Hundreds of students line up in the Student Center quad to purchase tickets for the supposed Nicki Minaj concert. The first people on line started standing at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

Nicki Minaj was anticipated for perform Oct. 8.

The dormitory houses 303 students and reporters for dignitaries, staff, residents, and faculty. The dormitory is named in honor of Montclair State University’s most famous alumnus, Frank Sinatra. The excitement can’t help but rub off on the residents. "The excitement can’t help but rub off on the residents," said Pennington.

Christopher Goezinski, SGA President, revealed that the Homecoming Concert was indeed a scam. SGA worked with Premier Talent Agency, thought to be Nicki Minaj’s agency, to find out the agency had nothing to do with Minaj. Goezinski said, “We contacted who we assumed was her agent, from the contract that we agreed, to make sure everything was still on, and we couldn’t get in touch with him. Further discussions happened and we got in touch with her real agency around 2:45 p.m. That’s when we realized what the situation on campus was about.”

The SGA has since been diligently working with Montclair State University police department, their attorneys and school counsel in an active criminal investigation. Goezinski said, “Some people approached the Program- ming Board with this lead and that’s far as we can go [because] that’s being investigat- ed by the police as well.” Further details have not been released, but the SGA is con- fident that the con man will be found.

Since working with the agency, the SGA believed that the concert was legiti- mate and did not find reason to research the contract or company. SGA Secretary, Kristin Chapman, said, “We’ve been dealing with this company since way back in June to get this concert up and running and there was never a factor of this concert faltered at any point.” According to Chapman, communication included phone calls, faxes, text messages and a payment of $1 margin in a vote by the student body, according to Pennington. [The student’s] way was the Sinatra way,” said Pennington.

Residents of Sinatra Hall live in suites with four to eight other students. Each suite contains a combination of single, double and triple bedrooms. Each suite has three different types of bath- rooms: a full bath, a shower room and a half bath with a sink and toilet.

"The excitement can’t help but rub off on the residents of this beautiful new housing complex," said Joseph Lisnow, vice president for student development. "It’s only been a few weeks, but Sinatra Hall boasts a strong sense of friendship, common purpose and the thrill that Sinatra is part of.
On Sept. 11: Resident student John Espada was arrested and charged with aggravated assault at Police Headquarters in connection with an incident that occurred at Bohn Hall on 9/10/10.

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On Sept. 14: A student reported the theft of his parking hangtag from his unlocked vehicle in Carparc Diem. University Police would like to remind everyone to lock their cars and roll up their windows to help prevent these thefts from their vehicles.

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**The Pointless Wait for Tickets**

The list of lines for Nicki Minaj tickets stretches from the front to the back of the quad.

**Refunds for tickets will take place on Friday, Sept. 24 & Monday Sept. 27 in SC room 104 (CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT) from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Nicki Stewart  News Editor

Monclair State University students talked for weeks about their excitement about Nicki Minaj coming here and doing a concert for our Homecoming 2010 weekend. Students and professors they would have to fight for a seat in the Memorial Auditorium where Minaj was slated to perform. This could end up being a night to remember by the night before tickets went on sale. Tiffany Washington, a senior his Nicki Minaj fan, stood in line from 3:30 a.m. "There were still 500 people in front of me and 500 people behind me," she said.

Tickets went on sale Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m., but students who didn’t get them online were out in the Student Center quad beginning at 11:30 p.m. There were absolutely no lines taped to keep students in an organized fashion. There were many blankets, pillows and chairs from dormitories so they could remain comfortable. Students also packed snacks and coolers. When the time came for ticket sales, the mood went from calm to crazed. The caution tape that separated lines for students was imme- diately seized upon by groups of students as they pushed their way to the front in lines.

Chris Romo, a junior, said, "First of all, I think the whole thing was so unorganized. The lines were moving so slow," Romo went on to stand in line for students from the English department that很好的 Minaj’s concert.

Though $27,000 have been lost to the fraudulent talent agency, the Montclair State Police Department stated that no association with the agent and that Nicki Minaj and her organization had no connection with the fraudulent agency. In fact, the real scammer was Nicki Minaj's name. Goscinski said, "Now it's our fault we should have figured out who this person was and didn't seem sketchy or out of the ordinary, they had a legitimate name."

