Montclair State University's students now have the option of utilizing campus shuttle services for weekend food shopping trips to the local A&P grocery store, Director of Shuttle Services, Melvin Little, said. The department has been using the shuttle services as a way to transport a small group of international students to the A&P grocery store on Valley Road, Little said.

At the request of some of students, Little provided transportation to and from Coust Banie Hall each Saturday at 9 a.m. "If a larger portion of the campus community were to show interest in this service, I would arrange to provide a bus and a driver to accommodate them," said Little.

"The students are given one hour to shop and then return to their residence hall," he said. While all students are permitted to attend the weekend shopping trip, Little urges non-international students that are interested in the service to notify the department of their interest. "If students inform me of their interest, I can provide a larger bus in order to accommodate a growing demand," Little said.

"I think it's a great idea for people who don't have cars," said Ed Balsam, junior music education major. By next fall, Little would like to institute a branch of the shuttle system that would service the downtown Montclair area on a regular basis.

"I am aware that there are a great deal of students on campus without cars and the department is not large enough to accommodate all of their requests," said Little.

"I don't think the flu shortage affects campus," said Steve Skalsky, Director of Wellness Services. "All invoiced amounts to [Aker] have been paid," said Richard Lynde, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

In a letter sent to Lynde on Oct. 1, Aker stated that she blocked access to the specific features she created for the COP database due to unpaid invoices at the time – an amount totaling $5,000. University Legal Counsel, Valerie Van Baaren, contacted her and threatened legal action if the database was not turned on immediately.

Upon further discussion of the unpaid invoices, Van Baaren agreed to send a check immediately for the proper amount owed, and in the meantime, requested that Aker open access to the COP database, Aker stated.

According to Aker's letter, "I don't think the flu shortage affects campus because younger people generally have a better immune system and a severe shortage in flu vaccinations has prompted medical officials in the Wellness Center to prioritize the eligible recipients of this year's flu shots, said Director of Wellness Services, Susan Skalsky. According to a CNN News report, the record shortage, just before the start of flu season, was caused by the unexpected shut down of Chiron Corporation factory in England, Chiron Corporation, a major manufacturer of the vaccine, was expected to produce 66 million doses to the United States.

Without the doses of the vaccine, up to 100 more than last year, to distribute to the campus community. We received what we ordered because we ordered the vaccine two weeks before the start of flu season," Skalsky said. According to the Center for Disease Control, vaccines should be reserved for adults over the age of 65, infants and toddlers between the ages of six and 25 months, healthcare workers involved in direct patient care, women who expect to be pregnant during flu season, and people aged 2 to 64 years with chronic medical conditions.

"As a result of the shortage, [the center] has a lot more callers because people are afraid that there won't be enough vaccine for everyone," Skalsky said. "I don't think the flu shortage will affect college students because younger people generally have a better immune system..."
The Police Report:

Vehicle Tampering and Vandalism

Tops Weekly Police Report

10/04 - A female MSU student was harassed by an unknown male student while attending class in Partridge Hall. The victim refused to sign complaints at this time. A further investigation is pending.

10/04 - A fire extinguisher in the hallway near stairwell number two in Fenwick Hall was discharged, activating a fire alarm. The officer on duty did not observe any suspicious person prior to the fire alarm activation.

10/04 - An officer responded to Basie Hall on report of criminal mischief on the third floor. An unknown individual pulled down the exit sign and a light fixture.

10/04 - A female MSU student responded to police headquarters to report the theft of her front license plate from her vehicle. The case is under investigation.

10/04 - A female MSU student reported the theft of her bookbag while in the Sprague Library.

10/04 - A male MSU employee from the Physical Plant department reported damages to a vending machine on the first floor in Partridge Hall. Nothing appeared to be missing from the machine.

10/04 - A female student reported while parked in lot 27 her vehicle's soft top roof was slashed.

10/04 - A female Bohm Hall resident reported the theft of a pair of earrings from her wallet that was in her room. The case is under investigation.

10/04 - Geraldo Jimenez, 41, of Newark was charged with violating the provisions of a Final Restraint Order. Jimenez was released on bail and is awaiting a court date in the Essex County Superior Court.

10/04 - While on patrol in lot 24A, an officer observed a vehicle exiting the lot in an erratic manner. The officer followed the vehicle, notifying the surrounding towns of the situation. The officer obtained the license number plate and discontinued pursuit due to the high rate of speed and reckless manner that the unknown male was traveling. The owner of the stolen vehicle was notified of the situation. The case is still under investigation.

Local News

MONDAY 18

WAVE, 4 - 5 p.m., SC 420

MONDAY 19

Broadway Play: Dracula

5 p.m., RH Diner

OSAU, African American Student Association, 7:30 p.m., SC Cafe C

WEDNESDAY 20

Career Development: Resume Preparation, 2:30 - 4 p.m., SC 207

Chinese Club Meetings, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Dickinson 122

UAOS Meeting, 4 - 5 p.m., SC 206

SAGA Notes

- A Haitian Student Association appropriation was passed for a new banner
- The Japan Club was successfully rechartered as a Class III Organization
- Student For Fair Trade received an appropriation for advertisement materials
- Three MINTCO organization appropriations were passed for Fall 2004 programming events

Corrections

The Montclarion willingly corrects its factual errors if you think that we've made a mistake in a story, please call Editor-in-Chief Mike McPhee at (973) 655-5200

National News

WASHINGTON D.C. - A district Supreme Court sent yesterday debuting over allowing states to execute teenage killers. Nineteen states allow states to execute teenagers as 16 years old. The court said that the unspecified sex acts were performed in East Orange police at local police headquarters and inside some of the private homes of police officers.

NEWARK - Quwan Gordon, of East Orange, was acquitted yesterday of the fatal stabbing of a man at a public housing complex.

Gordon was found not guilty of murder, aggravated manslaughter, and other charges stemming from the February 2002 stabbing.

BOULDER, CO - A tour bus that crashed along an Arkansas highway killing 14, was in such condition before the wreck that it would have been pulled out of service had it been inspected. The National Transportation Safety Board said it found pre-existing cracks on the frame rails that held up the motor in the rear of the bus.

International News

TOKYO, JAPAN - Japan confirmed in its 18th case of mad cow disease today after a Holstein cow tested positive for the brain-wasting illness.

A four-year-old cow from the town of Shihi in Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido was found dead Saturday. The cow is the 14th to test positive in the country since 2001.

RIO DE JANEIRO - Police arrested a 17-year-old boy yesterday and charged him with killing a prominent anthropologist last week.

The suspect, whose name could not be disclosed because he is a minor, is accused of shooting Aponi Meireis, 55, during a robbery at a cash machine in Porto Velho.

