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Montclair and its students have struggled to keep up with sticker prices that rank highest among all NJ state colleges. Sodexo prices have students searching for food off-campus.

With classes, a part-time job and the low economy, finding affordable food has been added to the list of worries for the Montclair State students.

"It’s been the toughest for the residents living on campus such as Sarah Bretherton, a sophomore with a major in broadcasting and a minor in dance. Since Bretherton lives on campus, she finds herself eating on campus everyday."

"For the most part I do enjoy the food here on campus," said Bretherton. "But while I do enjoy most of the food, I do have to watch my pockets."
On Feb. 2: A student reported the theft of her iPod, left unsecured in the Recreation Center.

On Feb. 2: A student reported the theft of his property from the Recreation Center. It was later recovered.

On Feb. 3: A student reported the theft of his laptop left unsecured in the Student Center.

On Feb. 3: A student reported the theft of her parking hangtag from her unsecured vehicle parked in Lot 30.

On Feb. 3: Tyanna Davis was arrested and charged with possession of CDS marijuana under 50 grams while in the Red Hawk Diner.

On Feb. 4: Brandon Gaynor was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated on Clove Road.

On Feb. 4: A student reported the theft of her parking hangtag and iPod from her vehicle parked in Lot 23.

On Feb. 6: A student reported the theft of her laptop and cash from her unsecured residence in Bohn Hall.

On Feb. 7: Kyshon Williams was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension while on Clove Road.

On Feb. 8: An employee reported bias crime graffiti while in the Maintenance Building. The victim was subsequently offered all University services.

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.
FINANCIAL CONCERNS

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4. 53.3 percent of incoming first-year students are turning to loans, which is up 3.9 percentage points from 49.4 percent in 2008. Most of these loans were in the range of $3,000 to $6,000, according to responses on the survey.

“She expected me to pay nine grand in just two days,” Maines exclaimed, waving her hands in the air.

She continued, “They expected me to move out in two days. What if I couldn’t get the money?” There is nothing that Residential Education and Services can do after a student has not paid tuition after the designated deadline.

Maines is one of many freshmen who feel the stresses of the recession. According to a study from the Higher Education Research Institute of the University of California at Los Angeles that was released last month, two out of three first-year students reported having “some” or “major” concern over financing college. This rate is the highest level of concern that has been reported since 1971. Has the recession hit rock bottom?

“You should have seen her. She was hysterical outside of Bohn [Hall] on the phone with her dad for like two hours,” said Goldberg. Colleges is always referred to as the good years, what’s so good about financial stress?

Looking her roommate in the eyes and smiling, she continued, “It made me nervous. Loans are going to be even harder for me to pay because I live out of state.”

Andrea Goldberg, a New York resident, decided to come to Montclair because of the education program and would like to be a teacher. Currently, her parents are helping her as far as loans go, however, ultimately, Goldberg knows the loans will be her responsibility.

“I feel bad, and I worry about my loans all the time. If they are the first thing I have to worry about right after graduation, then that’s stressful because of the freeze going on with teachers. I don’t even know if I’ll have a job that fast, but that’s the plan.”

Goldberg joins the many freshmen of 2009 who reported it was “very important” that graduates from certain schools are able to get jobs. The percentage concerned with job security is 56.5, the highest rate reported since the question was asked in 1985.

“I think by the time I graduate, my loans will be too much for my parents to deal with. My dad does remind me that it would be better if I were to go to school in New York, but I looked around, and I really didn’t like any of them,” said Goldberg. For her, the experience at Montclair outweighs the price tag.

The study also shows that 53.3 percent of first-year students pay for college with the help of loans, up four points from last year’s report. The percentage is at its highest point in the past nine years.

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At Café Dink, you can purchase a smoked turkey sandwich with potato chips and water for $10. In comparison, the McDonald’s, on Route 46 East, can offer a burger, fries and soda for just $4.

Next to McDonald’s are Six Brethren Deli and Subway, within walking distance from campus and provide cheaper alternatives to on-campus dining.

“A townswoman with a side of slow and a pickle at Six Brothers Deli is $4.25; meanwhile, a burger alone from Sodexo goes for the same exact price.”

Smaller places, such as Sandwich Theory on Valley Road, offer more alternatives if students want to stick to a healthier diet. There, one can get any kind of sandwich, like a sloppy Joe wrap or a Gena salami and provolone sandwich.

The most expensive specialty sandwich is $6.75. At the Red Rooster Din-

er, their specialty sandwich, the Red Rooster, goes for $7.95.

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From 2002 to 2007, Montclair
State has increased the graduation
rate for URM (Under Represented
Minorities) by 14 percent. URM in-
clude African Americans, Hispanics
and Native American heritages.

Montclair State’s URM graduation
rate was 54.9 percent in 2007, when
the average for universities and col-
leges was only 35.6 percent.

In addition to a “Top Gainer,”
Montclair State is also a “Top Gap
Closer,” a term used to describe the
act of building the bridge by closing
the gap between both minorities and
non-minorities.

“Montclair has the highest gradu-
ation rate for URM students, among
the 15 most similar institution identi-
fied in College Results Online,” stat-
ed in the Education Trust’s report.

