

CA task forces to propose changes

by Lori Chavis

The College Assembly will meet today with an agenda full of proposals to be heard at 3 p.m. in Room 305 in L'Hommedieu Hall.

The Academic Standards task force will present a proposal for the removal of Basic Skills deficiencies.

The following is the proposed policy: "A student who is in need of remediation, as indicated by his performance on the N.J. Basic Skills Placement Test, will not be permitted to register for additional credit-bearing courses during the semester after which he has attempted his twenty fourth credit at the College."

"A student may repeat remedial courses, but he must receive permission from his dean before registering for a specific course for a third time."

"All credit-bearing courses which the student had been enrolled in after the tenth day are considered part of the twenty-four credit limit."

The Curriculum task force will present two proposals for revision for the Civil/Construction Engineering Technology and the Electrical Engineering Technology Programs.

In the Civil/Construction program it is proposed that some courses be dropped and others added.

It is suggested that Introduction to Fortran be dropped and Soils, Concrete, and Materials and Estimates courses be reduced in credit and contact hours.

The total credit hours will remain the same with the addition of new courses and the increase of old courses.

Courses would be taught in a somewhat different time sequence which

would help prepare a student for possible summer work in this area in his last school year.

The revisions for the Electrical Engineering program will be limited to internal-course content changes.

Certain classes will be switched around. College Physics I would be switched from first semester to second semester.

Other courses would be dropped completely from the program and be replaced with new courses needed to update the program.

Those changes in the program are made in an effort to update the program which was designed in 1966. Certain courses are no longer preparing students for this field and should be dropped and new ones added that do according to this proposal.

Two new course proposals for the Performing Arts Dept. will be presented also by the Curriculum task force to the Assembly. They are MUS 130 Guitar I and MUS 136 Guitar II.

There is an existing beginning guitar course taught at night but it seems that day music majors desire a guitar class also.

The courses will provide a foundation for students interested in transferring to a four-year college. Guitar is included in the curriculum of most colleges and some offer classical guitar as a major.

The Assembly will hear all of these proposals and vote at the next meeting.

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Peer tutoring service is instituted

by Dorrie Berkowitz

MCC has just been awarded a grant for Career Oriented Peer Tutor Education Research (Project Copter), a special tutorial program for disadvantaged students.

Working on the premise that peer tutoring would be an effective means of reducing attrition and improving grades and attitudes, Project Copter will consider first and foremost the immediate educational and emotional needs of the first-year students.

Emphasis will be placed on matching students and tutors in background, sex and age.

Ellen Thomas, the Coordinator of Project Copter, is in the process of interviewing possible student tutors and hopes to offer tutoring services in time for final exams.

Ellen believes that the program will swing into full gear next semester, and that more than 200 students could be helped under this grant.

"Schedules will have to be coordinated and the students will have to plan around a two hour tutoring session a week," she stated.

Ellen, a graduate of Douglass College, has a strong background in remediation programs and recently

was employed at Scotch Plains High School in their basic skills program.

She feels that "this program will extend beyond the primary pool called for in the Grant Proposal and reach a secondary pool of students who will benefit from a peer tutoring service."

The goals of this Grant are to: (1) determine if a peer tutoring service will reduce attrition and improve performance of the target area; (2) to recruit, train and supervise student tutors; (3) to serve approximately 200 students through individualized and small group tutoring; (4) to collect and evaluate results using an experimental and a control group; (5) to distribute results to appropriate groups.

Scholarship program

A program to offer scholarships for academic and athletic excellence to county high school seniors who will attend MCC has been approved by Dr. Rose M. Channing, and will be sponsored by the Middlesex County College Foundation.

According to a memo from Dr. Richard Lowe, this new scholarship program is responsive to the goal of the College "To provide access to education for a diverse community population", and will help attract the academically and athletically gifted student to the campus. This in turn will positively affect the quality of the student body, and also assist in recruiting college-bound high school seniors.

This program will begin with the Fall, 1981 entering freshmen class and will provide five scholarships for academic excellence and five for athletic excellence. These scholarships are valued at \$700 per year and are renewable for the senior year. They are merit scholarships, not based on financial need, and special fund-raising activities to underwrite them will be undertaken by the Foundation.

Mr. Garry Vance, Director of Admissions, will be responsible for the implementation of this scholarship program. Mr. Ed Walsh, Director of Public Relations, will coordinate all fund-raising activities for these scholarships until the Executive Director of the Foundation is selected.

Holiday party warning

There is a chill in the air, and with that chill it almost always means that Christmas is near. With Christmas near, that means only one thing: MCC is getting ready for their annual holiday party.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held in the College Center on Friday Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The party will come to life with the music of ALIVE.

Open to all campus employees and students, the party will provide attendees with potato chips, pretzels, etc. along with a dash of holiday spirit. It is sponsored by the Social and Concert committees in conjunction with the CCPB.

And while the party is going on, those desiring to can relive their youth and have their picture taken with Santa Claus at the cost of \$.50. Santa will be in the College Center.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed due to the change in the drinking age.

The reason for the ban on alcohol is due to the size of the party. It is virtually impossible to keep liquor in control with a party so great in size.

With everyone in a holiday mood, students seem to forget to take holiday partying in moderation. Although no alcohol is allowed at the party, students seem to sneak it in anyway.

Drinking is not approved for the major reason that more than half the student body is under 19, the legal age for drinking in the state of New Jersey.

When a student is caught with liquor at the party, it is confiscated, but Terry McGlincy, (Director of College Center and Student Activities) would like to point out that if a student becomes unruly it could result in suspension from school.

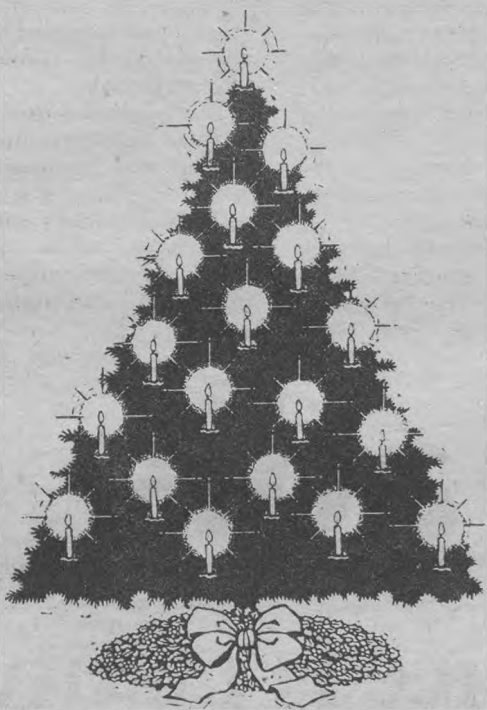
Chief Joseph Roccasanto added, "The police will be doing their share in keeping the alcohol situation under control."



Happy Holidays

Flashmatics

by Nicholas Gattuso Jr.



The gift of love

Christmas is a time of joy and laughter. Christmas is a time of warmth and friendship.

But above all the rest, Christmas is simply a time of love. And nothing is greater or more treasured than that gift of love.

But what is love? What does that simple four letter word really mean? And God, oh why God, can't mankind live without it.

According to my 99¢ pocket dictionary it means: strong affection. But I think it means much more than just that.

Love is life.

Life is love.

And you see we cannot exist without love because the rival of that four letter word is hate. A word that could destroy everything and anything.

But luckily there are still a great many among us that believe that the right way to achieve anything is with love and not with its rival.

But right now when it seems like

hate has the upper hand; mankind must express and try to project more love than ever.

Sure, the easy answer is war and extreme violence to defeat our foes, but just think for a moment what would happen if we try to solve our problems with reason.

I know there are circumstances that love simply cannot conquer; but isn't it worth just a try?

So this year when you sit beside your one hundred dollar fake, fire-proof plastic tree and open your nice decorated gift, and find a 14-karat gold necklace with a cross dangling on the end of it; remember that Jesus did not know the words: hate; cheating, and manipulation.

But preached and lived in a word full of love.

And with that, I guess I'll conclude this little whatever that I've just written but before I do let me just dedicate this story and the rest of my life to a very special girl named Donna, whom I love very much.

Adviser's notebook: Clearing up 'straight facts'

by Jerry Olson
Quo Vadis Adviser

When Ron Halper and I discussed the idea of doing a commentary on the fire at Ahavas Achim Synagogue in New Brunswick and the terrorist bombing/fire of a synagogue in France (both of which took place around the same time), I had no idea that it would lead to three additional pieces of writing. One, a response to Mr. Halper's article and written by Tony Sustak, appeared in our 12/4/80 issue. Mr. Halper's and Mr. Sustak's articles drew another, anonymous response that appeared in last week's paper. This week, for the first time in my five-year role as faculty adviser to this newspaper, I am obliged to respond—not to Mr. Halper,

Mr. Sustak, or last week's anonymous author, but to the College Community.

It appears that many people were offended by racial remarks made by the author of last week's response which he entitled (and we used): "Time for some straight facts." It also appears that many people felt that by printing those offensive remarks Quo Vadis was supporting the author—as one person pointed out to me—by providing him with a megaphone for his Nazi views. Finally, it appears that some people feel Quo Vadis made a mistake in judgement and shouldn't have allowed the response to appear in the first place—especially because of its anonymity.

Let me first say that any person on this campus may send us a letter and be assured of anonymity. Without that assurance, the possibility of retribution would cause some people not to write

letters at all. Our letters policy, which has appeared numerous times throughout the semester, clearly states that names will be withheld on request. This newspaper has traditionally extended this courtesy to its readers. The policy also states that letters must be signed; the above-mentioned response was signed when it came to our office. Finally, a statement appears every week in our staff box on the bottom of page two stating that opinion columns and letters don't necessarily reflect our opinions. Last week's response, as well as the one that appeared the week before, was labelled "A reader responds."

I have discussed these matters with my staff and we wish to apologize to anyone who was offended by the anti-semitic and otherwise racist remarks that appeared on page two of last week's paper. We by no means wanted anyone to be offended, merely informed.

One of the many functions and responsibilities of a college newspaper is to open up the eyes of its readership to the bad seeds as well as the good ones. Thankfully, there are many favorable qualities about this college and there are few unfavorable stories that have to be written every semester. However, when the occasion warrants and one of those ugly qualities shows up, the same space that is allocated to favorable stories must objectively go to unfavorable articles.

Let's face it: Nazism, Racism, the Ku Klux Klan and similar ideas are ugly. My

experience with racism, my family's experiences during the Holocaust, the experiences of others on this campus—all substantiate this: There is nothing more hateful and disgusting than statements like those that appeared in last week's paper by a self-avowed Nazi and racist. Those who espouse such feelings, though they have the right to do so, have warped views of the world and the democracy that allows them the rights to do so. The author's remarks are targeted to offend some people—mainly Jews and Blacks. There is no question as to his intent or purpose.

Again, I wish to stress that the article was not allowed to see print because we wanted to give the author a chance to offend anyone. We did so because our readers must be aware that there are people walking around this campus who think like that. There are racists sitting in the cafeteria, the Library, and the classrooms. Read the bathroom walls in Raritan Hall, in Main Hall, in the Library. Read a few desks some time. They will bear us out. We cannot close our eyes to this.

