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.

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, but 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 attorney and school counsel in an active criminal investigation. Goezinski said, “Someone approached the Programming Board with this lead and that’s so far as we can go [because] that’s being investigated by the police as well.”

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SGA Notes

See pg. 3 for more information on the scam following Nicki Minaj’s homecoming performance.

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Christopher Gosinski, 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, it will get to carry on for years and it’s very cool. A new building means a little more work for everyone, which brings along ownership and pride for everyone,” said Sinatra Hall, community assistant Caitlin Fabrocini. “We are our own person, that’s what we want. Good, happy students.”

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“Frank Sinatra,” said biology major Caitlin Berkefeld. “I have high hopes for the rest of the semester.”

“I believe that as being a part of the first service assistant staff at Sinatra Hall, we have to set a standard of performance that not only residents have to become accustomed to, but also future staff members,” said English major Dominique Everett. “We owe it to the future of the building’s safety to be consistent workers.”

“Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life Dr. Karen Pennington said, “The building has great energy that people seem to be happy with, and that’s what we want. Good, happy students.’”

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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.

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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 students, particularly freshmen, are concerned 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, sugar 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 popularity at the beginning of the decade. One way that Americans tackle the challenge of limiting their intake of sugar is by using artificial sweeteners. However, this alternative may be doing more harm to the body than good. One of the newest chemical sweeteners available today is stevia, sold as Truvia or PureVia. Stevia is a type of herb from which the compound steviol glycoside is extracted. This sugar-free, calorie-free compound is 40 to 300 times sweeter than sucrose, or table sugar. Stevia seems to be growing in popularity because manufacturers market it as “natural,” even though this does not necessarily indicate that it is healthy or safe. While certain studies show stevia’s potential in controlling conditions 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 within the body. Certain glycosides, such as the one found in stevia, can also cause irregular heart rhythm. Additionally, a study on rats confirmed a decrease in sperm production, and possibly overall fertility, after ingesting high doses of stevia. Because stevia is a newer addition to the artificial sweetener market in the US, there is a lack of sufficient 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 throughout the country that it can be impossible to avoid them completely. In addition to consuming artificial sweeteners in moderation, consume a variety of different types of artificial sweeteners in order to keep low levels of each substance in the body at all times. Not only will this strategy help with losing weight, but it will also minimize the risk of any adverse effects in the process.

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All for One and Fun for All on Doggie Field Day

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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 sun, and played 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 playing 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 organizations 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.”

Dogs of various types came from all over the area to enjoy some time outside and exercise. Monica Pardi says how an event such as this “helps to introduce her dogs to another environment and [teaches them to] interact with new people and new animals.”

All in all, Doggie Field Day had an amazing turnout. Ray McNenna, vice president of Puppy Raisers said, “It felt good to have a lot of people show up. Everyone loves animals, meaning this organization is going to hopefully have a big expansion of interest.” After this resounding success, the organization says this is one of many events to come.

MSU’s Brothers and Sisters Salute American Soldiers

Alexia Trap
Staff Writer

Men and women have been protecting this country our whole lives, but with craziness of life we tend to forget those fighting overseas. In the midst of all the chaos, Alpha Iota Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon keep their appreciation alive.

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 thanks 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 alum’s friend. Last year, the sisters made Valentine’s Day cards to show their appreciation. Danielle Ricciardi, the vice president of AIX, said: “It is important to recognize those overseas and to honor them with this event. They need to know that we are thinking about them.”

Troy Loveland, Historian of TKE, 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, food 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 cooking I’d eat at home. But, honestly, the food at MSU isn’t very good. Let me say this in the nicest way: it’s by far the best value on campus. The problem is that one can buy there actually taste pretty good and always hit the spot. You’ll find that it’s most popular around two in the morning and is a good way to end your night. Keep in mind that it’s a college diner, and college kids don’t generally tip when paying with their ID card, so don’t expect the service to be top-notch when they know you’re probably not going to leave them any cash. The food at the Student Center is definitely up for par for subs and entrees. The Rathskeller is good for Italian, and the convenience store is good for a snack or coffee. Just keep in mind that if it tastes really good, it’s probably not good for you. The sushi is a healthy choice, but will also put a hole in your pocket, so I’d recommend it on occasion. I don’t have much experience with Freeman, but from what I hear, their pizza has a better reputation than Blanton’s. However, they don’t have as much variety when it comes to the menu. Café Diem has Starbucks coffee, bagels and sandwiches. All reliable, but a little pricey. This is also a place to check the calorie count before ordering. The façade might go down well, but for you ladies watching your figure, it’s over 200 calories. My favorite place to eat on campus is the Student Center cafe. Like the fact that they offer a variety of food for different palettes. I recommend their toasted subs or any of their hot meals. They’re pretty good and always hit the spot.

