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M.C.C. Campus Parking Problem Studied

by Joseph Parisi

With approximately 7800 drivers registered this semester and 3500 parking spaces, students, staff, faculty, and visitors agree that parking is a major problem on campus, but Sergeant Dave Siegel of the Campus Police has some ideas to improve conditions.

One of Siegel's proposals is to modify three parking lots so they can accommodate more cars. "By minimizing space between parking lines in lots one, two, (along the Mill Road entrance) and four (behind Main Hall), we can turn them into lots for small cars only," he said.

Campus Police Chief Joseph Oberc had reservations about this proposal, explaining that large cars would park there anyway. He also added, "Six hundred spots in lot two are not used by students."

Siegel also suggested turning the grassland by Hoff Road into a faculty lot, and extend lot ten (between Hoff Rd. and Edison Hall) into a lot for

students.

In addition, he proposed, lot eleven (behind Edison Hall) could be extended fifty feet.

Siegel also pointed out that more land can be bought behind lot four. Chief Oberc said he believes this proposal would work.

Roadwork in lots one and six (behind Raritan Hall) is another of Siegel's ideas. "It's possible and it makes sense," Chief Oberc agreed.

According to Plant Engineer Donald Trost, "The five proposals' total costs run close to one million dollars for actual paving, storm sewer installation, and regrading of the landscape."

Paul Hilf, vice-president for Finance and Operations, said, "The money would come from Chapter 12, N.J. Funding. The county puts up 100 percent, and the state reimburses the county half payments on the bond."

Construction of the Technical Building blocks off the road, leaving only one way in and out of the Edison parking lot. "Edison parking lot is scheduled to reopen in September, 1990," Trost said.

C.C.P.B. Sets Pace

by Ken Walling

A raffle and a party to raise funds for the College's hurricane relief drive were two ideas raised by College President Flora Mancuso Edwards as she addressed the College Center Programming Board (C.C.P.B.) Monday.

To aid the Puerto Rican Fund for Human Development, Edwards announced tentative plans for a party on October 27, either at her home or in the Corral Restaurant.

Among vital donations still needed for relief are premixed baby formula in ready-sterilized bottles, and dypers, she said.

Edwards is also looking for volunteers to sort through donated clothing to be shipped to South Carolina and Puerto Rico.

Policy changes for clubs which sponsor vendors on campus are underway, according to Pat Daly, assistant director of Student Activities.

Currently, clubs receive a small percentage of vendors' total sales. Daly said that at other colleges, clubs were not getting the proper rebate.

To avoid improper

documentation in vendor sales, which could result in inaccurate College Center donations and correct sales taxes, vendors at the College Center may be forced to use standard cash registers or assigned a record keeper.

Susanne Kiefer, C.C.P.B. vice-president, announced that the Leadership Conference, will be held the weekend before Thanksgiving at the Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank.

The ski-club's president, John Locklear, announced the first trip of the year will be to go white water rafting on October 21. The trip will cost \$55.00.

The Social Committee will be holding a Halloween Party on November 3. Costumed partiers will receive a \$2.00 discount off the \$5.00 entrance fee.

Colleen Coleman, secretary, told of a hiking trip to Bushkill falls that will also take place on Oct. 21. Students interested need \$5.00 for a van ride, approximately \$4.00 for the park entrance fee and should sign up at the Office of Student Activities in the College Center.

The next C.C.P.B. meeting is planned for October 16 in CC 319-21.

College links up Telecast

by Chuck O'Donnell

Building student civic responsibility through national service: An idea whose time has come, will be the subject of the American Seminar VI, sponsored by the American Association of community and junior colleges, (AACJC) on October 12, in Washington D.C.

A message by President George Bush will launch the teleconference. MCC President Flora Mancuso-Edwards will be one of the panelists and MCC Professor Wayne Brady will serve as the moderator.

The meeting will telecast live via satellite to over 100 colleges and universities nationwide including MCC, where it can be viewed in the College Center on October 12, from 2:30:30 p.m.

Uniquely, students viewing the conference will be able to phone in suggestions and questions to the panelists through a telephone linkup.

The distinguished panel members include executive director of the National Commission on the Public Service, L. Bruce Laingen, Democrat Representative, Dave McCurdy of Oklahoma, Democrat Senator, Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, Republican Representative, Constance Morella, of Maryland, Democrat Representative, Pat Williams of Montana, Deputy Assistant to the President for Nation Service, C. Gregg Petersmeyer, Minnesota Community College student Associate President, Mark J. Kopf, as well as our own President Edwards.

Yom Kippur and Columbus Day controversy

by Michael Ullman

On Monday, October 8, the College will be closed to celebrate Columbus Day, but for some it will be a day of fasting and all-day prayer.

At sundown Sunday, Jewish people all over the world will begin to observe the holiest day in the Jewish Calendar, Yom Kippur.

According to Jewish law, Yom Kippur is the day in which God seals the fate of every Jew for the coming year. Yom Kippur represents the completion of ten days of contrition which began on Rosh-Hashanah.

The 1965 World Series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Minnesota Twins fell on the first day of Yom Kippur. The legendary Dodger pitcher Sandy Koufax was scheduled to pitch that day but refused because he always attended synagogue on this holiday.

The management understood and honored

his beliefs. They felt a person's religious convictions were more important than any ball game, even a World Series.