The report stated that nearly
40,000 minority students enroll as
freshmen each year in a four-year
college, “hoping to realize all of the
opportunities that earning a bach-
elor’s degree affords.”

Samantha Daster
Graduate

“Montclair promotes
diversity and there are so
many people from different
backgrounds and
ethnicity. I’m not
surprised at all that
[Montclair State] was
recognized.”

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Montclair Stats
Looking at progress minority students have made in public institutions from 2002
to 2007.

Undergrad Enrollment Fall 2006: 12,365
URM Among Undergrads Fall 2006: 28.3 %
Overall Six-Year Grad Rate 2007: 61.2
URM Six-Year Grad Rate 2002: 40.9
URM Six-Year Grad Rate 2007: 54.9
Change in URM Grad Rates 2002-07: 14.0

Link to the Education Trust Report

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The filter underneath the sink in R. 224 of Calcia Hall floods the room. The order was completed the next day.

“What you notice in how extreme the temperature is,” sophomore Lucy Robinson, a film major, said. For example, Robinson explained how Rm. 135, which is the auditorium on the first floor of Calcia Hall, is extremely hot especially when classes go on for three hours in the lecture-style room.

Back in September 2009, a work request was sent in about how the auditorium was “too cold” and the temperature needed adjustment which was completed in December. In January, a work order was placed concerning Calcia Hall being “too hot,” the auditorium and classrooms were “unbearably hot.”

Robinson, last semester, had a meeting with Dean of Students Rose Mary Howell and Associate Dean of the Arts Ronald Sharps about the lack of maintenance in Calcia Hall. One of these issues Robinson addressed was the graffiti drawn all over the walls at the lower level of the building.

The wall was painted over. However, a few days later, someone went over the paint “Deans Sharps. Thanks a lot.” One thing she can fix what’s broken. Several statements such as this one were written all over the first floor walls.

“I’m very happy that the university knows we have this issue and plans on building another building, but I’m never going to use the building,” Robinson said. “What are they going to do?”

Sophomore Meghan McDermott was in the printmaking studio and shared the discussion she had with another person who has been at Montclair State for 20 years.

“She said Calcia hasn’t changed at all since she’s been here. The most frustrating thing is the heating and cooling issues in rooms. In the metal and jewelry studio, the temperature can be [at] high as 87 degrees, and the windows don’t open, so that’s annoying,” McDermott said as she continued her work on her printmaking.

“They don’t care about us at all.”

Work orders for Calcia Hall from 2009-2010 indicate there have been a total of 197 work orders closed and nine still open.

Many of the requests deal with heating and leaking issues where two requests from a few days ago state there is no heat in CA-117 and CA-215 which are offices. Some of the orders were responded quickly; for example, on Jan. 21, there was an urgent request which was closed. “WINDOWS IN THE PRINTMAKING STUDIO IN CALCIA HALL ROOM CA-228 BROKE DOWN. THE PIPES AND RAIN SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED DUE TO MISS- UNDERSTANDING. WIND AND RAIN HAVE DAMAGED EQUIPMENT IN THE PRINTMAKING STUDIO.”

The order was completed the next day; however, another request for the same room, made the same day, has not been answered.

Back in February 2008, a pipe from the ceiling had burst in Calcia Hall, which caused a steam flood in Director of the Photography Program Klara Schnitzer’s office.

While sitting in his office, Schnitzer pointed out several frames hung on his walls with photos that still have mold from the flood two years ago.

“There is the lack of maintenance, but also, the lack of response from the administration. You submit work orders, and they go to a black hole,” Schnitzer said.

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“Certain problems are fixed, but they are just temporary, not permanent,” Schnitzer said. “Art is messy. It’s the nature of the beast, but that does not mean the building should be money as well.”

At one point, Schnitzer did a “test” where he left a pile of dirt under his desk, and it was there for most of last semester.

“We feel neglected,” he said.

Several ceiling tiles in the CA-110 were water-laden and in danger of collapsing. A work order request was submitted back in November to fix the leaking ceiling pipe, but nobody answered until December after a second attempt.

In December 2009, water was coming into the building along the northeast side of the building due to damaged flashing on the roof. The water was running into the building from the northeast entrance and along the northeast walls of the classroms.

“In the jewelry and metalworking studio, the sink was leaking and draining water was collected in a bucket.”

“The filter probably hasn’t been changed, since the building was built,” junior Melissa Graff said who uses the studio.

Graff added that the temperature in the room is never controlled with heat or air conditioning.

“It’s been as hot as probably 90 degrees and as cold as 40. If your hands are too cold, you can’t work, and if you’re too hot, you feel like you’re going to pass out,” she said.

When told about the new arts building being constructed in the future, Graff responded. “Even if they put up a new building, it will need a maintenance crew to be checking the plumbing, ventilation, etc. on a regular basis, otherwise over time, it will become [what Calcia is now].”

The pipes in the photo lab have mold growing due to leaks in the past. Some of the chairs in Rm. 135, which is the auditorium, have desks broken off from them.

The sink in the ceramics room in Calcia Hall has been leaking since last semester.

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SGA SENIOR TRIP 2010

TICKETS GO ON SALE THURSDAY FEB. 25TH AT 5:30PM IN THE SGA OFFICE.

