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SGA Decharters Christian Fellowship

Shayna Jacobs News Editor

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In a closed session Wednesday night, the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a national evangelical campus mission group, lost their charter from the Student Government Association, revoking their official recognition under the SGA and their designated 3000 to 4000-dollar Class II budget.

Three major violations provoked the decharterment, including the illegal impeachment of InterVarsity small group leader and SGA legislator Ron Chicken.

"It was pretty clear that they were trying to remove me. They never gave any specific examples of what I'd done wrong," he said.

A valid impeachment would require a 2/3 majority vote by the members of InterVarsity. Chicken said he was asked to resign by the Executive Board and unofficial advisor Diana Moore, but knew the request was unconstitutional according to SGA statues and InterVarsity's constitution.

The absence of the Attorney General at an impeachment hearing also made the decision unconstitutional and subject to disciplinary action.

Moore and Linda Sinescu, InterVarsity staff members, as well as the organization's E-Board, said they never asked Chicken to step down from his position, but to refrain from leading his bible study group until they could work out their internal conflict with an InterVarsity regional director mediator.

The meeting, which initially addressed the concerns about Chicken, was attended by the two aforementioned staff members, InterVarsity's president Michelle Tow瓒ewski and Vice President Ore Fasehun and SGA vice president and sister to Ron Chicken, Amy Chicken.

Ron Chicken wanted an SGA representative at the Sunday night meeting and Amy Chicken was the only E-board member available. Both said they would have avoided the conflict of interest had they known the gravity of the circumstance and if another SGA E-board member had been able to make the meeting.

Amy Chicken took notes and drafted an e-mail that outlined the statements made by the InterVarsity representatives that night.

"At the meeting, I didn't make a statement; I just advised them not to continue," said Amy Chicken.

"I told them they shouldn't do it until the Attorney General was present, because it was impeachment." (SEE DECHARTERMENT P.5)

Iraq Veterans Plead for Change in War Strategy

David Clarke Staff Writer

Less than a week after Democrats gained the Congressional majority, a panel of four Iraq War veterans offered their personal accounts at a discussion forum on Monday evening in University Hall.

Two of the four panelists explicitly declared the need to change the strategy in Iraq, while all panelists spoke about the problems with the occupation.

Brady Van Engelen did not speak about a need to change strategy, but offered his experience in Iraq.

"Respect was all we really wanted," he said, "Hearts and Minds" was so far off. I spent most of my days hanging on doors (and) raiding houses."

Tamika Harris, who also abstained from expressing an opinion, gave her account of being in the Navy during the occupation.

"I've seen people jump off the ship and kill themselves," she said.

She explained that she had no contact with the outside world, receiving "no e-mails, no phone calls."

Harris explained that soldiers in the Navy were not informed in the same way civilians were, and did not know about the way the Iraq occupation was being discussed in the United States.

Against the occupation of Iraq was Rob Timmons, who spoke of the horrors he saw.

"I came across my buddy," he said, "and I got to see the medics pick his arm off the asphalt and put it into a plastic bag."

(SEE VETERANS P.4)
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11/10/06 - A student reported the theft of

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Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at 53-P-5 (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.
Geoffrey Millard, the most outspoken against the war, spent 13 years in the military.

He wore on his uniform "2854" to represent the number of American soldiers dead in Iraq. He offered insight into the war and the problems with the occupation.

Millard, who has been speaking against the occupation for some time now through several organizations, such as Iraq Veterans Against the War, cited fiscal irresponsibility, loss of life and war profiteering as reasons to leave.

When asked about the coalition's effect in Iraq, he cited a statistic stating less than 1 percent of Iraqis feel safer under U.S. occupation and that 87 percent of Iraqis would like the United States gone within a year.

"We don't have a war; we have an occupation," said Millard, "and the only way to end an occupation is genocide or to leave."

One of Millard's main problems with the U.S. occupation was the war profiteering. "War profiteering is nothing new," said Millard. "The difference is that this is sanctioned by the U.S. government." Millard mentioned Halliburton, Bechtel and KBR, among others, as chief war profiteers.

He continued, "Our government's full of a bunch of bullsh*tting, backstabbing liars."

The panel was held six days after the mid-term election, which enacted a major change with Democrats gaining an advantage of 33 in the House and one in the Senate.

Dr. William Berlin, chairperson of the department of political science, spoke about the ramifications of the Iraq occupation on the Republican Party.

"The surveys and exit polls on election day indicated that Iraq was the main issue for most people," said Berlin, "and I think it's not just that, but it's combined, I think, with this hostility or cynicism about the President."

"I think the voters were basically saying in this last election that they want a new approach in Iraq, and I think a new approach means to some way lessen our involvement; whether it's a Democratic candidate or a Republican candidate, they're going to have to react to that."

Millard, who is a registered Republican, offered a new approach to the occupation in a three-point plan.

This included immediate military withdrawal, compensation for returning soldiers and reparations for the Iraqi people and government.

The forces' lack of compensation upon returning home was discussed extensively at the forum, as well as the lack of proper armor.

Amanda Craig-Newquist of Students for Progressive Change encouraged students to get involved.

"We want to promote student awareness and activism," she said, "but hot activism without awareness," Newquist said. "Our goal is to reach people on a personal level."

Timmons continually stressed the need for change in Iraq.

"I really hope this past election-day, we got people in there that will make these changes," he said.

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MSU Publishes Course Booklets Exclusively Online

Jessica Sproviero

One student struggles with MSU's move into the 21st century by having course booklets restricted solely to a PDF file on their website.

Montclair State University made a decision to switch from print course schedule booklets to PDF format in May 2006.

Senior Gladys Cepeda said, "It is ridiculous - how am I supposed to figure out the call numbers? And the fact that it was online didn't help at all because not all the information that is usually found in the print version was available."

Yet, Denise De Blasio, the Registrar, explained that no complaints have been lodged about this recent change. She admitted that some students have come into the office asking for a course schedule booklet only to be told that they are no longer printed.

"When they were told that it is published exclusively online, they were actually pleased," De Blasio said. "That's not to say that there weren't a few who initially felt like their security blanket was taken away, but when they realized that they would be working with up-to-date information at any time from almost any place, they thought it was pretty good."

The switch from the print version to the online version is a permanent change, according to De Blasio. She suggested the change when she had to find ways to cut the operating budget. It was then approved by the Provost's office.

