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MCC tennis star bound for Texas



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Yesenia Santiago

by Bill Sullivan (Reprinted with permission of the News Tribune)

It wasn't until she was down a set, and trailing 5-2 in the second set, that Yesenia Santiago came to realize what unusual situation was developing here.

"I was telling her, 'Don't worry Yessie [pronounced Jessy], you'll beat her next time,'" recalls Lisa Manhardt, Santiago's tennis coach at Middlesex County College. "She just looked back at me and said, 'You mean I could lose?'"

It was a possibility at the time, but highly unlikely in Santiago's mind. When the odds are against her something clicks in Santiago's subconscious. The 18-year-old college freshman proceeded to reverse fortunes and

win both the second and third sets, and the match.

College tennis has had that almost fairy tale feel for Santiago since even before she hit the courts. A 1993 graduate of Perth Amboy High School, Santiago wasn't recruited out of a highly-visible scholastic tennis program. She was a shade over .500 at first singles in her senior year at Amboy, yet Manhardt saw great potential, and offered Santiago the junior college equivalent of an athletic scholarship.

Whatever Manhardt saw in this diamond-in-the-rough recruit truly existed. Santiago went undefeated in 10 matches at first singles for MCC this season, while winning a regional tournament that earned her the right to compete in the Junior College Nationals in Texas in May. The fairy tale continues for a player who just refuses to lose.

"I try to listen to everything the coach tells me, and if I'm doing something wrong, I change it," said Santiago.

Tennis is a summer sport in Perth Amboy. The ones who play cram the courts on Sadowsky Parkway across from the waterfront and battle the swirling Raritan Bay winds that force any and all weak lobs practically out sea.

Santiago learned the game on these waterfront courts, not in posh private clubs. Her coaches were not highly-

paid personal trainers, like so many of her opponents in high school and college had. Santiago picked up the game from her older sister, Maria, from the coaches in the summer recreation program in Amboy, and from her high school coaches.

The unquenchable desire to win that Manhardt saw in Santiago came from a variety of influences. In high school, Santiago was an officer in the ROTC program, in which she developed an appreciation for the aspects of a disciplined lifestyle. On the tennis court, Santiago relished the role of the underdog, which she often assumed against

opponents with deeper tennis backgrounds.

"Some of them used to put me down, because I was from Amboy," Santiago recalled of her high school tennis opponents. "They used to yell comments, 'How could you be losing to someone from Perth Amboy?'"

That in spirited Santiago's competitive emotions, but also intimidated her. She surprised some people by advancing to the third round of the State Singles Tournament in her senior year, but when it came time to Manhardt an answer at MCC

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Union Pact Inked

by Carol Acs

MCC's Board of Trustees ratified the teachers contract following 3-1/2 months of negotiation and working without a contract.

The acceptance and signing of the two-year agreement with Local 1940 "American Federation of Teachers" took place at the Board of Trustees meeting on November 3.

"Both sides are pleased with the contract and the fact that it is finally signed," said Joan Davidson, Executive Director of Human and Administrative Resources. According to Davidson, teacher's salary increases and the medical deductible were two of the major issues

holding up agreement between Local 1940 AFT and the Board of Trustees.

The ratification of the teacher's salary increase reads; "Retroactive to July 1, 1993 each bargaining unit member shall have added to his/her base contract salary for the 1993-94 contract year a 3.6% increase plus a fixed dollar increment equal to 1.4% of the average 1992-93 base contract salary for the bargaining unit. The average increase for the bargaining unit will be 5%."

In addition the single medical deductible was increased from \$100 to \$250 per year.

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Campus safety: a major student concern

Advice to stay safe

by Gina Marie Frost

Safety on Middlesex County College Campus is a major concern for everyone.

People are always asking the question, "How should I protect myself?" According to the MCC Police Department, there is no way to protect yourself 100%, however, you can take certain precautions to help feel more secure.

From a booklet compiled by the Middlesex County College Police Department, a few suggestions for safety are listed below.

To protect yourself when you are on campus alone are:

- 1) Whenever possible do not walk alone.
- 2) Use a buddy system through vacant or parking lots.
- 3) Stay away from doorways and shrubbery.
- 4) Walk near curb, facing streets.
- 5) If a car pulls next to you going the same way you are, reverse direction.
- 6) Avoid streets in unfamiliar neighborhoods. Know where you are going.
- 7) Vary route going to the store and coming home.

Whenever you are walking always carry purse, papers, umbrella under arm or keep purse between body and bundles. Other ways to protect your belongings are:

- 1) Carry purse on side away from the street. Use the hand and elbow technique or clutch technique. If at all possible, do not carry a purse at all.
- 2) Carry a minimum of cash.
- 3) Carry money in two places—shoe, bra, or hidden pocket.
- 4) Do not overload yourself with packages, keep hands free.
- 5) Never wind purse strap around wrists (if grabbed, you can be pulled down or injured).
- 6) If someone tries for your purse, throw it in the street or turn it upside down and let the contents fall out.
- 7) Insert comb in wallet with teeth up to prevent removal.

These precautions will not only protect your belongings but they will also protect you.

Whenever walking you should always carry some sort of object that if you needed would bring attention to yourself if you were

being attacked. An example would be to carry a whistle at all times. Have the whistle someplace where it is easy to grab.

Some people at school take the bus. If ever waiting here are some precautions that you should take:

- 1) Stand with feet apart in a balanced position.
- 2) At the bus stops, keep your back to the wall to avoid being approached from behind.
- 3) Sit in front, near driver or conductor.
- 4) Always have a token ready.
- 5) Use busy stops; avoid deserted ones.
- 6) DON'T FALL ASLEEP!!! STAY ALERT!!!
- 7) If you suspect you are being followed, don't get off at normal stop; get off at busy stop, tell attendant in change booth.
- 8) If you are verbally harassed, say loudly, and firmly, "Leave me alone." Attract help by talking loudly or screaming.