A number of colleges, such as Syracuse University and New York University, close every year on Yom Kippur. As a rule, at Middlesex County College, however, the school is not closed although Jewish students, faculty, and staff may take the day off if they wish.

Jack Waintraub, associate professor and chairperson of Electrical Engineering, agreed with College's policy but suggested a poll be taken to determine whether the school should be closed.

Other faculty including Norman Poppel, professor of Psychology and Learning Development, and Jerome Shindleman, professor of History and Social Behavior, agreed that the school should remain open, but Jewish students, faculty and staff should be allowed to take the day off to observe the holiday.

Angered Custodians Sound Off

by Peter Chase

Discarded food and cigarette butts are taking maintenance away from the everyday physical needs of the College Center, according to Pat Daly assistant director of the College Center.

Students are not supposed to be eating in lounges and they are doing it anyway, leaving food on benches and throwing garbage on the carpet, claimed George Pitonak, custodian.

"Some people using the lounges are just throwing cigarettes right on the floor," added Daly.

Pitonak said that students using the cafeteria are throwing leftovers on floors and leaving garbage on tables.

Students are also putting cigarettes out on lunch trays that are non-disposable, according to Linda Solomon, Food Service Manager.

Solomon said that other

students don't want to eat off lunch trays that are cigarette stained. "It's not attractive to see cigarette burns on lunch trays," she said.

Marla Brinson, assistant director of the College Center, said everyday she sees people eating in lounges right under signs stating no drinking and no eating.

Daly added that she has seen chicken bones laying around on lounge couches.

"A sizable number of people using the facility are leaving food and drinks at the spot where they used it, instead of throwing it away," stated Daly.

Daly feels the excess garbage is making the College Center look unpresentable to visitors and other students. "If more people would throw their garbage away, it might influence others," she said.

Joanne, a nursing student who was crushing out her

cigarette on the patio floor outside the College Center, said she put the cigarette out on the floor because there were no ashtrays.

Daly claimed there are enough ashtrays around the College Center, but she agreed that maybe the College Center staff is not putting ashtrays in the proper places.

Still, she said the College Center staff is willing to try and help the situation by putting different type ashtrays and garbage cans in the College Center.

"If students would be more considerate of other people, the College Center would look much nicer," claimed Pitonak.

Daly noted that the College Center staff does not expect maintenance people to be everybody's personal maid.

"I feel people should know enough to throw their own garbage away," said Dorisanne Kenny, a cafeteria worker.

American Heroes or Villians?

The American dreamthe American hero.

It's 1989 and society is obviously sliding towards an alarming, warped set of values.

Submitted for your approval, Dr. Etienne-Emile Baulieu, creator of a pill to murder unborn fetuses. For his efforts, Baulieu is awarded one of the most prestigious American Medical Honors, the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award.

Witness money magnates Donald Trump and Malcolm Forbes. Each tycoon is the subject of whirlwinds of press coverage as well as an admiring public. However, each man has displayed only the ability to carry wads of cash.

Behold Dan Quayle. During the Vietnam "Police Action," Quayle used his father's political influence to escape the napalm and nerve gas of the west Asian jungles.

In return, Quayle has climbed the American political ladder all the way up to the Vice-Presidency.

Look closer toward Canadian Olympic Gold Medalist Ben Johnson and his many world record setting performances. Before we learned of his horrible steroid abuse, America envied Big Ben as he defeated the best of America's athletes.

No, it is not 2 o'clock in the morning and this is not the Twilight Zone. The flip side of our society is equally bizarre. Who can take back the pain Dr. Elizabeth Morgan had to endure during her twenty-five month jail term for protecting her daughter's location from her allegedly incestuous, abusive father?

Masses of Americans brushed over Mother Theresa's near fatal heart attack as if she stubbed her toe. They failed to remember her decades of unselfish giving in the name of famine, suffering and disease.

This society has decided to put the values of financial gain, psuedo-happiness, and self reward over the virtues of honesty, charity and integrity. Let's hope the American society of the 1990's can live with the burden we have placed upon it.

Read Quo Vadis

Letters to the Editor

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Dieting: It's Feast or Famine

by Chuck O'Donnell

I knew I had to do something. My friend mistaken me for the Michelin Man. I began getting obscene phone calls from Weight Watcher representatives. The MCC wrestling coach asked me to wrestle at the super heavy weight level, providing I lost 50 pounds.

I had lengthy conversations with my good friend, the refrigerator, while the scale heckled everytime I entered the bathroom.

Husky, obese, immense, chubby, rotund, plump, chunky, round, corpulent, stout, fleshy, massive, or just plain fat. You pick the adjective, I was it.

Without a stitch of clothing left in my wardrobe to fit me, a friend to talk to, or a morsal of food left on the eastern seaboard, the word diet whispered itself in my ear.

The hours ticked away slowly, as I watched Love Boat reruns in my Aquaman underwear. Barney Miller couldn't distract my food-lusting mind and I broke out in cold sweats aching for chocolate donuts.

To divert my attention from pizza, my next course of action was exercise. Jane Fonda and Richard Simmons tapes now took the place of CHiPS as I attempted futilely to stretch and

strain away those excess pounds. My only chance to keep up was playing the tapes in slow motion.

Starving, disheartened, and on the edge of a huge chocolate and peanut butter binge, I found my inspiration.

