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MSU Reinstates Men's Sports Teams

Men's Wrestling and Lacrosse Teams Make Their Way Back to Varsity Status

Jessica Haverty
Newspaper Editor

Montclair State University has announced that it will reinstate the wrestling and men's lacrosse teams, which were cut in January due to financial restraints.

Administrators decided to bring back the sports after members and supporters of the two teams raised an estimated $450,000 through private donations and after a $1 million increase was made in the student athletic fee.

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Anne Frechette, University spokeswoman, said MSU has decided to reinstate the two teams but not the other three because they "lacked the proactive effort to get those teams restored or the interest level both inside and outside of the school as [wrestling and wrestling did]." "It was very hard to make the decision to reclassify back in January," Frechette said. "But it's very easy and gratifying to be able to bring back two key teams and strengthen the overall athletic effort. Supporters not only pledged their commitment, they gave forward with hard cash."

In reaction to the decision to reclassify the five programs to club status, wrestling coach Joe Sabel began working towards a solution to the financial difficulties that caused the cut. He organized a fund-raising campaign, which collected more than $100,000 in donations from NFL players to Hollywood actors.

Sabel received donation commitments from people all over the country, including Giants running back and former high school wrestler Jim Finn, as well as NRC vice president Frank Lauro and actor Billy Baldwin. Congressman Bill Pascrell, who did not make a donation, however Sabel said he "was a big help in moving this forward." Assistant wrestling coach Ted Levine, who also owns a packaging company, donated $50,000, the largest donation made to the cause.

"All I did was eat, sleep and

The Montclarion

Announces '05-'06 Election Results

Cheryl M. Sajorda
Managing Editor

Annual elections for The Montclarion took place Thursday, April 14, re-electing seven current editors to serve again next year.

Michael C. McPhee will once again be editor-in-chief of the newspaper, the fourth person in The Montclarion's history to serve a dual term.

"The experience that I have gained in my first year as editor will be invaluable for me in my second term," McPhee said. "I am confident that next year's staff will continue to provide the campus with the award-winning quality coverage that they have come to expect."

McPhee, a junior political science major, is currently in his third year at The Montclarion, writing as an opinion columnist, and serving as treasurer during his freshman and sophomore years. He has served the Student Government Association as a legislator and worked as a Community Assistant for the past two years.

Also returning is current assis-
The Police Report:

Theft and Harassment

Frequent on Campus

4/18/05 - A female resident of the Clove Road Apartments reported that she was threatened by her ex-boyfriend via the phone. No charges are being pressed at this time.

4/18/05 - A female student reported to police that her parking services hang tag was stolen from her vehicle while parked in lot 18. This case is under investigation.

4/18/05 - A male student reported that he and his current girlfriend were being harassed by his ex-girlfriend while in Life Hall. He is not pressing charges at this time.

4/19/05 - Shuttle bus services reported to police that damage was done to one of the shuttle buses parked in lot 40. This case is under investigation.

4/20/05 - Joseph Pecora, 21, of Clifton, was charged with criminal trespassing for not registering at the front desk of Ilanton Hall before entering the building. He is awaiting a court date in Little Falls Municipal Court.

4/20/05 - A female student reported that her vehicle was broken into and her steering column was smashed while parked in lot 28. This case is under investigation.

4/22/05 - Jonathan D. Siejka, 20, of Martinsville, and Paul P. Epifal, 19, of Manalapan; Rebecca L. Zagha, 19, of Manalapan; Daniel M. Lopez, was staying in a room in the Clove Road Apartments.

4/22/05 - A male student reported that his vehicle's rear license plate was broken. The case is under investigation.

4/22/05 - A staff member reported that several pieces of University property were stolen from the Commuter Lounge. This case is under investigation.

Local News

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East Rutherford - Former Governor James E. McGreevey is doing legal work for the same company his aides violated ethics norms to name to the $1.3 billion Xanadu project at the Meadowlands.

In February 2003, while McGreevey was still governor, the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority selected Mills Corp. and its partner, Mack Cali Realty of Cranford, to transform the Meadowlands by constructing an indoor ski mountain, a regional mall, and a minor-league ballpark. Mills beat out five other competitors with proposals for the area.

McGreevey's work for Virginia-based Mills Corp. is his first high-profile assignment as a private citizen since he resigned as governor in a gay sex scandal in November.

Morris - Police say a two-family home in Morris Township was a favorite hang-out for high schoolers and young adults looking for drugs, and for those looking to sell them.

National News

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ARINGTON, VA. - Two toddlers whose bodies were found in an above-ground casket were burned, according to a coroner's report.

A Virginia coroner's report said the children were burned in the aftermath of a house fire. The cause of death is under investigation.

The children's mother, Lottie Rich, said she does not remember the fire.

Fatima Chak was arrested in April 2005 and charged with murder in the first degree.

Colombo, Sri Lanka - A train-bus accident in Sri Lanka has killed at least 37 people and injured many others, according to police, rescue workers and hospital staff.

The bus driver is being blamed for the accident, with authorities saying the driver was negligent.

International News

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Toronto - A five-person expedition team traveling with horses and wooden sledges reached the North Pole on Tuesday.

This completed a 75-day trek that matched the time taken by American explorer Robert E. Peary for the same journey in 1909, according to a website tracking the team.

British explorer Tom Avery had set out to prove it was possible to make the 475-mile trip from Cape Columbia in northern Nunavut, the Inuit territory of Canada opposite Greenland, in the time claimed by Peary but disputed by skeptics.

Avery's team of four men and one woman traveled in a similar style to Peary, using Canadian Inuit Huskies and custom-built wooden sledges.

Hochiminh City, Vietnam - In a Vietnamese school, a history class learns about Pilgrims settling at Plymouth Rock and the fight over slavery during the Civil War, while English lessons include Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

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breathe trying to get this program reinstated," Sabol said. "This is all I really did. There were a few times where we thought we were very close to getting reinstated and things didn't happen the way we thought."

After initially cutting the team, he decided to keep the two teams at the varsity level for three weeks before the end of the semester and is likely to have prevented transfers that would have occurred if the programs had not been reinstated. 

"It may not be too late to lure back some high school recruits," said men's lacrosse coach John Green. "I'm hoping the kids I recruited all along still haven't made a decision yet," Greco said. "I hope they'd reconsider because this is for real. In the end, we were the two teams that had the most support. I'm just happy we're back." 

Lacrosse captain Roy Klipper said that everyone on his team is very excited about the University's decision. "We had a lot of kids transferring, going to other schools."

"It's a shame the other sports didn't get reinstated," Klipper said. "I urge them to write to officials and to keep fighting because that's what we did and we got our sport back."

According to Director of Athletics Holly Gorn, the athletic department continues to be in need of financial support. 

Gorn said the department doesn't anticipate the need to cut the programs in the future and that they are working with development officials to continue raising funds in order to prevent a second year, with the exception of Ortiz, whose upcoming year will be his third as sports editor. Ortiz, a senior English major, is a member of the fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha.

Havery, senior English major, has provided in-depth news coverage about Residence Life, Parking and Shuttle Services, and updates on the ongoing campus construction projects.

"I am very excited to serve as news editor for a second year," said Havery. "The position is one that allows me to broaden my educational experience and serve the campus community."

Slagel, a sophomore psychology major, served the full semester as assistant feature editor and in the spring as the section editor, providing readers with the long-running "Love, Lust" advice column written by Gina M. Grossa, and other college student-related articles. Slagel is a member of Players, a Class I organization of the SGA, and former SGA legislator.

DeVries, a sophomore English major, came onboard the editorial staff in early October. He is vice-president of the fraternity Theta Xi and a record spinner for WMSC.

Rosario, a junior graphic design major, has provided a fine-tuned look and a splash of graphic color to The Montclarion in his two years as editor.

