Commuters, How Deep Are Your Pockets? Students Share Problems with Financing for School

Danielle Mancuso 
Staff Writer

When a typical tab at Café Döm runs $5.50 for a toasted cinnamon bagel with cream cheese and with the ever-rising price of food, costs about $25 for regular gas, commuters should be aware of how the money spent each week.

Students at Montclair State University are led to believe that commuting back and forth to school is cheaper than living on campus. However, with the price of gas, food and a parking pass, commuting may be getting close to the cost of room and board. It is essential that students break down the costs each semester, being that 80 percent of the school commutes.

If a student spends $15 a day on food, it will cost $100 a month and $2,700 a year to eat. This

But few students spend nearly $5,000 on food and gas alone. The concept of commuting being cheap no longer seems to fit. "I spend at least $60 on gas each month, there was a violent armed robbery which landed a woman in the hospital. No students were near where the robbery took place, nor were students involved.

Twenty-six burglary reports, an increase from last year. Theft reported has totaled to 234 in 2009-2010, resulting in 122 confirmed theft as the most common thing to steal, commuters are vulnerable to theft as well. Lieutenant Barrett believes the theft of hangtags is "on the rise."

Due to the fact that parking hangtags are the most popular thing to steal, hangtags are the most common items to be stolen. Even though Barrett confirmed theft as the most occurring crime on campus.

A Voice for Latin America: Professor Travels to Guatemala to Film Contemporary Chinese History Through the Lens of Literature

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Beverly Peterson, a broad-
casting professor at Mont-
clear, went to a small village

As the police first arrived on the scene, they were looking for Ratanjot Rekhi of the University Police Department.

Lieutenant Barrett, a sworn Barrett of the University Police Department, said that he did not know about the robbery. "I didn’t even know when it happened. I feel safe through.

VIDEO: Students who live at La Quinta share how safe they feel living there.

We always lock our door at night.”

"I would feel safer living in a dorm,"

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Montclair State University’s most prominent crime on campus for the present school year is theft. Students residing on campus are not the only ones at risk, commuters are as well.

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Q: Christie previously said, "Our solution does not take one penny from an approved school instructional budget. Not one dime out of the current fiscal year. Christie announced his plans to cut operating aid to public higher education by $62.1 million.

In an effort to fill the state’s $2.2 billion budget hole, Gov. Chris Christie’s recent series of proposed budget cuts to both NJ Transit and public higher education may potentially force Montclair State students to pay more out of pocket for public transportation and school fees.

The state subsidizes NJ Transit with $296 million during the current fiscal year. Christie proposes to withdraw $22.7 million from the budget. For commuters, this could mean fare increases of approximately 20 to 30 percent.

Deanna Kettle, a student who trains for her daily commute to campus, “I go from South Orange to Newark Broad Street and then to Montclair State University,” she said. “It’s not a long commute, just a headache sometimes with the transfer.”

Kettle’s student monthly pass is $45, compared to a regular monthly pass, which is $90. She used to buy tickets, but noticed that she only came to campus three times a week last year. Still, she paid about $42 for tickets every month.

Kettle, whose parents also use trains to commute to their jobs in New York City, worries about the offsets the proposed cuts will have on student costs.

“I hope the [student monthly pass] price doesn’t go up. It’s just a local stop, it might be considered less important than, say, New York Penn Station or Newark Broad Street, which are transfer stations,” Weber said. “I want to know how the state is deciding all of this.”

According to Dan Stessel, a spokesperson for NJ Transit, service decisions are still pending.

“Decisions have been made on the fare proposal as of yet in regard to survival,” he said. “We’re working on that now. We’ll have a detailed plan for public comment in the next two weeks or so.”

Stessel added that ways to reduce expenses and specific locations and dates for public hearing on the matter will be posted on NJ Transit’s website.

In addition to cuts to public transportation, Christie announced plans to cut operating aid to public higher education by $62.1 million.

During his campaign, Christie noted that N.J. ranks in the lowest three states for higher education funding and that aid to universities could get worse before it improves.

President Susan Cole said that Montclair State University’s portion of the mid-year budget cut was approximately $2.7 million. A cut that she said, was “not wholly unanticipated.”

