

## Broncs' Bits

### Records

Men's Soccer (5-11-2)  
Women's Soccer (8-13)  
Field Hockey (12-8)  
Volleyball (5-22)  
Ice Hockey (5-4-3)

### Upcoming Home Games

11/15, Montclair St. 9:45 p.m.  
11/16, Central Conn. St. 9:30

### And More Sports

The **equestrian team** had a total of nine members show at the Zone 3 Region 2 show. Compared to the University of Delaware, which had 34 members, the Broncs held their own against the larger competition and finished 6th overall.

The **volleyball team** ended their season with a victory over St. Francis-N.Y. on Tuesday. Sophomore **Jaclyn Levi**, who compiled 10 kills and 18 digs, and junior **Amy Householder**, who added 15 kills and 27 digs. Playing in her final home match, senior **Laura Berger**, had 59 assists.

The **ice hockey team** continued its trend of splitting games last weekend. The team tied William Patterson 4-4 on Friday night, but bounced back on Saturday with a 6-2 victory over Millersville.

The **men's and women's swimming and diving teams** were swept by defending champion Marist last Saturday. For the men, sophomore Sam Engle won the 200I.M. and the 200m backstroke.

For the women, freshman Jen Feenstra won the 200m free and 200m butterfly and swam on the 400m medley relay.



### Athletes of the Week

Senior **Sean O'Hare** has been named *The Rider News* Male Athlete of the Week. He was named to the second team All-MAAC Soccer Team. O'Hare led the entire MAAC in game-winning goals with three. He finished fourth in the MAAC in goals with eight, and was fifth in points with 17.

Freshman **Courtney Bertos** has been named *The Rider News* Female Athlete of the Week. Bertos scored the Broncs only goal in Tuesday's loss to Richmond. She has been named the NEC Rookie of the Year and was named to the All-NEC Team.

## Perspective

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The father-son duo that charged the field and assaulted the Minnesota Twins first base coach didn't realize this. The fans that threw snowballs at the Jets coaching staff didn't realize this. The Nets fans that held up signs that read "Please Stab Paul Pierce" didn't realize this.

Fans, especially high school and college fans, need to realize that the athletes you're yelling at are people first, athletes second. Just because they are on the field does not give us the right to yell obscenities and direct vulgar comments towards them. Their parents are there as well as yours, and I would not be happy if I heard my son being cursed at just because he plays on "the other team."

If you are an athlete, losses can hurt, but in the grand scheme of things, what is the big deal? Let me give you an example:

On Tuesday night Rider defeated St. Francis-N.Y. Obviously, the St. Francis players were upset after a loss. But on the bus ride home through the city, how many homeless people did they pass? How many crimes were being committed? When that loss is examined on a larger scale, losing doesn't seem that relevant.

So what side of the fence are you on? Sports can be viewed as vital and necessary, or just something to pass the time. Your view will be based on how you look at sports, either through a telescope or a microscope.

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### Faculty

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If David Duke, former head of the KKK, or William Shockley, the author of books about genetic inferiority, were to be invited to campus to speak, would most of the faculty and student body quietly stand by as they are doing with Baraka? Would the University schedule him to appear when few will be around to hear him and question his views? Duke was a racist and may still be spreading the Aryan philosophy of white supremacy. Dr. Shockley was a Nobel Prize winner in Physics. His theories of genetic factors (genetic inferiority) rationalizing the plight of African Americans would have been denounced, as they have been in other places by all people of good will. These kinds of racial theories of intelligence would have brought the faculty and certainly members of the African-American community to their respective feet. There would have

been an outcry. They should be allowed freedom of speech, but in a larger forum where members of the academic and social communities could confront and challenge their assertions. The administration, I suspect, would have issued a statement decrying racist views. Not so in Baraka's case. Shamefully this has not happened.

