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Funds for Freeman Repairs, Cali School and Quinn Road Legal Fees Passed by Board of Trustees

Shayna Jacobs
News Editor

The Board of Trustees passed several appropriations at Thursday’s meeting. Among them was the $24 million construction of a law school building to be called the John J. Cali School of Music and $150,000 for legal representation in the ongoing pursuit of a Quinn Road renovation. Additionally, a $65,000 award was granted for heating system repairs in Freeman Hall.

Greek Council Elects ‘07-‘08 Prez
Remaining E-board Slots Still Uncontested After Extra Week

Karl de Vries
Editor-in-Chief

Despite the extension granted by Greek Council President Mike Pena at last week’s meeting, all three remaining positions for the 2007-2008 Greek Council executive board are uncontested. The three candidates spoke at Tuesday’s meeting and will be voted on at next week’s meeting, which is the final one of the academic year for the council.

The position of president, contested between Delta Xi Delta sister and Greek Council Secretary Suzanne Lockhart and Theta Xi brother Andrew Bereaguer was decided, with Lockhart prevailing.

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Although the remaining three positions will not be voted on until next week’s meeting, the results are already a foregone conclusion. Traditionally, contestants debate their candidacy in front of the Greek representatives, who then report to their respective organizations.

By next week’s meeting, the individual representatives cast ballots, ostensibly based on the endorsement of their organization.

President Susan A. Cole delivered her annual community address to a crowded University Hall conference center on Wednesday.

Bernadette Marciniak
Arts and Entertainment Editor

President Susan A. Cole gave her annual community address Wednesday afternoon to the faculty of Montclair State to highlight the accomplishments of the university this past year.

Cole’s speech started with her reflection on the events that had happened in the last week, including the mass shooting at Virginia Tech and Corinne’s car accident this past Friday.

She then went on to talk about the progress MSU has made as a whole within the past year.

“We share a common obligation... to do what we can... and do no less than we can,” she said. She proceeded to cite the university as an “emergent thing.”

She cited the achievements MSU has made with recruitment.

“We have continued to emphasize the renewal and expansion of our faculty.” Twenty-four new faculty members have been hired for next year and Cole said that the process for more continues.

She listed the many awards, research grants and recognition professors have received at MSU and listed many of the publications that professors have put out.

The recent Middlestate reaccreditation of Montclair State was also cited, where MSU met all 14 standards for the renewal. The strengths that were cited by the committee were repeated by Cole,
C1C’s Charter is Questioned by SGA Before Renewal

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News Editor

Class One Concerts (C1C) defended their Class One rank at the Student Government Association meeting on Wednesday. Their recharterment as a Class One ultimately passed, after the SGA spent a half hour questioning the budget, the quality of their events and the productivity of the organization.

As a Class One organization, C1C currently has a $54,000 budget. Legislators and SGA officials made suggestions ranging from reducing the organization to a Class II status, which would lower their direct funding to $1,500, to giving them a Class One charter and reducing their budget. They didn’t discuss the latter in depth, so no precise figures were proposed.

Their recharterment was called into question by the bill’s own author, President Angelo Lilia. Lilia, who said he deliberately raised doubts about it to elicit debate from the legislature and, in turn, cause them to address the problems within C1C. “I do question if this is enough for a class one status,” said Lilia, after explaining that he’d met with C1C and determined that they had held six events this year.

“I also questioned Montclairfest,” said Lilia. “So far, one person has done the planning for Montclairfest and it has not been the president — it has been the treasurer.” C1C Treasurer Will Senedzuk spoke on behalf of the organization while over a dozen members stood behind him in support. “I am the treasurer for C1C and also the person doing most of the planning for Montclairfest,” said Senedzuk, who later added that the rest of the executive board and membership were helping him with the event as well. “We have fewer events than other organizations because of how much money it costs to put on concerts,” explained Senedzuk.

Mentioning big-name acts that performed in the past like Billy Idol and Jadakiss, Senedzuk told the legislature that such acts are too expensive for C1C to retain. “We have fewer events than other organizations. The functioning of some e-board members [indicates] that maybe something has gone wrong within the organization,” said Lilia.

In response, Senedzuk talked about how the projected e-board is a group that already works well together. “Next year’s e-board looks to be the strongest e-board I’ve seen in a long time,” said Senedzuk.

Snedzuk added that the rest of the executive board were unopposed; however, Attorney General Anthony Guttilla said that C1C must hold their elections again because they were not official. Senedzuk is running for president of the organization unopposed.

Montclairfest, to take place Friday, is C1C’s largest event, which they co-sponsor annually with the SGA and other student organizations.

Legislator Krystal Woolston criticized the organization for not being prepared enough to defend their organization. “You say you have a plan, and I want to see you do better ones,” said Guttilla. “I’d rather you spend $90,000 on two awesome concerts.” He criticized, “I don’t feel like you really do very much to reach out to the entire campus.”

In February, when the co-sponsorship bill for Montclairfest went to the floor of the legislature, an extensive debate went on about whether the event should even continue to be held. The appropriation was passed, and members of the SGA voted in favor of it on the contingency that it was the “last chance” for C1C to improve the event.
MSU Campus Calendar

THURSDAY, 18

ASSIST: Coffehouse, SC Rath, 9 p.m.
Peak Performances: Murriska-Tuley of Ed Dorado, LI 125, 7:30 p.m.
Greek Week

FRIDAY, 19

Peak Performances: Dancesworks 2007, Kasser Theater, 7:30 p.m.
Greek Week

SATURDAY, 21

Upsilon Grill, SC Patia, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Peak Performances: Dancesworks 2007, Kasser Theater, 7:30 p.m.
Peak Performances: Murriska-Tuley of Ed Dorado, LI 125, 7:30 p.m.
Weekend Party, SC Ballrooms, 9:00 p.m.
Have A Great Weekend!

SUNDAY, 22

Jelly Bean Day
Players: Little Shop of Horrors, SC Annex 126, 8:00 p.m.
Peak Performances: Murriska-Tuley of Ed Dorado, LI 125, 2:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 23

Sisters On Your Side, SC 421, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Diversity Night, SC 419, 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 24

Broadway Play Trap Legally Blonde, Meet at RH Dine, 6:00 p.m.
Vintage Women & Today's Women, SC 419, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 25

Rec. Activity: The Price is Right, SC Ballrooms, 6:00 p.m.