"The fact that so many graduates and current students were here, alumni and graduates from Montclair worked together to raise the needed money," said John Riordan '59. Riordan also added that many of the donations come from alumni, anddriveto make her students "super- stars". Montclair State highly recommends that students get involved with the organization Community Alliance (CAPS), Fremd Hall after their beloved professor, author and journalist. Three honors were announced for the 2010 award presentation. The Montclair Police Department added that many students in those dorms seemed sketchy or out of the ordinary, they had a legitimate name that they had anticipated. "We are saying to come out of ununsuspected funds on the campus but we don't just blow off the concert," she said. "It’s really our fault we should have figured out who this person was and didn’t seem sketchy or out of the ordinary, they had a legitimate name." Montclair State Police Department stated that no association with the agent and that Nicki Minaj and her organization had no connection with the fraudulent agency. In fact, the real scammer was Nicki Minaj's name. Goscinski said, "Now it's our fault we should have figured out who this person was and didn't seem sketchy or out of the ordinary, they had a legitimate name,]"

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Barrett from the Montclair State Police Department stated that many students out of the Student Center brought their dorm furniture to the front of Bohm Hall, and the quad between Bohm and Blanton.

Many of the students in those dorms are freshmen, a majority of who are under 21 years of age. Barrett also said that most of the arrests occur when students are under the legal drinking age of 21.

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After receiving a statement that Minaj’s name was not the cause of the steps, it was stepped to medical professionals with legal actions to find the man slandering Minaj's name. Goscinski said, "Now that Minaj offered her help person- ally, the agency was absolutely mak- ing sure that these students got what they had anticipated. (Students) can expect to get a response to their new name.” New performer’s names have not been released, but the campus community can expect a show of the same hip-hop genre.

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something special. ‘The students who reside in this newest landmark are a part of the newest legacy at the university starting this year,’” Zobel said.

Upon conclusion of the ribbon cutting, guests were invited to take a tour inside including a walkthrough of a student occupied suite.

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“One floor makes a difference.”

Christopher Gasinski, student government president, and Alyssa Stokes, residence leadership council president, both spoke about how less people leave on the weekends now, choosing to stay on campus.

Floors two through six have a common room, two dryers, two washers, a garbage room and water fountains. The entire building is also wireless compatible.

Many students were happy about the new security features. To enter through the suite door, the resident must swipe their MSU card followed by the last four digits of their social security number. Then each room inside the suite has its own key to unlock the bedroom.

“The university has effectively been beautified,” said Gosinski.

“I think because it’s a new building, we get to set the tone,” said Sinatra Hall community assistant Caitlin Fabrocini. “We are our own person. It will get to carry on for years and it is very cool. A new building means a little more work for everyone, which brings along ownership and pride for everyone.”

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MSU Celebrates the Newly Named Hawk Crossings with a Carnival

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Carnival games took place throughout the day in which students participated.

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Students lined up to pick their favorite food choice.

Krisa McDonald, a cheerleader, got to dress as a clown for the day to go along with the carnival spirit.

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Julie Welling | Staff Writer

This weekend students, families and friends attended the official kick-off carnival for Hawk Crossings. The event included carnival style games, a bounce house, a cotton candy machine and a raffle to win a Nintendo Wii system.

Residents were excited for the event, especially first-year Hawk Crossings resident, Brittany Darling.

"I can’t wait to get into the jump house and make sand art. I came back early from home just for the event," she said.

The program welcomed residents of the residence hall and brought about a new feeling of community to the apartment strip.

Jessica Spear, a second-year Community Assistant at Hawk Crossings said: "I’m really excited because I’ve noticed that people have been staying on the weekend. I think it may have the feel of a new building, so it’s welcoming.”

That new building vibe Spearra referred to may have to do with the new air conditioning units, redoing molding around the windows, removal of carpets in the stairways, new blinds, outside paint job and new windows and doors.

Community Director, Tha Dy, explained, “I think the students have a greater appreciation for the changes because they really impact them. A better living environment means a better quality of living.”

While many students still refer to the residence hall as Clove Road, Dyre explained that “the name is to honor the magus, which is the Red Hawk.”

No longer are the three buildings referred to as the 100s, 200s and 300s. They are now known as the Latin species names for hawks: Falco, the true Falcons, was formerly Clov 100s; Accipiter, the woodland Hawks, was formerly Clov 200s; Buteo, the soaring Hawks, was formerly Clov 300s.

