Officials Reconfigure Webster Road
Plan for Two-Way Road to Decrease Traffic Congestion, Says MSU

Douglas McIntyre
Staff Writer

Construction at the intersection of Webster and Carlisle Roads continues as the University works to change the direction of the road for shuttle buses in order to speed up their services.

Webster Road is currently a thoroughfare for traffic to travel from Carlisle Road past the Red Hawk Diner to Blanton Hall and the parking lots. The road, used by all vehicles, requires that all traffic move in the same direction.

When heavily congested, the shuttle buses become trapped within the traffic and their arrival times are affected. To alleviate this problem, Montclair will be changing the traffic flow on Webster Road, allowing shuttle buses to travel in both directions. Regular traffic will continue to move in one direction along the route.

This new plan permits the shuttles to have a direct path from Blanton, the Red Hawk Deck and the Student Center to the Village, Clove Road and the NJ Transit Parking Deck, said Director of Transportation and Parking Services Elaine Cooper.

The first phase of the Webster Road reconstruction was the repainting of road lines, the addition of a lane and a divider along Carlisle Road, Cooper said. The next phase is the construction itself, as well as the installation of signs to alert drivers of the new traffic pattern.

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Greek Council Advisor Re-Elected
Hayden Greene Returns to Offered Position

Lisa Sharp
Staff Writer

Hayden Greene, the director of Greek and Social Fellowships, was elected back into the position of advisor to the Greek Council after being voted out of the position last October.

The Greek Council advisor, as described in the Statutes of the Greek Council at Montclair State University, is a “non-voting member of the Greek Council who is paid by MSU administration and the SGA.”

Greene, who says he is delighted to return to his role as advisor, was removed from the position after members of the Greek community reported dissatisfaction with the quality of work that he provided.

Hester Moy, a member of Groove Phi Groove, was one council member who felt Greene was neglecting his duties as advisor. "I feel as though [Greene] does not commit the time and effort necessary to fulfill his duties as advisor."

The student believed to be responsible for a number of Panzer Gym thefts was apprehended by University police last week and is currently awaiting trial at Montclair Municipal Court, said Sargent Kieran Barrett of the University police department.

Christopher Duffy, 32, a commuter student at Montclair State University, could face up to $10,000 in fines and possible jail time if found guilty for stealing items out of lockers located in the men’s locker rooms.

Items, including a watch, a camcorder and cell phones, were stolen from unattended lockers and bags that had been left unattended on the hallway floors.

Some items had been recovered prior to last week; others were found on the suspect the night he was apprehended.

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Can our DNA offer insight into who we are and where we come from? Steve Olson, one of the country’s most accomplished science writers and author of Mapping Human History, believes so and will offer some insight into why at the Alexander Kasser Theater.

Olson critically acclaimed book weaves together findings from archaeology, linguistics and genetics to produce unique insights into who we are and where we came from. He also shows that the ethnic and racial differences in today’s societies are biologically meaningless. "Only about 0,000 generations separate everyone alive today from a common set of ancestors," he says.

In his book, Olson traces the dispersal of our ancestry from Africa to the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Americas. Along the way, he meets with scientists who have filled in important parts of the genetic story in each continent he visits. All lead to his far-reaching conclusions about the long-term genetic future of our species.

Olson’s lecture will feature a discussion on the evolution of the human race, drawn on the latest DNA research, as well as on more traditional sources, including linguistic evidence and the fossil record.

"Each semester a speaker of national or international renown is invited to campus...”

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The Police Report:
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2/15/05 - A male student reported that his pants were stolen out of his pants pocket in the locker room at Panzer Gym. The case is under investigation.
2/16/05 - Officers received a report of the theft of several books and video tapes from a textbook office in the Speech building. The case is under investigation.
2/16/05 - A female resident of Williams Hall reported the theft of several bed­ding items from the second floor laundry room. The case is under investigation.
2/17/05 - A female student reported that her wallet was stolen while she was attending class in Mallory Hall. The case is under investigation.
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dismissed. While some members voted against Greene because they felt he favored some organizations over others, Jonathan Scott, of Phi Beta Sigma, said the favoritism was a big misconception.

After hearing that Greene has returned to his position, the Greek community began to buzz about their own opinions and possible results of his return. Theta Xi member Pierre Johnson talked about the dynamics of teamwork needed for the success of the Council. “Not everyone is going to be satisfied with the works of another, especially someone in a position of authority,” Johnson said. “The groups that didn’t want Greene as the advisor will just have to put up, or shut up. The situation is what you make it. Success is up to everyone, not based on the status of one person.”

Min Ling Yow, member of Phi Sigma Sigma, believes that Greene knows the position well and agrees with the Council’s decision to vote him back into the job. “If the Council had asked a new person to be advisor, it might not have been in the best interest for Greek and Social Fellowships,” Yow said.

Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life Karen Pennington said, “Greene has extensive experience in working with the Greek community and I am sure he will serve the students very well.”

Student Government Association President Jacob V. Hudnut said that, as a professional, Greene has not ignored any messages that were rooted in last semester’s failed vote. Hudnut also said that he does not see the Council’s actions as a sign of inconsistency, but rather as a sign of healthy growth and development.

After returning to the position he held for three years, Greene said he is looking forward to a very productive spring semester and future. “We sincerely hope that everyone will join us as we provide quality educational, social and philanthropic programs and attempt to make this an exciting [University] to attend,” Greene said.

In addition to regaining his position with the Council, Greene also serves as the advisor to the Greek and Social Fellowships. In this position he is expected to “assist Fraternities and Sororities in meeting their goals and objectives while helping them to comply with SGA and University policies,” as written in his job description.

Representatives of Alpha Iota Chi, Delta Xi Delta and Tau Kappa Epsilon attended last Tuesday’s Greek Council meeting where Hayden Greene (shown far left) returned to his position as the Council’s advisor after being asked to step down last October.

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address the incident.

According to the Code of Student Conduct, students are not permitted to engage in any form of larceny, robbery, shoplifting or stealing on MSU or MSU-related premises. Students are also prohibited from enabling, aiding or abetting any individual in the theft of any property or service on MSU or MSU-related premises.

If Duffy is found guilty at the hearing, he could receive sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion, said Director of Judicial Affairs Byrom McCrae.

Students who believe they are missing property are urged to come forward and speak with the Detective Bureau, Barrett said. Stolen property is most often something that can be taken quickly, without making a scene. Items in unlocked, unattended spaces and vehicles left unsecured are common.