When entering your car after your classes these few tips can actually be very significant:

- 1) Maintain awareness of your surroundings when entering, exiting, and operating your vehicle. Awareness enables you to detect potential threats and take action to avoid or deal with them. Be especially observant at red lights, fast food drive-thru lines, automatic teller machines, convenience stores, parking lots, shopping center lots, pay phones, and when arriving or leaving your place of employment or home.
- 2) When approaching your parked vehicle visually check the area around the vehicle for any suspicious persons or activity. If you observe anything suspicious walk directly to a location where there are other people and notify the police.
- 3) Have your keys ready and visually check the interior of your car.
- 4) When operating your vehicle keep the doors locked and the windows rolled up. Avoid travelling alone at night.

These safety precautions cannot guarantee your safety, but they might help to protect you.

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S.S. seminar talks on early retirement

by Carol Acs

A seminar for retirees to discuss Social Security benefits was held for members of AFSCME Local 2269 on October 28. Guest speaker, Joseph Maltese, Field Representative from the New Brunswick Social Security Office covered the guidelines for applying for retirement benefits. Social Security Retirement or Disability is an "earned right" which retirees need to take advantage of, according to Maltese.

Dick Finck, Computing Service Assistant said, "I thought the seminar went well and having

a field representative from Social Security come in was extremely helpful."

Fran Mundock, Senior Lab Coordinator said "Approximately 40 retirees from MCC will be leaving between December 31, 1993-94. According to Mundock, "Those employees choosing early retirement have to make their decision by December 1, 1993 so the college can notify the state.

This early retirement offer is in conjunction with guidelines provided by the State of New Jersey in the plan to lower the amount of employees on college campuses through attrition.

Corral menu expands

by Douglas Wilson

A buffet luncheon will be introduced in the College Center's Corral Restaurant, 3rd floor College Center, and is scheduled for every Wednesday.

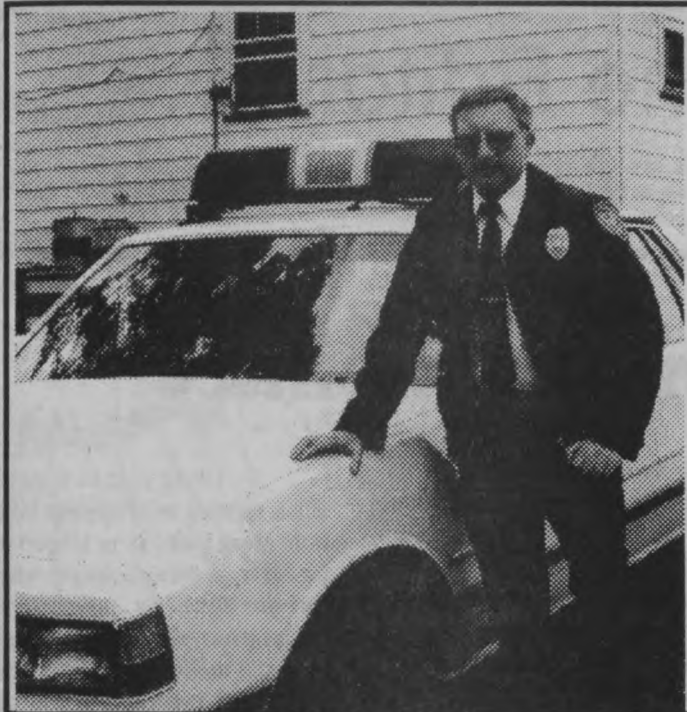
The first buffet offering will include an "All-American" menu, similar to the Monday and Friday offerings in the College Center's main level "Foreign Exchange" cafeteria.

"The Corral is open to students every day," stated Canteen's food service manager Chris Palonko, "and we hope this is something they, and faculty already using it, will enjoy." In addition to the cold salad and sandwich plates available the Corral has soup and entree of the day daily.

Canteen also shares credit with MCC's HRI Department every Friday when the cafeteria serves food that was prepared by the Quantity Foods class. "Initially I was apprehensive about this aspect of service", stated Canteen's regional manager Dan

Cramer. "We had never done anything like this before and didn't know how it would work. Now, after thorough understanding, we look forward to it and feel the exchange is a great asset for the students and Canteen", he concluded.

The "Foreign Exchange" offers a wide variety of different food choices. The Nacho Bar, which includes a minimum of 5 toppings, is available daily. An international buffet, featuring a rotating theme, is offered Tuesday through Thursday. "Past menus have included Oriental, Mexican and Caribbean", said Palonko. "This week's selection will be Italian and will include some tasty entrees. Theme menus ran the entire week in the past. We responded to customer comments that this was repetitious and changed it. Monday and Friday now feature standard fare; turkey with stuffing, meatloaf, and macaroni and cheese amongst others, he concluded.



Chief Joseph Oberc on Patrol

QV File Photo

Cops crack down on motor vehicle violators

By Ken Walling Jr.

Campus auto theft has decreased this year as security patrols have continued a crack-down on motor vehicle violators.

Figures released by Chief Joseph Oberc show there were fourteen motor vehicle thefts in 1992 as compared to only two since September of this year. Oberc attributed this to increased patrols. "The hiring of two dispatchers last year has increased the departments size", he said, "allowing the police to be on the campus grounds."

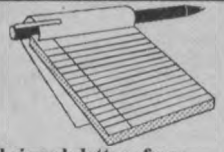
Oberc stated his patrols do not make random stops. When someone is pulled over for a motor vehicle violation other illegalities are sometimes found. He said there have been

instances when a vehicle has been pulled over for having an expired inspection sticker, and the patrolling officer discovers that the vehicle's tires have steel cords coming through. "This poses a safety threat to other drivers," concluded Oberc.

In an incident this year, Oberc said a person was pulled over for a motor vehicle violation was determined to be operating with revoked driving privileges.

Oberc compared driving with an expired inspection to "having a red flag on the top of your car. You're kind of in a goldfish bowl on campus," he said, "and our officers see the same cars driving in every day. If you're driving with a motor vehicle violation you run a very high risk of being pulled over."