Former Montclair State Student Arrested on Campus

Riccia Francis | Staff Writer

Robert Linford, a 20-year old resident of Middleton, NJ and a former student of Montclair State, was arrested on Sept. 10 at the NJ Transit deck by Officer Denis Zamora on multiple charges.

According to Lieutenant Kieran Barrett the police department was called to the scene to resolve a case of domestic violence and Linford was present.

While attempting to handle the case they were called to, Linford began to intervene. He appeared to be intoxicated and began spitting at the officers.

In his possession was an air gun, an assimilated weapon.

Students found his actions mind boggling. “It is a shame that people can resort to actions as such when they can be avoided,” said junior Melvin Phillips.

Linford was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol, obstruction of law, hindering apprehension, unlawful possession of firearms, throwing有可能fluids and criminal mischief.

Lt. Barrett explained the gun charge: “It doesn’t matter what the intention of the gun was once you have it at the time of the arrest.”

Linford was taken to the Passaic County Jail where he was later released. The length of his stay was not stated as Barrett explained, “We didn’t receive a notification, but it was probably 24 hours later.”

Lt. Barrett also said, “You can’t obstruct the law, not to say that people’s opinion doesn’t matter but it comes in time.”

Students are urged to call MSUPD if they witness actions such as this at:

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"Truvia" or False:
Can “Natural” Sugars be as Bad as Real Sugars?

Heather Kapral
Staff Writer

Around this time of year, college stu-
dents, particularly freshmen, are con-
cerned about gaining weight, known as "the freshman 15." Those who are
motivated enough adopt some sort of
change in their diet and/or lifestyle, whether it be lowering fat intake, sug-
ar intake or increasing exercise habits.

Decreasing the amount of sugar
in one’s diet has always been a popular
strategy for losing weight, especially
since the Atkins diet regained popu-
larity at the beginning of the decade.

One way that Americans tackle the
challenge of limiting their intake of
sugar is by using artificial sweeteners.

One of the newest chemical sweet-
ers available today is stevia, sold
as Truvia or PureVia. Stevia is a
type of herb from which the com-
pound steviol glycoside is extracted.

This sugar-free, calorie-free com-
pound is 40 to 300 times sweeter than
sugar, or table sugar. Stevia seems
to be growing in popularity because
manufacturers market it as "natural,"
even though this does not necessar-
ily indicate that it is healthy or safe.

While certain studies show ste-
via’s potential in controlling condi-
tions such as high blood pressure,
obesity and high blood sugar, other
studies illustrate serious danger.

For instance, several studies
indicate that high concentrations
of stevia in the diet are capable of
changing genetic information with-
in the body. Certain glycosides,
such as the one found in stevia, can
also cause irregular heart rhythm.

Additionally, a study on rats con-
firmed a decrease in sperm produc-
tion, and possibly overall fertility,
after ingesting high doses of stevia.

Because stevia is a newer addi-
tion to the artificial sweetener mar-
ket in the US, there is a lack of suf-
cient data to predict long-term
effects of its use. There are various
risks associated with consuming
other artificial sweeteners, as well.

The use of chemical sweeteners
has become so widespread through-
out the country that it can be im-
possible to avoid them completely.

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cial sweeteners in moderation, con-
sume a variety of different types of
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All for One and Fun for All on Doggie Field Day

Jade Mayckowitz  
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Sept. 19, the MSU Puppy Raisers held Doggie Field Day. Forty dogs gathered from all over the area in the Student Center’s quad after having heard about the event through friends, flyers, emails, MSU’s website, Facebook, and Twitter. MSU Puppy Raisers said, “Doggie Field Day is a day where people in the community, students, faculty and staff can bring their dogs to come out and have fun. This event not only gives dogs their own day, but it’s also the kick off event for our organization, to help spread the word for our cause.”

Enjoying the gorgeous weather, dogs, dog lovers, dog owners, and friends watched as their pups played on the agility courses, bathed in the company of each other. Owners also found themselves having fun playing with their dogs to play in, the agility course was a big hit. The large playing area provided for the event also gave the dogs the opportunity to run free and really exercise. Monica Pardi said, “[I] really liked seeing all the dogs play together. Dogs don’t usually have access to such a big field to run around in.”