It is currently unknown whether Duffy has had any prior arrests as some aspects of the investigation are still in progress.

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Cooper said the construction, scheduled to be completed in early March, should not impact traffic flow. However, drivers and pedestrians are urged to exercise caution as construction continues.

According to Director of Shuttle Services Melvin Little, the Webster Road project will enable the shuttle serving the NJ Transit train station to meet each arriving and departing train.

While administrators hope that the increased shuttle service at the train station will encourage students to utilize public transportation, some remain skeptical.

“I’m not sure it will make shuttle services better,” said Michael Koch, senior marketing major. “The number of people who use public transportation is probably at its peak right now. If someone has a car, there is no additional incentive to use the train or bus.”

Suzanne O’Mahoney, a sophomore dietetics major, said she believes that more students would use public transportation if they felt it were reliable.

“If people thought they would be on time using public transportation, then I’m sure they would definitely use it,” O’Mahoney said. “I try not to use public transit because I feel like I’m going to be late.”

SGA President Jacob V. Hudnut said that, while shuttle services have been improving, there is continued improvement to be made.
record. "One of the most remarkable scientific discoveries of the past two decades has been the realization that our DNA contains vast quantities of historical information," said Olson.

"Essentially, each of us has a unique sequence of the chemicals that make up our DNA. By studying how DNA differs from person to person, geneticists have been able to identify where and when modern humans evolved, how our ancestors spread across our planet, and how the groups we know today as 'races' and 'ethnic groups' originated."

"Mapping Human History was a National Book Award finalist and won the Science-in-Society Award from the National Association of Science Writers." — Steve Olson, author of Mapping Human History, is scheduled to speak at Kasser Theater on March 9.

Through a generous gift from alumnus Margaret Sokol ’38, the Margaret and Herman Sokol Science Lectures were established to allow members of the University and surrounding communities to gain a greater appreciation and expanded knowledge of important issues in science.

Each semester, an internationally or nationally renowned speaker is invited to campus to meet with faculty and students, and conduct an evening seminar open to the public. Speakers are selected on the basis of strong interdisciplinary appeal in their area of expertise and public recognition.

I shall take away their hearts
Of stone
And give them
Hearts of flesh

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MARCH 6 - MARCH 10

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iPods: The New Trend in Tech Gear
From The Tiny Shuffle to The Jumbo Phone, The iPod Is Taking The Country by Storm

Jeremy Slagoe
Feature Editor

Walking to class, the beats from the music player harmonize with every step you take. On your way, you notice those beside you are walking to the very same beat and routing snugly in their ears, tiny white earphones.

You think to yourself: they're like us too.

This 'us' is a group that is reinvigorating the music listening industry as they all own one small device: the iPod.

Emerged in 2001 by Apple Computer, Inc. (the same company that makes Macintosh computers), iPods are the new and trendy item that everyone "has to have."

As of Feb. 1, 2005, about 10 million iPods have been sold worldwide. 8.2 million iPods were said in 2004 alone. And of those 8.2 million, 5.5 million were sold during the recent holiday season, making them one of the most popular gift items this year.

The iPod is a portable MP3 player. For those that aren't tech savvy, MP3 players play downloaded music or songs that have been burned off of CDs. These players are usually lightweight and portable.

While there are dozens of different MP3 players, there are several reasons that consumers pay between $299 and $399 per iPod.

The traditional iPod comes in a stylish white and silver color combo. It has one of the largest song capacities among MP3 players on the market and has the capability of storing over 10,000 songs.

A battery life of up to 24 hours allows users to fly from New York to Berlin and take a walk and see the old Berlin Wall site, all without re- charging the device or repeating a song.

The iPod also has features like a built-in calendar, an alarm clock, some games, a contacts list, and a to-do list. These features make having a PDA seem outdated.

There's also the capability to store photos and record voice notes with other iPods.

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The iPod isn't the only MP3 player from Apple. It has a little sister named the iPod mini.

The iPod Mini is over one-third smaller than its big brother. The iPod Mini comes in five metallic colors, holds up to 1,000 songs and has an up to eight-hour battery life.

It has the same PDA-like features as its big brother and has hundreds of optional accessories such as iPod socks, neck lanyard, and colorful armbands.

iPods are popular with every type of person. While the majority of people who own iPods are everyone, day people, several celebrities spend big bucks on theirs.

Geri Halliwell, Moby, Robbie Williams, Paul Gulbenkian Film and Linda Lohan are just a few of the celebrities that are surfing the iPod waves. A few of these celebs have been rumored to pay top dollar to have their iPod customized.

In the fall of 2004, Irish rock band U2 joined forces with Apple to create a special, limited edition iPod. This black, red, and silver iPod sells for $349. It holds 5,000 songs and has such band member's autograph engraved on the back. Everyone who purchased the U2 iPod also receives an exclusive poster of the band.

Some music celebs have even made their own "favorite" list of iPod songs. Artists like Outkast, Boyzone, Dave Navarro, Barry Adamson, and Stuart Adamson are among the celebrities to make their favorite lists available to the public. Stars like Jack and O'Kean update their lists as frequently as once a week.

With the new year here, also comes added numbers to the iPod family. Students will soon be grogging either the tiny iPod shuffle or the larger iPod photo.

The iPod shuffle sells for only $99 and holds up to 240 songs. The largest iPod to date is the iPod photo. The $499 to $599 price-ranged item has the ability to hold up to 15,000 songs and 25,000 photos, while only being an ounce heavier than the regular iPod.

So why does the iPod affect students? Take this as an example: In the fall of 2004, Duke University gave out almost 3,000 iPods to incoming freshmen, some upperclassmen, and a few professors.

They claim it is for "educational enhancement" so the students can have better language skills. That is a $600,000 investment that most students at Meachum State could not afford.

Beyond all of the features, the celebrity

Alphabet Soup

Strange Words For Your Everyday Life

Alicia Feghhi
Staff Writer

How are you ever had a teacher who told you, "Look up a word in the dictionary next time you don't understand the definition of a word!"

After years of hearing that, you still don't. And you didn't understand the definition of a word?