He was a breath of encouragement as he ran out of the dugout with the grace of a slender ballerina. Dodger manager, diet guru, and reformed Roloids junkie Tom Lasorda flashed on my TV screen. He was once a lard of a man, bursting out of his blue uniform. 30 pounds lighter, he now radiates confidence on each trip to the mound.

Nearly gagging on my M&M's, I waddled into the kitchen and trashed all 10 gallons of Carvel icecream, the family-sized Kit Kats, and the four dozen cannolis.

With a sigh, I checked myself into the Slim-Fast rehab program, swearing off all fattening food.

Six weeks later, I've lost 11 pounds, and sport a new, flashy wardrobe. I'm getting used to the compliments and walk with a new air of confidence. However, I still find myself watching Adams Family reruns craving jelly donuts.

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Theatre Fungus Takes The Stage

by Peter Chase

There's a fungus among us, and it's sprouting through the carpet in the the Performing Arts Center.

Last Friday, maintenance workers spotted the mushrooms, some as tall as six inches, growing on the rugs.

Don Drost, plant engineer said, "When it rains, water floods along side of the building, finds a crack and leaks its way into the theater, causing flooding and mushroom growing."

Drost stated the problem has been taken care of by regrading the ground along side of the College Center and caulking the seams to prevent any water from sinking down.

Drost added that there should be no more future problems with mushroom sprouting.

However, mushrooms growing through the carpet is not the only problem the theater is experiencing, according to Tony Ross, theater

technical director.

Ross explained water leaks through the roof and drips onto an electrical panel holding hundreds of amps.

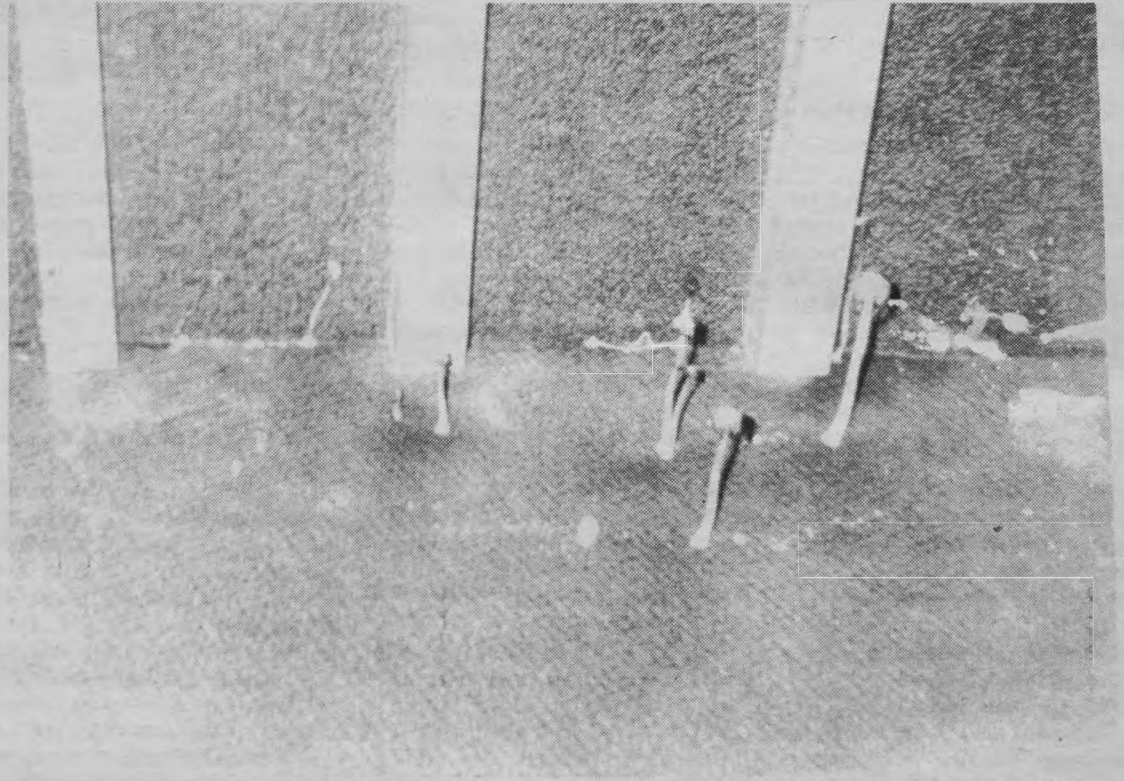
He added that a patch panel holding six to twelve thousand volts in each dimmer is out in the open, close to where water leaks behind the stage.

Ross said that students in Introduction to Theater classes might not be aware of the dangers of water on electrical panels and could get seriously hurt.

Jay Siegfried, chair of the Performing Arts Department, said water leaking on electrical equipment poses a fire hazard and agreed it could be very dangerous to people who are unaware of it.

Still, he added, "Tell people to come see 'Brighton Beach Memoirs' on Nov. 10, 11, 17, 18 and 19. We hope it won't be raining."

Ross said water is leaking everywhere in the theater, causing stage curtains to dry rot, stage floor boards to warp and theater walls to become



Mushrooms growing in the Performing Arts Center.

Amy E. Stern/Quo Vadis

water stained.

The problems were brought to the attention of maintenance several times but nothing has been done to fix

the leaks yet, Ross said.