Letters to the Editor



Letters to the Editor must be submitted to the Quo Vadis office, College Center room 316. Letters must be typed, double-spaced, and signed; letters from organizations must be signed by an officer of the organization. Unsigned letters will not be published, though Quo Vadis will withhold names upon request. Quo Vadis reserves the right to edit all letters or to deny publication of letters, signed or unsigned, that constitute an attack on personal integrity.

Numb drivers a campus menace

Dear Editor,

It dawned on me while driving in and around the M.C.C. campus that there are an awful lot of students that don't know how to drive. I don't mean that they can't steer around large objects or back out of the driveway without killing the paperboy, what I mean is, they've forgotten the basic rules.

Maybe all those years of schooling has sapped their vitality. Perhaps too much calculus and trigonometry has dulled their sense of reality. Could it be that too much cable television or M-TV has turned these once lively brains into mush? Whatever its cause, the standard has clearly declined. So I thought I'd point out a few fundamentals for those in need.

1> When you are entering or leaving campus and find yourself at the head of a long line of cars waiting for a light to change, the thoughtful thing to do is to stay alert. Watch the light, as opposed to applying eye liner and lipstick or filling your cassette tapes in alphabetical order. Watch the light. People are depending on you. When it turns green, that's your signal. Take your foot off the brake and step on the gas. If you have a car with a standard transmission you might want to actually anticipate the light and have your car in gear. Say, that

would be fun would'nt it?

2> Once your car starts rolling, try pushing down a little harder on the gas pedal. This will reduce the dreaded accordion effect and virtually eliminate bumper damage among the cars behind you, whose drivers may find it hard to believe that anyone outside the plant kingdom could possibly drive with so little verve. If some infirmity of the ankle makes depressing the gas pedal impossible, have a competent mechanic set your idle up a bit. In most cases 7000 rpm is about right. Remember to set your coffee cup down before engaging the clutch.

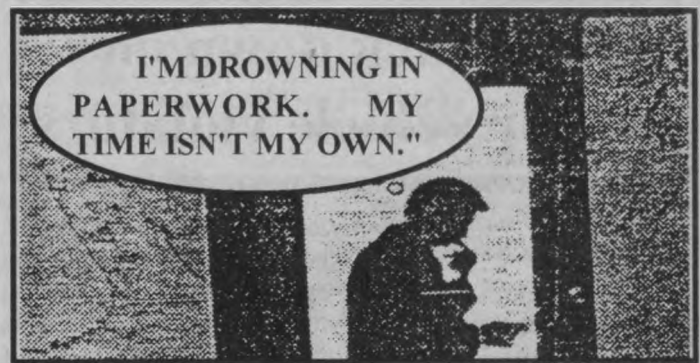
3> When you come to a halt at some of the 2 or 3 way stop signs around college, it will eventually be your turn to go. When it is, please go. No, don't wave for me to go first, or inch out into the intersection and then decide not to go and then wave for someone else to go. Just, please, go. Some of us might be late for class or work or might just want to see the old neighborhood again before we die.

4> When you suddenly apply your brakes in the middle of a street or parking lot just before making a turn, you should indicate with your turn signals which way you plan to turn. That way, the cars behind you (the ones with

the smoke pouring out of their wheel wells) will know which way to wrench the wheel so as not to ruin everyone's car. If for some reason you can not operate your turn signal stalk and have long since forgotten your hand signals, at least try not to feint left before going right and vice versa.

5> Using your turn signal when turning or changing lanes is a great idea, it is important however to turn them off when you are done. A permanently flashing turn signal drives people mad and makes them think you are not paying attention. A lot they know, eh.

Mike Foley



Dear Editor,

Back on the farm in another age the well was filled with water. It was good, clear, clean, tasty water. Without the well there would have been no farm. The well filled from the bottom up. Water percolated up through the soil bringing life to what would have been a barren spot of land.

We sure don't have a farm here. The well is filling up with an endless stream of paperwork. The memos, forms and computer printouts float down from above set-

ting here in the well. The paper is absorbent enough to soak up the very life source of the well.

Computers seem to be able to spew out paper faster than the loggers can cut down trees. Drowning in paperwork is a million times more common than drowning in a lake. My dad says I should stop worrying, for all of this will pass in the next ice age. He also says that of those few of us who remain only those who know how to put in a well will survive.

Harold M. Gladstone

Critics & Kudos

To the Editor:

I have noticed some typographical errors in this publication. I appreciate your time constraints, as explained to me by Quo Vadis staff members, but your proofreading and layout staff should pay more attention, and perhaps the amount of mistakes will decline in time.

I would also like to say that in each issue I have noticed that there are fewer errors. The articles are interesting and relevant to the students and their

needs. The staff deserves a round of applause for their hard work. I hope that my criticisms will be taken in a constructive way, and used to improve the quality of what has the makings of a great paper.

****Editors' Note:** Because of David Lewis' interest in Quo Vadis, we have offered him a position as a reporter. He has yet to accept or decline.

Sincerely,
David A. Lewis

Dear Editors,

On behalf of the residents and staff, I wish to thank you for your generous donation to the shelter.

Our shelter serves forty men per night, mostly from the Middlesex County area. Most of these men have little or no means of income and stay with us while they are finding employment or obtaining appropriate services.

We depend on donations from generous benefactors for a large part of our income.

The residents appreciate the interest of others in helping them as they try to overcome their homelessness.

Knowing that people care enough about them to be willing to contribute to making the shelter a little more comfortable is very encouraging.

Again, many thanks!
Sincerely,

Sr. Martha Beaudoin,
MSW Administrator, Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen
Ozanam Men's Shelter 155
Memorial Pwy New Brunswick,
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Dear Editors,

There were nineteen people running for Governor of N.J. on November 2, representing various political parties and personal ideologies. I cannot understand why Quo Vadis listed only two candidates in the November 2 reminder to vote (page 21). Doing so was actually worse than not reminding people to vote at all, for it limited the way in which read-

ers would perceive the election and perhaps influence votes. Unfortunately, most TV and radio news has also discussed only two candidates, but that does not excuse us. We must remind our readers that we have a multi-party system in our country, not a closed two-party system.