The youth was a private school student from a middle-class family. He allegedly told police he borrowed a gun and committed the robbery because he needed the money.

KHARTOUM, SUDAN - British and Sudanese aid workers were killed when their vehicle drove over a landmine in Sudan's remote Darfur region. It was the first death of a Western aid worker in the 20-month rebellion. The United Nations said the explosion occurred 10 km (6 miles) north of Umm Baruk, in rebel-held territory.

ARUBA, NIGERIA - A Nigerian high court judge on Wednesday rejected a government bid to order unionists to halt a nationwide strike protesting rising fuel prices.

A court in the capital struck down a request by government lawyers that would have required union leaders to end the four-day nationwide strike, which began Monday and has the support of the country's eight official labor unions. Union leaders are demanding that the government reverse a 25 percent fuel price hike.
Efficient service is still a complaint among some students. "I think there should be more shuttles running to the hotels," Andrea Lugo, senior psychology major, said. "If they had more shuttles, students wouldn't have to wait as long.

Little said that there had been general service complaints, and that most of them were in reference to late night shuttle service. Upon hearing these complaints, Little said that he addressed the hotel shuttle drivers to make certain that their job expectations were clear. "I don't care if there's one person, or no people [waiting for the shuttle]. Drivers should go their full route rather than simply assume that no one wants to catch the bus because it is late at night," he said. When students experience problems with the quality of the shuttle service, or with the drivers themselves, Little welcomes feedback, he said. "I received an e-mail from Matt Wilder, treasurer of the Student Government Association, reporting a driver's inappropriate cell phone usage," Little said. "It's nice that students keep an eye out for these circumstances."

Little also acknowledged that the original plan he had for smoothing out the Village service has needed a little more work. "The drivers are struggling to stick with the route schedule and spacing of the buses," he said. "Overall, they're doing a much better job than they were at the beginning of the year, but they have two or three [Village] shuttles running in a row, and then an extended period of time with no shuttles," Desiree Cannizzaro, senior broadcasting major, said. "The drivers are struggling to stick with the route schedule and spacing of the buses," Little said. "It's something that we are working on."

The Wellness Center has informed community members through a campus-wide e-mail that they will be providing the doses based upon the Center for Disease Control guidelines.

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SOFTWARE
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The guidelines state, "These guidelines apply to all users of computing resources owned or managed by Montclair State. Violations of authorial integrity, including plagiarism, invasion of privacy, unauthorized access...may be grounds for sanctions against members of the academic community."

"Let me assure you that there will be no negative impact on students as a result of this dispute," Lynde said.

According to Lynde, the COP database "is used to track student progress through the Teacher Education Program and to provide information about program completers that must be supplied to the Office of the Registrar, the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, and other agencies.

The NCATE database is used for assessing the progress of teacher education candidates at selected points in the University's Teacher Education program. The data are used for advisement purposes and, ultimately, are supplied to NCATE in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the process by which our Teacher Education program is accredited."
MUSIC AT MONTCLAIR

ORPHEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
FEATURING GARRICK OHLSSON
OCTOBER 22, 7:30PM

“Garrick Ohlsson: a genuine giant of the keyboard... utter technical assurance, keen musical intelligence.”
The New Yorker

Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11 Chopin
Transylvanian Dances Verez
Variations on a Theme of Joseph Haydn, Op. 56a Brahms

SHANGHAI QUARTET
MSU QUARTET-IN-RESIDENCE
NOVEMBER 6, 7:30PM

“If there is a string quartet currently in circulation that produces a more beautiful sound than the Shanghai Quartet, the name doesn’t immediately come to mind.”
The New York Times

String Quartet Op. 19 no. 1 Beethoven
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String Quartet “Death and the Maiden” Shubert

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ALEXANDER KASSER THEATER
Dishaa Harjani
Feature Editor

Given last year’s amazing turnout and the promise of an even better year, it was no wonder that almost a thousand people showed up to what could be called one of the most popular student-run South Asian dance competitions of our day. Last Saturday night at Montclair State University, 10 college dance teams competed for $2,500 in prize money and the title of Best of Passion 2004 Champion.

Memorial Auditorium was host to Best of Passion II, the second dance competition that left its mark among South Asian college students all over the country last year. The event was presented by Beat of Passion Productions. Sudh Nairi and Tejas Sripadasad, both seniors at Rutgers University, founded it in 2002. After a huge success at BOP (which took place at Rutgers) Nairi and Sripadasad challenged the odds to get a bigger, more technologically advanced space for this year’s competition, and what better place to host it other than MSU’s own Memorial Auditorium.

“Last year, we had about 700 people attend the event,” Nairi said. “This year, the number increased to approximately 900. We knew we needed a bigger space.” At around 8 p.m., the lights flickered and the show was launched. Three MCs, all volunteer students from Rutgers and Seton Hall, hosted the event.

The theme for that night’s dance event was “Confrontation.” Each troupe had to incorporate conflict in their choreography and/or confrontation in their choreography. As an end result, some dances ended with a prominent winner and loser. Others preferred to portray the confrontation and leave it at that. Certain troupes had more creative ways of revealing their perception of the theme.

The night’s proceedings began with an all-girls troupe from Massachusetts Institute of Technology called, Chandra - which in Hindi translates into brightness.’ Sur enough, the girls blinded the audience with their synchronized choreography, leaving the bar pretty high for others to follow. They danced to remixed Indian, South Asian, and hip-hop. Like MIT’s Chandra, other dance troupes also showed conflict between Indian and western styles of dance.

The night included a huge variety of dance styles. Boys troupe Dhamaka (roughly translating to ‘thundering noise’ in Hindi) is about a primeval tribe, a positive conclusion that emitted a natural animal instinct.

A mediator mourned their demise portraying so well, the music abruptly ended and the dancers fell on the ground, virtually motionless, as if reverting back to the beginning.

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GAY PRIDE AT MSU
Students and Staff Unite As One

Jeremy Slagle
Assistant Feature Editor

Braving the icy breeze, dozens of stu-
dents, faculty, staff, and administrators
gathered around the flag polls outside
the Student Center on Monday to
celebrate the start of National Coming
Out Week. The raising of the symbolic
rainbow flag was the first of many
events planned this week to com-
memorate the gay, lesbian, bisexual,
and transgender person who took
their first few steps out of the closet.
To many this was a day of pride and joy; to others it
was a day of tolerance and acceptance; and for anoth­
er group of people, it was yet another step in the
fight for equality.

Many different types of peo-
ple attended the event sponsored
by S.P.E.C.T.R.U.M.S. and GLFSA.
S.P.E.C.T.R.U.M.S., Sexuality, Pride,
Education, Community, Truth, Respect,
and Unity at Montclair State, is a Trash
II Organization of the SGA. GLFSA,
the Gay and Lesbian Faculty and Staff
Association, co-sponsored the event, and
the reception afterwards. GLFSA's Chairperson,
and Professor of Sociology, Dr. Gil Enkin, said that today was "a
reminder of how things have changed over time for the better."