Pat Daly, assistant director of Student Activities, said the College Center is aware of the problems the theater is ex-

periencing, but money is a bigger problem. Daly added that she hopes the College can raise money somehow to correct the problems.

Graduate Points Students in Right Direction

by Christine Rodek

An associates degree combined with work experience is the key to success in the world of retailing, according to a six year alumnus of the College.

Susan Kovacs, who graduated from Middlesex in January, 1983 stressed that her degree in retail management and merchandising along with her experience in the field of personnel helped her reach a position normally held by a person with a bachelor's degree.

An employment manager in the Personnel Department of Fortunoffs, she said, "With my degree from M.C.C. and the added experience, I am just as qualified as someone with a four degree," she said.

After high school graduation, Kovacs began her career in retailing, working full-time in a Bamberger's warehouse. At the time she was living on

her own.

After working eight hours a day for six months unpacking clothes, Kovacs decided to attend classes at Middlesex at night and work in the warehouse during the day.

Later, however, she decided to go to school full-time and work at night. Kovacs sometimes took at least 20 credits a semester and was able to get her degree in 2 1/2 years.

"The six months I took off after high school gave me a different outlook on education," Kovacs stated. "I think it made me appreciate education and take it more seriously than the average student."

Kovacs said she recognizes two people in particular at Middlesex that helped her prepare for her future jobs. She attributes a lot of her social skills to her fashion merchandising teacher, Pat Graber.

"She taught us to openly communicate," Kovacs said of Graber, "The class made us think realistically about decisions and taught us to not take everything as just being black or white."

Kovacs also spoke highly of Dr. Lloyd Kalugin, director of Cooperative Education. Through Dr. Kalugin and the co-op program, she worked in two jobs pertaining to her field.

The first job was back at the warehouse, where Kovacs gained experience in the different distribution departments. Her other job was working as a salesperson at A & S, where she worked until graduation.

Kovacs then worked at Lerner's as a management trainee, and then as a store manager, but she soon decided that it was time to move on to a company with more growth.

Kovacs became a depart-

ment manager in Steinbach where she had the opportunity to move up and gain experience in every department in the store. She took over the position of crew manager and was in charge of the floor.

It was there and in the Steinbachs in Woodbridge that she gained experience working in the personnel department.

Now Kovacs has been working at Fortunoffs for over two months, where she has experienced "a more professional environment."

Kovacs attributes her first hand experience as a salesper-

son and a manager to her understanding of the employees' problems and her ability to deal with them. "You become the eyes and ears of the store," Kovacs stated, "and sometimes even a mediator between the employees and management."

She added, "I enjoy making everyone happy. Now I'm planning contests, trips, and parties within the company."

Kovacs doesn't feel that she has reached a plateau in her career and believes that there is room to move up. Still, she said, she will keep striving for higher goals in the future.

PECC-ing Begins

by Chuck O'Donnell

Public Employees Charitable Campaign, (PECC) will begin on Oct. 13 when faculty, staff, and administration will be invited to donate from their paychecks to various charities.

Formerly the United Way Campaign, PECC is organized by Fred Barfoot, executive director for Institution Advancement. "Those giving \$26 or more will be given the opportunity to specify the agency their money will be going to," said Barfoot.

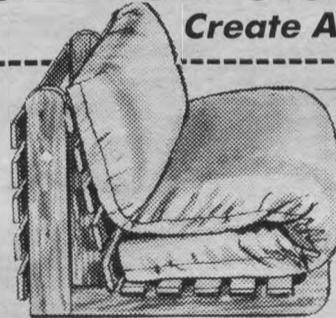
"The last few years, there was not much participation as we would have liked," commented Barfoot, adding, "Therefore, we are asking more people to contribute



PECC clown/representative getting elicits donors.

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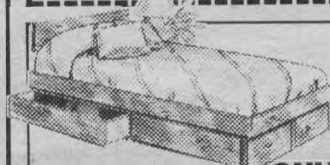
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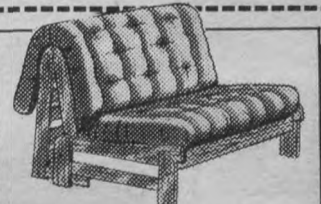
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Minority Enrollment Decreasing

by April Murray

In recent years the level of minority students graduating from M.C.C. has decreased due to high school preparation, enlistment in the armed forces, economic or family concerns and subtle forms of racism, said Dr. Arnold Hence, director of the Minority Student Affairs (MSA) office.

Although the black and hispanic enrollment has decreased, the Asian enrollment has increased in recent years, Hence said. The MSA office reaches out to strengthen academic success of students of color, through its Peer Mentor program.

"Minority students face the same problems as white students, just complicated by race," Hence said. For some students college is their first experience in a racially mixed environment and some find it

difficult to adjust.

The Peer Mentor program matches outstanding second year students with corresponding majors to freshman, said Hence.

These mentors meet with mentees once a week to go over academic studies, share course information, and give support. Mentors also know where to go for assistance when needed.

This program is ensuring the retention of minority freshman, said Evelyn Muniz, MSA administrative assistant. Essentially, students have big brothers and sisters to guide them with their studies, people to talk with who understand the challenges they face.

"Currently, 35 mentors are enthusiastically giving their services, and more are needed," said Muniz.

Each mentor has on average four or five mentees. "This is a pilot program and could benefit the whole school

if it was brought into the mainstream," Muniz added.