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. We’ll start with Blanton. For breakfast, go for the omelettes, for lunch hit the deli and for dinner there are always burgers. But if you’re trying to avoid the freshmen 15 (which is apparently now the floor) 20 for the salad bar. I’m personally not a fan of their entrees. Rule of thumb? If you can’t identify it, don’t eat it. Also keep in mind that on the weekends it closes early, so get there in time if you don’t want to spend your Red Hawk or flex dollars. The Red Hawk diner has pretty good food and is open everyday, all day. If you have the late night munchies or you’ve had too much “juice” to drink that night, it hits the spot. You’ll find that it’s most popular around two in the morning and is a good way to end your night. Keep in mind that it’s a college diner, and college kids don’t generally tip when paying with their ID card, so don’t expect the service to be top-notch when they know you’re probably not going to leave them any cash. The food at the Student Center is definitely up for par for subs and entrees. The Rathskeller is good for Italian, and the convenience store is good for a snack or coffee. Just keep in mind that if it tastes really good, it’s probably not good for you. The sushi is a healthy choice, but will also put a hole in your pocket, so I’d recommend it on occasion. I don’t have much experience with Freeman, but from what I hear, their pizza has a better reputation than Blanton’s. However, they don’t have as much variety when it comes to the menu. Café Diem has Starbucks coffee, bagels and sandwiches. All reliable, but a little pricey. This is also a place to check the calorie count before ordering. The façade might go down well, but for you ladies watching your figure, it’s over 200 calories. My favorite place to eat on campus is the Student Center cafe. Like the fact that they offer a variety of food for different palettes. I recommend their toasted subs or any of their hot meals. They’re pretty good and always hit the spot.
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. I did come to see CarParc Diem as taking a shuttle all the way over here.”

College Hall to cool down. I found myself parking on the seventh deck CarParc Diem. I must admit that on a Tuesday morning when I was late for my 1:00 a.m. class and I found myself parking on the seventh floor after driving around for 15 minutes, 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. And then, when your day is finally done and you’re 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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Aside from all this, I happen to be just as sick of hearing people complain non-stop that parking is horrendous, but I do have one more little issue. Driving in CarParc Diem is not at all like it was in the Transit deck.

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The Montclair State University community was recently deceived when Nicki Minaj was announced as the headliner for the end of Homecoming festivities. 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 this could have possibly happened. How could the entire University be fooled into selling tickets for such a well-known artist? Ironically enough, Nicki Minaj herself was the one that pulled the deceptive veil from the eyes of Montclair students. An enthused student posted her excitement on Minaj’s twitter, only we went to them for information. As the voice of Montclair’s esteemed students, we felt it was within our right to inquire about the possibility of a scam.

When the day began, the SGA was timid to cooperate with our requests. Understandably, everyone on campus was experiencing a fair amount of chaotic activity. You could not walk across campus without hearing the words ‘Nicki Minaj’ and ‘scam.’

With the aid of the SGA, we stumbled upon a fair amount of information regarding Nicki Minaj and the details behind the scam (see our article on the front page).

Apparently, the SGA arranged the performance through an illegitimate booking agency. Contracts were signed, the proper precautions were made. Everything appeared to be in order.

But, as you know, we were all fooled by this booking agency. As the hours passed, we began to uncover more and more information about the Nicki Minaj scam. Apparently, this scam has occurred at other universities over the last few months.

Disregard, for a moment, the lack of prior research regarding Ms. Minaj’s history of performances and turn your attention to a much more suspicious request. The booking agency required a $27,000 check, and then insisted on receiving $10,000 in cash, the day of the concert. If this isn’t fishy, then I don’t know what is.

We have always believed that if something seems to good to be true, it usually is. The university now faces a new dilemma, how will MSU generate new hype for Homecoming 2010? Students can either refund their tickets or keep them with the hope that Montclair will follow through on their promise.

The university plans on booking a new performer, of the same caliber and genre, to perform at Homecoming.

