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In Hugo aftermath, M.C.C. aids in relief

by Mary Beth Golden

Hurricane Hugo, which meteorologists have called the most devastating natural disaster to strike the Caribbean in over a decade, claimed Puerto Rico as its victim on September 19, leaving over 50,000 people homeless and much of the island in economic turmoil.

The College, in cooperation with the Puerto Rican Association For Human Development in Perth Amboy, is collecting donations of money, food, summer clothing, blankets, sheets, towels, diapers, shoes, and canned goods for those affected by Hugo.

According to Dr. Flora Mancuso-Edwards, President of the College: "We really need canned foods and non-perishables. We need baby formula that has been already mixed and comes in baby bottles because we cannot sterilize anything due to water contamination.

"I'd love to see clubs do something on an organized basis and get their members to help the Association in sorting out and packaging donations

already received. Volunteers are desperately needed," she said.

Volunteers should contact Lydia Trinidad, executive director of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, at 100 First St., Perth Amboy or call at (201) 442-1081.

To raise money for the relief drive, a marathon will be held Sunday from 1-10 p.m. on the tennis courts located on 56 Brighton St., Perth Amboy. Edwards said people are needed to volunteer their time to set up for the marathon or collect donations.

According to the September 20 Star Ledger, Puerto Rico's governor Rafael Hernandez Colon said, "This is a tragedy of major proportions."

Edwards noted that in addition to its own citizens left homeless, Puerto Rico has opened its doors to the peoples of the Virgin Islands who have lost their homes.

"All donations received will be sent to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and will be distributed throughout the island by them," she said.

Marla Brinson, assistant director of Student Activities,

said students have been responding to the drive in a favorable way. "Several bags of clothing have been collected so far, along with two cases of canned food and several checks," she said.

Donations of food, blankets, clothing and money can be dropped off at the Office of Student Activities in the College Center.

Tentative plans have been made by the office of Student Activities for a raffle to be held on Campus in order to raise money for the Relief Fund.

"There has been no set deadline in accepting donations; it's an on-going situation," Brinson said. "We can collect food and money for the rest of this year and still not obtain enough to help everyone on the island. It's really devastating."

Dr. Edwards added, "Everyone has really pulled together. Plans have been made for a dance to be held on October 21 in Our Lady of Fatima and everything has been donated."

Dr. Edwards will be addressing the College Center Program Board on Monday at 11:15 a.m. in CC 319-21.



Amy E. Stern/Quo Vadis
Rabbi Baruch Goodman of the New Brunswick Chabad House, made some early celebrations of Rosh Hashanah in the College Center Thursday.

Rabbi brings in Jewish New Year to Middlesex

by Chuck O'Donnell

With Rosh Hashanah starting at sundown tonight, Rabbi Baruch Goodman, director of the Chabad House in New Brunswick, visited Middlesex County College's Center Lounge to spread wishes for a "sweet" new year.

"We're giving out honey in little medicine jars. If you dip an apple in the honey, you have the prescription for a sweet new year," said Rabbi Goodman.

The Chabad House is a Jewish student center associated with Rutgers university and is inviting Middlesex County College students to join them. Rabbi

Goodman added, "We are at the College today to bring more students to the Center."

"At the House, we try to encourage the Jewish culture by organizing social events, commented Rabbi Goodman, who has been the House's director for the past seven years. "We have Saturday night cafes with live entertainment, traditional Friday night dinners, and occasional talent shows."

In addition to the honey, Chabbath candles were being given to the Jewish female students to be lit on Friday night.

Rosh Hoshanah will end at sundown on Sunday night. Yom Kippur, a day of fasting, will be observed in two weeks.

BOT finalizes plans for new Nursing program

by Allan Bush

Plans finalizing the restructuring of Middlesex County College's Nursing Program were revealed at the first Fall session of the 1989 Board of Trustees on October 26 in the Board Room of the Academic Services Building.

A new two year Nursing program offering an associates in science degree has been approved by the Board and will be adopted, pending approval by the New Jersey Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Nursing, said Board member Blanquita Valenti.

"Work continues in the restructuring of the Nursing Program. On August 28, the [new] program was reviewed and endorsed by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Council of Community Colleges and on September 11, the program was endorsed by the full Council," said College President Flora Mancuso-Edwards in her Presidential report to the Board.

The last graduates of previous Nursing Program, the May 1989 class, passed with a 87 percent on the State licensing examination, said Edwards.

"We are, of course, very pleased for the nurse education graduates and are gratified to see their success," said Edwards.

"The Board determined the need for a restructured nursing program, [and] developed [a program] in collaboration with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (U.M.D.N.J.)— School of Health Related Professions," said Board member Blanquita Valenti.