In particular, the program strives to improve freshman knowledge about MCC. Freshman receive counselling on courses and academic services, said Nadine Riggs, MSA mentor.

"I became a mentor because when I was a freshman, what I most needed was time management, and peer mentoring helps freshmen get organized," she said.

Mentors receive copies of mentees' schedules and course syllabi to help keep mentees current with their assignments.

Study groups are also formed in a range of subjects, and mentees meet individually or in groups to read, study or ask questions in the lower level of Raritan Hall.

"I have someone to talk to about school and problems", said mentee Tanya Hason. You're not alone they have been through it too."

Muniz spoke of one mentee who was ill and unable to attend school, and how his mentor contacted his professors and obtained missed classwork and assignments so that the mentee would not fall behind.

"The mentors do so much. It's rewarding to see the mentees doing well", said Riggs. Students helping students is the foundation of the peer mentor program, she concluded.

Foundation seeks plans for phon-a-thon

by Chris Holland

Are you suffering from terminal poverty? Do you spend days talking on the telephone? If so, then working for the M.C.C. Foundation's 4th annual alumni phon-a-thon is the perfect job for you.

By telephoning alumni and soliciting monetary donations from them, students can earn up to \$375.00.

According to Sandi Sluman, associate executive director of the Foundation, it would be a wonderful opportunity for students to raise money in the form of scholarships and financial aid for peers who can't otherwise afford a higher education.

It would also be a chance for College alumni to support future students in their academic endeavors added Sluman.

The phon-a-thon's goal is to raise 50,000 dollars, the bulk of which will go toward financial aid and the alumni tutoring program. The remaining money will be allocated for assorted scholarships.

The Foundation was founded in 1966 to raise scholarship aid for many needy students. It hopes to continue to raise money for the endowment fund, but needs student support.

Phon-a-thon employees earn \$6.00 per hour for the first eight nights of work and \$7.00 per hour for nights nine through 12.

There will be a training session held Oct. 11 and Oct. 12 from 6-9pm. in the Foundation office located in Center 4.

For more information concerning the dates and times of the phon-a-thon contact the Foundation at 906-2564.

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Library Undergoes Changes

by Richard Savarese

The Library underwent a number of changes this summer in an attempt to create an atmosphere more conducive to research and study, according to Director Abigail Studdiford, Library director.

In the upper level lounge area, all the chairs were removed, creating more space to expand the Reference area and spread out the periodical indexes. Studdiford said this was also in response to student complaints about too much noise and socializing in the lounge.

The Art book collection has found a new home upstairs, near the Humanities section.

Students may now work and concentrate in the quiet study area created in the lower level.

Near the main entrance, two new photocopiers with enlarging and reducing capabilities were installed. The price of a copy has been raised from 10 cents to 15 cents.

For those library patrons short on change, Studdiford explained, a VendaCard machine has been installed which enables the user to make copies without depositing coins. The machine issues a small plastic card to be inserted into the copier in place of money. One dollar entitles the user to 35 copies.

For those who prefer to use money, a dollar bill changer has also been installed.

Studdiford also revealed plans for redecorating the Library which include new carpeting—her "top priority."

Sun Shines For Black Rain, Johnny's Not So Handsome

by Allan Bush

"Johnny Handsomely"

Starring Micky Rourke, Ellen Barkin, Elizabeth McGovern, Lance Henrikson.

If you're a big fan of senseless violence and gore, then "Johnny Handsomely" is your kind of film.

But if you're one of those people who fell in love with Micky Rourke's performances in "9 1/2 weeks," "Angel Heart," and "Barfly" then stay away from this turkey.

"Johnny Handsomely" is a colossal disappointment. Rourke's performance is flat, Ellen Barkin looks as if she's restraining her laughter as she spews forth cheesy dialogue. This film's only saving grace is an above average performance by Elizabeth McGovern.

Essentially a revenge film, "Johnny Handsomely" gives a rather warped view of justice. The film blatantly condones vigilantism and murder.

Rourke plays the title role.

a formerly hideous "geek" whose best friend and protector is betrayed by his gang of ruthless thugs, played by Barkin (Sea of Love, The Big Easy), and Lance Henrikson (Aliens). Their performance is almost painful to watch, an embarrassment on their otherwise excellent careers.

The film is chock-full of dark, oppressive lighting to enhance the dark vengeful theme of the film. Perhaps they should have gone for complete black out—that way we would only have to suffer through the moronic dialogue. A total waste of perfectly good celluloid and actors. And if I hear Ellen Barkin say geek once more in that extremely annoying pseudo-southern twang she adopted for this film...

"Johnny Handsomely" is rated R for graphic violence and relentless stupidity.

Tickets for this review were supplied by Amboy Multiplex Cinema on route 35, Sayreville.

"Black Rain"

Starring Michael Douglas, Andy Garcia, and Kate Capshaw

Once you get past "Black Rain's" superb camera photography, the fascinating view of Japan's mafia-like Yakuza underworld, and the motorcycle stunts you'll be left with a film crammed full of witty one liners and insightful dialogue and an impressive performance by Andy Garcia.