Departing this year’s The Montclarion staff are senior broadcasting major Cheryl M. Sajdik as managing editor, senior, broadcasting major Kadiah Basir as arts & entertainment editor, senior English major Michael T. Martin as assistant arts editor and senior Lacey C. Smith as chief copy editor.
CONVOCATIONS

Kassèr only 499.

In comparison, approximately 1,500 people. In comparison, Memorial Auditorium holds only 896 and Kasser only 499.

However, the outdoor venue raises concerns with some students because administration has made it clear that if a convocation is rained out, it will not be rescheduled, meaning that all of the students in a school may not be recognized. Adams said that she has not received any complaints from students. She maintains that despite the hassle of two muddy convocations last year, there were no outstanding complaints.

In the event of a rainout, Adams says she will post notice on the MSU website by 3 p.m. for evening convocations and 9 a.m. for morning convocations.

She said, "If it really has to be pouring for me to cancel. If it's drizzling, we're going to go ahead."

When asked about how she would feel if one out of the five college's convocations was rained out, she said, "that would be sad." Adams said, "I have a theory. It never rains on a Susan Cole event. And she goes to every single [convocation]....It's not going to rain."

In regards to a refund for convocations as part of a graduation fee, Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life Karen Pennington said, "there would not be a refund of the commencement fee if a convocation is canceled."

According to Pennington, the Commencement fee covers costs of rental of the Continental Arena, setting up the facility and other costs associated with the Meadowlands staff. It also finances the printing and mailing of diplomas, printing of program books, certification of degrees through the state and other details.

"Even if some of the cost associated with the convocation is to be taken from the fee, the amount would be so minimal as to be inconsequential. Processing a refund would undoubtedly cost more than the amount of a refund," Pennington said.

Assistant Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences Carlos Ortiz said, "The problem with holding the convocation after the University Commencement is that most faculty leave for their summer vacations right after Commencement, and it would therefore be difficult to get faculty to attend a convocation later in the summer."

Senior and SGA Vice President Ron Botelho said, "The convocation is wonderful because it provides families the opportunity to see their student receive personal recognition. Family can talk with the faculty that has worked with their students for years. The Amphitheatre has gone under a beautiful restoration and the students have paid for it. But [the organizers] should have a rain location. It seems poorly planned for paying all these years."

In regards to a rain date, Adams said, "If it's kind of ridiculous to have a convocation after you get your degree."

Senior psychology major Stella Bravo said, "It's unfair for the students and it's unfair for their families. It may be a small ceremony but that's what many people want to experience. I would come back for my friends and family to hear my name read."

Senior Anthropology major Christina Larram said, "I definitely think it's worthwhile to come back. Everyone deserves to receive personal recognition after four or more years of hard work."
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A few weeks after she graduates from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark in May, Jessica Olejar will join the corporate world as a $53,000-a-year software developer at Citigroup. She’s one of the many young job seekers who have found that, despite fears of outsourcing, the “help wanted” sign is out for tech workers.

“It’s a big myth that those jobs are going away,” said Jane Gasserine of NJIT’s career development office. “There’s still a strong demand for computer science jobs in the United States.”

As the class of 2005 heads into the workforce, nurses and accountants are also in demand.

In fact, most college seniors are finding a more welcoming workplace this year.

“This looks like the best job market for entry-level hires since 2000,” said Richard White, director of career services at Rutgers University. “With a 4.4 percent unemployment rate, New Jersey is one of the better places in the country to be looking for work.”

And the national picture is also promising. The National Association of Colleges and Employers reports that employers expect to increase hiring of new college grads by about 13 percent this year, and most expect to raise starting salaries over last year.

Graduating nurses have their pick of job offers, as an aging population seeks more medical care. Teachers are also in demand. Accountants’ prospects have been brightened by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which was passed in response to the accounting scandals at Enron and WorldCom, and requires more stringent financial reporting.

Several North Jersey colleges said most of their accounting graduates have job offers in hand. One is Anna Sidorenko, 23, who recently accepted a job offer from a Big Four accounting firm.

“For me, it was easier than for many students, since I’m in the accounting program,” said Sidorenko, who’ll get her master’s in accounting this May from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Students who are still searching for work filled the William Paterson University gym recently for a career fair, handing their resumes to recruiters from social service agencies, state government and corporations.

Sara Abernathy, 23, was there with a friend, though she graduated from Dickinson College in 2003 with a business degree.

At that point, corporate jobs were scarce. So she spent two years with the Touch for America program, and is now seeking work as a management consultant.

“There’s a lot more opportunity now,” Abernathy said.

The most popular recruiters at the career fair were from the television and radio industries.

“It’s a hard field to get into, but I hope I can break in,” said Aaron Rikon, 24, a communications major who wants to work in television or radio production.

As it happens, career advisers say even liberal arts majors may find better opportunities this year.

“When you think about liberal arts majors, they really can go into a lot of different areas,” said Cathy Love, director of NJIT’s career office. “On average, though, they’re going to get lower salaries than their classmates with pre-professional training, according to NACE.”

The most successful job seekers, according to college career counselors, tackle the search with energy and creativity. They use their personal and professional networks, attend the career fairs and workshops on campus, and research companies on the Internet before talking to recruiters.

“This is a lot more opportunity that’s out there,” Love said.

Many of the most successful job seekers had internships. In a recent survey by NACE, employers said that, on average, they offer full-time jobs to nearly 58 percent of their interns.

“It gives you the edge over people who don’t have experience,” said Adrienne McAfee, 23, who’ll graduate from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J., in May with a computer engineering degree.

She will take a full-time job with Stryker Orthopedics in Mahwah, N.J., where she now works part-time.

“A Stevens classmate, Rupa Boddu, 21, is also taking a job at the place where she interned, Deutche Bank in New York. Boddu called her summer internship “a 10-week job interview.”

Similarly, Rutgers communications major Talia Fias of Livingston interned last summer at the investor relations department of Brookfield Properties in New York, which owns and manages office buildings.

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For Kasigwa and other tech grads, outsourcing has even brought back the signing bonus — which had not been seen since the tech boom of the late 1990s, said Lynn Insley, director of career development at Stevens Institute of Technology. Some of this year’s grads are getting bonuses of $1,000 to $5,000.

For Jessica Olejar, the NJIT student who is joining Citigroup as a software developer, the growth in technology translates into job opportunities.

“I had a fabulous experience,” Fias said. “I learned a lot, and I wanted to come back.” She was hired full-time after her December 2004 graduation.

“I wouldn’t have expected this at all,” she said. “As a sophomore or junior, you don’t have a full understanding of the possibility of an internship leading to a job. I’m thrilled that it worked out.”

Along with experience, employers also must people skills.

“It’s all about how you relate to others, how well you communicate, how you resolve problems,” said Brenda Kaznepa, 23.

She started work at a New York bank as an information technology analyst in February although she still has a few credits to complete and won’t graduate till May.

She was hired after meeting with a recruiter on the Fairleigh Dickinson campus last fall, her first job interview.

Along with questions about her tech skills, the recruiter asked about her senior project and her experiences working on teams to solve problems.

### WHERE THE JOBS ARE

Demand for employees is highest in these fields:

- Accounting
- Electrical engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Business administration/management
- Economics/finance
- Computer science
- Computer engineering
- Marketing/marketing management
- Chemical engineering
- Information science and systems

**SOURCE:** National Association of Colleges and Employers
Student Becomes Dean...For a Day
Lucky Student Becomes First to Experience Behind the Scenes Peak at MSU Arts

Michael T. Martin
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

What the hell does a Dean at Montclair State University do? Sit in an air-conditioned office and drink grande mocha cappuccinos? Maybe, but there's also a lot more to do.

Many students don't even know the name of the person in charge of their education, but last week, a group of communications junior major Tracy Anne Ronquillo was treated to an afternoon in the School of Arts with Dean of Arts Geoffrey Newman.

