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On Oct. 02: A student reported criminal mischief damage to her vehicle parked near Freeman Hall.

On Oct. 02: An MSU employee reported the theft of four AV projector carts and a DVD player from University Village.

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Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

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Yogi Berra is hitting another one out of the ball park as he breaks ground on the expansion of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center.

On Monday evening, faculty, staff, children, teachers, family, and Carmen and Yogi Berra all joined together to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion phase of a four part-building renovation.

“We have been anticipating this ground breaking ceremony for a long time coming. We had obstacles to overcome, and we are here now. We are here to honor and teach, to further serve in expansion,” Board of Trustees President Kevin Carroll said.

The Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center debuted 11 years ago, and for many years was a center for children to learn sportsmanship, integrity, social justice and values through exhibits and sports-based educational programs. The museum will go through a $2.5 million renovation that will include many new additions and programs.

The museum attracts approximately 30,000 visitors a year. One thousand square feet of space will be added, making the museum a total of 8,200 square feet.

Dr. Susan Cole, president of Montclair State University, was there to support Yogi’s new expansion.

“It’s really a great thing for us to be on the Montclair State University campus. To be a part of a vibrant college community; we plan on working closer with various departments,” explains David Kaplan, director of the Yogi Berra Museum.

The first part of the plan was finished in late May with the reconstruction of the museum’s office space. The next phase will be the expansion which includes a new glass entrance and gallery.

The expansion includes a new exhibit and brand new theater. All plans should be expected to finish by next year. Throughout all these plans for the renovation, the museum will remain open to the public.

New embellishments will be added to the museum, such as the old home base from the old Yankee Stadium which was donated by the Yankees themselves. All money is being raised by private donations.

Yogi Berra, a Yankee legend who was the starting catcher for the team from 1946 to 1963, was pleased with the next phase of his Museum and Learning Center.

“Our Museum and Learning Center, in 11 years has done a lot of good for as many young people. I’m grateful for our supporters, and that I’m still alive to see it.”

Among those young supporters were students from the first public school to visit the museum in 1998, Montclair’s Bradford School. The school class helped Yogi dig a shovel into the ground. Yogi beamed with pride and delight.

The 11-year-old Yogi Berra Museum is currently being renovated with an expansion of its lobby, a new gallery and a newly designed theater.
Montclair State University is one of a dozen four-year schools in New Jersey that has combined efforts to take on a new record: $3.86 billion in debt this year, according to the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities. MSU’s current debt totals $378 million, which is the highest in the 12 New Jersey public colleges.

Senior Marcia Silva, who said she would not mind putting students up in hotels and crammed into small rooms, sees the situation as one of the absence of capital funding and the failure to pay for mandated costs.

“You can definitely feel that we’re overcrowded, but we are in debt. So I think I’d rather deal with being over crowded than have higher tuition.”

Marcia Silva

Textbooks may soon be in the category of ancient history. E-textbooks, or E-books, are making their way into the classroom. In the classroom bookstores, E-books are being developed to replace the traditional paperback version. Students can carry an entire course of E-books, making it easy to read and easy to distribute.

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Arriving to a new life

When first stepping into Kuwait, Hermida described the area as a poor, third world country similar to Cuba, where he is from. The sight of bullet holes punctured buildings and the scene of destruction firsthand made Hermida realize that he was in a war zone.

Twenty-seven-year-old Robert Marks left for Iraq in June 2008, and came home this past June. He described his first time leaving the base for an ISR surveil- lance mission overlooking a mass supply route.

“Once you start gear up and leaving the security of the compound, the mood changes, and it becomes serious and real,” he said.

Twenty-four-year-old Ana Cordoba who enlisted in the National Guard at the age of seventeen, remembered flying from Kuwait to Iraq on Sept. 11.

“That day made it more memorable for me,” she said.

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Kenny Svolto recalled an incident when a rocket struck a CBR connax in the middle of the night filled with cans of paint.

“We sat on top of our bunkers and the skies were cleared. About 250 meters away was this connax on fire, and it was really pretty. There was a meteor shower, so there were shooting stars one after another.”

Brian Shaw was stationed in Germany for the five years of active duty years and deployed to Iraq in 2003. He then went back again in 2005 as an MP.

“I loved being in Germany. I was actually planning on staying there but once we got to Kuwait, it was much different and it looked like a different part of the world,” Shaw described. “Before we shipped [to Iraq] we had a huge sandstorm and there was just dust everywhere.”

“I was a kid who liked to play Army so it was a pretty unique experience for me.” Shaw and his unit found an old palace of Saddam Hussein which was flooded to stop American troops from occupying it.

“It took about a week to clean and there were all these Polaroids of Saddam lying everywhere,” Shaw recalled.

Night were pitch black in the castles and Shaw admitted there was not much to complain about except for when he reached for his tea pot and grabbed someone’s dip instead.

“I knew this would all be over soon, and I know the people around me were going through the same thing,” he said.

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Cordoba remembered the dust storms while she was in Iraq and described how her and three friends were got trapped in a storm.

Cordoba added that the infantry unit she was with never had interactions with women. In Cordoba’s company, there were over 150 males and only three females.

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31-year-old Bill Lugo first enlisted in the army back in 1997 at the age of 19. Lugo served in OIF III back in 2005 as an MP.