Sophomore Fred Daley said, "Some people don't have access to the internet at all times of the day, which is why the print version was convenient."

He then said, "I don't see why they can't print some booklets in addition to having the courses listed online."

De Blasio explained that by not printing and sending out these booklets, MSU saved 25,000 dollars in printing and approximately 5,000 dollars in postage this semester.

Prior to spring 2006, MSU ordered 39,000 booklets each fall semester and 34,000 each spring semester. Even as enrollment increased, the number of booklets ordered decreased to 30,000 for both spring 2006 and fall 2006.

"We used to have to hold back some of the books because we would come close to running out by the beginning of each semester," De Blasio said. "But since spring 2005, we've had to discard more than 30,000 booklets."

Fewer and fewer people were using the booklets while more were using the online data. De Blasio said that the online version is generally preferred over the print version because the print version was often outdated by the time the shipment reached campus from the printer.

"Now students will always have access to updated accurate information wherever they are," De Blasio said. "I consider this to be one of the improvements in our service to students and I am extremely pleased with how the students have reacted."

De Blasio explained that not all academic departments have made all of their teaching assignments yet, preventing professors' names from being listed. She added that the online system is good because any professor or room changes are reflected on the website almost immediately.

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DECHARTERMENT CONTINUED FROM #1

Michelle Tocasiewicz, InterVarsity President (left-center) and unofficial advisor Diana Moore (right-center), joined fellow members of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in prayer to ask for a positive outcome, during the SGA's closed-session vote. Minutes later they would hear the decision that they were dechartered and no longer recognized or funded by the SGA.

Other SGA constitution infractions include InterVarsity's lack of a sanctioned MSU faculty advisor and the distribution of an organization "covenant" contract that violates the SGA Students' Bill of Rights, which states "Each student has the right to form, join and participate in any group for any legal purpose."

InterVarsity denied the allegation that the covenant was a mandated document for members to sign. SGA President Angelo Lilia said they informed him in a private session that it was a requirement of all executive board members.

The covenant includes a list of regulations of conduct, which include rules like "I will regularly pray for unbelieving friends" that general members are asked to follow, but E-board members are required to agree to, according to Lilia.

InterVarsity stated that Ron Chicken demonstrated certain behaviors that made at least two members express their discomfort. They said he would engage in disrespectful behavior like reading his Bible during group discussions, giving the impression of being disengaged from his fellow members.

They also maintain that he disrupted a worship session during a retreat by having an audible, distracting conversation and was asked by a guest speaker to "please be quiet."

They said he demonstrated abrasive "non-verbal communication" and raised controversial topics during inappropriate times, such as recruitment meetings, where new members were sometimes offended.

InterVarsity said that the new members would have been alienated if the organization didn't continue them to give InterVarsity another opportunity. InterVarsity stands by their statement that they planned to approach those topics at a later date when everyone was more comfortable with their surroundings and fellow members.

Ron Chicken denies this claim, stating that the controversial subject at hand (which involved females in the church) was breached at a social gathering hours after the official recruitment meeting had ended.

Ron Chicken was alerted of the organization's desire for him to leave through rumors and asked his sister to attend a meeting that was, according to Amy Chicken, "being called specifically regarding him" and that "he was not given previous knowledge of what the subject matter would entail."

In a complaint that Amy Chicken filed regarding the illegal impeachment proceeding, which was e-mailed to Lilia and Gutilla and distributed to the legislature at Wednesday's SGA meeting, Chicken said that members of InterVarsity called Ron's behavior "dishonest," "degrading" and "disruptive." She directly quoted Moore saying, "(there are) things in Ron's character that are not of God" and "Ron is the problem."

There was confusion surrounding the actual date that the bill would be presented to the legislature. The SGA E-board made the decision to address it this week, as attendance at the next meeting is not mandatory for legislators, the day before Thanksgiving.

An e-mail sent Tuesday night from Gutilla to the InterVarsity E-board said that proceedings would be postponed until Dec. 6. Most InterVarsity members found out about Wednesday's decharterment vote that day.

Despite the short window of time, 40 InterVarsity members came to the SGA meeting.

Lilia and Amy Chicken said at the start of the meeting, the SGA gave InterVarsity the opportunity to postpone the hearing until a later date, an option they declined.

The SGA Vice President, as stated in his/her duties of office, chairs the general meetings, but due to possible objections to bias, Amy Chicken appointed SGA Clerk Doug McKay to preside during the InterVarsity proceedings.

After much heated debate between the legislature and InterVarsity, the SGA E-board made the motion to have a closed meeting, restricting the audience only to their E-board, legislators and advisors Rick Brown and Dean Rose Mary Howell.

At the public session, Lilia made the recommendation to write an amendment to the bill that would only reduce InterVarsity's charter from a Class II to a Class III organization. "I don't want to see your home destroyed," said Lilia.

When the public session commenced, Lilia and Chicken informed InterVarsity that the legislature ruled on a 13-3 majority vote to decharter the group. "People were adamant about decharterment," said Lilia.

Members of InterVarsity told The Montclarion that they plan to appeal the SGA's decision, stating that they did not provide them with proper representation in the legislature to defend their case, which also violates the Student's Bill of Rights.

The bill states that all students are entitled to "representation by student counsel" and are guaranteed the "presumption of innocence until proven guilty."

The SGA said an appeal would be unconstitutional.

InterVarsity stated that the decision would not stop them from meeting on campus and worshipping.
Imagine going to see a doctor and being told that you have been diagnosed with diabetes. Many of you might not think much of it. After all, it’s not as deadly as cancer, right?

Although many people might not think of diabetes as a fatal disease, many are surprised to find out that diabetes is the fifth leading disease in the United States—more people die of AIDS, according to examination.net—and, like cancer, has no cure. According to the American Diabetes Association, there are nearly 21 million children and adults in the United States with diabetes. Ask any diabetic patient and they will assure you it is not an easy disease to live with, especially for young children. Children must be well-informed by their parents on how to deal with the disease as well as the changes in lifestyle that come along with having diabetes.

Many people are unaware that November is National Diabetes Month. Every November, the American Diabetes Association encourages the public to learn more about diabetes and the risks associated with the disease. Before we talk about risks, we must first understand the two types of diabetes out there.