Local News COMPILED BY CHANTAL GABEL

Drug Busts and Thefts Frequent MSU

GALLOWAY - State Police are preparing to release a report that will say the trooper who was driving Gov. Jon Corzine during a deadly accident Thursday was speeding at the time, two sources who have been briefed on the report's contents told The Star-Ledger Tuesday.

The declined to be identified because the report — which was released Tuesday — has not been made public by the State Police.

State Trooper Robert Rasinaki was driving the Chevrolet Suburban transporting the governor on the Garden State Parkway in Galloway Township on Thursday night. He swerved to avoid another car and crashed into a median guardrail.

The governor was on his way to Princeton to meet with the embroidered robe show host Don Imus and the Rutgers women's basketball team.

DUMONT - Only a bullet would stop Matt LaPerte, according to one of his close friends.

GALLOWSBURG, VA. - The gun­man who killed 30 people at Virginia Tech's Norris Hall before turning the gun on himself was student Cho Seung-hui, university police Chief Wendell Flinchum said Tuesday.

Cho left a long note in his dorm room, law enforcement sources told ABC News. It contains an explanation of his goals and told police he was about to do this.

It also raised against "rich kids," "debauchery" and "decadent charlatans" on campus, according to the Chicago Tribune. Cho, a 26-year-old South Korean and resident alien, was an English major who lived at the university's Harper Hall, Flinchum said.

ALATLANTA, GA. - An ex-con who spent several years in prison for a fatal robbery was indicted Tuesday on murder charges in the fatal shooting two weeks ago at the CNN headquarters complex.

Manch, 39, is charged in the indictment with murder, felony murder, kidnapping with bodily injury, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, according to the district attorney's office.

The indictment says Mann confronted Radies with his job and dragged her by her hair to an escalator. When she tried to resist, he shot her twice, prosecutors said.

AUSTIN, TEX. - Authorities evacuated buildings Tuesday at St. Edward's University after a threatening note was found, a school official said. Police officials had secured the perimeter of the campus and were searching the buildings, university spokeswoman Michelle Amador. She declined to say where the note was found and said its contents were "harmo­cicous."

Students who live on campus were being allowed to return to their dormitories as police fin­ished searching each building, Amador said. Faculty, staff and all other students were asked to stay away from the campus, and classes were canceled.

New Delhi, India - Families in India and Israel on Tuesday mourned two professors among the 32 people killed in a shooting rampage at Virginia Tech, while the leader of Australia's slimmed U.S. gun culture.

Murderous massacre was the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, with the unspeakable gunman claiming 32 victims in two attacks before turning the gun on himself and taking his own life.

Leib Levine, 76, an engineering science and mathematics lecturer, tried to stop the gunman from entering his class­room by blocking the door before he was fatally shot, his son said Tuesday from Tel Aviv, Israel.

Levine immigrated to Israel from Romania in 1959 and then moved to Virginia in 1986 for his sabbatical but had stayed since then, said Joe Liberman, who himself studied at the school from 1989 to 1994.

Gaza City - Security guards at the Palestinian parliament on Tuesday scuffled with a crowd of Palestinians, journalists who were demonstrating in support of a kidnapped British Broad­casting Corp. correspondent, pushing back reporters and beating two of them with rifle butts.

About 200 journalists had gathered outside the building, seeking information about BBC correspondent Alan Johnston. When journalists tried to enter parliament to talk with lawmakers about the case, the guards violently pushed them back and barred them from entering.

The journalists called on lawmakers to come out of the building to talk to them. Some held signs and photos that said "Free Alan."

Winston, 44, was abducted by gunmen in Gaza City on March 12 and has not been seen or heard from since then.
of controversy since it was introduced in as early as 2004, Clifton officials, including the veteran mayor James Aennoldi and severa! outspoken city council members, said in October that they are adamantly against the rezoning, which they believe will be a major source of congestion and traffic on Valley Road. The university has recently contended that because they are a state entity that is not regulated by the mandate of city authorities.

"State agencies are not regulated by smaller, local entities," said university counsel Valerie Van Baaren. "However, we are consulting with Clifton and we'd like to get it resolved in an amicable way."

A hot topic on campus this past winter was the failure of the heating system in Freeman Hall. Leaks and air bubbles in the pipelines would cause sporadically heated heating failures. Facilities repair respon-

fects on his Greek Council position, he will resign from the position of President of Psi Sigma Phi.

Paul Titcombe is seeking his second term in office as treasurer of Greek Council. Commenting on his return to his office, Titcombe told the council that he "has a full idea of how Greek Council should be run."

Titcombe said that upon learning that no one was seeking the post, he decided to "step up" and serve the office for another year. Doe Valenzi of Delta Chi referred to his fraternity's near decharterment as motivation for his running for secretary.

"Delta Chi President! Matt Kelly and Dan Peltz promised at our hearing that we would become more involved on campus and with other organizations. That's a promise that we're taking seriously," said Valenzi. "We want to have a more direct impact on Greek life, which is what we're here for."

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In addition, projects like the renovation of College Avenue and the improvement of Panzer Gymnasium were brought up. Cole also announced that the Board of Trustees approved the funding repairs to the Freeman Hall heating system.

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On Wednesday at 6 p.m., a candlelight vigil was held in the Student Center quad to observe the tragic loss of 33 lives in the Virginia Tech massacre earlier this week. Over 200 campus community members were in attendance at the event that was organized in less than 36 hours by the Center for Non-Violence and Prevention Programs.

The first of the various speakers was university president Dr. Susan A. Cole. Community members etched condolences on banners that will be sent to Virginia Tech.

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On Friday, April 13 in the Formal Dining Room, Spectrums hosted its fifth annual drag show during Red Hawk Nite. The dining room was decorated in disco balls and silhouettes of dancing people dressed in '70s style to fit the disco theme of this year's show.

The event got off to a somewhat slow start as some of the professional drag queens had problems arriving on time. The beginning of the evening was filled mostly with witty anecdotes given by Drew University's Jen Dugan.

Dugan told the audience many entertaining stories about being a lesbian at Drew University. Other students from Drew were also in the audience to support Dugan as well as MSU's gay-straight alliance.

To fill the extra time, the D.J. who was hired also showed off some of his dance moves and entertained the guests.

The drag part of the show finally began when the hired professional drag queens, including returning hostess Bobbi Blush, arrived. Blush announced the contestants of the beauty pageant-esque competition, two of which were MSU students, in addition to the two other hired drag queens. The participation of students in the competition added a twist to the show, which usually mostly consisted of professionals.