Aside from the activities listed, owners were also able to purchase an arm’s length of raffle tickets for five dollars for a chance to win a basket from the “tricky tray,” or a cash prize in the 50/50 drawing, which totaled $39 by the end of the event. No matter the prize, the winners were sure to walk away with some great treats put together by the organization and donating companies: Nylabone, Kong and Welcome Pup.

“It’s great how friends came together to support a wonderful cause,” said Linda Nunziato. “A lot of work and planning went into the event.”

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Raising the Seeing Eye works to train the dogs until they reach about 16 months. Then the dog is tested to become an aid to the blind.

On Sept. 14, the AIX sisters and TKE brothers gathered together from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom, to recognize the soldiers that are fighting for this country. “Support the Soldiers,” was an event to have students give their thank you to a group of soldiers overseas.

They had students sign a large colorful banner and create video messages showing their appreciation and hope for those soldiers to return home safely.

AIX has been in contact with the troops for some time now because of an alumna’s friend. Last year, the sisters made Valentine’s Day cards to show their appreciation. Danielle Ricciardi, the vice president of AIX, said, “It’s so important to recognize these veterans and to honor them with this event. They need to know that we are thinking about them.”

Troy Loveland, Historian of TKE, said, “Thank you to the troops. Freedom is not free.”

MSU’s Brothers and Sisters Salute American Soldiers

AIX and TKE are both brainstroming other events to help out the troops. The sisters of AIX are not only trying to do their part with the troops, they are also having a Red Cross Haiti Relief Band benefit show on Oct. 22. Both sisters of AIX and brothers of TKE show a strong commitment towards community service and helping their fellow classmates.

Although this war may not be over yet, it is nice to know some people are trying to make this country a safer place to live. To everyone serving our country, thank you.
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When you live on a college campus, cooking becomes a huge part of your life. As someone who is a senior living on campus at MSU, I've tasted everything there is to taste. Over the past four years, my opinion of the food has never changed. Let me say this in the nicest way: the food at MSU isn't very good. Now, at college. I don't expect to eat five-star quality food or anything. I know the food is not like the cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus. Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus.
A Little Chitchat
Dinah Discusses the Parking Situation

The fact that I decided to write about the parking situation on campus is, I’m sure, no surprise to any of you. But I promise I’m not going preach to you all about the same stuff you’ve been hearing for the past few years.

Yes, parking on campus is unbearable but we all do have to consider the fact that there are 18,402 students that attend MSU and we all have to park somewhere. That’s a lot of students trying to get to class on time and we’re all dealing with the same frustrations.

I’ve been hearing a lot of students complaining about the new deck CarParc Diem. I must admit that I was late for my 10 a.m. class and I was one of them.

First of all, just getting in and out of there is a hassle. Just waiting to pull into the deck itself can make you late for class. Then, when your day is finally done and your trying to get home, you sit there and wait just to pull out. Then you have to wait for all the pedestrians to take their time crossing the street. In my opinion, a traffic light would be super effective in solving this problem.

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Whenever you’re leaving, the cars are plain non-stop that parking is horrendous, but I do have one more little issue. Driving in CarParc Diem is not all that it was in the Transit deck.

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All I’m trying to say is, if we make it to class in one piece, all drive safely then we’ll all be happy.

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Not only is CarParc Diem constantly packed, but the way people drive in there is crazy. All you hear is screeching tires, and you feel like someone is going to come speeding up and rear-end you while you’re waiting for a space.

One issue is, I'm sure, no surprise to any of you. But I promise I’m not going preach to you all about the same stuff you’ve been hearing for the past few years.

Yes, parking on campus is unbearable but we all do have to consider the fact that there are 18,402 students that attend MSU and we all have to park somewhere. That’s a lot of students trying to get to class on time and we’ve all dealing with the same frustrations.

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Well, ladies and gentlemen, the word is in. After hours of diligent digging, The Montclarion has finally found out the truth. The students of Montclair State have indeed been scammed. Nicki Minaj will not be performing at the end of homecoming. You all may be wondering how to have the pop star respond in confusion. It was made clear to us that Nicki Minaj was in no way responsible for the mix-up. Our confusions were equal to Ms. Minaj's, and when we found out that there might be a miscommunication, we began our own quest for truth.