"Black Rain" is a top-of-the-line police action film set in New York and Japan. What sets this film apart from the scores of "Dirty Harry" and "Lethal Weapon" films? a fresh plot line that takes us from the streets of New York to the incredibly engrossing city of Tokyo. Douglas is a tough New York cop who has lost sight of his values. Garcia is his partner, a complete opposite of Douglas's dark, cynical and slightly corrupt character. Douglas and Garcia happen to witness the

murder of a Yakuza crime-lord by a rival kingpin. It's Douglas's and Garcia's job to get the Yakuza back to his Japan so he can stand trial in country. But there's a goof-up and the evil Sato escapes into the streets of Japan. Pressured by an internal investigation police committee who are convinced that Douglas let himself be bribed to allow Sato to escape, Douglas must recapture him and clear himself.

And so the action begins. Along with Masashiro, a Japanese policeman who doubles as a guide and interpreter, the two New Yorkers get an up-close view of the Japanese underworld.

Sure, Michael Douglas is the star of the film, and alright, he has plenty of witty one liners and okay, so his performance was expertly executed, but all this pales against Andy Garcia's contribution to the film.

Garcia portrays Douglas's partner. His performance instantly endears his character to the viewer, especially his rendition of a Ray Charles tune at a Japanese bar.

Kate Capshaw plays a minor role as a transplanted Chicago girl who runs a bar and brothel in Tokyo. There is

no real romantic involvement between Douglas and her except an obvious attraction that is never exploited.

Instead the film focuses on the friendship developing between Douglas and his Japanese counter part, Masashiro. Masashiro's friendship restores Douglas's lost values and he himself learns the true value of friendship.

Free Dance

by Leslie Muniz

Are you aware that the Dance Club of Middlesex College is offering you an exciting way to get involved in the Art of Dancing at no cost?

The Dance Club offers a variety of opportunities to witness the "expression of ideas" such as trips to Dance Performances in New York and Princeton, peer teaching, film seminars, and social activities, said Dr. Agnes Hirsch.

The club meets two times a month on alternate Mondays and Thursday at college hour in the dance studio of the Physical Education building. You don't have to be a dancer to join the club, if you have any questions please contact Dr. Hirsch at extension 3717.

This month's meeting will be held on October 12.

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Tennis nets a loss

by Dave Nash

Middlesex County College women's tennis team took a step backwards yesterday as Ocean County College defeated the Colts 9-0.

Ocean dominated Middlesex in each of the six singles and three doubles matches. Middlesex could only manage to win 8 games all afternoon.

"Our lack of experience showed today," said Middlesex Coach Dennis Conaway. "Ocean is very experienced. Their number three girl (Theresa Ammeraal) was number two last season. That shows their experience and talent."

Ocean (5-0) played every part of the match superb. Their serving, volleying, and ground strokes were all to perfection.

Coach Conaway agreed, "Ocean is very good. They might win the conference."

Although the wind was swirling and the sun was very bright, Conaway felt the weather had no effect on the outcome of the match. "Today (Wednesday) is a tough day to play, period. The wind is not a factor. Ocean is just very strong, he said."

Conaway will guide his troops (0-4) this weekend at home against Raritan Valley Community College, and next Wednesday (October 11) at Union County College.

Injury plagued Colts beaten

by Scott Wilson

The Middlesex County College men's soccer team lost another close game on Wednesday, by a score of 1-0 to Keystone Junior College of La Plume, Pennsylvania.

The lone goal of the home game was made in the first half at 10:34 by Keystone's Keith Halsey. Halsey slid a 15-yard shot past M.C.C.'s goalie Chris Koukourdelis, who had come out to break up the play. The goal was assisted by goalie Chris Navtzing and forward Dave Weitzman.

The Colts (2-5-2) had a few

good scoring chances, including a goal that was called back after the play was whistled offside. Four shots also caromed off the post, including a shot off the crossbar by Costa Karastolis at about the 4:30 mark of the second half.

Keystone (7-0-1) remained undefeated with a strong balance of offense and defense. Koukourdelis kept Middlesex in the game by making 11 saves. Navtzing was only called on to make seven saves, thanks to a strong Keystone defensive game.

The Colts got strong performances by forwards Rob Richkus and Tommy Hoffman. Hoffman had two good scoring opportunities in the early second half.

"We should have played a little more aggressively in the first half," Middlesex coach Reza Saba said after the game.

"In the second half, we played a little more aggressively and the wind was at our back. We have to have a little luck and put the ball in the net," he said.

The coach also referred to key injuries to Jim Hall and Marc Hueguenin. Hall, who has been labeled one of the team leaders, has been out due to illness, but is expected back Friday.

A new player, Marc Lewis, is expected to join the team soon. The coach said he hopes Lewis will help fill the gaps the injuries are causing.

N. L. Championship Showdown

by Dave Nash

Bundle up, this could be one of the coldest post-season playoffs in National League history.

When the "Windy City" Cubs take on the San Francisco Giants in the 1989 National League Championship Series (NLCS), temperatures could be very brutal at game time.

Although the mercury will be low and Jack Frost may be in attendance, the sparks and fire both teams provide on the field should heat up both stadiums.

Chicago, the Eastern Division champs, fought and clawed their way through a four team race but peeled away when New York, St. Louis and Montreal all faded in late September.

San Francisco, the Western champs played superbly early

on and held off a late season surge by San Diego to capture their first division crown since 1987.

Both managers, Dan Zimmer of the Cubs and Roger Craig of San Francisco, were teammates back in 1962 with the New York Mets and possess similar coaching methods.