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Congratulations to Romeo Alcid.

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Pentagon officials are requesting for more troops, perhaps as many as 40,000.

By the end of 2009, there will be a total of 60,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, based on current deployment plans.

The new GI Bill enticed more than 277,000 veterans and their eligible relatives to apply for assistance.

The 24th MEU was among 60,000 foreign troops on the ground in Afghanistan — more than half of them American.

In a recent poll, Only 38 percent of Democrats said that they believed the U.S. was “doing the right thing” by fighting the war in Afghanistan now. Forty-nine percent of Democrats said America “should not be involved.”
Robert Marks poses with children in Iraq.

Before deciding to apply at Montclair spring of 2005, Hermida applied to a school in Massachusetts, but decided he also got into the habit of running more frequently.

Coming home was an exciting moment for Hermida, but there was the constant thinking about what he had done in Iraq, and where his fellow soldiers were. He got into the habit of running more frequently.

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Before Cordoba left for Iraq, the veteran was attending Montclair. Coming back to school was difficult, Cordoba explained, and is still adjusting to the transition. “It hasn’t been easy. There were some complications with admissions but I was able to come back and study.”

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Besides getting back into the study habits, Hermida did not have too much trouble adjusting to the new environment, even though it had been a couple of years since he was last in a classroom.

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Cordoba admitted that whenever he sees military vehicles, he immediately gets flashbacks of what it’s like to be in one of them, and of all the hours and hours he spent on them. For Alcid, there were certain things he was able to do in Iraq that was not suitable here. Alcid was having picnics in a grassy area and instead of parking on street, Alcid drove the car on the grass.

“I would have our Humvees going everywhere, and it was something I had to break out of,” he said.

Alcid started his own clothing line called FOAM, which originated when he attended Ramapo College.

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Coming back, Sudvo knew that the type of work he did in Afghanistan was what he wanted to do in the states.

“The veterans responded: ‘We’ve been there for eight years, and we’ve been fighting to eliminate a dictator, and it was accomplished. There is a group of college-aged kids willing to serve this nation, and put everything on the line for that idea,’ he said. ‘Even anti-war movements should respect soldiers and appreciate the young veterans.’”

As Svolto was walking on campus, he noticed a bunch of words written in chalk on the sidewalk near the library like “peace” and “love.”

“I wondered who wrote it and why. Do they know what it means to be without war?”

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Senior Yoan Hermida

“Getting out of the plane and seeing the leaves on the trees and the green grass felt good. It was nice to see the green again,” Marks said about the flight back home from Iraq.

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“I would have our Humvees going everywhere, and it was something I had to break out of,” he said.

Alcid started his own clothing line called FOAM, which originated when he attended Ramapo College.

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“I was happy but sad. I got used to the routine and my buddies became my family. Life was simple here I think.”

Coming back, Sudvo knew that the type of work he did in Afghanistan was what he wanted to do in the states.

“The veterans responded: ‘We’ve been there for eight years, and we’ve been fighting to eliminate a dictator, and it was accomplished. There is a group of college-aged kids willing to serve this nation, and put everything on the line for that idea,’ he said. ‘Even anti-war movements should respect soldiers and appreciate the young veterans.’”

As Svolto was walking on campus, he noticed a bunch of words written in chalk on the sidewalk near the library like “peace” and “love.”

“I wondered who wrote it and why. Do they know what it means to be without war?”

The Montclair State Veterans Association was chartered as a Class III student organization in February, 2009.

Denise Rodak, coordinator of veteran and military resources, said that David Guzman, the president of the MSVA, and Rosalie Martinsen, the vice president, were both members of a task force created by Dr. Karen Pennington in October 2008.

“The task force had three primary goals: examining what services are provided for veterans, suggest how existing services could be improved and determine what new services are needed.”

It was determined that a student organization could provide a way for veteran students to get together and develop programming to meet their specific needs. It could also be a way for veteran students to help other veterans stationed around the world.”

Rodak served on the task force as well and was appointed co-chair of veteran and military resources by Dr. Pennington in March 2009. Rodak worked closely with veteran and military services according to her, it made sense to serve as one of the advisors.

“I do not have any military experience or family in the military. I have a tremendous amount of respect for these students and I am honored to work with them,” she said.

http://www.montclair.edu/orgs/veteransassociation/
Sick of (or from) the food on campus?
Take a short ride with me to explore the culinary diversity along the historic thoroughfare that is Bloomfield Avenue — on a college-student’s budget, of course.

In the old days, (well, relatively recent days) college kids could be found in front of their computer screens, gaming in front of their computer screens, watching TV and music. That’s not to say we’ve all turned into hypochondriacs, so beware.

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If you think the internet can replace a doctor who spent nearly a decade in medical school, you may have too much faith in it. This can also turn you from a normal kid into hypochondriacs, so beware.

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Anti-War Protest in Washington D.C.

As we all know, today marks the eighth year anniversary of being at War with Afghanistan. President Obama still has to make the decision of whether to pull the troops out or send more in — a big decision for him.

On Oct. 7, thousands of people paraded the streets of Washington D.C. to protest the war. Parents, children and students were all attended.