There were several parts to the contest, such as a talent portion, where the contestants put on performances, mostly musical in nature, and a question-and-answer portion. The judges were SGA members Angelo Lilia, Andreas Kohn and Naima Kotadia.

After waiting for some time, the judges finally announced the winners of the contest. Runner-up was Dana de la Peachez, a professional drag queen hired by Spectrums to come and entertain the guests.

The winner of the fluffy pink tiara that marked first place was one of the MSU students, who went by the alias Anna Phase. Phase had given an exhilarating performance of the song "Out Tonight" from the musical Rent, which caused the audience to go wild. Lots of audience members would agree that Phase deserved to win that tiara and the title of Miss MSU 2007.

President of Spectrums, Laura Nappo, said, "Planning was a lot of work, and the people who helped put in a lot of time. That's what made the show a success. I would like to thank all of the students who helped out. Without their help, it wouldn't have been as much of a success." Still, those who planned the event felt it was worth it. I'm sure I'm not the only one who looks forward to next year's show.
Greek Week participants had to toss footballs at chairs as part of the competitions.

Here are some of the Monarca Chapter brothers of Lambda Sigma Upsilon posing at the Greek Week races on Tuesday afternoon.

A Delta Chi brother practices rolling on scooters for competition at the Student Center ballrooms.

Different sorority members anxiously await starting the scooter races that were part of the Greek Week activities.

Sigma Delta Phi performed the "Pink Panthers" Unit and placed third during the talent show.

Pi Kappa Alpha brothers surfed into the Student Center ballrooms during the annual Greek Week Talent Show.
At first glance, Nick Gismondi would probably strike most people as being the average college undergrad. With his slicked-up hair, North Jersey accent and membership in one of Montclair State University’s major social fraternities, it’s easy to assume that his collegiate social calendar speaks more of good times and frat mayhem than community service and an investment in the lives of other people.

But any conversation of length with Gismondi, a psychology major and brother of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, will reveal two of his life’s greatest passions: volunteer firefighting and spending time as a counselor for Sister Pat’s Cancer Camp.

This summer will be Gismondi’s fourth as a counselor for the camp, with which he became involved through Church St. Helens in Westfield, of which he is a member. The campers are 4 to 14 years in age and suffer from various types of cancer, blood disorders and remission. Not all of the conditions are benign.

“I’ve lost four campers in three years,” reflects Gismondi.

Having pledged his freshman semester in the fall of 2004, Nick now serves as both the philanthropy and community service chairman for his fraternity. An on-campus event to raise money for the camp, therefore, seemed natural for Pike to spearhead.

“MSU’s Funniest Student,” a competition among seven Montclair students (as well as two amateur and one professional comedian) was held in the Student Center ballroom on Wednesday, April 11. “(The event) was something different that I thought college kids would react well to,” explained Gismondi. “I’ve never seen anything like this at Montclair.”

Over 110 students and faculty attended to support the contestants, who were mostly Greek and new to the world of stand-up comedy. “It was such a rush of a feeling of emotion and satisfaction,” said Laura Rubin, an education major and sister of Sigma Delta Phi, who likened the experience to runway modeling. “All you can see is the light hitting your face. You can’t see anyone’s reactions.”

Planning for the event began in December, while the recruitment drive began with the dawn of the spring semester. Gismondi messaged students through facebook.com and approached Greeks in the student center cafeteria. Greg Coralluzzo and Anthony Divito of the amateur troupe Savage Animal were contacted personally by Gismondi, who in turn contacted Matt Christmas, a professional local comedian. According to Christmas, the audience count was on par with a “normal show,” considering the space available in most clubs.

Throughout the show, the language was salty and subject matter assorted; the topics of discussion ranged from college life to dating to national issues. “Facebook is like the CNN for college students,” mused Brian Taylor, broadcasting major and brother of Theta Xi.

With his parents in the audience, Taylor pushed the levels of taste to the extreme, claiming that his mother “is only four feet tall, and I came out of her vagina.” Was he nervous about offending his parents? Apparently not. “The reason I curse is because of my mom,” he says.

Gismondi ensured the event, taking time between the acts to deliver jokes and announce winners of the various prizes that were being raffled off such as meal vouchers at Johnny Carrino’s.

For most of the students, comfort with the surroundings took time, although nearly in the second hour, everyone was engaged and laughing.

Nick Gismondi hosted a comedy competition to raise money for Sister Pat’s Cancer camp, where he is a counselor.

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Though RMP is a resource for students to plan their schedules, he continued that some students may be biased about certain professors. "I hope students don't rely solely on the site to choose their schedule," Dickenson said. "The danger is students will let the website think for them and dictate their decisions."

However, since RMP is the VIP ticket to getting the inside scoop on professors, he wouldn't discourage them from using it. "This information that students can't get anywhere else," he said. "It's the 'word on the street.'"

One of the 10 million college students who utilize the cheat sheet of professors is Shanna Foster, 21, a communication studies and English education major from Newark. As a senior, she said she is a pro at scheduling. Her strategy for selecting courses is to "narrow them down based on what the majority of the reviews says about a professor, as well as what I may already know about the professor."

However, Foster cautions that the ratings may not be accurate. She said there's no guarantee that the people filling out these forms have even had this professor. "It's also questionable whether the evaluation is objective and based on the quality of the class, rather than from a grade or physical appearance."

"Since everyone has their own personal opinion of professors, the reviews can be biased and may not be as accurate as they seem," said Foster, who currently has a professor who was rated as extremely strict and tough for the whole semester. "Half the class is A's and the other half is F's."

However, after taking his class, "I realized it was a very big problem on RMP!" Foster admitted that, although the professor is strict regarding classroom procedures, he isn't bad at all. "He even makes jokes on a daily basis!"

Some students, such as Sarah Mikolajczyk, feel a little more comfortable going into the classroom knowing what to expect from professors. "This way I'll know the general outline of class work before classes even start, which helps me plan my year out better," said Mikolajczyk, 21, a senior history education major from Utica who sometimes relies on the reviews of professors to improve her GPA.

However, Mikolajczyk is aware that students may have the professor's teaching abilities and the course. "One teacher I had one person said she was too hard and I dropped her, yet another six reviews said, "As long as you do the work, you'll be fine," Mikolajczyk said. "But some people are too busy for that."

Some students take into consideration that college requires students to open their textbook and study, such as this review posted on the Web site: "I have to say, a lot of people said that he was too hard of a professor and that the project was too tough. This is college, not high school. You're not going for your education. You are there to work... not?"