Who: All Graduating Seniors (On the May 2010 graduation list.)

What: A Cruise to Bermuda aboard Royal Caribbean’s Explorer of the Seas.

When: May 22nd-27th, 2010

How Much Does it Cost? $580, with a $250 non-refundable deposit due on February 26th. The Remaining $330 is due by March 26th.

QUESTIONS: Contact Jon Preciado: Prciadoj1@mail.montclair.edu, 973-655-4326

Tickets will go on sale Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Student Government Association Office. Only one ticket can be purchased per person. If you cannot make it, you can have a proxy buy your ticket. If you choose to have a proxy, you must come into the SGA office prior to the day tickets go on sale and submit a written letter to the SGA President giving the name of the person who is buying your ticket. The proxy will only be able to purchase the ticket for you. (He/she cannot also purchase a ticket for themselves at that time)
The catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti affected the lives of over three million people. Everyone as aspect of humanitarian aid stepped up in hope to save the lives of those who survived the natural disaster.

The American Red Cross facilitated a blood and bone marrow drive on Feb. 7 at the Student Recreation Center in search for donors willing to join their mission to save the lives of those in need.

Within the blood drive’s six hours of operation, 137 people arrived at the scene. Each individual donated about one pint of blood and saved approximately three lives each.

Many donors found themselves honored to use the power in their arms and act as though you are punching a wall or your competitor in a match. We are going to do right and left jab punches. Stand feet apart with knees slightly bent. Pivot your body, making a jab two times to the left and two to the right as I did. For a more hands-on feel, you can check out the full workout video at themontclarion.org. Next time's segment will be all about the power of tongue, so be sure to read it!

Reaching Out to Haiti

Vanessa Hargreaves
Staff Writer

Welcome back all you fitness crazed students. I hope you enjoyed stretching last week, because this week is all about basic cardio repetitions! Now I know what you're thinking — cardio is all work and no fun, but my work-out will let you pretend that you are in five different professional sports and will leave you feeling refreshed. There will be pictures on the side numbered with my exercises so you can easily keep track of them. So let’s get started!

1. Okay, so the first exercise is to get your blood pumping with good old fashioned jumping jacks. Stand feet apart, and raise and lower your arms while jumping. Do three sets of 10. Then, do straight arm jacks which are the same as regular jumping jacks, except your arms are powering straightening and lowering.

2. Next, we’re going to pretend like we are football players and do football shuffles. It is all about quick feet and movement, so keep that in mind while doing this repetition. Stand feet apart in a squat position and quickly move your feet, shuffling from the left side of the room to the right, then to the front and back. After the first repetition, hold in stance for 30 seconds, keeping the abdominals tight and breathing through. Do three sets of these.

3. To get your heart rate even higher, we are going to pretend we are all professional track runners and do three sets of sprinting and high-knee drills for 30 seconds each. When doing high-knees, be sure to keep your knees up and level with your hips. Do not drop them, keep your body strong and power through.

4. After, you can go grabbing water and get right back into the workout mode with doing oblique-squeeze repetitions. With your body on an angle, take your right arm and right knee, interlocking them at the middle so that your elbow is to your knee. You will feel your obliques squeeze with your core contracting. Do three sets of 10 on each side, shak ing out your body in between sets.

5. Okay guys, this is the last exercise and the most fun because we get to pretend we are a fierce MMA fighter! We are going to do right and left jab punches. Stand feet apart with knees slightly bent. Pivot your body, making a jab two times to the left and two to the right for 15 repetitions. Remember to use the power in your arms and act as though you are punching a wall or your competitor in a match. That’s all for this week and I hope you have as much fun with this work-out as I did. For a more hands-on feel, you can check out the full workout video at themontclarion.org. Next time’s segment will be all about the power of tongue, so be sure to read it!

Sports Cardio Workout

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Upcoming Events

Movie Night.................................................................Feb. 11
Coffee House...............................................................Feb. 11
Learn to Dance.............................................................Feb. 11
Music Therapy Day....................................................Feb. 16
Men’s Baseball............................................................Feb. 16
Sexual Education Program............................................Feb. 17

Field Hockey.................................................................Feb. 11
A professor of Psychology at Montclair State University, Fuentes more than proves his qualifications with his Master’s Degree in Psychology (concentration in Latino Mental Health), which he earned at MSU and a PhD. in Clinical Psychology from the Graduate School of Applied Psychology to “promote and embrace diversity, to ‘promote and embrace diversity, to ‘promote and embrace diversity, to ‘promote and embrace diversity, to ‘promote and embrace diversity, to ‘promote and embrace diversity, to ‘promote and embrace diversity, to ‘promote and embrace diversity,” said Kenny Benavidea, the President of the organization.

MPS helps members recognize the importance of valuing and respecting with all members of the world around us as a key skill needed to advance in the global workforce and for surviving future. Experts estimate that by 2025, there will be at least 50 per cent of the United States population. Given the presence among our campus, MPS is hosting a series of events throughout the semester. MPS is a combination of time and thought. So, what’s better, Hallmark or homemade? Well, that depends on you. If you have the mindest that the gift should be more special than love, you probably shouldn’t be with him/her. But, if the money’s in the bank, and she’s all about the price tag … go for it. If not, here are some tips on how to win your special someone over without digging into student loans.