Our own Laura Lentin was at the protest, and she delivered these photos exclusively for The Montclarion.— Nicaury Santana.
Tired of the same old daily meals? Be adventurous and try something new this fall season when it comes to seasoning your foods. Instead of first resorting to the salt shaker, for both a tastier and healthier alternative — add some spices and herbs to not only enrich bland foods but also boost your immune system and protect against disease for fall season approaches.

According to Men’s Journal Magazine, for thousands of years, Indians thought that common spices such as coriander, cumin and anise — aid in preventing and curing many disease. Today, Western medicine is also noting the health benefits from these same spices. According to the magazine cited immunologist Dr. Amala Goha, coriander contains thymol, (a form of menthol gas), and is also a good source of iron, calcium and protein. Men’s Journal suggests crushing whole co-rimder seeds as a pepper alternative in spice rubs, in salad or as a vegetable garnish. A Star-Ledger article mentions that in some parts of India, roasted ground cumin is stirred with cumin into boiling milk “to keep the milk from separating.” This is also good for nasal congestion. Traditionally, the spices has also been used as both a household and digestive aid. The article also states how coriander seeds, turmeric, black pepper, cumin, licorice root, coriander, cardamom, black cardamom, clove, ginger, garlic, cinnamon, fennel seeds and mustard boost the immune system. Cinnamon, in particular, gives a good little kick. After that, you might want to add a bit of the Adobo seasoning I mentioned and place it in an air tight Tupperware container. Then place the top choice sirloin beef into the container and marinate the burger in a climate of 39 degrees for exactly two hours and six minutes. No more, no less. Treat your burgers with love during the trial and error process.

After that, the sirloin is ready to be cooked. Light up your grill, and let that baby burn. Remember though, slow cooking is must. The whiskey really ignites if the flame gets too high, and that will ruin the meal.

Cook the burger to your liking (the more well done the better). While the burger is cooking you could sprinkle a bit of the Adobo seasoning on it. It gives a good little kick. After that, you know what to do. Everybody has made themselves a good f’ushioned burger — except this is a “Nom-Nom” burger, so be careful.

So another DePasquale family recipe is out on the books and out to the public. Enjoy the burger, and save this recipe because as you all know, every recipe comes out of my vault, it goes back right in again. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend. Oh yes and one more thing — my great grandma was a hooch. I think that is the mark of who she was first wore a hole in her, so G0 YANKEES! Win one for “la familia!”

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Weber Q 2000 Grill

What did you say?

Have you heard anything outrageous on campus? Send it to The Montclarion at msufeature@gmail.com

“Who let Pope out of the office?”

“No I don’t dance on a pole ... on Thursday nights!”

“I just pretended to be your friend so I can get french fries.”

“Shut up and watch the Mets. Oh wait — they didn’t make the post-season.”

Person 1: “Can you just use this marker?”

Person 2: “Girls must love that one.”

Person 1: “This is my inspiration hat. It makes the magic happen.”

Person 2: “Girls must love that one.”

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The Games section of The Montclarion will not be seen this week. Check for it again next week!
Kasser Theatre is known for its unusual programming of contemporary music. On Saturday evening, pianist Marino Formenti brought a recital program that was both eccentric and virtuosic.

Entitled “Kurtág’s Ghosts,” the recital paid homage to the active Hungarian composer György Kurtág by juxtaposing his shorter works with piano works “dialoguing,” where adjacent pieces “spoke” to each other through similar rhythm, melody or harmony. The end result was two giant halves of a recital, separated by a brief intermission, which jumped back and forth between the present and past of classical music. Spanning 700 years and nine countries, a huge variety of composers were represented. Under Formenti’s artistry, however, their differences welded into a unified stream of music. Formenti claimed in his program note that “György Kurtág’s music is...full of complex images to, memories of, echoes for...” The pianist’s love for Kurtág accumulated in an intensely researched program fitting together the old masters and their respective tributes. Formenti’s love for Kurtág was unique and their differences welded into a unified stream of music.
The Hot Racket of the Mountain Goats

Zachary Ayres
Staff Writer

The Mountain Goats’ John Darnielle, known by his fans for his stumplike atheism and love of Satanic metal bands, has described his new album The Life of the World to Come as “12 hard lessons the Bible taught me, kind of.” Instead of traditional song titles, each song is named for a Biblical verse. It would be a mistake to attribute this move to a born-again conversion or a cheap gimmick. This is the altius’s 100 percent legit fascination with the Good Book. “The Psalms,” he gushed in a recent interview with pitchfork.com, “are so awesome.”

In the hands of a lesser songwriter, this might not be a strong enough concept to fuel an entire album, but Darnielle is a veteran with an epic-minded geography. Since 1994, he has released nearly an album per year under the Mountain Goats moniker, in addition to numerous EPs, collaborations with other musicians and contributions to obscure compilations. The Life of the World to Come is The Mountain Goats’ 14th full-length album and their ninth on the 4AD label, recorded in a professional studio with a full band. Prior to signing with 4AD, Darnielle’s albums were mostly recorded at home, with just an acoustic guitar and the built-in microphone on a cheap boom box. The results were low-fidelity but powerful.

