Residents of Montclair Still Concerned with Sewage Lines for New Dorms

Diana Brandt Scott Weiss

Concerns about an update to the town of Montclair's sewage lines, which are to be funded by Montclair State University, were discussed at a three hour town meeting with about 60 people on April 26 in the Bellevue Library.

The Township Council unanimously voted on March 31 to let the university connect the 2,000 bed campus dormitory to the municipal sewage and water lines. The university will invest $2.6 million for improvements to a portion of Montclair's sanitary sewer system.

The main concern of Montclair residents is the impact this new dormitory will have on the town's system. It will add about 2,000 people to the population. One attendant expressed worry about the behavior of college aged students that is already affecting the town and its aftermath. "It is an organization which I, personally, have never trusted," said one citizen.

Another chief complaint was not having a say in the matter of residents though they will be directly affected. About 15 citizens spoke of the lack of communication and information received about the plan to upgrade the sewage lines. Gary Obiasny, director of Montclair Sewer Util, agreed with the citizens.

“We don’t have enough beds for students who want to come to Montclair State.”
Paula Maliek University Spokesperson

In 2002, SENATE, Montclair State University’s first fraternity was banned from campus. Eight years later, the fraternity still exists “underground.” Last week, three current members sat down to talk to The Montclarion about their history and efforts to return to campus life. Due to the sensitive nature of the subject, the members asked to remain anonymous for the article. They will be addressed as Senators One, Two and Three.

There are now 15 current members of the underground fraternity who are looking to be accepted back to Montclair State University and be rechartered as an organization by the Student Government Association. Senators or Phi Alphas Psi

The University Bookstore is strongly advertising Rent-A-Text program.
Nicole Simonetti

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Rent Books Next Semester for Half Price
Nicole Simonetti News Editor

Starting Fall semester of 2010, students will be able to rent books as opposed to purchasing them through a program called Rent-A-Text. Montclair State University has become more money conscious for the sake of its students. The ability to rent books will save students half of their money, because the books will be rented out at approximately 50 percent of the retail value.

Follett, the company that provides MSU with books and is in charge of Rent-A-Text, conducted a trial run with seven other institutions and deemed it successful. As soon as MSU was aware of the success, they jumped on the bandwagon, according to Richard Ammerman of the University Bookstore.

Thomas A. Christopher, president of Follett Higher Education Group, stated in a press release “Helping to reduce the costs of higher education is part of our mission, and we look forward to working with Montclair
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Blanton Workers Being ‘Over Worked’
Kelli Jones Scott Weiss

“Last year when I lived in Clove Road, we had mold problems and a pipe burst. It took months to get fixed,” Sarah Grodsky, a former Clove Road resident said.

Most residents on campus have a story like this. They sat in a work order and waited months to get any response to fixing the problem.

Some of the problems are dangerous and require attention, but they still make us wait,” Grodsky said.

Dr. Susan A. Cole, university president, said in an e-mail, “Since the first day of the University’s existence, we have always needed more than we have, but the miracle is that we have managed to do extraordinary things with what we have.

This has been possible because the majority of people who work in every capacity on this campus are committed to doing their best in support of our mission, and it has been possible because the students have been prepared to work hard to make the most of the opportunity they have here.”

Regarding students aren’t happy with the situation that has been going on the past few years. Allison Andresini, a Village resident, said, “It’s ridiculous that we have to wait this long for things to get fixed.”

“We pay good money to go here, and we want to live in nice places,” Andresini said.

According to Cole, “It is understandable that there would be complaints. The campus is facing new challenges every day, and it is possible that some problems will be here for some time.”

Montclair students created a petition in response to the lack of communication and the condition of Blanton. The petition was circulated among students and citizens.

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（Rent-A-Text program continued）
Stephanie Lobasso was charged with possession of CDS marijuana while in Freeman Hall.

Mikko Serrano, Andrew Dizon, Jonathan Seril and Johnpaul Managa were charged with possession of CDS marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of CDS marijuana while in Bohn Hall. John Ramos was charged with distribution of CDS marijuana, possession of CDS marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of CDS marijuana while in Bohn Hall.

Brittany Graham was charged with possession of CDS marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal mischief while in Fenwick Hall.

Steven Ginn was charged with possession of CDS marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia while in Freeman Hall.

Jonathan Reinhart was charged with criminal mischief while in the Recreation Center.

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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State University to deliver substantial textbook savings to students." According to a press release, through the pilot program, Follett learned that Rent-A-Text saved students nearly $2 million. When the students of the pilot programs were surveyed, 50 percent of them were more than satisfied with the program. Ammerman stated in a press release, "We are eager to launch Rent-A-Text, because we are committed to providing students with affordable textbook choices."