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Geoffrey Newman
Dean of the School of the Arts

While Ronquillo didn't get to actually take on any responsibilities, she did receive much insight into the Arts program, willingness to answer questions.

Newman explained that he hardly has a night off to himself. Because the art department holds numerous night and weekend functions throughout the semester, he has to be flexible with his schedule, often staying on campus long after most deans leave for the day.

Throughout the afternoon, Newman was actively participating in Ronquillo's discussions with the numerous arts program workers.

Newman said, "The staff has to be open to constantly learning. We make decisions that are best for students now and 10 years from now. Students are transient. What may be good for students today may not be good for them in the future."

Next, we were introduced to those who work under Newman, starting with Marie Sparks, who is in charge of community outreach.

Sparks said that one of the school's missions is to expose schoolchildren to the arts before they decide to come to Montclair State.

Sparks said, "For a more diverse student pool, we need to cater to underrepresented areas."

However, the exposure is not just about creating performers. "These students will become future patrons and advocates of the arts," she explained.

Associate Dean Ronald Sharps is in charge of hiring and negotiating salaries for employees, as well as evaluating budgetary requests.

Sharps dropped some interesting tidbits about upcoming undertakings, including the development of a new musical theatre program and plans for the music department to relocate to Chapin Hall.

He also mentioned a future special interest floor in one of the residence halls.

Regarding Newman, Sharps said, "Newman is good at handling politics. He keeps a cool head." He joked, "I'm the guy asked to deliver bad news."

Martha Kelshaw, Registrar and Administrative Assistant for MSU's Art Department, also pointed out that the renovation of the Kasser Theatre is due to complete soon.

"Theatre is an important part of student life," Kelshaw said. "It helps students develop their creative side and prepares them for future careers."
Dear G.M.,

My boyfriend is graduating in May and is moving to Arizona for a job. I'm graduating as well, and I've been offered a job in New York City. He wants me to go with him. We've been dating for a year, and I really love him, but I love my family and friends too and really don't want to leave them. What do you think I should do?

—H.B.

Dear H.B.,

Graduation is an exhilarating time, and it's also very frightening. Your boyfriend must be extremely excited that he has a new job, and is ready to move on to a new place, but there is also this part of him that is very scared to leave. When you really love someone, you want to move with him, but I'm not sure that this has anything to do with having a sense of security. He doesn't want to have to do this all on his own.

Moving across the country is a very big deal and doing it alone is an even bigger deal. He's going to have to make all new friends, get used to a new climate, and fit into a new environment.

That can be a very lonely time period, and if he's missing you, his family, and friends, it's going to be an even more difficult transition. At least with you there, it will make his new adventure in life much easier. I'm sure his mutes are not entirely selfish, but there is a bit of self-involvement here that cannot be ignored. He's making you sacrifice all of your needs and goals to join him in Arizona.

This isn't really a joint decision. It's more like a proposition. He pretty much realizes that his relationship has the potential of falling apart if it becomes a long distance thing.

You've both been so accustomed to having each other at your disposal anytime you needed each other. It will be difficult to deal with seeing each other if you are lucky once a month. Long distance is not easy for anyone, especially if you are a close-knit couple.

Think about yourself for a minute. I understand that you really love your boyfriend, but you also need to recognize that you really love yourself. Are you willing to sacrifice everything that you have been working so hard to achieve? If you really want this, you should talk to him later.

Take your family into consideration as well. The past year may have been blissful for him, but your family has been with you every step of the way for the past 22 years. It's one thing to move far away with your husband or fiancé, but this is merely your boyfriend.

There is no formal commitment here, and there is chaos that this might not work out. What are you going to do if?

Start a new life in Arizona all by yourself?

If you are going to do that, you should do it on your own terms, not the terms that your boyfriend has given you.

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—G.M. (0.01/M. Gross)

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### Thurs. - 4/28

**TODAY!**

- All Day - "Take Your Daughter to Work" - Women's Center SC
- 11am - World's Fair - Student Activities - SC Quad
- 11:30am - Bouncing Around the Quad - Spring Week - CLUB - SC Quad
- 12pm - Genocide Awareness Ribbons - NASO and NAACP - SC Quad
- 6:30pm - Paul Robeson Awards Banquet - OSAU
- 7pm - Spring Bash - Spring Week - SGA
- 8pm - Recruitment Gala - Montclarion - SC Dining Room
- 9pm - Coffeehouse - ASSIST - SC Ratt

### Fri. - 4/29

- 12pm - Flag Lowering Genocide Awareness - NASO & NAACP - SC Flag Pole
- 12pm - Tsunami Relief Luncheon - Financial Management Club - SC 411-14
- 4pm - Staff Versus Students KB - Campus Rec. - SC Quad
- 7pm - Annual Dinner - Haitian Student Assoc. - SC Cafe A
- 8pm - Heart-A-Thon - HEART - SC Ratt
- 8pm - Dinner - ISO - SC 411-14

### Sat. - 4/30

- All Day - Great Adventure Trip - ISO
- 9:30am - Montclairfest - Dressing Room - SW CIC - Fieldhouse
- 12pm - Montclairfest - SW CIC - Parking Lot 23

### Sun. - 5/1

- EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED!!!!

### Mon. - 5/2

- 12pm - Game Day - COW - Student Activities - SC Quad
- 6:30pm - SGR Interest Meeting - Student Activities - Sigma Gamma Rho

### Tues. - 5/3

- 11am - EZ Pass Blowout - CARS - SC Commuter Lounge
- 12pm - Massages - COW - Student Activities - SC Cafe B
- 4pm - Deans Awards - Leadership Programs - SC Ballrooms A/B
- 5pm - Greek Council Banquet - Greek Council - SC 411-14
- 7pm - Ms. & Mr. NASO Dinner - NASO - SC Dining Room
- 7:30pm - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Play - Student Activities - NYC
- 8:30pm - Yoga Stress Reliever - Chi Upsilon Sigma - SC 419

### Wed. - 5/4

- Get Refueled - Free Coffee - CARS - SC
- 3pm - Pinic - Haitian Student Association - SC Quad
- 10pm - Hundredaire - COW - Student Activities - SC Ratt

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Dance-Off Moved and Grooved

Se'mona Camper
Staff Writer

OSAU and HSA Dance-Off
Various Groups

Over 300 students, friends, and family members packed the Student Center ballrooms to see the anticipated Dance-Off sponsored by Organization of Students for African Unity (OSAU) and Haitian Student Association (HSA).

The Dance-Off was so packed the police had to turn people away. The organizations were told they could no longer have the event during the middle of the dance these turning ballerinas transformed into hip hop dancing machines.

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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Bizarre Six Women Shows Brains**

Players’ Final Show of the Year Uses Absurdity to Explore Human Relations

Rebecca Shaw
Staff Writer

Six Women with Brain Death or Expiring Minds Want to Know

Although I wasn’t sure if I wanted to spend two hours watching Players’ production of Six Women with Brain Death or Expiring Minds Want to Know for a second time, I still went. I’m glad I saw it again because it confirmed one thing: I loved the show.

“[Six Women] conveys the importance of finding yourself in a bizarre world and the need to connect with other people who might be feeling the same way.”

Six Women explores the cultural mandates enforced on women today by everything from media, men, to even other women.

Both director Ari Kreith and cast member Devin Peacock agreed that the message of the play could easily be applied to any other demographic, or even universally applied. It conveys the importance of finding yourself in a bizarre world and the need to connect with other people who might be feeling the same way.

The scenic design was appropriate - Mylar fringe curtains hanging in curvy, pastel arches, exemplifying the aesthetic sensibilities of the consumer culture the play scrutinized. The actors generally had strong, clear voices; only rarely would one’s overpower the others. I had no trouble hearing or understanding the play, though mentally processing it was another issue. The entire cast performed excellently, despite the overwhelming absurdity of the play’s action.