The proposed joint program will divide responsibilities between the U.M.D.N.J. and M.C.C., stated Valenti. U.M.D.N.J. will be responsible for the professional nursing component of the program and M.C.C. for the general education, Valenti added.

The Board directs the President to initiate the process

Enrollment is second highest in New Jersey

by Leslie Muniz

With over 11,000 students in attendance, Middlesex County College is the second largest college in New Jersey, next to Rutgers University, according to figures release recently by the M.C.C. Admissions Office.

Compared with last year, there has been a two to three percent increase in full-time students and a one percent increase in part-time students, said Suzanne Dennis, registrar.

In her September 26 report to the Board of Trustees, College President Flora Mancuso-Edwards explained the increase. "Despite the reduced number of students in the graduating classes of our country's high schools, enrollment continued to reflect a slight increase of two percent.

"This figure represents a combination of aggressive recruitment, a greater yield on the number of applications and increased retention," she said.

"The College did a lot of recruiting," said Marjorie

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Remember me?



At last! The familiar eyesore / landmark, known as the water tower (located near L'Hommedieu Hall) was finally torn down over the summer.

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Editorial

Education: Can we talk, Mr. President?

When American high school students cannot locate the United States on a map of the world, it's safe to say the nation's educational system is in trouble. Once America is located for them and they cannot find New York City, the trouble is serious.

These findings, the result of a study conducted by National Geographic, were reported last week by ABC news.

Education dominated the news this week as governors across the nation met to address the problem with President George Bush in an education summit.

Actions speak louder than words, George, seemed to be the consensus of Governors of both parties in reference to Bush's proposals to upgrade the nation's school system.

According to the September 27 *USA Today*, a few of the proposals that were to be raised at the summit included:

- 1. "Allowing parents to choose freely where to send their children to school." Critics feel this plan will prevent suffering school districts from obtaining the funds they need to improve their programs.

- 2. "Easing restrictions on the teaching profession to allow those with special skills into the classroom." This idea has been opposed by educators, teacher's unions and teachers in colleges. In order to improve the education system, shouldn't the teachers be worked with and not against?

- 3. "Allowing schools more flexibility in the use of federal funds in exchange for more accountability in the use of those funds" If Bush is so concerned with federal funding for schools, why did he cast aside the issue at the summit?

- 4. "Getting parents to be more involved in children's schooling." Do today's dual income parents have the time or energy to involve themselves in the day to day business of their children's education?

- 5. "Providing financial rewards for schools that show significant, measurable improvements." Those "financial rewards" should not be used on schools that have been improved as much as they should be used on schools that need improvement.

Bush refused to address the financial question by focusing instead on his own budget problems. Yet the governors all contend that money is the key to improving education in America.

Better students need better books, upgraded facilities, more computers and other technological advances. They need to be taught by the best people in their fields.

It's time to examine our government's economic priorities and redistribute the wealth to where it really belongs. Money is not the topic in question. It is the answer.



Brian Sinclair/Quo Vadis

Chuck Chat

Eradicate drugs and thugs, Military muscle needed

by Chuck O'Donnell

We don't need the results of the recent Gallop Polls to tell us what we think is the most pressing problem facing America in 1989. Simply read the headlines, watch the evening news, or take a walk down a city street or into a college dorm, and the horrors of drugs reach out to claim you as its next victim.

Crack, Cocaine, Marijuana. They have become sewn into the fabric of a helpless American society.

The statistics only enforce this brutal reality. The National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates that 23,000,000 Americans currently use an illegal drug at least once a month. Drug abuse results in a productivity loss of an estimated \$100,000,000,000 annually. Over 100 people a day die from the effects of drugs.

The unravelling of this narcotic blanket appeared a step closer this week as the Senate voted on additional \$1.1 Billion to the war on drugs, raising the 1989 total to \$9.4 Billion.

Despite the billions of dollars, years of anti-drug propaganda and the effects of government law enforcing, the drug enigma is growing faster everyday.

The sad truth that we must face is that we have not a clue as to how to solve the drug

problem.

America is at war with drugs and their distributors, yet we have not so much as flexed a military bicep in our defense. Our military forces are the only thing that can save this country from the drug lords. Shove our military might down the throats of the Central and South American drug cartel. Weed out every evil drug czar, strip him of his belongings and dignity, and feed him to an unforgiving judicial system.

In the same vein, our armed forces must protect the Columbian judges, who now ponder a nationwide strike in lieu of several assassinations of their co-workers.

Burn the poisoned fields and salt the smoldering earth so no coca plant will ever grow again.

Form a vast naval blockade with the goal of allowing not one drug barge to penetrate our waters.

Transform the American-Mexican border into a huge drug watchtower.