Thank you,
Irene Figarotta Pearse,
Associated Professor
of History



"You can tell how his journalism students are progressing by the expression on his face."

Burned Out?

Dear Editor,

Take a Mental Health Break! Here is what you can do when starting to feel burned out from your work and school schedule. Take a mental health break. Make an appointment with classmates to meet in the cafe located in the Student Center. Meet to talk about anything that comes to mind. Try to forget about work, and family. The cafe has an excellent selection. I stop in with my friend Bob, we take turns buying dinner. I usually do not have a meal with someone else during the week, so it's a nice break.

The new cafe operators are better than last years. Last year I came in once and left — there was just aged Pizza and flat soda. The tables are clean with their help and ours.

Make a date with some friends and notify the Canteen Corporation Voicing your satisfaction to these workers will be a sign of their successful efforts.

Meet at 5:30 pm have some Pizza or burgers and relax then go to your 6:00 PM class. If you do not treat yourself once in a while who will?

Sincerely
Dermott RedStorm Dailey

Letters continued

Dirty diaries ???

To the Editor:

I want to comment about the sexual harrasment charges that Senator Bob Packwood is facing. He will not hand over a 8000 page diary, filled with damaging information about these charges (and who knows what else?) to the Senate Ethics Committee.

I would like to know why the government even HAS a SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE. A Senate Ethics Committee is an oxymoron. Since when do the words "Senate" and "ethics" go together? Since when does anyone in the federal government have any sense of ethics or morals? They don't! (Was that revelation so shocking?) They know they can go out and screw the average American every day. Let's face it, being in

government is one way you can beat the system.

I think this whole Packwood situation is a farce. Packwood should be tried on sexual harrasment charges. The Senate Ethics Committee are NOT the people who should try him. How can they honestly and fairly try him and even sentence him, when they are most likely guilty of the same charges he is facing? There are more important crises going on, i.e. the California brushfires, that demand our attention. I don't want to see a pack of unethical hyenas tear to shreds another unethical hyena. Please get this ridiculous sham off the airwaves.

Sincerely,
Lisa Bracco

ATTENTION!!!!!!!

Quo Vadis recently received a letter about the parking situation on campus. It was well written and expressed a variety of ideas, including intelligent suggestions for resolving the parking problem . However, the letter wasn't signed and therefore didn't meet our publication criteria. The letter does not libel anybody or any group and should be included. It reflects the opinion of a student on this campus. Our goal is to have as many people as possible appear between the covers of QUO VADIS before the end of the semester. So "j" wherever you are, stop by the office, sign your letter, and become a published member of the college community.

The Editors of Quo Vadis

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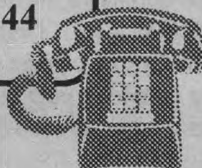
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Quo Vadis editorial discretion in question

Dear Editors,

I read with concern your November 1 "Students Speak Out," which offered various opinions on illegal drugs. One of your respondents admitted to using drugs; another would not "condemn anyone who does."

I don't know what you asked these people (you never printed the question). Nonetheless, I have to ask why you feel required to print such nonsense. The First Amendment of the constitution guarantees you freedom of ex-

pression; it does not make it incumbent upon you to print everything the people you interview have to say.

Illegal drugs are harmful and are to avoided like the plague. They hurt people; they kill people! In the future, please be more responsible and exercise appropriate editorial discretion.

Sincerely,
Santi Buscemi
Chair Department
of English

Tennis star *continued from page 1*

she wasn't sure she was a scholarship-level player.

"I still didn't have a backhand," said Santiago. "I just don't like dwelling on the last point. I've always been playing point by point. I learned how to play that way in high school. I would just keep the ball in play, and keep lobbing the ball, so that the other person would make the mistakes."

Manhardt obviously saw more than a defensive player in Santiago. She was certain of Santiago's overall tennis ability, and she's shown herself to be a credible judge of talent. This wasn't the first time the MCC coach has plucked tennis talent from an unlikely location. The

previous season, Manhardt coached a young athlete by the name of Melissa Gromek, of South Plainfield, to the same national tournament Santiago will attend.

Prior to Gromek, the last Middlesex player to advance to the nationals did so in 1980.

"My coach kept telling me all year, 'Yessie, you're going to keep winning, you're my ticket to Texas,'" said Santiago of Manhardt.

Manhardt, a Rahway native, takes none of the credit as a shrewd coach or recruiter. Any coach could see Santiago was special.

"She is the most intense

player," said Manhardt. "She is all business out there. She's just a real determined person who puts her mind into everything she does. She's definitely the kind of player everyone on the team looks up to."

Imagine that. Tennis players looking up to Santiago. A tennis player from Perth Amboy.

"It's still shocking," Santiago said of the whole route her tennis career has taken. "When I decided to come to Middlesex, my goal wasn't to go undefeated. I didn't even think I would play first singles. I wasn't expecting any of this." It's the

stuff of fairy tales, all right. But tennis has aided Santiago in her pursuit of a very down-to-earth and meaningful future as well. She plans to attend MCC, studying nursing, for three years, playing tennis in her first two, and possibly softball in her third year.

If all goes well, she hopes to eventually join the Navy, pursuing a medical specialization. If her tennis game is any indication, Santiago's goals are well within reach.

"I guess I've learned that it doesn't matter where you come from," she said, "if you want to do something, you can do it."

It doesn't just happen in fairy tales.

Retail Board of Services holds re-organization meeting

Food service concerns aired in open forum

by Douglas Wilson

An ad hoc committee was formed during the annual Board of Retail Services Corporation reorganization meeting to study the new food service operators and address solutions to student and staff complaints.

The public portion of the October 25 meeting in the Corral Restaurant was rearranged at the direction of President Flora Edwards-Mancuso to accommodate those in attendance.

