April 20: A Day for Arrests, Not Celebrations

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Montclair State University Police Department arrested eight different people for the illegal use of marijuana. The arrests occurred in Bohn Hall, Freeman Hall and Fowke Hall. One of these arrests also included a criminal mischief charge. One of the students was caught tampering with a fire alarm system, so it would not react to the smoke within the room.

Throughout the years, April 20 (or 4/20) has slowly become a national holiday in certain followers' lives — those who indulge in illegally smoking marijuana. The mentioning of 4/20 was very popular nationwide across Facebook and Twitter for files such as “Happy Holidaze.”

This so-called “holiday” was celebrated by many people across the nation, even by students at Montclair State University.

“The University Police recognized that April 20 has increasingly become a date where the use of marijuana is celebrated,” Lieutenant Karen Barrett said.

Barrett also said that campus residents were “vigilant” throughout the day, which led to a safer atmosphere for “those who make healthy choices.”

“Follow students reported suspicious activity throughout the day in what I must imagine is a stance for not putting up with it in their homes,” Barrett said. Michael Capelao, a sophomore, believes that “it is a holiday. If you want to use, smoke, smoke whenever they want to anyway. So to me, why make it a holiday?”

That’s like making drinking alcohol a national holiday. If you want to drink or smoke, you’re going to do it any day you want,” Tracy Hunt, also a sophomore, does not have much of an opinion on the day.

Harry A. Sprague Library Archives Open to the Public, the History of Montclair State University

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Montclair State University opened the Sprague Library Archives to give everyone access to the institution’s history. Judith Lin Hunt, dean of library service, said, “It was a wonderful day for the history of the university.”

Hunt also said that Montclair State always had archives for its history, but now the location that holds them is much larger. The expanded location will enable the organization of the archives to be much easier.

Paul Martinez, librarian archivist of MSU, put a lot of work into the educational project. “It was something that was planned for a while,” he said. He also referred to the opening of the archives as the opening of a project.
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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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Aside from just the archives being opened, Martinez has other aspirations for them as well. He wants to make the archives more accessible to the students.

He also wants to conserve the status of physical items, such as a scrapbook that was wrapped safely. He wants to preserve materials digitally as well, such as the digital versions of The Montclarion.

For example, Martinez preserved an ice cream glass from the Bond House on campus. The Bond House was an ice cream parlor in the 1950s before it became the Center for Child Advocacy.

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The Sprague Library Archives are still a work in progress, because a lot of detailed work will go into the organization of them. Martinez wants the archives to be cataloged in “proper ways.” If things are cataloged correctly, it will make research much easier.

Martinez anticipates that anthropology classes will compile research on the university’s history through the archives.

Not just history researchers will be using these archives though — Wendy Neill, a current student and employee of the Multimedia department, plans on using them as soon as possible.

Neill wants to look up family members that graduated from Montclair State University. “They all had a good start here,” Neill said.

She had relatives that attended Montclair State University when it was named Montclair Normal School. Her family members’ graduation years ranged from the 1930s to the 1970s.

Neill considers herself the “genealogist” of the family, because she is very interested in her family’s backgrounds.

She intends to gain more information through articles and photographs of those years. Scanning the pictures to print and sending them out to fellow family members is another task she also hopes to accomplish through the archives.

James Bruns, vice president for university advancement, stated that “documents ultimately reveal the story.”

He also believes that having the original of something holds a true power. He is excited to know that documents of MSU will be preserved for decades.

Many of those preserved documents are newspaper clippings, public releases, course catalogs for Montclair State’s undergraduates and graduates, student newspapers, staff newsletters, etc.

The Sprague Library Archives are currently located in the Multimedia department, on the lower level of the library.

They can only be viewed through appointment with Paul Martinez, due to the fact that many of the items are delicate. You can e-mail Paul Martinez at martinezp@mail.montclair.edu.

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Quick Facts about Montclair State University

- Forbes Magazine ranked Montclair State University top 25 best buys in the Northeast.
- The annual undergraduate student tuition rate is $7,042.
- The annual graduate student tuition rate is $11,682.
- There will be 35 new faculty are being recruited for the 2010 fall semester.

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- Made-to-measure degree programs important to the state are being added, and the university will continue design and construction of academic and resi- dence life construction projects dur- ing coming fall year.

- The replacement of the university’s obsolete administrative systems will be replaced with an up-to-date suite for student information and advis- ing, financial reporting and human resources, expected to be completed in 2011.

- Funding for student financial aid will increase. Funding will be pro- vided to support the cost of the state negotiated unfunded salary increases along with other mandated expendi- ture increases, and to offset inflation- ary cost increases.

- President Cole spoke to the public about the meetings that she has been attending in Trenton arguing with the legislature about the cut in funding to higher education.