The solution is elementary in theory: Choke off the supply of drugs entering America and you will kill the problem. It's time our government stops the causes instead of treating the effects.

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Mets are not as bad as you say

To the Editor:

I read your article on The Mets and their horrible season (*Quo Vadis*, September 22, "New York Baseball Disaster: Part One"). I agree with you on that point. For such a talented team, the Mets did not play to their fullest potential.

First off! Everybody runs to the team's injuries. The Mets have had their share of them this season. But, that really is not much of an excuse. Though Keith Hernandez, Gary Carter, and "Choke! Choke!" Daryl Strawberry seem to ignite something in the team.

Second, leave Greg Jeffries and Juan Samuel alone. Sammy strikes out so much

because his job is to hit the ball and get on, not to "walk," on base. As for his centerfield playing, he has only been a center fielder for two years. As much as I like Lenny D., he has just as many strike outs in key situations. Also, most of those catches he made diving, Sammy catches standing up.

Now for Mr. Jeffries. You obviously have not played second base before, or watched many Mets games this season. Greg has done a good job trying to become a second baseman. You probably forgot that he was a third baseman before the '89 season.

Third, Mr. Strawberry plus trade winds have taken a great deal of wind out of the Mets. I am 24 years old, I suffered for

13 years with Mets teams that would make the '89 Mets look like baseball gods.

And in closing, I'd like to say two things. First, Kevin McReynolds has been off and on again this season due to injuries and to his wife going through the final stages of her pregnancy. When you become a father, see if you can put it out of your mind.

Finally, this is the first really bad season that Davey Johnson has coached since he has taken the helm. You can't have over 90 wins a season forever. The Mets, by the way, have been over 90 plus wins for the last five seasons.

Sincerely, a Senior Met Fan,
 John J. Travers, III

Gubernatorial race: A disappointing display

Democrat Jim Florio and Republican Jim Courter bewildered viewers in the first televised 'heated' gubernatorial debate, Tuesday evening.

Instead of sticking to their platforms, Courter and Florio each strived for victory by discrediting the other through vicious mud slinging.

Opinion

by Maureen Coyle

Courter and Florio argued like rival brothers instead of discussing opinions of local importance.

The display left viewers wondering where the candidates stood on important issues such as auto insurance rates, environmental pollution, and abortion.

This election mirrors last years presidential election where candidates George Bush and Michael Dukakis never cut to the chase, choosing instead to criticize each other's ambiguity on the issues. Voters on election day were still clueless as to either candidate's position; therefore, they voted for the lesser of two evils.

During the debate the candidates did not hold back, Florio quickly took advantage of Congressman Courter's unconvincing declaration to be a defender of the environment.

Courter had defended his environmental record by stating that his participation in the 12th Congressional District toxic waste cleanup, the first to be completed under the new Federal Superfund law, had assured its success.

The author of the Superfund law, Florio, simply smiled as he waited for Courter's conclusion. Florio stated sardonically, "Cut me a break," which evoked a multitude of applause with a mixture of laughter from the audience.

Florio added, "The people in his district had to call me to get some action on the dump site."

Courter's most triumphant moment derived from a question posed by the panel in which he delivered what was obviously an attempt to manipulate the audience's sentiments; a heart-rendering reply—if his house was burning he would salvage a picture of his parents.

In regards to the abortion issue, Florio clearly stated that

he is pro-choice, while Courter tried to evade the question by provoking adoption. Evidently, a right-to-life standing would hamper his election possibilities.

A discussion on financial issues was attempted as Courter attacked Florio for paying his campaign manager three times the salary of his and having a staff twice the size of Courter's.

Another controversial issue which plagued the candidates was auto insurance rates. Republicans have claimed that Florio wishes to follow in Kean's footsteps and lead New Jersey into the highest insurance rates in the country.

However, Florio stated that creating a free market place for insurance rates as per Courter's plan, will wreck havoc on insurance companies.

Courter tried to portray Florio as a liberal who is soft on crime, a decidedly opposite position to that of Courter himself and the Republican Governor Thomas H. Kean.

Courter, alluding to Florio's backed bills, accused the democrat of allowing convicted criminals to erase their previous criminal records.

that confront us. In order to alleviate this situation, we have to eradicate political ideology and political rhetoric.

Tuesday's debate undoubtedly obscured most viewers, which only victimizes the average voter because he is subjected to political slandering that only plummets them into disillusionment.