Zimmer and Craig both love to bunt, hit-and-run, steal bases and pull off sneaky plays to produce a run any way they can.

The only offensive difference between the two clubs is that San Francisco relies a little more on the long ball behind the bats of MVP candidate Kevin Mitchell (47HR's, 125 RBI's), Matt Williams (18 HR's), and Will "The Thrill" Clark.

Chicago's home run punch includes Ryne Sandberg (30 HR's) and the aging Andre

Dawson.

Clark, who is rated as baseball's top player by many experts, and Mitchell should be the top two vote getters in this year's MVP balloting. Sandberg, who was the 1984 MVP when Chicago won its last pennant, will probably finish third in the voting.

Chicago will also look to Centerfield Jerome Walton, who is the National League's leading candidate for Rookie of the Year, and owner of this season's longest hitting streak of 30 games. Leftfielders Dwight Smith, Dawson and Shortstop Shawon Dunston, who possesses the best arm in the N.L., must produce if the Cubs are going to win.

San Francisco counts on their table setters Brett Butler and Rabby Thompson to spark the team early. Production from these two is a must if the Giants are going to be

successful.

The only real advantage either team has is in the pitching department. Chicago is slightly better.

Greg Maddux, Mike Bielecki (18 wins), Rick Sutcliffe and Scott Sanderson are without a doubt better than Rick Reuschel (17 wins), Scott Garrelts (ERA Leader 2.28) and company.

Chicago also has the "Wild Thing" on their side. Standout reliever Mitch Williams not only possesses a tattoo of the tasmanian devil on his calf, but he owns a 95mph fastball and a nasty breaking pitch. He's a sight to behold.

If the winds blow out and the ball flies off the bats, San Francisco will power their way through the series. But if the winds are calm and the conditions are fairly normal, this series will favor Chicago, and could go seven games.

Golf Tourney Cancelled

by Dave Nash

The Middlesex County College Foundation's Seventh annual golf classic was cancelled due to rain, said a Metuchen Country Club spokesperson.

The classic has been rescheduled for October 16.

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

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

A Fastball into Spring

by Dave Nash

If the fall season is any indication of what the spring campaign has in store, then this could be a great season for the M.C.C. baseball team.

The Colts, under fourth year head coach Ed McRae, dominated their opponents in the recently completed fall season.

"The fall was very successful," McRae bragged. "We got to play a lot of guys."

Mcrae, who calls the fall season "an evaluation period," said the weather affected the schedule but did not hurt the team's record. "The weather killed us. We had (about) 10 games rained out, but we still finished 10-2," he said.

On paper, Coach McRae feels this could be one of the deepest squads he's ever had. "We have some good freshmen and an excellent

recruiting class," he said.

To go along with more than a handful of returning letterman, M.C.C. baseball fans can anticipate an improvement of last year's 18-10-1 record. McRae stated, "We have a good nucleus back from last year's team. We are very strong in the infield and our pitching is also strong."

Last year's double play combination of second baseman Darrin Nagy and shortstop Ed Fischer returns to stabilize an infield that brings back all of its starters.

"Ed Fischer and Darren Nagy are my leaders," McRae commented. He spoke of Fischer's last season, stating that he was "outstanding and he might even get drafted (amateur draft in June) if he has a good spring season."

Nagy, who lives in Woodbridge, was tied for the team lead this fall in walks (4) and runs scored (6).

The pitching is anchored by East Brunswick Vo-Tech graduate Dan Ostrander, who led the fall staff in innings pitched (11), strike outs (15), and earned run average (0.83).

The only weakness McRae feels his squad has is in the outfield. "Sophomore Nick Piscopo has a little bit of experience, so we might play some freshmen out there," he said.

McRae is also hopeful that his entire fall roster returns for winter workouts and the spring season. "Some guys decide to get jobs and become ineligible because of grades, so these some of these guys might not be around," he said.

"We also could get some January transfers. We just have to wait and see."

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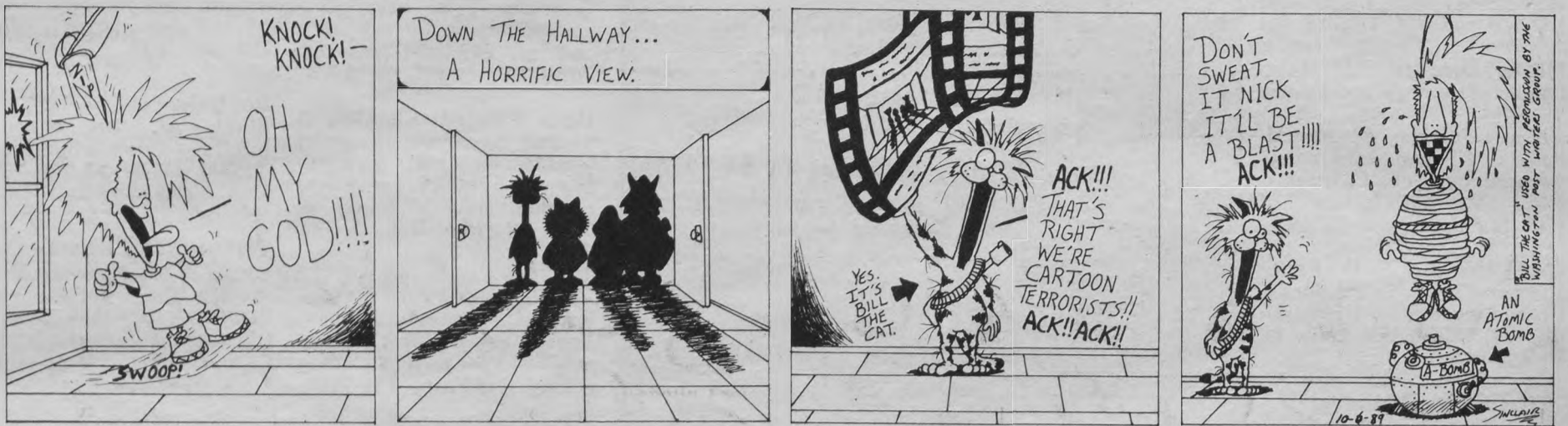
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When The World Was Flat

