

# STUDENT LIFE

## Honda rolls out some highly anticipated new models

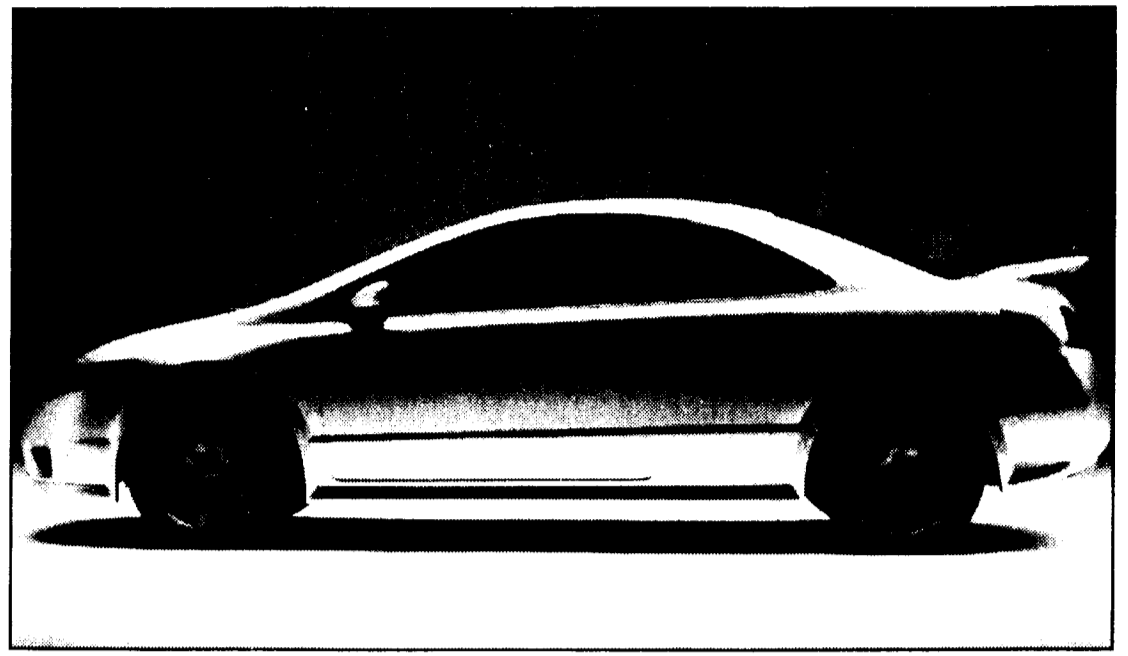
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When Honda released its tiny subcompact, the Civic, to the U.S. market in 1973, they never could have known how well it was going to sell. The Civic has been their best selling car in the history of the Honda brand, going through numerous updates and redesigns. The Civic has been placed on Car and Driver magazine's Ten Best list six times so far (1985, 1988-1991 and 1996).

Honda has released different engine versions like their S (standard), Si, and their VTEC versions (plus many more versions released outside of the U.S. Market). There has also been the ecologically friendly Civic Hybrid, running on half gasoline - half electric. In addition, Honda has released different body styles, giving potential buyers multiple options to retain their own individuality; options like anywhere between two and five doors and the choice between a sedan, coupe, hatchback or wagon. And if that weren't enough, Honda took the Civic name one step further by releasing the Civic Del Sol and the CR-X, both of which later branched into their own versions, leaving the Civic title behind.

Coming this fall, an all-new series of Civics will be released in the United States, followed soon after by a more fuel-efficient version of the Civic Hybrid, a natural-gas-powered Civic GX and a new performance-oriented version of the Civic Si coupe. Honda received five of the top ten "Greenest Car" slots determined by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, three of which were models of the Civic. The Civic GX was named "Greenest Car of 2005."

