature, which produces a better fire," he stated. The stoves cost under \$30 and can be purchased in hardware stores.

"Weirdness counts these days"

Among his inventions are two types of two-passenger tricycles. One, a steam-powered model, was manufactured in Taiwan until the company went out of business. The other, a pedal-powered model, was on display and proved to be easier to operate, providing a smoother ride.

MacArthur also demonstrated his dull-edged ax against a sharpened one. "Actually, the dull ax will outsplit the sharpened one on a factor of ten to one," he said.

"An ax is not a good thing to split wood with," he stated, "a heavy thing like this, which is a heavy piece of metal, creates a momentum working with you. The best wood splitter is the one that looks the worst," he concluded.

Why have none of his inventions caught on? MacArthur states that he has the largest collection of unmanufactured inventions. "The general public won't buy alternative products. No electrical vehicle manufacturer exists today that existed five years ago. They have all gone down the tubes, which is the fault of the buying public."

MacArthur is currently working on plans to build a subterranean house isolated from the atmosphere by a woodchip overcoat. Although many of his inventions are not manufactured at the present time, they may play a very valuable role in the near future.



Inventor Charles MacArthur adjusts the wheel on one of his low energy vehicles. Students and visitors to the College were encouraged to try out the non-gas burning bikes and motorcycles for themselves.

photo by Ed Giunta

Red, white, green...or anywhere?

by Dominick Mauro

The following information was compiled during a recent interview with Chief Roccasanto. His views concerning the campus' low crime rate and its safety measures are presented. There is also an insight into a present campus dilemma: illegal parking.

QV: What can you attribute to the campus' very low crime rate?

Roccasanto: Geographical location, good students, and fine police work are three specific attributes essential to maintain the College's low crime level. Access to the College is gained primarily through the use of an automobile, thus reducing the chance of any passerbys ambling on to the premises. While receiving an education, many students are working at full or part time positions. With that type of schedule, it doesn't leave much time for any mischief. To ensure maximum safety, we have routine patrols, and employ a very good investigating team.

QV: Are there specific crimes that occur during particular times of the year?

Roccasanto: During the latter part of spring, we are confronted with auto break-ins. This usually results in tape deck thefts. Aside from that, our crime level remains at a minimum.

QV: If a homicide or some other felony were committed, what course of action would be taken?

Roccasanto: Although felonious crimes are uncommon to us, our department is adequately equipped to handle them. The following might be the type of procedure that we would use in the event of a felonious crime, such as homicide. We would immediately have the crime area sealed off, then notify the Edison police, who in turn, would notify the county prosecutor's office. At this point, the medical examiner would be called in and an autopsy would be performed. A detailed investigation would then follow, hopefully leading to an arrest shortly thereafter.

QV: Are there a substantial amount of parking spaces to accommodate both the faculty and student body?

Roccasanto: There are more than enough spaces for everyone. In fact, this is the only



"There are more than enough spaces for everyone."— Police Chief Joseph Roccasanto.



college in the vicinity that does guarantee everyone a parking space. In comparison with other colleges, our parking lots are patrolled more, are paved more and have a very good snow removal system. To convenience everyone, we would have to demolish one or more buildings. At the rate of \$590.00 per parking space, and the absence of one or more buildings, is it worthwhile? At the present time, our 4000 spaces will suffice.

QV: Is there a quota system which the police must issue summonses at a monthly rate?

Roccasanto: There isn't any quota system which we go by. However, in the month of November alone, there were 1300 summonses issued.

QV: Can the state point system be applied to campus speeders?

Roccasanto: State summonses can be and are issued. However we will usually only give them to excessive speeders.

QV: What percentage of tickets are paid annually?

Roccasanto: About 60 percent.

QV: Who are the worst traffic offenders, day or night students?

Roccasanto: Day-time students, probably because they are here more often.

QV: How do you deal with student grievances towards violations?

Roccasanto: To ensure justice, an "Appeals Board" was formed to allow the accused to present his account of any traffic violation. The Board is comprised of both student and administrative representatives.

QV: What are some of the tricks used to avoid a ticket?

Roccasanto: Putting notes or old tickets on windows is common. We check them anyway.

QV: What do you attribute to the low rate of vehicle accidents?