A is for Ambiguously: n. a winging channel or course.
B is for Bood Ready: n. pointless, wasteful way.
C is for Continuously: v. stubbornly dis-obedient or incoordinate.
D is for Dilekter: n. a sensual and self-indulgent-like life.
E is for Eblievent: adj. filled with excitement or lively enthusiasm; exuberant.
F is for Fitzgerald: a. an or a cheap rate.
G is for Gerrymander: v. to divide (an area) into voting districts in order to give an unfair advantage to one political party.
H is for Harum-scarum: adj. Irresponsible; reckless.
I is for Incomprehensible: n. a book printed before 1601.
J is for Jackass: n. an impotent person.
K is for Kowtow: n. to show servile defer-

The Knitting Boys

Yarn and Needles Aren't Just for Girls

Lisa Black

Cousin to the fair-haired, pro Rosie Greer, a confirmed knitter, it could be awkward for some guys to announce their new passion to friends.

"In the beginning you don't want to tell people," said Louis Levin, 9, a fourth grader at Newbridge Street, "it happens once where someone said, 'Oh, girls do that.'"

Still, he said, "it makes me feel good I'm doing something different." On a recent Saturday at The Three Bags Full store in Northbridge, Gerri Gilbert, 15, is the instructor for the "Boys Only" class.

Already a knitting veteran, the high school sophomore helped Conrad and two other boys get started, showing them how to wrap the yarn around the needle and make those first crucial stitches.

One of them, Louis, arrived with some patterns to choose from and a scarf he had already started. He is knitting a teddy bear for his teacher's baby, due in March.

Like the other young knitters, Louis is proud that he can give his finished product to his teacher's baby, due in March.

"It's the new fad," he said. "It's not like I'm killed out of it," said Conrad, 15, a swim team member who doesn't care what classmates think.

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Dear G.M.,
I was talking to this guy for quite a while. We weren't in a committed relationship, but we were hooking up. Everything was going great. Then suddenly, out of nowhere, he just stopped talking to me. He even blocked me from AIM. He won't return my phone calls, and I can't get in touch with him any other way. What do you think I should do?

-K.L.-

I seriously suggest that you forget about him and move on. He seems like a sketchy loser, and why would you want someone like that in your life?

Yet, on the other hand, I can only imagine how frustrating something like this must be, especially since you have no idea why he stopped talking to you.

Someone's first response, of course, would be to get to the bottom of this nonsense and to stop at nothing to do so: to call incessantly; to get to the bottom of this nonsense and to stop at nothing to do so: to call incessantly; to send love letters; to have your friends call a few times from different numbers; to let the fire department break down his door and clean out the trash; to let the state police handcuff him when he doesn't answer his phone; to let it go. Don't give him the satisfaction of knowing how much he's hurting you. You deserve that, and if and when you ever see this loser in passing, you should just smile and wave.

It could be that he woke up one morning and decided that he just wasn't attracted to you anymore, or else he might have felt like he was getting too attached to you, and he didn't want to be in a relationship that was serious at this point in his life.

To sum it up just like the popular book, he's just not that into you, and you are just going to have to accept that. You're probably a great girl, and although this may be very discouraging, it's not the end of the world.

Go out there and find a guy who is into you. You deserve that, and if and when you ever see this loser in passing, you should just smile and wave.

He wasn't courteous enough to speak to you one last time, so why should you extend him that courtesy?

Dear G.M.,
I think there's something wrong with me. I used to be the horniest guy in the world, and suddenly I have no desire to have sex anymore. My boyfriend is getting really frustrated with me, and I'm afraid if I don't start putting out, he's going to leave. Do you think I have some kind of a problem?

What could I do to fix this before I drive my boyfriend away?

-G.F.-

It happens to the best of us. Sometimes you just hit a slump and your libido plummets in a downward spiral. Even if you are one of the most sexual people in the world, there is going to be a time when you just want to take a break for a little while. There are a few different reasons that you might be experiencing the sexual slump.

Perhaps you are getting bored in the sexual relationship that you have been partaking in. No matter how great your partner is, sex with the same person will tend to get monotonous. If this is the case, then you might want to spice things up. Try some role-playing or sex in adventurous places.

Some Men Can't Commit or Perform
Sometimes The Hardest Men to Get Are Those That Can't or Won't Get With You

So, if you are suffering from depression or overwhelming stress, you might want to seek help from a mental health professional. There certainly is no shame in that, and you might want to let your partner in on this as well.

 '"sex with the same person will tend to get monotonous...Try some role-playing or sex in adventurous places.'

If you leave your boyfriend in the dark, he might think that your lack of lust is a direct reflection of the way you feel about him, when the truth is, it has a lot more to do with an internal conflict.

Other times, your own obsession with your low libido might be at the root of the problem. If you are constantly thinking about how much you don't want to have sex, then you are never going to break the slump.

Try doing things that get you in the mood. Different things get people going. Try to zone in on what works for you. Bottom line: All things, the good and the bad, come to an end.

If you have other things on your mind, we cannot compete. Mental health is just as important as physical health, and the two work together.

We asked and here's what you said...

When you go out, what do you do to stay safe?

"I limit the quantity of drinks I have"
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"If I put a drink down, I don't pick it back up."
"I drink in moderation."

Most MSU students have 0 - 4 drinks when they go out.

*MSU Students, December 2004
**Based on the Campus Norms Survey, Spring 2004
**Surpass Is The Key**

**Going Beyond Expectations Leads to Success**

Rob Gilbert, Ph.D.
Department of HAPPELS

"Good, better, best... Never ever rest
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And your better gets best."

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Did you read my interview with Melissa about why she became a two-sport athlete? In case you missed it, Melissa graduated from Montclair State in 2001 with a perfect 4.6 G.P.A.

I asked her if she started her first semester here thinking that she wanted to graduate with a 4.0? Here’s her response:

"Oh, no. Graduation was way too far away to think about that. I took it semester-by-semester and actually test-by-test. I would take each course week-by-week and do whatever I could to try to surpass the professor's expectations for each assignment, quiz or test."

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**IPods**

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Recently at an elementary school library, where 15 pupils showed up for the knitting club’s first meeting of the school year.

Among them were five boys, including Terran Wint, 10, a fourth grader who had never knitted before. He carefully touched the balls of yarn stacked in baskets, crawling black, gray and dark blue for his scarf.

"Last year my younger brother was in knitting club, and he was so good at knitting that I thought I would try it," Wint said. "I might bring it to recess because there's nothing to do, or if there's free time, I can just take out my needles and yarns."

Dylan Blanchard, 10, started needlework three years ago, taught by his mother Jane Greer, one of several parents who lead knitting clubs at Ravanston-area schools.