As we put this last issue of the semester "To bed," I hope we all have learned a lesson from the last few weeks. We'll try to think a little farther in advance, try to anticipate the response to controversial articles and try to label our readers' responses a little better. We hope our readers will take a closer look around. We got scared; you should too.

In our opinion

A matter of format

The printing of last week's rebuttal was meant to inform our readers, not offend.

We could not foresee the anguish and pain it would cause. For this the paper deeply apologizes.

We do not, however, apologize for the letter's publication.

What the College community should be protesting is not our decision, but the ugly concepts its author presented.

We saw ourselves as making the campus aware that even here such sickness breeds. You can not combat your enemies if you do not know their existence.

This piece in no way reflects the opinion of the staff. And if our format led our readers to believe otherwise, then we again apologize.

This incident has made us aware that the presentation of our material is extremely important and we will strive to make ourselves more clear.

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DISTRESSED AT LETTER

To the Editors:

I was distressed to read "Time for some straight facts" in last week's issue. However, we have all read propaganda before, and I am confident we can all separate fact from fantasy—even racist fantasy.

Still, I wonder about the rather agonizing mental labyrinth you must have wandered through before deciding to publish this piece. I do not wish to question your motives, but I think there is something we can all learn from this.

First, it is difficult to understand why you allowed yourselves to be used by a propagandist. The letter in question is now a conversation piece across the campus, and its author has enjoyed a half a page of free advertising simply because he sat down and parroted a number of hackneyed fascist slogans. Moreover, the letter contains an address to which anyone may write should he/she desire to devour even more of that kind of political tripe. Such information surely belongs in a paid advertisement, not in a letter to the editor.

Don't get me wrong; journalists have a right to exercise freedom of the press, and deciding how to exercise that freedom is a difficult task. But journalists also need to exercise control over their material in keeping with an editorial policy designed to meet the needs of the community they serve. Such thinking seems to underlie the *Code of Ethics of the Society of Professional Journalists* and the other codes of professional behavior clearly referenced in QV's own "Operating Guidelines."

CARPOOLING NOT FEASIBLE

To the Editor:

Carpooling is not a feasible solution to the problem of conserving gasoline. Recently I heard that some Engineering students asked a computer science professor about writing a carpool program to run on the computer. This student insisted it would be easy because a search could be used to match prospective carpoolers together.

First of all, if many students wanted to carpool and were cooperative about it there would be a few thousand records containing names, towns, and complete schedules for each student. Each record would be compared to all the others for town (or district) and schedule hours so each record would possibly be reread a few thousand times. I hope this student didn't think all the information about everyone could be compared simultaneously—main memory is expensive, but then so

ON THE NEW CALENDAR

To the Editor:

Having only five minutes between classes is fine if one's classes are all in the same building and doesn't have to get windblown across campus and spend five minutes recombining their hair, besides having time for a regular pit stop.

What if someone has just finished a test, gotten one back with an unex-

GRAVE ERRORS

To the Editor:

It was a grave error to publish the last two letters (one by a red fascist and one by a white fascist). It has nothing to do with free press. God does not allow the devil room in heaven—evil is not allowed to spread its filth. Free press is one thing. The difference between good and evil is another. The editors of QV are confused if they think it is in the name of fair play to publish letters by Communists (red fascists) and white fascists attacking Jews.

E. di Pasquale

Therefore, in the future, you might exercise editorial control by making it clear that the piece in question is, in fact, a letter, by labelling it so. Considering the community you serve, you should also indicate that the writer is not a staff member and that he wished to remain anonymous. In addition, it is important to explain that the views contained therein are in no way a reflection of the paper's editorial policy or of the personal philosophies of its staff members.

In no way, however, should you allow yourselves to use a headline of the letter writer's own choosing. Titling the piece, "Time for some straight facts" makes it seem as if the paper is lending its support to its contents. By the way, inserting the caption "A Reader Responds" does little to correct the problem.

Therefore we're really talking about a matter of presentation and format. By not exercising editorial control and clearly eschewing the letter's content, you risked offending your most loyal readers, and you jeopardized your own credibility. I know for a fact that your purpose was to remind the community that there are still people, even on this campus, who espouse a political philosophy based on race. But, you never indicated that purpose clearly. Therefore, few readers recognized your actual intent, and fewer still were willing to guess at it, so shocked were they by the letter's content.

Santi V. Buscemi
Chairperson Dept. of English

is rereading. Rereading data is also very time consuming.

Besides that, a program of such depth would take almost, or about a year, to write and get in working order by which time schedules will have changed.

In case some students haven't noticed, carpool lists by curriculum and town have already been run on the computer and posted on bulletin boards around campus. Even this is inefficient because some towns such as Edison are rather extensive - who wants to carpool with someone on the other side of town?

If that many people are so conservation minded maybe public transportation should be increased and/or made more efficient. Besides, if there is a car accident and carpool passengers get hurt, the driver gets sued by them unless there is proof that it wasn't his fault.

Your Constant Complainer
Name withheld by request

pected (lousy) grade, or is about to take one and is detained in a previous class or in traffic? This poor person will either be late for their next class, have a nervous breakdown, or end up with kidney problems. This stress is unwarranted.

There is also the pressure and anxiety of having to finish early. Most students can't afford to go away for the holidays, and not all of them work (if they do it's usually only part-time) so if the semester ends before Christmas there's no time to catch up which may mean a lower grade. Then boredom sets in (if one doesn't work much) and if the holidays aren't very happy, some people may choose not to see the New Year in.

Besides not having a breather between classes, classes will probably have to start in mid or late August when it's ninety degrees. It also seems that there'll be less time to study for exams, especially if they're all crammed into one week before Christmas.

Your Constant Complainer
Name withheld by request

A SANE MAN'S VIEWPOINT

To the Editor:

First, I would like to state that I am virtually apolitical in my views on race and the human condition as a whole. I have no affiliation with any political organizations whatsoever. My motivation for writing this article is based solely upon the outrage of my sanity.

This outrage was caused by the insanity of an article which appeared in the 12/11/80 issue of Quo Vadis. Authored by an anonymous member of the National Socialist White People's Party, the majority of the article was a rebuttal of the views of Progressive Labor Party member Tony Sustak which were published in the 12/4/80 issue of Quo Vadis. Both articles consisted mainly of charges and countercharges concerning the recent anti-semitic acts of terrorism in Europe and other parts of the globe. Along with this, appeared the inevitable political propaganda, omni-present in all their public statements.

Anyone who has read these articles will weigh the conflicting conclusions about recent world events, and form their own opinions accordingly. For that reason this article will deal solely with the naive and incredible arrogance of this anonymous NSWPP member as he ridiculously attempts to rationalize his racist philosophy.

For reasons known only to himself, the author of "Rebuttal: Time for some straight facts" has decided to remain anonymous. This presents a small problem for me. How do I refer to him? I can't keep on alluding to him as "An anonymous NSWPP member," nor can I mention him as "that guy" or "this individual." I don't particularly care to type that much or be that ambiguous. So, it was left to develop an appropriate pseudonym. After much thought I came up with only one logical name. Hereafter this person will be referred to as 'Adolph'.

I was amazed and offended at the egotistical manner with which Adolph took it upon himself to speak for an entire race. I mean, really Adolph; the "White Man's Viewpoint"? I'm a white man and I don't share your viewpoint. And I'm sure the majority of white men (and women) also reject your philosophy. I think it would be to your own benefit to keep your delusions of grandeur to a minimum. I have my own voice and I'll speak for myself.

Never let it be said that I denied the Devil his due. I must admit that the supplement that followed Adolph's article (stating the goals of the NSWPP) was a skillfully crafted piece

REBUTTAL WAS A DISGRACE

To the Editor:

In the December 11 edition of Quo Vadis, you included on page two (A Reader Responds) an unsigned letter, the writer of which only identifies himself or herself as a hate monger with a Nazi-party address.

While it is axiomatic that newspapers find polemics desirable, as they stimulate readership and increase circulation, this rebuttal to Tony Sustak's "Commentary" of Dec. 4 was a disgrace. Your staff surely knows that unsigned letters to the editor are generally not printed, especially when they are so evidently the unfounded and scurrilous comments of rabble-rousers, a Nazi in this case.

WHY NOT BUY AMERICAN?

the Editor:

In response to last week's column, "Flashmatics—End of an Era," which states "I'm a man now, and I guess its time I buy a slow, gas-saving foreign car." I have this to say - Why not buy an American car? Or is it that you don't care what happens to your hard-earned money? You do, however, complain about our sagging economy, inflation, and unemployment. But that is all that you do.

Rather than buying Datsuns, Toyotas, Hondas, and Volvos, you should

of propaganda. The way he softened the blatant racism of these goals by mentioning his party's opposition to the draft and nuclear energy was a masterful stroke. It reminded me of the man who put his wife on the bed so she would be comfortable when he slit her throat.

But alas, the goals themselves destroyed the entire article's credibility. Adolph stated one of his party's major goals as being the establishment of a "White man's republic on the North American continent." To do this, he proposes that other races (Blacks, Jews, etc.) be sent back to their country of origin. Sorry Adolph baby, but it could never work. Aside from being a simplistic answer to the complex problem of race relations, and forgetting the devastating effect it would have on the cultural and economic well-being of American society, this plan has one glaringly intrinsic fault: the American Indian. Where do you send them Adolph? All the other races living in North America today are unwanted trespassers in their country of origin. Maybe, because of their relatively few numbers, you think extermination is the answer. The U.S. Government itself used that Final Solution mentality in the late nineteenth century and stole a country. But then, as you yourself stated, you aren't working with the Government. Without its power and official sanction you could never get away with it. Oh well, "the best laid plans of mice and men..." Nice try fellas.

"National Socialists believe in the way of nature and reality." You do turn a good phrase, I'll say that for you. But is it really natural to base human existence on the unnatural human aberrations of racial hatred and irrational fears? Is it realistic to isolate and loathe each other on the basis of genetic composition? I think not. Perhaps it's more natural to explore and learn the things that a world of diverse peoples has to offer us. And there is only one true reality my friend: if we can't love and live together, we will surely hate and die alone.

In all likelihood this article of mine will do nothing to change the ideology of men such as Adolph. After all, why should they heed the words of one unknown writer? But how about the words of a famous writer/musician who fell victim, just last week, to the confusion and insanity of the world? His words have touched millions of people of all races. Please Adolph, "Imagine" and try to "Give Peace a Chance."

J. A. Pastor

Such attacks and dangerous insinuations are not justified and are machinations of a sick mind. Outside the Nazi Party, such beliefs and allegations are rejected by responsible people. Such a letter, therefore, should never have been printed in Quo Vadis or in any other responsible paper. This is, as far as I can remember, the first instance in which the MCC paper has served as a showcase for bigotry, and I trust that all social science, history, political science, and philosophy faculty have used this "letter" to illustrate the danger inherent in such "straight facts" from "a white man's" point of view.