“We were prepared to address the cut with funds from salary savings that accrue when people retire or leave their jobs … and with funds that we set aside for just such a contingency,” Cole said. “Students should not see any effect from the immediate cut this year.”

David Josephson, director of the university’s budget and planning, said that tuition rates for this year are already set.

“This year, we’ll be able to use existing aid to make sure it does not affect student tuition rates this year,” Josephson said.

President Cole emphasized Christie’s plans to make higher education in the state a priority.

“The higher education community needs to intensify its efforts to advocate for the importance of a sound and future-oriented plan to meet the higher education needs of the people of New Jersey,” Cole said.

Q&A with Executive Director of Budget and Planning

DAVID JOSEPHSON

Q: Christie’s recent series of proposed budget cuts to both NJ Transit and public higher education may potentially force Montclair State students to pay more out of pocket for public transportation and school fees.

A: The university continuously explores new sources of revenue, including grants, fundraising and revenue generating programs.

A: The university’s budget and planning, the board of trustees, the presidents and senior staff — will implement any budget cuts, and their priority will be the students’ needs, particularly maintaining academic programs.

A: Since MSU does not receive much state support to begin with, how much will these cuts affect the students and faculty?

A: Given the state’s difficult financial situation, the university has been anticipating that there would be cuts forthcoming this fiscal year. To manage the mid-year budget cut, the university will utilize savings from existing staff vacancies and will carefully evaluate the need to fill vacant positions going forward. All required faculty positions will continue to be filled. The university budget and planning office will monitor any impact of the cuts on students and faculty.

A: What’s our share of the reduction?

A: Public higher education was cut $62.1 million, and the state colleges and universities together were cut $17 million. MSU was cut by $2.7 million.

A: What new sources of revenue will need to be implemented, if any?

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A: Are there anything else you wish to address?

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Students have noticed that several of the tiles by the Student Center have been loose for a few years.

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Stroud will spend $240 a month on gas. He will cost nearly $2,160 just to get back and forth to class Monday through Friday during a nine-month academic year.

"I really do feel that it is important for the school to help students learn how to budget their commitments. More students need to know how much it will cost to commute how much it costs to live on campus," MSU graduate Ashley Davidson said. "I commuted for five years to Montclair and ended up having to take out a loan. Financial planning is something students really need to be aware of."

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"Some of them move up when you walk on them, and I tripped several times coming that way," she said. "They were like that several times coming that way. They were like that several times coming that way."
The person at the front desk called the Clifton Police Department when a gun shot was heard in the hotel.

New Public Safety Building in Near Future

Nicole Simonetti<br>News Editor

A new Police Department safety building is currently in the works as a new addition to campus. Plans will not be set until a definite location has been chosen.

According to the map on the Capital Master Plan, the tentative location of the new building is hand-in-hand with the New Student Experience program to inform students of the precautions to take.

Lieutenant Barrett said that if a crime is not reported, students are deprived of the help of higher authorities. "My challenge to freshmen and their parents at Freshman Orientation is to put me out of a job, but crime and criminals are deprived of the help of higher authorities," Barrett said.

A new addition to campus is currently in the works as plans will not be set until a definite location has been chosen. Plans will also need to be made to ensure that the new building is secure and does not put other buildings at risk.

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Some students said they enjoy living at the La Quinta because of the services they receive, but others would feel safer living on campus.

The last semester [I heard] there was a pimp living on the first floor. At least in the village it's all college students," junior Kristen Jordan said. "There was a car next to mine [in the parking lot], and the window was smashed open, and the GPS was missing. How are you going to keep us here when all these things happened?"

Juniors Jerry Yanavok commented about the lack of security, and other car thefts. "Seven cars stolen. They had a notice on the front desk that was baggy and on the day images were supposed to be used. We're supposed to use our keys to get in, but there's no keypad. One of our friends said he left the hotel and found the keypad on the same floor, but they try to keep us as close as possible," she said.

Barrett added that this type of crime was "unusual and specific in nature" and not typical of the Clifton police department. "The 23-year-old woman was taken to a local hospital with cuts and bruises. The Clifton Police Department is conducting the investigation."

Juniors said that the area is bad to have housing in because of how busy Clifton can get. "I feel pretty confident about the police department, maybe if they had a keypad," said one man as he left the room and found another keypad on the same floor.