Instead of taking her out to dinner, take the time to make her diner. Take her out and give her a reason to get all dressed up, but making dinner sweeter but that you’re willing to take the risk of cooking a meal, with the possibility of failure, just to make her happy. If you plan on taking the card route, definitely go with homemade. Not only does it make the card more personal, but it’s also more original. They call it a Hallmark holiday for a reason. Anyone can go to the stores, buy a card and sign their name. However, when a guy creates it, he knows that she will like the only one. If you have the money’s in the bank, you, you probably shouldn’t be with her. But, if the money’s in the bank, and she’s all about the price tag … go for it. If not, here are some tips on how to win your special someone over without digging into student loans.
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To support the Haiti relief effort, several of Montclair State University’s student organizations have united with local businesses to create Haircuts for Haiti. Barbers and hairstylists from The Edgar Anthony Salon in Upper Montclair, JC Penny of Freehold, and Just Your Style of Jacksonvill will set up shop in MSU’s student center and will cut hair from 11a.m. to 5p.m. on Wednesday February 15. They will be accepting donations in exchange for haircuts. A raffle with donated prizes from local businesses will also be held, the dates will be announced within the next few days.

There is also a....
RAFFLE!RAFFLE!RAFFLE!

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- 1 15 Inch Sylvania LCD TV
- 5 pairs of AMC Gold Movie Tickets
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- 1 Basket Full of Beautiful Chocolates (a $37 value) from Sweet Home Montclair
- 4 $25 Applebees Gift cards
- 4 $25 Giftcards to MSU’s Bookstore
- 1 $20 Gift certificate to the Tailmadge Cheese Market
- 1 $10 gift card for Sandwich Theory 1
- $10 Gift Certificate for Jackie’s Grillezte
- 1 Free Haircut from St. Ives Salon
- 1 Of any item from the Awesome NJ Shop at AwesomeNJ.com
- 10 Free Yoga Classes from Yoga Montclair

Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday Feb. 15th
Sudoku Korner

**Puzzle #1 - Easy**

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3 6 5 | 9 4
9 4 | 6 5
8 1 9 4
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**Puzzle #2 - Medium**

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4 2 3 | 2 5
5 4 8 | 3 5
8 7 6 4
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**The Montclarion's New Game Initiative**

**New Game: Cryptograms**

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AGJHMHXKXBRLTW TZ
NKWSDUHDS’X MKBLSAKGXSPS
EKXUPSXTDTZNSDGX,UPS
OTRKDFTMTZWTNSKDM
LSKGUB. AGJHMHXLSWHNSNSM
UTGXSRKPHAKWKOOTEXUT
KOTGXSSWSWHDFXTZWTNS.
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**Rules:**

Each sentence is encrypted with a letter substitution. Decipher the true message in each sentence. This puzzle is Valentine's Day related.

**HINT:**

At the beginning of the second line:

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NKWSDUHDS’X = VALENTINE'S
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Check back each week for another new game to The Montclarion. Like it? E-mail us at msuproduction@gmail.com

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**Unscramble the clues to find words associated with Chinese New Year: The first letter of each clue will reveal the year for which 2020 is the Year of.**

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indiartto
eisennc
ikgogn
remoper
ceir
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**Answer:**

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Find all of the words in the puzzle that describe Valentine's Day.

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nafelirhta
etalocohco
naoromance
iarowhree
traehtews
ncupidaruw
evoliarrso
ltrlantani
avcrdlklcw
valdeosorn
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cupid
valentine
card
heart
chocolate
flowers
love
arrow
red
pink
romance
sweetheart

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msuproduction@gmail.com
Breaking the Fourth Wall

by: John Maddi

THE STARE

by Simsj1@montclair

Almost Peaceful

by Jess Sims
Anthony Curry and Carrie Gibson perform at Kasser Theater.

Jon Reino | The Montclarion

Actors and playwrights, Anthony Curry and Carrie Gibson, came to the Alexander Kasser Theater at Montclair State University to perform their play Into The Fire on Feb. 1. It is a powerful and emotional play based on the post-war lives of veterans from every war.

As the two of them perform their series of monologues taken well from interviews with real veterans, the entire audience was put in a trance like state watching this one of a kind performance. The entire play centered completely on interviews that the writers/actors conducted themselves of dozens of veterans of every age.

Before the play began, the President of Montclair State University, Dr. Susan A. Cole, came out to speak about the importance of programs like this. She also introduced Senate Majority Leader Barbara Buono, who also came on stage to say a few words.

Shortly after, the actors approached the stage. Curry and Gibson gave a short disclaimer about the emotions people may feel while watching the play, and they were right to warn everyone.

From the first minute, they began an intense back and forth succession of lines which at first did not seem to connect. Through-out the next 65 minutes, those familiar lines are revealed to be some of the most memorable parts of the most emotional speech mentioned in the beginning as a type of foreshadowing. Many of the scenes show one actor being a veteran, speaking as if the audience is interviewing them, with the other actor playing multiple roles of spouses, siblings, children, co-workers and so on.