Type I diabetes is often referred to as juvenile diabetes because it is usually diagnosed in children. In type I diabetes, the body is unable to produce insulin. The body’s immune system destroys special cells known as beta cells. Beta cells are important because they help produce insulin. Our body needs insulin because it helps convert sugar and starches into energy needed in our everyday lives. If we do not produce insulin, the glucose (sugar) will stay in our blood, where it can cause serious damage to our organs. People diagnosed with type I diabetes must take insulin in order to stay alive. This is usually done by taking shots or through an insulin pump. Patients must be careful to regulate their blood sugar levels through eating the right foods and making sure to keep active through exercise.

In Type II diabetes, the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells become immune to insulin. Type II is the more common form of diabetes. Recent scientists have discovered a strong correlation between childhood obesity and the number of cases of type II diabetes; that is, many overweight people tend to develop type II diabetes.

Statistics have also shown that type II diabetes is more common in African Americans. Approximately 35.8 million adults in the United States (12.8% of the population) have diabetes. Of these, 11.5 million are unaware that they have the disease. Type II diabetes has been reported to be the number one cause of death in the United States. It is especially dangerous because it can lead to cardiovascular disease, stroke, and kidney failure.

In last week’s issue of The Montclarion, the health feature article mentioned ways to help prevent getting a cold and the flu. This week’s article will show how you can alleviate cold symptoms and even shorten the duration with a list of natural (drug-free) remedies.

### Natural Cold Remedies that Cure

**James Carpentier**

Staff Writer

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**Vitamin C vs. Cold and Allergies**

If you are prone to colds and allergies that lead to bronchitis, asthma and other respiratory problems, you may want to increase your intake of vitamin C, according to the editors of FC&A Medical Publishing, and authors of the book Super Life, Super Health (2004, Frank W. Carwood and Associates, Inc.). They mention that some research shows that vitamin C “doesn’t prevent colds, but it may relieve your symptoms and make you feel better faster.” They list some excellent dietary sources of vitamin C that include citrus fruits like oranges and grapefruit, strawberries, tomatoes, bell peppers, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and rose hips. They also mention that vitamin C may help with hay fever and allergic reactions.

**Zinc**

In Super Life, Super Health, the editors also discuss how the mineral zinc “may not be the miracle cure for the common cold, but it may provide quicker relief from the symptoms.” Foods rich in zinc include seafish, red meat, poultry, whole grains and legumes.

**Drink Plenty of Water**

In another book, Unleash The Inner Healing Power Of Foods (2003, Frank W. Carwood and Associates, Inc.), the editors of FC&A Medical Publishing state how drinking ample amounts of water can shorten a cold’s duration. “Most importantly drink plenty of water to replace the fluid you are losing. Water will also help keep your throat lining moist and supple so it won’t crack and let viruses in. Drink eight glasses a day, please.”

**Vegetables and Fruits**

Vegetables like strawberries, peppers, kivis, broccoli, tomatoes, potatoes, papayas, mangos, guava, cantaloupe, kale, cabbage and spinach are all packed with vitamins and nutrients that are important for a healthy immune system. A wide range of fruits including oranges, apples, grapes, pears, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, and blueberries are also packed with nutrients. If you are prone to colds and flus, try eating this rainbow of Vitamin C rich fruits and vegetables daily.

### A Setback is Just a Setup for a Comeback

Rob Gilbert, Ph. D.
Department of Exercise Science and Phys. Ed.

I’ve missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I’ve been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.

—Michael Jordan

Two guarantees about college:

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Here’s what Stanford University President John Hennessy said on this topic: “Experiment and take intellectual risks. Challenge yourself with courses in disciplines that are new to you. And should you sometimes not succeed, do not become disillusioned. The only people I know who have succeeded at everything they have undertaken are those who have been timid in setting their goals.”

Here’s the Hall of Fame of Famous Temporary Failures. (Do you think any of these people were timid in setting their goals?)

- Woody Allen: This Academy Award-winning writer and director failed courses in motion picture production at NYU and CCNY.
- Norma Jean Baker. In 1944, the director of a modeling agency told Norma Jean, “You’ll better get secretarial work or get married.” Norma Jean later changed her name to Marilyn Monroe.
- Lucille Ball. In 1927, the head instructor of the John Murray Anderson Drama School suggested that she “try any other profession.”
- The Beatles. Groups with guitars are on their way out” was the reason that Decca Records gave for rejecting the Beatles in 1962.
- Albert Einstein. Believes it or not, this great

God. A Setback is Just a Setup for a Comeback

**Wendy Allen**

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Website: www.themontclarion.org
Local Hairstylist Offers Top 10 Trends

Alicia Feghli
staff writer

A beautician for 16 years, Ann Omelczuk, 54, of Clifton, is an expert hairstylist at Cut Ups in Nutley. From the mullet to the pixie cut, she snipped out a few tips about the top ten trends.

1. Short
“Hairstyles now have an ’80s edge,” she said. The “now” hairstyle: "The best haircut is one that they can just roll out of bed and fix with their fingers.”

2. Layered
"The shag is a unisex cut that is so versatile," Omelczuk said. It can either be cut short through a razor or may be slightly longer and more textured on top. To create this look, apply styling mousse to damp hair and blow-dry using a paddle brush in a downward motion, flipping the ends up.

3. Bangs
Bangs, whether side swept or blunt, are back and very popular. Bangs should fall just below the eyebrow and concave at the sides. Trim bangs once a month.

4. Curly
"Hair extensions are an instant makeover," Omelczuk said. To get waves, braid hair (best if it’s wet and let it dry) or scrunching mousse into damp hair and then air-dry.

5. Hair extensions
Hair extensions are an instant makeover, especially for those who have really short hair," Omelczuk said. However, she cautions the use of extensions because they are hard to maintain and may cause breakage.

6. Hair dye
Though Omelczuk is a blonde with blue eyes, she recommends hair dye for girls. "For girls: Hair is layered all over and that doesn’t need to be fussed with,” she said. Think shag for guys and pixie for girls.

7. Wavy
For those whose hair is naturally wavy, leave it alone. "Wavy hair adds depth and volume," Omelczuk said. To get waves, brush hair (best if it’s wet and let it dry) or scrunching mousse into damp hair and then air-dry.

8. Messy
"The shag is a unisex cut that is so versatile," Omelczuk said. With the versatile look of the shag, hair can either be tucked behind the ear or swept over the eyes. The shag emits a carefree yet edgy look that can either be shorter on the sides and longer on top, or longer and shaggy all over.

9. Bangs
"The shag is a unisex cut that is so versatile," Omelczuk said. The "now" hairstyle: "The best haircut is one that they can just roll out of bed and fix with their fingers.”