MSU President Dr. Susan A. Cole
gave the opening address. "We work really
hard to keep the campus a warm, welcoming,
and safe place for all students," she
said. "They each come to us as a
distinct individual human being. I
want each one to feel valued for
who they are."

Interim Dean of Students
Margaret Coleman-Carter was
also in attendance. "I am proud to be
a part of the MSU community," she
said. "Today is a day to appreci­
ate diversity and celebrate differ­
esences."

S.P.E.C.T.R.U.M.S. secretary Dante
Cianni, a senior English major, said in his speech, "...to me, the rainbow
flag is not an emblem of exploita­
tion, or of sexual prowess. It is a
symbol of pride, of strength - the
strength it took every gay, lesbian,
bisexual, and transgender person
to come out of the closet..." and the
strength of those who support
them." The most memorable and
moving speech of the day was
given by Cindy Meneghin, an
office staff worker at MSU. Meneghin was joined at the podium by her partner of over 30
years Maureen Kilian, as well as the couple's two children: son Josh, age 12,
dughter Sarah, age 10. Both children wear each parent's last name. Meneghin and Kilian are one of the seven same-
named families, see p 14.

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Royal Hopefuls on Display
Candidates Show Off Their Skills at Talent Competition

Reginald MacLang
Staff Writer

Talent is the part of life that makes
people as individuals possible. Through numerous mediums, talent allows an expression of one's abilities whereas people see a side of
a person that is not usually visible.
This was entirely the case
during last Monday's first compe­
tition in the Student Center
Ballrooms.

Since the theme for this year's homecoming is "The 80s: Born to Be a Red
Hawk," the candidates performed skills and dance
that reflected the era
most of which student
population grew up in.
Now since they watch
music and styles of the
trendy decade on I Love
The 80's, a series on TVH.

If not for this rea­
son, then they went with
a show stopper. According to
Julie Fleming, the Evening
and Weekend Programming
Coordinator, the entire point of having the talent competition is
to give the candidates a chance to show their uniqueness as well as to get each one of the candidates better."

The nominations for Homecoming King and Queen are made by the student organi­
ization that the nominees is a part of; the can­
didates are therefore as varied as the talents they showcase during the competition.

Hosting for the event were senior Jacob Hudnot, political science major and President of the SGA, and underclassman Andrew Stevens. "The Talent Show will show how people will favor the candidates," said Hudnot. "I'm in sports jackets and a T-shirt underneath, both were the reenactment of Don Johnson from Miami Vice...the only thing missing was the shoes in order to complete the ensemble."

Some moments during the competition that were outra­
gous and insane were:

• Ivy Cartegena's perfor­
mance, tap dancing to
a wartime song then
switched to the French
Princess of Bel-Air-theme
song. The crowd went
bananas over it.

• Kyle McCarthy's and Desire's
Cannuci's performances of "Dance
Ten, Looks Three" from
A Chorus Line.

• Jeremy Slagle's opening address. "We work really
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Islam is not the only religion in which people fast, but the followers of Hinduism do as well. One of these days is the Vaikuvantha-Edasia, in which Hindus, like Muslims, spend the night in prayer and preventative measures, and get nearer to Allah.”

Ramadan Arrives
Holy Month Emits Love and Peace

Morum Akthar
Staff Writer

E veryone remembers his or her first roommate. For better or for worse, you are put into a bare-bone white room with two beds, two desks, a desk and a prayer hoping that you do not hit each others’ heads off when reality sets in. My freshman year of college, I attended a school where the primary area of interest was Equine studies. The major pastimes included trips to Wal-mart for items with such importance as dental floss and cow tipping. My roommate was a theater major who listened to the musical Rent every waking hour, and aspired to be in a Broadway musical someday. The only problem was that her vocal styling sounded a little less like Bernadette Peters, and a little more like Roseanne of the World Series. Nevertheless, she was bound to be a star, and seized every opportunity to perform. This was just fine except that she tried to turn my life as her roommate into the cruellest tragedy of them all. First, the food situation literally stunk. She would go home every once in awhile on the weekends to her beloved beach community and return with an abundance of homemade goodies. One time, she returned to school carrying a Tupperware container full of Italian-style meatballs, an amount that could have been molded together to form a third roommate. In a hurry to play rehearsal one Sunday evening, she neglected to refrigerate them, and instead hastily threw them underneath her lofted bed, saving a total of six seconds of her precious time.

As the weeks progressed, the Tupperware container of meatballs became such a part of her personality in his exterior mold, than my former roommate had in her whole body. It was sad to see him decay, and roommates (you just don’t do it). And so, I did not hit on the curb of the dormitory while chain smoking one day, and wishing I were anywhere but there. However, I did not have a similar mindset at the time, and so we started to drive around together, and chain smoke as we listened to mix tapes of Soni Skin and Shereen Khan. After a night which involved Crazy Horse Malt Liquor, and him being sent to the emergency room after jumping off the roof of my dormo into a hedge, it was certain that it was in both of our interests to part ways in the relationship. After it ended however, I still saw him around my dormitory just as often, and realized that something fishy was going on - and it wasn’t my roommate’s clothes hamper.

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Studies Show That MSU Students Are, in Fact, Not All Alcoholics

Dan Ambrose
Staff Writer

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easide the decorated rocks that spindles our walkways and the millions of pamphlets for magazine subscriptions banging from every bulletin board, another announcement vying for your attention reads: "MSU students have 0-4 drinks when they party." "Yeah right!" might be your first thought. Hopefully you're more curious and adventurous than to leave it at that because, though the truth is surprising and encouraging, these advertisements are part of a new health educational approach called a "social norms" campaign. Remember those old scat-tactic campaigns we grew up with? They usually communicated themes like, "Drinking is bad for you, so just say no!" Unfortunately those advertisements, based in unreality and fear, had a low impact and poor effectiveness. Because of them, young people are being lied to about drugs and alcohol. Maybe that's why students have problems believing these new ads.

MSU's social norms campaign, "Montclair Students Understand," focuses on the opposite principles to those old ads. Instead of trying to cause you panic, these ads empower you by sharing important statistics and information about the realities of campus drinking. The theory behind these ads is simple: our social norms (the beliefs we have about normal, acceptable and expected social behavior) influence how we choose to behave. It's a simple variation on the principles of peer pressure; people are influenced by what they believe are the actions of their peers.