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When the World Trade Center towers collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001, and thousands of civilians fled from downtown New York, a steady stream of brave men and women made their way against the tide of evacuation towards Ground Zero. First responders, construction workers and volunteers gathered at the site of the attacks to aid in the effort of search and recovery. The rescue effort commenced at a feverish pace, with recovery workers laboring around the clock for days and weeks at a time. Personal safety was an afterthought at best. But as the fires embers settled and the dust continued to settle from above, hope waned. Eventually, the reality set in that no more survivors would be pulled from the wreckage. What should have been an opportunity for the recovery workers to catch their collective breath was anything but. Almost immediately, it became apparent that the inescapable combination of smoke and particulate matter at Ground Zero was having an adverse affect on the health of the recovery workers. According to a 2002 study of workers that the inescapable combination of smoke and particulate matter that the inescapable combination of smoke and particulate matter at Ground Zero was having an adverse affect on the health of the recovery workers. According to a 2002 study of workers and volunteers gathered at the site of 9/11, workers had suffered high rates of respiratory abnormalities. The rates of apoptosis were measured at different concentrations of dust exposure. Upon analysis of the data, the trends were clear. With increasing concentrations of WTC dust exposure, the lung cells reproduced at a significantly lower rate and died off at a significantly quicker rate. As a control measure, cells were also exposed to different concentrations of household dust and gypsum (dry wall). The rates of apoptosis were measured for these two substances as well and they did not have nearly the same detrimental effect on lung tissues that the WTC dust did. Furthermore, the presence of WTC dust was compared to both household dust and gypsum and found to be comparable, suggesting that it was the actual chemical composition of WTC dust that was responsible for the declines in cell health. The group concluded that exposure to the WTC dust has a negative effect on lung cell viability. They think that the various chemical contaminants found in the dust have mutagenic properties that cause damage to the DNA of the cell. Such drastic decreases of cell viability in a human body would likely result in decreased lung function, such as that experienced by many of the recovery workers.

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The best way I can think is to watch the full demonstration and not hesitate to ask questions. Stress, although dismissed, is often found to be unavoidable. It is easy to encounter daily stresses and choices to sweep them under the rug. When it comes to exams or midterms, deciding not to study causes the aftermath of more stress after the grades are entered and reality sets in. There is no question that exam time means exam time for many; however, there are ways around last minute studying. Give yourself a break: Coming from the queen of cramming, it’s not the best strategy. Attempting to pile the all-nighter routine is just setting yourself up for an epic fail. Instead of bombarding your mind hours before the exam, spread out your study time out and give yourself a break.

Review your notes: I can’t tell you how many times teachers, in past years, have told me to review, review, review. “Every night, read over your notes after that day’s class, and before you know it, you’ll have retained more than you could ever remember.”

the back of your chair, and press one arm against it, twisting it for a good 15-20 seconds. This is a great stretch for alternate arms. In addition, like we did in the first stretching segment, do a stretch for each arm on your opposite arm in an arc position. Hold for 20 seconds and switch legs.

Now, get off your bed and stand beside it. Gently lift one leg. Place it on top of your bed and lean over that leg, pulling your opposite arm in an arc position. Hold for 20 seconds and switch legs. This stretch reminds me of being a ballerina, lifting your arm over your head. Some additional exercises to strengthen your arms and obliques are as well.

Continuing with the use of your arm, remain beside the bed and do a roll stretch using the legs of the bed. With one foot at a time, prop it up against the log of the bed on an angle and lean over your body, putting pressure on that leg. You will feel a burn in your calf, which will also help prevent injuries such as shin splints when you do your workout. You will feel a burn in your calf, which will also help prevent injuries such as shin splints when you do your workout.

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A Voice for Latin America

Visits America

Amanda Baill
Feature Editor

Amanda Baill
telling her story about the importance of journalism in Latin America. She mentioned that in Guatemala, which has a working title of Gracia Vide, is representative of the inherent danger all journalists face covering human rights, politics and corruption throughout Latin America. Peterson added that one of the unique aspects of this project is that it shows the importance and impact of radio, one of the earliest forms of broadcasting, in remote areas des- perately in need of a flow of informa-
tion to and from the outside world.

