

If I were an Oscar

By: Myka Craig

The Oscars are coming, the statue that says, "You stink or you are fantastic." The statue that determines whether you will get an extra two million, or merely a million on your next movie. The statue that invites all the lovers and relationships to the paparazzi convention. With all that power, I would definitely pick my cards wisely.

If I were Oscar, for best actor I would pick Wesley Snipes, for New Jack City. He played a powerful role. A black man in the city who had nothing. He created a drug that he supplied all users with and built an empire. His character was a powerful black man that lived by the sword and died by the sword. The story is not a proud story, but it was a proud performance by Wesley Snipes.

Another nominee for best actor should be Kevin Costner in Robin Hood. He portrayed a hero, a villain, and a man in love. The story of an outlaw that robbed from the rich to give to the poor. A story that has been put to film many of times, it now must be a classic. Kevin Costner played a tremendous role. He is not likely to be overlooked.

A leading man that had a role which would make the Oscars' heart bleed is Nick Nolte, The Prince of Tides. His character is so manly, yet tender and compassionate. This story is about a man, who is a husband, father, and friend, working with a psychologist to help release the deep emotions from his childhood and understand the strong emotional feelings with his friend Barbara Striesand's character. A beautiful love story and an outrageous performance. Best of luck men. May the best man win.

If I were Oscar, I would have two supporting actresses for the running. Julia Roberts in Dying Young, and Annabella Sciorra in Jungle Fever.

Julia Roberts, in Dying Young played a fantastic supporting role to Campbell Scott. He played a cancer patient who needed a nurse's aid, and Julia Roberts got the job. They fell in love and drifted apart, but their love never died. It was a dynamic, yet sad love story.

Annabella Sciorra in Jungle Fever, put on the performance of her life. She played her character to the hilt. Performing against Wesley Snipes is a challenge in itself, but she came through with flying colors. The issue of

interracial relationships was portrayed by Annabella when she, being an Italian from Bensonhurst, had a relationship with a black man.

If I were Oscar, the movie of the year would be Toy Soldiers. The movie shows how the young military academy boys plan to turn the tables on the terrorist group which is attacking their school. Sean Astin was leading man in this movie with Louis Gossett Jr. as supporting actor. These two were an outstanding team.

The fact is I am not Oscar, nor did I pick all the movies that were big blockbusters. I feel the timing in the releasing of a movie determines whether or not it will be a major hit. I see a movie because of the performers and their back history. Since I was playing Oscar, the movies were judged on a different scale. I predict some of the actual nominees for the Oscars picked by the committees will be: Thelma & Louise, Terminator 2, The Hand that Rocks the Cradle, Rush, Point Break, Addams Family, Hook, Robin Hood, and some of the other big money movies. Since I did not see all those movies, I can only predict not judge. What do you predict? Watch the Oscars and test your entertainment knowledge.

The Hardcore Line

By Corey Gesford

The primaries are turning out to be closer than many people expected, especially George Bush. The Democrats still seem far from being able to replace him.

Penn State Hazleton capped their disappointing season with a loss to Berks Penn State at the CCAC Final Four. Many fans (and players) questioning coach Cacease's ability. Although it is hard for a team with more personalities than Sybil to come together and win.

Dr. Gronowicz still has one of the best classes for the value, especially if you open your mind and try to overcome all the bull we have been subjected all our lives.

Prince's "Sign 'O The Times" has to rank up there as one of best albums in recent memory. Can't wait for full-fledged spring weather.

Should students have to work while going to school? Not if they would use the time for better purposes in life. Why is America so slow to adopt national health care, and

so worried about who is getting tax cuts. Doesn't seem anyone should have to make over \$250,000 a year to exist. Looks like a lot of excessive salaries could cure a lot of national ills.

Is it me, or are all shoes made somewhere other than the United States? And, how many people can say that over half of their casual or dress shirts are made somewhere other than Taiwan, Thailand, China, or Indonesia?

I'm in favor of rich or CEO bashing rather than Japan bashing. And, why is Paul Tsongas getting such a hard time about nuclear power? Don't we need to look at alternative energy sources?

The parking situation in North Hall is ridiculous. There are only forty-two legal spots to park, while there are that many illogical empty spaces in West.

I was talking to Alicia Floden the other day, and she says it's not as hard as it looks to wash that waist-length hair.

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The evening included many other events. Sophomore Jody Provda of the Multi-Cultural Club presented the first-place award for the club's essay contest they had held for the area high schools. James Bognet, a junior at Hazleton High School, captured this honor.

Francine Fontaine sang the Negro National Anthem to open the ceremony. Reverend Barbara Shorter of Wilkes-Barre's Mt. Zion Baptist Church also sang various selections, including a rousing rendition of "We Shall Overcome" in which the crowd joined in.

This is probably and sadly not as uncommon as it sounds. Similar problems occur in all cars, foreign and domestic. But the frequency of these problems occurring in American cars is much greater. I'm sure that some people are saying, "But I have umpteen thousand miles on my American car and it's fine." True, I've heard many cases where American cars served their owners for a number of years and several hundred thousands of miles, but I've heard twice as many occasions of this occurring in Japanese built cars. Also, on the average, Japanese cars have had significantly fewer problems; usually they are corrected by their dealers the first time it is brought to their attention.

I do not blame the American workers for this because largely they do care about what they are building. I do blame the executives of these companies who care more about the almighty dollar than for their employees' jobs and for the quality of their products.

Some people still might not believe that the Japanese build better products, and they are right, they don't build better products, we simply don't build ours as good as we can and should. Why has General Motors Corp. spent billions of dollars studying foreign competition, building an auto plant like foreign auto plants, and creating a new division named Saturn, which looks

like, is built like, and is designed to compete with the best foreign cars? Answer: Not to find out what "they" do right, rather the opposite, to find out what we do wrong and correct it.

If the American car industries fail, my heart goes out to the assembly line workers who had to build what they were told to build resulting in the loss of their jobs. The big executives who repeatedly made bad decisions have made enough money to live on for the rest of their lives and I'll bet my last dollar they don't care about their employees who'll be on welfare and other aid programs.

This scenario bears close resemblance to the age old story of the "boy who cried wolf," in which after repeated lies had been told (by the auto companies), in the end, no one could believe the truth.

America, rise up! Demand that our products be the best, demand that our employers listen to us, demand to have a say in our future. A great idea lost is equal to a thousand bad ideas used.