Roccasanto: Our present traffic accident is very low. Most are fender-bender incidents that occur in the parking lots. Our narrow roads deter any possible speeders. There isn't a steady traffic flow. Most importantly, our intersections are manned at peak hours.

A freshman's handy dandy guide to grade grabbing

Editor's note: Joan Labonski, a creative writing student, submitted this guide to achieving higher grades in the hope that other students could benefit from her experiences.

Fellow Students:

Your paramount goal at college, I am sure, is to accumulate the highest possible grades, while you extend the least possible effort. I welcome this opportunity, therefore, to bestow on you the benefits of the vast knowledge I have gleaned while vegetating for two-and-one half years at Middlesex County College. Nobody has ever accused me of being an Einstein, yet I have managed to maintain a high average, mostly by creating a good first impression and by remembering that teachers are people, too.

Regardless of what anyone else tells you, first impressions last throughout the semester, and they affect your grades. Creative Writing is the only course I can think of where it is important to do a lousy job on your first assignment, just so you can show how much you have improved by January. In all other classes, teachers get an immediate image that is difficult to change.

It is important, therefore, to volunteer enthusiastically from the first day of classes, no matter how painful this is for you. Volunteering is especially effective in language class. For in-

stance, you may be assigned thirty sentences to translate for homework which you are too busy to do. You should pick the first one or two sentences and memorize them. When you come to class, wave your hand like crazy until you are called on. After giving your response, you may then sit back and sleep for the rest of the hour. This worked beautifully for me during two semesters of Spanish. It is also crucial to sit towards the front and center of the classroom. The student who slouches in the back of the room is automatically suspect, and the poor slob is called upon to answer the most complicated questions. After about three weeks of volunteering frantically in a language class, your instructor will be so sick of listening to you, and so suspicious of the quiet students in the background, that you may never be called on again.

Your first two tests are critical. Do a decent job on these quizzes, and it is quite possible that your teacher will glance over your following tests carelessly, assuming that you know your stuff. I am positive that on several Spanish tests and on one Psychology test, my second pages were not even checked. When we went over the answers a few days later, I found I had made several mistakes that had not been marked wrong. The instructor took it for granted that I knew everything because of my good showing at the start.

Good attendance during the beginning of the semester, no matter how distasteful, must be endured. This means giving up those last precious trips to the beach or the park to drink beer, but it pays off later. By the way, only a fool shows up for a Wednesday class with a glowing tan after being absent on Monday and Tuesday with the flu. When you are well into the semester, you may develop all sorts of maladies, car problems or family crisis without fear of repercussions.

Next, you must keep in mind that your teacher is a person with weaknesses, too. Give your teacher many pensive looks and plenty of eye contact. Laugh heartily at his jokes, and tell

him at the end of class that he gave a dynamite lecture. Make HIS point of view YOUR point of view. A student-teacher rapport works especially well in classes that are graded subjectively, such as English courses. I am an English major and have had nine English courses. In every essay exam and term paper I have agreed emphatically with my instructor's interpretation of the literature, and, of course, am considered discerning and intelligent.

The English teacher is a peculiar breed. He is sociable and chatty and wants to get to know the real you, so it helps to tell him that his class is your favorite and to ask what other courses he teaches so that you will have the privilege of being with him next semester. He will develop such respect for your good taste in teachers that it will be impossible for you to fail.

The above technique, with some minor alterations, can be applied to a Psychology, Sociology or History course. You must, however, select a teacher who prefers the essay type of exam. Multiple choice tests leave little room for effective college professor cultivation.

Unfortunately, none of the aforementioned shortcuts seem to work in mathematics or science courses. I can only advise that you show up for each class and do all the boring homework that you can stomach. Science teachers are as notoriously cold blooded as dissected frogs and place an inordinate amount of stress on correct answers. If you are desperate at final exam time, you could wear a long coat to class, sit down, open it, and copy the answers you have printed on your thighs; but somehow this doesn't seem sporting.

The above guidelines have worked well for me, and they can work for you. Besides, if you show up for classes regularly from the start and volunteer a lot, you might find your fake enthusiasm is contagious and it is possible that you won't mind doing some real work, at times, during the remainder of the semester.

Good luck!