Edith Margolin
Modern Lang. Dept.

help our economy by buying Chevys, Lincolns, and Dodges. Even our own Bookstore is stocked with items that say "made in Korea," "made in Japan," and "made in Taiwan."

I was laid off of my job because people were buying foreign cars and not American cars. The only way we are going to stop the unemployment rate from climbing is to stop buying the cheap imported stuff, and start buying quality American products. People always bitch about the economy but they don't do a damn thing to improve it.

An American Worker

Signed: Epstein's mother

by John Verrico

We are all familiar with some of the more popular types of excuses and some pretty ridiculous ones that are available to us to use in case we miss a class or don't do an assignment (that is, if we all read last week's Quo Vadis).

Obviously, the whole idea is to make the teacher or professor (or even boss) feel sorry for you and 'cut you a break.'

One of the most popular excuses for missed exams nowadays is a death in the family, some obscure relative who happens to pass away at just about the time we should have been devoting our attention to our texts. Remember, never use your mother or father (unless it is true) as they can be too easy to trace. A grandparent or distant relative would be fine and it is a good and acceptable excuse. Teachers will usually sympathize with you.

"I had to feel particularly sorry for one student," recalls Irene Pearse, Prof. of Social Science. "He lost six grandmothers in one semester."

Psychology Prof. Norman Poppel said, "I had one student who had lost five grandfathers that semester."

Dr. Frank Spano believes that this epidemic of grandparent deaths may be caused by some aspect of the "position of the moon and the stars." These multiple deaths all seem to take place around the same times, every year - just after Thanksgiving and just after Easter.

Saying that a grandparent died at either of those times can be feasible, but each grandparent can only die once. Basic Rule No. 1 - always remember who you had said died; if a teacher has a good memory, you've blown the sympathy routine.

Another way to get sympathy and probably one of the biggest scapegoats for missed work is the household pet, usually the family dog whom you are so very attached to. Anything that happens to your dog can be very traumatic and a sound reason for not being able to finish your term paper.

Prof. Poppel remembers a student whose "dog had dysentery and had to clean up after him in the house." That was very upsetting, a good excuse for pity but even better yet was English Instructor Jerry Olson's student who told him that, "My dog was almost hit by a car." A very sound

excuse, traumatic enough and still leaves the dog in good enough shape to use for future excuses.

Basic Rule No. 2 - Never have permanent damage done to your pet; leave it open as a future scapegoat.

Of course, the car can lead to problems that everyone can relate to. We've all had a car break-down or a flat tire or an empty tank on the way to some test or important lecture. Dr. Spano speculates that especially during exam time, "cars seem to respond to their driver's apprehensions." The driver really doesn't want to go where he's heading to, so the car prevents him from getting there. And obviously these things have to be repaired; appointments have to be set up.

"I had bought a new radio for my car and I needed an antennae," Jacquelynn LaPiedra, Psychology Instructor, recalls a student telling her. "So I had an appointment with Crazy Eddie at 2:00."

Basic Rule No. 3 - Appointments, especially doctor appointments make good excuses only when followed by "it was the only time I could schedule it." Note: If your car breaks down, you have the advantage of future excuses through repairs, but if you claim you had an accident, don't hurt your leg and then be seen jogging, and make sure the teacher doesn't see that your car has no dents.

Medical excuses are always good as long as nobody checks them out. Some of us are, of course, fortunate enough to have a real illness (they do happen, occasionally) and can be great for re-

peat excuses such as Jacquelynn LaPiedra's student who "developed an ulcer and the doctor told her that she needed to drink a glass of milk every day at 1:00".

Basic Rule No. 4 - Remember to watch your times. The above excuse is great for tardiness but it doesn't take fifty minutes to drink a glass of milk.

Ignorance is golden when it comes to excuses. The worst that can happen is the teacher will think you are 'slow'. Note: these are not for students with above 2.0 average.

Jerry Olson remembers a student who just "couldn't find any paper in his house to do his assignment on."

Irene Pearse felt sorry for a student who, when asked if he had watched a certain program on the TV the night before, claimed he "couldn't find the dial." And Dan Zimmerman had a student who flew all the way to London to find out that he didn't have a Visa to get back to his home country.

Basic Rule No. 5 - Excuses dealing with plain stupidity should not be taken lightly unless you don't mind looking like a total fool. Just remember, don't sit in the front of the class and don't get A's on any tests or you'll blow your cover.

Just follow the Basic Rules from this article and you should have no trouble breezing by and attending only 50 percent of your classes. Actually there were more rules to this article but a page flew out the window of my car. I would have gone after it, but I gave blood yesterday which made me tired, so I slipped in the shower and hurt my knee and

An era ends but '60s spirit lives on

by Marianne Tamburro

It was like a trip through time, a fleeting flashback to the days of Shea Stadium and Woodstock, a return not to a place but to a feeling, a sense of implicit mutual understanding and unity of purpose.

The thousands who gathered around the world to pay tribute to John Lennon mourned more than the passing of a uniquely gifted artist, they grieved for the loss of an irreplaceable part of their lives, of themselves.

To those who grew up in the '60s, the Beatles were more than rock stars; they were free spirits, rays of light in the dark, voices of sanity in an irrational world—they were magical and mystical.

Their music marked our rites of passage, forming the backdrop for our first encounters with the mysteries of sex and consciousness expansion, accompanying us on our search for personal identity. As we grew, so did they. Their lyrics evolved as well, from themes of adolescent romance, to the more intricate aspects of personal relations, to spiritual enlightenment and consciousness raising.

As a group, the Beatles underwent

a gradual metamorphosis from teen idols to spiritual mentors and chroniclers of the times. While they were not solely responsible for bringing about the monumental social and political revolt of the decade, their irrepressible originality and audacity certainly helped to create the aura of rebelliousness which set the stage for all that followed.

Their music captured and augmented an incredible period of soul searching and spiritual awakening, of political dissatisfaction and social optimism the likes of which had never been seen in modern times.

The moving force behind the group was Lennon. His were the words that most acutely and poignantly reflected the period, and that had the most profound effect upon its course of events. His energy was the catalyst behind the entity known as "the Beatles", in actuality four separate and distinct personalities unified by John as their unspoken leader. If we had to choose just one to thank for all that the Beatles gave us, it would be him.

Lennon's songs continued to spread the message of peace and love after he separated from the group, just as they will continue to do now that he is separated from us.

His death may have marked the end of an era, but perhaps it can also herald the emergence of a new one—not necessarily a return to the turbulence of the '60s, but at least a shift away from the complacent, designer-decked "me-ness" of the '70s.

The common bond of love and sorrow expressed by those who came

together to keep vigil for the spirit of John Lennon is living proof that the "spirit of the '60s" lives on. Now that he has at last found peace, perhaps the aura of positiveness and faith in humanity he embodied can be re-awakened within us, giving us renewed purpose and direction. It would be "just like starting over".

Desk graffiti revealing

by Chris Kozacko

Next time you sit in a class, notice the desk top. Did you ever take the time to read some of those zany messages or observe the nonsensical pictures? Did you ever wonder what all that graffiti really meant?

Desk top graffiti can be called a student's own system of hieroglyphics since each picture or phrase symbolizes a student's personal interests. Often times, students vent their feelings through these graphic pictures and phrases. A careful study of

desk tops reveals many interesting clues about MCC students.

The most frequent type of graffiti pertains to music, with obscenities taking a close second. Scrawled across several desks are the names of rock groups from Kansas to Black Sabbath. Beethoven definitely takes a back seat.

The next most popular kind of graffiti is hearts with the names of boyfriends and girlfriends written inside. No doubt that the girls were responsible for this artwork. So guys, take heart.

Protests and exclamations are also scribbled on desks. "Help!" is popular. Most likely the student writes this outcry in desperation while taking a test. Political protests concerning Iran and religious declarations appeared on desks exemplifying students who are morally aware and stirred. The word "boring" commonly crops up along with doodles of clocks indicating the artists to be bored students (Doodlers are bound to draw what they watch most often).

More doodles include Kilroy and caricatures of people, typically professors. Drawings of animals, flowers, and trees indicate the student artist to be a lover of nature. Geometric shapes is another favorite which symbolizes a mathematically-inclined student.

Scientific and mathematical formulas etched on desks indicate an academically interested student or a cheater.

And lastly, one unusual type of graffiti takes the form of an ad. Students create their own classified section on desk tops with "for sale" ads hoping to sell their '68 Chevy or extra Springsteen concert tickets.

A place to check people out and find out what's happening too!

by Bob Greenway

Like cats on the prowl, they wait anxiously for their prey. A group stalking judiciously with compelling eyes embark upon prospect. Suddenly, without warning, eye contact occurs and the barrier of silence is broken.

The "hunting ground" is the bench located across from Bunker lounge. It is more than just an ordinary rest spot.

During different times of the day it fills up with students "checking people out". The hallway is a good platform, where contenders can fashionably exhibit their wares.

Wandering eyes and provocative

minds discreetly single out casual strollers. Unknowingly, the passerby becomes victim to the rating system.

The ratings at MCC are usually done in a vocal manner. The subtle will attack your body with their eyes, while contemplating a massive grab with their hands. The arrogant will coolly demand for a piece of the action, while the animal will go for anything that moves on two legs.

Not all "bench" patrons will comply to the selection standards. However, in most cases, if they don't, they usually have a friend that will.

The bench, besides being a place to check people out, is a good place to find out what's going on. Routinely, conversations usually range from "gold medal" performances on the weekend to "last place" disappointments.

After the weekend, the hunt continues to grow. Without warning, those compelling eyes look for another prospect. Those wearing designer jeans will boldly market their assets. But, as Brooke Shields advertises, "If my Calvins could talk, I'd be ruined"; just think, "If your jeans could talk, would you be ruined"?



Engineering Science Major Yen Fei Benjamin, who hails from Taiwan, explains life in her native land and the similarities and differences between the island and the U.S. She feels that young Americans are not as responsible as they should be.

When East meets West

by Brenda Boryszewski

A warm friendly smile, dark expressive eyes, and occasional quick hugs and other gestures of camaraderie, are all part of the character of Yen Fei Benjamin, an Engineering Science major.

She is currently taking calculus, engineering graphics and speech courses. "My goal is to get all A's," she said with a gleam in her dark brown eyes.

Yen Fei moved to this country after she met and later married her Ameri-

can co-worker at the Tunthai University where he was a teacher and she was a student.

She originally hails from the Taiwan region of the Republic of China in the town of Kaoshwing.

Yen Fei's English pronunciation and vocabulary are excellent considering her short habitation in this country.

She explained that her prowess stems from her extensive studies in China. "Everyone starts to take English at 13 years of age," she added.

About her country she explained, "the part of China I come from is ruled by the democratic, not the com-

munist." In the Republic of China, the governmental philosophy of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen is followed.

Yen Fei expressed an interesting custom which is followed in China. Since age is counted from the time of conception, she is considered one year older in China, and, by moving to the U.S., she has managed to get a year younger.

When asked how women are treated in China, in comparison to this country, Yen Fei declared, "I feel that women are treated not too much differently than here. Women there can be lawyers or doctors or whatever they want to be."