What do students believe about the drinking behavior of others? Consider some possible influences: on Monday mornings, whose weekend gets chatting about over lunch - the student who studied and watched a movie with friends or the student who did keg stands and didn't know where they were when they woke up in the morning? How often do you have a conversation about responsible drinking rather than reckless drinking? So in reality, how many drinks do MSU students have? For the hard facts, researchers turned to the MSU student body and asked for some feedback. According to a voluntary 2004 study of MSU students, a strong majority, 65 percent, said they have four drinks or less when they go to a party or bar. These statistics may seem surprising to our student body because the survey also found that only 38 percent of students believe that other students have problems drinking when they go out. That's a clear and drastic discrepancy between the reality and the perception of student drinking.

We don't know for sure why MSU students believe others drink more than they do, but it's time we did some critical thinking on the subject. Facts don't lie: MSU students often drink differently than you might think.

New studies prove that the stereotype of drunken college students false.

BEAT OF PASSION
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Bikram Singh, a musical icon in India, made a special appearance at the Beat of Passion dance competition. For those hearing him live for the first time, it was a feast for the ears.

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sex couples in the lawsuit to gain civil rights for gay marriage in New Jersey.

In her speech, Meneghin reflected on the past 30 years and how acceptance and tolerance have greatly evolved. She said, "what we have witnessed in the past two and a half years has been nothing short of a miracle."

Meneghin was referring to the Lawrence vs. Texas court decision that decriminalized sodomy, Canada becoming the first North American country to grant homosexual couples marriage licenses, and the Supreme Court decision in Massachusetts was the first US state to offer same-sex marriages. She even managed to joke about the past few months by saying, "No longer, thanks to our governor, can anyone in New Jersey say they don't know a gay person."

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Her most powerful message came at the end of her speech when she said to the audience, "Don't be afraid of who you are. Don't let anyone tell you that it's safer in the closet. Don't let anyone tell you to accept second-class citizenship because of their fears, their prejudice, their hate. And to everyone who stands with and fights for the rights of their gay and lesbian sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, peers and co-workers, we will see the day when being gay or lesbian is just who we are, in our own, and everyone's eyes and heart. I work for and dream of the day when all prejudice and fear is gone from our world, for myself and for my children."
Lack of honesty can ruin the most famous of relationships.

Dear G.M.,

The other day I was hanging out in my girlfriend's apartment when she went to class. When I was watching television, I went to move some stuff on the floor so I could get to a blanket. When I moved the stuff, it revealed a folded drink napkin. I knew I shouldn't have opened it, but I did. Inside was a guy's name and phone number written in my girl's handwriting. How do I go about confronting her if I shouldn't have opened it?

Lack of honesty can ruin the most famous of relationships.

I think your best bet is to be honest with your girlfriend. Tell her exactly what happened. Explain that when you went to move the blanket, the napkin fell out, and even though you knew you shouldn't have looked at it, you did. At that point you also have the right to ask her why she would leave such an incriminating piece of evidence out in the open.

Get ready for the comeback! Your girlfriend is going to try to defend herself in many different ways. She may say that the napkin belongs to one of her roommates or that she just wrote down the name and number for a friend while they were out. If you can swallow that, and that's something you would like to believe, then by all means, go ahead. You know your girlfriend much better than I do. At this point, she may also choose to fess up. If she tells you that she accepted this number from some guy while she was out, then this is a serious indication that there is a large breakdown in your relationship.

Trust has already been broken, and that is an extremely difficult thing to recover from.

Bottom line: You have to be honest about what you found. If you try to hide it and avoid talking about it, your suspicions are going to get the best of you, and then you'll end up being a real snoop. You'll end up second guessing everything she does, and the trust that is needed for a functional relationship won't be there. It's a difficult thing, but you have to tell her what you saw. What happens from there is entirely up to the two of you.

Dear G.M.,

I've been having a sexual relationship with this new guy I'm seeing. He has very specific directions for me every time we're fooling around, and I'm starting to feel like I just can't do anything right and that I'm an inferior sexual partner. Should I tell him how I feel, or should I wait until we've been together longer to see if I can just figure out what he likes so then he won't have to tell me what to do anymore?

You have to tell him how you're feeling now. This is something that can't wait. Communication is essential for any kind of relationship, and the sooner you tell him how you're feeling, the sooner you can rectify what's going on. He may think he's really just communicating his desire with you, while you think he's commanding you to do certain things. Some people just know their bodies very well and know exactly how they want things done. He may feel that he's guiding you to pleasuring him, while it comes off to you as if he's commanding you to do things. Unless his language is condescending or degrading, then he's probably not trying to make you feel like you're inferior to him.

Whenever you embark on a new sexual relationship, it tends to be difficult. We're used to doing things one way, and now someone is telling us to do something in a completely different way. It's not that what you're doing is wrong, it's just that everyone has a different body, and each individual has specific sexual likes and dislikes. Getting to know what your partner wants may be difficult, but if someone is willing to compromise with you the way they prefer things, then you have an advantage. Is he seeking the way that you prefer things to be done?

Most people want to be able to please their partners to the best of their ability, so if he asks questions, don't feel guilty about telling him the way you like things done. It can be a very fulfilling experience for both of you.

I think the best course of action would be to tell him how you're feeling about what's going on. He may be able to please someone stuff up just by asking him for the reasons why he is giving you the directions he's giving.

True communication will make for a much better relationship in terms of the emotions associated with what's going on, as well as a much better sexual experience.

I'm here to answer your questions. If you have a dilemma like the ones above, I'm at your service. Just e-mail me at G.M. Grosso.com with the title Attention G.M. Grosso. I look forward to hearing from you.

ROOMMATE

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Roommates

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You can always join in on the tradition by attending the daily fasts or ifid dinner with those celebrating on campus. Here's wishing the MSU student body — Happy Ramadan or, Ramazun Mubarak!
Nothing to do?  
YEAH, RIGHT!!!!

**Thurs. - 10/14**
- 12pm - Caricatures/Airbrush Shirt & Tattoos - SC Quad
- 12pm - Voting homecoming King/Queen - SC Lobby
- 1pm - Tiki Bar - SC Quad
- 8pm - Barry Drake: 80's Music Lecture
- 9pm - Coffeehouse - SC Ratt

**Fri. - 10/15**
- 12pm - Final homecoming Voting
- 3pm - Gay Cult Film Festival - SC commuter Lounge
- 3:30pm - Staff VS Volleyball - Panzer Gym
- 6pm - Alumni Receptions
- 8pm - Homecoming Float Building
- 8pm - Concert - Kasser Theatre (Music Dept.)