CA student reps disapprove exam procedure

by John Bird and Debbi Vanna

Student representatives to the College Assembly (CA) spoke against the existing fall semester final exam procedures of the College at a meeting last Thursday.

The three spokesmen, Dennis

Galvin spoke of having a campus pub and while many students and some faculty members are in favor of the idea, no measures have been taken to establish one.

Stover said that procedures for appointing students to the CA were haphazard and he

attendance and their impressive participation in discussion within the Assembly. However, he stated that the final exam procedure and the registration processes were out of the CA's jurisdiction but the two other areas could possibly be pursued

further within the Assembly.

Other matters that were handled at this meeting was the passing of the motion to turn all behavioral objectives in departmental course outlines to the CA Task Force for final review.

Also, the proposed Dental Hygiene curriculum change for additional contact hours was passed. Paul Hilf, Acting President vetoed the "Ballroom Dance" course submitted to him by the Physical Education Department.

Construction of new road delayed by gov't. decision

by Andrew Jupina

The new entrance-exit road needed to alleviate morning traffic problems on Woodbridge Ave. faces one more obstacle before the College can hire a contractor to begin construction.

According to Acting President Paul Hilf, the federal government still has to decide whether the College or the State will make better use of the land needed to build the road.

Edison Township, which also wanted to be considered for the three-and-one-half acres near Ruggles Rd., bowed out last week. Apparently they too are eager to ease the traffic situation.

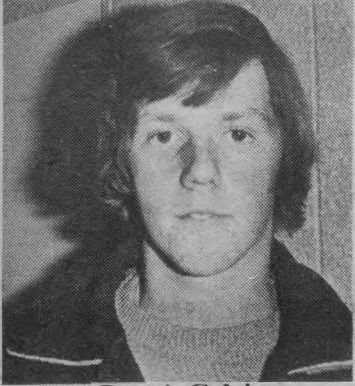
Hilf said he was trying to get

the State to back off in their quest for the land. The State Department of Human Resources wants the Raritan Arsenal tract for a new building.

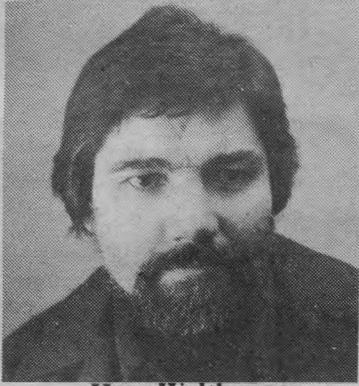
Edison Mayor Anthony Yelencsics seems to agree with Hilf. He announced last week

that the land would better answer the needs of the College.

The township was notified last December that the surplus land was up for bid and former Mayor Paterniti expressed an interest in the property for a possible youth center.



Dennis Galvin changes needed



Hans Walther pleased with participation

Galvin, Kevin Stover and Walter Healey, also proposed changes dealing with the College's registration processes, establishment of a campus pub and new procedures for nomination for the students to the CA.

According to Galvin, the College should open in the beginning of September, thus leaving students the opportunity to have final exams before the Christmas holiday.

wants to attempt to develop a more organized way to appoint representatives in the future.

Stover also expressed his desire for better communication between the student representatives and the student body. He said that he would like to run a poll to learn "what students on this campus are thinking."

Hans Walther, chairperson of the CA, complimented the students on their good

Board ups tuition \$30

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this, according to Bakum, is that part-time students pay per contact hour, which in the long run costs more.

When asked her opinion of this matter, Dianne DiFranco, a Hotel-Restaurant Management major, said she might drop to part-time status in the interest of economy.

"I think a lot of people will find it cheaper to be a part-time student rather than a full-time student, because if you pay by the contact hour, you can end up paying less," she stated.

"For students who are working their way through college, an extra \$30 is a lot of money," she added.

Judy Collins, Liberal Arts, felt that the increase should be used to improve the College's educational facilities.

"The increase in tuition ought to benefit the students directly, such as improving the quality of education. It shouldn't be used to pay the administration more. If they want a raise, they should cut down on the red tape," he said.

Afro-American Week delayed

by Judy Niemczyk

The annual celebration of Afro-American History Week, originally scheduled for February 6-10, will be rescheduled because of last week's inclement weather.