Sexual attitudes are also different in China. "Quick kissing" is allowed in public but "making out" is not.

Yen Fei feels that "for the young generation things are changing. The young ones are more open towards sex."

She also said that dating among teenagers is more prevalent now. "When I was in high school, we didn't have boyfriends. We weren't interested in going out with boys. Now they do."

Although many beliefs and attitudes are different, the Chinese have similar clothes, makeup and household products as Americans.

According to Yen Fei, "what the U.S. have, we have."

Even though the clothes are similar to American garments, they aren't provocative. Bikinis are worn for swimming but women cannot wear "low-cut blouses" on the streets.

"If a woman wore revealing clothes she would not have respect from the common people," commented Yen Fei.

Also, uniforms must be worn by junior and high school students during classes, but "after school they like to wear nice clothes."

When it comes to hair length, the Chinese schools are strict. In junior school (ages 12-15), girls must wear their hair "chin length" and boys must have "very short hair."

Even entertainment is regimented. "We have special dancing places only for adults," explained Yen Fei. Kids can have parties with their families, but they must register with the police in order to have or attend a party.

Parties are noisy for the neighbors, may cause fights because of drinking and, "the government feels that people shouldn't waste their money on parties."

The family is an important part of the Chinese people, according to Yen Fei. Parents will support their children so that they can finish their higher education, and the age at which a teenager can begin dating "depends on the family."

In some families, marriages are arranged. Usually though, young men and women are introduced to each other by their families but are not forced to marry. There is a double standard that exists within marriage. It is important that a bride-to-be is a virgin, but a bridegroom does not have to be chaste. "If a woman has a bad reputation no one wants to marry her."

"The Chinese emphasize the family and morals, self restriction, self-control," Yen Fei stressed. "We feel that whatever a person does will influence others. It's never just your business."

From her year of experience in this country, she expressed, "I feel that here, there's a lot of waste. Young people care more about enjoying life. They don't care much about responsibilities."

In conclusion, she said, "American people really should feel precious about what they have."

Identifying with individual needs

by John Verrico

There's more to Jacquelynn La Piedra than just being one of MCC's newest and most attractive Psychology teachers; she also does a lot of personal research in parapsychology.

La Piedra is affiliated with the



The new breed of teacher, Psychology instructor Jacquelynn La Piedra, identifies with individual needs of her students and makes their learning experience more enjoyable while reinforcing her students' ideas and starting their thinking process. Her interests include dream research and psychokinesis.

Psychophysical Research Lab, located in Princeton, which concentrates most of its work on dream research and psychokinesis as well as other forms of ESP.

"I originally offered myself as a subject," she explained. Now she considers herself as "a spectator". She claims that "it is a great learning experience."

Actually, La Piedra's original ambitions were to be an English teacher until she attended Staten Island Community College where she was destined to meet the man who changed her mind, Dr. Steve Rosen. He was her psychology teacher at SICC, and made the subject "fascinating" to her.

"I love profound subjects, things that make you just sit back and say, wow!" La Piedra described. For her, psychology turned out to be that 'profound' subject and she continued on to Richmond College with a double-major for her BA.

Even after she completed her education, obtaining her MA in Experimental Psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University, she still contacted Dr. Rosen and through him she became involved with the American Society for Psychical Research and the Psychophysical Research Lab where she met Dr. Gerry Eugene, a certified hypnotist with whom La Piedra is hoping to work with in the future.

She is currently working with Eugene on an article with hopes of publication on the psychology of the elderly, though she really wants to write about parapsychological research.

But, of course, her first love is teaching.

"I always wanted to teach," she explains with bright expressive eyes. "Ever since grammar school, I've; always had a pension for explaining things to other people."

La Piedra describes teaching as a way of learning for both the student and the teacher and she "feels better in a learning situation."

Some of her students have described her as "the new breed of teacher." When confronted with this, she smiled

shly and said, "Well, I don't know about new breed or old breed, but recently being a student myself, I've had the chance to sample and evaluate different teaching styles and systems and I know what works best for me."

"I just try to let my students see as much of my personality as possible, this way they get to know me and they won't be afraid to let me know them so that I can identify with their individual needs."

La Piedra seems to be able to develop a good rapport with her students as she can help them to understand things better or even overcome certain problems by conforming her teaching styles, more open discussions, reinforcing her students' ideas and always devoting her own

free time to further explanations of hard-to-understand concepts.

"She stimulates my mind," noted Gabe Pires, one of her Psychology I students. "I hit a teacher that makes the class 'fun'."

Pires claims that La Piedra can really "start the thinking process... rather than making flat 'that's the way it is' statements."

In the past La Piedra has done some tutoring for both college and high school students and has worked with autistic children.

Enthusiastic about any and all forms of education, if she is not teaching at MCC or learning at the Psychophysical Research Lab, you'll find her curled up with a good book, usually philosophy or one of the classics in order to feed the hungry mind.



President Channing (left) looks over one of the numerous donations that were on sale yesterday in the College Center to raise funds to aid the Italian earthquake victims. At right, English Department Prof. Emanuele di Pasquale contemplates a picture frame.



What is the real meaning of Christmas?

by Keith Drumhore

The small pajamaed boy stood, elbows propped on the window sill, staring out into the darkness on the other side of the glass.

The moon slipped out from behind a cloud bathing the street in a soft yellow glow.

He heard, but ignored the bedroom door as it opened slowly, running along the carpet.

His mother peeked around the door before she stepped into the room.

"Chris, what are you doing?" she asked.

"Thinkin'," he answered without turning around.

"Thinking?" she echoed.

She crossed the room and perched herself on the edge of the bed, reaching out to touch Chris' arm. "What about?" she asked.

"Tomorrow." He turned to face her.

"Tomorrow?" This echo was full of surprise. Tomorrow was Christmas, and most children do their Christmas Eve thinking in bed with smiles on their faces not while peering out into the night with confusion-filled eyes.

"Yes," he said.

"What about?"

"I don't know."

"Oh."

An unstrained silence enveloped them. Chris came to her and stood leaning against her knees.

She pushed his dark hair back off his forehead.

"What don't you know about Christmas, Chris?" she whispered.

"Everythin'."

There was another warm silence before he started.

"It's hard to . . .," he said. "Grandpa sits down with me and tells stories about the North Pole and Santa Claus and the elves and everythin', and then Bobby tells me that there ain't no such thin' as Santa, and then Sue tells Bobby that there used to be this guy named Nick that everyone thought was Santa Claus, and then we go to a store and see three Santas."

She sighed as she looked down at him, unsure of what to say. After all, it wasn't supposed to be like this. He was supposed to come home from school one afternoon and simply announce that he didn't believe in Santa or the Easter Bunny anymore. Small children weren't supposed to stop and rationalize.

He stared back at her. She was thinking, searching for something that had never been explained to her, but

she wasn't fast enough. He was talking again.

"And at Sunday School Mrs. Millan told us that Jesus was born at Christmas and about the manger. And yesterday that guy that you listen to on the radio said that Jesus wasn't born at Christmas because of taxes or sumpten. So it's not his birthday like Mrs. Millan said."

She parted her knees and pulled him in to her. It was a reaction to the child's need as much as it was a way to avoid talking. But he pulled his head off of her chest.

"Who's right, Mommy?" he asked.

There was a long pause.

"I don't know, Chris," she said, finally. "But I believe in Santa."

He continued staring at her, waiting for her to go on. Panic nudged her. Why wasn't he in bed for God's sake?

"I don't know when Jesus' birthday is, Chris," she said, standing up. "I imagine that we could look it up somewhere, but for right now why don't we, ah, just pretend that tomorrow is his birthday. When I was small your Grandpa used to tell me that Christmas was when we should feel real close to Jesus and God and spread their cheer to everyone."

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by Mary Lou Strahlendorff

With only seven days left until Christmas, the roads surrounding the Menlo Park Mall are jam-packed with shoppers frantically vying for designer jeans and the last surviving video games in an attempt to say "I care" on Christmas morning.

Down the road a bit, away from the noise and chaos, some MCC students have found another way to show they care.

The Social Rehabilitation Association, a recently formed club on campus, is giving the residents of the New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers a party tonight. The sixty-member club will provide refreshments, music, and, most importantly, companionship to people who otherwise might not have any Christmas.

"Most of the four hundred residents are older men between the ages of 64 and 71 who have been disabled from

strokes, disease or old age and have no where else to go. Christmas is a very lonely time for many of them," states Lori Leff, who along with fellow club member Marie Sennett, organized the party.

As part of the Social and Rehabilitation Services curriculum, each senior is assigned an internship at an institution dealing with the poor, disadvantaged or handicapped. Every Wednesday Lori goes to the home and

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Looking back on 1980—a trying year

by Marie Nocitra

"And so this is New Years, and what have you done?"

Another year over, a new one just begun." J. Lennon

Once again, it's time to re-make resolutions and reflect upon those which were kept and broken throughout last year.

Each year holds new surprises. With the ups and downs, will come the inauguration of Reagan this January.

Christmas?

Daddy rolled down the car and yelled "god-damn that guy in K-mart's today?"

"Not quite it," she said. "I'll have to ask him about tonight."

"Not tonight. Dan was cement putting together for Chris, and goddamn of the milder words in tonight."

"About ...," he began but for you to go to bed,

"Down the covers, usher them. Wash your teeth?"

"I pulled the quilt under his head, wandered over that confusion remained. I lay down on the bed."

"He asked, 'What do you want for Christmas? What's your wish?'"

"I crept into his eyes. He said."

"I stood up. 'Now don't forget about all this and just think about Christmas and all those toys.' 'Okay?'"

There was no response. The sparkle faded.

"Chris?"

"Okay," he said.

"Good." She bent over and kissed him on the cheek. The sound of metal hitting a concrete floor burst in to the room followed by Dan's scream of frustration.

"Goodnight, Chris."

"Goodnight."

She stopped halfway out the door, turning back into the room.

"You know, Chris," she said.

"When I was small I used to lay in bed on Christmas Eve and listen for Santa's sleigh bells."

She giggled to herself, flicked off the light, and stepped out into the hallway, pulling the door across the carpet behind her. It clicked shut.

And the small boy did lay awake.

Resting his head on one elbow, he started out of the window where the blackness was cut by the pale yellow glow of the moon.

He lay like that a long time, listening to the sounds that filtered up through the floorboards, and thinking.

This year, perhaps the hostages will be set free from Iran after over a year of captivity.

Inflation is on the rise continuously - hitting us in all aspects of our daily lives. Those day trips to the shore with gas costing \$2 per gallon may soon be just memories of 'remember last summer when we went...'

Musically, last year is a story in itself. Led Zeppelin lost John Bonham. The Grateful Dead celebrated 15 years of being on the road. New Wave, Punk and Disco changed the lives of many. The tragic death of John Lennon caused worldwide grief. Springsteen came to the Garden for a series of long awaited concerts.

Draft thoughts rambled through the minds of many. Vietnam visions of nightmares were felt throughout the nation.