Fran Mundock, President of Local 2269, AFSCME, read a letter to the board highlighting problems encountered during the early part of the operators changeover. "We are very dis-

appointed... the increased cost of food is not justified compared to the quality and choice of food available. ...the food is never hot enough... the choice of dinners both downstairs and upstairs are lacking."

Student member Peter Guillespie stated that he was not a frequent cafeteria customer but that he had seen a bit more menu variety than from the previous food service. "I don't think we've given the new caterers a true fair shake," Guillespie told the assembled board.

President Flora Edwards-Mancuso accepted volunteer

members for this committee from the board and included new student members Keith Gillespie and Peter Madarasz.

Vending sales have increased while food prices in the machines have remained the same or increased minimally, according to Sy Solomon, Director of Retail Services.

Other business included the naming of Willentz and Spitzer as legal counsel for the board. All policies and procedures of the board were approved. Meetings are tri-annual and are scheduled for 1994. The dates are February 7, April 25, and October 24.

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be tackler trying to hit low and moved the ball inside the 5. The crowd expecting the TD to come next was once again quieted, this time due to Joe Paterno's defensive unit, as the Buckeyes settled for a field goal (score now 10-6). However, Paterno's Lion's were quickly put out of the game. Three plays later an interception turned touchdown made the score 17-6, and the Nittany's never threatened again. Ohio State scored once in the second half as both offenses struggled as the snow continued falling. The snow has stopped in Ohio, but for Joe Paterno and his overrated Nittany Lions, the snow will continue to fall as his team now has two league losses. Welcome to the Big Ten Joe!

ENTERTAINMENT



Student Center Activities, Games, Upcoming Events, and Much Much More!

"Streamers" is a strong & wonderful play

by Anton Massopust

"Beautiful Streamer! Please open for me. I look above and there's no canopy..." That explains the title of David Rabe's "Streamers". Last Sunday I attended MCC's version of "Streamers". The strong and powerful cast tells the story of three men inside a cadre room, "...a key group of officers and enlisted personnel necessary to train a new military unit."

The play tackles a number of controversial topics, among them homosexuality. Richie, played by Christopher T. Gambino has problems dealing with his own sexuality. At first he is flaunting it. He keeps saying that he's gay but none of his bunk mates truly believe him until Richie is confronted by Carlyle, played by Kevin Chalmers. This confrontation is met with violent results. One of Richie's roommates is

confronted by Carlyle, played by Kevin Chalmers. This confrontation is met with violent results. One of Richie's roommates, Billy (Bryan Kleinman) cannot deal with homosexuality and is killed for his beliefs. Each man's opinion is brought face forward about war and death. The two sergeants, Rooney and Cokes, (Michael V. Minetz and Hal Eisen) who were constantly drunk during the play are quite funny, and add in their two cents as well. They speak on what it's like to be a war veteran, and give a sad and different side to their dilemma, such as the final words of the play where Cokes talks about killing a Vietnam soldier inside a spider hole. "...He was Charlie Chaplan, and I don't know who I was, and he just blew up..."

The set is small and the lighting is very dim to set the mood for the play creating an

excellent appearance. You feel that you are really in the room with these men. Each of the actors do their job well, especially Lawrence Street who played Roger, and Kevin Chalmers as Carlyle, and Bryan Kleinman as

Billy. In the first act Gambino's delivery was flat but in the second act he was much better. All in all it was a wonderful and strong-hearted play.

Grade A+

HRI dishes out a deep sea delight

by Sarah Fama

So, you're tired of the same lunch and are looking for something different and inexpensive to try. Look no further than the College Center's Corral Restaurant, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the fall semester, for Hotel Restaurant and Institutional Management students' (HRI) \$4 luncheons.

Students enrolled in the HRI program plan, prepare, and serve the meals, gaining experience within the field; afterward, they are critiqued on their performance.

"Enchantment under the sea" was the theme for HRI's 5th luncheon.

Diners were greeted with a basket of oven-baked knot rolls. A crisp Caesar salad composed of freshly torn pieces of Ro-

maine lettuce, Parmigian cheese, and croutons started off the meal. Peppered lemon spicy shrimp accompanied by fluffy white rice and a sizzling zucchini saute made for a flavorful main course. A slightly tart, creamy key lime pie capped off the meal.

The nautical atmosphere reigned throughout the afternoon. Tables were dressed in sea blue table cloths and were decorated with attractive sail-boat centerpieces, to augment the high-seas theme.

Suzanne, a student, commented "the meal was very good; I've previously eaten at the luncheons and feel they do a great job."

Subsequent luncheons for the month of November are scheduled for the 10th, 16th, 17th, and 30th.

Coming attractions

"The House of Bernarda Alba"

by Garcia Lorca.

Friday, December 10th & 11th at 7:30pm
and December 12th at 2:00pm.

"Winter Chorus Concert"

Thursday, December 16th at 8:30pm.

STAR WARS TRIVIA

All the questions that lay before you are on the Star Wars Trilogy. So think well, and May the Force Be With You!

1. What is the name of Luke Skywalker's home planet?

2. What is the name of Princess Leia's home planet?

3. Which character said, "Do not be so proud of this technological terror you've constructed. The ability to destroy a planet is insignificant next to the power of the force."