Such activities included random recitations of tabloid headlines that somehow ended up lying everything together. (An excellent example was the declaration, “Jimmy Swaggart has Alien Experience in Motel Room!” which segued

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SPRING WEEK IN FULL SWING

Kadljah Basir and Cherilyn Sajorda | The Montclarion

Spring Week ‘05, sponsored by C.L.U.B., highlighted events featuring Real Worlders Cameran and Brad (top left and middle right) from the San Diego season and Landon (top left) from the Philadelphia season. Physics Day 2005 was celebrated in honor of scientist Albert Einstein, followed by The Price is Right at which anxious students could win many prizes.

ARTS Calendar

Movie Calendar

The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy
Dir. Garth Jennings
Starring Martin Freeman, Mos Def

XXX: State of the Union
Dir. Lee Tamahori
Starring Ice Cube, Samuel L. Jackson

Album Releases

Rock

Bruce Springsteen
Devils and Dust

Rock

Ben Folds
Songs for Silverman

Concerts & Theater

Thursday 28
Bob Dylan, Merle Haggard - Beacon Theatre
New York Dolls - Irving Plaza
Sevendust - Starland Ballroom

Friday 29
Finch, Relient K - Convention Hall
Gary Burton - Birdland

Saturday 30
Phantom Planet, Knitting Factory AudioSlave - Roseland
Jefferson Starship - Starland Ballroom

Sunday 31
Catch 22, Bouncing Souls - Convention Hall

Monday 2
Snoop Dogg - Apollo Theatre
Lux Coragous, The Silence - The Continental

Tuesday 3
Lifehouse - Webster Hall
Yellowjackets - Iridium Jazz Club

Wednesday 4
The Russian Futurists - Bowery Ballroom
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Barbara Ann (Antoinette Burke, left) converses with the headless prom queen, Heather (Catherine Tuma, right).

While watching this scene, I got so wrapped up with life ensues, and they sing in an exuberant spirit. The strangeness is only a slight exaggeration of everything humanity endures, as Krieht explains that did justice to an important play; congratulations to Players on their last production of the semester.

Examination Notes:
1. All examinations are to be held in the regularly assigned classroom. In courses where more than one room is involved, the location of the exam will be the same as the first room of a series (e.g., a course meeting WP in different rooms will have the exam in the W room).
2. Courses which have a start time other than those listed above should follow the exam schedule for the preceding class start time (e.g. a course beginning at 3:15pm will follow the exam period for courses with a first or only meeting at 11:30am). Faculty involved in teaching courses on a "To Be Arranged" basis who require an exam room are asked to make arrangements for a specific time and room.
3. Students with a time conflict in their exam schedule should immediately notify each faculty member involved and make arrangements to reschedule one of the exams.

WOMEN

Making a Joyful Noise

The Organization of Students for African Unity's Gospel Choir was featured in last Friday's Gospel Fest, sponsored by OSAU. The Choir was directed by junior music major Travis Yancy and backed by a four-piece band including keyboard, piano, drums and bass guitar. The three-hour plus event of Christian praise and worship was filled with a variety of local performers. At the dramatic finale, praise dancer Joy Jackson, sophomore physical education major, performed in front of a projector screen which played a brutal scene from Mel Gibson's The Passion Of The Christ. The screen eventually rose, revealing the Gospel Choir behind it as they belted out the harmonies of the Kirk Franklin-penned song, "Don't Cry."
Bad Boys of Spain Stand Tall in Film

Bernal Continues to Grow as Actor in Story Full of Lies and Deception

ignacio (Gael Garcia Bernal) and Enrique (Fele Martinez, left) converse with each other after reuniting years after their Catholic school experiences.

Ben Faresich
Staff Writer

Bad Education

Critics' Opinion:
★ ★ ★ ★

The characters seem to only find love in self-destructive ways, and they will not shy away from using deceit or bribery to get what they want. The film is also about guilt, both warranted and unwarranted, and the oppressive power that authority figures can wield over children. It shows how children can lose innocence and faith at the hands of trusted authority figures and details the scars that a betrayal of trust can leave. The story is semi-autobiographical, as Almodovar explains in one of the special features.

He went to a Catholic school where he knew things like this happened. However, like Enrique and Ignacio, the director found himself in the movie theater down the street, where, as he says, he “got [his] real education.”

DVD Special Features:

The stand-out special feature is an excerpt called Red Carpet Footage from AFI Film Festival. It’s around 15-minutes long and features short interviews with Almodovar, Bernal, and Penelope Cruz. I’m not sure what the significance of Cruz is, other than that she’s another Spanish actress who crossed over successfully with American audiences.

It begins to get a little boring after the first few interviews, but then the last five minutes become more interesting, focusing on Almodovar’s introduction to Bad Education at the festival. There’s a making-of featurette that I would warn not to get excited about. It’s less than two minutes long, though it is kind of fun to watch. Other features include director’s commentary, two deleted scenes, and poster artwork stills.

Bad Education

Pedro Almodovar’s Bad Education tells the story of two childhood friends reunited as men in Madrid in 1980. Enrique (Fele Martinez) has gone on to become a filmmaker, currently having some trouble finding a story for his film. He scours newspaper ads for ideas, but cannot seem to hit on inspiration. As fate would have it, Ignacio (Gael Garcia Bernal) comes walking through his door. Ignacio is an aspiring actor who lacks experience and is starving for an opportunity to succeed. The characters seem to self-destruct in an opulent Catholic school. As the film progresses, they're filming The Boys of Spain Stand Tall in Film. Ultimately, the priest separates the two boys. They would not see each other again until 16 years later, in a chance encounter when Zahara’s performance troupe is visiting the town where the boys grew up. Enrique becomes interested in adapting Ignacio’s story into a film, but he begins to suspect that something is amiss with his long lost friend.

He does a little bit of amateur detective work to uncover Ignacio’s secret. However, that is only the beginning of the mystery. As they’re filming The Visit, another old friend pays Enrique a visit: the real Father Manolo, who now calls himself Senor Berenguer (Lluis Homiar). Berenguer’s life has taken a turn from the priesthood and he has a great deal to tell Enrique about Ignacio, including the truth about what has become of him.

Sound confusing? It can be a little bit, but it’s not too hard to follow once you become immersed in the film. The story within a story within a story presentation keeps viewers thinking and the parallels between stories require close attention to be understood.

As the film begins, it seems as if it will simply be a dramatic story of two men dealing with traumatic experiences in an oppressive Catholic school. As the film progresses, though, other elements reveal the film to be a mystery thriller.

The cinematography makes for an entertaining contrast between the visuals and the themes of the film, as the film looks bright and colorful despite the story’s many dark elements.

Bernal again shows audiences why he is one of the most talented and in-demand Latino actors. He is able to handle both of his roles with convincing emotion. His fellow cast members are excellent, especially the kids who play the young Enrique and Ignacio; but Bernal steals the film.

Bad Education is about the darker sides of love—obsession, compulsion, and wanton lust. The characters seem to only find love in self-destructive ways, and they will not shy away from using deceit or bribery to get what they want.
GREEK WEEK MANIA
...continued...

GREEK WEEK

photos KOREN FRANKFORT
layout CHERILYN SAJORDA
Finally, here we are, standing on the brink of another completed academic school year at Montclair State University; now is the time to reflect and look back on the previous academic year. The question, of course, is how much the school has improved in the last year and whether or not such change has been for the better or for the worse.

Naturally, the school has advanced aesthetically; with the opening of the Kasser Theatre, the arrival of new student houses, and the imminent openings of both the Children's Center and the New Academic Building, there's more firepower now for next year's promotional brochure than there ever has been.