10. Layers
Layers are short on the sides and longer in back, "which reap the benefits of both lengths," Omelczuk said. They start at jaw-length by the face, and then get longer as you circle to the back of the head. To style, use a styling cream on wet hair, then air-dry.

The Right Cut For Your Face Shape

Oval: This is the most versatile face because any top will work. Layers near the cheekbones, long or slim are good accents for the face. "Popular styles are choppy bobs, long waves and shags.

Round: Go for styles that fall below the chin or add some volume on top. Cut outs that add some definition and slim the roundness of cheeks, such as through graduated layers. Keep bangs short or side-swept. Get wavy and layered wigs, which can be done with a razor. A good idea is the page with waves around the face. This cut is trusted forward and slim the roundness of the face by allowing hair to fall from the forehead.

Square: Focus on the square jaw by leaving short or choppy ends. "Wavy texture is great to give the face that start to the jaw line" she said. Omelczuk recommends a French bob. "Bangs should be longer on the sides, down to the cheekbones, or the chin. Those were short hair should have long layers at the top. With long hair, go for waves that graze cheekbones.

For all face shapes Try a little shaggy and frizzy. Front layers frame the face. Don’t have above the eye for short hair or something like a long bob. Bangs should fall below the brow. For the v-shape, cut or side the bang should be cut in a v-shape. This creates more length.

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Although there are many things that you cannot control that put you at risk for developing diabetes, such as age, race, gender and family history, there are plenty of things you can control that will lower your risks. Like any other disease out there, taking good care of your health may be the best way to prevent type II diabetes. Certain health problems such as being overweight, unhealthy cholesterol, smoking, high blood glucose, high blood pressure and having a sedentary lifestyle all increase your risks. So make sure you're eating the right foods and exercising for at least 30 minutes every day.

Visiting your doctor regularly to check your blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol level is also something you should be doing.

You can also help support others diagnosed with type I diabetes by visiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International's website (www.jdrf.com). There, you can make donations to the foundation which all go to research and education for type I diabetes. There are also several different walks going on during the month of November in various locations throughout New Jersey.

Inform others about National Diabetes Month and see what you can do to help out. Who knows? One day, we may be able to find a cure to this mysterious disease.
AT THE CINEMA:
Bernadette Marciniak
Assistant Copy Editor

Strange Than Fiction
Bar: Marc Foster
Starring: Will Ferrell
Maggi Oliverilbuck & Uma Thurman

If it's the traditional Will Ferrell "crack up because Will Ferrell is a silly bitch" movie you're looking for, then my dear, you'll be disappointed. But you shouldn't be so disappointed to not be able to realize what an amazing, genius and terrific movie Stranger Than Fiction is.

Although Will Ferrell doesn't have that whole "so stupid it's funny" type of deal going on here and he doesn't have his Frat Pack by his side, this fresh, new side of Ferrell is just as good, if not even better.

Directed by Marc Foster, Stranger Than Fiction is a story that follows the life of an I.R.S. auditor, Harold Crick (Ferrell), who has just discovered that his life is being narrated. Little does he know that he is the main character in a tragedy being written by a famous author, Karen Eiffel (played fantastically by Emma Thompson), who eventually kills every one of her protagonists at the end of her books.

Eiffel knows she wants Ferrell to die in this new book of hers called Death and Taxes, she just doesn't know how she's going to do it. Her publishing company sends an assistant (Queen Latifah) over to her house to oversee that the book will be done in time.

In the meantime, panicked Ferrell befriends a professor of literature, James Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman), who helps him figure out what kind of story he is in and who the author of it is.

All during this time Ferrell has fallen in love with a baker, Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal), whom he regrettably has to audit. At first, Pascal puts up a tough fight and makes Ferrell's life even more miserable than it has already become these first few days of the movie. Eventually she warms up to him and they fall in love with each other.

FOR THE GAMERS:

Nintendo and Playstation Secrets Exposed
David Clarke
Staff Writer

Kevin Pereira is the host of the daily video-game/gossip culture-related Attack of the Show on G4. I had the opportunity to speak to Pereira about the release of Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo's Wii, what he thinks about the new systems and what the future holds for the world of gaming.

Kevin Pereira: You've had time with both the PS3 and the Wii. What's your initial reaction to the systems?

David Clarke: In complete honesty, and I hate that you're recording this because I know it's going to come back and bite me, my initial reaction to the PS3 was kind of disappointing. The console itself — don't get me wrong — is a powerhouse. It's a beautiful piece of machinery that in years to come will really be an incredible console. But, as of right now, the games we have in here are just underwhelming people left and right. They're walking in, they're taking a peek, and they're going, "Oh, that's the PlayStation 3? What game is that? Oh wow O.K.," and not an, "Oh wow" as in blown away, a very average sort of merely disappointed "Oh wow".

DO: You have seen games on the PS3 that are still in the process of development. Do you see any titles that could help Sony, any Games of War-quality games?

KP: Sure, there are definitely some. Well, first of all Epic developers of Games of War is not exclusive to Microsoft or to the Xbox 360, so I wouldn't be surprised if we see, maybe not Games of War, but I wouldn't be surprised if we see another Unreal Engine (The engine Games of War used) powered game on the PlayStation 3. We know they have the engine up and running on the unit because they demod it back at E3 (Electronic Entertainment Expo) two years ago. We know that the games run on the same engine that are going to look as good as 360 titles, that those are coming out on the PlayStation 3. It's just a matter of when that's going to happen.

TM: You've had time with the Wii. Do you feel like the Wii's lack of graphical capability and really deep solid launch titles will hurt Nintendo in the long run?

KP: If the lack of deep games continues into 2007, then yes it will, but I don't think initially it will hurt them at all. You know we thought with the

Brit-Brit is a Train Wreck
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There are few people in the world who don't know who Britney Spears is. Whether they know her as the cute pop diva they either wanted to have sex with or wanted to look like in the years of 1999-2004, or as her most recent persona: a fat, white-trash slath.

The once bubblegum popster, most famous for such hits as "...Baby One More Time" and "Oops... I Did It Again," claims to be currently working on a comeback album, which will — with her high hopes — compensate for her recent plethora of blunders, including getting married to and knocked up by a deadbeat, seeing ex-husband, and putting all of the hundred couple's dirty laundry on air by releasing a collage of home videos. The most recent rumor is that she acquired syphilis from her ex with whom she truly persuaded herself to believe is a same marriage.