Fortunately, Darnielle is as talented as he is prophetic. His lyrically-driven, intense style of folk-rock has consistently garnered praise from fans and critics alike. The New Yorker once referred to him as “America’s best non-hip-hop lyricist.” Because Darnielle has repeatedly set such a high standard for himself, expectations run high every time a new Mountain Goats album is released. But Darnielle has yet to release a disappointing album, and The Life of the World to Come continues the trend.

The Life of the World to Come is a compelling from start to finish, and is a paragon of the dark, idiosyncratic songwriting Darnielle is known for; he generally eschews writing about himself in favor of songs written from the perspectives of fictitious characters. On the hushed, euro opener “1 Samuel 30:17” he takes on the role of a phony spiritual leader. The upbeat “Genesis 5:23” is about a man breaking into his former house. “Deuteronomy 2:15” seems to be written from the point-of-view of an animal about to face extinction, and the harrowing final song, “Rekindled 7 and the Permanent Efficacy of Grace” deals the aftermath of a murder from the murderer’s perspective.

But Darnielle treats even his most unappealing subjects with a very deep and real sense of empathy, and the result is an album which is ultimately life-affirming, despite its air of bleakness. The Life of The World to Come may make some listeners uncomfortable, but it is a worthwhile listen for those willing to keep mind and ears open.


**Not Your Average Love Story**

**Kath Mele**

If the fact that the top two percent of America acquires more wealth than the bottom 75 percent of the nation, an idea that Michael Moore has been developing since the post-9/11 film, *Sicko*, will ever make it to the theater, it will be in no small part due to the incredible marketing and distribution strategies on the part of the filmmakers. In an attempt to expose the moral and financial racket that is the busi

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**Community**

**Staff Writer**

Community college boards, those wonky boards that are focused on the aspects that are best addressed by community colleges; and when they get around to the issue of increasing tuition, it is very reminiscent of most community college boards...If the fact that the top two percent of America acquires more wealth than the bottom 75 percent of the nation, an idea that Michael Moore has been developing since the post-9/11 film, *Sicko*, will ever make it to the theater, it will be in no small part due to the incredible marketing and distribution strategies on the part of the filmmakers. In an attempt to expose the moral and financial racket that is the busi...
Talking about deployment is one thing, but when it comes the time to complete the training and get on that plane, it’s a completely different thing.

Knowing that I was on my way to a combat zone, I had no idea what to expect besides being shot at, and trying my best to stay alive for the rest of my tour. I didn’t know what to take with me, or how to prepare myself. All I knew was that I was on my way, and there were no last minute decisions to make.

When I got to Iraq, everything was different — my whole world had gone upside down, and my only relief from it was to sit back and draw whenever I had some free time.

I spent an hour or two drawing and making something new with just pen and paper. A few of my friends took my drawings as tattoos, and they gave me ideas on what to draw, but everything was original.

I drew what was on my mind, and how I felt at times. It all paid off when I look back at my drawings, and still can’t believe I went to Iraq, and came back in one piece. — Miguel Lopez
Welcome Back: Veterans Return to Montclair State

Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

The Montclair State University Veterans Association; and Rosalie Martinsen, the group’s vice president, created a task force last October to better serve the needs of student veterans.

Chartered as a Class III student organization, the Montclair State Veterans Association seeks to be advocate of veterans, on and off campus.

The group also enables our veterans to reach out to more students stationed around the world. Veterans interviewed for this week’s Montclarion spoke about the difficulties that can come with readjusting to civilian life.

The Montclairian is proud to report that a majority of Montclair State veterans have had positive experiences at the university. Whether they attended classes before their tour of duty and have monthly returned, or whether they are taking college classes for the first time, veterans told reporters that the university and professors have been helpful in the transitioning process.

Montclair veterans say they owe to Montclair State Veterans Association; and Rosalie Martinsen, the group’s vice president, created a task force last October to better serve the needs of student veterans. As a result, students have been forced to pay for books and fees out of their own pockets, or resort to taking out student loans. Many colleges across the nation have allowed veterans to enroll in classes, even if they have not received tuition pay.

According to a recent article in the New York Times, only 11 percent of the 277,000 veterans who have applied for benefits have received them. The Department of Veterans Affairs has not been able to keep up with claims filed as far back as May.

Veterans Affairs has not been able to keep up with claims filed as far back as May. Many of us were surprised to learn that there were nearly 100 veterans who served in Afghanistan and Iraq at Montclair State. They are our friends and classmates, and we probably see them everyday. A majority of the students are in their early 20s, and sincerely grateful for the opportunity to attend or return to college.

It was also surprising to learn that many of our brothers were not home for Veteran’s Day.

The United States is currently engaged in two wars – eight years in Afghanistan and six years in Iraq. If we are not paying attention, this may come as a surprise.

The Montclarion hopes that this issue will inform students, and remind them of the sacrifices of our own veterans on campus.

Homecoming Actually a Success? Yes!

Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

Homecoming 2009 was more than anyone could have hoped for, especially with the immaculate planning of our very own Programming Board.

The talent show had a variety of acts. There was a poker tournament, a concert and Montclair State even won the football game! At the game on Saturday night, 6,337 people flocked to see the Red Hawks pound William Patterson’s Pioneers. This was the largest recorded attendance for a Montclair State football game since 1988. The fans got to enjoy a 24-17 win for our university.