One scene shows Curry as a Vietnam veteran who lost an arm in the battle for Hamburger Hill, with Gibson as his wife. This is surprisingly dynamic: As you are drawn into their touching stories, it becomes easy to forget that these two people on stage are really just the same two actors that have been there all along, which works to their advantage.

Mixed in through these first hand accounts of post-traumatic stress, physical handicap and loss of every kind, the actors stood together and list quotes from a website that is meant to help people cope with post-traumatic stress. A portion of this site displays “Military Humor,” and they quote lines, that at first will make you shudder. However once it sinks in, you realize there is a true disconnect between these veterans and the bulk of society.

The clear message portrayed by this play is that for the most part these veterans just want to be understood and accepted. Some of them may have panic attacks or sudden flash backs, but they sacrificed themselves for their country.

Now that they are back, they sometimes feel used and unappreciated. This play was not a political or anti-war message by any means; they sought to inform people about the hardships our returning heroes face in a culture that, at the moment, does not know how to handle it. As they describe it, it is in a loss of the political issue and more of a human issue. Once the play ended, they opened the floor for open conversation with the audience. The room full of veterans, students, faculty and even a few local non-veterans share their appreciation for the act and the performances of commitment, and as well as voice their opinions on the subject.

The play was fantastic, as were the actor performances. Although the skill of the actors might have been dwarfed by their message and the power of the subject, it was in no way overlooked.

Into The Fire is not only an entertaining piece that will captivate anyone who is lucky enough to see it, but the message they portray is one that will affect us all.

Next time Curry and Gibson come to town, it is definitely worth the trip to the theater, you will not regret it.

THE WHO STILL GOT IT
The Who Performs at Super Bowl Halftime

Christina Romano | The Montclarion

What is there to say about The Who’s performance on the Super Bowl other than “Wow.” Their stage set-up was certainly a work of its own; laser graphics and optical tricks with lights that were a work of art, as well as what could be seen as a gigantic vinyl record. The show started quickly with “Pinball Wizard” off their rock-opera album, Tommy, it was a good build up for what was to come next.

With the opening chords to one of the band’s most popular songs “ Baba O’Reilly” kicking in, it was clear that this band was not slowing down. Ringo Starr’s son took the late Keith Moon’s place at the drums, keeping the rhythm on a clear drum kit with symbols adorned with the famous symbol of the Who, the Quadrophenia. Their performance, Pete Townsend displayed his famous wire guitar, playing on the guitar and jumping around like he was still young. In the last few chords of the song, lead singer Roger Daltry broke out his harmonica in place of the violin.
So for me and millions of others, the Budweiser football and men like beer, I would bet for as I got older and realized that men watch the pool, betting on Pepsi or Coke. Then always beg my mom for a dollar to add to the first talking animal would be. I would car company would have the first ad; what be the first one after the kick-off; which reserved for the commercials. What would be the score; the big wagering was pool wasn't for who would win or what course, lots of betting. But the largest screaming at the big screen T.V. and of people, lots of junk food, lots of beer, Super Bowl party was usually held at my When I was younger, our family Super Bowl party was usually held at my aunt and uncle's house. There were lots of people, lots of junk food, lots of beer, kids adrenaline-pumped football-fanatic screaming at the big screen T.V. and of course, lots of fighting. But the largest pool wasn't for who would win or what would be the scores; the big wagering was reserved for the commercials. What would be the first one after the kick-off; which company would have the first ad; what the first talking animal would be. I would always beg my mom for a dollar to add to the pool, betting on Pepsi or Coke. Then so I got older and realized that men watch football and men like beer, I would bet for Budweiser. So for me and millions of others, the commercials are still more important than the actual game. It's not just the people watching who think; this year, CBS sold sponsored commercial spots for between $2.5 and $2.8 million dollars. And they all get sold. Companies understand the importance of airing a commercial during the Super Bowl. I mean, it's not every day that you have 106.5 million people watching your ad, not to mention all the talk around the water-cooler, YouTube hits and press coverage (see today's Montclairian). Marketers have a huge opportunity to get their names out; make a memorable commercial and hundreds of millions of people will know your name, and hopefully buy your product. Before the Super Bowl even aired, some commercials were already getting press; most notably, one sponsored by Focus on the Family, a Christian group whose mission is to have people raise their families according to Christian values. The ad, featuring footballer Tim Tebow and his mother, was getting a lot of attention, because of its pro-life message. The ad, featuring footballer Tim Tebow and his mother, was getting a lot of attention, because of its pro-life message. Fortunately, their dated use of the rock group KISS and their Mini-Me characters was not particularly funny or memorable. Maybe next year, Dr. Pepper marketing team. While there were some chuckle-inducing ads, there were only a few that made the viewers at home laugh out loud. An informal poll after the game produced only four ads that most agreed were funny and worth the money the sponsors put out. Number four is the Snickers commercial featuring Betty White of the Golden Girls, any commercial where old people get tackled into mud puddles is bound to get laughs. Number three is the "Man's Last Stand" ad for the Dodge Charger, it features men with Michael C. Hall's voice-over telling the viewer everything they sacrifice for their girlfriens, but that they won't give up their choice of car. Number two is none other than, the E-Trade babies, they're cute, in high-chairs and talk about investments and the stock market. And Number one (and the best of the night at our Super Bowl party) was the home-made Doritos commercial, where a protective son slaps his mother's new boyfriend after he takes one of the boy's Doritos. It was funny, simple, low-budget and much more memorable than the ads that cost the other companies millions to make. So while millions of viewers watched the Super Bowl this weekend, it's a good bet that they'll be munching on Snickers and Doritos while they're trying to remember who actually won.