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Ironically enough, Nicki Minaj herself was the one that pulled the deceptive veil from the eyes of Montclair students. An enthusiastic student posted her excitement on Minaj's twitter, only to have the pop star respond in confusion. It was made clear to us that Nicki Minaj was in no way responsible for the mix-up.

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Nicki Minaj’s Tweets:

“what is this i’m hearing about a MSU concert? where and when is this concert supposed to be? i feel so bad 4 ppl who were scammed,” she tweeted Wednesday.

“i tell u guys all the time, if u don’t see me tweet about it, its not real. i’m gonna figure out the b*stards behind this MSU scam.”

“FOR THE RECORD. I’M NOT DOING ANY SHOWS BETWEEN NOW AND THE 22ND OF OCTOBER. WEN SHOWS R CONFIRMED I’LL LET U GUYS KNOW. I’M SORRY”

“wen i find out the person responsible for this MSU scam i’m putting their name on twitter. scamming college kids? go to h*ll!” (Nicki Minaj’s Twitter)
**Students Speak:**

**How do you feel about the Islamic Center being built near Ground Zero? Did you even know it was an Islamic Center?**

**Devon Koch**  
Sophomore  
English  
“I don’t think it’s that big of a deal. I don’t think it has anything to do with how close it is to Ground Zero, you can’t even see it from the location I don’t think it matters at all. Students just Stereo anybody. They just want a place to be, everyone needs a place to just be.”

**Kelly Kuerz**  
Freshman  
Sociology/Education  
“I was aware that it was a community center. I’m cool with it. Why shouldn’t they be allowed to build a center anywhere in the country? It’s a cultural value as Americans to value freedom of religion. Even if it’s not popular, that’s what freedom of religion means.”

**Sam Donovan**  
Senior  
Music Therapy  
“It’s not a good idea. The fact that it’s an Islamic Center doesn’t change that it’s a faux pas for the situation. It’s respect for religion versus respect for a national tragedy.”

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**Katie Winters**, an English major, is in her first year as an chief copy editor for The Montclarion.
An Oonslaught of Parties or Vital Networking? One Student Explains the Pros and Cons of “Rush” in Greek Life on Campus

Since my first year at Montclair, a recurring theme I came across was that being in a Greek organization was one of the only ways to always keep busy on campus, in a social sense.

Several associates I know that were involved in sororities and fraternities always seemed to have a variety of activities to do either on or off campus with their sisters.

Not to mention this is a solid way to make some real friends and connections that may be useful in the future.

Personally, pledging was never interesting to me. I could not see the fascination in going through weeks of disrespect, being talked down to and told what and when to do something, then turning around and calling these same people my family.

However, I can see how these families and positions may be helpful in the future. With that said, taking in the pros and cons, what will you decide to do?

I do not think you will be influenced to pledge, but when you get into it you may be discouraged. No matter what, your decision has to be your own, or the question is: to pledge or not to pledge?

Needless to say, a large percentage of students who are put through a rigorous wringer before being recruited.

Stories in the news have told of students discouraged from pledging or committing severe at Montclair, it is no secret that you at times pointless activities in order to cross the line.

Another issue that may be more picturesque was me knocking outside in the pouring rain, pounding the door and crying, "What can I get you today?" punctuated with those signature Diem smiles.

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For this reason, drawing students in to pledge, they are simply looking for something, then turning around and calling those same people my family.

In our dear Montclair State University, I would probably graduate with little overlooked disappointments.

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Lohan Gives a “1-2 Punch” in New Rodriguez Picture

Machete Fails to Wow Critics

In its opening weekend, Machete finished second to The American despite a cast filled with A-list names. Originally predicted to premiere in the top spot and gain audiences’ attention, there has been a steady drop in sales following the trend of unscripted viewing and a lack of repeat ticket sales.

Machete fails to capture the charm of Tarantino exploitation cinema. Instead, the film is merely unsuccessful in recreating certain formal and narrative elements of the genre. Loud engines, outlawed and loose women alight with gratuitous violence and sex are key elements that have been used quite successfully in Rodriguez’s previous films, such as Planet Terror and From Dusk Till Dawn. In this most recent production, the directorial team of Rodriguez and Elizondo Mananquil (Planet Terror) attempts to recreate a film reminiscent of a time when underdeveloped scripts, shoestring budgets, amateur actors and no regard for formal aesthetics came second to the visceral experience of late night drive-ins.