Others comment on the attractiveness of professors: "Definitely cute... but not hot!" Other sample ratings include: "She is always busy jurking it out of her..." and "WARNING: These reviews are 100 percent correct. He absolutely takes off for points regardless of how much/what you write and will not give reasons why." With the variety of positive and negative reviews, Dickenson said there's no way to tell if the students are telling the truth.

"While there are students who use RMP in a way that gives constructive criticism, many take too much poetic license with what they post and so you can't help but question its credibility," Dickenson said. To decipher the meaning of the review, Dickenson said students should not take them literally as they are written. To see some reliability in the ratings, he said to look for specific wording of a comment, such as, "This guy is too easy" and "This one gives too much homework." However, not all information on the World Wide Web is accurate. Both LeClair and Dickenson advise students to not be so gullible and skeptical when evaluating professors with an alleged special knowledge," LeClair said.

LeClair would only modify his courses if the department evaluations show areas for improvement. "Individual students are usually honest enough to give me some idea of problems during or after the course," he said. "I have been teaching at MSU for over 20 years, and I realize that students can be a great source of insight about my teaching and their learning." LeClair said, "If both of us know what questions to ask, drop e-mails and attitudes and can understand the answers in the context of the greater demands of the discipline."

Dickenson has yet to read or hear any substantial comments from the ratings that are worthy of modifying his syllabus. As an unremarked professor, he's evaluated in every class and observed once a year. These are the ratings he pays attention to. The university evaluations have questions like, "How effective was the instructor in teaching the course?" and "Approximately how many hours did you spend working for the course?" There are no options for "How hard was this class?" or "How hot is the professor?"

Foster, who overheard about RMP in a coffee shop during her freshman year, recommends the site to underclassmen. "Incoming freshmen are unable to cheat because they are new to campus, or they may not know many people who can provide tidbits about professors," Foster said.

Though the site does have its limitations, she said students should take the risk and bet their money on the reviews about professors. "If you don't have time to play rock, paper, scissors in order to choose one out of 60 professors for the same class, why not take the risk?" Foster said. "Nine times out of 10, you just might get the professor of your dreams, or nightmares!"

Rather than taking that risk, Dickenson and LeClair suggest asking advisors or the professors themselves about the class. Dickenson urged students to attend a class before they register, talk to the students in the class or go to the professor's office hours and ask for syllabuses. "Test process in itself can be very informative," Dickenson said. "If a professor is inaccessible and impossible to communicate with, that says more than anything on the Web site." He also advises students to think for themselves.

Dickenson wondered how students would feel if they were being scrutinized by their professors on how studious and how much of a slacker they are, as well as their physical appearance (a hot tamale next to their MySpace picture).

"It would be great if we had a RateMyStudents.com," Dickenson said. Some possible ratings: "She always hands in her assignments on time" and "You can't understand a word he says with that heavy accent of his."

As a student, Mikolajczyk has mixed reviews about a Web site where professors rate students. Likewise, some professors have mixed reviews about the reliability and credibility of RMP.

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The Montclair State University students use RateMyProfessor.com to decide which professors to take, even though the reviews are often unreliable.

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Ready or Not, Here They Come!
The Freshman BFA Acting Students Show They are Ready to Take Over

Trevor Cahill
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, the freshman BFA acting class put on a showcase to demonstrate all that they have been working on this year. I attended the second night to see for myself what kind of talent, or lack thereof, was coming up. Let's just say the upperclassmen had better watch their backs.

The BFA freshmen Ah Andresini, Devan Baumstein, Maxx Casanova, Keri Costa, Bess Eckstein, Sarah Grodsky, Irene Hernandez, David Marconi, Allee Ryan, Jerome Shuler, and David Zappacosta put this showcase together under the direction of Jim Ligon. The show was broken into two acts, the first consisting of improvisational comedy and the second revolving around five dramatic scenes.

Missing from the group on Saturday were Devan Baumstein and David Zappacosta for personal reasons. The remaining nine, filling in for their missing classmates, blew the audience away.

The show began with a tribal-like dance led by Shuler. After finishing the attention-grabbing, entertaining dance, the actors took their positions to begin their performance. Throughout the entire first act, Fox Theater shook with the roaring laughter from the audience. Organized in the fashion of Whose Line Is It Anyway? with Ligon taking the role of the evening's Drew Carey, the audience was able to get involved by shouting out ideas for scenes the actors made up on the spot.

The first game consisted of Ligon having someone from the audience point randomly to a word in the dictionary. The six actors on stage, in three pairs of two, had to create a brief exchange based on the selected word. Never has anyone heard of such ways to use "Medusa" and "homological" so creatively. This act continued in such a manner for the next hour. The cast would take turns in the games and each one had the chance to show their comedic timing. Although the entire company was brilliant, clearly standing out in the improv section were Schuler, Grodsky and Hernandez. These three had impeccable timing, hilarious ideas and perfect chemistry with anyone they were partnered with.

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The Hush Sound Opens Ears with New Tunes

Christina Marie Reynier
Staff Writer

When music lovers give this band a listen, they must think the band was joking when they decided on their name. The Hush Sound is anything but a band that should be "hushed." This Chicago-based group brings an array of sound to the table that could put a record store employee into disorientation when deciding which genre card the band's newest album should be displayed behind.

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They formed in early 2005 and have already released two full-length albums, got signed to a well-established label in under a year after they became a band, embarked on several tours next to such headliners as Fall Out Boy and Panic! At the Disco, and also set out on a headlining tour that sold out several of the dates.

Their first full length album, So Sudden, gained recognition from Fall Out Boy member Pete Wentz, who immediately snatched them up and got them signed to his record label, Decaydance Records, which is connected to Fueled By Ramen Records (which represents Fall Out Boy, Gym Class Heroes and The Academy Is...). The Hush Sound’s newest full-length album, Like Vines, was produced by Sean O'Keefe and co-produced by Fall Out Boy's lead singer, Patrick Stump.

The album, released on June 6, 2006, is impossible to generalize, with each song bringing its own piece of crafted flare to the 11-song disc.

Like Vines is an album filled with catchy toe-tapping tunes to make everyone want to dance and sing along. The album is packed with instruments using piano, guitars, bass, drums, trumpets and several other instruments all to their advantage. They beautifully blend Morris’s punk rock accentuated voice with Salpeter’s classical and haunting angelic vocals.