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English chair pens second text book

by Chuck O'Donnell

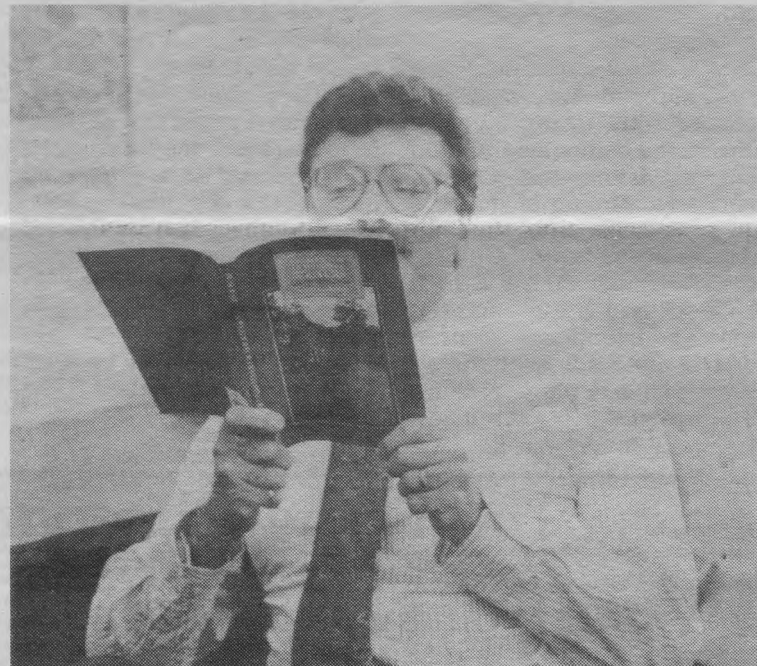
"A Reader For Developing Writers," an English textbook authored by Middlesex County College English Professor and Department Chairperson Santi Buscemi, was recently published by the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company.

"The book is a rhetoric reader designed to help developing writing students improve their work," commented Buscemi. "It took me two and a half years of hard work to get it to the published stage. I'm very happy with the way it came out."

The 337-page text prescribes English fundamentals and offers a collection of essays, many of which were written by Middlesex County College students from the past.

According to the preface, the book attempts to "...encourage students to read carefully, to react to what they have read, and, most important, to use these reactions as creative springboards for their own writing."

Buscemi's first published work, "The Instructors Guide" to the book "75 Readings," was the impetus for his recent book. "The success of that book encouraged me to write this one," he said.



Amy E. Stern/Quo Vadis English Department Chairperson Sati Buscemi perusing an advanced copy of his new text book.

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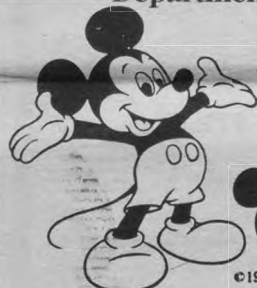
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Walt Disney World Co. representatives will present an information session on the Walt Disney World College Program, **Friday, October 6, 1989** at Middlesex County College, 10:00 a.m. in the College Center, Room 310-312.

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Librarian organization holds awards ceremonies at M.C.C.

by **Chuck O'Donnell and Leslie Muniz**

The organization of Libraries of Middlesex County (LMX) celebrated its tenth anniversary this week as over 100 people attended an awards ceremony in the Coral Restaurant in the College Center.

At the ceremony, Senator Leanna Brown was recognized by the LMX for her leadership in the State Senate and awareness of important issues relating to New Jersey libraries and their trustees. She received the 1989 Legislator of the Year Award.

Also receiving an award was Anne Weisfeld, who was named 1989 Trustee of the Year. "I am very happy and honored. I am very surprised. I only found out about this (the award) last week!"

Weisfeld, who has served as Trustee of the Sayreville Free Public Library for over 30 years, said, "Originally, my husband held the position of Trustee, but since he was a dentist and was frequently busy, I would always fill in for him and eventually I got the job."

Elissa Director was named Library Honoree, and Certificates of Appreciation were

issued to Dorothy Walsh and Eleanor Owens.

"This was the first year that the annual event has been at the College," said Abigail Studdiford, director of College own library. "The Mayors of Edison and Highland Park are here as well as many State Assembly Candidates. It's a good opportunity for them to meet people."

The LMX is an organization comprised of representatives from 26 Middlesex County libraries. Their aim is to promote library awareness as well as share information with each other.

BOT

Continued from Page 1 with the Department of Higher Education and State Board of Nursing to terminate the existing associates in applied science degree program in nursing, stated Valenti.

The Board also announced the adoption of the new Project Enable, a program developed by M.C.C. to increase the availability of support services and resources for its disabled student population, said Valenti.

"This proposal has been developed out of the need for the continuation of Adapted Testing Services and the need for the acquisition of additional adapted technological equipment. With Project Enable, accessibility will occur more fully and completely for students with disabilities," Valenti explained.