There is a little park and a huge speaker, and everyone [would] hear and everyone ate and listened to...
Winter Olympics
Unscramble the words to reveal the clues. The first letter in each clue reveals the host country of the Winter Olympics. Each clue is either a sport, a province in the country, or a previous Olympic host city.

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Answer:

Winter Olympic Sports
Find the words in the puzzle. All words in this puzzle are current games in the Winter Olympics.

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Sudoku Korner

Puzzle #1 - Easy

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8 6
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9 8

Puzzle #2 - Easy

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It’s a chicken bone!

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by: John Maddi

A Cartoon by John Maddi

For Every Award Taylor Swift Wins, it Seems That Kanye West Loses More of His H.P.

Taylorsaur  Lv. 56
HP 142 / 153

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1st!

Are you SERIOUS!? You’re sooo cheap!!

Taylorsaur used "Award-Cannon!" It’s Super-Effective! Again!

Kanye-chu  Lv. 58
HP 23 / 189
Armed with a gripping story, branching dialogue and some plot twists that wouldn’t be out of place in many Sci-Fi movies, developer Bioware unleashed Mass Effect onto the masses November 2007. Fortunately, the game garnered immense amount of media attention and even more sales, a success that continues to this day.

Flash forward three years and Mass Effect 2 was released for the PC and Xbox 360. Can publisher EA and the developers at Bioware recreate that same magic that made Mass Effect more massive than the universe?

Mass Effect 2 starts off with a scene between Cerberus operatives, Miranda and the leader of Cerberus named The Illusive Man. Miranda later tells us that our protagonist and savior of the universe, Commander Shepard on board his spaceship, the SSV Normandy. While Shepard and a few others are likely to be familiar to fans of the prequel are traversing the universe, they are attacked by an unknown force. Everything goes to hell in a hand basket with speedy precision and thus, Mass Effect 2 truly starts.

Graphically, Mass Effect 2 looks nothing short of impressive, and somehow, is a noticeably big improvement over the original. Thankfully, the gameplay also received a similar overhaul. Instead of being bogged down by many of the confines of the RPG, Mass Effect 2 is a more rollicking role-playing shooter hybrid. Ammo actually exists, headshots count, your squad mates are slightly smarter and instead of playable characters having multiple overlapping skills, they are actually all quite unique, albeit with less skill choices. Inventory management, a big issue in the prequel, has been fixed and instead of receiving hundreds upon hundreds of items, Bioware implemented a great upgrade system negating the overabundances of loot. Thankfully, Bioware didn’t change everything and brought back the use of their branching dialogue, paragon/renegade system and epic soundtracks.

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The Universe is in Your Hands, Literally

Mass Effect II Released for Xbox 360 and PC

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Leonardo DiCaprio performs in the new thriller to hit the theaters, *Shutter Island*.

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The lecture was abundant with information and great points about the topic of literature and contemporary China. The discussion closed with a question and answer section as well as book signing by both Kinkley and Chen.

The lecture was a very successful event to start off the month long Chinese Festival here at MSU.

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Leonardo DiCaprio's acting is a ravenous spectacle of scenery chewing, completely obliterating every line he delivers and action he performs. It is a stronger choice for an actor not to cry at every opportunity and instead hold back, battling the pressure under a facade of calm. No person wears their true feelings on their sleeve and in the case of this character, destroys what should have been an enigma. Thoughtful individuals will be flabbergasted at how maligned this project became. Visually, this film is stunning; an eerie foreboding pervades every scene, and the craft is masterful everywhere but in the most important places.

This is what happens when masters of the craft forget the most simple and important aspects of film making: conflict and character.

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Exiled to La Quinta? You’re Still an MSU Student.

The school advertises La Quinta as a step-up from the regular residence halls. Among the amenities offered are housekeeping services, a pool, jacuzzi and queen-size beds. That’s all fantastic, so long as you don’t mind dealing with the occasional stumbling, car-break-in or armed robbery.

Residents have also complained about mouse traps in their rooms that have been left (occupied by mice) for several days. Clearly, however, students’ safety is the main issue in this case.