The move from locations, set and sound design were too polished. As far as casting, the performances are not over the top inasmuch as the cast’s talents are under-utilized.

Lindsay Lohan, however, is a saving grace for a film that overall feels lacking and contrived. Playing the carefully crafted character of April, the daughter of corrupt right wing senator Melquist (De Niro), Lohan gives a nuanced performance that traces her personal history, specifically focusing on her most recent personal debacles. This season of fortress tour de force shouts a reaffirming cheer in the vain of “Lindamania.” For those who think that Lohan is not dead, we can hope that this will be the final nail in her career coffin.

For footage of Gallery 3.5 and interviews with the artists visit themontclarion.org

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Mark’s New Music Roundup

Serj Tankian, the lead singer of loud rock band System of a Down, has ventured off into a solo career with arguably mixed results. The music here is more orchestral and electronic, but his voice tends to sound annoying without the loud rock background. He’s still angry and politically driven, but he doesn’t seem as interesting or clever on his own. Listening to *Imperfect Harmonies* will make you question why Tankian ever decided to go solo.

Do you have any ideas for the Round Up? If so, then contact Mark at msuarts@gmail.com and start writing for *The Montclarion* today!

Pelican Playlist
Signs of the Seasons

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The Town Delivers a Brilliant Crime Drama
Ben Affleck Directs and Stars in Film

Ken March
Staff Writer

The Town is a solid crime drama that is driven by a strong cast, who all gave very distinctive performances. The lead role belongs to Ben Affleck who plays Doug MacRay. Affleck directs the film as well.

Doug MacRay is a long-time thief plagued by a troubled childhood during which his mother vanished when he was six years old. His father (Chris Cooper) was a drug addicted criminal. MacRay gave up on the opportunity to become a professional hockey player and instead became the ring leader of a notorious bank heist crew.

In his crew is James “Gem” Coughlin (Jeremy Renner). Coughlin has been like a brother to MacRay throughout his entire life, and even spent nine years in prison to save MacRay’s life. Renner puts on a totally different performance in this film than he did in his Oscar-nominated performance in The Hurt Locker. The character of James Coughlin is a hard nosed, arrogant criminal, and Renner goes out of his element to make it work. In my opinion, he gave an exceptional performance.

The opening scene in the film depicts MacRay and his crew carrying out a bank heist for protection against the police. At first, I thought the hostage, Claire Keesey, (Rebecca Hall, who gives the performance that is played by the marvelous Rebecca Hamm) who is looking to bring down MacRay’s entire crew. Frawley hunts them through the streets of Boston, and it seems like Frawley will stop at nothing to take them down. Hamm also did an admirable job in this film as Frawley, and I really felt that he fit in effectively with the rest off the cast. Hamm is tailor made to play a cop, and this film was satisfying. The film truly balanced the right amount of action along with the emotions of the distinct and complex characters.

Overall, The Town isn’t quite on the same level as The Departed, but it is still a fantastic film, and I highly recommend it to any crime drama fan.

Ken’s Grade: 4 out of 5 Stars

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Fantasy Football: Start ‘Em/Sit ‘Em Week 3

Mark Sanchez is unlikely to duplicate his week two performance against a tough Miami Dolphins’ secondary this week.

Brandon Gincel
Staf Writer

QB – Mark Sanchez – The Jets head down to South Beach this weekend to face the 2-0 division leading Miami Dolphins. The Dolphins picked off Brett Favre three times last week and recovered a fumble in the end zone last week. The Dolphins defense has allowed a league low 20 points and will be fired up this week for their home opener on prime time television. Although Sanchez threw for three scores last week, he should not be an option this week.

RB – Cadillac Williams/Earnest Graham – Tampa Bay plays the Pittsburgh Steelers this week. Pittsburgh’s defense dominated defensively for the Red Hawks raking up 18 digs, and freshman libero Lauren Buathil had 15 digs for Rowan. The win for Rowan moves their record to 0-1, while Montclair hangs on at just 2-13. Both teams remain 1-1 in the NJAC.