Board member Thomas Fox conveyed the Board's condolences to the family of John Callahan, former dean of Faculty and vice president of

Academic and Student Affairs.

"The Board acknowledges [his] dedication, leadership and commitment," said Fox, adding, "John Callahan's leadership and integrity as an administrator and professor has been significantly beneficial and enriching to students of Middlesex County College. [His] dedication to the College, the M.C.C. Foundation and the student body should be recognized and remembered because of his unique capabilities."

ENROLL

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Cooke, director of Admissions and Financial Aid.

In addition to an intensive advertising campaign on radio and television, the College reached a number of students at malls, libraries and in newspapers, said Cooke. Radio stations such as Z-100, K-Rock and Hot-97 and the Spanish broadcast station WADO aired ads expounding the vast curriculum and individualized attention

available at M.C.C., she said.

This semester, 296 day-time courses and over 1,000 sections are running due to the larger enrollment.

Some of the surge in enrollment came at the last minute. In the last two days of August, 604 students were registered and tested for basic skills. During the first week of classes, students were turned away because classes were filled. According to Dennis, last year the average class size was 19. "This year we have up to 32 students in a class," she said.

BUSCEMI

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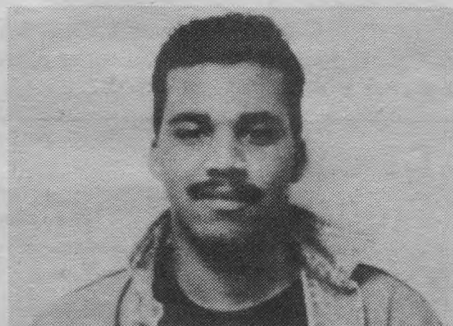
Buscemi is currently working on his third book, "The Heath Reader, the Third Edition." The original Heath Reader was written by Boyd Lipzinger, Buscemi's friend and mentor. Before his recent death, Lipzinger made it clear that Buscemi was the man to update and expand the book, which is due out in December.

"A Reader for Developing Writers" is currently available at the Blue Colt Bookstore and other college bookstores.

Inquiring Photographer

by **Leslie Muniz**

Why did you choose Middlesex County College?



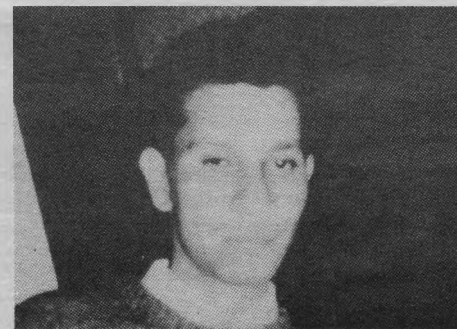
Ron Hepburn, Accounting. My dad (Eric Hepburn) is the Dean (of Social Science and Humanities)."



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Entertainment

Psychic surprises students at College

by Ken Walling

Yesterday, psychic Ronny Romm performed feats of mentalism that shocked the crowd of students, staff and faculty who witnessed his 11:15 a.m. performance in the College Center lobby.

Blind-folded, Romm identified six random objects, including one condom, donated by the audience.

Injecting humor into his performance, Romm said, "Above anything else, I'm a performer."

Romm included the audience's participation, asking them to write on slips of paper their names, telephone numbers, and a question. The papers were gathered in a bowl, and Romm, still blind-folded, picked random papers and revealed their contents.

One student, Jim Adams, wrote out his name, birth date, and his girlfriend's first name, Meg. Romm spoke to Adams in reference to his birthdate, then told him when it was, and ended by asking, "Who is Meg?"

Another student, Susan Leslie Antebi, had written out her name, the number 201, and asked the question, "Does Dave still miss me?" Romm called Antebi to stand up and

advised her that Dave does still miss her.

Romm performs approximately 300 shows each year and has been entertaining for 18 years. Nine years ago, an agent saw him perform at a party, and he helped Romm launch his professional career.

Romm attributes his unusual capabilities to a speech impediment. "Through being on stage and doing all the performances, I've really overcome it," he said, explaining that since one of his senses was impaired, his sixth sense was heightened to usable proportions.

Romm first became aware of his psychic potential at the age of eight. To improve on his discipline, Romm started reading everything he could on the subject and trained with at least two others to work at perfecting his art.

Romm termed what he does as, "Unreligious, and not like the occult at all. There is a lot of psychology in what I do, about one-half psychology."

He commented that he stays away from occult related topics because they scare him.

Romm also does hypnosis shows in auditoriums. "The atmosphere is different," he said, adding, "There aren't as many distractions."

Television Talk

Fall season falls apart

by Allan Bush

It's fall, the season with its myriad hues of browns, reds and yellows, the time of change from youth to adulthood.