Since the university started using La Quinta as a place to house transfer students three years ago, students have reported several cases of theft. Car windows have been broken into and cellular devices stolen in the parking lot.

When a stabbing at the hotel was reported two years ago, the university did not inform students on campus of the incident. Residents of the hotel were well aware of it, but apparently the administration felt it was unnecessary to inform those who were not directly affected.

Residential Education encourages RA’s at La Quinta to bring the campus to their on-campus residence halls. They want Greek Life and other student organizations to hold events at the hotel.

This is reasonable, but only up to a point. Students pay to live away from campus, in part, for the “college” campus atmosphere — not for the hotel experience.

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With the construction of three new residence halls, why is La Quinta going to remain an option for student housing? It’s not conducive to the on-campus environment that the university is always trying to desperately foster. Students do not run 24-hours, and according to Residential Education, there are no plans to do so in the future.

Although the hotel attempts to keep MSU students in their own “ring” of the hotel, students are inevitably housed in rooms adjacent with those of regular guests.

Many students enjoy living at the hotel. They don’t mind the commute to campus and like the idea of having their own separate dorm life. They also like the extra freedom that comes with being off-campus.

If the university is going to continue to house students at La Quinta, all students should be aware of issues that relate directly to their safety. Residential Education likes to treat the hotel as any other dorm on campus. If an armed robbery occurred in the Village or on Clove Road, wouldn’t you like to know about it?

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The Montclarion
State May Be Losing Track of Priorities

Budget Cuts Will Deral Current Prices for NJ Transit Trains and Buses

G o v e r n o r Chris Christie is trying very valiantly to stop the trains in the leaking budget of New Jersey Transit. To be honest, I can’t imagine who he, or anybody else for that matter, will find the money to balance the budget without burdening one group or another. That being said, NJ Transit wasn’t the best train system, period. Politically, however, it was a good choice. Nonetheless, people manage to use our frustrating train and bus system daily to commute to work or school. These commuters put up with delays,夺得, and occasional questionable service. But the train is a cheap, environmentally-friendly alternative to driving every day. As much as it will be of no use to people who want to take the train or bus it is better for the environment, in reality most people take public transportation for financial reasons. Whether they can’t afford a car, can’t afford a second car or gas to get to organizes, public transportation solo up being a smart financial choice. In the end, cutting the budget for NJ Transit means higher prices for train tickets etc. Price hikes, in turn, mean hardship for commuters. These commuters put up with transfers, delays and occasional questionable service. But it is cheaper to use public transportation than to pay for everything we do now and expect the deficit to disappear.

KATIE WINTERS ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR

Many other students and professors at MSU use the train, either for the daily commute or the occasional trip. Now, public transportation probably won’t be more expensive than paying, maintaining, fueling and sometimes parking a car daily. However, this price hike is still going to affect those who take public transportation for financial reasons. The only way this could possibly be changed in the future is if ridership generally increases for NJ Transit, as declining ridership was cited as one of the reasons for closing that factory the agency. However, given the attachment most people have to the train, it is unlikely there will be more people of public transportation. This means higher prices for train tickets. It’s a cruel, but common compromise. It’s easier for a government to make a small budget shortfall to keep the majority content. But, I can’t foresee a situation in which budget cuts could be done without harming someone. It is also impossible to agree to cut public services previously considered necessary or cut a raise in taxes for someone. We can’t pay for everything we do now and expect the truth to disappear.

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Student Speaks: Should students be informed about an armed robbery at La Quinta (because 210 students live there), even if students were not involved?

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Should They Stay or Should They Go: NHL Players in the Olympics

Mike Monostra
Assistant Sports Editor

This past Sunday night, Americans from coast to coast erupted with cheers from their living rooms. It wasn’t because of Lindsey Vonn, or Apolo Anton-Ohno, but rather from athletes who get paid millions, the USA Men’s Hockey team.

The United States men’s victory over Canada in pool play was the first over their neighbors in the Olympics since 1960. This huge upset also came almost 30 years to the day when the U.S. defeated the vaunted Soviet Union in the 1980 Olympics at Lake Placid. However, there was one big difference with the 1980 team, they were all amateurs.