"It makes me feel like I'm exercising because my fingers are working," said Blanchard, who says he often knits before bed. "It makes me feel happy. I know I'm doing something and not just sitting around."

Greer was pleased to see many of last year’s pupils return, with projects and knitting needles in hand. When she first started the club, she said, she worried about "arousing them with needles."

"It hasn’t been a problem," she said. "There were about 35 kids, and all of them used the needles for knitting."

While boys are slowly discovering the joys of knitting, enough stigma remains that Vickie Howell, the Austin, Texas-based hostess of "Knit Knackery" could not persuade a young man in his 20s to talk to a reporter.

"He didn’t want it to be out there, that he was knitting," Howell said.

The younger boys, like Levin, are coming around, as evidenced by a recent conversation he had with a friend as they sat in the back of a car.

They were jabbering about their most embarrassing moments when Levin blurted out: "Oh, and another thing," he said, looking to his friend for reaction, "I knit."

The boy smiled and, without missing a beat, said, "That's okay, I cook."

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**KNITTING**

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March 8, 2005 and March 9, 2005:
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The Organization of Students for African Unity (OSAU) Dance Troupe (from left to right: Tiara Samuels, sophomore psychology major; Shiree Rawswell, sophomore fashion studies major; Amanda Holder, sophomore history major; and Shantelle DeSilva, sophomore justice studies major) took the stage Wednesday Feb. 16 at Memorial Auditorium for the Music of Words, a showcase of dancers, singers and professional poets, sponsored by Student Activities, OSAU, LASO, HSA and the SGA.

Founded in 2003, the group is led by Jay Jackson, sophomore education major. The troupe is the sister dance team to the squad “Breaking Down the Walls.”

“We’re really blessed and proud because we worked hard and stayed humble. We will not stop,” said Jackson.

Just Dance member Dominique Walker, sophomore music education and music performance major, said, “It feels really good. We all had our doubts but we really want this group to explode.” She added, “Anything can happen.”

Another Just Dance member, Allia Witter, junior sociology major, commented, “It feels good. We had mistakes but we pulled through.” The other highlight of the evening came from the Caribso Dance troop, led by Carolyn Milton, senior dance major. The audience seemed to have enjoyed the performances. The program was good, but the audience was rude and didn’t give some performers a fair chance.

Mary Wallace, freshman business management major, said, “I liked Just Dance and Letitia Wallace. And Phanie Morris (a member of Caribso’s team) did her thing.”

Randesha Wilkins, freshman business management major, commented, “Just Dance did a very good job. The crowd was tough. They didn’t give people a chance, but overall it was a good show.”

Although the show was enjoyed by many, some upperclassmen noted that the crowd was smaller this year and the show was not as interesting as in previous years.

On the other hand, Onodim Bayang, sophomore justice studies major, said, “It was better last year because there was a bigger turnout and the crowd was more enthusiastic.”

However, I am pleased that Just Dance won this year.”
Parks’ Body Deserves Attention
For Black History, Contemporary Author Should Not Be Ignored

Jennifer Laster
Staff Writer

Getting Mother’s Body

Suzan Lori-Parks has embodied the spirit of the Golden Age of black literary expression.

She has been acknowledged with numerous accolades for her writing and her theater work has won her two Obie Awards, in 1990 and 1996, for Best New American Play as well as one Pulitzer Prize for 2002’s Topdog/Underdog.

Her latest endeavor is the publication of her novel Getting Mother’s Body. The novel takes place in rural Texas during the 1960s and each chapter is narrated from the perspective of its numerous casts of characters.

“Where’s my panties at?” I asks him” is the question spawned by the tale’s protagonist Suzan Lori-Parks is a renowned literary contributor whose latest novel tells the story of a dysfunctional family in 1960s Texas.

16-year-old mother-to-be, Billy Beede, in the novel’s opening remarks.

Parks has written a dynamic tale of struggle for the dysfunctional Beede clan.

After the death of Billy’s mother, Willa Mae - a blues singer and all-around “bad” woman - Billy came to live with her

Ace Combat Crashes and Burns

Despite the impressive graphics of Ace Combat 5: The Unsung War, the game suffers from a mixture of overly boring battle stages and overall dull story lines.

Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

The decision to review Ace Combat 5: The Unsung War came at a friend’s recommendation. I think I need to choose new friends! Namco’s newest edition to the Ace Combat series not only failed to impress me, it failed to keep me entertained long enough to actually take advantage of Blackbuster’s new “no late fees” policy.

I’ve never played any of the previous Ace Combat games, so I had no reference point before playing. However, I believe a great game should be able to stand on its own. Combat begins with a war breaking out between the Yugoslav Republic and the Ocean Federation after 15 years of peace. In the game, the player is the Ocean Federation, and after your flight captain is shot down, you become team captain. It is up to you and your limited pilots to protect the Ocean air.

It seems the makers of Ace Combat paid too much attention to developing a story line (at least in campaign mode) and not enough attention to making a fun game. Don’t get me wrong, I like a good story line in a video game, but this game’s plot lacks any real originality, it’s similar to every first-person shooter) but more than that, the storytelling itself was dull at best. I was put to sleep by the characters’ monotone voices. In campaign mode, the story takes up so much of the game that I was bored before it was time to fight. If you aren’t used to the speed and timing of your plane, there are bound to be a bunch of accidents. But at least there is a relatively quick reload time.

The control, however, is the best feature of the game. One minute you will be chasing down enemy air craft, the next you will be dodging missiles - and watching the replay is also a lot of fun. On the other hand, the plane’s limited missiles and short-ranged machine gun make it difficult to kill. The game is almost too realistic: You are expected to live or die during your missions. Unfortunately, this serves as a distraction as you are shooting. The enemy planes are difficult to track, and because your crew seems to be relatively useless, you have to destroy almost everything all by your lonesome. Combat didn’t do the job for me. The story was long, boring and unnecessary. Although the graphics were crisp, the game rarely lends itself to observe such a thing, because everything is moving so fast. The sound was good, as was the variety of weapons and planes. However, the missions are too similar and too long (unless you play in arcade mode). One of the biggest mistakes with this game is the lack of an online gaming option or a multi player mode; this type of game has the potential to be played with a bunch of people.

I would only recommend this game for those who are already familiar with airplane games. Ace Combat 5 is being sold for between $40 to $60 – sadly, it’s not worth more than $50.

Ace Combat 5: The Unsung War

Ace Combat 5 has a rating of 7 out of 10.