The fall winds are blowing in fresh floral scents. But among the scent of asters and mums wafts a new aroma. It could be a waste dump or an overflowing cesspool, but no. It smells more like stale crackers, dirty socks and over ripe bananas—its the new fall season on network television.

Shows like *Major Dad*, *Free Spirit*, *Sister Kate*, *The People Next Door*, *the Nutt House* and *Living Dolls* have decided to foul the airwaves with their horrid stench.

Mel Brooks' *Nutt House* was probably the most disappointing debut of the season. Apparently Brooks' comedic genius, displayed in his classics like "Young Frankenstein" and "High Anxiety," lose a vital com-

ponent on television—fresh humor.

Although *Free Spirit*, *Sister Kate* and *The People Next Door* were equally as bad as *Nutt House*, the audience expected far better from the veteran Brooks and his seasoned comedy henchmen such as Harvey Korman and Cloris Leachman.

As for the dismal shows that the network decided to bring back from last season, there is no excuse for beating a dead horse. When will they bury old nags such as *MacGyver*, *Alf*, *Hogan Family*, and the dreary night time soaps like *Dallas* and *Knots Landing*?

Middle-of-the-road shows like *Booker*, *Mr. Belvedere* and *Jake and the Fat Man* are have everything to offer except a decent script. Predictable plots drag these shows into endurance tests for the viewers.

Can a show like *Booker*, starring *21 Jump Street* veteran Richard Grieco, with its weak script, rely on Grieco's looks and charm to boost the Neilson numbers?

But hidden among this relatively poor fall season are the paragons of good television. Returning shows, including *Murphy Brown*, *Designing Women*, *Night Court*, *Wiseguy*, *the Wonder Years*, *Cheers*, *China Beach*, as well as new shows *Doogie Howser, M.D.*, *Alien Nation*, *Amazing Teddy Z*, *Life Goes On*, and *Hardball*. All these shows display very strong, tight scripts as well as exceptionally talented performers, such as *Amazing Teddy Z* star Jon Cryer, *Wiseguy's* Ken Wahl, *Night Court's* John Laroquette.

Hopefully network programmers will take their cues from the above shows and gives something more enjoyable than the current odorous television pollution on the airwaves today.

Video Mania runs wild in October

by Michele Andes

"Video Mania" is in full swing for October at the Student Activities Office, offering students a two for one deal: rent one movie for \$1.00 and get the second free, according to Pat Daly, assistant director of Student Activities.

Sponsored by the College Center Programming Board's (C.C.P.B.) Film Committee, "Video Mania" will allow students to rent any film overnight for \$1 and a student I.D. and get a second at no charge.

In addition to new hits like "Rain Man," "Moonstruck," and "Big," classics like "Gone with the Wind," "West Side Story," and many of the James Bond thrillers are among the 200 films that can be selected from the M.C.C. Video library, said Daly.

The video library contains classical, educational, and contemporary films to please a wide array of students interests, Daly said.

Colleen Coleman, chairperson of the Film Committee, stated, "This is a very good value for students. I would encourage students to check here if we have a movie they are interested in before going to a local video store."

Most local video stores charge between \$2 and \$3 for an over night rental, while the

College's regular rental fee is \$1 and \$2 on weekends, said Daly.

A list of films available for rental can be obtained in the Student Activities Office.

Daly and Coleman encouraged students to clip out the 2 for 1 coupon that will be advertised in Quo Vadis during October.

In addition to video rentals, the Films Committee offers discount movie passes that are available for \$3.50 each for any showing at General Cinemas only.

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New York Baseball Disaster: Part Two

Yankees finish near basement, Steinbrenner destroys team

by Chuck O'Donnell

Dallas Green began the season with a noose looming over his head. In August, Green and his coaching staff were innocently hanged by George Steinbrenner. After each Yankee loss, we hoped patience and tolerance would allow Green to finish all that he had started. We were deluded to think he had 1/1,000,000 of a chance.

Green and the Yankees broke spring training and came north with at least two strikes against them. During the off-season, they had lost offensive dynamos Jack Clark and Claudell Washington. Superstar rightfielder Dave Winfield and shortstop Raphael Santana would miss the entire season because of injuries.

The greatest handicap,

however, was the pitching.

Decaying left hander Tommy John was being counted on to shoulder much of the pitching load. Two months into the season he was retired to stud like an old horse. Richard Dotson, the original number two starter, might as well have pitched underhanded. He was waived after no club would offer more than a batboy for him in a trade.

"The stopper," Dave Righetti's season was an off-Broadway production of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Another of Green's problems was his third baseman, or lack thereof. Mike Pagliarulo resembled a little leaguer much more than Graig Nettles, whose shoes he was trying to fill. Consequently, he was traded to San Diego.