**Sat. - 10/16**
- 11am - Family Coffee Hour - SC Cafe
- 11am - Alumni Breakfast - Alumni House
- 12:30pm - Parade - Valley Rd.
- 2:30pm - Carnival - Roof of Red Hawk Deck
- 6pm - Homecoming Game - Sprague Field
- After Game: announcement of King & Queen

**Sun. - 10/17**
- 7am - Paint Ball Trip with Campus Rec
- 2pm - CIC Show: RX Bandits - SC Ballrooms

**Mon. - 10/18**
- 6pm - Daily Iftar for Ramadan - SC Cafe
- 7pm - OSAU Gospel Choir - SC Cafe
- 8pm - Monday Night Football - SC Ratt

**Tues. - 10/19**
- 9am - Commuter Breakfast - SC Commuter Lounge
- 1:30pm - OSAU Flag Raising - SC Flag Pole
- 5pm - Daily Iftar for Ramadan - SC Cafe
- 7pm - "Dracula" Off-Campus Trip
- 7pm - Breast Cancer Informational - Bohn Main Lounge
- 7pm - Asian Game Night - SC Dining Room
- 7:30pm - African American Health Awareness - SC Cafe
- 8pm - Wrestling Pay Per View - SC Ratt

**Wed. - 10/13**
- 5pm - Daily Iftar for Ramadan - SC Cafe
- 8pm - OSAU Dance Troupe Rehearsal - SC Cafe

For more information about these events, or any other events, please contact Student Activities at ext. 7818

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As the doxter (far right, Jon DeVries) looks on, Chito (center, Mikhail Baryshnikov), once again believes he is a vehicle after an angel (far left, Gregory Mitchell) claims that Chito’s “hunk-of-junk” crashed into his car.

An angel (Gregory Mitchell), however, saves him. The cast’s actions were not completely comprehensible during this segment, except to more keen observers. It is made clear, though, that Chito believes he is a car. In appropriately absurd fashion, he turns his head, located on his chest, and revs up like an old Chevy, his arms and torso going through spasms. After visiting a local psychiatrist, whom the audience knows only as “the doctor” (John DeVries), Chito sets out on a journey to help a sick little girl. The doctor, for reasons that don’t seem to be clear, accompanies Chito, “riding” in the “back of his car” — in other words, he walks behind Chito. Eventually, the doctor loses his temper and breaks Chito’s illusion by telling him that he is not a car.

In a dream sequence, while the doctor sits with tears in his eyes, explained that she and her daughter will have no one to provide for vide for them. After this, the doctor cements his friendship with Chito. Chito’s faith is restored after a man (Mitchell) claims that Chito’s “hunk-of-junk” tore up his car in an accident. The man is really an angel, signifying that divine intervention has, again, taken place.

To those who did not see the play, this all sounds crazy, but the emotions of the actors were real and, somehow, the story feels like reality. The message, Christmas is subjective. It can be a story about believing in oneself — despite the doubts of others — or, perhaps, in the case of the doctor, opening oneself to others. Or maybe it is about the illusions we create for ourselves in order to find the will to keep on living.

While the story of a Christmas miracle is enjoyably simplistic, the show just wasn’t rousing... audience didn’t leave on a ‘high’...
The Passing of a True Hero
The World Says Good-Bye to the Super-Hero Activist

The world looked up to Christopher Reeve for the courage that he showed as everyone's favorite Superman and the strength he had after the tragic accident that left him paralyzed. Many looked to him as the beacon of hope that there is brighter days ahead, and he showed anyone can accomplish anything they desire if they have faith. Reeve, both an actor and director, ended his time on earth this past Sunday at the age of 52. In 1995, he was taking part in a jumping competition outside Virginia when his horse balked and threw him. Reeve landed headfirst, fracturing the uppermost vertebrae in his spine. Reeve was instantly paralyzed from the neck down. Despite this experience, he was able to overcome the devastating accident and reshape his life towards helping the world.

With the company of his wife Dana, he started to raise money for stem cell research and other spinal injuries in the creation of the Christopher Reeve's Paralysis Foundation. Many believed in Reeve so much that they watched him push to beat the odds and prove doctors wrong that he would be able to walk again. Even though he didn't fulfill his dream of walking here on earth, the world was able to see him as an example of opportunities for people's lives that seemed bleak with no hope. In their hearts, fans of Reeve held up a candle in memory of this super man, that after a life-altering experience such as that, he was able to fly high.

Now it is known for sure that he is walking on air, free from his constraints of the chair and free from his frustration of dependencies on others. He leaves behind three children and his wife, but also many adoring fans that loved and admired his hero so much.

Loudmouth Sets Right Mood

Jessica Havery
News Editor

Loudmouth
Just Jak's
Montclair

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After a rough start to the semester, my friends and I escaped to Just Jak's, a local Montclair bar for a night of loud music and good beer. Loudmouth, a Philly-based cover band, had just finished setting up music and good beer. Loudmouth, a Philly-based cover band, had just finished setting up inside, people were already crowded around the bar as they waited for the lead singer, Billy Jordan, along with other members Mike Orem, Chris Flood, Gale Jordan and Chris Flood. Their favorite songs and working together; it showed in their tip-top performance.

"I joined the group because I liked that we would be playing Weezer and Sufjan," said Gale. Both bands were included in playlist. Weezer songs "Buddy Holly" and "Swimming in the All-American Rejects," and "The Reason" by Hoobastank, they also used their time to pay tribute to some of the musical groups that have inspired them throughout the years.

Concerts & Theater

Thursday 14
Usher, Kanye West - MSG
The Muppets - Webster Hall

Friday 15
Tabal Kweili - B.B. King's Blues Club

Saturday 16
Branford Marsalis - NJPAC
Medium Medium - Knitting Factory

Sunday 17
Chesterfield Kings, The Cramps - Irving Plaza
Dead to Fall, Most Precious Blood - Cricket Club

Monday 18
Murdocks - Arlene Grocery
Living Colour - B.B. King's Blues Club

Tuesday 19
Sting - Madison Square Garden
Annie Lennox - Madison Square Garden

Wednesday 20
Hanzel Und Gretyl - B.B. King's Blues Club
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Where Has All the Outrage Gone?
The Opportunity to Make a Difference is Here Today

In a relatively new news week, the main story of interest has been the allegation that Adir Besculin, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, professionally abused a subcontractor for the school in an area that has historically been cited as an act of software piracy.

These charges, made by programmer Sharon Aker, are fairly concerning; the claims, for one, level $5,600 in payment for a program she wrote, and when she decided to pull the plug, she was refused the funding. When the school undermined her by changing the codes to render her programs unusable, there was something to be said about the lack of transparency in the administration of this university.

There are still many questions that need to be answered by MSU., and this story is not yet finished. For a school that feels compelled to state its "Guidelines for Responsible Computing" on its website for all to see, we gather that this constitutes one of the many violations they regard as appropriate. It may be too early to fully examine these charges, but one thing is definitely clear: this school can only be taken as seriously as it takes itself.