Graphis:

Art and Sounds: 7

Game Play and Control: 8

Plot and Story Line: 3

Overall Fun: 4

Rating: 5.5

Calendar

Thursday 24
Rupee, Shelly Fairchilel - Exit Night Club
Tom Russell - Joe’s Pub
Sean Lennon, Vincent Gallo - Knitting Factory

Friday 25
Ingram Hill, Avet - Tribeca Rock Club
P8 Army - The Continental

Saturday 26
Boys are Red, Yesterday's Rising - The Continental Streets Dogs, Social Distortion - Starland Ballroom

Sunday 27
Guitar Wolf - Maxwell's Fear Before, The March of Flames - Knitting Factory

Monday 28
Ratatat, The Double - Knitting Factory

Tuesday 1
Arturo Sandoy - Blue Note Interpol - Radio City Music Hall

Wednesday 2
American Hi-Fi - Arlene Grocery
Tesla - Starland Ballroom

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Staff Debates: And The Oscar Goes to...

Will Scorsese Fly Away with Best Director or Will Eastwood be Oscar’s Baby?

Michael T. Martin, Ben Faresich
Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor, Staff Writer

The Oscars — the Super Bowl for Arts & Entertainment — is upon us. It’s the night that movie buffs and pop cultural nuts (and a few curious others) gather around the tube to savor the suspense and the glamour of the Academy Awards. This Sunday, the drama of the Oscars will play out at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles.

In what is usually the second most watched television program of the year, behind that football game thing, the Oscars are the one night in which Hollywood seems to rule the world. Martin Scorsese’s *The Aviator* has 11 nominations, more than any other film this year.

The big question for Oscars night is whether or not the famed director will finally be awarded the Best Director trophy. He has lost four times, with *Raging Bull* (1980), *The Last Temptation of Christ* ('88), *Goodfellas* ('90), and *Gangs of New York* ('03).

This year’s most prestigious awards are the most racially diverse in the Academy’s history. Black actors make up five of the 20 acting nominations. *Million Dollar Baby*’s Morgan Freeman is looking for his first win — having been nominated four times previously — as are first-time nominees Sophie Okonedo from *Hotel Rwanda*, and Jamie Foxx, nominated for both *Ray* and *Collateral*.

The Academy Awards’ television producer Gil Cates wards to add some variety to the telecast. He plans to have some of the less-anticipated Oscars, like Sound and Make-Up, awarded with all the nominees on stage, like a beauty pageant, while other winners will accept their Oscars in their seats, in an attempt to save time.

In another leap for the conservative program, Chris Rock will host the ceremony, adding levity to what is usually a three-hour plus program.

Although the show promises to drag at times, when the most prestigious awards are handed out, all eyes are on stage.

Arts & Entertainment assistant editor Michael T. Martin and staff writer Ben Faresich make their predictions in the top six categories.

**BEST PICTURE**

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BF: This is another difficult choice, because all five did incredibly well in their roles. I'm tempted to pull for DiCaprio, only because no one knows when he'll be able to put on another performance this good. But ultimately, I'd like to see Fox take it home for making me almost believe that I was really watching Ray Charles.

BEST ACTRESS

MTM: Just like 2000, it's between Annette Bening (Being Julia) and Hilary Swank (Baby). Bening's problem is that nobody saw her film, and everyone is buzzing about Swank's controversial role in Baby. Swank wins by a TKO.

BF: I think that all of the nominees did an excellent job, but I like Swank. She was wonderful in a challenging role and her performance was one of the things that really pulled me into that film.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

MTM: It's going with Virginia Madsen here. Aviator's Cate Blanchett probably has the best chance, or she was so convincingly in the high-profile role in Sideways. Natalia Portman has a chance because she won the Globe for Chancer - but none of the nominees gave their respective films quite the heart that Madsen did in her sweetly mesmerizing performance in Sideways.

BF: Blanchett should win without a doubt. I love Portman, but I don't think this was her best performance. Laura Linney (Kinsey) and Madsen were great, but not enough to win the Oscar in my opinion. The only one that I think should stand in Blanchett's way is Okonedo, but in the end, I would still go with Blanchett.

BEST DIRECTOR

MTM: Eastwood's already won this for Unforgiven. So, will they give it to Scorsese? Even if Scorsese wins, it's hard to ignore the possibility that he's just getting it as a career acknowledgment rather than out of true deservedness. Still, isn't it better that he wins it for this film than if he had won it for the drab Gangs of New York?

BF: Another difficult choice. In my mind it really comes down to Eastwood or Scorsese. Having said that, I really think that it's Scorsese's turn. He did an incredible job with The Aviator and I think that this is his chance to finally bring home the Oscar.

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In September of 2004, Hayden Greene was dismissed by Greek Council from his post as advisor, presumably so he could be replaced by someone more attuned to the grand vision and progress of Greeks at Montclair State University. This week, after months of searching for a replacement, Greek Council has finally found it and realized their mistake, asking Hayden to resume his departed position.

Jared V. Hahnen has been quoted as saying that this move "is a sign of healthy growth and development," a comment so ridiculous it borders on the comical. In essence, Greek life has only regained ground they lost many moons ago when all members were Greek with their tails tucked between their legs. Greek Council needs an advisor as mandated by their constitutions; for the last few months, they've had to hold "emergency sessions."

On the other hand, Hayden Greene is a necessary choice for this job...one again. He genuinely cares about the progress and future of Greeks at MSU, and it is a good influence on the Greek community. And, as Delta Chi witnessed judgment from the Student Government Association and the state of New Jersey for their actions of three months ago, a positive voice right now is needed more than ever.

As is protocol for them, the leaders of Greek Council have claimed up and are refusing comment, as it's difficult to understand their perspective in this matter. However, for a community that desperately seeks positive publicity and wishes to be taken seriously by MSU, this once again brings into question the direction and governing competence of the Greek hierarchy.

Greek life struggles against several serious stereotypes: the reputations for drinking, brawling and general irresponsibility do little to further their image, especially when they provide a numerous amount of services to the campus of MSU, such as philanthropies. However, Greek life stands at a crescendo of a time in our country's history: several college campuses this year have already abolished their Greek communities completely, tired of what they perceive as a nuisance and hindrance to their academic reputations.

In an era of high-priced lawsuits and heavily-publicized hazing incidents, it's a question of how many strikes the Greek community may have left.

In regards to appearance concerns, MSU is no different than any business and seeks good promotion; Greek life operates at the pleasure of the school's administration, and cannot allow themselves to become too much of a burden to security and publicity concerns.