Childish Rickey Henderson

pouted all season and was finally "punished" by being sent to Oakland in exchange for a couple of young pitchers, neither of whom were remotely productive.

With the team stringing talent leaks everywhere Green turned, we had to wonder what they were doing in the middle of the American League East race.

As if he were Moses in pinstripes, it seemed plausible that in 1989 Dallas Green could have parted the East River.

Green cultivated Roberto Kelly into a marvelous all-around centerfielder. Green then found a pearl in a sea of oysters in youngster Alvaro Espinosa who shone at shortstop. Righty Andy Hawkins, acquired for Jack Clark, pitched very well with ten wins at the all-star break. Rookie Bob

to steal the catching job from veteran Don Slaught.

Retired Chuck Cary was baseball driftwood before he docked to Dallas Green. After Green gave him the chance, Cary was perhaps the brightest spot on a dismal pitching staff. At the backbone of the team was the perennial one, Don Mattingly, whose outstanding statistics were compiled without the help of a legitimate number four hitter to protect him.

Finally, Steve Sax played his heart out all season and is easily the team's most valuable player.

In August, the team began to slide, falling behind five, six, seven games. Green could feel Steinbrenner tightening the noose. A shouting match in the media between Green, Steinbrenner and Sweet Lou Piniella erupted. Finally, when

Luis Polonia, acquired in the Rickey Henderson deal, was found starting his own youth movement in a Milwaukee hotel with a 15-year old girl, Green was gone.

What Green had built came crashing down. Players were traded like baseball cards and the Bronx became an even uglier place since late August.

"Lucky" Bucky Dent, Green's successor, should be looking over his shoulder for Billy VI. Sure he has a contract for next year; there's always the broadcast booth for ex-Yankee managers.

Those thunderous Yankee Stadium chants of "George Must Go" now fade into the brisk, autumn night. As for 1990, we can only be sure that one person will still be there. Unfortunately, it's George, and he doesn't know how to play or manage.

Golf Classic teeing up

by Scott Wilson

The Middlesex County College Foundation will be holding its seventh annual Fall Golf Classic at the Metuchen Golf and Country Club on Monday, October 2.

Proceeds from the outing will benefit the foundation's academic and athletic scholarships. The scholarships are given annually to outstanding students.

Topping the list of prizes to be awarded at the outing is the \$10,000 grand prize for the first hole-in-one of the day.

Other prizes will be awarded for such honors as low gross, low net, closest to the pin, and longest drive, as well as free drawings for door prizes.

Included in the \$175 ticket price are 18 holes of golf, golf cart use, a buffet lunch, beverages and cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner, "goody bags," and prizes. A \$75 ticket covers all of the evening events.

According to Joan Sulva, administrative assistant at the Foundation Office and organizer of the event,

"Among the many individual and corporate sponsorships of the festivities, the cocktails and the hors d'oeuvres are being sponsored by the Hall Building Corp., the golf carts are being sponsored by Bankers Savings of Perth Amboy, and Meeker, Sharkey, and DiLeo are providing the hole-in-one insurance."

The event is sold out, but there is a waiting list set up for reservations.

The day will commence with the buffet lunch at 11 a.m. Tee off is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

Women's tennis surging

by Dave Nash

Middlesex County College Women's Tennis Program is finally headed in the right direction.

After years of searching for the right coach, MCC has found a coach with patience, energy and the willingness to work with a group of hard-working but inexperienced tennis players.

Dennis Conaway, a graduate of Central State University in Ohio, has been given the job of trying to rebuild a crumbling tennis program.

"This is going to be a rebuilding year," said Conaway. But this team has a lot of promise."

Conaway, who is in his first year of coaching, is very enthused because of the backing he has received from the entire Athletic Department. "Mr. Zifchak (Athletic Director) has been very supportive and cooperative," said Conaway. Everyone (In the P.E. Building) has been very generous."

Conaway, whose team is 0-2, has two team leaders who should help take some of the pressure off his shoulders. "Noreen Froh and Bonnie Sharo are my team leaders," said Conaway.

Froh has the teams top record at 2-0 and Conaway feels Sharo is the team's best all-around athlete. He said, "Noreen played with a lot of

heart yesterday (Wednesday) against the County College of Morris. She kept the match in control, and Bonnie's very athletic. She's playing softball in the spring."

Although Conaway is getting support from the Athletic Department, he also hopes to gain help from the student body. "I hope everyone supports the team or at least give it a try (playing on the team)," said Conaway. "Experience is not required. I'll work with anyone."

Commenting on the length of the rebuilding process Conaway said, "It may not happen this season or next, but soon people will hear about Middlesex County College Tennis."