4. To escape the Imperial fleet in "The Empire Strikes Back" where did Han Solo hide the Millennium Falcon?

5. What is the name of the crime lord who put a price on Han Solo's head?

6. On what planet was Cloud City located on?

7. What planet did the Jedi Master Yoda live on?

8. What were the names of six bounty hunters Darth Vader employed to capture the Millennium Falcon?

9. What is a Jedi's weapon of choice?

10. What actor played Ben Kenobi?

11. Before the Empire came in, what war did the Jedi's fight?

12. What was Darth Vader's real name?

13. What is the Emperor's last name?

14. On what planet was the rebel base in "The Empire Strikes Back"?

15. What was the name of the snow creature that attacked Luke?

16. What attack pattern did the snow speeders use against the AT-ATs.

17. What does AT-AT stand for?

18. What's the name of the Ewok that found Princess Leia?

19. What's the name of the band that played in Jabba's palace?

20. Who said, "How can they be jamming us if they don't know we're coming?"

Answers: 1. Tatooine 2. Alderaan 3. Darth Vader 4. Inside a cave (also a slugs belly) 5. Jabba the Hut 6. Bespin 7. Dagobah 8. Boba Fett, Bossk, Dengar, Zuckuss, IG-88, 4L-OM 9. Light Saber 10. Alec Guinness 11. Clone Wars 12. Anakin Skywalker 13. Palpatine 14. Hoth 15. Wampa 16. Delta 17. All terrain armored transport 18. Wickèet 19. Sy Snoodles and the Max Rebo band 20.

Pearl Jam slams another new album pending approval

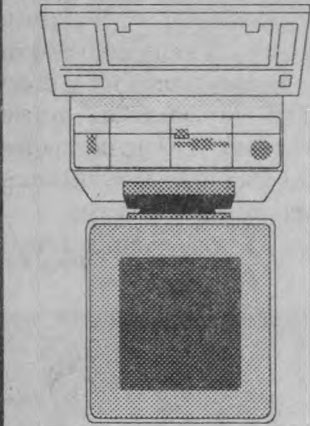
by "PSYCHO" STEVE

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Pearl Jam's new album is out! The name of the new album is "VS". Eddie Vedder and the boys are really rockin' more than before. The album is jam packed with more intense vocals and background instrumentals which are more demonstrative of the bands varied musical palate. Songs like: Go, Dessident, and Daughter, give a peek at the bands full potential. It is safe to say that Pearl Jam is one band that will be very successful now and for a long, long time. An example of this band's growing appeal to young America is their rather high record sales of 960,000 albums in one week. Rumours have it that there will be name change for this album, from "VS" to "Five Against One". Reasons for this sudden change are unclear but we shall keep you up to date on any word we receive. All in all the album is destined to be a smash hit. Until next time keep rockin', jockin' and just coldcockin'.



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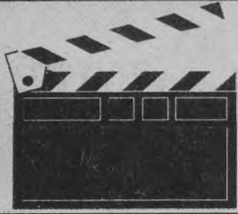
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MOVIE REVIEW



Robo Cop 3: You be the judge

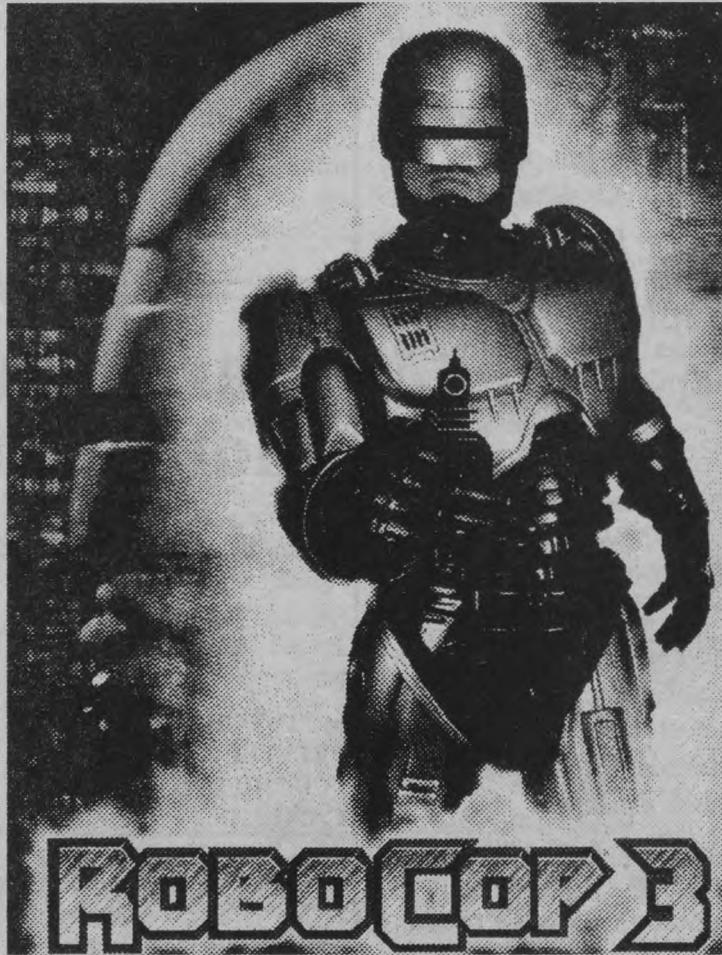
by Douglas Wilson

Robocop 3 hit the large screen this weekend. Quo Vadis had the privilege of attending a media pre-screening at the Loew's 57th street theater (directly across from the CBS offices).

Traveling to the Big Apple on Election night and with a Rod Stewart concert at the Garden created a New York atmosphere of hustle and bustle. This has always characterized the city that never sleeps and was the start of a good evening. My guest and myself, no strangers to the subway, were quickly whisked from Penn Station to near Rockefeller Center where we watched as they applied the final gloss to the ice rink. Winter is in the air and the only thing missing from the picture was a lit tree.

This reviewer is at a loss on the total Robocop history. I had previously only seen the 1st movie (commercial TV at that) and enjoyed it. Robocop 3, though enjoyable, sometimes has too many underlying themes and references obscuring the basic story.

The movie appropriately begins with a commercial for Delta City, a new city within a city, that is going to be erected by Japanese capitalists. It will pro-



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vide jobs for all and living quarters beyond their dreams. The removal of the Cadillac Heights residents, in this suburb of Detroit, is done against a backdrop of junkyard cars and burned out buildings. The "relocation" is

being supervised by McDaggett (John Castle) who, with his forces, have just returned from "the war" to help OCP contain the rebels and destroy Robocop. Good vs. evil, of course, is the underlying theme throughout. When the

"evil" business people order Dr. Marie Lazarus (Jill Hennessy) to remove or block Robocop's (Robert John Burke) human memory she balks. Her refusal to follow the directive increases the pace of this already racing movie. Robocop, who was to help in the "relocation" to camps now becomes a renegade aligned with the "underground".