- “The legislatures initiated a hear- ing will be held for the public to talk to the legislatures in Trenton, and we will make sure students are informed about the event. Buses will be facil- itated from Montclair State Univer- sity to Trenton to allow students to participate,” said Cole. She also believes that students and faculty are all in the same boat, when it comes to the argument of tuition increase.

- Cole also said that she hopes to be on the buses with the students when they go to Trenton for this hearing.

- Though a date has not been set for the hearing yet, Cole insisted that she and the entire university will receive infor- mation about the event, and students reassured of this.

- “Congratulations! Because of your support, academic performance, at Montclair State University, you've been invited to join the prestigious society of (insert some greek name here!).”

- Now, to process your membership, simply check/money order or credit card … ” You can see where this is going.

- “We are starting a first “invitation” to join one of those honor societies, one may be genuinely excited and even feel “honored.”

- Be naturally suspicious of someone who asks for money. Put your feelings of pride aside and do some research on those organization who wanted to “honor” people.

- A simple Google search of the term “honor society” suggests many things, among the first few were “honor society scam.”

- After a bit of searching around, there was a discovery that “honor so- ciety” scams were a classic scam that target college students all around the world.

- The premise is simple. All one has to do is to start a corporation with an academic sounding name (in most cases they only use greek letters).

- Then, they obtain lists of students’ information, either directly from a school (universities sometimes sell student information) or from social networking sites like Facebook or MySpace.

- The scam company will produce official looking letterheads and mail out “in- vitations” to students that their “established criteria” for member- ship.

- After paying a “membership fee” to join, members are usually then given the “opportunity” to purchase more services, ranging from “Letters of Good Standing” with the organization, to graduation gzarb and attire.

- Some offer small scholarships to some members, but the actual amount they give out is miniscule compared to how much they take in.

- “It is the student's responsibility to verify that the "honor" bestowed upon them by these organizations are worth more than the few cents of pa- per and ink that they are printed on.

- Normally, honor societies are required to be registered with the university or college that they are recruiting at, and in addition are usually required to have a faculty ad- visor verified.

- To that extent, before you send your money to any of these societies, espe- cially ones that you did not apply to, take the time to check that they are indeed registered with your school.

- Find out who their faculty advisor is and verify the organization’s legitimi- tary with them.

- The most recent invitation letter I received stated right on the letter- head that they were an "officially registered student organization on the campus of Montclair State Uni- versity.”

- However, a search of the SGA orga- nization listings turned up no record of their existence.

- After querying the organization’s executive director in Florida, they took it upon themselves to get in touch with MSU and have their affili- ation verified.

- As it turned out, they did have a lo- cal chapter on campus here at MSU, they (just didn’t) take the necessary steps to get fully listed as a student organization.

- Like many other scams that are around today, these honor society scams play to the victim’s ego and can be dangerous to the participants. I hope that this article will serve as a warning to the students who receive these letters.

- Member, do your homework, espe- cially before you shell out cash to anyone!
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Theft Gets Recognized as a Problem on Campus

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There were a number of thefts in- involving students’ electronics this past week. Four residents from Franklin Hall were robbed.

Montclair State University Police Department Lieutenant Kieran Barrett said that the case is still under investigation.

A cellphone and an iPod were re- ported missing on April 16. None of the rooms showed signs of forced en- trance.

The thefts occurred between 11 p.m. on April 15 and 11 a.m. on April 16, while their rooms were unlocked and unsecured.

The thefts prompted university po- lice to send campus-wide notices stat- ing safety precautions to be taken.

Several leads are being actively pursued by the Detective Bureau. Anyone with further information is asked to contact University Police immediately at ext. 8477 (TIPS) on campus or (973) 560-2422 from your personal phone.

In addition, a confidential univer- sity TIPS line may be accessed by dialing ext. 5222 on campus phones or (973) 560-5222 from your personal phone.

All community members should report any suspicious activity im- mediately to the University Police Department by dialing ext. 5222 on campus phones or (973) 560-5222 from your personal phone.

In Residence Halls:
- Lock your exterior room door and interior bathroom door before going to bed or leaving the room.
- Keep items of value out of plain view and in a secure area.
- Immediately report any suspicious person(s) or activity.

In vehicles:
- Lock all vehicle doors and windows.
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- Montclair State University Police Department and Little Falls Fire Department worked together to make sure it was safe for people on campus after the fire.

To reduce the opportunity of theft of personal and Montclair State property and to increase your personal safety, we suggest the following general tips:

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A natural fire broke out on Tues- day night on the train tracks that connect from Montclair Heights sta- tion and Montclair State University station. The fire started around 7:45 p.m.

The grind of wheels on the metal tracks caused a spark, which escal- ated into a brush fire.

The brush fire caught due to dry brush and sparks from the train tracks.

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Little Falls Fire Department arrives to campus to investigate the brush fire that occurred due to dry brush and sparks from the train tracks.

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