Britney Spears's life is like a novel that everyone has read except her — we all know what's going to happen next and watching her mess up is a guilty pleasure.

Spears, who has undoubtedly let down her devoted fans with her ruggerdro conignment shop clothing and "...I'm-a-chick-world" attitude, can at least be accredited with the fact that she has filed for divorce from her mooshing rap star-wannabe husband. It seems the smartest moves she's made since her last album were signing a pre-nuptial agreement and coming out with her "Curious" perfume.

But aside from those scarce attempts, it's hard not to focus on the endless negatives. Her interview with Matt Lauer was the saddest thing since George Michael's lies in the post-a-petty, where she stated her infamous lines "I don't care what people think" and "I know I'm a good mom."

In this interview, Spears appeared as a train wreck; strangely un-brushed hair, cleavage, stretch marks pouring out of every nook and cranny and make-up that looked as if it was done by Helen Keller.

While appearing like this, Spears still tried to convince viewers that her marriage with Kevin Federline, a.k.a. K-Fed, wasn't on the rocks, and that the tabloids "are really good at this stuff."
Deirdre Burroughs (Annette Bening) introduces her son Augusten (Joseph Cross) to the eccentric Finches in "Running with Scissors," based on Augusten Burroughs' best-selling memoir of the same name, opens with Deidre Burroughs, a very famous woman," she tells him, and 7-year-old son Augusten.

"Your mother was destined to become a very famous woman," she tells him, and we're immediately drawn to her narcissism and delusion, setting off the chain of events that lead to her offering to give away Augusten (Joseph Cross) to her husband (Alec Baldwin), we quickly discover is a self-absorbed Deidre and her cold, alcoholic husband (Brian Cox), all respected actors in their own right, prove that their previous success wasn't accidental and bring a sense of ingenuity and depth to their performances and the film as a whole.

While the book Running with Scissors is one of the best-written and received memoirs in recent years, there are times when the film rises above the source material. For as reflective and fearless a writer as Burroughs is, there needs to be a certain level of distance between the writer and the subject at hand to fully realize the scope of the story they feel needs to be told. The humor Burroughs installed into the project helped separate himself from the pain of reliving his past (and helped eliminate any trace of self-pity a lesser writer would use as a safety net), Murphy doesn't have to work under the same restrictions. He is able to plunge himself (and the audience) into the hell of Burroughs' childhood. Without the smiling face of comedy, we are able to directly connect with his molestations, while different, it's just as effective. The film would have suffered from the lack of humor that Burroughs' brought to his misbegotten childhood.

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Not only is the episodic nature of the book impossible to adapt to the screen without coming off incoherent, any attempts to recreate the self-effacing dark humor would have seemed insensitive and even tasteless. There's a commonly held belief in our culture that anyone can crack a joke at his or her own expense in front of someone else and the other person is allowed to laugh. However, the joke only becomes mean-spirited and offensive when the person they tell it to tells it to someone else. If writer/director Ryan Murphy cracked the same jokes about Burroughs' childhood abandonment or molestation that Burroughs did in his memoir, the film would have quickly slipped into exploitation. The only way for this film to work would be to take it to a darker place. Murphy does just that.

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Still, a few flaws are visible. While anything could be a step up from reruns and kibble and Finch, despite becoming an almost caricature of himself in "30 Rock." Brian Cox, all respected actors in their own right, prove that their previous success wasn't accidental and bring a sense of ingenuity and depth to their performances and the film as a whole.

After spending years trapped in Lifetime films, Bill Clayburgh, one of the biggest stars of the 1970s, has broken free and given the performance of his career as Agnes.

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It's an original story with an original cast. Most importantly, there is no way of predicting what the ending will be. We can all sit there and assume how Harold Crick will die, but there's no possible way that someone can tell how the movie will unravel. Although I'm sure the idea and plot of this movie had been played with before in other ways, only this one could have so many elements and make it work.

The first attraction to this movie has to be the cast. It's a fresh, unique cast that works wonderfully together. Harold's role couldn't have been played any better by anyone else, even though this isn't a role that we have seen Ferrell take up in the past. Maybe that's why it was so great though - it gave the audience a chance to see that Will Ferrell really isn't only the Saturday Night Live actor we all are used to. Emma Thompson rarely fails at any roles she takes on, and seeing her as a morbid, antic author was also another side of her that we don't often see. Dustin Hoffman made an excellent college professor, managing to take on the role in a serious yet humorous way. Maggie Gyllenhaal is probably the only actress who kept up with her preceding character personalities and exercised a rebellious and independent female notion.

The only complaint I had was about Queen Latifah's role as Eiffel's assistant - she didn't really seem to do much. When she was sent in to help Eiffel, I was sure that Eiffel's epiphany of how to kill Harold would come from her. However, she just seemed like a babysitter that made sure Eiffel wouldn't kill herself trying to figure out an ending to this book.

The relationship between Harold and Ana also seemed a bit weird at times. Since Harold looks so much older than Ana, their relationship almost seemed pedophilic and it's no surprise she didn't warm up to him at first.

The second attraction to this movie has to be the cinematography and design. We often see numbers and calculations accompanying Harold's scenes to show the unnecessary and petty calculations that went through his mind. It was a cute, original element that we don't often see in movies. It was an open window to his thoughts that were written out clearly for the audience to see.

The color scheme and design of the set also went perfectly with the mood of the movie. Harold, a boring, almost lifeless character (until the story starts) had an apartment with almost no color - off-white walls, no pictures, nothing. It was a clever, even if obvious, way to describe the character even more.

The only reason people wouldn't like this movie would probably be because they expect the same Will Ferrell that they have always seen before. It is probably one of the most innovative films that I have seen in a while.
Sorry, Brit, but there's footage of you nearly dropping your baby (Her reaction? "Accidents happen!") and driving with the newborn on your lap. Furthermore, any wedding with a pimp and bong theme is a catastrophe waiting to happen.

Spears sets herself up for failure while she epitomizes the classic "child star gone wrong" conviction, and just when we believe this diversification could have been the best thing for her career, her immaturity shines through as we learn she first told Federline of their own separation via text-messaging, right after he claimed that "she fully supports me" in an interview discussing his endeavors in trying to become the next best rapper.

In addition to this "adult" move, she celebrated her separation by ice-skating in Rockefeller Center just hours after filing for divorce. Even five years after her overrated song came out, Spears is still not yet a woman.