According to Arnold Hence, advisor to the Third World Student Movement, a co-sponsor of the celebration, the program will be rescheduled when the weather becomes milder. A date will be set as soon as available college facilities can be found and the scheduled guest speakers are able to return. The rescheduled date should be established this week, Hence said.

The celebration of Afro-American History Week is co-sponsored by the Division of Community Services, the EOF Office, the Student Activities Office and the Third World Student Movement.

Water-main break christens semester

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While students had problems inside, crews outside realized they couldn't complete repairs that day. By the time they were able to hook up an alternate water source (a fire hydrant), it was the second day of classes. Bathrooms were reopened and there was water for drinking and cooking.

The only concern at this time was the safety of the water from the hydrant. For-

tunately, the Edison Dept. of Water uses the same line for both hydrants and public use, according to Mr. Taylor of the Division of Water Operating. Some communities use salt water in their fire hydrants.

By the end of the third day of classes, repairs were completed, according to McGlinchy. "The only thing left," he said, "was a tree which had to be removed to make the repairs." Now it's under two feet of snow.

Library needs those overdue books now

by Gary Tanis

The library has a problem. In fact, it has approximately 1500 problems.

This is the number of books that are overdue, some having been taken out in 1966 and never returned, according to Reference Librarian Jane Posselt.

"It's not the full-time students that don't return the books, but the people that have one or two classes a semester," she explained. "The full-time students know that they will not get a diploma or have transcripts sent out if they have overdue books."

The problem is that it's hard

to get the books back. "We can't send late notices, as we only have a two person staff. With the amount of books out it would just take too much time," said Posselt.

She further went on to comment that it costs \$15 over and above the price of the book just to get it on the shelf, no matter how inexpensive the edition.

"The library wants to have a good relationship with the students, but the students blame the library when a needed book is missing," Posselt remarked.

To help solve this problem, deals can often be worked out with students owing excessive fines on overdue books.

Tuition program set to benefit veterans

The State of New Jersey Department of Higher Education has instituted a Tuition Credit Program for Vietnam era veterans, which will entitle them up to one hundred dollars per semester for full-time students and fifty per semester for part-time students.

This program is separate from the regular Veterans Administration Educational benefits and, unlike those benefits, has no cut-off date.

To apply for the program come to the Office of Veterans Affairs with a copy of the DD214 form.

Also, the Office is researching the possibility of classes for veterans on weekends to provide them with an opportunity to work at weekday jobs.

In addition to these academic services, the State Employment Service has hired former HRI student Ted Sypko as a veterans job counselor. He has access to up-to-date job listings and will, at no charge, aid any veteran seeking employment.

For any additional information stop by the Office of Veteran Affairs, Raritan Hall, Rm. 209, or call 548-6000, ext. 455, or 548-6323.

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Mens basketball skid at 7; Kahora still not giving up

by Jim Balzano

If you spoke to Colts mens basketball Coach Jim Kahora, you could not tell by his comments that his team is 4-16.

"These guys are the best group I've coached since my championship team in 1972," said Kahora.

Although this year's team does not resemble a championship club, Kahora feels the team still gives 100 percent despite the losing record.

"Jim Strimple, my assistant coach, and I believe this team is a success. Everyone on the team plays to their maximum ability. They go onto the court and give 100 percent of themselves. I can't ask for much more."

Even though the team plays to the best of its ability, it hurts

Kahora to watch his club lose by close margins.

"It eats my insides to know that we lose by so little. When I go home after a game and try to sleep, I can't. The game keeps flashing into my mind."

Kahora, who has been coaching for 15 years, is more unhappy when the team loses by a close margin like the 78-76 contest against Burlington County College rather than getting beat by 20 points.