However, the game was not beyond the field. Members of the Programming Board were at the event, firing free tatoe bags and t-shirts into the crowd.

The 2009 student body showed the kind of support for a sports team that hasn’t been seen in decades. On Friday night, a solid out crowd of 400 packed the Student Center Ballrooms. Homecoming was in support of a good cause because all proceeds went to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. The band Four Years Strong highlighted the event. A raffle group of about 600 students also filled Memorial Auditorium Monday evening to watch as the Homecoming candidate performed during acts of entertainment for the talent show, hosted by the Programming Board. King and queen contestants were singing, dancing and even reciting monologues to keep the crowd on the edge of their seats.

A Homecoming poker tournament was also held on Thursday at the Student Center Ballrooms. A group of approximately 45 students competed for prizes and the winner received a $100 Visa gift card.

This was the first year the Programming Board organized Homecoming. All of its events, with the exception of the pop rally and hot dog eating contest, were successfully run by the Board. This is a vast improvement from previous years, when Homecoming would come and go with little interest from the student body. It’s pretty commendable that the board was able to drum up enthusiasm for the event.

Erica Sinfelt, director the Board, did an excellent job and helped make Homecoming the success that it was.

Homecoming wasn’t perfect. For example, before Saturday’s game, a beer garden for alumni of the class of 1984 was held on top of the Red Hawk Deck. About 15 former students got together with their families and enjoyed food and of course, beer. This event did not garner the high attendance that was expected, though, as trays of food were left uneaten.

Despite this, Homecoming 2009 was generally a huge success. Many thanks to the Programming Board for putting on such a fantastic event that drew large numbers of students.

It will be exciting to see what the Board has up their sleeves for Homecoming 2010.

- JP & MM

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As of Oct. 7, the United States military has been stationed in Afghanistan for eight years.

For much of that time, the war in Afghanistan has been overshadowed by the various and subsequent occupation of Iraq. The most recent deployment data states that by the end of this year there will be 68,000 American troops in Afghanistan.

Many veterans returning home choose to take advantage of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill that provides full tuition grants, enabling them to attend college.

Montclair State University has close to 205 student veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Dr. Karen Pennington, the vice president of student development and campus life, David Goerne, president of the Montclair State Veterans Association; and Rosalie Martinsen, the group’s vice president, created a task force last October to better serve the needs of student veterans.

Chartered as a Class III student organization, the Montclair State Veterans Association seeks to be an advocate of veterans, on and off campus.

The group also enables our veterans to reach out to more students stationed around the world. Veterans interviewed for this week’s Montclarion spoke about the difficulties that can come with readjusting to civilian life.

The Montclairian is proud to report that a majority of Montclair State veterans have had positive experiences at the university. Whether they attended classes before their tour of duty and have monthly returned, or whether they are taking college classes for the first time, veterans told reporters that the university and professors have been helpful in the transitioning process.

Montclair veterans say they owe to Montclair State Veterans Association; and Rosalie Martinsen, the group’s vice president, created a task force last October to better serve the needs of student veterans. As a result, students have been forced to pay for books and fees out of their own pockets, or resort to taking out student loans. Many colleges across the nation have allowed veterans to enroll in classes, even if they have not received tuition pay.

According to a recent article in the New York Times, only 11 percent of the 277,000 veterans who have applied for benefits have received them. The Department of Veterans Affairs has not been able to keep up with claims filed as far back as May.

Veterans Affairs has not been able to keep up with claims filed as far back as May. Many of us were surprised to learn that there were nearly 100 veterans who served in Afghanistan and Iraq at Montclair State. They are our friends and classmates, and we probably see them everyday. A majority of the students are in their early 20s, and sincerely grateful for the opportunity to attend or return to college.

It was also surprising to learn that many of our brothers were not home for Veteran’s Day.

The United States is currently engaged in two wars – eight years in Afghanistan and six years in Iraq. If we are not paying attention, this may come as a surprise.

The Montclarion hopes that this issue will inform students, and remind them of the sacrifices of our own veterans on campus.

Homecoming Actually a Success? Yes!

Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

Homecoming 2009 was more than anyone could have hoped for, especially with the immaculate planning of our very own Programming Board.

The talent show had a variety of acts. There was a poker tournament, a concert and Montclair State even won the football game! At the game on Saturday night, 6,337 people flocked to see the Red Hawks pound William Patterson’s Pioneers. This was the latest recorded attendance for a Montclair State football game since 1988. The fans got to enjoy a 24-17 win for our university.

However, the game was not beyond the field. Members of the Programming Board were at the event, firing free tatoe bags and t-shirts into the crowd.

The 2009 student body showed the kind of support for a sports team that hasn’t been seen in decades. On Friday night, a solid out crowd of 400 packed the Student Center Ballrooms. Homecoming was in support of a good cause because all proceeds went to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. The band Four Years Strong highlighted the event. A raffle group of about 600 students also filled Memorial Auditorium Monday evening to watch as the Homecoming candidate performed during acts of entertainment for the talent show, hosted by the Programming Board. King and queen contestants were singing, dancing and even reciting monologues to keep the crowd on the edge of their seats.

A Homecoming poker tournament was also held on Thursday at the Student Center Ballrooms. A group of approximately 45 students competed for prizes and the winner received a $100 Visa gift card.