Of course, there are cases like John Hall, which over the course of this year had to evacuate its resident population of around 600 students on three separate occasions. Vandalism is still common, yet not just in the residence buildings but on the campus overall, while parking remains a nightmare for most students.

Five athletic programs were cut (or "denoted") this year, although through hard work, overwhelming public sentiment, and some good fortune, the sports of wrestling and men's lacrosse will be back next year, still classified under Division III athletics.

Residence Life has had its ups and downs this year; students have gradually come to terms with the idea of living off-campus in the Wellesley Inn hotels, while additional programming (the "Ted Husk Night" for example) provided entertainment for those who choose to stay here on weekends. The Residence Hall Association, now a separate entity from Residence Life, has yielded virtually no progress this year in their capacity as a student advocate for resident students.

Over the past year, President Susan Cole has maintained her reputation as an aggressive, ambitious university frontline, pushing for the advancement of MSU as a major collegiate institution. Students should feel fortunate to be led by someone as focused and driven as she is, increasing the book value of one's diploma for years. MSU is in one of its most radical transitional periods, and the current population is being taken along for the ride. This is not the same campus that the graduating class of 2006 clasped upon when they first arrived here, and overall, the MSU experience has improved in the last year.

But while the university has left its aspirations, they haven't arrived at them yet; this school has a pretty smile, but is suffering from a mild case of gum disease. Montclair State University is improving its credibility every day. Next year should be a time to start focusing in on the important details.

Family to Pull the Plug, Not Politicians

The Recent Death of Terri Schaivo Highlights a Need for Further Separation of Church and State

With the Terri Schaivo case reaching its conclusion with her eventual demise, there has been an incredible uproar by right-wing Americans regarding the decision to "pull the plug" on her.

In the center of most media coverage, neo-conservatives often say that Schaivo should not have been "killed," and that she should have had "the right to life." Many compared the people who voted for the use of feeding tube removal to genocidal characters of old, like the Nazis, for instance.

Despite my personal beliefs, I can understand anti-choice, a.k.a. pro-life, use of the "right to life" phrasing as a description of unborn children. But in the case of Schaivo, it's just a manipulative spew of language used to distort the actual situation. Schaivo's death was not the result of murder, or even euthanasia; it was the result of her slow suicide.

She suffered from bulimia, a disease that corrupts one's sense of worth to the point that the sufferer chooses death over weight gain. Furthermore, she had to have been vaguely informed about the consequences of her disease at the very least.

Between the eating disorders of actress Tracey Gold, two princesses of England, and countless other school victims, Americans are generally aware of eating disorders and their effects. Americans tend to realize that bulimia and anorexia nervosa are essential methods of killing oneself.

Schaivo's family, in their all-too-human remorse, wanted to stay alive notwithstanding their knowledge of her wishes. They denied her views regarding the use of life-sustaining measures before her heart failure; and fought with the aid of neo-Christians extremists.

My problem is not that the aiding politicians were opposed to removing her life-sustaining measures, but that they say removing her feeding tube is murder in the eyes of God. This perspective lacks religious insight entirely.

Every funeral I have attended alluded to the dead having been called home by some version of God to some version of heaven. It seems to me that because of their inability to survive without unnatural means, that their life was over, as far as God's "spark of life" was concerned.

By keeping her alive by piercing, prodding, poking and plundering her body, the people facing life without quality anti-Schaivo were themselves resisting God's will. I don't know whether my opinion is correct because I am not God, but neither are the neo-conservatives.

Biblical texts are open to interpretation concerning many of today's moral matters. However, I feel strongly about dictating virtue versus virtue in the name of God, particularly in a country with so many religions. By using a particular religious belief as a standard for decision-making, the government is blatantly fetishing that faith.

The late Schaivo is being used as a political instrument for the deconstruction of the separation of church and state clauses in the United States constitution. What's more is that when one approaches this issue in terms of God's testimony in a court of law, every single politician presenting God's wishes is presenting hearsay evidence.

The moral of this story is that one needs to provide loved ones with directions for what to do when tragedy strikes. One needs to put a cap on political influence in a court of law, every single politician presenting God's wishes is presenting hearsay evidence.

Koren Frankfort, an art major, is in her first year as Main Editorial Cartoonist for The Montclarion.
...college really can be the best years of your life.

Managing Editor Cherilyn M. Sajorda Reflects

After four years of collegiate fun, my reign of fame is coming to a close. Forget about high school, forget about the drama, and forget about the miscellaneous crap — college really can be the best years of your life. Here at Montclair State University, school spirit can be like finding a firefly on a money January night. More than half the campus is involved in Greek life, and more than half of those on campus care — all on the weekends.

So what’s a spirited student like you to do? Get active, go to events, meet people — in that order. And through the past four years I’ve done all that and more.

In the beginning the seemingly easiest way to get active on campus was to join Greek life. The reputation for frat parties and all the like didn’t stop me from joining the sorority I felt suited my personality. College really can be the best years of your life.

I joined the fraternity that was the last Greek organization I was going to. I joined the fraternity that was the last Greek organization I was going to. And I joined the fraternity that was the last Greek organization I was going to. And I joined the fraternity that was the last Greek organization I was going to. And I joined the fraternity that was the last Greek organization I was going to.

I joined the sorority I felt suited my personality — a group of girls who weren’t out to show off, be the coolest, and obliviously go run ning. And despite the fact nobody could pay me to ever “pledge” again, and despite that I have upon occasion made friends, and don’t forget that it wasn’t the first five years or six years of college for any other experience.

I met two of my best friends, Aura and Chris, and had myself a few ridiculously inebriated fun encounters and can now depart college knowing the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs, a.k.a. the notorious underdogs.

I have since moved on from the Greek life — I mean, fun — but the Greek life is why I killed a reliable woman was around to pick up the slack the best way.

I have also simultaneously hated two or three of those minutes. But overall, I’ll never forget it. A lot thank you...

McPhaul, thanks for the best year ever!

Our diligent work was unstoppable! I am so proud of how far this paper has come since this year one, day one in April, approximately 7 a.m. — I cried, you gave me a hug and said, “Maybe we should start each issue with a hug.” Then, we found other ways to keep our fun tutoring students, I have spent three full years in this Dunhug hole in the Student Center Annex, never knowing what time of day it was (our office window faces toward the middle-class lifestyle with a three-bedroom, two-bath home) amongst the weekends.

I believe I have loved every minute of it. I have also simultaneously hated two or three of those minutes. But overall, I’ll never forget it. A lot thank you...

“I consider myself a radically different person from the wide-eyed freshman who first came here in the fall of 2003, and that wasn’t even two years ago. I feel like I’ve gained so much from being at MSU, meeting the people that I have, and yet I still feel like I squandered so much, that in many ways I’ve still managed to waste so much time. Such regrets are inevitable, but I’m still here while several of my friends have failed out, and I enjoy my time here immensely, something I’m not sure I can say for all of the people I’ve met.

Of course, I don’t have the flashy GPA to show for all my time here, nor do I hold any academic or professional accolades that would be nice to have. The “progress” I’ve made isn’t exactly tangible, but it’s there, and more importantly, it’s something that I can recognize about myself and appreciate.

Next year I will begin again, armed with the knowledge I’ve gained and a refreshed outlook on things. The upcoming summer is to savor, but that part of me that cannot wait for the next semester to arrive.

Karl de Vries, an English major, is in his first year as Opinion Editor for The Montclarion.
There's No Hope With the New Pope

Naming Joseph Ratzinger Pope Is a Big Mistake

I would like to start out by formally stating that I do not mean to offend most Catholics with this column. I hope to bring to light, what I think, was not the wisest of decisions made by those who lead you.