Bertha (CCH Pounder) plays the rebel leader in what at times appears to be a tongue in cheek portrayal. Actually, most of the characters are played in this seemingly comedic manner with the exception of precocious Nikko (Remy Ryan).

The movie culminates in an extended battle scene when the cops decide to join forces with the "rebels" and do "what cops were meant to do". Shades of Saturday morning serials, Robocop joins the fray in his new rocket powered flying gear to save the day.

Though audience response included much laughter and was positive I don't know if the movie will remain in the theaters long. It could surprise me (maybe the producers too). Gratuitous violence, only two words George Carlin couldn't say on TV and a PG13 rating. You be the judge.



Students Speak Out

How do you see your financial future with respect to today's economy?



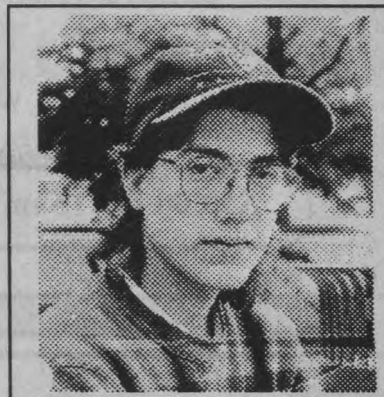
Yovanna Martinez-Rehab Counseling for alcohol & drug abuse

"Hopefully, in a few years, I'll be getting my PhD. I'd like to work with teenagers. I may not be rich, but as long as I can work in my field of choice, helping teenagers, I'll be happy."



Leslie Kennedy-Criminal Justice

"I'm going to be very successful because I'm going to be a criminal lawyer. There will always be criminals. The worse the economy gets, the more crime rises and I see the economy getting worse, not that it's a good thing."



Gilbert Ferreira-Electronic Engineering

"Electronics is going to be in high demand. There will always be electronic machinery needing repairs. There are also a lot of people going into this field and you have to be very sharp and have the right skills. The economy is a factor and also the fact that companies like to hire the very best, so it's very competitive."



Jim Mikusi-Open College

"I see myself financially secure being that I don't feel that I need to have a lot of money to be happy. As long as I do something I enjoy, I'll feel secure."



Norma Rosado-History

"My brother graduated from an Ivy League College for a little under \$80,000 and was only able to find a job for \$17,000 per year. Then he was out of work for about nine months. He is either over or under qualified, so I see myself having a hard time establishing myself financially, even with a college education."



Rodney Brevard-Radiography

"There's a lot of value in a college education. I see a degree of difficulty establishing myself financially after college, but not as much as if I had no education."

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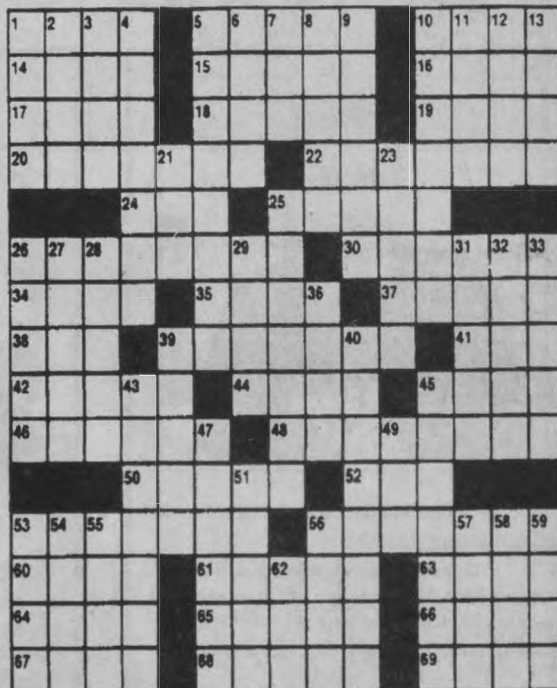
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 - 16 "I — man with seven ..."
 - 17 Money exchange premium
 - 18 Class of objects
 - 19 Eng. river
 - 20 Goes to bed
 - 22 Predetermine
 - 24 Building site
 - 25 Eagle's nest
 - 26 Trousers
 - 30 Runaway
 - 34 Come to earth
 - 35 Otherwise
 - 37 Mistake
 - 38 Newspaper items
 - 39 Invented
 - 41 Eggs
 - 42 Kind of bath
 - 44 Flirtatious girl
 - 45 Last word
 - 46 Gives medical aid
 - 48 Certain passes
 - 50 Relates
 - 52 Food scrap
 - 53 Flat land
 - 56 Lauds
 - 60 Business emblem
 - 61 John or Sebastian
 - 63 Shoe bottom
 - 64 Baking chamber
 - 65 Bring out
 - 66 Story
 - 67 Marries
 - 68 Stitched
 - 69 Hurried
- DOWN**
- 7 Kitchen vessel
 - 8 Musical composition
 - 9 Gobi, for one
 - 10 Inexperienced person
 - 11 Jeans maker
 - 12 Short jacket
 - 13 Mentally well
 - 21 Legendary bird
 - 23 Fathered
 - 25 Attacks
 - 26 Explosion
 - 27 Tracking device
 - 28 Follow after
 - 29 Kind of school: abbr.
 - 31 Scent
 - 32 Original
 - 33 Across: pref.
 - 36 Volcanic mountain
 - 39 Provide party food
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DANCE CLUB

The Dance Club is sponsoring a party on Friday, November 19th from 8pm to 2am in the College Center. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door. For tickets call 906-2569 and ask for Emily or Sonya.

BETTER THAN EVER

The Better Than Ever Club provides adult learners with friends, socialability and survival strategies. Meetings are open to all students and will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays as follows: November 16, College Center room 313; and November 30 in L'Homedeau Hall. Anyone interested can contact Ann Houpt in Edison Hall 100 at ext. 2546.