Thomas law the problem; to book another performer would cost even more money. It isn’t exactly a wise choice to spend more money on some grand show of school spirit. The money for Minaj’s performance was taken from the SGA Programming Board budget. Does the Programming Board have extra funds lying around somewhere? We vote for a tuition decrease rather than spending 37 thousand dollars on some pop star.

Don’t let us worry, we do feel remorse for the whole situation. Especially for the students that waited on the ticket lines for hours.

The next time the university is booking an event, thorough background checking is an absolute necessity. At least Minaj shed light on the scam before it was too late.

-LW

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)
It seems that one can’t escape the public debate on an Islamic Cultural Center that is slated to be built near two blocks from the Ground Zero site.

Katie Winters, a Sophomore in Film, said that there are big plans for the building.

“I think it’s going to be a great thing,” Winters said.

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

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.”

Kelly Kuerz
Sophomore
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 not what freedom of religion means.”

Dan Cohan
Senior
Film

“I knew it was an Islamic center. People have the right to have religious worship centers. They have just as much of a right as anybody to congregate and gather peacefully. I don’t see them causing any trouble.”

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 has anything to do with how close they are to anybody. They just want a place to be, everyone needs a place to just be.”

Students Speak Policy

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Thumbs Up to the premiere of Boardwalk Empire! Thumbs Down to the Nicki Minaj smear.
**Arts & Entertainment**

**Gallery 3.5 Premieres Ceramics**

Monica Winston
Summary Editor

Gallery 3.5 opened this semester with an exhibit that featured ceramic artists Ann Lai and Theresa Mustafa. The two collections were complementary, not only in medium, but in the artists’ inspiration: the natural aesthetic.

Lai’s work, entitled “Smoke and Sweat: A Glimpse into Traditional Fire,” predominately featured her pottery skills, as she displayed pots, bowls, urns and vases. Though her pieces had her trademark flair and affinity for glazing, each piece also had its own unique coloring and shape. Some were perfectly rounded with elegant shades of cream that brightened to warmer shades of orange and gold, while others were inspired by nature and her appreciation for simplicity and the Japanese aesthetic. “Smoke and Sweat” is aptly named for the 96 hours Lai put into wood firing in a kiln.

Mustafa’s “Opposites Attract” featured wall displays inspired by the human body, depicting limbs and one lower half of the body, because she finds beauty in subtle movements. Lai described it as part of her appreciation for simplicity and the Japanese aesthetic. “Smoke and Sweat” is aptly named for the 96 hours Lai put into wood firing in a kiln.

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Theresa Mustafa reflects on her “Family Tree.”

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

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

John Stock
Staff Writer

In its opening weekend, Machete finished second to The Americans despite a cast filled with A-list names. Originally predicted to premier in the top spot in gross and gain audience’s attention, there has been a steady drop in sales following the trend of unassisted viewers and a lack of repeat ticket sales.

Machete fails to capture the charm of 70s era exploitation cinema. Instead, the film is merely unsuccessful in recreating certain formal and narrative elements of the genre. Loud engines, outlaws and gratuitous violence are key components that belonged to family members. Paula Esposito, student, raved about the piece, saying, “It’s really amazing how she intertwes the pieces that were donated by her family with the abstract trees behind it for a visual representation of a family tree. You immediately have to respond to the different textures and how they are so intricately woven together and they tell such an amazing story.”

Machete was truly an original in movie culture. Exploitation cinema was truly an original form, while Machete is at least a poorly crafted moment. Everything from the 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 earning grace for a film that overall feels lacking and contrived. Playing the carefully crafted character of April, the daughter of corrupt right wing senator Melikshighin (De Niro), Lohan gives a nuanced performance that traces her personal history, specifically focusing on her most recent personal debacles. This seeming effortless tour de force shuns a reaffirming cheer in the vain of “Lindamint.” For those shocked that Lohan is not dead, we can hope that this will be the final nail in her coffin.

To watch the trailer for Machete 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.

Photo courtesy of http://metalwarez.com/

Perhaps Weezer’s most interesting album art to date, Hurley is definitely not up to the standards set by The Blue Album, but it does have a certain charm. Unfortunately, it’s way too similar to Raditude than what most fans will be hoping for. Still, it’s Weezer, and if you’re a fan of simple catchy pop rock songs, then you will surely find something to enjoy about their latest album.

Photo courtesy of www.thefrontloader.com

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!