M.C.C. intramurals on the rise

by Dave Nash

The Middlesex County College Intramural Program, under the guidance of Donna Gray, associate professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, is off to an exciting start.

The program, which takes place on Monday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the

Physical Education Center, offers a wide variety of activities such as volleyball, three-player basketball, indoor soccer, racquetball and tennis.

Each semester Gray holds a two-week sign-up period and distributes posters and signs announcing the upcoming intramural season. "Everyone is encouraged to join," said

Gray.

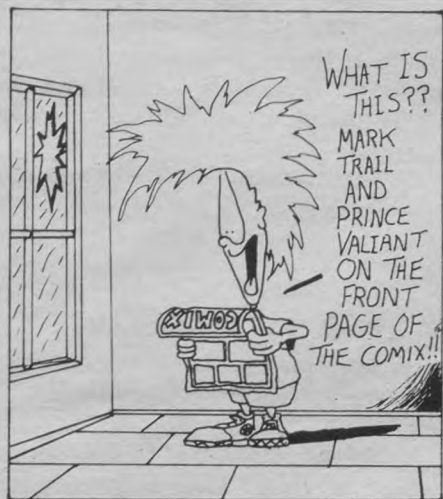
Gray also noted that the rise in new student activities this semester has hurt the consistent flow of students attending the Intramurals. "There are more activities than in previous years, so we could use more people," she said.

"It's (Intramurals) all for fun. So just come out and play," she concluded.



When The World Was Flat

by Brian Sinclair



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Calendar

Monday, October 2

Gallery exhibit opening: *Great Expectations*: oil paintings by Dennis Lipp. CC Third Floor Gallery.

C.C.P.B. meeting. CC 319-321. 11:15 a.m.

Workshop: *Successful Study Strategies*. ED 114. 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, October 3

IBM Computer Fair. CC Lobby, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, October 5

College Assembly. CC PAC. 11:15 a.m. (See *College Notes*).

Backstage Players meeting. CC 309. 11:15 a.m.

Christian Fellowship meeting. CC 310. 11:15 a.m.

Psi Beta meeting. CC 312. 11:15 a.m.

Social Committee meeting. CC 314. 11:15 a.m.

Hispanic American Club meeting. CC 320-321. 11:15 a.m.

Phi Theta Kappa meeting. MH 102. 11:15 a.m.

Friday, October 6

Movie: *Beaches*. CC Main Lounge. 11 a.m., 4 and 7 p.m.

Sports Calendar

Friday, September 29

Golf at Rider College Invitational, Away, 9 a.m.

Saturday, September 30

Cross County at Roadrunner Invitational, Sewell, N.J.
Soccer vs. Brookdale C.C., Home, Noon
Women's Tennis vs. Brookdale C.C., Home, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3

Cross Country at GSAC Race #2, Union C.C., 4 p.m.
Golf vs. Atlantic & Raritan Valley C.C.s, Home, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4

Soccer vs. Keystone J.C., Home, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Ocean C.C., Home, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 5

Golf vs. Union C.C., Home 1 p.m.

Friday, October 6

Cross Country at USMAPS Invaitional, Ft. Monmouth, 4 p.m.
Soccer vs. Bucks County C.C., Away, 4 p.m.

College Notes

Attention College Assembly members! Due to the current renovations of the L'Hommedieu Hall lecture hall, the October 5th meeting of the assembly will take place in the College Center Performing Arts Center at 11:15 a.m.

Phi Theta Kappa, Upsilon Gamma Chapter, will hold its first meeting of the Fall 1989 semester on Thursday, October 5, at 11:15 a.m. (College Hour), in Main Hall, Room 102. Currently enrolled members, as well as those wishing to be inducted during the Fall semester, will meet to conduct regular and new business of the national honor society.

Help Wanted: Tennis players are needed for the MCC Women's Tennis Team. Experienced players preferred, but not necessary. Contact Coach Conaway at the Physical Education Center. We want your body!!

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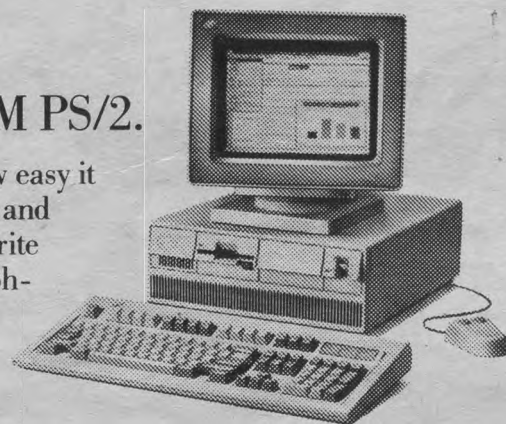
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