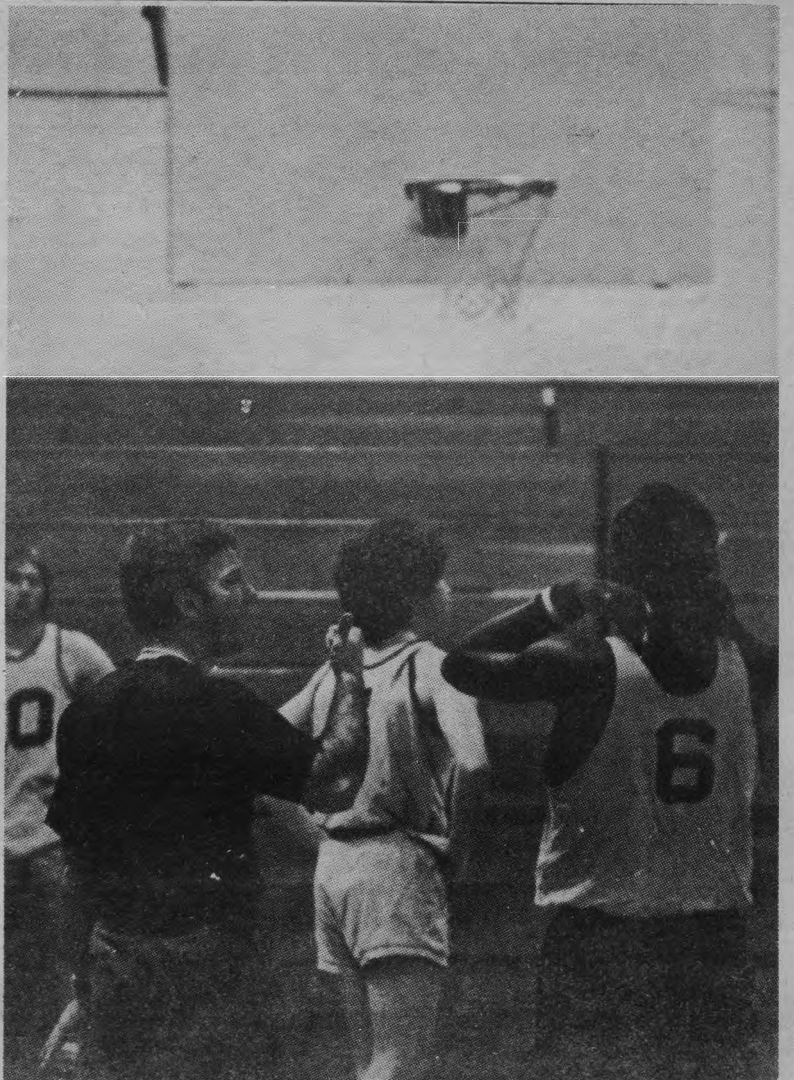
"One thing I must say about the team is that they don't have the height advantage like our opponents. If we had someone around 6-foot-5 or 6-foot-4 we could have won most of our games," stated Kahora, whose team is riding a seven game losing streak.

Lack of height is the Colts

main weakness. The tallest player on the team is 6-foot-1 freshman Gary Rogan, who must defend against much taller opponents like 6-foot-7 Charlie Lemanski of Trenton State. The team understands their plight and have stuck together throughout the season.

"To be a successful team you have to have talent and a healthy attitude. We are talented and our attitude is excellent. Our only problem is lack of height. I feel that next year we may be able to have two 6-foot-5 players who will help us a lot."

Despite the problems, Kahora is not counting out the season yet. The team has three games left, all of which are home. Saturday they play Gloucester County College with tip off set for 7 p.m.



During practice session Monday night, Coach Jim Kahora explains the principles of the full court press to Rich Bolden (No. 6) as Dino Zullo walks into position. The Colts, who are currently 4-16, face Gloucester Saturday in a 7 p.m. start.

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Matmen lose 2; Gittle, Velasquez unbeaten

by Joe Cavone and Tom DeNigris

Wrestling Coach John Sacchi said the Nassau, Delhi and Niagara quadrangular match would be the toughest of the season. Sacchi was telling the truth.

The Colts dropped two of the three matches last Saturday, losing to Nassau, 21-15, and Delhi, 25-15, before defeating Niagara, 27-20.

"We could be unbeaten if we wrestled in our own region," lamented Sacchi.

"But my goal here is to have my team advance to the Nationals and produce champions."

The losses marked the first time the team has been defeated. The quadrangular match was no picnic for any of the teams.

Niagara was probably the easiest team in the meet, only being ranked No. 5 in Region III, while Delhi bumped off the No. 9 nationally rated team, Alfred, in the action early last week. As for Nassau, the defending Region XV Champions are

continuing its success with a No. 1 ranking in the region to go along with its No. 10 rating in the nation.