The Red Hawks take a trip to Rutgers-Camden this Thursday, Sept. 23, where they will take on the 0-5 Scarlet Raptors. You can catch the Red Hawks this Saturday at the Panzer Athletic Center when they go head to head with Polytechnic, matches begin at 11 a.m.

Red Hawk freshman Megan Cockcroft looks to set up a play for MSU in a match from earlier this season. Cockcroft had six attacks in Tuesday’s match.
Punish Bush, Don’t Punish His Teammates

Former USC running back Reggie Bush returned his Heisman Trophy last week for NCAA violations that occurred during his career at the school.

Jason Hrina
Staff Writer

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MSU field hockey was engaged in an early season battle with Wheaton three weeks ago. With the score 0-0 late in the first half and the Red Hawks needing a junior, senior captain Deana Hagel stroked the right side of the field toward the Wheaton goal, changing a long pass. Diverting to keep the ball in bounds, she managed to touch the ball through two defenders to teammate Melissa Flaherty, who tapped the ball into the net. MSU used the goal as momentum en route to a 6-1 win.

That play exemplified the type of leadership that Hagel is. A vocal leader that ran the offense. After Hagel entered MSU after playing field hockey in a solid program at West Essex High School, which molded her into an excellent player. Hagel's senior year would be an incredible year for Hagel as a great leader on and off the field, the Red Hawks can proudly claim Hagel as a great leader on and off the field, the Red Hawks can proudly claim.

Regardless of what happens on the field as well, as Hagel led her team with 17 goals on the season and scored a goal in every game of the 2009 ECAC Mid-Atlantic Tournament, which the Red Hawks won for the second time in Hagel's career. Hagel's senior year would be an incredible year for Hagel as a great leader on and off the field, the Red Hawks can proudly claim Hagel as a great leader on and off the field, the Red Hawks can proudly claim.

Things seemed to come together on the field, as Hagel led her team to increase the score to 3-0. The teams need to regain the swagger when the NJAC or going to the NCAAs, she said. "But it's definitely a good feeling to end our season on a note like that." During this past offseason, Hagel's hard work was awarded when the team voted her as captain for the 2010 season. The accomplishment has turned out to be one of the biggest moments in her field hockey career. "It means the world to me that my team would vote me into this something like that position," Hagel said. "I feel like one of the captains, Diana [Colombo] and I have to set the tone for the team. It's not that hard, because our team knows what we have to do. But it's definitely a little more pressure."

"The Red Hawks kicked off conference play against Kean on Wednesday night, looking to win their first NJAC title in school history. Winning this during Hagel's senior year would be an incredible moment. She also believes that this year's team has the ability to pull it off. "I 100 percent believe we can win the NJAC this year," Hagel said. "I know that we are so talented and skilled. With TCNJ and Rowan, we've got nothing to lose."

Hagel has certainly gotten off to a fast start this season, scoring four goals and adding four assists in six games as of Wednesday. However, many of the memories for this year will be the time spent with her teammates. "That year, my sister Michelle joined the team," Hagel said. "Also my friend from high school, Jocelynn Diffenti, last year was [in] her first year as assistant coach. So I think having them there helped me feel comfortable." "I'm so grateful to have [Michelle] with me," Hagel added. "I'm so glad that she can play with me and I can share this experience with her."

The program here is actually a very good program," Hagel said. "I had actually met with the coach and I liked her a lot. That same year, she possessed, she may be a deciding factor in making this year's Red Hawk field hockey team a champion. Hagel: A Leader On and Off the Field

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Deanna Benjamin
Staff Writer

Rowan's trademark rushing attack struck fear in many teams last season. Montclair State was not one of those teams. The loss of defensive stars Brian Tewer and Chris Merkle to graduation did not slow down the Red Hawks' ability to stop the run when it mattered. Though the Red Hawks allowed 203 rushing yards, MSU's defense prevented big plays down the field and forced Rowan to rely on small gains.

“Our goal was not to give up any big plays,” stated Head Coach Rich Giancola. “If they were to score on us, they would have to step up at us and go the long route. To give up a big play on a 60-yard run or pass is very devastating.”

Stalwart linebacker Ed Kirschheinman led the defensive squad against Rowan's ground game with 12 total tackles, including one for a loss. The defense as a whole picked up five tackles that resulted in a loss of yards, led by linemen Shawn Bach with two. Bach also had two sacks on the day.

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