This was the first year the Programming Board organized Homecoming. All of its events, with the exception of the pop rally and hot dog eating contest, were successfully run by the Board. This is a vast improvement from previous years, when Homecoming would come and go with little interest from the student body. It’s pretty commendable that the board was able to drum up enthusiasm for the event.

Erica Sinfelt, director the Board, did an excellent job and helped make Homecoming the success that it was.

Homecoming wasn’t perfect. For example, before Saturday’s game, a beer garden for alumni of the class of 1984 was held on top of the Red Hawk Deck. About 15 former students got together with their families and enjoyed food and of course, beer. This event did not garner the high attendance that was expected, though, as trays of food were left uneaten.

Despite this, Homecoming 2009 was generally a huge success. Many thanks to the Programming Board for putting on such a fantastic event that drew large numbers of students.

It will be exciting to see what the Board has up their sleeves for Homecoming 2010.

- JP & MM
Don’t Fear the Reaper
Cultural Apocolypse is not Coming

The apocalypse is not upon us as we know it, not the cultural apocolypse. Everyone has become accustomed to the end of culture, and Montclair State has recently hosted a well-educated speaker who ventured to say it. However, with all due respect, there are several problems with saying that culture is dying in the United States, including the arguments used for the thesis.

The speaker, who came to MSU listed “horrors” of this apocalypse, one cited as “Aesthetic Correctives.” This horror comes in two parts: the change of art and the decline of funding to anything that does not fit their standards.

Now stepping back a second, I would like to point out this horrified one is unhindered in some way. In fact, he probably is acting out the Renaisance, so has the cultural apocolypse been slowly building since then? I was pretty sure the apocalypse was a bit faster than that.

Trying to argue that we’ve developed a “new” concern with avoiding risks and sticking to the same definitions of art is a huge con.

Essentially every art movement has been disagreed and even punished by art critics at its start. Some gained popularity quickly, others more slowly, but there has yet to be a break from the past that has been immediatly accepted by the majority.

As I said before, this is nothing new and all art is risky, and even in the same manner that older art, so this “horrorman” does not reinnovate any definition.

Two of the other horrores were “Political Correctness” and “Moral Correctives.” These arguments have been around for ages, or can be easily dismissed. Political correctness is not used like we expect it to be.

It is used to define the idea that the majority will decide artistic standards. As any theater historian should know, the desire of the masses has often dictated what is considered art. Broadway, certain art forms, have continually continued to ignore the masses—another horrorman knocked down. Morals correctness can never be universal, as moral standards have always affected what art was accepted at the time. Besides, I don’t really care about what art critics think.

The fourth horrorman was such as weak government that made his own “lecture, ‘Fiscal Correctives.’” This horrorman is one who believes the government should dictate his education and to artists for grants. I must state that I’m in no way support decreasing funding for the arts, but this point must be a joke.

First of all, artists found a way to make art all throughout history, some were supported by the monarch of government, but many others had personal benefactors, cliques, or other methods to get their needs. Artists do not expect grants for being obscene or being part of the majority.

As for public schools, public educu- tion is a fairly new invention. This genera tion prior to “free” education where able to literally make a living off of teaching. Schools now is not a valid reason for any imagined decline of culture.

This leads to my final issue with these cultural apocolypses. These “educated people” are not concerned with high culture.

In lamenting the death of culture, they spend much time bashing mountain music, graffiti and television. They ignore any music that may be in the same aspect of culture by saying that the modern people, especially the youth, do not appreciate “culture.”

Whether we like it or not, the majority is not the same people as before.

Options will still exist, as always, but it seems now that we are more concerned with the culture of course, what we define as “high culture” and what seems to be the expected culture of our youth.

Culture is thriving, and is not about to enter dormancy anytime soon. Any mention of apocolypse is just the ramblings of fearful nihilists who are afraid to lose their livelihoods and audiences to a new generation.

Katie Winters, an English major, is in her first year as an Assistant Copy Editor for The Montclarion.

Materials are currently on the waiting list for an organ transplant.

Still Want Change?
Political Art not a Good Sign

In the 2008 presidential campaign, the youth felt as though they had the opportu nity to make a difference, and, in actuality, they did.

The presidential race of 2008 inspired one of the largest voter turnouts in the nation’s history.

In 2008, 24 million young Americans between the ages of 18-29 took part in the election.

Inspired by Obama’s campaign for change, young people preferred Obama over McCain, 2-1. But, as the election season wore on, so did political pessimism.

Nearly a year later the same students that campaigned for Obama have lost their support to Supreme Court recent. A recent article in The New York Times quoted a student from LaFollette University who said she “haven’t the lack of change in our generation’s short attention span. They want change right new, and I haven’t gotten it.”

I am left to wonder whether or not the young Americans that were Obama’s shot shores were aware of his position on critical issues.

Was this “ObamaMania” a popularity trend, or a sign of things to come? If asked, most of the students at Montclair State University would say they voted for Obama’s position on Healthcare of if the bill he passed in February.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act rang no bells in the soul-proclaimed Obama supporters.

What did motivate the youth of America to vote for Barack Obama if not his policies? There is one clear answer: marketing. Clever brochures, bumper stickers, “Yes we can,” bumper stickers, and TV ads. Even students who are known as “anti-commercial” people, could not look away.

