Rent Books Next Semester for Half Price

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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. Fillett, 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 Fillett 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 State University in the future.

Residents of Montclair Still Concerned with Sewage Lines for New Dorms

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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 28 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 sewer 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 older 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 Obenshain, director of Montclair Sewer Utility, agreed with the citizens.

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

Paula McKenna | University Spokeswoman

Blanton Workers Being ‘Over Worked’

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A Blanton maintenance worker cleans up after students eat dinner.

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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. Senate or Phi Alpha Psi

Residents of Montclair are looking forward to being part of the University’s existence, but the majority of people are concerned about the plan to upgrade the sewage lines.
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On April 20:

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.

A student reported the theft of his wallet and its contents left unsecured in the Recreation Center.

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

A student reported being threatened by a known suspect while in Blanton Hall. The victim refused to file criminal charges.

A student reported an act of criminal mischief to his residence in Bohn Hall.

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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“Professors that feel for their students and understand that books are expensive, they may choose the rentable book.”
Paula Maliandi
University Spokeswoman

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.

The University Bookstore displays many signs for the new program, Rent-A-Text, that will be launched in the Fall 2010 semester.
MSU Puppy Raisers Gain Charterment with Hopes to Help the Visually Impaired

Katelyn Bahl
Under Writer

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, Rowan 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 until they mellow out and you give them back to the company.” said Piper.

“[Doing so] would get more people involved,” Piper continued, “if this does happen and does, by some means, pass through the university, I feel like smaller is better for animal rights, and I feel like by doing this program, it would promote more awareness from our campus, because that’s not really a lot of programs associated with animals.”

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?’ 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 that’s not really a lot of programs associated with animals.”

After launching their Facebook page and Twitter on Wednesday, MSU 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.

“‘I heard about the puppy club, how do I help?’ I help!”, Raymond McKenna has some ideas regarding the campus shuttle as well, Piper explained.

“It looks like the campus community has already taken to these puppy lovers.”

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The E-Board of MSU Puppy Raisers (from left to right): Gio DePaula, Maria Idonas, Ray McKenna, Meg Carter and Lauren Piper.

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A few of the starting members, Heather Mejia, Katelynn Benson and Haliegh Adams.
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Summer Sessions at Montclair State can keep you on track to graduation or help accelerate your degree program. With undergraduate and graduate courses available, your goals are within your reach. Sessions range from 3 to 12 weeks long and meet on campus or online—giving you a variety of scheduling options to earn up to 15 credits. Plus our convenient, accessible location makes it easy to earn credits en route to graduation and still enjoy your summer.

Visit us at www.montclair.edu/summer or contact us via e-mail at summer@montclair.edu.

No Classes May 31 and July 5 • No Friday Classes
• 1st Three-Week Session: May 17 - June 6
• 1st Four-Week Session: May 17 - June 6
• 2nd Four-Week Session: June 14 - July 8
• 3rd Four-Week Session: July 12 - Aug 5
• 4th Six-Week Session: May 24 - July 8
• 5th Six-Week Session: July 6 - Aug 12
• Riptide Week Session: June 14 - Aug 5
• Bedrock Week Session: May 17 - Aug 5
• August Three-Week Session: Aug 9 - 26
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The university understands that "Sewage lives." That is, "The university understands that sewage lives." One of the citizens mentioned an off-campus in La Quinta hotel on Route 3. Most of the school’s students commute, and the university has always looked to build more dorm space on campus. Two hundred students live off-campus in La Quinta hotel on Route 3. The town will hold another meeting with the council members and university officials at a time to be determined.

The Montclarion Introduces Chris Goscinski: SGA President for the 2010-2011 Academic Year

Chris Goscinski, the SGA’s president elect, has a lot of plans for his upcoming year. He does not want organizations to forget that there are students who are only on campus for class and noting else. It is important that the SGA and the organizations reach out to these students, not just the ones they see on a daily basis.

Chris Goscinski is ready to start off the new year the right way. 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."

New Jersey’s Public Liberal Arts College

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The university understands that they have not always been good neighbors.

Gary Dvorak

Director of Montclair Sewer Utility

“Sewage lives.” One woman’s concern was pest control from a previous experience with sewer construction. "The rats are coming out and ate the bottom of my car.” Obszarny explained that all of the streets and curbs will be repaved as a result of this, and that the town should see it as a positive change. The 100 year old sewage lines will be replaced with wider lines that will be used by the town of Montclair also.

Construction will not inconvenience the usage of water in private homes for more than a day-long break. Obszarny said these new lines will last a century more, and they’re really a benefit to the town without the direct funding. In light of these events, Mayor Jerry Fried mentioned the creation of the “The Town’s Ward.” It’s made up of the mayors and two council members of each town and is funded by Montclair, which are directly affected by the university.

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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 one part of two new organizations as the “Animal House” of MSU. “There’s a lot of confusion 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.”

Alfredo Olivera’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 opening up the discussion for recruiting becomes complicated, since it’s difficult to explain their situation to someone they first meet, Senator Three explained. “If we 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 say yes.”

Senators’ 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 how they got their name. Also, Sen- alumi have campus buildings named in their honor.

“I always think, Senate has been the best at what’s its done,” Senator One said regarding the change in the fraternity throughout its history. “During the 70s and 80s, we were like a gentlemen’s club and at times bigger than the Student Gov- ernment.”

“As Greek life and the culture be- gan to change in the 70s, the focus on Greeks was to party the hard- est and who can throw the wildest events and that’s what they enrolled at and why they put them off,” Senator Two continued to say. “Senate is now trying to put the past behind them.”

“Our developing traditions from Senates history,” Senator One said regarding the change in the Student Government, which is where the name “Senate” is presented at the Montclair Art Museum with major support from the JPMorgan Chase Foundation.

The exhibition was made possible by a generous grant from the Terra Foundation for American Art.

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