Britney Spears is like a tragic car accident: hideous and sad, yet we can't stop watching. Her failure to stay out of the public eye (if you dislike the attention, don't watch the interviews!) around the world is what made her famous, yet simultaneously drove her to commit such atrocities as having two babies at the age of 24, one right after the other, while married to a lowlife - all of which was and is an inexcusable downfall.

While it's not hard to make up some beats for Spears' dance to and record vocals to dub over, it will be hard for her to ever be respected as an artist again.

Madonna's ability to remain pop queen with an acne-ridden face and potty-mouth dancing on our television sets.

Nintendo DS [Nintendo's dual monitored touch screen handheld platform] that the first few launch titles and even the first couple months after the DS came out that all the games felt like tech demos. I mean, you're right, it felt like an excuse to use this new innovative controller. But over time, DS games started getting more interesting and now saying it's the dominant handheld platform is understating its power in that market. Now looking at the Wii, I think that Nintendo learned a lot of lessons from the DS, and, as you know, Twilight Princess will be that deep, involved game.

Yes, it will be on the Gamespace, but it's the Wii version that everyone's going to want. Having a game that gives you 70 hours of gameplay at launch is huge, but I think that the other games, like Excite Truck, are a lot of fun to play. People buying the Wii are gamers who know about the controls or know about the Virtual Console and want to play that bulk catalog of games, or the people who haven't played games before. To them, even the Wii Sports titles have depth. Even swinging that tennis racket, as simple as a mini-game could ever be, to them that game has depth, because they aren't used to playing video games. And I think that's the strongest selling point right now.

DC: How is the motion-sensor controller for the PS3 compared to the Wii?
KP: The PS3 control is great at capturing the controls in mid-air and it doesn't require a sensor bar or any extra hardware, but with that said, what a difference that sensor bar makes. Both controllers use Bluetooth, but the Nintendo controller's got infra-red, and saying that, the console can tell the distance of the remote from the television set. This means that if you have a sword and you're playing a fighting game, if you pierce by stabbing forward at your television, it can tell that the distance has changed.

The Playstation 3 is not capable of doing that, and as such, you can get the 3D motion sensitivity that the Playstation 3 doesn't have. Plus, the Wiimote with the built-in speaker, as petty and kind of cheap as it is, it's a lot of fun. When you're using the bow and arrow in Zelda, you hear the arrow fly from your shoulder and toward the TV. That's a cool effect. And it rumbles, which the PS3 controller does not.

DC: Which system is the one to get?
KP: Well I have a 360 already, so for me, I'm getting a Wii. But if somebody has no Next Gen console right now and they are looking to spend, for a certain type of gamer who likes their traditional games, I recommend the 360. Not to say that the Playstation's a bad console, but first of all, I don't think you're going to be able to get one. There are not enough consoles being shipped, unfortunately. Second of all, the price point. It's just super-high right now. It's a little ridiculously expensive. And third of all, there aren't any exclusive titles that say to me, "I'm must own a Playstation 3 this holiday." So take that extra cash that you save by buying a 360, if you can put it towards the Wii, great. Peter Moore [Head of Microsoft 360] called it the Wi40. And it's a great combo. You have the Wii for your innovative motion-sensor gameplay and you have the 360 for your more traditional, higher-end graphical games.

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The Passion of the Poultry

"If there is no demand for strict compliance ... then why was Ron Chicken ousted?"

"Students' rights are the Student Government Association's highest priority," said SGA President Angelo Lilla last month in the wake of dechartering the Class II Organization InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. The IVCF has come under controversy this week for the unorthodox impeachment of Ron Chicken, who was the leader of one of the organization's Bible study classes.

Under the SGA Constitution and Students' Bill of Rights, Class I, II and III Organizations cannot discriminate anyone wanting to join an association, no matter what their gender, sexuality, ethnicity, social, political or religious beliefs. Apparently, Mr. Chicken was discriminated against for being asked to leave the group because of his personal beliefs in Christianity.

According to Vice President Amy Chicken, who is Ron's sister, her brother was called out by an IVCF advisor at a September meeting because "things in his character are not of God. During worship he does not stand up and sing, but rather reads the Bible." Well, maybe Mr. Chicken does not want to sing. Is that really a good reason to ask someone to step down or force a half-witted impeachment? He was reading the Bible for Christ's sake. Doesn't that score some points with God and his fellow brethren? How can things in his character not be of God when in the good book it says that we are all made out of His likeness? (If you believe in that sort of things in his character not being of God when in the good book it says that we are all made out of His likeness? (If you believe in that sort of)

So this Wednesday, three major points were brought up at the SGA meeting that led to the dechartering of the IVCF. The legislation, in a 13-3 vote, disbanded the group because they broke three of the SGA's constitutional covenants. The first was not having a faculty member as their advisor, as all organizations are expected to have. The second was the illegal "rubbing out" of Ron Chicken. The third was the group's personal covenant that the legislature found unconstitutional and invalid.

The covenant was a strange, plain white piece of computer paper demanding that the staff attend church services "consistently. Student leaders were encouraged "to pray regularly for nonbelieving friends" and "seek to recognize and confront evil on their campus and society." In the covenant's mid-section, it even quotes Joshua 24:19 of the Bible: "This had a demand for strict compliance, as much as it represents the values of a leader." Interestingly, right? If there is no demand for strict compliance, especially as a leader, then why was Ron Chicken ousted?

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It was at the tail end of another grueling, overlong Student Government Association last month when SGA Vice President Amy Children spoke during the Open Forum. The topic she raised—strictly for debate and not an announcement of policy—was whether or not the reinstatement of the Pledge of Allegiance prior to meetings was appropriate or desired by the legislature.

Thirty minutes later, the room was no closer to a common point of view than it was when the discussion began, just a recognition that the controversy surrounding one of America’s oldest national rituals was as heated as when the discussion began.

Allegiance. However, in 2004 the Supreme Court declined to hear the case, upholding their right to freedom of religion.

For the Pledge of Allegiance, every student pledges/prays, a certain air of conformity is more stressful than it was when the discussion began, as the registration system. Not only do they have to sign in to WESS the minute our morning classes start and risk missing an important test or work just so they can get to a decent time slot, the last class you need is more stressful than registering for another term. The Gen Ed classes that we need the prerequisites before they can cover the single booklet that we get. The increase in tuition for this year should cover the single booklet that we get.