When young adults have the potential to be a powerful political force in America. They showed the course of the election.

They can just as easily swing the course of history.

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Consider Becoming an Organ Donor
Student Refuses Common Myths and Reveals the Need for Organ Donors

F or Jack Locicero, the unannounced sudden death of his daughter, Amy, on Dec. 7, 1993 came as a shock to the love of six other families through organ donation.

That tragic December morning, a young man suffered deadly strain of Long Island’s Rockaway Road commuter train, leaving on dead and wounded 13 others.

Amy Locicero, 21, boarded the train cur lar-used, but with her out. She survived another time for one week before her death.

Amy’s parents made the biggest and most difficult decision of their lives in the choice to donate their daughter’s organs. Their donation saved six students on the wait ing list for transplant. These recipients became close friends with the Lociceros family.

Approximately 100,000 Americans are currently on the wait ing list for organ transplant.

“One hundred people die each day from lack of organs. You need to sign a donor card,” she said. “We are in need of organ donor.”

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I never understood what it meant to be gay. I really didn’t know much about homosexuality, and I chose not to explain what it was like when I was 14. I’m not homophobic; I’m just trying to avoid being affiliated with this label. Coming out in adolescence, just trying to fit in, would want to be loved and approved of by the U.S. What if my friends have done to Iraq and Afghanistan?

The Coming Out Week Causes Student to Reflect on LGBT Issues on Campus

According to Grover Furr, a 21-year-old student who was beaten to death in 1998, “faggot” was the word used to describe him. “Have I ever stood up to someone who used the word ‘faggot’ in a homophobic or heterosexist way? Yes. Why? Because these words show great contempt for a person. I have taught a course on the Vietnam War for 25 years. I also have a personal story of coming out as a lesbian in my early teen years, being told to “faggot” was the more accurate word — a million Soviets and Afghans.

The American government has revived a Nazi-style torture. It uses hand movements to make a license to murder local citizens. And, as you can imagine how someone in early adolescence, just trying to fit in, would want to be loved and approved of by the U.S. What if my friends have done to Iraq and Afghanistan?

I designed that course mainly to try to get deeper behind these words, I found myself at Montclair State in 1979: a CIA-supported movement among American soldiers and veterans who see how evil these wars are and how they themselves have been used by the US government join groups like Iraq and Afghanistan soldiers and veterans are yours..."

Many American soldiers did what they could to protect the war and to undermine the war effort. Some veteran organizations joined Vietnamese Veterans Against the War, or VVAW. Today the U.S. mass media are much more tightly controlled than during Vietnam. Journalists are “embedded” controlled by the military, prevented from getting the truth that contradicts US military and government propaganda. Still, the truth is getting through.

Remember Pat Tillman? Before he was killed in Iraq in 2004, he had led an Air Force Reserve team and was theustain during the U.S. invasion was “very illegal.”

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Veterans Against the War and Veterans for Peace, led by a Montclair State graduate student about breast, gay, bisexual and transgender students and faculty on campus, was also successful. These were the stories of every day people who I passed daily on campus, and had no idea of their sexual orientation.

For 50 Americans, four have a close friend or relatives that is gay, according to the Pew Research Center. "I’m proud of this university for the efforts of the LGBT Center. It is a straight ally owes to the LGBT community. It’s up to us — and especially you, the youth of America and of the world — to struggle for this end.

"Have I ever stood up to someone who used the word ‘faggot’ in a homophobic or heterosexist way?"

I have stood up to someone who said it. As a straight ally, I know that it’s not the same thing, but it’s the same. "I’m proud of this university for the efforts of the LGBT Center. It is a straight ally owes to the LGBT community."
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R.I.P. Terri. You will be missed.

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Watch NOW on PBS Friday nights 8:30.

Mike Monostra is my BFF 4 ever.

Amanda, my love for you is highly logical. Luv, Leonard Nimoy xoxo.

Where would Catholicism be without the popes?

We need more lights on Clove Road.

Kristie’s little piggy went to the market. The other got chopped off.

Yay for the baseball playoffs starting!

Do you smell that?

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It’s Emily smelling like horses ... even worse this time.

Put ‘it’ on the board. Hehe. Has anyone seen Shanya’s phones? They’re BOTH missing.

Baby Buddy is turning 21 next week.

Laura is the best D.C. correspondent ever.

Jim and Pam are getting married tonight! Six seasons of waiting finally over.

Hey, did you catch Inside MSU? No, but I hear it is on weekdays at 2,4,6,8 and 10 on channel 31. I hear that the sports guy is sexy too.

Happy Birthday week, Laura!
The Red Hawk Women's Volleyball team shut out the competition against Rutgers-Camden's Scarlet Raptor's. The girls really held their own against Rutgers on what Head Coach Elise Cooper called a "rollercoaster ride" of a match. The first set started out with some great offensive plays by Kara Burnham and Stephanie Karpinski, with consistent defensive plays by Meghan Stevens throughout this set and throughout the entire match. Cooper calls Stevens "one of our most consistent defensive players." The girls first set looked strong from the start, and finished with a win for the Red Hawks with the final score of the set 25-16.