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Students will be able to rent the book for a semester, and it must be returned on time. If the book is not returned, students will be charged retail price for the book plus an additional fee which is 7.5 percent.

"If professors have two books to choose from, they have the ability to check and see if the book can be rented. Professors that feel for their students and understand that books are expensive may choose the rentable book," said Ammerman.

There is a national list of books that can and cannot be rented. Books have to fulfill specific criteria to make it onto the national lists. This includes the amount of customers using the book, what type of book it is and the book’s expected life span. Some reasons that texts may not be part of the rental list is because the book may come in a package with other items that are not available separately, the materials may not be durable enough to use more than once or if the editions have come to an end.

"I think it’s a great program. There’s a lot of buzz about it,” said Ammerman.

Another perk from Rent-A-Text is that it allows students to get a feel for the book and learn from it throughout the semester. If they feel it will be helpful in the future, they can purchase it.

Also, students will able to highlight and take notes on the page so well. The process will be virtually the same as buying books.

Students can order what books they need ahead of time online and go into the bookstore to pick them up. They can also get the book in person at the bookstore. In order to rent books, students must be 18 years of age and have a credit card. The credit card is needed on file in the event that the book is not returned or is returned late.

Currently, in celebration of Rent-A-Text, Follett will be running a contest to win $10,000. The money can be used towards room and board. They are also running a raffle for $100 gift certificates for campus bookstores.

Students can register to rent books either on the internet or in person at the university bookstore. Ammerman advises to register online, because it will be faster than in-store registration.

Ammerman believes that lines at the store will be slow, but it should not create a problem.
MSU Puppy Raisers Gain Charterment with Hopes to Help the Visually Impaired

Karatjeo Bikle | The Montclarion

The Student Government Association chartered MSU Puppy Raisers as a Class IV organization. With the support of MSU’s administration and a national organization called The Seeing Eye, MSU Puppy Raisers intend on educating the campus.

They want to teach the community about service dogs, and ultimately, raise puppies on campus in order to aid those who are visually impaired.

This program has been launched successfully at Rutgers University, Brown University and The University of Delaware. After discovering the organization at Rutgers University’s Special Friends Day, president of the MSU organization, Lauren Piper, immediately became interested. She explained, “The whole purpose of this program is helping the visually impaired.”

If all goes as planned, eventually MSU Puppy Raisers will raise puppies, starting at ages seven to eight-weeks-old, on campus with specific guidelines and training steps. The puppies will stay within the organization for 12 to 14 months, or ideally, MSU Puppy Raisers would like to start off with between three to five puppies to train.

“[Doing so] would get more people involved in the program as we could show the university how many people we have interested,” McKenna said. Ideally, MSU Puppy Raisers would like to start off with between three to five puppies to train.

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A close friend from Rutgers helped MSU Puppy Raisers with charterment and also brought O’Brien, a puppy they raised, to the campus. O’Brien patiently waited outside with a puppy sitter while the meeting took place and was able to ride a campus shuttle as well, Piper explained.

An organization like this has not been introduced to MSU until now, and the MSU Puppy Raisers feel that the campus will receive much recognition for launching the organization.

McKenna said, “I’m a big advocate of animal rights, and I feel like by doing this program, it would promote more awareness from our campus, because there’s not really a lot of programs associated with animals.”

After launching their Facebook page and Twitter on Wednesday, Puppy Raisers has 298 fans and 25 followers. They already have an executive board of five members and 42 interested members who signed the charter packet.

Acknowledging that people often-times sign things and don’t follow through, Piper said, “I know a lot of the people who signed for us. I had people coming up to me at work like, ‘I heard about the puppy club, how do I help?’”

It looks like the campus community has already taken to those puppy lovers.

Looking out for Golden Retrievers, Retriever/Lab Mixes, Labs, German Shepherds and hypo-allergenic Boxers!

Smiling enthusiastically McKenna said, “This is new and fresh. The big thing is that it’s not directed to just one group of people, and it’s for anybody.”

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Sewage

Many people attended the meeting to get answers about issues concerning MUC sharing sewage lines with the town.

“Can we afford to reach out to students who might not consider coming here, because they live too far away?” Paula Malandrino University Spokesperson

“Hi, my name is Jill Knight, and I am the Assistant News Editor.”

Goscinski decided to run for the position of president to increase the outreach and influence of the SGA to students that do not normally encounter it on a daily basis. Further more, Goscinski aims to balance both financial responsibility and student involvement to have an effective student leadership that achieves every goal set for the academic year of 2010-11.