Songs like “A Dark Congregation” and “Magnolia” show off Salpeter’s classically-trained piano skills and captivating vocals while her voice floats between the notes. Songs like “We Interred” and “Where We Went Wrong” show off Morris’s deep vocals with pop happy beats that crowds love to sing and bounce around to.

All the songs on the album are perfectly timed when it comes to the instruments. Many different instruments are used in almost every song, all chiming in one slowly behind the other in songs like the circus medley “Lions Roar” and “Don’t Wake Me Up.” They manage to make it sound like a harmonizing orchestra instead of a clashing jumble of unorganized music.

This is starting to gain acknowledgment from music listeners and music critics alike. The band is sticking out with their original upbeat music and gaining fan base all across the world. The Hush Sound is currently on tour with Heliogoodbye, stopping in numerous states throughout the country.

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BFA's had the crowd in stitches.

Then, in an unexpected turn, the comedy was switched off to let the class bring on the drama in act two. This act, comprised of five unrelated dramatic scenes, gave the class the chance to prove that they were not only comedians. This part of the show, filled with awkward silences, shocking revelations and uncomfortable dialogue between the characters, let the audience know that these students have been putting in real work perfecting their craft.

This time, no three people stood out because putting in real work perfecting their craft. The audience knows that these students have been training piano skills and captivating vocals. Many of them were better than some of their upperclassmen peers, which leads me to warn the upcoming juniors and seniors.

These freshmen are a very talented group who will undoubtedly continue the Montclair Theatre and Dance Department’s reputation of putting on incredible shows. I would not be surprised to see some of these students as leads next year.

The freshman BFA's showed both their comedic skills and a talent for drama at their showcase this past weekend at Fox Theater.
Titled "Beautifully Interesting," the works on display were elegant and dangerous wedding gowns in mixed media. They were experimental works in progress that consisted of numerous materials, such as fabrics, hand printed paper, chains, pins, etc.

Overall, the work looked like a bridal showroom — until closer inspection. There were three gowns, all white, on tall, elegant, headless wire-frame mannequins and each one cut a very unique silhouette. They were dramatically lit individually from above and each cast back two shadows at approximately 90 degrees from each other.

Behind the gowns, two oversized mirrors sat on the floor leaning against the back wall, and on the wall itself were two large framed mirrors whose glass had a warped funhouse appearance.

The first dress was made chiefly from hand-printed paper, the second was fabric with a small metal wire corset-like bodice and pins as a decorative element, and the third was a fabric adorned with slim chains and surrounded on the floor by a hefty chain which bordered the circumference of the skirt.

The wedding dress is incredibly socially familiar, and yet it has a very different personal meaning for each individual. Talaga's altered versions of this icon are no exception. For example, adding chains could signify being chained in or locked out of marriage or a wedding itself, or they could speak about society's expectations about marriage as a given.

The distorted mirrors could lead to ideas about how much this ritual is about desirability and appearance. The works speak to many different interpretations of the contract marriage represents, and Talaga has left us to ponder its future as an institution.

"Beautifully Interesting," a solo show by Linda Talaga, was on view April 7-14, 2007 as a part of the weekly spring program of shows at the MFA Gallery in Finley Hall South on the Montclair State University campus.
at the cinema:

**Blades of Glory Skates to Victory**

They've gone and done it again. They've made a movie so stupid that it's actually good. Will Ferrell has managed to play a character that actually gives Ron Burgundy some major competition, and Jon Heder has almost put Napoleon Dynamite to shame.

We, the viewers, need not fear — when creativity runs out, just make something so absolutely ridiculous that you have to love it. What critics won't do for a laugh these days.

The movie follows the lives of two well-renowned male figure skaters who have gotten banned from skating ever again in the males' singles after they have a brawl in front of millions of people.

But alas! There is a loophole! If they team up together as a pair, they wouldn't be skating as singles but as a pair — a male pair.

And there is where the excitement starts.

Where Heder plays Jimmy MacElroy, an extremely flamboyant but overly adorable curly-haired blondie, and Ferrell, who plays Chazz Michael Michaels, a crass sex-addict, you have a recipe for success.

Of course, they have to overcome the bitterness between them and learn to accept one another. It doesn't help that long-time skater-pair, the Van Waldenbergs (Amy Poehler and Will Arnett) can't stand the idea of being beaten out by a pair of boys.

Taking the so-far beneficial formula of casting small-name actors like Poehler of Saturday Night Live and Jenna Fischer of The Office (who has now forever tainted my image of cute and innocent Pam, but leaves some hope that with her new side she'll be able to seduce Jim) definitely works in Blades's favor.

Add some spice with graphics faker than E.T. and a script lamer than Good Burger, and you have yourself a really special treat.

Bonus — a really cheesy romance between former Napoleon Dynamite and Office's Pam.

It is with movies like this that critics will finally have to admit the main goal isn't Oscar-worthy, but that the plot is meant to be obnoxiously silly and not taken seriously.

Better yet, let's recognize that there's a new genre of films in the world today that should be given a chance in the academy.

Honestly? If you're going to give this movie one star, do it because you didn't care for Heder's hairdo or Ferrell's attempt at being sexy.

But all humor aside, it seems like Blades has a more important objective than just making people laugh. Blades explores a bigger issue: placing two males in such an intimate relationship, even if it isn't love-based.

It's more than likely a statement and an attempt to make audiences more comfortable with same-sex situations. Maybe critics should look into the additional layers beneath the surface. They had you fooled, my dears. For that reason, I'm giving this movie the four stars it deserves.
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2006-2007 Year in Review

Do you remember when you were a kid, and Mike Seaver was the coolest brother on the planet? If you don't know who Mike Seaver is, let us refresh your memory. He was the real 90s dad played by Kirk Cameron in Growing Pains. And in our youth, we didn’t know what growing pains were until we hit age 14 and started to hate our parents and break stuff. High school was a weird time. This is the story about Montclair State University’s growing pains. It’s necessary to talk about because, well, we won’t have to share it with a shrink, and we are all a product of MSU’s preteenage stage.

We are not going to write off MSU and say it’s the worst college in the northern hemisphere, because that is just unfounded. There are some positives to this little college on the hill, but there are also some negatives that we all had to deal with. This is MSU’s year in review.