HOLOCAUST TRIP

Tuesday, November 16 a bus will leave MCC at 7:15am to visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Cost is \$30 per ticket. For more information, call 906-2503.

PRIDE CLUB

The Pride Club, the Middlesex County College Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance club, meets every Thursday during Student hour (3:30-4:30) in College Center room 309. All are welcome.

SKI CLUB

The Middlesex County College Ski Club is planning a ski trip to Killington Vermont during the Winter Ski Fest. The trip requires a \$50 deposit and is planned for January 9-14. The group will hold a meeting on Tuesday November 9, time to be announced, to discuss this and other business. Trip deposits are due at that time. All are welcome and may obtain information by calling 238-5279 or 442-7344.

PROJECT CONNECTIONS

Donations of packaged food, clean winter clothes, blankets and other items for homeless and hungry people may be dropped off at Project Connections, Raritan Hall, until November 12. For more information contact Liz or Nick at X3893.

F.W.A.N. CLUB

F.W.A.N. (First World Afrikan Nation) holds meetings every Monday at 11:15 a.m. in Edison Hall room 150. The Club fosters an awareness of Afrikan and American-African cultures and develops programs that will raise the consciousness of students through educational, cultural and social activities. For further information, contact club advisors through the Office of Student Activities at the College Center.

FACULTY

Applications for the Spring 1994 pilot of the New Jersey Faculty Exchange program is November 11, 1993. This program is sponsored by the NJ Institute for Collegiate Teaching and Learning. For applications or more information, please call the McLaughlin Library, Seton Hall University, at (201) 761-9704.

PRINCETON FELLOWSHIP

The Community College Mid-Career Fellowship Program at Princeton University is now accepting applications for the 1994-95 academic year. The deadline for applications is November 9, 1993. For applications, please call Regina Maquire at Princeton, (609) 258-4994.

HISPANIC AMERICAN CLUB

The Hispanic-American Club announces a dance to be held on December 4th. The party will go from 8 p.m. to ??? Live dance music will be provided by an area band. For ticket information contact any member or inquire at the College Center information desk.

The next meeting is in Bunker Lounge at 11:15 a.m. on Monday November 8th.

TURKEY TROT

Sign-up for a campus "Turkey Trot" is currently underway. Coach Cohen (P.E. Center ext. 3559) is handling the November 18 event. Anyone can enter, and by finishing the track, qualifies you for a free TURKEY.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline for Spring 1994 has been set for December 15, 1993. Middlesex County College offers nearly 50 degree and certification programs.

Due to limited class sizes, applications for the Fall 1994 programs in Dental Hygiene, Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology and Radiography will be accepted up until Friday, December 31, 1993.

The MCC bulletin, currently being mailed to all County residents, contains an application form. If you wish to call an Admissions counselor call 906-2510 between Monday and Friday during normal business hours.

MARTIAL ARTS CLUB

The Martial Arts Club is sponsoring a Comic & Card show on November 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held in the Bunker Lounge. Student and staff admission is free. For further information about booth rentals contact the Office of Student Activities in College Center.

LAW STUDENTS

Rutgers University School of Law will hold a free seminar on November 12, 1993 for those who wish to pursue a law degree. The workshop will provide information about the program, admissions, financial aid, and student life in the Rutgers-Camden School of Law. For more information call their admissions office at (609) 225-6102.

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SPORTS



Godfrey going to NJCAA Finals

by Mike Foley

M.C.C.'s Damon Godfrey qualified for the junior college cross country championships with a sixth place finish in the District Championship Saturday, October 30th.

Godfrey, racing on a 5.2 mile course in Lyncroft, finished with a time of 27 minutes 42 seconds.

Middlesex as a team finished

4th in the region with a total of 91 points, missing team championship qualifications by only one place finish. Gloucester Community College edged the Colts out of third place by finishing with a total of 81 points.

Damon Godfrey will travel to Canadaiqua, New York to compete in the NJCAA Division III Cross Country Championship Saturday, November 13th.

Booters bury Brookdale

"Season ends on high note"

by Mike Foley

The M.C.C. soccer team defeated Brookdale Community College 3-2 Saturday, October 30th. Ending their regular season on a high note.

Two goals from Miquel Katrynick staked the Colts to an early 2-0 lead in the first period. Brookdale then retaliated with goals from Michael Witt and Paolo Clermont to tie the game before the half.

M.C.C.'s Julius Innis hit

for the go ahead goal early in the second half to break the 2-2 deadlock and put the Colts in the lead to stay.

The win against Brookdale upped the Colts record to 7-1 in divisional play and qualifies Middlesex for the Regional XIX Tournament. The first round of the Tournament was played Wednesday, November 3rd. The final rounds were played the weekend of November 6th and 7th.

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The Penn gets a snowy welcome to the Big Ten

by Troy Neil Rudd

Penn State, a local favorite for most New Jersey college football fans, has for many years been an independent. Independent schools are not members of any league which (obviously) excludes them from any league games and also enables a fickle schedule year after year. This year Penn State joined the Big Ten, and last Saturday they played Big Ten league members Ohio State. Snow and slips were scattered across the natural grass in Columbus, Ohio as the Nittany Lions fell to the Buckeyes 24-6. Penn State scored on their first drive, and at the end of the first quarter was still in the game with the help of record-

breaking Craig Fayak (now Penn State's leading all-time scorer) who quieted the crowd with a 49 yd. field goal to make the game 7-6. Two field goals ultimately were not enough. The field being snowed upon and trampled on took its toll on the next two possessions as both teams went 3 plays and out. Ohio State's next possession was quite interesting. After a couple first downs, there was a 15 yd. penalty to send the Buckeyes into a 3rd and long situation. The pass was obvious; yet still connected to a wide open receiver to take John Cooper's offense to the 10 yd. line. Raymond Harris (RB) literally jumped over the head of a would-

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