On April 19, the staunchly conservative Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became Pope Benedict XVI, a move called a "disaster" by some Catholic faithful. After less than 24 hours of voting, Ratzinger was chosen on the fourth ballot of the Conclave of Cardinals. While many can say that he is the foremost expert in Catholic theology, he was the right choice for Pope? I say no.

Ratzinger was one of the most conservative Cardinals in the Catholic Church. His right-wing views on abortion, birth control, homosexuality, and even other Christian religions put him in a minority in the leadership of the Catholic Church. His closed-minded views seem like they would instill liberal Catholics and make their views seem, well... sinful.

On the subject of abortion and birth control, Pope John Paul II was conservative. He held that abortion was the only real form of birth control. And going back in time to the Doctrine of Faith, and even the Inquisition.

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"Ratzinger's extremely conservative views seemed to soften as he went from donning red to white. One has to wonder whether the softer side of this Pope is from a change of heart, or a change of title."

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In my opinion, Ratzinger should resign. He is not a Pope to be supported. He should have been working towards a change of direction for the Catholic Church. Instead, he has continued to support the policies of the past.

The trip was amazing, but it also forced me to re-evaluate my beliefs. I came to MSU for college, but I didn't want to be a college student. I wanted to be creative and express my ever-critical mind. In an effort to be creative and express my ever-critical mind, I decided to start writing for The Montclarion.

I hope you enjoy this column. I will be posting my thoughts on various topics, from politics to religion to social issues. I hope you find my ideas insightful and thought-provoking.

Michael T. Martin, Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor for The Montclarion.

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Graduating Senior Muses About Time at MSU

Last week, after the Gospel Feast, it finally hit me: I'm graduating. After a night that seemed to bring my entire four years full circle, I found myself unable to sleep. I couldn't stop thinking about the years spent at Montclair from flooding my brain. In an effort to give myself some restful nights before May 20, I will attempt to self-diagnose in 500 words or less.

I came to MSU for several reasons: the diverse campus, the close proximity to New York City, and the creative writing concentration in the English program. I'm proud to say that I've taken advantage of these privileges. I've been pushed to ask questions, to struggle with my assumptions about people and society, and even told to read the dictionary. The study of literature has brought me personal empowerment.

MSU Days That MTM Can Appraise

Spreading of wielding power, I encourage people to join The Montclarion. The writers really do have influence on this campus. As far as my overall contribution to the paper, I'm proud of the changes Kadijah and I have made in diversifying the content in the Arts section. It is no longer a whitewash; it's something that I would have wanted to read before I worked for the paper.

My involvement with The Montclarion has been most rewarding for me. As a writer, I love having my work published on a weekly basis. I don't know what my senior year would be like without the paper.

I have used my greatest strength, writing, to be creative and express my ever-critical opinions. Most importantly, though, I've contributed to my campus and left a part of it different than when I first came here.
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In Today's World, All Sorts of Habits Can Lead to Addiction and Disease

Heroin, crack, cocaine, nicotine and alcohol are some of the things that people do which can lead to addiction. The problem is that there are many people who have a hard time understanding that these are just habits, and that they can lead to addiction. The only way to stop is to change one's habits, which is easier said than done. The Montclarion™

ANDREW CHEN, COLUMNIST

Kadijah Basir of Jamaica

For Kadijah Basir, It's Been an Interesting Journey

When I think about Montclair, it will always be about how much I learned from this place and how much I think I brought to the school. I moved to New Jersey in 2000 from Montego Bay, Jamaica, and the first thing that everyone said to me was, "Why?"

I have always been a person who respects people and culture. By providing different perspectives, there are many more things to learn about the world. I have always been a person who values education and diversity that exists on this campus is so great and continues to grow each year. I have met so many different kinds of people; they have made these few years of my life here so perfect.

But with time I began to adapt, I began to understand and soon grew to love this institution. I have always been a person that respects people and culture. By providing different perspectives, there are many more things to learn about the world. I have always been a person who values education and diversity that exists on this campus is so great and continues to grow each year. I have met so many different kinds of people; they have made these few years of my life here so perfect.

I opened myself to meeting everyone around me, people from all walks of life. The diversity that exists on this campus is so great and continues to grow each year. I have met so many different kinds of people; they have made these few years of my life here so perfect.

This year, I have witnessed many changes in the school as well as the world. Sophomore year, while living in Bohm Hall, stood in the lounge and witnessed, with my own two eyes, the greatest tragedy that ever happened in this country. I was able to create films, which has been my life's passion.

I took a trip to Salvador, Brazil, to learn Portuguese for a class. I also studied abroad in Siena, Italy, for almost two months and for the past year and half have had the opportunity to work on The Montclarion staff as the arts & entertainment editor.

If, as a small island girl in Mohey, Jamaica, I knew I would be doing this, I would think it was fantasy. But I lived it and I will continue to grow even more, now that my time at MSU is almost complete.

Sometimes, during harsh winter months, I dream about those warm, sea breeze days on the island and wish nothing more than to go back home, but when I think of all the accomplishments here at MSU, it inspires me to continue.

I have come so far, but I could never have done it alone, and I would just like to thank everyone who has had anything to do with me being here. My mother Roberta, the coolest woman I have ever known, has taught me to aim at all that I can reach. Thank you to the broadcasting and film departments, and all the editors and staff writers who took the time out to be an absolutely brilliant newspaper at The Montclarion.

To all the current students that still have time to plan ahead, I sincerely hope that you take full advantage of all that MSU has to offer, think of what it lacks. What's a bad parking spot compared to a lifetime of memories at Montclair? This school has been a glorious experience and I take with me what the school says to us, "Carpe Diem." And with that, I pray, have peace and love in your lives.

Kadijah Basir, a broadcasting major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

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By Aaron Warner

It pays to say what’s on your mind and show people new ways viewing and doing things.

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Keep your guard up at all times. Others think you’re just paranoid, but they’re too lazy to look around and see what’s really going on.

19 - 09 - 13

Sagittarius

You over-exaggerate your petty problems, and in turn create more unnecessary problems for yourself and others. If you continue your over attention, you will be ignored by all.

12 - 34 - 08

Capricorn

You’ve already have them become a distant memory. True friends are hard to find, so preserve the one you already have.

05 - 24 - 00

Libra

Keep your guard up at all times. Others think you’re just paranoid, but they’re too lazy to look around and see what’s really going on.

25 - 05 - 15

Scorpio

Don’t completely abandon your hard work; just think of a creative way to salvage it for later.

21 - 05 - 28

Leo

Your intense feelings will be mistaken for negativity by other people if you don’t learn to express them properly.

06 - 03 - 39

Virgo

Save up your cash and plan an exciting getaway for you and your sweetheart. Splurges for a special person for a bit; show how much you care.

17 - 23 - 41

Leo

If you’re bored with your significant other, try to find a way to either rework the relationship or just get rid of it.

56 - 53 - 39

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Even though he created the project, I feel subconsciously willed him to do it, so it’s mine.

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MSU Top Ten List
Top Ten Red Hawk MVPs of 2004 - 2005

Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

10. Derrick Godota (Wrestling): Godota earned All-American honors at the 125 pound weight class. This came after wrestling the No. 4 ranked wrestler in the country to four overtimes to earn a wild card spot.

9. Frank Iachetta (Football): He’s been a major part of the Red Hawk offensive line for the past three seasons and capped off his final year with a selection to the All-American third team.

8. Ryan Morgan (Soccer): Morgan led the Red Hawks in goals and assists. His nine goals and six helpers this season were good enough for fifth and third in the NJAC conference.

7. Mike Hogan (Soccer): The Red Hawk defender was named to the All-American team for the second consecutive year. Hogan became the first MSU soccer player to earn multiple honors since Ian Myles in 1995 and 1996.

6. Glen Paul Gonzales (Basketball): The first team District III All-Star averaged 17.9 ppg, and just under seven boards per contest. Gonzales has been the Red Hawks’ leading scorer for the past two seasons.