It is downright dangerous. The act of removing the Pledge of Allegiance as bedrock educational policy in public schools is not treasonous nor un-American; if anything, a decision to keep the Pledge an optional practice represents the highest American priorities of patriotism.

Virtual Registration is a Virtual Nightmare

Are MSU’s New Technological Advancements for Choosing Classes a Problem for Students?

In time anything worse than starting a new semester with new homework and new tests? Perhaps the process of registering for another term is more stressful than the classes themselves. Now that November is here, I have to meive up to all my students are scrambling to choose the classes that they need in order to graduate. Unfortunately, finding classes that fit into your schedule is often harder than quantum physics.

Although college is supposed to give us more freedom, trying to schedule classes for the upcoming semester is one student liberty I could do without. Trying to find classes that fit is like pulling teeth; once you find four or five classes that actually fit into decent time slots, the last class you need may not be offered until the next year. I find it hard to look on the few open seats cannot accommodate everyone. Despite the somewhat different times that students are assigned to scheduling, each of the 18,000 students registers during Nov. 6 - 19 and, even though each class is basically assigned, it still becomes difficult. Freshmen always get the short end of the stick, being shut out by seniors who forget about Gen Ed classes they still need to graduate in the spring and by sophomores who need the prerequisites before they can take anything else.

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Although college is supposed to give us more freedom, trying to schedule classes for the upcoming semester is one student liberty I could do without. Trying to find classes that fit is like pulling teeth; once you find four or five classes that actually fit into decent time slots, the last class you need may not be offered until the next year. I find it hard to look on the few open seats cannot accommodate everyone. Despite the somewhat different times that students are assigned to scheduling, each of the 18,000 students registers during Nov. 6 - 19 and, even though each class is basically assigned, it still becomes difficult. Freshmen always get the short end of the stick, being shut out by seniors who forget about Gen Ed classes they still need to graduate in the spring and by sophomores who need the prerequisites before they can take anything else.

Everyone has a designated time that they may begin to sign up for classes. Although we do not have to be on the computer at the same time we are allotted, spots fill up quickly. The Gen Eds are required of every student no matter what their major is, but the few open seats cannot accommodate everyone. Despite the somewhat different times that students are assigned to scheduling, each of the 18,000 students registers during Nov. 6 - 19 and, even though each class is basically assigned, it still becomes difficult. Freshmen always get the short end of the stick, being shut out by seniors who forget about Gen Ed classes they still need to graduate in the spring and by sophomores who need the prerequisites before they can take anything else. According to a government report, the Pledge an optional practice represents the highest American priorities of patriotism.
Stop Heralding New Shift in Power

Is the Democrats’ New Grasp on Congress Beneficial to Change in our Country?

Now that the Democrats are in power, the entire United States — say, the entire world — shall be cured of all its ills. All of earth’s inhabitants shall be healed of their ailments, the earth itself cured of its problems, gas prices will plummet and the disenfranchised will be made whole. Perhaps we’ll even find a cure for global warming. Of course, the absurdity of this statement is overshadowed only by the fact that some people actually believe them.

The Republicans, with over a decade of control in Congress, accomplished little in the end. Yes, much legislation was passed (only one vetoed in the last six years, that has to be a good sign!), trillions of theoretical dollars changed hands (and entered some pockets) and more scandals have been seen than we can count. But with the Democrats in control, the United States will suddenly enter a golden age.

Popular thinking has come to view the Republicans as hypocritical, God-loving warmongers: Their idea of a fun Sunday morning is choosing which level of Hummer they’d like to drive to, then, while on their way to church, spraying mud on a poor black man walking to the pharmacy to ask for help on his Medicare form.

I mention this to highlight how truly ridiculous we as a society can be. People do believe this nonsense. At this point in our collective consciousness, the Democrats are a superpower rolling with an endorsement that would make Jay-Z jealous. The only rival to the Democrats now would be a party composed of God, Zeus, Jesus, Moses and Buddha, but even they would face an uphill battle — Buddha seems like a flip-flopper and one can only imagine how many times Moses uttered the words "stay the course" as he led that 40-year quest for the land of milk and honey.

We must realize that, as we begin a new era of leadership in this country, it is important to wrench and restore some sense of reality from the current administration and situation. No, not all Democrats are elitist, tree-hugging leftists bent on some sort of neo-anarchy, although some are. And no, not all Republicans are war hawks eager to seize total control of our everyday lives, even though some are.

Because we as a nation have lost our perspective of what reality is and what is factually, this power shift does not necessarily mean that we are on the right track. For much of this year, I read many headlines stating something to the effect of “Bush Does Something, Democrats Have Harsh Words.”

In the wake of the most recent elections, I do not recall much talk of what the Democrats were and what they would do, I only heard talk of what they were not going to do and what was done was wrong. Words do not fix us out of our current state, only ideas and actions.

For what’s worth, the Republicans tried their best to move the country in the direction they thought was best. They were mislabeled. Putting an end to Osama Bin Laden after he mastermind the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole should have been a lot more important than trying to put an end to Clinton’s presidency. However, let us not be so naive to think that Democrats are above making mistakes. The Democrats will mess up too, rest assured.

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As we begin to re-address the important problems that our nation faces, we can only progress through compromise and putting the best interest of the people of the United States first.

Sam Kissinger

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by Aaron Warren

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BOYS AND GHOULS BY KEVIN DUNPHY
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Masters Series Tournament
The Pro Tennis "Season" Near an End With Masters Series

Pat Lee
Staff Writer

With the tennis year not quite officially wrapping up (because there is no designated calendar year, tournaments are held all 52 weeks a year, worldwide) the Mecca of tournaments in tennis is at the moment: the year-end Masters Series Tournament in Shanghai.

It is the most heavily-anticipated tournament in tennis. The format is a round robin tournament split into a gold group and a red group. Whoever wins the most matches and sets in each group goes on to play in the final. For each player best they earn $165,000 dollars, not bad for two to six hours work. The winner also takes in a cool 1.3 million dollars for winning the whole thing. The payout for this tournament is bigger than all tournaments in tennis.

Last year, world No. 1 Roger Federer lost in a thrilling five-set match against his long-time rival David Nalbandian. Nalbandian is one of few players who had a winning record against Federer; others include Brit Tim Henman, Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten (who admittedly did not get past the first round of the tournament) and Spaniard Rafael Nadal. Nadal is the only player who has regularly best Federer but four of Federer's six losses have been on clay. Nadal's strongest surface.