These new Civics are projected to dominate the market with their increase in performance, styling and economy with the Civic Si being their most anticipated model yet. The concept version of the Si boasts an impressive 2.0-liter four-cylinder, 16 valve, dual overhead cam i-VTEC (or intelligent Variable Timing and lift Electronic Control) bumping out 200 horsepower at 8,000 revolutions per minute (K20 i-VTEC I4). This beast of an engine will be mated to a six-speed manual transmission driving through a helical limited-slip differential that optimizes traction and cornering performance. Some other additions to the Si include aerodynamic improvements, an integrated center exhaust and four-wheel disc breaks with cross-drilled rotors and impressive four-piston Brembo calipers.



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The improved Honda Civic Si, scheduled to hit the U.S. market this December, excites buyers.

Also to be released in 2007 is the return of the CR-X, which will be sharing the same K20 i-VTEC I4 engine as the new Civic Si. The original CR-X was cancelled from Honda's lineup after 1992 when the Del Sol entered the market. This re-emergence will be sure to create an uproar among Honda enthusiasts.

## Double your monitors, double your fun

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Dear ASCII,

Someone down the hall from me has two monitors hooked up to one computer. Other than looking cool, why would someone do that? And can you tell me how I can use the old monitor sitting in my parents' basement to look cool too?

- Jealous

Dear Jealous,

Hooking up multiple monitors to the same computer can be quite convenient. You could use one screen to display your English assignment and the other to display a bunch of web pages that you're referencing. You could use one for browsing the Internet, while the other has all of your 'junk' on it, like AIM, Winamp, e-mail, etc. Or if you're feeling even less productive, you could have a game on one screen while the other displayed hot-keys or cheat-codes.

On this sort of setup, your mouse is able to move between the monitors as though they are not separate. You can just drag applications from one monitor to the other, just as you would move it about a single screen. (It's really cool.)

You can put the monitors side-by-side or one on top of the other. If you have more than two, you can get creative, making L shapes and mimicking Tetris pieces. It's most common to just have them all in a row.

All you need in order to set up multiple monitors on your computer is an extra monitor (obviously) and an extra video card. Trace the cord on your current monitor back to your computer, and unplug it. It was plugged into a port on your video card. If you have any other ports on the back of your computer which look like that, you're all set. If not, you'll need to buy a second video card.

Video cards can be as cheap or expensive as wine. If you don't play the latest games, then you don't need an expensive one - something in the \$40 range should suffice. Make sure you get one which plugs into a "PCI" slot and not an "AGP" slot. AGP is better, but if your computer has it, your current video card is almost certain-

ly plugged into the only one you have. Installing your video card is simple and painless, but it involves opening up your computer. If you've never done this before, you should probably have a technician or tech-savvy friend help you out.

First, turn off and unplug your computer. Then open or remove your computer's case. You probably need a screwdriver for this. Inside, the main board, or motherboard will then be visible. On your main board you may have up to three different kinds of slots, some of which may have cards in them already. You will have more PCI slots than any other kind. If you have other kinds of slots, they'll be on the far ends of the series of slots on your main board. Find what you think is a PCI slot and remove the metal insert on the case matching up to the slot. Your PCI video card will only fit in the correct sized slot, so don't try to force it. Gently press your card into it. If it fits, fine. If it doesn't, move to the next slot and try again, gently. Once you've got it in the right slot, be sure that it's in far enough so that none of the strips of gold are sticking up above the slot where you can see them. This may involve pushing down on the card pretty hard, but only push after you've got it lined up and already in part of the way. When you put in the video card, you will have about a quarter inch of its port sticking out of your computer through the hole you created when you removed the metal insert on the case. Put the case back on and connect your second monitor's plug into that new port on the new video card. Then plug in the computer, turn it on and run the CD that came with the video card.

There are a couple of limiting factors on the number of monitors you can have. The most obvious is running out of space in your dorm room, followed quickly by running out of money to buy monitors. Your computer also has a limit. It only has so many PCI slots to stick cards into. Fortunately, even if your computer is very small and only has one slot, you can have multiple monitors. Some video cards come with multiple ports on them, up to four per card. That's five monitors, with your original card!