Before the match, the Colts were rated just as high as their opponents.

They were ranked as high as 13 in the nation earlier in the year, had two unbeaten grapplers at 13-0 and also had a team record of 13-0. Of course they received the national rating back on Friday the 13th. But now their record stands at 14-2 and the national place rating will also probably drop.

Despite the setbacks, Sacchi still has Alan Gittle (190 pounds) and Erwin Velasquez (143) unbeaten at 16-0. The only other grappler to have a winning percentage during the weekend was Bob Watson (158) who was 2-0 and now 5-0 on the year.

Willie McCaskill (118) and Bill Pavlak (167) both were 1-2 against the New York teams and are now 13-3 on the season.

Although the weekend wasn't as successful as Sacchi would have hoped, he feels the team will continue to work

hard and hopefully finish the dual meet season with a 16-2 mark.

"We've got a great bunch of guys on the team," Sacchi said. "Their desire and enthusiasm is directly related to our success."

Gittle has been nothing less than outstanding, recording his 34th career dual meet victory without a loss in two years including 11 pins.

Velasquez, who has been nicknamed "Buzzsaw" because of his quickness, has five pins in his last 10 meets.

After the dual meet season concludes, the next item on Sacchi's agenda is the Mid-Atlantic District wrestling Tournament to be held here on February 25 and 26.

"I think we'll have three guys seeded first, two seeded second and two more either third or fourth," Sacchi stated, although he declined to reveal the names. "Seedings are a funny thing. I really won't know until the seeding committee decides." But for now, my next concern is really the upcoming dual meets."



Gary Rushing (177), who is wearing a mask for protection, seems to have the upper hand on Bill Pavlak (167). Pavlak and the wrestling team were working on escape techniques during Monday's practice session. photo by Ed Giunta

SCOREBOARD

NASSAU 21, MCC 15

DELHI 25, MCC 15

118 - Marty Breaty (ncc) d. William McCaskill, 4-3.
126 - Jeff Hegel (NCC) won by forfeit.
134 - Erwin Velasquez (MCC) p. Ken Marlowe, 4:57
142 - Ron Coan (NCC) d. Mark Early, 6-3
150 - Tony Pompillio (Mcc) d. Rich Pattersen, 3-1
158 - Bob Watson (MCC) d. Avery Cackrel, 2-1
167 - Tom Harvey (NCC) d. Bill Pavlak, 8-4
177 - John Karcher (NCC) d. Gary Rushing, 7-4
190 - Al Gittle (MCC) d. John Garvey, 10-3
HWT - Jeff Wendeleken (NCC) d. Keith Griffiths, 4-3

118 - Bob Hellwig (DCC) d. Willie McCaskill, 5-2
126 - Bill Ennis (DCC) won by forfeit
134 - Erwin Velasquez (MCC) p. Jim White, 6:22
142 - Bob Hilfiger (DCC) d. Mark Early, 9-6
150 - Gil Benedict (DCC) p. Tony Pompillio, 3:58
158 - Bob Watson (MCC) d. Matt Smith, 9-8
167 - Scott Oakely (DCC) d. Bill Pavlak, 26-5
177 - Gary Rushing (MCC) d. Ben Mumbalo, 12-9
190 - Al Gittle (MCC) d. Tom Marva, 11-4
1HWT - Roy Decker (DCC) d. Keith Griffiths, 10-6

Women cagers

Win streak at six; look for Regional bid

by Paul Higgins

The women's basketball team, after getting off to a slow start, is now beginning to put it all together.

As the season nears its homestretch, the Colts are currently riding a six game winning streak and have won nine out of their last 13 games for an 11-9 record.

"We're playing well now and we're rebounding much better now than in the beginning," said Coach Karen Loupassakis. "We have a good, balanced scoring attack with three players averaging right around 10 points per game."

The three players are Karen Scott, who averages 10.7 points per game, Jane Lawlor with 10.6 ppg., and Pat Thompson who chips in with 10.3 ppg. Thompson is also the leading rebounder, pulling down 12.4 caroms per contest.