I do believe in academic freedom. But I would insist on an evening town hall meeting where Baraka could be questioned spontaneously by students, faculty, administrators, and community citizens. I would not do what the University is doing in Baraka's case—limiting exposure to Baraka's misrepresentations to a small campus audience. But that is what the University is doing. I hope I am wrong. But I think not. The plan, as I was told, is to invite Baraka and have him share his thoughts with selected students and some faculty members and then schedule Baraka for

a later afternoon meeting with whom-ever wishes to come. Then Baraka will go back to wherever he comes from and Rider will have dodged the bullet, making no official statement about Baraka's appearance. Silence is not golden in this case. Silence bespeaks acquiescence. Baraka is being brought here on the last day of class. Who will challenge Baraka's anti-Semitism? Who will stand up and speak the truth against his falsehoods? Few, I am afraid.

In his controversial poem, Baraka suggests that the Israelis knew about the attack on the World Trade Center (WTC) and that 4,000 Israelis stayed home. He attributes this information to the Internet and others. This figure of 4,000 was circulated throughout the Mideast after the attack on AL MANAR Television in Lebanon (controlled by Syria). Consider his sources. He says that 4,000 Israelis worked in the WTC, but that is unbelievable. There were

about 50,000 workers at the WTC overall, spread out over 300 companies. Of these companies, only two were Israeli owned (the Israel Navigation Company and Clear Forest). What is the purpose of spreading misinformation to students?

Baraka should not have been invited to the campus unless he was invited to debate someone about the issues at hand. The University should have said that...it still should say it.

Martin Luther King declaimed in his famous *I Have a Dream* speech that he had a dream that whites and blacks, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics would be able to sit down to the table of brotherhood together. You, Mr. Baraka, with your misleading statements, divide us and have made Dr. King's dream a nightmare. Well, do it somewhere else, not here.

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### Sandman

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One technique is to tighten every part of your body possible, from scrunching up your face to curling up your toes. Hold that for as long as you possibly can then allow everything to relax at once. If you do it right, it actually gets harder to tense up and hold it as long. As long as the lights are out, no one sees the funny faces you'll make.

The second technique was a breathing exercise. You

inhale through your nose slowly, hold it for ten seconds then exhale slowly through your mouth. While doing this, simply focus on the breathing and nothing else.

Another cause of sleep problems can be diet. I realize caffeine is essential to most college students, but it can affect you more than you realize. For me, an iced tea in the afternoon will keep me up the entire night. Some people are more sensitive to caffeine than others, and most people don't take into account the half-life of caffeine. Suppose you consume 200 mg of caffeine. Six hours later you still have 100 mg of caffeine left in your body. Try to

avoid things loaded with sugar before bed as well.

Also, for those with a noisy neighbor, I'd recommend investing in some headphones. If they're playing music you don't like, chances are getting involved in a stereo war with them won't do any good. Headphones can block out the rest of the hall until your ready to sleep. Taking them off before you fall asleep is important though, so that you can hear your alarm go off in the morning.

Sleep is important. Some people think they can go without it, but lacking sleep eventually catches up to everyone.

### Panthers

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administration has tried to convince terrorists hate us because we are free. Americans don't want to hear that many people around the world may have good reason to hate us, and although terrorism is certainly not the answer, we must understand that people's anger may be valid.

In the past 50 years the United

States has simply become a bully, attacking small countries we know cannot fight back. In our quest to stop communism and protect our economic interests, specifically oil, we have supported financially and militarily some of the worst dictators, and human rights abusers in the world. We have overthrown democratically elected governments, and replaced them with bloodthirsty tyrants. I don't have time to explain in detail each situation but if you examine U.S. policy in Guatemala,

El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru, Chile, Cambodia, Grenada, Afghanistan, Iraq, Panama, Iran, Indonesia, Columbia, East Timor, and Sudan you will find that our government is responsible for the deaths of tens of millions of innocent people; can we blame their friends and families for wanting revenge? If Dr. Gallay is going to call Baraka anti-American for being critical of his government, he may as well call Thomas Jefferson an "intellectual terrorist," for opposing his government policies. If

Baraka hated America, he wouldn't live here. There are plenty of other countries who share our same freedoms where he could live. Baraka is a patriot. He just, like so many of us, is disgusted at what our government has become. Instead of listening to President Bush cheerlead around issues on TV, perhaps Dr. Gallay should open his eyes to what our government is really doing behind our backs then reread the poem. He then may find himself on the path to becoming a "bleeding heart liberal."