The NHL began sending players to the Olympics in 1998 at Nagano, but is beginning to reconsider the policy for the next Winter Olympics, set for 2014 in Sochi, Russia. There are obvious issues with sending players to the Olympics, including the risk of injury, as well as the two-week break in the NHL schedule that makes for a crammed late-season slate of games for teams. Ultimately, the decision is going to come down to money, as NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman will look to see if sending players to the Olympics works economically for the league.

If NHL players are pulled from the Olympics, it will be a serious detriment to the men’s hockey tournament. Unlike Olympic basketball, which is dominated by the United States every tournament, hockey is a more global sport and six of the 12 teams in this year’s tournament had a realistic chance to win the gold medal.

In addition, the talent level of the players in the tournament is so deep. This is clearly the most talented pool of players to date. It also brings marketable players to the table. Recognizable names such as Sidney Crosby for Canada, Alex Ovechkin for Russia, Henrik Lundqvist for Sweden and Zach Parise for Team USA draw viewers to the television.

While it was nice to see a team of amateur players from the U.S. beat a team of Soviet pro players, how many players from that team can be named?

With the next Winter Olympics to be held in hockey-hothead Russia, the NHL should do everyone a favor and keep allowing their players to take part in the Olympics Games. The players want to be there, the fans love to watch them and it helps market star players just in time for the NHL season’s home stretch for after the Olympics. So Gary Bettman and all the NHL executives across North America, don’t mess with something that is working. Keep the Olympic policy as is.

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Kara Burnham Graduates as Rare Two Sport Athlete

Versatility and Love of Sports Sets Burnham Apart in MSU History

By Robert Aitken

The National Anthem plays at the Panzer Athletic Center. Teammates stand in a line while spectators hover over their seats. As the song is about to end, a pair of hands attempt to come together. It is a good chance that those hands belong to Kara Burnham, who has the act as a tradition before every game. Aware of it, Burnham’s teammates attempt to clap earlier than her.

“They do it to get me mad,” Burnham said.

Burnham, a senior broadcasting major, is a two-sport athlete, playing volleyball in the fall and basketball in the spring. Burnham is one of only three current MSU athletes to participate in two sports; the others are sophomore Christina Crossin, who does swimming and lacrosse, and junior Taylor Bonner, who plays football and lacrosse.

Burnham, a Moorestown native, played a third sport in high school: golf. When she began attending Montclair State, golf dropped off her already full plate. Juggling two varsity sports was a difficult task to get used to since all varsity sports train year-round for the season. Burnham would typically miss the very beginning of basketball season as she transitioned from volleyball to basketball. “[Coach Karin Harvey] was very understanding and would not give me a hard time while I adjusted back into basketball,” Burnham said.

Burnham’s most defining time in college came in her sophomore year. That fall, Burnham helped lead the Red Hawks volleyball team to their first ever NCAA tournament appearance and first ever appearance in the NJAC tournament. The Red Hawks had to defeat Stockton, a rival in volleyball, before upsetting top-seeded New Jersey City in the finals.

“It was an amazing experience,” Burnham said. “The men’s soccer team also won the NJAC championship in Jersey City earlier that day. We passed by them on our way to the gym.” Burnham’s performance for her team earned her honors as the NJAC Sophomore Female Athlete of the Year.

What may be more surprising about Burnham was her season in basketball that year — Burnham didn’t play. Feeling the burden from her freshman year, Burnham did not play her sophomore season. “I helped out by filming some games for them,” Burnham said. “While I was doing that, though, I really realized how much I missed it.” Burnham looks back on the missed season as her biggest regret in her four-year career.

The competitive Burnham admits that she has a short fuse and can easily lose patience. “One thing I have learned here is that there is no time to be nervous or get frustrated,” Burnham said. “It’s all about believing in what you can do and working hard for 40 minutes.”

Burnham had more individual success in volleyball, earning first team all-NJAC honors in 2007 and 2009, while earning an honorable mention all-NJAC selection in 2008. Burnham finished her career as the fourth player in team history with 1,000 career kills (1,035), third all-time in total blocks (273), and the record for most matches played (129). All in all, Burnham’s name appears in the volleyball record books a total of 22 times in single game, single season and career rankings.

While not having the same individual impact in basketball, Burnham was a great role player off the bench for the Red Hawks.