Heavily weighted riots began in Miami. Carter was letting Cubans come live in our country and help continue our overpopulation problem.

Mount St. Helens killed many while Abscam was corrupting the government.

A fire in the MGM Hotel stirred hotel owners all over to check their facilities to insure safeness.

The drinking age was legally changed as of day 1, 1980, but the year still brought forth many deaths caused by drunken driving.

"No Nukes" reached many and the position of many musicians towards nuclear power was clearly demonstrated.

TMI remained inoperative while a few other plants around the U.S. were shut down.

Asteroids became a national obsession with many high-school and college students hovering over the game hoping that maybe this time they can set a high score.

The U.S. pulled our teams out of the summer Olympics, and put a Saturn Voyager into space.

In Florida, there was the bridge that collapsed and killed many with no forewarning.

The Italian earthquake left many homeless and devastated.

The Shah died, leaving us with many unsolved problems.

A mistake with Russia almost sent us to immediate war, but luckily was caught in time.

Anita Bryant continued to speak out against gays in her campaign around the country; she also got divorced.

In July, we lost the 'Pink Panther', Peter Sellers.

Gloria Vanderbilt continued pulling in the millions and supporting Disco.

In a failure rescue attempt, we lost eight brave Americans whom were trying to heroically rescue the hostages.

A frequently asked question amongst Dallas fans was, 'Who Shot J.R.?'

Atlantic City was completed only to bring more traffic and rumors of illegal businesses into N.J.

The price of gold skyrocketed while paraphernalia sales were being banned.

Fires in California spread rapidly killing much of the state's wildlife and forest range.

1980 was also known as the year of the census.

Here we were, trying to count how many people were in the good ole' U.S.A., yet the government could not even see through to supply adequate water for a few counties in the state.

Unemployment rose continuously. Many people and their children went hungry and cold.

The list of events go on and on. There are many good things which we can reflect upon. There are unfortunately enough bad things to equal the scale.

So here are the days, long hoped for, long awaited, with us to take into our stride, a new beginning. Endless doors opening to new horizons can be found in 1981.

The spirit of giving

The men in recreation club decided to give the teacher a speech Lori gave with them.

Most of the men are in their 40s and many have been in recreation for five or ten years. Lori went out recreation therapy and would sit around and he believes that the program includes activities such as weaving benefits the

men physically as well as mentally and socially.

"A lot of the men have disabilities now that they didn't have when they were younger. They talk a lot about the past - about their families and jobs, they were more independent and those were happier times. They get very frustrated when they can't do everything for themselves."

According to Lori the men's biggest problem is loneliness. "They live with

each other every day and they all have the same loneliness. They don't get many visitors and they're happy to see someone different and young from the outside. They're really eager to talk and I don't have enough time to spend with all of them in one day. At the party there will be more people for them to talk to."

The men are all different. Some get involved in everything; others are disillusioned and just feel sorry for

themselves. Some have given up and just walk around waiting for each new day to pass. Despite their hardships, most of the men are in good spirits and look forward to the party.

"Christmas is supposed to be a time of giving, and I think the men here are really in need. But, I don't just feel like I'm helping them, they're helping me also by giving me knowledge, rewards and a sense of accomplishment."

Reterexpress by Carol Balzano

Agnes Hirsch is one of those women who is in constant motion. The motion is not an erratic or displaced action but instead, it is fixed around the center of an internal movement of emotional and physical control. It is dance.

Dance is more than technique, or a good performance, or the teaching of dance to students for Agnes Hirsch. It is a life experience of motivation and belief that gives her a calm satisfaction.

It's hard to picture the auburn-haired dance teacher as someone who would lose her temper easily. Her patience for the recognition of dance on campus is something that has slowly been breaking through to many students and teachers who may see dance as a sort of second rate, effeminate image not worthy of its rightful place as an athletic ability.

If not for the love of the art, which gives her an open mind, she probably would have given up a long time ago. The lack of publicity and funds for her dance club, and unheard requests for a new dance floor in the gym (one that isn't cement and cold) plagued her to no avail.

The complaints she voices are not harsh statements though, but soft in comparison to how she feels. The Hungarian-born woman kindles this feeling by thinking positively at how much she has done and can do to make one aware of dance. Especially to those males who may think that dancing, like ballet, lacks masculinity.

Fortunately today, there are more and more men, (athletes and non-athletes), who recognize the physical essentials that dancing has to give them with the added dimension to their personalities: it knocks down a lot of chauvinistic, bogus stereotypes.

"A dancer has to be an athlete first", states Agnes Hirsch, who has had experience teaching classes for athletes who are physical education majors and also athlete instructors. The same principles she uses for her dance and movement classes extends also to the dance club.

Prof. Hirsch explains that the goals involved requires more than just learning the skills of various dance forms. It is the learning of an experience that mingles creativity and sharing to bring its emotion out to others. And also, to the person dancing.

The dance club's major attraction is that it is not open to only dancers with experience, but to all students who want to dance.

It satisfies those who want to dance and those who may only want to learn the history or literary aspect of dance. This year there are eighty

students signed up for the club, but unfortunately, not everyone can make the meetings to fit their schedule.

General meetings are held twice a month and during these workshops discussions are about whatever topic the student body agrees on. Many times it's a workshop with a film either about the background of a certain dance form, or it may deal with dancers' techniques.

The freedom is there and trips are taken according to available funds each semester. Master classes are held at least twice a month. But again, "the amount of classes depends on the funds available," Prof. Hirsch remarks woefully.

These master classes are open to anyone who wishes to participate, even if he or she is not a member of the dance club. In the past, there were master classes of Mid-Eastern, international folk, modern, contemporary and classical.

Many times Prof. Hirsch has to bring in instructors she knows personally, since they (the club) can't afford someone who wants more than \$100 for the master class. Particularly when the allotted budget is \$500. Fund-raising is successful but doesn't help that much when it comes to seminars.

"Doing the best with what we have" hurts, when there are those involved who realize how much a day seminar in New York with a professional company would help their learning process. And for Agnes Hirsch, who studied with the prestigious Budapest Opera and Ballet Company for fifteen years, it hurts too.

Yet she is quick to say "that dance is not sufficient. That all arts are needed to become interrelated". Her objective while growing up in Hungary was the performing arts. But there came a point in her life when she realized that it would be teaching dance that would become a longer term situation then as a performer.

Teaching dance is something she doesn't regret because she wants everyone to be as happy as dance has made her feel. And you don't have to be a prima ballerina to know it either. This is why she went on to receive her doctorate at Rutgers in Creative Arts Education where her special interest lies in Therapeutic Dance.

Before leaving, Agnes Hirsch once more expressed her belief simply as any teacher of the "heart of the arts" can make it: "The performance is the end result, but it is not that important. It is the process, learning logic and sciences through dance movement that is important."

prevailing wisdom, we have bought such inventions as the Hoola-Hoop, the smile-button, and the various talents of the Pet Rock.

In the past, our "good investments" have made Christmas a good time for remote ideas to flourish. Today, remote ideas are slowly being replaced by pragmatism.

Prudently, brightly colored displays are positioned to ravish the senses; but the only thing it is ravishing is the lining in our wallets.

Many shoppers are trying to be more pragmatic with their shopping lists. They find themselves not giving into the silly inventions, but to things that "eluded them" as kids.

When the season is over and the "not so perfect" gift is returned or exchanged, it's time for Christmas Club payment number seven. Surprisingly enough, one does not mind saving for the next season. After all, Christmas only comes once a year.



Agnes Hirsch shares not only her knowledge but love for dance with her students and dance club members with the philosophy.. "it is the process, learning logic and sciences through dance movement that is important."

Channing expects good reaccreditation report

by Marianne Tamburro

At a Tuesday night meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Rose Channing announced that a favorable report is expected from the Middle States Association, who last month visited the college to determine whether or not to recommend its reaccreditation. While official word will not be received until the end of February, Dr. Channing declared, "We came through the visit quite successfully."

Dr. Channing also mentioned her participation in the special program entitled "What if I Couldn't?" The program was designed to afford able-bodied persons the opportunity to experience the world of the handicapped. Dr. Channing who took part by conducting her daily business from the confines of a wheelchair, said of the experience, "I now know the difference between accessible and inaccessible."

Stating that the college has made great strides in improving facilities, she added "We still have some work to do--not only in changing structures, but people's attitudes as well." She said the college will continue to work toward the goal of "closing gaps...not only in facilities but in programs", to make the campus as fully accessible to handicapped students as possible.

Other monthly reports included one from the Financial Committee delivered by Vice Chairperson/Treasurer William Walsh, who stated that the college is undergoing a "difficult period" financially, despite the recent increase in tuition. In order to ease the situation, temporary freezes on hiring and salary increases will be put into effect, he said.

Walsh also announced that the proceeds from the annual college ball, to be held January 31, will be donated to the Relief Fund for Italian Earthquake Victims.

Also on the agenda was a report from the Education Committee in which Chairperson Angelo Dalto revealed that a career-oriented program in welding technology has been approved by the board, and will be implemented in conjunction with the Middlesex County Vocational-Technical High Schools. Board member Herbert Stolzer expressed approval, stating that there is "more than enough demand for such a program."

Valentine Meszaros, chairperson of the Facilities Committee, presented a resolution that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Woodbridge Avenue and Clausen Road, at the college's new entrance. The motion was approved and is now awaiting the sanction of legal counsel.

A comment was made by Professor Fred Grossman, of the Accounting Department, in reference to what he called "two examples of administrative insensitivity to students."

Grossman objected to the newly-approved academic calendar, on which commencement is scheduled to take place on June 7, three weeks after that of surrounding colleges. He asserts that students who are not in the upper 25 percent of the graduating class will have difficulty in finding jobs, as many positions will have already been filled by the earlier graduates. He also protested the hiring of four non-attorneys as instructors in business law, calling them "not qualified for the position." Grossman urged the board to take these matters into consideration.

'Tis the season to shop

by Bob Greenway

Christmas is known as one of the joyous times of the year; yet its joy is often sidelined by frustration from standing in never-ending lines.

The lines are only a small part that display signs of "holiday madness". Herds of people hustle along the malls with their arms full of boldly printed packages.

These packages might only be last-minute buys, but they serve as important advertising "cues" for many department stores. The red-tag sales and promised reductions annually engender a breeding ground for vulgarity.

November, with post Thanksgiving sales, and December, mark a special time of the year when the media infiltrates the ads to lure prospective buyers. Numerous items are promised to "fulfill" one's dreams.

As consumers, we are convinced and sold on new inventions. Through

Search for Miss U.S.A.

Applicants are now being accepted from all over New Jersey State for the annual Miss New Jersey State - U.S.A. Pageant to be held at the Concord Resort Hotel in Kiamesha Lake, New York, March 2nd through the 5th. The Miss New Jersey - U.S.A. Pageant is an official Miss U.S.A. - Miss Universe contest.

There are no "talent" requirements; all judging is on the basis of poise, personality and beauty of face and figure. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 28, never married and a resident of New Jersey

for at least six months. All women interested in competing for the title must write to: Miss New Jersey - U.S.A. Pageant 18 East 48th Street (18 Floor), New York, N.Y. 10017, by December 31, 1980. Letters must include a recent photograph, a brief biography and phone number.