Payment For a Job Done

Where Has all the Outrage Gone?

So, what is it with Montclair State University anyway? Besides the overwhelming number of sororities and fraternities that dominate our campus, what is out there to get into? I can't even walk across campus without coming into contact with the constant bombardment of infinite flyers inviting me to the latest night club, or without seeing dozens of posters chained to tree trunks, advertising the premier exclusive social acceptance and perks of national and local Greek life.

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Bush Policies Cheat College Students

Restrictions on Financial Aid Makes Life Harder For Many

What has the Bush administration done for university students in the past four years? The answer to this question is simple: made our lives a lot more difficult. The current price of higher education in this country is astronomically higher than any other developed country in the world, and the price increases every year.

This past year, the tuition of universities nationwide increased 14 percent, and over the last four years, it has increased 35 percent. That number rises, while jobs for college graduates become more exclusive, and job salaries, except for executive positions, are not rising.

Yet, this administration floods tax payers' money towards this catastrophe of a war. Last counted, $200 billion - tax payer dollars - went on the war. That could have paid for seven million students' full ride scholarships to a public university. To put into perspective, seven million students are 56 percent of our undergraduate student body.

What did you watch on television or read in the paper today? It seems like the media are quickly forgetting Islam of being a violent religion. I am a practicing Muslim and a very frequent reader of the Quran and nowhere does it say that a Muslim may hurt a person in any way unless their lives or religion are threatened, and yet some people are not aware of this. These people need someone to blame so they turn to the Muslims, as a result of the actions of a few.

People like Osama Bin Laden, knew the true Qur'an but put their own interpretations to it, just as any other Jewish, Christian, or Hindu terrorist may do with their Bible, Torah, etc.

Arab (Arabic for God) does not permit the wrongful killing of innocent people and prohibits acts of terrorism and suicide missions. This is laid out in a verse from the Quran: "If anyone killed a person not in retaliation for murder or to spread mischief in the land, it would be as if he killed the whole of humanity." (S4:V3)

Why is it that nowadays, every person who looks Middle Eastern is automatically eyed strangely as though they are terrorists? People also falsely think that the Quran has told Muslims to despise and kill non-Muslims. The truth is, these people have to stay away from them? This never happened. Muslims don't hurt a person in any way unless their lives or religion are threatened.

Why is it that everywhere a Muslim person goes with their traditional clothes, people stay away from them? This never happened before Sept. 11. Why is it that the media always reveals a suspect's ethnicity if they are Muslim, but not if they are of any other religion? Take for example the Elizabeth Smart case. Little was said about it but the kidnappers were believers of a fundamentalist cluster of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints.

I bet if the suspects were of Islamic religion, that would have been the first thing mentioned in the headlines and titles, and played over and over again. Even with the kidnappers dressed in clothes that were merely similar to Islamic, the media tried to figure out if Islam was involved in any way, which was not the case.

If you compared the crimes supposedly committed by Muslims and non-Muslims, the crime rates of non-Muslims would be decreasing drastically because of all the blame being wrongfully put on the Muslims.

Many "Islamophobes" rally against Muslims by quoting the Quran, saying that it allows for men to beat their wives. Of course, you rarely hear or read this passage. The section referred to, S4:V34, says: "Men are partners and guardians of women, because God has given the one more strength (than the other), and because they support them from their means. So, good women are the obedient, guarding in secret what is committed to their trust...")

This is laid out in a verse from the Quran: "The maximum amount a student can receive for one academic year is $4,050, about 35 percent the average one year tuition, and that's the maximum amount.

Bush has even proposed a cut of the Pell program by $280 million. This is a grant that four million students, some of the most impoverished students in this country, depend on for their college education.

At Montclair State University, 2,305 students depend on the Pell Grant, that is 21 percent of our undergraduate student body.

Interestingly, four million people have lost their jobs in the past four years; in fact, the only president with a job loss rate as high as Bush was Herbert Hoover, the President when the stock market crashed in 1929.

We are here today, with more and more students who qualify for the Pell grant, while funding remains fixed, and efforts to cut funding are being pushed through the senate.

The answer to this is simple: make education a priority, and that the government will make education a priority, and that the economy will move to increase full ride scholarships with benefits.

This is not the case with George Bush's administration. These numbers are set in my favor. This is a concern not just for me, but for all students, and as we reach the biggest debt in American history, 33 trillion, the students need to voice their opinions in the upcoming election.

If financial freedom has arrived at anyone's doorstep in the past four years, it has certainly slipped past the Burress' office, which was devoid of any action. The stock market crashed in 1929.

After all, the statistics are jaw-dropping: approximately 28 percent of victims are raped by husbands or boyfriends, 35 percent of rape victims are raped by acquaintances, and 5 percent by other relatives, from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. According to the US Dept. of Justice, somewhere in America, a woman is being raped every two minutes! Why does it say in the Bible, "Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man intimately...

But all the girls who have not known man intimately, spare for yourselves." (Numbers 31:17-18)

Instead of going forward, as we should be in this day, the world is being forced back in time by ignorance, racism, violence, and bias are being glorified voluntarily by the media, by those who want the easy way out. This is ignorance that can be easily avoided by learning more about the truth behind the facade that has been put upon religions such as Islam by branded people.

Remember these words Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.

This sounds vaguely familiar: "Roped level with what is better. Then will be, between whom and thee was hatred, because it was thy friend and intimate. And as to one who will be granted such goodness except those who exercise patience and self-restraint."(S41, V34).

The Muslims who have been fighting for them all year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
Election Fate in Balance
NJ College Students May Be Key In End

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Once again, but with a twist, we northeast New Jersey college students may be the key group of people determining the results of the election; not only do we now live in a crucial swing state but we’re included in another swing vote group - college students.

In the Jan. 7 edition of The O’Reilly Factor, former Clinton advisor Dick Morris told Bill O’Reilly, “When I worked for Clinton in ’96, I did a study where I said at 50-50, dead even like it was in 2000, what state is most in play? New Jersey. Now, nobody would imagine that New Jersey could go either way.”

Wendy DeFilipps, a political science major, is in her third year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

Montclarion Mailbag

Dear Montclarion,

How many athletes have given interviews to the writers of The Montclarion? How many athletes have read the put-downs, misinformation, and baseless facts of “The Sports Guy?”

Well, I am definitely one of those people and have been for the past four years. Most athletes, including myself, never get to speak up on issues with the media and have been stereotyped for far too long.

When I asked The Sports Guy what his credentials were and how much he knew about volleyball, his reply was, “I know how to watch.” What are you watching for? Do you even know? Do you know what kind of offense we run? Do you know what kind of defense we play? What’s your position? Do you know the difference between a dig and a set?