When asked why he was the best choice, he responded, “I won't take credit for being the best choice, but I will take the student's faith in me and fulfill their expectations.”

Over the last few years, there have been financial discrepancies between students who want to come to Montclair State and have a full college experience, said university spokeswoman Paula Malandrino in a recent interview with The Montclarion. “We’ll be able to reach out to students who might not consider coming here, because they live too far away. Now, it’s less likely they’ll get turned down for housing.”

The town will hold another meeting with the council members and university officials at a time to be determined.
the audience cutting a student’s foot. “We think people know we are here,” Senator One said. “I don’t think it will be a big shock to everyone.”

The fraternity is trying to clear their name as the organization that was once portrayed in news as the “Animal House” of MSU. “There’s a lot of misinformation going on just trying to get rid of the stigma that goes along with the name of Senate,” Senator One said. This past year, each member participated in 100 hours of community service, have donated toys to a boys orphanage in Totowa, and have participated in dozens of other charity events.

Senator Two explained how they also had two professors speak to the fraternity. “One professor came to talk about the healthcare reform and how it is going to affect us,” he said. “It was a four-hour discussion that was held in a secret location.”

There was also another occasion where a professor talked about history and ancient civilization. “Most professors are unaware of the situation, they don’t know about Senate,” Senator Two said. “They usually ask why are you doing this as a student, and we tell them it’s just for simple conversation.”

Although Senator One’s a charted Greek organization, they still are recruiting new members and striving to gain members that are active in campus life and other organizations. “Our goal is to find members who are involved, who look like they will become successful one day in school and in life,” Senator Two said. Their process of recruitment becomes complicated, since it’s difficult to explain their situation to someone they first meet. Senator Three explained.

“If I meet someone on campus that we think has their head on straight and is involved in campus, we’ll start to hang out with them a lot and invite them over to meet everyone,” Senator Three said. “We spend a lot of time feeling them out and seeing if they are the right type of person before we make our decisions. Once we become close enough friends, we explain our situation and see how they feel. Very few people are like that.”

Senates’ history was once something the university and members could be proud of. Over 70 years ago, several members used to be involved with the Student Government, which is where they got their name. Also, Senates’ alumni have campus buildings named in their honor.

“I always think, Senate has been the best at what’s it’s done,” Senator One said regarding the change of the fraternity throughout its history. “During the 40’s and 50’s, we were like a gentlemen’s club and at times bigger than the Student Government.”

“Even though Greek life and the culture began to change in the 70’s, the focus on Greeks was to party the hard way and who can throw the wilder events and that’s what they eroded at and why they got thrown off,” Senator Two continued to say. “Senate is now trying to put the past behind them.”

“Our developing vision is to bring back a number of traditions from Senates’ history,” Senator Two said.

Senate is currently working on opening up a line of communication with the administration and the faculty and staff at MSU. “We are still hoping to find a faculty member to be their adviser to help give them guidance and start the process of opening up the discussions on how to bring Senate back,” Senator Two said.

“Dr. Pennington said she would be willing to look at what the fraternity has to offer when they decide to become successful one day in school and it is also, sadly the case that many of our facilities are abused unnecessarily by their users or, in some cases, ‘voters to campus.’

Even students who don’t live on campus feel the effects of neglected maintenance. The classrooms and facilities are not maintained as well as they should be. “I can’t believe that they would wait until next year to fix certain things. This is a learning atmosphere, and we need certain things to be able to learn,” Best Lada, a junior, said. While many of the students are dissatisfied with the maintenance on campus, employees are upset as well.

Elkein Camacho, a maintenance worker, said, “We need more employees. We have to back track and try to do more work than is expected sometimes.”

Camacho also said, “Sometimes jobs just don’t get done, and it doesn’t just affect us, it affects the students too.”

Montclair State’s campus is not the only thing that is expanding. Cole said that the facilities staff is as well. “For example, when we opened University Hall, we hired 17 additional facilities staff to provide housekeeping and maintenance for the building.”

Cole also said, “But in the end, we never have as much of anything as we would wish to have.”

Cole is also planning on hiring nine new staff members when Student Hall opens next September. A new dorm building will be built in the upcoming years, and they have arranged for an outside company, Capstone, to maintain it.

A Force for Change: African American Art and the Julius Rosenwald Fund is presented at the Montclair Art Museum with major support from JPMorgan Chase & Co. The exhibition was made possible by a generous grant from the Terra Foundation for American Art.

The show presents the first exhibition to related exhibitions: African American Works from the Collection and Martin Puryear Prints: Selections from the JPMorgan Chase Art Collection.