The women chosen as Miss New Jersey State - U.S.A. will represent New Jersey State in the Miss U.S.A. Pageant, nationally televised on CBS-TV in May.

Contact: Mr. Rick Belmont, 212-980-4888



Pat Louth,
Employee of Book Store:
The bills.

Inquiring Photographer

Marguerite Bock

Question of the week...On the twelfth day of Christmas

my true love gave to me....what?



Ralph Tellone,
Asst. Prof - HRI:
A Cockapoo named Corky.



Tom Ratajczak,
Open College '81:
What is it, twelve golden rings?



Bob Obrzut,
Criminal Justice '82:
Nothing!



Judy Salmons,
L.A. '82:
Oh no! I don't know! A fur coat?



Kathy Friedrich,
Open College '81:
I know that song - wait a minute -
12empty Heineken bottles.



Sandy Jordan,
Bus. Mgt. '82:
Oh sh...Ah, twelve drummers
drumming.



Lynn Blomquist,
HRI '82:
Wait a second - I will say - twelve
swans a swimming.



Elaine Kasternakis,
Retail Mgt. '81:
12 shares of stock.



Rob Dutchendorf,
Theatre Major '81:
Twelve dead canaries.



Phil Ruiz,
Book Store Employee:
I don't know - twelve more days
to find her a gift.



Michele Nack,
L.A. Music '81:
Oh my God, what kind of question
is that? Am I supposed to remem-
ber that? I don't know.

Advice for a safe and happy holiday

by Helene Maliko

The up-coming holidays, bad weather, and bad habits, are among the major concerns of Chief of Police Joseph Roccasanto.

"We know better, but we still get caught up in a complex turmoil," the Chief contends. "That includes last

minute rushes and traffic jams, parties, and heavier than normal drinking—all kinds of pressures."

According to Chief Roccasanto and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, persons subjected to such stresses are less able to cope with

normal every-day problems of safe driving or walking.

Since holiday occasions for drinking are endless, so are chances for accidents in traffic, the Chief emphasized. Alcohol is a factor in as many as half of our traffic accidents. You can help solve the No. 1 highway problem if you:

*Remember that alcohol slows reflexes, impairs coordination and reduces visual acuity. You can't react as fast as you can when sober.

*Know your limits—and stay within them. Alcohol build-up in the blood depends on: 1) the number and strength of drinks; 2) time elapsed since drinking began; 3) body weight; and 4) quantity and kind of food in the stomach.

*Take public transportation, or let a sober friend do the driving, if you do over-party.

These helpful hints should help students to have a safe and happy holiday season.

Ice-tire chains the best

"The trend toward smaller, lighter more fuel efficient cars is both good and bad news for drivers," said Chief of Police Joseph Roccasanto.

According to test findings, the heavier the vehicle, the longer the distance required to stop on ice. This relationship between vehicle weight and locked-wheel stopping distances on ice is at odds with the reported behavior of vehicles on either wet or dry pavements. Once the wheels are locked, vehicle weight shouldn't make a difference. But on glare ice, a difference has been well established by the skid testers.

Stopping distances on ice for compact and sub-compact cars can be as much as 25 percent shorter than for a full size vehicle, a plus for drivers of these cars according to National Safety Council researchers, who then turn the coin to the minus side.

Once stopped, however, the smaller, lighter cars have notable trouble getting back into motion again.

This is particularly true at warmer ice temperatures or when ice has become highly polished, such as at intersections.

After breakaway has occurred, however, and the wheels are spinning, there is little difference in the traction capabilities of different size cars.

Motorists should also be aware of a change in braking techniques.

Previously, hard, fast jabs at the brake pedal were the proper way to "Pump" brakes on slick roads. That was when cars had drum brakes on all four wheels.

A good share of today's cars, however, have disc brakes on the front and drum brakes on the rear. The "fast and hard as you can" pumping technique does not allow the front disc brakes to release completely.

With the front wheels staying locked and sliding, steering control is never regained--the basic objective of pumping the brakes in the first place.

Instead, skid testers now recommend a slower, intermittent braking action--fully on and then fully off long enough to let disc brakes release so that all wheels are rolling again.

In short, apply the brakes until you feel that a skid is about to start, then release, steer and pump again.

According to National Safety Council performance tests and contrary to the impression of many motorists, radial tires are not a substitute for snow tires for driving on snow and ice.

In conclusion, reinforced tire chains remain a motorist's most dependable traction aid for severe snow and ice conditions. They provide four to seven times as much traction on snow or ice as regular tires; and they stop up to 50 percent better on ice.

MCC extends services

The Middlesex County College Perth Amboy Center is, once again, ready to register students for the spring semester. Among the courses which will be offered are: English I, Principles of Accounting II, Principles of Economics I, Principles of Rehabilitation I, Elementary Spanish I, Sociology, Business Organization and Management and Child Psychology.

The Center will also offer four levels of ESL (English as a second language) as well as a number of bilingual courses: Psychology II, Business Mathematics II, and College Reading and Study Skills I.

The ESL program at the Amboy Center has become very popular. The Center could be considered, a small 'League of Nations'. People from many parts of the world congregate at the Center. There are students from Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Columbia, Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, Chile, Russia, Germany, Poland, Mexico and Korea.

The Center began a new approach to the teaching of English last fall.

The new approach uses a new method which is called a "personalized system of instruction".

In this new program the student studies one unit at a time, and then takes a test. On each test, he must score 90% or higher.

If he does not, he will restudy the things that he needs to and then take an alternate unit test on the same unit.

Another important course in the Center's program is a course entitled College Reading and Study Skills. This course is very important for Hispanic students and other people who are attempting to begin college for the first time.

The course is designed to help students in many ways. It attempts to teach students new habits on how to budget their time wisely, how to take notes, and, how to prepare for an exam. In general, it teaches the student how to study.

The Center is located in Perth Amboy at 178 Barracks Street. The office is on the third floor and the telephone number is 324-0700.

Colts settle for tie vs. Trenton J.V.

by Keith Drumbo

The wrestling team won six of its first eight matches in its meet against Trenton State JV last Saturday and entered the last two pairings of the competition with a 20-11 lead.

However, their opponent scrapped back, scoring nine points, bringing the contest to end in a tie.

"We did not wrestle up to our capability," said coach John Sacchi. "Some of the men got hit with the flu. It was either that that brought us down or I didn't get them up for the meet. Hopefully, it was the flu. But no matter what, Trenton was ready for us and we were limp."

The meet began and Trenton jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead as John Olivetti was defeated by Joel Branhan in the opening match 14-3.

But the Colts swarmed back with Ken Karl, Bob Bussey, and Chris Curtis registering 7-1, 18-5, and 10-7 wins respectively.

"Bussey looked good," noted Sacchi, "and Karl, well, he's a competitor."

At the 150 pound weight class Joe Mignane stood in for Jim Messoroll, who is sidelined with a rib injury, and was pinned in 5:10 by Larry DeSomine.

DeSomine's fall evened the score at 11 apiece at the midway point of the meet.

Randy Aldrich started off the second-half with a 4-2 win, and was followed by Brad Anderson, who, remaining undefeated, also registered a 4-2 triumph as the Colts built up a solid six point lead.

"Anderson was feeling the effects of the flu," stated Sacchi. "All season long he's been hammering people. But out there he had nothing, no strength at all."

The next match saw Walt Beyer down Pat Murphy 9-4 padding the Colt's lead to 20-11; placing them in

the driver's seat as the meet wound its way down.

And then came the come back.

Bob Teeple found himself in a flip-flopping struggle with John McGreevy as each wrestler recorded two near falls before Teeple was caught and pinned at 4:55.

The scoreboard now read 20-17, Colts, with one pair left to wrestle.

Heavyweight Neil Esposito took to the mats in an attempt to protect the Colt's slim advantage.

However, Chris Holcombe got the best of Esposito, defeating him 10-7, forcing the men to settle for a 20-20 tie.

"We had no intensity," said Sacchi. "The whole day was an abscess."

Sacchi hopes his squad can shake off the flu bug and regroup quickly because the Colt's territory will be invaded this Saturday by Ed Kogachaki and his Bergen CC wrestlers.

Bergen is the only GSAC squad to

defeat the Colts in the last four years.

They turned the trick last year with a 21-20 victory at home.

"If anyone enjoys wrestling then they should come to the brawl on Saturday," said Sacchi. "The fireworks are gonna fly."

The meet starts at 2 p.m.

- Middlesex C.C. 20 Trenton St JV 20**
118 - J. Branhan d. J. Olivetti 14-3
126 - K. Karl d. J. Magaraci 7-1
134-B. Bussey d. E. Dugan 18-5
142-C. Curtis d. T. Moroe 10-7
150-L. De Simone P. J. Mignano 5:10
158-Raldrich d. R. Glaberman 4-2
167-B. Anderson d. B. Mundhenk 4-2
W. Beyer d. P. Murphy 9-4
190-J. McGreevy P. B. Teeple 4:55
Hwt-C. Holcombe d. N. Esposito 10-7



Mike O'Koren
photo by Frank Palughi

Mike O'Koren

Jersey product 'comes home'

by Nicholas Gattuso Jr.

He sits in the small crowded locker room alone, pushing back his curly hair and watching stars like Maurice Lucas and Mike Newlin go through their usual pre-game rituals.

Mike O'Koren, first round draft choice of the New Jersey Nets and native New Jerseyan, has achieved his life long dream of playing pro ball.

"Playing pro ball is like a dream come true. Especially since I'm playing in my own state," O'Koren said.

O'Koren was born and raised in Jersey City, where he still lives with his mother.

He attended Hudson Catholic High School where he was considered Jersey's best high school basketball player in 1976, and was a team-

mate of another pro player named Jim Spanarkel who now plays for the Dallas Mavericks.

"Jersey City is a very nice town. I was born there and still live there; because in my opinion it's a friendly place," O'Koren stated.

After high school he attended North Carolina which made it to the NCAA Final Four in his freshman year, and in 1980 he was an All-American.

O'Koren, 22, said the reason he attended North Carolina instead of Rutgers, was because North Carolina showed more interest and has a great basketball tradition turning out such great pro players as Walter Davis and Mitch Kupchak.

O'Koren started playing basketball at the age of 12 and continued playing in College where he majored in Recreation Administration.

"I don't really have any hobbies.

I just like to listen to music and play pinball when I'm not playing basketball," O'Koren said.

O'Koren, who along with fellow first rounder Mike Gminski, the players the Nets are building their future around, says that because of his inexperience he's still just trying to learn everything about pro ball.

"So far I like pro ball. I even like the travelling," O'Koren stated.

O'Koren doesn't have any plans about the future or what he'll do after his basketball career, saying he just wants to concentrate on basketball for now.

The 6'7", 215 lb., forward, has his own theory while there are so many good athletes from Jersey.

"The reason there are so many good players from New Jersey is because sports is the main thing to do," O'Koren concluded.