"Being able to not let what happened in the second set stop us from coming out strong in the third set and finish strong, was the key to today's successful match." Elise Cooper Volleyball Head Coach

The second set, as Cooper referred to it before, was a back and forth battle. It wasn't one of the team's best performances as middle blocker Anna Chesnakova commented, "I think we underestimated them a little bit. We didn't think they would play as well as they did, but they come out and surprised us all.

Rutgers-Camden picked up the pace, and swept past Rutgers Camden to close the match at 25-16, 25-22 and 25-16.

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Football

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Wide Receiver Byron Lewin reaches out to make a catch in Montclair State's 24-17 victory over William Paterson.

The Red Hawks battled long and hard to achieve their 41st home victory in a row. Here, junior defender Jose Roque battles for possession with the opposition.

Record

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The Red Hawks faced the Scarlet Raptors of Rutgers-Camden Saturday in Camden, as they look to add another victory in NJAC play. Cullen knows that the next record to be broken is the road victories.

"These games are behind us, we must take this week of training to prepare for a Rutgers-Camden on Saturday."

The Montclarion put together a solid clutch drive, last missed opportunities, the offense would be recovering from turnovers and despite all of the shortcomings, the team committed 12 penalties. William Paterson's 12 penalties went for a total of 112 yards, the Red Hawks' penalties totaled 85 yards. Through all of these struggles, however, Montclair State truly showed a lot of pride and character in front of their home crowd.

"We're coming together as a team," said Bliss after the game. "We've won a lot of close games, and I think we've gotten used to it. When we're in this situation, we always seem to come together."

"We practiced real hard," said junior defensive lineman, Gary Brunner. "We came out with a high tempo, and everything seemed to work for us."

Montclair State is now a perfect 3-0 in NJAC play, tied with Kean for first in conference. Next week will be the Red Hawks' toughest NJAC test yet, as they take on defending conference champion, Cortland State. The Red Dragons are coming off a trip to the NCAA quarterfinals in 2008 and despite losing some key players, they remain a tough competitor, sitting at 3-1 on the season. The game will be home on Saturday at 1 p.m. For a full schedule of all the upcoming games, log on to www.montclair.edu/athletics.
**Women’s Soccer Dominates with Two Weekend Victories**

The Red Hawks were looking to get back on track this weekend after going 1-2-1 in their last four games. And, that they did. Their first victory came against Rutgers-Camden. In what was a very physical NJAC game, Montclair rose to the occasion, and controlled the tempo for most of the game.

“I think the team just had great communication and ball control during the entire game,” said senior forward Natalia Sisti. “We worked really hard to create scoring opportunities, and we were successful in doing so.”

Montclair drew first blood off a penalty kick by Natalia Sisti. She was award the kick after she broke away from the Rutgers defense and defender Danja Jarro practically tripped Sisti in the box during her attack. Sisti got right back up, and put the ball past the goalkeeper, but the goal didn’t count because the referee blew the whistle for the penalty before the play ended. Nevertheless, she slipped the penalty kick to the right of the goalie for the 1-0 lead.

Not long after Rutgers-Camden took advantage of a scoring opportunity themselves, Mauricio Gallardo found the net off of a corner kick sent by Jessica Leoni. This tied the game up at one and made the Rutgers defense and defender Dana Calabrese aware of the scoring opportunity them.

“Their first goal was off a penalty kick,” said Sisti, “which was drawn off of Jackie McKenzie’s great run into the box with the ball. The defender was called on a hand ball in the box, allowing for the penalty. I appreciate penalty kicks. They put a lot of pressure on the shooter and the keeper. It creates a mental battle within the physical battle of the game.”

### Natalia Sisti — Senior Forward

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### Red Hawk Weekend Stats

Natalia Sisti — four goals
Liza Offreda — two goals
Leah Tepperman — nine saves

### Football

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Sprague Field was a sea of red and white on Saturday night as a homecoming crowd of 6337 people packed the place to watch their Red Hawks. They would not go home disappointed: Montclair State defeated arch-rival William Paterson 24-17.

Neither team’s offenses were particularly impressive on Saturday, with five combined giveaways and only 460 yards of total offense for both teams. The first quarter was a real battle for field position, as both the Red Hawks’ and Pioneers’ defenses were able to stymie the opposition to force a punt on every drive.

The scoring started on yet another William Paterson punt in the second quarter, as Scott Kubrak followed his blockers and broke away for a 54-yard punt return touchdown. This score put the Red Hawks up 7-0. Late in the quarter, the Red Hawk offense finally got clicking, as quarterback Tom Fischer led a 65-yard drive capped-off with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Byron Lewin to make it a 14-0 Red Hawk lead at halftime.

However, the Pioneers were not about to let Montclair get its second straight homecoming shutout, as they quickly surged back into the game. Fischer threw an interception less than a minute into the second half and William Paterson capitalized, scoring a Matt Marshall to Joel Rivera TD pass to make it a 14-7 game. A nearly seven minute Pioneer drive later in the quarter led to a field goal, and the score stood at 14-10 MSU through three quarters.

The Red Hawks drove into the red zone early in the fourth quarter, but Fischer’s third interception of the night ended Montclair’s scoring threat. The Red Hawks would get a safety after the long snap on a Pioneer punt went through the back of the end zone.