If you missed out on the Super Bowl commercials, check them out! Visit themontclarion.org!
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Ask any student what they think of the food on campus, and they’ll probably shrug their shoulders and recall the last time they got food poisoning from the campus sushi or Red Hawk Diner’s backfire burgers and cold French fries.

The latest investigative piece in the news section sheds some light on campus dining; both the high prices and low quality. And it looks like this is not about to change any time soon.

The university just renewed their contract with Sodexo; the company that’s been providing food to everyone’s favorite eating establishments on campus for the past eight years.

That means more $5 tasteless beef meteors and cold, deep-fried chicken strips from the Student Center cafeteria.

And it’s not even like we’re getting quality food. If it were worth the money and if there were a variety of meals to choose from, then it might not be so painful. But when your best dinner options come out of a vending machine, you can’t help but be disgusted.

Vegetarians and anyone who gives a flying fig about their general health and well-being, arguably, hate it the worst. Is dining’s idea of “healthy eating” soggy chicken Caesar wraps drenched in creamy dressing?

Everyone jokes about how college food, for the most part, is always bad. But it doesn’t have to be this way! Other universities like Kean and NJIT, use Gourmet Dining. It is still unclear as to why Sodexo was the choice for Montclair’s dining.

And why, even with protests from students, is the contract renewed?

It looks like MSU is trying to cut corners by choosing Sodexo. It’s not just you. Prices increase about a percentage every year. That annual increase is included in the contract.

The campus is surrounded by Sodexo’s competition. Restaurants and diners line the road up to Bloomfield Avenue, which has dozens of places to graze. As the article points out, the prices are often comparable to or better than those offered on campus. At least, at one of the diners on Route 3, you’ll get your burger within the hour, which is more than you can say for the Red Hawk Diner.

If anything, food on campus should be competitively priced. The food supplier should offer students something more than salty soups and fried chicken.

For residents who are stuck with the meal plan and have flex and red hawk dollars to spend, they often must resort to eating on campus. It would be great to say, “I’ll just go somewhere else.” But if you’re on campus on a weekend without a car, there’s not much you can do.

Nevertheless, the university seems to be smitten with Sodexo.

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- Blackboard 9 Reviewed
- Bookstore Alternatives
W e all heard that MSU is making the switch from the old internet class template to a brand new, intercon
nected one that will make life better. Through one of my classes I have gotten to use Blackboard 9, and it's great.
However, because of the new programing, load time is much faster. If you're going from course material to your grades, it's a whole lot faster. Also, you can now see up to nine items in the same menu, for example, forums, tools or communication to find the function, and it's easier.
Of course, there still is a tool section with a lot of useful options for classes.
Classrooms can also change the view of the different areas made available by the professor in a class module, so students don't even need to go to the tabs page to find the discussion boards.
Courses can now also have blogs. We still have our good, old fashioned discussion boards, but, in addition, there are also blogs for classes to function online.
I was able to do another thing differently, if the professor doesn't allow students to edit or delete comments, students can delete any of the comments, not just their own. This leads to less problems such as spelling, so it's a time saver.
I'm not sure how much control professors have over the way they present their classes, but it seems to be quite a bit, again.
Instead of having to search for something up front, it's actually there from the get go. It looks a little better, and a few things have been improved for easier usage.
Overall, Blackboard 9 is nice. It's nothing groundbreaking, and it's also nothing new, it looks about the same. It looks a little better, and we will all be able to use this new ver

Blackboard 9: Nothing to Write Home About
Student Reviews New Version of Blackboard: It's Nice but Not Radical

KATIE WINTERS
ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR

H ave you ever bought textbooks from online stores such as eBay.com, Amazon.com, or Chegg.com? Many of us have. Recently, I had forgotten to buy a novel for one of my classes. I unwillingly went to the bookstore and wait for your teachers to tell you what textbooks for their classes. One, be smart and wait for your teacher to tell you what books you do and do not need. Also, save yourself thousands of dollars and spend the cut on new campus support. Via email, or just go back to the books at the bookstore. Since you only get two business days to return your textbooks from the bookstore, this fanciful plan is useless.
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Playoffs

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Feb. 13.

The South division of the men’s NJAC is anything but clear-cut. With three conference games remaining, three teams (Rowan, Richard Stockton, Kean) are within 1.5 games of each other for the top spot, with Rowan currently at the top at 6-4. The heated race between these teams is just warming up, with Rowan playing Richard Stockton on Feb. 13 and Kean on Feb. 15. Richard Stockton and Kean face off on Feb. 10 to determine which team is better prepared to take on the top ranked Profes.