5. Stephanie Machin (Basketball): The All-region player led the team in scoring with 14.4 ppg, and tallied 30 or more points six times this season. She finished third in the conference in ppg, and in field goal percentage.

4. Chris Owen (Soccer): Owen was one of the top goalies in the conference finishing his junior year with 4.58 saves per game, and 92 goals against average. His seven shutouts in 2004 tied for tops in the conference.

3. Athishna Tetera (Softball): Not only is she the Red Hawks’ best pitcher, she’s their best hitter. Tetera has a 1.69 ERA with a 12-3 record and 94 strikeouts. She also leads the team in batting average, runs, hits, doubles and total bases.

2. Brianna Gillin (Lacrosse): Gillin has been nothing short of a scoring machine on the field. She leads the team in goals and assists. There hasn’t been a defense that could stop her scoring all year long.

1. Kristen Kuhmann (Booster): Kuhmann’s quickness and vision at goalie made her the most dominating defensive presence for the Red Hawks on any team in 2004-2005. On the womens soccer team she earned 10 shutouts and a 0.92 goals against average leading them to a conference title.

Cheerleading Coach Hired

The girls of the Red Hawk pep squad have a new reason to cheer. They have just hired Beth Montanaro as head coach, the team’s first since they were dropped from varsity sports in 2001.

The hiring has the Red Hawks pointed in a direction of more structured practices, more complex routines, and a possibility of competing for a national championship.

Along with rooting for the football team in the fall, Montanaro and the cheering squad will turn their attention to cheering competition in the spring.

“Our number one goal is to instill discipline and work ethic,” said Montanaro. The cheerleaders “will be more talented if they are disciplined. They will become a more respected group on the campus.”

The team has a handful of girls and is currently in a recruiting phase. The team is holding three-day open tryouts this weekend in the wrestling room at Panzer Gym.

The tryouts begin with dance and cheer instruction on Friday from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The tryouts conclude on Sunday beginning at 10 a.m., where the girls trying out will have to perform the dance and cheer cheer on Friday and Saturday.

The girls that try out this year will have something that the team hasn’t had for the past four years: a coach to take them to the next level of performance.

“In the coming season, they will be doing a lot more things,” said Montanaro. “With the girls not under a coach, they were lacking discipline, and maybe were not taking practices seriously. I will add more structure to the program.”

It has been a difficult road to navigate for the cheerleading squad since their program was cut in 2001.

The team had to carve a path to their current spot, pay for their uniforms, and perform cheer and organize a team with no supervision of an experienced coach.

“The University get to know everyone on the team and realized that we were serious about what we were doing,” said cheerleading team president Lorrieann Infante.

“They [the University] would ask us [cheerleaders] for favors and we would do them. I think that since we helped them when we could, they have now decided to help us. The University has really shown their appreciation for us,” said Infante.

Although they have gotten funding from the school for uniforms, and decorations for the locker room and field, the team is still under Campus Recreation.

Any competitive cheering or competitive cheer camps will be paid for out the girls’ pockets. The cost for this year’s camp in Myrtle Beach will cost each girl close to $400. The cheerleaders are currently fundraising to pay for the trip.

Coach Montanaro has five years coaching experience at Roman-Fair Haven Regional High School, though she has no collegiate coaching experience.

She began her job there with a squad of six members, and transferred it to 30 girls after making cuts. It is the Montanaro’s hope that she can do the same with the Red Hawk’s cheerleading team.

Red Hawk Pride

After finishing the regular season 9-6, with a 5-1 conference record, the Red Hawks took the field on Wednesday night at home, in the first of two rounds of the NCAA tournament. After trailing by as many as four in the third quarter, the Red Hawks stormed back to win by two goals. The Red Hawks men’s lacrosse team also had reason to celebrate after hearing the news that they will still have a team in 2006.

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Red Hawk Spotlight: Athanasia Totaro

Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

Athanasia Totaro, a small town girl from Roseland, and an All-Region player from West Essex High School, stepped up to the plate in the bottom of the fifth inning in a 2-1 conference championship game with the bases loaded.

Her teammates, family and friends call her Thannie, but coming up to the plate to face the Red Hawk's best pitcher (also one heck of a batter), may as well call her their ticket back to the dugout. She has thrown nine shutouts this year, and has a career ERA of 1.19. To put it plainly, nine out of 10 times someone faces Totaro they will not be getting a hit. She has lost just eight games in three seasons, and has tied her best mark of 14 wins this year, with more games to play.

"I'm very competitive in everything I do. I like to win, I have to win everything," said Totaro. "I was the kid in gym class who went all out in floor hockey and volleyball."

Totaro looked at the Rampage pitcher, Jamie Anzaldi, an All-Conference player, and raised her bat to her shoulder. Totaro has always been a better hitter than pitcher, and she knows that one swing of the bat will give her team the lead. Anzaldi throws the first pitch on the outside corner for a called strike. With the count at 0-2, Totaro resets her feet, and gets ready for the next pitch.

She's been involved in sports since she was an eight-year-old, as a bat girl on her sister Angie's softball team. Totaro's family, her mother played varsity basketball and softball in high school, while her father was an All-American corner back two years.

"My entire family has been a huge influence on me," said Totaro. "My parents are at every game, and that has always been a huge comfort blanket. My father also taught me a lot about the sport. Softball has often been my number one priority, and trying to beat my sister has always motivated me."

The second pitch was a rise-ball from Anzaldi, and Totaro foolishly swung at it. She looked down and shook her head, catching a glimpse of Red Hawk softball head coach Anita Kubicka who was looking at her batter with a face that said: "How could you swing at that? Totaro realized she had swung at a bad pitch, and being down 0-2 to the best pitcher in the conference is not an enviable position. She dug in with the bases still loaded, and spied the outfield shifting to the right.

Totaro transferred from Vermont University to MSU in the spring of 2002. This was after the history major received a four-year scholarship to attend school in Vermont. After deciding she didn't like the atmosphere, she decided to leave her sister's team and join the Red Hawks. Lucky for us. She quickly developed into a utility player who could run the bases, hit for power and average, field at the first base position, and of course, throw one heck of a curveball. In 2004, her ERA was barely over a 1.0, and she was the team's No. 2 pitcher.

"Sometimes I'm in the zone," said Totaro. "I see things, I hear things but I don't notice them. It's so intense that there is no reality.

Adjusting to the outfield shift, Totaro knew that an outside pitch was coming, and she was ready for it. When the ball left Anazaldi's hand, Totaro already knew where the pitch was coming, and swung as hard as she could. The ball flew off of her bat over the right-field wall for Totaro's first collegiate grand-slam. The shot gave the Red Hawks a 5-2 lead, and her team went on to win the conference championship in her freshman year.

Totaro is now in her junior season, and not much has changed. The team knows that when Totaro is pitching, the Red Hawks are most likely winning.

When she steps up to the plate she becomes one of the team's most productive batters, and on the field she is a very capable defender. Whether the Red Hawks are behind or ahead, the team counts on Totaro to get the job done. "I'm a very happy go lucky person," said Totaro. "People take that as a lack of focus. They think that I can't be serious. But I know when to joke around and when to be serious. I'm out here to work hard."

Totaro hopes to get a Ph.D in history when she finishes at MSU, and coach softball at the collegiate level. She is currently a coach for a 14-and-under summer league and called N.J. Pride, and the Gemini says that she has considered trying out for a pro softball team.

"The Red Hawks' ace will take the ball on the road against Kean this Saturday in the last conference game of the regular season. With MSU batting for a playoff spot, this game may be her most important start of the year, and the Red Hawks couldn't ask for a better player to lead them into the postseason."