Should we do the positives first? Why not? Despite our criticism of Cafe Diem, it has been the hub of student activity, with better food, greater lights and a helpful staff. That scores highly in any man or woman’s book. So, Susan Cole; this Bud’s for you. Good job; give us one step ahead of the evolutionary process. University Hall, God knows that even the Student Center needs some holes to accommodate them. As for Phase III, that part of the plan needs cultural plans to back this up, but it is in the works.

Catholic during Lent, then we have a problem. Phase II needs to be redundant, but when Elaine Cooper, director of parking services, mentioned their feud with the City of Clifton last week, so let’s not talk about because, well, we won’t have to share it with a shrink, and in review is that student advocacy has been at an all-time low. For example, parking is screwed, and there is nothing to improve this failure of the institution, which is sad because we are a commuter school. How is the administration going to combat this? We mentioned their feud with the City of Clifton last week, so let’s not talk about because, well, we won’t have to share it with a shrink, and in review is that student advocacy has been at an all-time low.

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Thumbs up to Prince William’s break-up, thereby freeing up the job of future Queen of England.

Thumbs down to Britney Spears’s life.

Thumbs up to students for doing Virginia Tech vigil.

Thumbs down to upcoming finals.
Battling WESS and Lack of Curriculum Classes

One Student Writes About Her Registration Frustration

If you have not registered for classes yet, good luck. The fall 2007 semester is looking grim for many students. Not only do students have to worry about the dreariness of registration, but now they have to worry about getting into the classes they need. Once a student has registered for classes, they can't take GDEN 202 and GNED 303. Since every class for GNED 202 is cancelled, students have to settle for GDEN 303, but wait: every class for it has been closed for quite some time.

For the future teachers of Montclair, there are all these times being changed and rearranged every other hour, they have to check WESS all the time to make sure they are still registered for their classes. Music classes are getting cancelled left and right without warning. Music major Ash Rosenhagen said, "It's a pain. Orchestra times keep changing, and students have to settle for GNED 303, but wait: every class for it has been closed for quite some time."

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It is a wonderful feeling knowing that all the money we spend at this school is going to things we really need. Honestly, I would rather be able to register for classes than have Café Diem. As much as I love Starbucks, I need to be able to take classes, and I'm sure you readers need to as well.

Taking Pursuits of English? Get ready to sit and stare at your computer waiting for registration, but now they have to worry about agitating him with any of my stupid jokes.

Remembering Author Kurt Vonnegut

After the Passing of a Great

Initially, I planned to write about the power of language and the even more potent power of context, in the wake of this Don Imus fiasco. I planned a vicious attack on that assaulter Al Sharpton, who is the poster child for hypocrisy. But then I heard some upsetting news: Kurt Vonnegut had died.

The obituary and reminiscences that now scurry the Internet recall his dark humor. And why not? His mother committed suicide before he left for World War II, he was a POW for 2½ years, and his brother Kilgore Trout was one of the atomic bombs. But it was through his simple, direct, sparse style that he spoke directly to the reader. For myself, reading a Kurt Vonnegut story was like having a conversation with him, perhaps better because I didn't have to worry about aggravating him with any of my stupid jokes.

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I applaud the idea. I just did not appreciate the symbolism of the day into a joke. But why in the world did the Houston Astros have to wear the number 42 on Jackie Robinson Day? This was after receiving permission from Robinson's widow, Rachel Robinson, and MLB commissioner Bud Selig. This started an uproar of more and more players wanting to become involved in the act. When the day finally rolled around, over 200 players, coaches, managers, ball boys and even an umpire wore the number out of respect for the man. However, respect only goes so far. At some point, it crosses the line into disrespect. The groundwork of the number 42 in baseball was lost on Sunday. Six entire baseball teams all wore the number, including the Dodgers, where Robinson played from 1947-1956. The Dodgers doing the act made sense. During Robinson's playing day, he faced racial bias, and it was joked that maybe everyone should wear 42 to confuse the crowd. But why in the world did the Houston Astros have their entire team wear it? What about the other 29?

There were many good African-American players who wore 42 on that day. Notables included Griffey, Rivera, Barry Bonds, Tasti Hunter and Donte Willis. Why in the world would non-black players and managers, such as Jim Thome, Scott Rolen and Yankhee skipper Joe Torre, be allowed to wear the 42? This is not said to separate races, but you must realize what the number means in baseball. Jackie Robinson wore that number every single day and was always proud of his accomplishment. Even when people threatened his life, Robinson courageously never backed down. These black men are playing because of Robinson's courage. I understand paying homage to the man is important, but I applaud the idea. I just did not appreciate how the acts were taken. It almost made the symbolism of the day into a joke.

Want what in heaven is that each team should have chosen a player or manager to wear the number. Only that person can wear 42. The Mets had a great idea by having only manager Willie Randolph, who is currently one of the few black managers to honor the man. Randolph has always said how much Robinson touched his life. Due to the rain delay on Sunday, Randolph will wear the number on Friday.

Having entire teams wear the number should be outlawed, except for the Dodgers. These suggestions are only made in order to keep the tribute to Jackie Robinson as meaningful to baseball as his impact was.
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Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

For many Taurus, emotional matters will be a focus this week. Mid-week, a trusted colleague may relinquish control of a project to theirheimer. Set a boundary for yourself to avoid taking on too much responsibility.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Financial issues may arise this week through short-term partnerships, job applications, or forgotten colleagues. Carefully consider all legal contracts, business proposals, or investments. For many Cancerians, a brief but intense phase of abundance will soon trigger a phase of adjustment.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Monday through Thursday, group events will be complex but rewarding. Remain open to new ideas and make sure you appreciate your emotional dedication to social planning. For many Leos, a bittersweet phase of isolation will soon end.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Romantic flirtations are a powerful theme this week. Some Virgos will now experience a steady increase in romantic or social intrigue or personal stability. If so, pay special attention to last-minute invitations. Although unusually passionate, new proposals are deeply sincere. After Thursday, return quick business partnerships with loved ones.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Outdated business records will this week require almost constant attention. Yesterday’s expectations or forgotten colleagues may prove unusually amusing. Diplomacy and social involvement will help resolve disputes. Quickly clarify all financial errors.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Romantic commitments may this week require expansion. After Tuesday, some Scorpios, especially those born between 1971 and 1988, may encounter confusing proposals from loved ones. Key concerns involve family arrangements, social expectations, or traditional home roles. Late this week, business mistakes will fade.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Criminal cases may this week challenge your business expertise or public reputation. Minor disruptions will be easily forgotten. Remain philosophical and find a way to include all colleagues in social events. Improved job networks will soon take precedence.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Although fast flirtations are captivating this week, romantic resistance or short-term progress may prove-based. If possible, enjoy passionate moments but avoid serious discussion. By early next week, poorly defined expectations may strain new relationships.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Early this week, a relative or friend may revisit business schedules or opt for quick social changes. Group events and planned celebrations are worthwhile but may be difficult to initiate because of determined schedules.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Potential friends or lovers may now speak openly about their continuing affections or social loyalties. Expect the strong-willed target to offer attention or present complex compliments. Treat your first instincts with care.