Federer's last match against Nadal was the Wimbledon Final which Federer easily won. The fast indoor surface of Shanghai best suits Federer's game well and if Nadal makes it to the final, look for an easy win for Federer.

The gold group, also known as the group of death, consists of former world No. 1 and U.S. Open champ Andy Roddick, indoor tennis specialist Ivan Ljubicic, last year's champion Nalbandian and two-time champion and Fed-erer.

The gold group, which is the weaker of the two, has James Blake, Tommy Robredo, Nikolay Davydenko and Nadal. The gold group in my opinion is going to be won by either Blake or Davydenko. Shanghai's fast surface doesn't suit Robredo or Nadal because both Spaniards are clay court players and are going to be overpowered by the power games of Blake and Davydenko.

To make it to this tournament, all of these athletes had to have very consistent years and had to do well at all the major tournaments. The most impressive year has been had by Federer whose record is 87-5 with 11 titles.

Nadal is 57-10 with five titles (four coming on clay, one hard-court). Roddick is 48-18 with one title but two final losses to Federer on hard courts coming in the last few tournaments. Ljubicic is 60-38 with three titles on the year, all coming from indoor surfaces and Nadal is 41-16 with one title coming on clay this year but he won the tournament last year.

Robredo is 46-27 with two clay court titles this year, Davydenko is 67-26 with five titles on hard and clay courts this year, and last is Blake who's 56-25 with five titles all on hard courts this year. Look for Blake to emerge as the gold group finalist and Federer to somehow emerge as the red group finalist. Blake can easily go 4-0 to win his group and if he does lose, Davydenko is the only person who can best him in his group. I also think Federer is going to go 4-0 in his group, but if he were to lose, it would be to big-serving Croat Ivan Ljubicic.

All injuries aside, this is how I think the field is going to play out.

In the red group, Roddick (3-1) loses to Federer, Ljubicic (1-3) beats Nalbandian (2-4), who spent too much time at the buffet and gets the big goose egg, and loses all four of his matches. In the gold group, Blake also goes unde-feated (4-0), but if he were to lose it'd be Davydenko (3-1). Nadal (1-3) beats Roddick (0-4), who spent more time combing his hair into his headband than practicing his serve. He gets pushed all around the court and loses all four of his matches.

This gives us the final, which I think will be Federer beating Blake in four sets. Blake's going to make too many unforced errors at crucial points because he's a gamer. I'd make for a great match, but I have to go with the favorite this year and pick Federer.

Field Hockey Wins ECAC Championship

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Sports Writer

On a very wet and rainy Sunday afternoon, the field hockey team completed a perfect 3-0 season in the ECAC tournament, as well as a 15-3 overall record, with a 3-2 victory over Johns Hopkins. The win gave the program its third ECAC Mid-Atlantic championship in its fourth appearance in the title game. Previous appearances were in 1996, 2000 and 2001, with the only loss in 2000.

The Red Hawks lost only three games this season, all by just one goal, to three teams that made it into the NCAA tournament: Ursinus, Rowan and TCNJ.

"We were upset that we didn't make NCAA, but I couldn't think of a better way to finish my career," said senior midfielder Jen Soss, who finished her final year in Montclair with at least one point in six of her final seven games.

The Red Hawks hosted the semifinals and finals over the weekend at Sprague Field. In the quarterfinals, top-seeded Montclair defeated eighth-seeded FDU-Florham 3-1. In the semifinals, the No. 1 seed Red Hawks beat No. 4 Catholic at a score of 3-0. In the other semifinal, No. 2 Johns Hopkins defeated No. 6 Rochester at a score of 2-0. This set up the finals of a "battle of the birds," between the Red Hawks and the Blue Jays.

It did not take too long for the scoring to begin. Senior captain Kristen Swartz scored her 17th goal of the season, unanswered, just three minutes into the match, giving the Red Hawks a quick 1-0 lead. Johns Hopkins did not take long to strike back, though. Just three and a half minutes later, the game was tied up at one. The game went scoreless until the 17th minute, when Soss scored her ninth goal of the year, with an assist from freshman defender Jackie Berry. That was the score until half time, with Montclair State University just 35 minutes away from a third ECAC crown.

In the second half, the Red Hawks kept the pressure on and scored another goal to double their lead. Freshman forward Megan Petrucci gave MSU a 3-1 lead with her fourth of the year, getting an assist from Soss, her third point of the match. Just six minutes later, the Blue Jays (15-8) brought Montclair's lead back down to just one. Unfortunately for the Blue Jays, that would be all the scoring for this match.

Freshman and NJAC Goalkeeper of the Year Jacque Supko had nine saves in the match to keep the lead for her team. As the time ran out on the game, the team met the first-year guideline in celebration.

After the game, awards were presented to both teams. Swartz was awarded the MVP of the tournament. The forward was also named NJAC Offensive Player of the Week.

"I don't feel like me getting MVP tells the story of our season. We wouldn't have won this thing without nine other players on the field," said Swartz. This game, the final game for the four field hockey seniors, will be one that this team will use to build on for the future.
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Field Hockey Wins ECAC Championship

Sports

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To fully understand a former First Team All-NJAC player, you first have to understand what makes him tick. For Montclair State University men's soccer player Bill Anthes, it was the desire to win and nothing else. He doesn't play to impress anyone and doesn't do it for the recognition. He does it because he loves to play soccer. It's not something that happened to him overnight that got him to where he is now, though. It's not even something that happened here at MSU. It was his experiences growing up that propelled him to the top of the Red Hawks sports program.

"My brother played soccer before I did, so we just played together," said Anthes, referring to his first years of soccer.

"I've been playing soccer ever since I was able to play," said Anthes, citing his early years of playing.

"I can think about this game, which will take place in Cleveland, Ohio, this Friday. I wake up a little earlier and do it for the recognition. He does it for every game."

Anthes, "but there were issues that took away chances for success."

His biggest accomplishments came this year when, in 20 games, Anthes scored 11 goals, five of which were game-winning goals. He scored 11 goals, four assists and a total of 25 points. He was named to the NSCAA D-3 Metro Region Second Team.

"We were all young that year. We had a lot of freshmen and sophomores and a handful of seniors who showed us that they put their time in and were dedicated. We learned from them."

"Every game now is the biggest game of our careers. It could also be the last. There's nothing else on my mind. All I can think about is the next game."