With the voice of Greene back in the mix of things, Greeks now have an opportunity to turn things around and advance themselves; strong leadership and commitment is needed now more than ever. Greek life must be proactive in generating positive buzz for its members; perhaps through a strong vision, a sense of purpose and preparation for the future, organizers can aspire higher towards the goals they so claim to covet.

Red Hawk Service Without a Smile
Horrendous Service, Poor Attitude Leave Students Hungry And with a Bone to Pick

New Jersey prides itself on being known for such things as the Jersey Shore, being the home-state of Bon Jovi and Bruce Springsteen, and its famous diners. Montclair State University attempted to capitalize on one of these cornerstones of our state when they built the first-ever diner on a college campus, the Red Hawk Diner. Unfortunately, the one thing that they did not take into consideration was the staff that they hired to work there.

Now, I have traveled all over the country and eaten in hundreds of restaurants and diners, and the Red Hawk Diner has, by far, the worst service I have ever seen. When four of my friends and I decided to get some food from the diner one evening, we were treated to the most disgraceful display of food service I have ever witnessed.

We were only one of two occupied tables in the diner that night, but the staff wasn't exactly overwhelmed with customers. But it still somehow took them 30 minutes to realize that they didn't have any chicken to make my friend's chicken cheesesteak. He was so disgusted by the ineptitude that he refused to place another order and was willing to go hungry rather than deal with more of their stupidity.

After a total of 45 minutes, the rest of the group finally received their food. Meanwhile, many of the cooks and waitresses were lazily lounging about in the booths, not doing the job that MSU pays them for. When our friend attemped to replace my friend's chicken cheesesteak. He was so
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On our way out we noticed the staff of their horrible service and told them that we would be filing many complaints with the school's administration. The staff responded by accusing us of being drunk and telling us to get out. Apparently the phrase "the customer is always right" is an unknown concept to the staff at the Red Hawk Diner.

The attitude and apathy with which the staff of the diner treats its customers is deplorable. These people lack the basic professionalism that is required for any occupation. Not one of them would last one day in a real job.

The fact that their salaries are being paid through our tuition and they cannot even pretend to be doing a decent job is outrageous. I don't understand why any rational person would even bother going there for a meal.

But I guess the students of MSU have been become used to receiving incompetent ser­vice from the staff at this school.

The administration needs to take a serious look at their "facility" additions to this campus and decide if it was really worth all the money that was spent on it and all of the frustration that their staff causes.

In an Insight Online article from Nov. 2001, a member of the administration asked the campus community to be patient for a few weeks while the diner's staff finished training and got past the learning curve.

Well, it has been much more than a few weeks, and everyone has been patient with the diner's staff long enough. I know that after the way I was treated the last time, I refuse to ever eat in the Red Hawk Diner again.

Matt Diner, a math major, is in his first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
Parking Availability Poses Major Problem

The Number of Spaces is on The Decline

Montclair State University's perpetual construction continues to eliminate student and faculty parking. It is common to walk to class and pass a large construction vehicle or a hole in the ground for replacement of utilities. Some parts are over 70 years old, and by replacing the entire utilities infrastructure, the school will save money on repair. MSU intends to bring enrollment up to between 18,000 and 20,000 students by 2008, according to Richard Lynde, provost and vice president for academic affairs. This is to accommodate the rising number of New Jersey high school graduates and counter the lack of space in state schools for them. So as the school takes away more parking spaces to build on, it continues to accept growing numbers of students who need to park. The University has no more available land to build on and cannot purchase surrounding land, which means that all new buildings will be constructed on current ground lots. This means that many parking spaces will be taken away for the new buildings.

The school plans to build an additional parking deck with 2,000 more spaces after the buildings have been constructed. The price to park there is not determined yet, nor is the exact location.

Comparatively, the Red Hawk Deck price is $225 per year, while the NJ Transit is currently $180 for a semester. A general lot permit is $52.50, though there is only one space in those lots for every eight students at Montclair State.

To compare with other New Jersey state schools, parking at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is free for all students, every little of whom complain about problems with finding places to park; and at Rowan University, a year round permit is $20, of available spaces for students. So you romp! ;;;;;!!

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What difference have you made?

Douglas McIntyre, an English major, at his first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
Republican Politics Revealed

Throughout history, it seems that the Republican Party has used racism to take over the southern states using their "Southern strategy." While the Republicans have always supported wealthy citizens, they seem particularly in support of wealthy white men.

Even from their infancy, GOP, is quite foretellng of not only their image, but slay of their hegemony. This is so obvious that even a little child can realize it. During the Republican National Convention this past election, I remembered watching the live coverage with my parents when my little sister walked into the room and asked what GOP stood for. When I responded Grand Old Party, she asked, "what is so grand about them?" I simply had no response.

As juvenile as the commentary sounds, it is the mere fact that the entire party seems working for them. Not only that, but they have historically had some of the greatest political analysts and speechwriters working for them. Not only that, but they also seem to always be pipping someone to promote their programs, even when they do not publicly announce this.

Even in the current Bush term, every public move that is made is strategically planned to increase his approval rating or his financial contributions. This is where my faith in honest politics comes into play, because I feel that honesty in politics is pretty much non-existent.

Now, with actions done simply to win votes, racism ideology has spread through generations in the southern "red" states. This can be dated back to the blatant racism and discrimination of the South before, and more importantly, after the Civil War. The concept of poll taxes is so ghastly that when one considers how they used to be in effect, for primarily blacks, it is nauseating.

This is part of the reason for the underlying themes of racism that exist in modern society, and obvious social stratification that has been and is still present in very society. In regard to racism in politics, I had a slightly different view. I felt that, because the politicians say what will win the popular vote, they often avoid important issues and set up on racial orientation. The Democrats seem to preach to the minority groups where the Republicans focus on whites.

The strongest part of this is, despite popular belief, a majority of criminals and poor people are white. So, these Southern racists are voting for current Republican ideals. They are being rewarded by the Bush administration by having the food stamps program cut back and are in desperate need of health insurance.

Even though race has scientifically been proven to be non-existent, people still get caught up in it. So what it boils down to is old beliefs and stereotypes that have failed to be diminished through time. To simply break it down, our country has yet to get over the important social issues that are essential for any country to flourish and it is quite sad.