The Family Monster by Josh Shalek

Here she is, only now she's in the air.

The Evil Clock-Spider threatens to destroy the Multi-Verse!

Only Limecat can defeat him!

The Family Monster by Josh Shalek

I didn't come to college to play baseball and lose it to an art degree.

A College Girl Named Joe by Aaron Warner

But right now, those things don't seem so important.

Finally, Dude... Spring Break!

Two Dudes by Aaron Warner

For one week, college students everywhere party hearty instead of going to classes, studying, or taking exams.

Welcome to Falling Back! Monarch Park by Josh Shalek

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NHL Playoffs Enter Round One in Full Stride

With the First Round of Playoffs Already Began, Which Teams Will Find Themselves Left Out of the Cold?

Nik Protaesenia

The 2007 NHL playoffs have just begun, and there are a few things that one should take note of as the drama unfolds. We all know that regular season stats mean absolutely nothing at this point. During the playoffs, a season-ending hot streak could mean that the winner of the President's Trophy (the regular season's best team) is potentially doomed by the curse of an early playoff exit. There are other things, however, that are more interesting to every fan, and these are what make playoff hockey the best. What everyone should be focusing on is the dark horse team that steamrolls its way to the top by beating out heavily favored opponents and the unlikely goal-scorer that leads the playoffs in scoring after having a sub-par regular season. Here are some predictions for the first round of 2007 NHL playoffs.

Western Conference

Detroit Red Wings (1) v. Calgary Flames (8)

Once again, the Red Wings finished at the top of the conference at the end of the season, but are they goes as far as being the best team? If blahblah, blahhlah, New York Rangers are very healthy, and David Legace and Hintz Zetterberg will null it. Do Wings, Detroit will prevail. The Flames have been inconsistent all playoff long, and Coach Jim Playfair is inpressdesss.

Prediction: Detroit in 6.

Anaheim Ducks (2) v. Minnesota Wild (7)

Anaheim's young talent could perhaps be the best two defensive pairing in the league. The game made them a force to be reckoned with all year, not to mention during the playoffs for toughness. Minnesota, on the other hand, came out of nowhere to make the playoffs because of the stellar play of Gary Galenik and rookie goalie Niklas Backlund. These two teams will battle for the fourth slot. Anaheim is coming out of California's evil shadow.

Prediction: Anaheim in 7.

Vancouver Canucks (3) v. Dallas Stars (6)

Both of these teams don't score many goals, but both rely on defense to win games. Roberto Luongo has been MVP material for the Canucks, but I don't think his statistics should affect his future playoff appearance. Dallas keeps them from having the top slot. First round that Coach Dave Tippett and goalie Marty Turco will need to work hard to win. I would support Dallas to easily behind Turco.

Prediction: Dallas in 6.

Nashville Predators (4) v. San Jose Sharks (5)

Both teams have the deepest blue-lining in the league. The Predators have skill, but have some issues in center. San Jose has Penner, and Nashville has Forsberg, Yip, Zetterberg. Both teams produce, the senior will depend on the teams' third and fourth lines. San Jose has better guys.

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Looking Ahead to Round Two:

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Mike Johnson Discusses What Remains of a Once Successful Red Hawk Program

Mike Johnson
Assistant Sports Editor

It's been just over a year now since the wrestling team has stepped out onto the mat in Panzer Gym, and yet it seems like the Red Hawks have been void of a wrestling program for decades, if not longer. No one mentions the wrestling program or any of its many accomplishments, except for the rare ex-wrestler who still wears his team sweats to class. To tell you the truth, I haven't given them much thought until two things happened to me this past week that made me realize how much Montclair State University should be missing its wrestling program.

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It's too difficult to ignore the success this program has had over the years. Since 1963, 56 different athletes have received All-American honors here at MSU in wrestling, gaining a total of 100 plaques, including four-time All-American Karl Monaco (1986-1989) and most recent repeat All-American, two-time winner Derrick Goduto (2005-2006).

According to Goduto, the only wrestler to transfer out of MSU after the program was cut was heavyweight William Beiermeister, who transferred to Division I school Sacred Heart. Of the 40 or so wrestlers to begin the season, only a few remained at the end. Goduto stayed on to win a National Championship, something the Red Hawks could not do that year, but he also stayed on, along with the others, because of their dedication and love for the sport, something they still haven't lost.

It's a shame that our top athletes in the wrestling program are now forced to live out the rest of their MSU careers as non-athletes and are banished from the sport they love just because of some bonehead coach who made a bunch of bad mistakes. Now they are left to pick up the pieces of a broken team that they didn't break in the first place. And that is what rustles my feathers.

What Rustles Your Feathers?

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Let Mike Johnson know what Red Hawk issue you're heated about!

Red Hawks Sweep Rangers at Home

McCrea Picks up 18th and 19th Wins of Season; Red Hawks Come From Behind to Take Nightcap

Robert Atikien
Assistant Sports Editor

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Carolyn McCrea's shutout in MSU's first game against Drew on Wednesday night at MSU Softball Stadium was one of the best of the season.

McCrea pitched a complete game, two-hit shutout in the first game. The junior pitcher fanned nine batters and walked only two in seven innings.

Junior third baseman Jackie Ferranti went three-for-four and scored the game's first run from a Drew error in the bottom of the third inning. An RBI single by sophomore designated player Kelly Karp drove in sophomore catcher Jennifer Jimitus.

Karp tried to run to second base but was tagged out to end the inning on the play. This gave the Red Hawks a 2-0 lead that they would not relinquish.

In game two, freshman starter Elia Perez had a difficult first inning, giving up three runs early. Montclair would tie the game.

A one-out triple by freshman left fielder Kelly Nance in the bottom of the second set up Karp with an RBI single. The next inning, a two-RBI double by senior catcher Megan Tantum tied the game at 3. In the fourth, Persico ran into a bit of trouble. With runners on the corners and one out, Persico's night was done and in came McCrea. After a sacrifice fly gave Drew 12-14, 3-3) a 4-3 lead, another fly out got Montclair out of the inning.