Apparently not, your last review said, “The team is in need of 21 defensive sets which was 46 more than the Red Hawks.” The last time I checked, a set is when the server serves the ball to the other side, and then they spike. There is no such thing as defensive setting. Maybe you were talking about a dig. When a defensive player digs the ball from an opponent spiking at them, that is what we call a dig. I really don’t think your volleyball “watching” skills are up to par.

Sure, we might not have the greatest record, but we work hard as a team, just like all of the other teams at Montclair State University. All of the sports teams spend hours of dedication and sacrifice for the love of the game.

You like to play the blame game: so and so did this and this. We win as a team; we lose as a team and if you want to blame me for doing so, then go ahead. Any person watching team sports knows you cannot determine the win or the loss on one play or one person.

We are not asking you to bite your tongue; we are asking you to report the correct information. If you’re not sure and unclear about how volleyball is played, I would be happy to assist you.

Tiffany Actis, Senior
Physical Education & Health Major

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THE ANATOMY OF A CARTOONIST.

THE FASHIONABLE HAIR PIECE- GREAT FOR COVERING UP THAT MALE PATTERN BALDNESS.

MIKE MAYDAK

NEXT, THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOL TO A CARTOONIST. WITHOUT THIS, HE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH ALL THOSE LONELY NIGHTS.

LASTLY, THE IDEA FACTORY. THIS BRAIN DUST IS WHERE ALL THE CREATIVE FORCE BEGINS.

PAUL

WHOA, YOU GOT SECRET SERVICE? THAT’S SO COOL!

WELL ACTUALLY... THEY’RE KINDA LAZY, THOUGH, AND THAT GUY’S MISSING HIS PANTS!

BY BILLY O’KEEFE

THEM ACTUALLY MY FRIENDS. THEY’RE ALL OUT OF WORK, SO I LET THEM PRETEND.

HEY, YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO NEEDS A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER? NO, BUT WHY DON’T YOU ASK ME THREE MORE TIMES?

Out of my Head

HEY, I’M OFF TO A PROTEST AT SCHOOL. SO, YOU’RE WELCOME TO COME WITH IF YOU WANT...

NO THANKS.

COME ON, IT SOUNDS LIKE IT’LL BE A RIOT - MAYBE LITERALLY IF WE’RE LUCKY!

POLITICS AINT MY SCENE, SCOTT. TV IS BEER.

LOOK, IF YOU’RE WORRIED ABOUT NOT FITTING IN WITH ME AND THE RADICALS, YOU CAN BORROW MY "WES BOOK OF YOU PROTEST CHANTS."

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?

"HELL NO, I WON’T GO."

Dawn of Civilization

"I’m really lonely, so give me a combo platter... I’d like to see if I can assemble me a new friend."

"BAR-B-QUE"
**COMICS**

"Hey, guard! If you don't get me some lilac potpourri in here tout de suite, I will twist you like a Williams-Sonoma pepper mill, my friend!"

"Go for help! my butt! Lassie needs more booze so she can finish her memoirs!"

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Are you an artist or cartoonist?

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Email: MontProduction@yahoo.com

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**Taurus**

(April 20 – May 20)

Get ready. Your friends are going to play a big prank on you. It’s all in good fun, so have a little something ready for them as well. Just think of it as returning the favor.

- 22 – 34

**Gemini**

(May 21 – June 20)

Good news. Spiritual slick promotion in the work place will earn you more to move up as well. Don’t be too cool and not take what’s offered – you know you can handle it.

- 20 – 34 – 16

**Cancer**

(June 21 – July 20)

Love has left you but soon will make a swift comeback. At the moment it feels as though there’s not hope but soon that will all change.

- 15 – 29

**Leo**

(July 22 – August 2)

It’s hard to talk to you when you’re so defensive. Let down your guard a little. People are actually anxious to get to know you.

- 07 – 45 – 11

**Virgo**

(August 23 – September 22)

Distant relatives will soon be at your doorstep. Be courteous and show them a good time. They bear good news and juicy gossip. Their visit is more important than it seems.

- 50 – 32 – 42

**Libra**

(September 23 – October 22)

Get some meat on those bones. Pam on the junk food and eat some more nutritious dishes. Try eating out in different places with healthy menus. It’s not as bad as you think.

- 17 – 12 – 55

**Scorpio**

(October 23 – November 21)

Looking for a change? Try a new hairstyle. Don’t just get a plain cut! Try adding some color in as well. Dare to be different and try to get a style that no one else around has.

- 46 – 07 – 15

**Sagittarius**

(November 22 – December 21)

It’s time for a new wardrobe. Your current threads are all faded and worn out. Speed some loot and treat yourself to some new clothes. Don’t forget to donate those rags to goodwill.

- 03 – 09 – 38

**Capricorn**

(December 22 – January 19)

Your ambitions are clouding your thought. Sooner or later you will come face to face with the consequences of your actions. Be prepared!

- 37 – 20 – 14

**Aquarius**

(January 20 – February 18)

Someone you love is in danger. They think that they’ve got everything under control, but they don’t. Intervene! Your actions will be of great and necessary help.

- 44 – 27 – 02

**Pisces**

(February 19 – March 20)

Family issues are becoming too overwhelming. Seek the help of an outside source will remedy these problems. Just hang on until help comes through.

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The Sports Guy

The Sports Guy says that it doesn’t matter who wins between the Red Sox and Yankees, because no one can handle what the Cards have to offer. They have three guys with over 100 RBIs and 30 homers, and a lineup every bit as deep, if not deeper than the Sox or the Yankees. Their rotation, although lacking any real aces, has the lowest team ERA of any of the other three teams remaining, and as a team, won more games than any other team in the majors.

Consider that St. Louis is playing against the Astro’s who, as an organization, have just won their first playoff series, and they were added to the league in the late 60s. The Sports Guy says that the Astro’s are going to go down like a cold beer, nice and easy.

The Sports Guy isn’t so sure about the Yankee’s chances against the Sox; the series could go either way. Both teams have a great lineup, but the Yankees have suspect pitching at times, though Curt Schilling proved on Tuesday night, the Sox pitching is a little spotty too. The Sports Guy says that the Yankee magic may be that extra edge they need to carry them into the Fall Classic.

What happens when you mix monkeys with global politics? The Sports Guy says that the Astro’s, with a win over Southwestern in Texas, will go this season. They were eliminated in the second round of last year’s playoffs, and their strong defense, one that has allowed no goals in four conference games.

The football team blew another first-half lead this week and are now in dead last place in the NJAC. Isn’t this the same team that was picked to win the conference? With a 2-2 record you can’t bail on them yet, but if they keep on giving up loads, the only championships they’ll be winning will be on a game of Madden.