Throughout, Jim Crowe laws, restrictive covenants, white flight, and racialization, it has been nearly impossible for African Americans to gain political equality. Our past mistakes involving racism and slavery need to be fully understood and dealt with, and until those ideals are left out of the spotlight in politics, especially by the southern states, there will be continuing racism and controversy.
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|            | Chi Upsilon Sigma - SC Ratt |

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Kobe Bryant Stepping It up for The Lakers

Karan Narwal
Staff Writer

Kobe Bryant faces a lot of criticism, but that doesn't stop his all-star style of play. He is bearing the burden of the Lakers and is taking things into his own hands in order to have his team, at the top without Super- Shaq. He is my fantasy pick for this week because of his all-around skill and the 110 percent he puts into every game.

Bryant is at 27.8 points per game, which is second in the league. Along with that, he averages 6.2 rebounds and 6.6 assists this season. The only thing that hinders his game is his turnover situation where he led the league with 4.4 turnovers per game. Some people consider him one of the greatest and others consider him one of the most overrated players ever.

Hey folks, not many players can do the things he can when it comes to playing pressure defense against any sized defender. Not many, besides Bryant, be a threat from the outside when at offense. At 6'6, he can run the floor, and play as if he was the big man denying the basket to someone down low. This means Bryant has a versatile game, which still makes him effective as a Lakers. All these characteristics give him an edge on the defensive end, but we haven't even discussed his quickness. Let's talk numbers. He's a 40 percent shooter on field goals but from downtown he's only 30 percent.

Well, he does make many shot attempts and picks up very well on second chance points. This season, shaving the ball in the paint with a big man doesn't work as well as it did with Shaq. This has left Kobe to take more shots at the perimeter and be more aggressive.

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Karan's Pick

Rob MacKerchar
Staff Writer

The NBA All-Star Weekend is nothing more than a useless appeal to A.D.D.-ridden fans. Think about it: what is its purpose? Yes, it's great to give the best players in the league some notoriety and to see them play together, but if I were a player, I wouldn't bother risking injury for such a useless spectacle. What exactly is the purpose of the dunk contest?

Would those guys ever try one of those dunks in a game? You get to see a guy travel en route to some sort of ridiculous dunk so the commentator can say:shout: and P. Diddy: lipsynch each other five or bumpin' chest. The NBA All-Star Weekend is a travesty to the game of basketball and yet another attempt to further taint a game that isn't already taint enough.

As it is, there are only two contests all weekend that show any sort of talent. The first is the Skills Challenge, where we get to see guards do what they do on a day-to-day basis. They dribble, pass, and shoot wearing their way through an obstacle course of imaginary defenders. The Skills Challenge has some credibility because its team emphasizes its purpose: skills.

Yes, it's great to see Josh Smith dunk a ball through a moving screen. But let's see some other more important phases of the game. Steve Nash proved by winning the Skills Challenge why he's the most technical player in the game and the front runner for MVP.

The only other significant challenge in all of All-Star Weekend is the Three-Point Shooting contest. Again, we get to see guys do what they do on a daily basis. The Three-Point Contest has grown in popularity over the last few years, and in my opinion, it's because fans enjoy seeing players show their scoring skills. The winner of the Three-Point Shooting Contest has to last multiple rounds racing around a court, hoisting up 25 shots each round. The dunk contest is only based on a few dunks.

Let's not forget too that, although coming up with creative dunks is a skill, jumping is a natural talent that is hard to develop. Plenty of people are good jumpers via genetics, so I don't know anyone who's predisposed to being a good outside shooter.

My point is that the All-Star Weekend is nothing more than a reason for fair-weather fans to turn on and see some halftime entertainment and ESPN highlights in real-time. The game itself is a waste of time. If I remember correctly, players picking up shots and not playing defense, I could tune in to any regular season game.

The only difference is, now I get to see 10 overpaid ballhogs throw up ridiculous shots and walk back on defense instead of the three or four guys that do it in a normal game.

All-Star Weekend won the MVP and everyone is saying, "Imagine what he could do if he had some help in Philly..." Yeah, well I have some real talent if I had Shaquille O'Neal, Jermaine O'Neal, Vince Carter, and Lebron James on my team, I could probably do alright too.

Mr. Iverson won't be getting that kind of help in Philly, so maybe he needs to focus on the task at hand, along with the rest of his All-Star teammates. The playoffs will be coming up soon, and I hear that teams play defense there.
Red Hawk Wrestlers Going to Nationals

MSU Places Third in Conference Championships, Sending Goduto and McSweeney to Wrestle for National Title

Red Hawk Derrick Goduto (left) earned a wildcard to go to the National Championships in Minnesota.

There was exactly one minute left in Derrick Goduto's wrestling season. He was on the mat losing 5-3 to Mike Gummerson, in front of 200-plus spectators inside Packer Gym at TCNJ, in a match for the true second place. On the line was a bid to the NCAA National Championship tournament in Minnesota. In short he was facing everything he and the rest of the Red Hawks had been working towards for the entire season.

"I just wanted to have the chance to be an All-American," said Goduto.

Twisting and curling, Goduto turned his opponent around, switching from top to bottom position, executing what the coaches later called "a picture perfect Peterson roll." The move gave him five points, the lead, and eventually the match.

"I just kept my cool the whole time," said Goduto, standing in front of a cheering crowd. "I knew that I had to beat him."

Goduto had to settle for one of five wild card spots to go to Minnesota, after getting the attention of almost every coach in the nation, TCNJ's 125-pound wrestler in the NCAA National Championship tournament.

Red Hawk to make the nationals on Sunday, McSweeney cut through his competition like butter, not ever really challenged all day, until the finals against Gene Kobiliansky of NYU, and even then it wasn't that close. Kobiliansky failed to score an offensive point, and was dominated in riding time for the entire match.

Although the team finished third place overall, at this point in the season the sport becomes an individual one. Beneath the front of collective happiness of team success, was a sense of sadness due to individual disappointment.

"That is a long and tough day," said TCNJ Head Coach David Icenhower. "One mistake can ruin it. This sport takes something extra.

Coach Icenhower and his 184-pound wrestler Pat Cross may have received a little extra. The day ended with injuries for team captain Jake Beitz, who advanced to the finals and took second place, but was unable to impress the coaches enough to land a wildcard spot. Beitz re-aggravated his rib injury that he originally suffered in the N.Y./N.J. New England Metro Duals, but intends to recover and return next season. That is, if there is a program to return to.