The Red Hawks would come back in the bottom of the inning. Ferranti's single gave the third baseman her second RBI and tied the game at 3. Montclair would add five runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

McCrea pitched 3.2 innings of relief, giving up one hit and striking out six more. The two wins by McCrea give her 18 on the season, compared with only three losses. With McCrea's 15 strikeouts in both games, she currently has 145 this season, just 45 strikeouts away from the single season record.

Notable batters included Ferranti, who went five-for-eight with three runs scored and two RBIs in the doubleheader. Shockley and Karp both went three-for-six and had two RBIs apiece. Karp also scored a run on a sacrifice fly.

McCrea picked up her 19th win on the season on Wednesday night against Drew in game two of Wednesday's doubleheader.

Red Hawks vs. Drew

4/18/07

Carolyn McCrea

10.2 IP, 2 W, 15 K

Maureen Shockley

3/6, 2 RBIs

Jackie Ferranti

5/8, 2 RBI
Pitcher

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McCrea threw seven scoreless innings against TCNJ on Saturday, giving up only four hits and two walks while striking out five. She earned her 12th win of the season.

MEGAN TANTUM

Catcher

Senior catcher Tantum went 4-for-4 with four RBIs including a three-run home run in the fifth inning of the Red Hawks’ win over TCNJ in the first game of the double header.

Game of the Week

Saturdays, April 21, 2007

12:00 P.M.

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Last Week’s Results

4/18 - MSU 6, Merchant Marine 9

Preview

Although the Red Hawks have allowed 4.86 runs per game, they have been scoring 5.85 runs per game. The Pioneers, on the other hand, have allowed 6.48 runs per game and have been scoring 7.48 per game. Both teams offer high-powered offenses that can explode at any moment in the game, but the Red Hawks have the edge in pitching.

William Paterson’s offense, led by Rick Pigato, has nine players in double-digits in RBIs (seven with 20 or more) whereas MSU’s offense, led by Rob Bowness, has only seven players in double digits (only one with 20) in RBIs.

The Red Hawks currently hold the edge in the overall head-to-head record at 96-70.

This Week

Sat. @ Cabrini, 7 p.m.
Mon. @ Kean, 7 p.m.

This Week

Sat. @ Mt. St. Vincent, 12 p.m.
Tues. @ TCNJ, 7 p.m.

This Week

Thurs. @ FDU-Florham, 3:30 p.m.
Fri. @ Rutgers-Newark, 3:30 p.m.
Sat. vs. William Paterson (DH), 12 p.m.
Tues. vs. Johns Hopkins, 7 p.m.

This Week

Thurs. @ NJCU, 3:30 p.m.
Sat. @ Kean, 1 p.m.
Tues. vs. William Paterson, 3 p.m.

This Week

4/18 - MSU 2, Drew 0
4/18 - MSU 10, Drew 4

Magic Number

Rank Jennifer Jimenez currently holds the all-time list for on-base percentage.

Red Hawk Trivia

In what year did Montclair State University change its name from the Indians to the Red Hawks?

Last Edition’s Question

What is the newest sports facility at Montclair State University?

Answer to Last Edition’s Question

MSU Softball Stadium, which was built in 2004, is the newest facility at MSU.

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Red Hawks Share Weekend with Lions

Red Hawks Split Doubleheader with TCNJ, Hold Onto Three-Way Tie in NJAC

If you were one of the 60 people or so who caught the Montclair State University Red Hawks vs. The College of New Jersey Lions doubleheader last Saturday, then you know that the first game was an all-out pitching duel.

Jair Mendez was on the hill for the Red Hawks, and the big lefty Bob Buskett stood tall on the mound for the Lions. Buskett went 7.2 innings, letting up one earned run on six hits and striking out five batters while Mendez pitched a complete game and let up one earned run on six hits and also struck out five batters in the first game.

The Red Hawks won that game 3-1 but dropped the second game 6-1.

In the first game, both pitchers proved their dominance, but the difference for Buskett and the Lions was in the second inning. Lions third baseman Vince Mazzaccaro muffed two groundballs off his mitt, putting Red Hawks catcher Andrew Vicaro and Red Hawks third baseman Marc Palestina in scoring position.

Next to the dish was Red Hawks second baseman Andrew Himmelfarb, who hit a grounder up the middle, that scored Vicaro and Palestina, giving the Hawks an early 2-0 lead which was enough for Mendez.

"The second inning gave me extra confidence in the way I pitched. It was the first time I pitched with the lead," Mendez said after the game, while icing his shoulder.

The Lions would rally in the top of the fourth, scoring one run after Red Hawks first baseman Lou Politan made a diving back-handed stab at first, saving any potential runs from scoring while picking himself up and making the crucial second out assisted. The top of the fourth served as the only hairy inning for Mendez, who let up only two hits the rest of the game.

The Red Hawks skipper Coach Norm Schnoeig was on the bench for the first time after returning from back surgery, telling Mendez to challenge each batter and reminding Politan when he was behind in the count that he is a good two-strike hitter. The positive remarks seemed to wear off on the team, and it showed.

"Positive reinforcement: that’s a good thing we have now," said Mendez. "I feel so confident in this team. We’re going to pick each other up as the season goes."

By splitting the series, the Red Hawks and Lions are tied at both 6-4 in the NJAC. Red Hawks catcher Andrew Vicaro could not stress how important the doubleheader was after the first game. "They’re gunning for us, and we’re gunning for them," he said after the first game. "Hopefully, we can sweep them."

The sweep was obviously not in the cards, but the split does keep each team neck-and-neck in the NJAC standings against their rival.

The second game for the Red Hawks was a disaster as the Lions scored two runs in the top of the first inning and two more in the top of the third to take the early 4-0 lead.

Lions pitcher Mike Oliver went 7.1 innings, letting up one earned run and striking out seven. The Red Hawks were able to get eight hits off Oliver, but this only came sporadically through the game, as the most hits the Hawks could conjure up in an inning was two and that was in the first.

The next Red Hawks home game is at 12 p.m. this Saturday against Kean University. The Pioneers are currently one game over .500, but their conference record (2-7) puts them near the bottom. Their offense looks to mark up the Red Hawk pitchers who have fared relatively well lately.

The Red Hawks are looking to climb the NJAC standings and make it to the top by season’s end but are in a four-way tie for third place and have a lot of ground to make up.