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The Red Hawks (11-19) haven’t been playing as well as they had hoped this season, but the first inning of Tuesday’s game against John Hopkins (24-6) showed a different ball team. Red Hawk Tim Stringer pitched a scoreless and hitless first inning, striking out one batter and walking one. Then, on to the second. Jason Cook replaced Tim Stringer on the mound and gave up six runs and five hits including a homerun and a hit batter in one inning. The third inning, although only one run was allowed, was the scarcest of them all. A routine fly ball turned out to be all but when outfielders Nunez and Boyd collided while making the catch. Both stayed in for the rest of the inning.

The Red Hawks were still held hitless through two. Benedetti, who pinch hit for Nunez, recorded the Red Hawk first hit of the game, only to be thrown out at first after making a wide turn toward second in the third inning.

The bleeding somewhat subsided when pitcher Matt Wissner took the mound in the fourth and held Hopkins to no runs, but eventually got into trouble when his pitches seemed to get away from him and he hit multiple batters en route he pitched.

Although MSU scored five runs in the ninth inning, it still wasn’t enough to catch up to the Blue Jays who scored 20 runs on 17 hits and two errors.

MSU had eight runs, 11 hits and two errors. The winning pitcher for Hopkins was Jim Flannery and the losing pitcher was Jason Cook.

When asked if anything good came out of the loss, assistant coach Marc DeCastru said, “Of course good things come out of it. People get to play. People that we might not have used in a closer game got to come out and get some innings in. We were able to get more pitchers some time.”

The Red Hawks only put up three runs in the first eight innings, so when asked if it was discouraging for the pitchers to know that the offense wasn’t really putting up any runs, DeCastru said “No. I don’t think so. They get off to an early lead and you tend to play an entirely different way when you’re down by 11 runs.”

MSU fell to 11-19, not the mark they were aiming for, but are still hopeful to end the season on a positive note. The Red Hawks are now in sixth place and have four home games remaining this season.

**Women’s Lax Wins Final Regular Season Match**

Montclair State (10-4 overall; 3-1 Knickerbocker) won its season finale against Pennsylvania’s Eastern University (8-6 overall; 2-2 PCAC) 18-6 at Sprague Field on a windy and cool Monday afternoon.

Sophomore Brianna Gillin scored four goals and assisted on two other goals. Nicole LaRocca and Ann Daily each had three goals for MSU. Kate Hej had the first three goals for Eastern and had three assists. Hej’s last goal came at 7:41 into the game; after that MSU scored three unanswered goals, until Juliana Ferguson of Eastern scored at 12:29 and cut the lead to 6-4.

MSU then scored seven unanswered goals to put the score at 13-4 and MSU never lost the lead. Nicole Dorflinger of Eastern scored at 24:36 to stop the streak of the seven unanswered goals but then Gillin and Rosello scored 33 seconds apart four minutes before the half as Montclair took a 15-5 lead into intermission.

Shguna Beckhoban had two goals and two assists for MSU and Bethany Blaino also had two goals. Jockey Ritter of MSU added the last goal of the game at 56:05 to put the eventual final score 18-6. Nicole LaRocca had 10 draw controls as she tied Kristin Miskey’s single-game school record.

MSU goalkeepers Kristen Kuhmann and Jenn Bogan each played a half with Bogan making three stops in the second half. MSU outshot Eastern 27-14 in the game.

The Red Hawks will now play in the Knickerbocker Conference Tournament where they are the No. 2 seed and will host Kean University at Sprague Field.

The winner will face either top-seeded Stevens or No. 4 Manhattanville in the championship game. In the only meeting this year with Kean, MSU defeated the Cougars 11-6 in Union back on April 16.

**Michael Nunez went hitless on Tuesday and the rest of the Red Hawks went 11-35. Hopkins went 20-44, scoring the game’s first 11 runs.**
SPORTS TRIVIA

QUESTION
What MLB player has the record for the most career strikeouts?

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION
What NBA player has the highest career three-point shooting percentage?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK’S QUESTION
Steve Kerr

Unscramble ‘Em

Decode the former MLB Rookie of the Year Award winners.

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2. ) rcloa obrtnena
3. ) trmya rdcoavo
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11. ) tbcuh zmgetre
12. ) otm vsaere
13. ) kfarn whdrao
14. ) laibe rpasens

Player of the Week

SEAN PEKARSKY
LACROSSE

Senior
Hometown: Clifton, N.J.

Pekarsky scored two goals and assisted on five more scores in a victory in the Red Hawks’ season finale.

Honorable Mentions

TOM BOWERS
Freshman
Hometown: Hamburg, N.J.

Bowers, the Red Hawk goalie, was named the KLC Rookie of the Week.

ED KLOEPPING
Freshman
Hometown: Pennsville, N.J.

Kloepping went 3-3 with a home-run and four RBI in a 10-9 loss to York (Penn.)

ATHANASIA TOTARO
Junior
Hometown: Roseland, N.J.

Totaro has allowed two runs in 23 innings pitched, including a complete game shutout against the defending conference and regional champions, Rutgers-Camden.

JOELLE FATA
Senior
Hometown: Bloomfield, N.J.

Fata scored the winning run against first place Rutgers-Camden in the first game of a double-header.

Men's Baseball

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Women's Softball

| NJAC | Overall | Rutgers-Camden | 10-0 | 30-2 |
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| Rowan | 9-3 | 32-3 | William Paterson | 8-4 |
| MSU | 5-9 | 11-15 | MSU | 6-6 |

This Week

Friday, vs. William Paterson, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, vs. Salisbury, 12 p.m.
Tuesday, vs. York, 3:30 p.m.

Last Week's Results

4/23 - MSU 6, Rowan 0
4/23 - MSU 3, Rutgers-Camden 0
4/25 - MSU 2, Rutgers-Camden 2

This Week

Thursday, vs. Baruch, 3 p.m.
Saturday, vs. Kean, 1 p.m.
Sunday, vs. Scranton, 1 p.m.

Last Week's Results

4/25 - MSU 1, Rutgers-Camden 0
4/25 - MSU 1, Rutgers-Camden 2
The Art of Softball Pitching

Fastball

This is the power pitch. If you want to blow someone away, you throw this pitch on either corner of the plate. But never throw this pitch or any other pitch down the center of the plate, or a good hitter will make you pay. This is one of the least frequently used pitches because it is easy to adjust and catch up with.

Screwball

Just think of turning a doorknob. Once the pitcher has gone through their full motion using the above grip, the thrower then twists her wrist towards the batter. The point of this pitch is to ride the batter inside and tie up their swing.

José Ortiz
Sports Editor

Junior Red Hawk pitcher Athanasia Totaro has a large arsenal of different pitches she uses to strike a batter out. With a career ERA of below 1.2, you might say she knows how to pitch.

The Delivery Step-By-Step

1. Totaro says that she likes to intimidate when she’s on the mound. Whatever you do, the key before throwing any pitch is focus. Just like in baseball, every pitcher has their own unique delivery. However, the basic mechanics remain the same. Totaro is starting higher than many other pitchers would, but the point is that you go with what you are comfortable with. At this point the pitch selection should be decided. Totaro says it’s critical to make sure you use a variety of pitches.

2. After beginning the pitching motion the next step is to bring your arm above your head to create momentum for maximum velocity. You must make sure that this motion is not messed up by an off-balance stance or indecision. This could be called the softball pitcher’s point of no return. At this point the pitcher should not be giving any tips away to what pitch is being thrown; it’s important to keep the hitter guessing. If the batter smells your pitch, you might see it going over the fence.

3. This is the final motion of the pitch where the arm of the pitcher will complete the 360-degree rotation and deliver the pitch. Depending on where the ball is released, the ball will either be low or high. If the ball is released before reaching the waist, it will sail low. However if the release comes after reaching the waist the ball will go higher. Depending on the batter, this is an adjustment the pitcher has to make. There can be many different pitches in softball.

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