Burnham started what will likely be her final game as a Red Hawk on Tuesday against Kean in the NJAC tournament semifinals, scoring seven points and grabbing seven rebounds.

Now that her four years of athletics at MSU are finished, Burnham says she is unsure what she will do now. “I only have classes two days a week. I’ll have to find something to do.”

Burnham hopes to attend Temple University for a graduate degree in broadcasting. She doesn’t predict becoming a coach at any point, citing that her fiery competitiveness may get the best of her. With a varied playing history, the legacy that Burnham leaves behind at Montclair State is an uncertain one. Will she be seen as a volleyball player who also played basketball or vice versa?

When asked, Burnham simply replied, “depends on who you ask.”
Men’s Lacrosse Dominates Moravian
Red Hawks Start Season on High Note, Expected to Take Conference

Robert Abken
PUBLICATION EDITOR

It may be a new season for the Montclair State men’s lacrosse team, but the Red Hawks are pointing toward deja vu. The team opened their 2010 season on Wednesday with a 20-5 dismantling of Moravian College. The 2010 season, which led to a Skyline Conference and the team’s first-ever appearance in the NCAA DI tournament, began with a fifteen-goal victory over the Greyhounds (5-5).

“It was a thought in my mind, but we try not to think about that sort of stuff,” said attacker Tyler Meth. The sophomore Meth continued his dominance in a Red Hawks uniform with six goals and six assists. Meth ended his freshman season with 49 goals, the fourth best single season effort in team history.

Last season’s success and high expectations may have led to the Red Hawks coming out of the blocks fast. Just 1:14 into the match, Moravian drew first blood by beating senior goalkeeper Andrew Resende for a shocking 1-0 lead. “We came out slow tonight,” Meth said. “It’s something that we have to keep working on.”

The Moravian advantage lasted for yet another 1:14, when junior midfielder Kevin Dyer drove the score to one. Fifty seconds later, sophomore midfielder Greg Fitzgerald scored on a feed from Meth a Montclair State would never look back.

Four additional goals were scored in the remainder of the period by four different Red Hawks. Dyer, Meth, seniors Kloss and Patrick Nann. After surrendering a goal with just two seconds remaining in the period, Montclair State led 6-2 at the end of the first period. Montclair senior goalie Ben Jensen was pulled early in the first period, but would return to play in the second half.

The most impressive goal of the night, however, came with just under four minutes remaining in the second period. Already leading 6-2, senior defender Patrick Ferris, running off a breakaway, passed to a diving Nann. The senior attacker then shot the ball directly in the third quarter.

With 49 goals, the fourth best single season in team history. “It is always exciting to play any of the teams in the top twenty,” said Meth. “We can’t look too far ahead, though. We just have to take it one game at a time and we will meet them when we are supposed to.”

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Swimming Sets Records at Metro Championships
Louthchay, Relay Teams Break School Records in Season’s Final Meet

Mike Menomma
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Hawks certainly made an impression at the Swimming and Diving Metropolitan Championships this past weekend, with senior Annie Vallone setting a new school record in the final event of the weekend with optimism. All of the swimmers that participated in setting a new school record have a year ahead of her, expectancies are high for next season.

Junior Laura Spaldoni (Left) and Galina Loutchouck (Right) led MSU swimming to their best Metro Championship finish ever.

MSU New Swimming Record Times

Junior midfielder Kevin Dyer drives to the net during the Red Hawks’ 20-5 win over Moravian yesterday.
The Montclair
before receiving a good citizen award, who was the shooter. Robertson, a night shot, but it was impossible to determine ing, where it was proved his gun was
assault. Harrison was involved in a shoot
even know about their troubles. Puckett
or on the field, but many people don’t
All of these players had great demean
Euguene Robertson.
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ous, but has provoked a more outrageous
paparazzi staking out Tiger’s kids to be a
hasn’t been excessive. I don’t consider a
the celebrity-driven media and journal
much?
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on our website as soon as it is sched
uled.
revised. We will all just
soon for a while, but at some point, his

was caught soliciting a prostitute.
The PGA Tour itself was in the wrong
putts and what many agree to be even
Woods will not be leaving the news
wires anytime soon, so we will all just
have to wait to watch the spectacular
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Gray Track Championships at The
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