by Brian Sinclair



Calendar

Friday, October 5

Walt Disney World recruiters. CC 310 and 312. 10 a.m.

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

Chinese Auction. Sponsored by the Medical Laboratory Technology Club. Cafeterias A-C. \$2 admission. 6 p.m.-Midnight.

Get With the Beat. Party sponsored by the CCPB Social Committee and the Filipino Society. CC Bunker Lounge. \$4 admission 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Monday, October 9 No Classes!

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Tuesday, October 10

Health Awareness Week Program: *Sexual Health program*. CC Lobby. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Health Awareness Week Program: *Cholesterol Screening*. LH 202-203. \$8. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Movie: *Children of a Lesser God*. CC Lounge. 11 a.m., 4 and 7 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Week Program: *Maria Alvarez and the Afro-Cuban Connection*. Cafe C. 12:30-2 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

Health Awareness Week Program: *Physical Health*. CC Lobby. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Week Movies: *Carmen* and *El Norte*. CC Lounge. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

Management Development Series Program: *How to Manage Conflict, Criticism and Anger*. CC Bunker Lounge. 3-5 p.m.

Thursday, October 12

Hispanic Heritage Week Program: *Hispanic Identity in Mainstream Society*. CC 319-321. 11 a.m.

Speaker: *1986 Olympic Champion Doug Heir*. Cafe C. 11:15 a.m.

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.

Better Than Ever meeting. CC 313. 11:15 a.m.

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

Live Teleconference: *Civic Responsibility and the American Student*. CC Lounge. 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 13

Hispanic Heritage Week Program: *A Visual Art Presentation of Modern Cuba*. CC 319. 12:30 p.m. With reception at 3 p.m.

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Sports Calendar

Friday, October 6

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

Saturday, October 7

Women's Tennis vs. Raritan Valley C.C. Home. 1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

Cross Country at GSAC Race #3. Home. 4 p.m.
Golf at GSAC Individual Golf Championship. Rutgers.
Soccer vs. Essex C.C. Away. 3:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Union C.C. Away. 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 12

Golf vs. Brookdale and Ocean C.C.s. Home 1 p.m.

Recreation Tournament!

Competitions in backgammon, men's and women's billiards, chess and ping pong (singles and doubles) will be taking place during the last two weeks of October in the College Center Game Room. Applications must be turned in by Friday, October 13.

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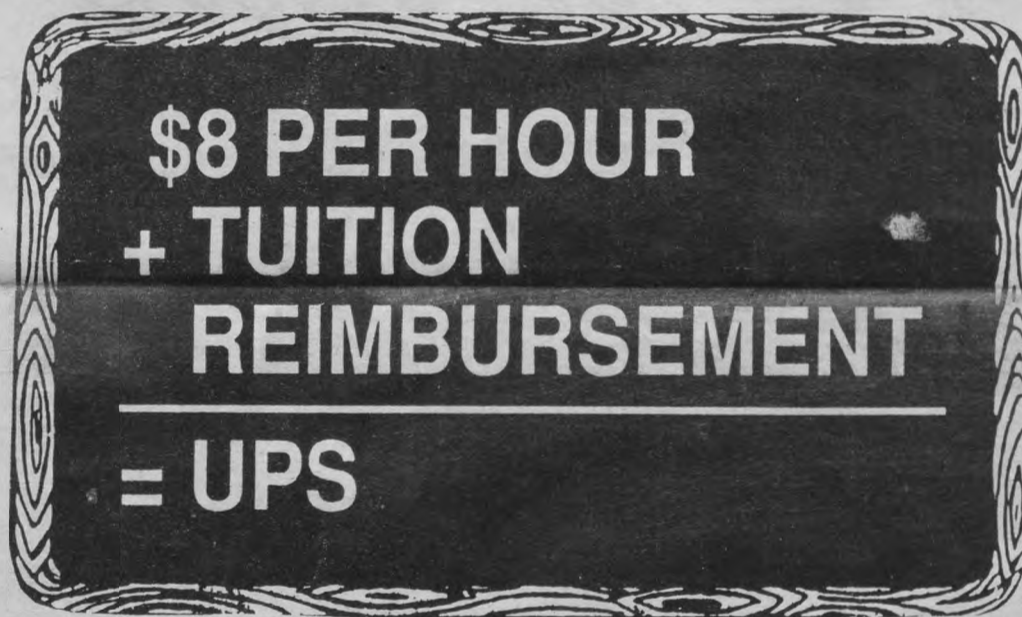
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