Lake Placid comes to Port Reading

by Nicholas Gattuso Jr.

Questions: can you remember how roughly a year ago, a bunch of hungry hockey players from the United States defeated a bunch of older hockey specialists from the U.S.S.R.?

Answer: yes. Way back in that complicated and confused mind of yours is that instant replay of those fans screaming U.S.A. and the joy and happiness of the winning team placing the flag over goalie Jim Craig's shoulders.

For many people those two weeks of the Winter Olympics when millions of eyes were on the small frigid village of Lake Placid, became their first exposure to hockey.

But the flame that lit up the dark Lake Placid sky did not die with the termination of the games; but lived on in the soul of many kids who discovered a fast, new, and challenging game called hockey.

A prime example of this is a new street hockey league called the Pioneer Tri-City Street Hockey League.

The league which has six teams from Carteret, Woodbridge, and Port Reading, plays all their games on Saturdays and Sundays, under the careful eye of founder and referee Joe Flintosh.

Flintosh, an MCC graduate and employee of Western Electric in Kearny

has been involved in organizing small hockey leagues in the Carteret-Woodbridge area for the last six years.

Flintosh started following hockey in 1969 and says he started the league because it's simply a lot of fun.

"So far the league has been going good. But I still have to gain respect from some of the players by giving out penalties," Flintosh said.

The games are played on a tennis court that the Woodbridge Recreation Dept. painted hockey lines on.

So far Flintosh has kept the league relatively clean from violence; but as he admits, violence is imbred in both hockey and society.

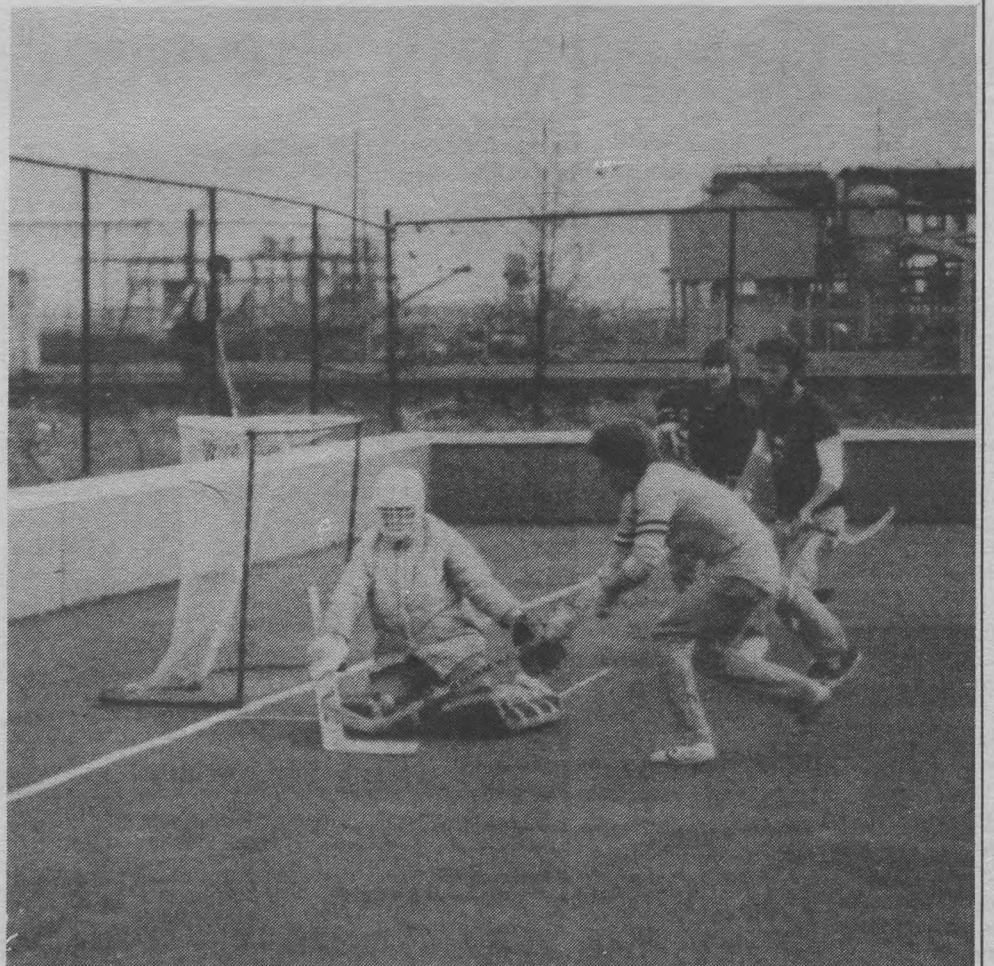
"Ever since the Winter Olympics I've been playing hockey," says 19-year old Frank Palughi.

Palughi, a resident of Carteret, says that hockey is a total team sport.

The name Pioneer is a division of Western Electric where Flintosh works. The company pays for the time that he misses from work on Saturdays and Sundays, while officiating the league.

The league will run until the first week of April and Flintosh is optimistic that he will continue it next year.

Watch out Russia; hockey players from Carteret, Woodbridge, and Port Reading are preparing to defend that gold medal in 1984.



Members of the Pioneer Tri-City Street Hockey League compete in the style of Jim Craig and the U.S. Olympic gold medalists. Who knows, in a few years they may be playing against the Russians in Olympic Street hockey competition.

photo by Louis Schmaus

Cagers coast in tourney win

by Jim Gallagher

The men's basketball team continued their domination over their opponents as they placed first in the Fulton Montgomery Raider Invitational with blowout wins of 23 and 15 points over Albany and Fulton Montgomery, respectively.

In the Albany game, Mike "Ice" Burwell was the game's high scorer with 26 points. Steve Provoid added 20, with 12 of his points coming in the first half, as the Colts led at halftime 41-36.

The Colts, 7-0, increased their lead in the second-half as Burwell scored six points in a 10-point run that increased their lead to 70-50 and breezed to a 94-71 victory.

In the Fulton Montgomery game, Burwell again was the high scorer with 25 points and 15 rebounds.

The Colts held a slim 29-27 lead at the half. However, the second half belonged to the Colts as Burwell again scored six points in another 10 point run which gave them 47-35 lead.

Provoid and Ron Kovac added 14 and 10 points respectively in the 62-47 win. Paul Thorne paced Fulton with 20 points.

Colt Notes: The team has two games this week: Wednesday is an away game with Burlington at 8 and Saturday's home game with Lackawanna at 4:30.

Guard Al Luck had another great game, scoring 18 in the Albany game.



It's the Iceman again. Mike Burwell goes up for a rebound against Essex. More recently Mike led the Cagers in impressive victories in the Fulton holiday tournament, and was voted most valuable player. photo by Jennifer Jensen

We've got the right idea, but...

by David Wiater

In a move likely to have a positive impact on the athletic program, Vice-President Dr. Richard Lowe announced that scholarships will be awarded for athletic excellence starting fall 1981.

Also, there are presently 13 inter-collegiate athletic programs sponsored by the college. How will the awards be distributed? Will they be given only to the successful programs, like wrestling and baseball, and will the least popular teams, like skiing and tennis, be shunted in favor of recognition?

In spite of my questions, scholarships in athletics and academics are necessary as a standard by which students can set their goals for.

Scholarships in athletics, based on performance representing Middlesex, is a suitable way to reward an athlete. Although the time and dedication put in by a student in studies or inter-collegiate competition is priceless, a scholarship is a gesture by the college in appreciation of his/her performance.

It has been a long time coming; scholarships can prove to be beneficial to the college in the classroom and on the athletic field.

Sports Commentary

The \$700 per year scholarships will be awarded for athletic ability, not financial need.

A key footnote is that while five scholarships will be given in athletics, there will also be five awards given for academic achievement.

But there are a few questions which may have been answered but should be brought to attention:

Who will choose whether an athlete in a women's sport is not as deserving as a male athlete?

Success on the slopes

by Ron Halper

Although the Ski Team is beset with difficulties, success on the slopes is not one of them.

Although the team won the New Jersey Ski Racing League Championship last year, the team still fails to receive attention within the campus circle and, more importantly, equipment funds from the College.

Success is no stranger to the ski team and their coach, Bob Urbanski, who has coached the team since 1974.

This season should be quite challenging, noted Coach Urbanski, he has the ammunition to turn in another fine season. Along with returnees

from last year's squad, including John Zinevich, Joe Zerman, Ernie Katko, Doug Aria, Dawn Leschinski, and Wendy Stonesifer, Urbanski has some 30 skiers from which to form a team.

Each participant must furnish his own clothing and equipment. "Ski garments and equipment costs a lot of money—some \$1,000 per person," explains Urbanski.

The team will ski at Hidden Valley for most of the season, which begins on Sat., Jan. 24.

In addition, the team will ski at Lake Placid from March 15-17 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships if they qualify with a third or fourth place finish in the New Jersey College Ski Racing League. Applications for the team will be accepted till the end of the semester.

Skiing Preview

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Last second shot downs lady Colts

by Keith Drumbore

After running to a 32-25 lead in the first half, the women's basketball team couldn't contain their opponent over the final 20 minutes and the Kean College J.V. cagers came from behind to grab a 69-68 win last Thursday.

Ahead by a single point with :08 remaining, the Colts retreated down the court and set up in a zone defense, forcing Kean to shoot from the outside.

Which they did, netting a 35-footer as time expired.

"We challenged them to take the outside shot," stated coach Maureen Reiss, "and they hit it."

The Colt's Iris Hawkins led all scorers with a season-high 30 points.

Last week's other action saw the women bury Brandywine College 64-32 on December 6 before bowing to conference rival Essex CC 98-56

three days later.

Lynn Mascola headed the Colt's assault against Brandywine with 17 points while Mona Hickson chipped in with 15 and Hawkins added 12.

"Brandywine was just a slow team," noted Reiss.

In the Essex game, the women managed to stay within range despite their opponents superior height and run-and-gun style, trailing by 12 at intermission, only to be shot down in the second half when their competitors piled up 61 points.

Essex captain, Roseta Guilford, tossed in 45 points and teammate Janice Walker tallied 28.

Hawkins scored 16 points for the Colts in the loss.

The women carry a 3-2 mark into this week's contests against Burlington CC (away) on December 17 and Lackawanna JC at home on December 20 at 6:30 pm.

SPRING 1981 INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. S. Ginsberg
Intramural Coordinator

FLOOR HOCKEY

Men, Women, Coed
Entries Close Tuesday, February 10
Play Begins Thursday, February 12, 4 PM,
* Captain's Meeting, Tuesday, February 10, 4 PM, PE 120.

5 on 5 BASKETBALL

Men, Women, Coed
Entries Close Tuesday, March 24
Play Begins Thursday, March 26
* Captain's Meeting Tuesday, March 24, 4 PM, PE 120.