Next time we meet, The Sports Guy is a head above the rest of the NJAC this season, and their undefeated conference record reflects that. The Sports Guy has no doubt in his mind that they will run away with their second conference title behind their strong defense, one that has allowed no goals in four conference games.

The field hockey team is a head above the nation, and held them to just one goal. With a 2-2 record you can’t bail on them yet, but if they keep on giving up loads, the only championships they’ll be winning will be on a game of Madden.

Although they’ve fallen below .500, the women’s soccer team proved that they were a team that wasn’t finished making noise this season. They played at Trinity in Texas against the third-ranked team in the nation, and held them to just one goal. In a game that close, MSU could have come away with that win.

Sports Writers Needed.
No Experience Nec.

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Pic of The Week

The Intramural Flag Football playoffs have been filled with intense competition. The third round has begun and there are only four teams remaining. Team 1868 (top) is running for the touchdowns, but lost to the team Agents in the second round.
Intramural Flag Football and Badminton Playoffs

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The Youngster Wins Title

Debbie Jones  
Staff Writer

The playoffs began Wednesday Oct 6. Each participant advanced into the playoffs with a chance to win the title of Intramural Badminton Champion. Men's, women's and doubles' teams prepared themselves all season for this competition.

In an exciting playoff tournament, anticipation for top-seeded teams to succeed was satisfied. The Youngster, a men's singles competitor, kept a strong winning streak as he entered into the playoffs. He showed no fear as, match by match, he took the title.

The women's singles was another competition with high expectations for Star, the women's participant. She kept the level of play high as she dominated the tournament.

For the doubles match-ups, Teve and T-cup had an advantage over the competition. Despite an injury to the left leg, Teve battled it out to win another title.

Congratulations to the winners and all their competitors for their sportsmanship and participation in another successful season of badminton!

Football Playoffs Continue

Debbie Jones  
Staff Writer

Playoff time is a serious time. Teams fight for the t-shirt and pride of knowing they are the best flag football team in Red Hawk country. The competitive spirit of each team heightens every year during playoff time. A simple game could very simply turn into a fierce upset.

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The top five teams had a bye for the first round. The top five teams that competed for the first time on Monday with the winners from Sunday night’s games. The playoffs are single elimination, leaving some teams to advance into the finals and others to leave the field with only next year in mind.

Round one began Sunday at 7 p.m. with The Agents slaying away the Squirrels with a score of 38-0. Young Guns and 1868 both fought hard for a final score of 20-13. The win went to 1868 despite being down two players because of ineligibility. Bone Squad and Gules finished the second half with a close score. Gules finally overtook Bone Squad by one extra point. In the next round 1868 advanced to play the Agents in a touch match. 1868, a definite threat to any team fell to the Agents with a 0-13 score, taking them out of the playoffs. Gules completed two touchdowns, one each half to conquer over GWC, another team expected to compete in the semi-finals.

All-Madden and Cool Runnings, two highly competitive teams, both battled for a semi-final spot. Zack Cook took two touchdowns for All-Madden and Ethan Boyd, Sean Jones and Richard Potter from Cool Runnings each completed one touchdown to sneak past into the next round.

The semi-finals were scheduled for Wednesday night with only one co-ed match up. Recreators versus Babcock. The winner will advance into the finals against Those Guys.
SPORTS TRIVIA

QUESTION
Who is the NFL running back with the highest career yards per carry?

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION
Who holds the MLB record for most career grand slams?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK’S QUESTION
Lou Gehrig holds the all-time record for career grand slams with 23.

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Saturday vs William Paterson 6 p.m.

Last Week’s Results
9/9 — MU 17, SUNY Cortland 21

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Wednesday @ Drew 7 p.m.

Last Week’s Results
10/6 - MSU 1, Messiah 5

FOOTBALL

Player of the Week

STEVE ARMSTRONG

Senior
Hometown: Paterson, NJ

Armstrong caught four passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns in a loss against Kean.

Honorable Mentions

ERIN BALINT
Senior
Hometown: Pompton Plains, NJ

Balint scored the only goal against Messiah in a 5-1 loss at home.

RYAN MORGAN
Sophomore
Hometown: Princeton, NJ

Morgan was named the NJAC Offensive Player of the Week and the Metro Player of the Week.

DERRICK SIMMONS
Sophomore
Hometown: Red Bank, NJ

Simmons racked up seven tackles and one interception on Saturday.

KRISTEN KUHMANN
Sophomore
Hometown: Beachwood, NJ

Kuhmann made seven saves against Southwestern on Friday, and then made nine more saves on Sunday against Trinity.
Red Hawks Fall at Home to Messiah

MSU was out-shot 15-12, and although the Red Hawks had eight penalty corners throughout the second half, Messiahs defense was always there. Goal keeper for the Falcons, Erica Nelson made six second half saves and did not allow MSU to convert even one of their penalty corners all game long.

The loss really doesn't hurt MSU in the standings. They are still in first place, but it does give them an idea of just how good the Red Hawks really are.

"Messiah is the number two team in the country for a reason," Gottung said. "They have two of the best attackers in division three. While it would have been great to win, this isn't a season-changing loss."

After the third goal scored, things got worse for MSU and two more Messiah goals were scored within the next 10 minutes. Overall the Falcons were a little bit more fluid, and more efficient in their offense and in their ball movement.

Chambers, scored one goal, and dashed out two assists. Her point total of 55 is greater than the combined total of the top two NJAC leaders in points scored, scored her 14th goal of the season.

The Falcon defense was swarming the Red Hawks. MSU was shutout for the first 60 minutes of the game. After the game Chambers showed confidence in the abilities of the Red Hawk field hockey team. "It was a really hard game, and it was a good game," she said. "I can definitely see them going far in the playoffs."

The Red Hawks have begun their five game road trip, and will play again on Wednesday against Drew.

Women's Soccer Lose a Heartbreaker in OT

Rusell also fired up the crowd by attempting two shots, one of which was an incredible header that near­ly found its way into the net. The penalty shots.

The disappointing loss not only alters their record to 5-6-1, but also to 3-2 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. The Lady Red Hawks history with Stockton is very similar to this game. This was the fourth consecutive meeting that MSU and Richard Stockton needed overtime to decide the winner.

The last was the second for the Red Hawks this season, giving them an overall record of 10-2 with eight of them on goal, and none of them proved too difficult for Nelson to save. Team captain, Erin Balint scored the Red Hawks' only goal on a penalty shot with 47 seconds remaining, to avoid the teams first shutout this year.

The loss was the second for the Red Hawks this season, giving them an overall record of 10-2 with an unfeated conference mark. MSU still ranked sixth nationally has its sights set on a second straight conference title. "There are still a few critical conference games remaining," Gottung said after the loss. "If we win the conference we would get an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. That is our number one goal, and a realistic goal for this team."