Senior Red Hawks Danny DeJesus, and Jonathan Suero will not have another chance to become national champions. DeJesus, who was wrestling about 50 pounds above his weight, finished in third place as he won three matches, and lost two very close ones.

Suero easily reached the finals, winning by a pin and a 14-3 major decision, but was pinned early in the finals by Tim Bobiman from York College. Suero, who had been injured all season long, was wrestling in only his third match all season.

Both Suero and DeJesus plan to go immediately into coaching as soon as they are done at MSU.

Overall, MSU placed eight of their 10 wrestlers in the top three spots of each weight class, and the sentiment around the league about MSU before the season began was that they would do nothing, and not have a successful year. Head Coach Joe Sabol and his team are feeling some satisfaction in the fact that they did more than anyone ever thought they would.

"Everyone gave it all that they had," Sabol said. "Although I wish we could have gotten more kids to the National Championships, and we didn't get the best possible results we could have wanted, I don't think that I could have asked for any more effort."
Women's Lacrosse Preview

RED HAWKS 2005

Head Coach
Beth Gottung
Embarks on Third Season

After several mediocre seasons, the MSU women's lacrosse team was searching for the blueprint for success, but little did they know that Coach Beth Gottung was on the horizon.

Gottung arrived at Montclair State from Trinity College, where she was an assistant coach for the field hockey and lacrosse programs. As a player, Gottung earned many achievements including Northeast 10 All-Conference honors in field hockey in 1999 and was chosen as an Academic All-American following the 1997 and 1999 field hockey seasons and the 1999 lacrosse campaign.

"It is really important to me that we not only win, but we work hard to make ourselves better every game. I would rather have my team play well and lose a close game to a good team than play poorly and beat a weak team. Discipline is a key factor in being successful in this game," replied Gottung.

In her two years at MSU, she has led the Lady Hawks to an 18-11 record, which is the best in MSU women's lacrosse history. Last year she led her team all the way to its first conference championship game against Stevens Tech. The team lost to Stevens, but Gottung was proud of the 11 wins last year because it was the most by a women's lacrosse team in its history. Many people think the Lady Red Hawks took a giant leap onto the road of suc-

cess by their outcome last year.

With some thoughts of unfinished business percolating in their minds and great determination in their hearts, the Lady Hawks will be looking to continue on with their outstanding play from last year. And after the most prosperous season in the team's history, Gottung and her impressive team are looking to bring a Knickerbocker League Championship home, which would be the first in MSU women's lacrosse history.

"We will have their hands full with some elite Division III opponents and some tough games against conference foes, including the two-time Knickerbocker Champions, Stevens Tech. However, the Lady Hawks will be ready to avenge their championship loss from last year.

The Lady Red Hawks began last season with eight consecutive wins while annihilating their opponents with a score of 128-25. They ended the season with an 11-3 record with two of their three losses to the Knickerbocker Champions, Stevens Tech. MSU had a fascinating offensive season with a total of 185 goals. Defensively, the Lady Red Hawks allowed a remarkable total of 78 goals with two shutouts against Alvernia and Centenary. Their worst loss of the season came at the hands of Rowan, with a 16-8 score.

"I have no doubt that we will be back in contention for a Knickerbocker Championship. We would love to see a rematch with Stevens in the final game," replied Gottung.

In addition, the team should be very proud of the 11 wins last year because it was the most by a women's lacrosse team in its history. Many people think the Lady Red Hawks took a giant leap onto the road of success by their outcome last year.

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Red Hawk Women's Lacrosse Roster

Women's lacrosse alumni Cathy Homiek is the all-time leader in career assists in all division history with 234. The closest Red Hawk to her is Vicky Groove, followed by Gangemi with 25.

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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION**
Who holds the MLB record for the lowest career ERA?

**ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION**
Ed Walsh with a career ERA of 1.82, who played from 1904 to 1917.

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**Player of The Week**

**DENNIS MCSWEENY**

Sophomore
Hometown: Lyndhurst, NJ

McSweeney captured the 141-pound weight class at the Metropolitan Conference Championships.

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**Honorable Mentions**

**DERRICK GODUTO**
Sophomore
Hometown: Stanhope, NJ

Goduto finished third in his 125-pound weight class and earned a wild card entry from the conference.

**AMANDA MULLANEY**
Junior
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Mullaney scored 11 points and had 8 rebounds in an upset win over TCNJ.

**MICHAEL GLUCK**
Senior
Hometown: Union, NJ

Gluck scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in a loss to Kean.

**STEPHANIE MACHIN**
Sophomore
Hometown: New Providence, NJ

Machin collected a game-high 20 points and four rebounds in a victory over Kean.

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**Match 'Em**

Match the Athletes with Their Nicknames

A.) Gary Payton  1.) The Intimidator
B.) Hakeem Olajuwon  2.) The Answer
C.) Dale Earnhardt Sr.  3.) Tiny
D.) Dominique Wilkins  4.) The Pearl
E.) Nate Archibald  5.) Clyde
F.) Earl Monroe  6.) Sweetness
G.) Walt Frazier  7.) The Great One
H.) Walter Payton  8.) The Human Highlight
I.) Wayne Gretzky  9.) The Glove
J.) Allen Iverson  10.) The Dream
K.) Clyde Drexler  11.) Night Train
L.) Dick Lane  12.) Shaq
M.) Shaquille O'Neal  13.) The Glide

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Red Hawk Wrestlers Going to Nationals

Camera Rec
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Jose Ortiz / The Montclarion

Mostafa Abbasi, a member of intramural basketball team All Stars, is one of the top players in the league.

Michael Treanor / Staff Writer

The 2005 intramural basketball season is in its final weeks and a few teams have already separated themselves from the rest of the competition prior to the playoffs. The Blasters of the M7 division have jumped out to a 3-0 mark with only one game remaining on the schedule with Team DCC, also unbeaten, on the final day of regular season play. In one of the more exciting contests of the intramural season, they took on the Blouses, led by calming and collected guard Ryan Van Schaaf and versatile forward Lanius Freeman. The Blasters prevailed in an extremely intense contest by a score of 66-51 led by Pete Pignatoli who connected on numerous clutch three-pointers in the second half.

The Matrix Crew of the Big Ten division had a busy week playing three of their four regular season contests. Their most recent foe, the All-Stars were able to hang on for a victory over an upset Matrix Crew team. Brian Marzano picked up the slack for the All-Stars, pouring in a season high 23 to help the All-Stars get their sought-after fourth win. The Matrix Crew finished up the season with a record of 1-3 with their...