* Team Must Be Represented Or Team Will Not Be Permitted To Play.
SPECIAL "ONE DAY" EVENTS

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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Tuesday, May 12, 4 PM
Registration Closes Thursday, May 7
All Teams Must Be At The Courts At 4 PM

THIRD ANNUAL MCC EASTER FUN RUN

Thursday, April 9, 4 PM
Registration Closes April 9
All Entrants Will Be Given MCC Fun T-Shirts
At The Equipment Room (PE 116)

WEIGHT LIFTING

Men, Women
Entries Due Tuesday, May 12
Thursday, May 14 & Tuesday, May 19, 4 PM
Gym - Weight Room

Applications For All Events In The Intramural Program Can Be Obtained In The Physical Education Building. All Announcements, Schedules, Rules, And Standings Will Be Found On The Bulletin Board Outside Room PE 120 In The Gymnasium.

Personals

Hickies, Hickies, Hickies, How Sly Can You Get?

Minuteman - I think you're in love and you don't know it!!! Boogie

Pam: I hope someday I'll make it to the serious Zanzibar III! - and that's real your friend, Evelyn

Evelyn: Happy late birthday!! I hope you have a happy holiday, and no you can't wear my ring for the last time. Pamela

WMCC is NOT the next one!!

"Ice": To someone who is very sweet to me. Have a happy holiday. Love Pebbles

From the guy in the leather jacket - meet you in front of the Christmas tree at 1 o'clock. Introduce yourself.

MCC basketball team: To a group of guys that if you work together you'll make it all the way!! ...And no fighting

Tom & Tony, Ha Ha Copper! You can't catch me!

Dear Willy, we miss you, your old friends, From Caf B

To Marty (Foos-Freak) - I've been waiting for you to ask me to play doubles, but all you do is stare when I walk by. Don't be shy, Lisa

To the girl who turned my life around, I love you!! EDZIV

Hey Al, isn't Sue a little young to play pool with you? J.J.K.

To all you M.C.C. babes who haven't had it lately, come to the game room for Friday's X-mas party and get it.

To the Emperor of the World: Watch out Elan trying to take control and over power us. Respectfully yours. The Vice Emperor

What happened to all you good-looking girls who don't want to get serious? If you're out there, you're invited to Friday's Xmas Party in the Game Room. Signed MCC Foos Freaks

To the blonde who sat next to me during Friday mornings. Where are you now? WMCC

Honey, I can feel that you know!

Jule - Please take out your earring, so I can nibble on your ear!!!

Mr. K. two houses down, is definitely a man who gets around.

Uh Huh! Uh Huh! We Bad! We Bad! We Techies

G. Lynch - how come you only had one red ball Sun. night??

To Suzie, Lisa and Joan, thanks for all your support...the unmarried women.

To Al Pacino and Sammy Davis Jr., get your own toys...the tough cop.

Dennis knock me down its all in vain, I'll get right back on my feet again, Robin.

Suzie you deserve better than Michael and you can get better...you can have me...space cadet 1st class.

Mike, you're good looking, dress nice and are a terrific dancer, are you married?

Mike, I have been watching you, have you been watching me?

Bruce, Bruce, Bruce, Bruce, Bruce, my heart is hungry.

Joan "Higher than any bird ever flew, I am in love with you." Always Dan

"Friends" - Identify yourself. The brite yellow bag.

Michelle - Can you sing? Brite yellow bag.

To brite yellow bag: Thanks for dropping a line. Have a happy holiday and see you at M's D.. 'Your friends'

Vous: Thanks for helping me get through this semester. You're best friend! Love, Moi.

To the Q.V. Staff: Thanks so much for making the semester easier. I'll miss working with all of you, but I'll always be in touch. Your Ed, Diana. P.S. You, too, Tabloid!

Hon-ey, My car defroster may not work too well...but I sure do!!!

Happy birthday - Margare T. Love - Chele & Amm.

Linda: Let's go hubcap hunting! - Di

To Linda's brother: Stop sleeping on the couch at night; it can get lonely. Linda's friend.

"Z" Team: You're still not No. 1.

The Blue Chevy Parked by North I - You can park anywhere you want.

"There must be some way out of here," said the joker to the thief. "There's too much confusion, I can't get no relief." "No reason to get excited," the thief he kindly spoke, "There are many here among us who feel: That life is but a joke!" R.M.

JWB - I've got my eye on you. Brown eyes.

To the guy named Ed with the Middlesex '80 baseball jacket. I got a crush on you. From the one that ALWAYS stares.

Hey kid from Piscataway that is always walking around. Why don't you stop by someday! Dawn

I'll get you all, I'll take your house.

To Mitch the Friendly Ghost: how much do you bench press? Signed: Ready and Waiting. "The Italian Mare."

To Jim and Joe: We'll be seeing the two of you in the parking lot. Bye!

Enzo (Kean) you may not be here personally but you are in my heart. Much Love MP MCC

Babycakes, you mean the world to me. I love you very much!

The guy with blue coat, grey sweats etc: Look around maybe you'll notice me. Then you'll get the information you need.

Caf. A. foxes! The Dangler wishes you a Merry X-mas and a "69" New Year.

To the girl from Hopelawn Pathmark, from the guy in the Maroon Lafayette Sweatshirt. Gary. What's yours?

Just one night, promises like that I never forget! 79 Bird.

Tracy & Tammy: If you want to know who I am, meet me at CC - Info Desk - today at 11:00 a.m. Big "D".

Jim, How's English class?

Scott, where's your car? It used to brighten up the parking lot. Boots.

Life - I refuse to give myself away! Suicidal 'A' student.

M.P. - Aren't you too old to be non-professional? Go bore Rutgers. Nothing personal.

Rich Finnegan - Happy Birthday!

The Girls: We're 3 guys looking for fun and you. Let's get together - The guys.

186-FXL "I love you" DMY-38-5

Interested - \$4.95/hr. plus all I can drink - Art's boy

To the blonde wearing the gray sweater in Caf C on Friday: I like you, from the guy in the black shirt

To all my gallant young men: Thank you for a fun filled semester. Mrs. Robinson

Nick: Come to the Xmas party if you want your present from Santa. B.B.

Hey Ace: When do we get our cheesesteak sandwiches? C. & T.

Invisibl English Student - Love to go camping. Specify all details by name. Karen

AJK - SNEHS

AMG - SNEHS

To beautiful blue eyes - We should get together before the end of the semester - your movie star.

Liz - 66 - I Love You.

Beth, Surprise! Just thought I'd write you a personal - Where's the icebox - Madge.

Anybody see the Chevy for sale? It's still on.

Terri - guess what? Bill has a pair of Wallaby's - M.A.C.

Accounting Club Meeting, Dec. 16, Tues., MH 122, 11 A.M.

Boo Boo: Jammin' on a boat, at the drain, and on bridges. Dig it!! - Popeye.

Mike - I still like what I see. Now that we're acquainted - let's get together. L.

179-APG - Why don't you come to school on Wednesdays instead of going skiing. I'll walk you to class in my new pants.

Hey Cowboy, we love you boss! Your Angels.

No. 24, let's get together.

To the Lude: You are one cool dude.

Bowie's good, J's are better, but you're the "Sweet Thing." The clock (doesn't) wait so patiently for your "call." Mr. Journey

Rutgers offers awards

The Transfer Office located in Center IV has been informed that Rutgers University will award several no-need scholarships for September 1981 to graduates of County College transfer programs.

These awards will range from \$1750 per year to \$3500 per year and are renewable. Eligibility for Merit Scholarships includes these criterion: 1) enrolled in a transfer A.A. or A.S. degree program, 2) expect to graduate

by August 1981, and 3) have demonstrated outstanding academic or artistic ability.

Special consideration will be given to students who are from a disadvantaged background, and those who have excelled in extra-curricular activities which complement their academic or artistic performance.

Students should inquire about this program at the Transfer Office in Center IV, before January 9, 1981.

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Part Time Help - Wanted

Now you can earn \$20-35 per week for approx. 3-4 hours of your time. Requirements: 18 yrs or older, in good health. No experience necessary to be a blood plasma donor. If you have had Mono in the past month, you can earn up to \$100 per week. Call Sera-Tec Biologicals 846-6800.

MCC staff person looking for apartment to share beginning January. Call Joan ext. 408.

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Snowblinding unlikely

by Sherry Baran

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas. Just like the one I use to know," is what keeps encompassing my mind these past few weeks. It would be great to wake Christmas morning to see the ground covered with snow.

Our last snowfall on Christmas Day, according to the U.S. Weather Service, was in 1975 when it snowed a half of an inch. In 1966 we were blessed with seven inches of snow. It hasn't however, snowed on Christmas Eve since then, but there wasn't very much remaining the following day.

Santa Claus, Rudolf, mistletoe, Christmas trees, home-made cookies, and presents all enhance the magic of

Christmas. Without snow, the magic is not complete.

Red-nosed carollers, hearts flowing with Christmas spirit, have difficulty singing, "Oh the weather outside is frightful", when the sky is clear and the ground is dry.

For those parents who are fortunate enough to have young believers, I hope it has been easy these past few years to explain how Santa drives his sled without snow.

I think I can safely say that a majority of the adult population wouldn't mind a little strenuous snow shovelling if it was the snow responsible for a white Christmas.

The chance for snow on this coming Christmas isn't very promising, but maybe if we all wish very hard, we'll be surprised to see a shower of snowflakes on Christmas morn.

Just 'passing' through

by Mary Lou Strahlendorff

ATTENTION FELLOW STUDENTS!

With the semester drawing to a close and the day of reckoning near, the time has come for you to figure just how you're going to pass this semester.

Don't despair because you haven't been to your Western Civ class since Halloween, or you haven't achieved a grade higher than a "D" in math. As long as you have breath within your body and a scheme within your brain there's hope.

You must follow two basic steps: a) develop a plan of action and, b) muster up one last burst of energy to carry it through.

One of the more traditional methods is known as "cramming". This is when you take a 900-page book which was intended to be learned over the course of four months and attempt to digest it in one week. If you haven't gotten past the table of contents in your history book this is the time to start. Be prepared for frequent cups of coffee and subsequent frequent trips to the bathroom. A handful of whites might help.

If this method isn't for you, you could try what's known as "the emotional touch." Teachers are, after all, human beings (Yes, It's true!) and, therefore, susceptible to the same emotions as we lesser mortals. Be sure to let your instructor know that you deeply regret the fact that the

two jobs you work to support your sick mother and two little sisters kept you from attending his class more frequently.

Some instructors, unfortunately, are not as understanding as others. For them you have to be a little more creative.

If your English teacher complains when, on the last day of class, you hand him six over-due essays, tell him you were brain-washed by a religious cult and have just been de-programmed.

When your chemistry professor acts insulted just because you haven't been to his class in a month, tell him that the F.B.I. had mistaken you for a fugitive member of the Weather Underground and you've only now been able to convince them of your true identity. Explain to him how involved the bureaucratic process is.

If you wait until the last day of the semester to make your move, you should be distraught enough by that time to do a convincing "If I don't pass, I'll kill myself!" Since no instructor wants to be responsible for a student's death, you will either be passed or sent to Marlboro. In either case, your worries are over.

It isn't very likely, but if you've given your very best effort and still failed, there is always a chance to make a fresh start next semester. You could, (gulp) study.

I know, life is tough.