The competitive season for the women has brought about some great individual and team statistics. Kean dominates the NJAC in 14 of 19 team stat categories for the season. Guard Jamilee Pflug leads the team in the free throw percentage with 77 percent, good for fifth in the conference. Forward Kisandra Ayanbeku has consistently made her name known this season, averaging a double-double with 16.1 points per game, second to only Rowan’s Amanda Jennings and third in rebounds per game with 10.4. Guard Jackie Berry is second in the NJAC with 5.27 assists per game, and forward Catherine Cristino is the conference’s top three-point shooter, shooting an impressive 48 percent from beyond the arc.

The NJAC Men’s teams are also showing decent numbers this season. Ramapo is the conference’s top scoring team, putting up 81.5 points per game, with sophomore LaQuan Peterkin leading the conference with 17.1. Montclair State’s aggressive defense lead them to the conference — a leading 4.82 blocks per game, with senior forward Daniel McKee topping all other players with 2.45 blocks per game. The Red Hawks also lead the NJAC with a plus 4.68 turnover margin.

The season is not quite over yet, but the time for putting your tournament bids in is just right around the corner. A lot of questions have yet to be answered, and both the Men and Women are focused more than ever. Come Feb. 20, the exciting spectacles of the competitive NJAC will finally see who steps on the court as an NCAA tournament challenger and who leaves the court the best of the best.
Brees Dominates Marquee Quarterback Matchup
Saints Win First Super Bowl as Fans Finally have Reason to Celebrate

Jake Del Mauro
Staff Writer

So another season of the NFL is in the books. The Saints went marching away with their first Super Bowl title and the monkey of big game troubles has jumped back on Peyton Manning’s back. How did we come to this? What led up to the biggest win for every player on the Saint’s sideline?

Let’s break it down and recap.

1. Drew Brees.
   If you don’t know, now you know. Brees cemented himself as the best quarterback in the league throughout these playoffs. In his three games during this postseason against the Cardinals, Vikings and Colts, not only did Brees beat three future Hall-of-Fame quarterbacks, but he had eight touchdowns and zero interceptions. He was 71-102 for 732 yards and, not to mention, won the MVP of the big game. Both Manning and Brees had relatively the same statistics, except in the INT column.

2. The last 8:14 of the second quarter.
   The Saints took over from their own 28 with 8:14 left in the first half. After throwing an incomplete pass on first and 10, Brees connected with Pierre Thomas for seven yards, followed by a 13-yard pass to Marques Colston. Brees had four more completions and had the Saints at the three-yard line.
   What happened next; a penalty pushing them to the eight, then a run to the one, followed by the Colts’ D’ stuffing the Saints at the goal line on back-to-back plays. The Colts played it conservative and ran the ball, however they left time on the clock for the Saints, and were forced to punt.
   The Saints kicked a field goal to pull within four, 10-6, before half. Why was this important? To some, it showed the Saints had guts by going for it on fourth and one.
   It also showed some insecurity on the Colts’ end. All season they let Manning throw, letting the general lead. However, they chose to run and gave the Saints good field position for a late field goal. This gave the Saints some momentum, and they came out firing with the onside kick to start the second half.

3. Reggie Wayne.
   Where were you? You had five catches for 46 yards, but your dropped passes and poor route running plagued the team. Maybe South Beach got to him. Or maybe Tracy Porter.

   Sean Payton is to Vince Lombardi as Jim Caldwell was to Jim Fassell. Payton made one of the gutsiest calls ever in Super Bowl history with that onside kick. When the Colts got the ball, there was a high likelihood that Manning would force a score. But thanks to Hank Baskett’s stone hands, the Saints got the ball back and the rest was history. Jim Caldwell looks the same if his team is up by 10 or down by 10. Is he the coach, or Manning (and that is a completely serious question)?

5. The city of New Orleans.
   Forget the football for a minute. This city has gone through so much, to see the celebration on Bourbon Street after the game was a sight for the city’s sore eyes. There isn’t a better guy than Drew Brees to win the MVP and to help pick up the city of New Orleans.
   This Super Bowl was the most watched TV program ever, beating the season finale of M*A*S*H. This game will go down as one of the better games of all time.
   For New Orleans, it was the best ever.
Cristino Cements Her Name in MSU History

Red Hawks’ Star Forward Scores 1,000 Points in Her Career

There was buzz around the Panzer Athletic Center on Feb. 3. The Rowlet Raiders of Rutgers-Newark were running to play the women’s basketball team. With a win, Montclair State would just about clinch a berth in the conference tournament. Much of the discussion, however, was about one specific player. Catherine Cristino was five points shy of one thousand in her college career.

People kept telling me that I needed a lay-up and a three-pointer,” said the senior forward. “That’s exactly what happened.” Cristino accomplished the lay-up part with a jumper four minutes into the game that gave the Red Hawks a quick eight-point lead.

Already up 12, Cristino connected on a three-pointer with exactly six minutes remaining in the opening half. Now with a lead of 15, coach Karen Harvey called a timeout after the basket for Cristino to receive her recognition. “I never take myself too seriously, even in practice,” Cristino said. “I became stronger. I didn’t like to get hit, and I became tougher.”

Described by teammates as modest, Cristino was unsure how to deal with the moment of becoming just the 15th woman in MSU history to achieve the feat. “She just kept telling us how embarrassed she was about it,” said teammate Kara Burnham. “I think we were more excited about it than she was.”

