Bernard Major, MSC student and basketball player, plays the National Anthem on the saxophone during a recent game against Ithaca College.

MSC Men’s Basketball Nationally Ranked
The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) released its Division III men’s basketball national poll, ranking the Morrisville State College Mustangs in the top-10 at ninth, their first national ranking in several seasons.

Morrisville State, 7-0, is led by freshman forward Preston Bell (Brooklyn, NY) who averages 19.1 points and 5.9 rebounds per game
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(Continued from pg1) and sophomore guard Dodrick Spencer (Brooklyn, NY) who nets 14.9 points, 6.4 rebounds and dishes out 6.14 assists per game for the Mustangs. Freshman Joe McCants (Bronx, NY) averages 8.3 points and grabs 8.1 rebounds per game to contribute to the Mustangs’ game this season.

Morrisville State’s offense is ranked sixth nationally, averaging 86.2 points per game and the Mustangs’ defense is allowing just 61 points per game, ranking third. The Mustangs are the only unbeaten team in Region III.

Hostos Community College (Bronx, NY) tops the poll with a 7-0 record, and conference rival SUNY Delhi is ranked third with an 8-1 record.

Send a Morrisville State College holiday e-greeting!
Send your friends, family and business contacts a personalized holiday e-postcard from you and Morrisville State College. Go to epostcard.morrisville.edu, click on your favorite design, fill in the information and click send. It’s a great way to say “Happy Holidays” and save money on postage!

Final Exam Schedules on the Web
The final exam schedules for Morrisville and Norwich campuses are on the web. The URL is: http://www.morrisville.edu/Registrar/.

Morrisville State College Alumni/Development - Fostering Relationships and Finding Resources
Submissions for the next issue of the Alumni News are due to the Alumni/Development Office by Thursday, December 15.

The Alumni News welcomes and encourages letters, photos and other contributions from alumni, students, parents, employees and friends of the college. Rights are reserved for editing all materials due to space limitations.
Morrisville State College’s Norwich Campus is planning a class and writer’s seminar that will explore rural-life in America with a special focus on Upstate New York.

The primary focus of the class and seminar will be on the events surrounding the famous Chester Gillette—Grace Brown murder trial, a national story that grew into a legend and became the basis for Theodore Dreiser’s famous novel, *An American Tragedy* (1925) and the 1951 film, *A Place in the Sun*.

The course, taught by instructor Mike Foor-Pessin, is being held in conjunction with events planned throughout Chenango and Herkimer counties in 2006 commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the Chester Gillette—Grace Brown murder trial.

Registration is under way now for the class and seminar which are both open to the public. The class, which begins Jan. 24, 2006, will meet Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. The seminar is scheduled for April 12, 2006 from 7-9 p.m.

The class includes a non-credit (audit) option for students and members of the community provided there are audit openings. Registration details for credit and non-credit enrollment are available on the Web at www.morrisville.edu/norwich or by calling 607-334-5144.

**Pie Eating Contest**

A “Prize in the Pie” contest was held at the Morrisville hockey game on Nov. 18. Ten participants strived to retrieve the most poker chips in the pie during the free event. This event really riled the audience! The grand prize winner was Greg Cresci. We would like to give a special thanks to the other players and we hope to see you again at the “Fear Factor” contest on Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. Many thanks to the sponsors including The Fort, The Barge, and Morrisville Auxiliary Corp.

**Attention Individual Studies Students**

Any individual studies student who has not scheduled for the spring 2006 semester should make an appointment with Ms. Jeannette Evans as soon as possible. Classes are closing and the sooner you make a schedule, the better chance you have to pick the times and classes you want.
Field Trip
The following NATR 152 and NATR 156 students had approval to travel to the SUNY Cobleskill Fish Hatchery on December 1, 2005, with their instructor, Ms. Laurie Trotta. The students left campus at 10:30 a.m. on December 1 and returned to campus at 5:30 p.m. that evening. The students were instructed to contact their instructors in advance of any missed classes to arrange for appropriate makeup.

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Students and passers-by get a glimpse of holiday cheer from the windows in the School of Business Office.

In the News:
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Archive of past MOCHA issues www.morrisville.edu/MOCHA

View this week's upcoming events on our new, web-based calendar here.

Reporters Mike Price from News Channel 9 interviews MSC student Mayuko Kudo after the ribbon cutting for the Shop24 automated convenience store.