Loupassakis likes to use a fastbreak

type of offense and a hustling man to man defense. "At the beginning of the season, we were starting three freshmen who were inexperienced at the fast break," Loupassakis said. "But as the season went along they gained that experience from working together."

"I feel that the level of play can improve from where it is now, especially on defense," she continued. "Our defense has a tendency to slack off when our offense gets rolling."

As far as post season tournaments, Loupassakis hopes to bring her team into the Region XIX Tournament, to be held March 2—March 4. The tournament is an invitational, with the qualifications including the record within the Region, the overall record, and the strength of the entire schedule.

The Colts will be home tonight at 8 p.m. to face Montgomery County College and will host Gloucester County College Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m.

View from the stands

by Joe Cavone

Cannon signs with Mets; Curka honored

MIKE CANNON GREW UP believing that he had the ability to play baseball for a major league team. Now the New York Mets are giving Cannon the chance to prove it.

The hard-hitting outfielder signed a pro contract with the National League club back on Tuesday, Jan. 24 after being tabbed in the second round of the amateur draft.

"I've got my foot in the door now," said Cannon. "This is just what I've wanted. Ever since I was in Little League I've wanted to play on a ballclub."

Cannon, who led the Colts in hitting with a .478 average with six home runs last season, will jet to St. Petersburg, Fla. for the March 17 opening day spring practice. Hopefully, he'll win a spot on one of the club's four minor league teams. Maybe he'll make the big club.

"My goal is to make the Mets 40 man roster by my second year," Cannon said in a telephone interview from his Sayreville home. "I just want to move up (to the Mets) as quick as possible. I'm definitely looking forward to spring training."

Cannon, the 6-foot-2 195-pounder who received the Rawlings Company "Big Stick Award" for his outstanding achievement on the diamond last season, will give spectators one last opportunity to see him play before joining the Mets. The 20-year-old will be practicing with

Art Collazo and the team to get in shape for his trip to Florida.

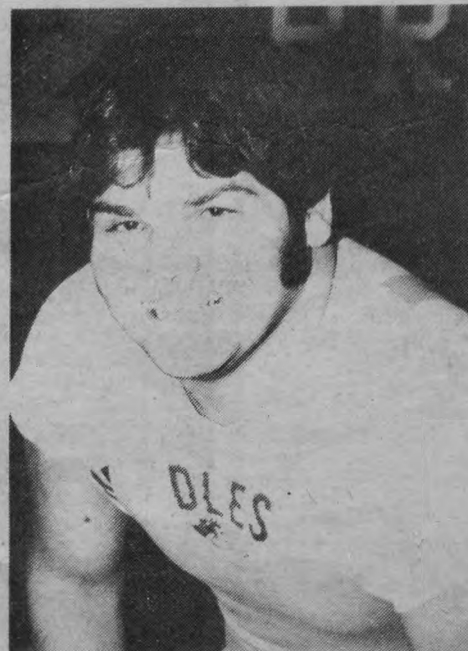
ALSO DURING the semester break, two-year All-American wrestler Paul Curka was named New Jersey Junior College Athlete of the Year by the New Jersey Sports Writers Association.



Mike Cannon

Curka, who won two international gold medals in the Junior Pan American Games in the heavyweight division, credited MCC Coach John Sacchi for much of his success.

While attending the College the last two years, Curka compiled a dual meet



Paul Curka

record of 32-1 and a 52-7 overall mark. Now wrestling for the University of Buffalo, Curka was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-American teams for both years after finishing third and fourth in the National Junior College Wrestling Tournaments in Worthington, Minn.

AS IF THE soccer program isn't fouled up enough, Coach Heugh Rainey will not return as coach and neither will Richard Plant.

Rainey took over the position after Plant went on a sabbatical leave for one year. But Plant is "no longer interested" and Rainey "has other commitments" according to Robert Zifchak, director of athletics.

This past season, the team posted a 2-9-2 mark under Rainey after Plant guided the team to three consecutive 3-10-1 seasons.

Besides losing two coaches, the team dropped two games and tied another in the third annual Greater Jersey Indoor Invitational Soccer Tournament held here on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Participating in Group I, the Colts tied William Paterson College, 3-3, in their first game. They were then shutout by Drew University, 4-0, and fell to Rider College, 5-3, to be eliminated from the competition.

Two of MCC's best