Burnham is also Cristino’s roommate and best friend. Coupled with fellow senior Jackie Berry, the two juniors have been very close in their four-year stint at Montclair State. “All three of us are so close,” Burnham said. “I think it shows on the court.”

The Colt’s Neck High School star chose Montclair State over scholarship offers from some small-name Division I schools. “I enjoyed the environment around here,” Cristino said. “I wasn’t really interested in those other places.”

Cristino’s 21 blocks this season give her 116 in her career, surpassing former teammates and proteges Form Cutrell and Stephanie Machin, who were both seniors when Cristino was just a freshman. “They both made me into a better player,” Cristino said. “I became stronger, I didn’t like to get hit, and I became tougher.”

Cristino, who sees herself as “a post player with the heart of a guard,” is the only player in MSU history to be ranked in the top 15 in points, blocks and three-point field goals made.

While her 1,045 points places her in 11th place presently, Cristino currently stands as the school’s sixth highest point total. “I’d like to think that I’ll be remembered as a good all-around player,” Cristino’s point total will not reach that of legendary Red Hawk Carol Blissawski’s 3,199 points, but in the words of her teammate Burnham: “She’s up there.”

In the previous three seasons, the Red Hawks have appeared in two ECAC tournaments, winning the championship in the 2006-07 season. Last season saw a division title for Montclair State, but no postseason appearance. This season has included the NJAC becoming a major power in Division III women’s basketball. Two teams, Kean and William Paterson, are ranked in the top eight of the country.

“People played both teams and were close,” Cristino said. “We think we have what it takes to beat them.” Montclair State expects to be tested once again by both. On Saturday, the team travels to William Paterson to take on their rivals, the Pioneers. If the team can manage a first-round victory in the NJAC tournament, likely against Richard Stockton or TCNJ, the Red Hawks will travel to Union for the semifinal round against the Kean Cougars.

As for Cristino’s place in Montclair State history, statistics may show her to be one of the best forwards in school history. “I’d like to think that I’ll be remembered as a good all-around player,” Cristino’s point total will not reach that of legendary Red Hawk Carol Blissawski’s 3,199 points, but in the words of her teammate Burnham: “She’s up there.”
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The Superfan Shares His Story

Dan Eahardt

I’ve been asked by The Montclarion to write a “Townday” piece. But that what I did is anything special, I was just the last time of the moment. I’ve spent the better part of the last four years of my time here at Montclair State running under the pseudonym of “The Superfan.” I’m the guy who went to all of the MSU “hawkey” games to yell and scream and make a general fool of myself for the majority of this time. I’m the guy that sent you too many Facebook event invites that you’ve probably repeatedly ignored. That’s cool though, I’d start turning them off after the 45th message too. Without fail, you could have found me in the stands of that no risk we have on campus, that you never go to, pretty much every weekend, screaming my head off about something furious about a pair of socks. My rallying cry of “whose socks are these?” has inspired a Hockey team to victory on numerous occasions, while simply driving the opposition batty.

Case in point: because of my over-the-top personal brand of fan-hood, on separate occasions, a woman — who was easily in her late 80’s — wanted to fight me in the parking lot of Floyd Hall Arena. I’ve been asked by this school to go out and actually have a good time, and being persistent enough to go back and do it over and over again. And to anybody and everybody who’s ever joined in the trip to Floyd Hall Arena to go and scream at a game to check out a “hawkey” game: thank you. Thank you for caring enough about that school to go out and actually have a good time, and being persistent enough to go back and do it over and over again.

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Sheer dominance, disappointments, and one outright division three are just a few of the aspects involved in this season’s NJAC for both the Women’s and Men’s Basketball teams. As the regular season prepare for its curtain call all speculation and predictions start to catch fire from the spectators.

So who will win the NJAC Tournament? For the man, will it be William Paterson, the clear favorite with a perfect 10-0 record in the conference with only three games remaining? Or will this season’s preseason favorite to win it all, Richard Stockton, live up to their expectations, regardless of their surging 8-4 record in the conference?

In regards to their success this season and possible playoff implications, William Paterson head coach Jose Rebimbas commented, “We have always built our team on defense and toughness. As you know the NJAC is one of the most competitive conferences in the country, and therefore, very hard to predict the future with as many talented players in the conferences, and the unbreakable job that each coach does, it makes it very difficult to think beyond the next game.”

The intensity is just as intense within the Women’s competition. The struggle for number one this season continues between the Rancan Cougars (who are 10-0 and lead the conference) and Richard Stockton (9-3 in the NJAC), their only loss to the aforementioned Cougars...

“The outstanding swimmers get everyone amped up, and we just used that energy in the water.” Smith followed that up by east late in the meet. Senior Sean Chamberlay defeated the 200-yard backstroke, Lee followed with a victory in the... Continued on page 23

Swimming Sweeps Past William Paterson

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Montclair State swimming cleared out their conference schedule in dominating fashion on Saturday, as both the men’s and women’s team cruised over William Paterson. The men’s team won 179-119, while the women’s final score was a 161-

Junior Jessica Patalano was a key factor in helping the Red Hawks defeat the NJAC this season. RU-

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