Do you have a computer question? Then Ask ASCII! Send an e-mail to lws118@psu.edu with "Ask ASCII" in the subject line, and you may see your question in next week's paper.

## Homecoming draws a large crowd

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"WE ARE PENN STATE" were the only words that could be heard echoing through the streets, buildings and stadium at Penn State University Park and rightly so. Homecoming is a time to celebrate one's pride in his or her school, enjoy the energy at the pep rally, crown the king and queen, display individuality during the parade and kick butt at the game.

University Park, the largest of the campuses in the Penn State system, is where the celebration is held and where thousands of people meet to unite with Penn State Pride.

The events for Homecoming began on Oct. 18 2005, with a PSU Trivia table that quizzed the student's knowledge on the school and gave out free candy. Also on Oct. 20 the first Penn State Idol was held; impersonators of the real American idol judges and about 100 people went and cheered on the very talented singers that were showcased that

evening. The purpose of pumping students up the entire week before is to show that Homecoming is more than a football game; it is unity. The events proceeded throughout the week with a banner competition, voting for homecoming king, queen and court, air band competition, battle of the bands and the "Heart of the Lion" parade.


Friday began the weekend, and every student put down his or her books and picked up his or her paws for fireworks and an amazing parade where fraternities, sororities and organizations like the ELDU (Engineering Leadership Development Unlimited) built floats and competed for placement while they marched down the streets with families, friends and alumni showing their support.

Arriving all day Friday were also fellow Penn State Students from the neighboring campuses, because if there is one time to go to University Park, it is Homecoming weekend. To start Friday evening off, a Kanye West concert grabbed the attention of everyone and excited the crowds

and to put the icing on the cake - it was Halloween weekend.

On Saturday, game day, the tailgate begins as early as 7 or 8 a.m. until the game and even after. Unsure of what a tailgate consists of? It is full of family, food, thousands of people and PSU love. The intensity that radiates off every person there is incredible and one can't help but yell "WE ARE" just to hear the "PENN STATE" yelled back to you. Inside the stadium, you enter a whole new world where energy is flowing and you just know we're going to win.

The chants, cheers and even the lion's roar can be heard outside the stadium to those who didn't go into the game, but the boom of the voices makes you feel like you are right there on the field. Homecoming weekend was a success for everyone involved from the committees to the alumni. Homecoming isn't about king and queen and it isn't about the game; it is about the realization that you go to the best school, with the best people during the best time of your life!

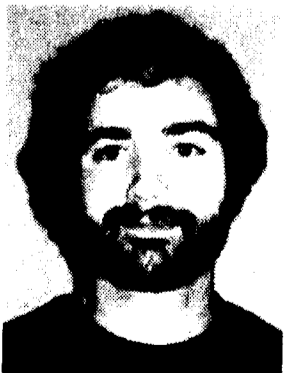


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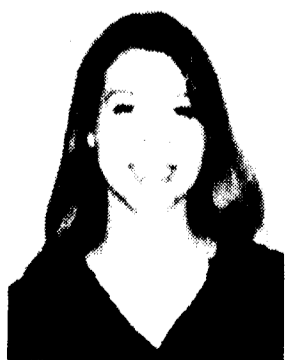
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## Do you feel hazing is a problem at Behrend?



"I've never, ever heard of anyone being hazed."

Jeff Rimko,  
07, Computer  
Engineering



"Yes, it is a problem, but not for social greek life."

Teri Ritenour,  
07, Psychology



"No, but I've heard stories about hazing but that's about it."

Ahmed Yansanch,  
03, Economics



"No, because I'm on a sports team and I know it doesn't happen."

Shane Scott,  
03, Electrical  
Engineering Technology



"No, I don't know anyone that hazes."

Allison Palermo,  
03, Psychology