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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 longtime 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, and Coughlin decides to take a hostage for protection against the police. At first, I thought the hostage was merely in the film just for the sake of the plot, but she actually became a central character in the movie, and even develops a relationship with Claire Keesey (Amy Adams), who gives the performance that is played by the marvelous Rebecca Hall, who gives an exceptional performance. Claire, he must deal with a tenacious FBI agent named Adam Frawley (Jon 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 is tailor made to play a cop, and I really felt that he fit as Frawley, and I highly recommend it to any crime drama fan.

Not only must MacRay deal with his newly formed relationship with Claire, he must deal with a tenacious FBI agent named Adam Frawley (Jon 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 of the cast. Hamm is tailor made to play a cop, and this film was no exception.

With the impressive performances of Affleck, Hamm, Renner and Hall, along with the compelling storyline, 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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**QB – Brett Favre –** After a tough two weeks against the Saints and Dolphins, look for Favre to rebound this week against a weak Detroit defense that gave up 244 yards and two scores to Michael Vick last week and a whopping 372 yards and two scores to Jay Cutler two weeks ago.

**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. This 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.

**WR – Steve Smith (Carolina) –** Smith has had good numbers in the first two weeks of the season finding pay dirt twice. Unfortunately the Panthers front office has decided to go in a different direction at quarterback this week, giving rookie Jimmy Clausen a chance to start his first NFL game. I would stay away from Smith this week as quarterback backs don't have particularly good track records in their first NFL seasons, let alone their first games.

**WR – Wes Welker –** Wes Welker and the Patriots look to bounce back this week against a weak Buffalo team. Tom Brady was furious at the performance of the offense in the second half of last week's game vs. the Jets. You have to believe that problem will be rectified this week. The New England offense should explode this week and Wes Welker should reap the benefits and add to his team leading three touchdowns total.

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**RB – Cadillac Williams/Earnest Graham – Tampa Bay plays the Pittsburgh Steelers this week. Pittsburgh’s defense held Michael Turner under 50 yards in week one and Chris Johnson under 40 yards in week two. If elite backs can’t crack this defense, don’t expect either one of these guys to do it.

**RB – Darren McFadden –** McFadden gets to play an Arizona defense that has let up 100+ total yards of offense to opposing running backs and three touchdowm over the past two weeks. It also helps that for the first season in his young career, McFadden seems to be running with purpose and has been a top fantasy back over the first two weeks of the season.

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the system. Bush had to give up his title one way or another. The Heisman Trust (the “board” of the Heisman Trophy) and Reggie Bush were both being hedged to reach a decision on what to do with the trophy. Bush faced a one year mud; he was likely going to lose the trophy, so to take the pressure off of himself he made a solid public relations move and volun-

There are some excellent players out there, including a few who would have been a much more reasonable idea too. I’m sure there are some extra pennies from tuitions lying around. It isn’t his fault his talent is so great. Lebron James did pretty well for his high school basketball team and he was able to sign with a professional sports team after he graduated. Lebron isn’t the only all his benefits were early birthday gifts and used at a day. His rewards were for a suc-

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ful college career, he should reap the benefits rather than deny him-

self the luxury he earned himself. By getting into the University of Southern California he propelled himself to a million dollar professional career, a Super Bowl title, commercial success and a little time with celebrity Kim Kardashian. He’s somewhat of a celeb-

rity himself. He and his fellow Trojans earned a national championship in 2005, but they are now forced to relinquish that title, some wins, scholarships and more because of an ineligible player they had on the team. Every other player on the team during that time has to give up the thrill of winning the title, some “officially” lost their entire college career because of this rule. Not only is Reggie Bush losing something he earned, his football program is in a monstrous hole that may take years to get out of. Even the players on the teams have lost some-

thing to get about to their kids or to the gift at the bar. In all technicality, you, Reggie Bush did have to give up the trophy. Rules are rules, and no one can get around them. Bush is the perfect example to stop future violaters, and if the NCAA didn’t do something they would have been not only scrutinized, but every athlete and agent would use this scenario as an excuse to get around it. But somewhere within the legal ramifications, it must be alright to punish at least the player and not the entire team. Fining the school would have been a much more reasonable idea too. I’m sure there are some extra pennies from tuitions laying around.

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Field Hockey Leading Kean 3-0, Game Suspended

Red Hawks roll in first half before rain hits, game will be finished at later date

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Montclair State field hockey scored through their first half against the Kean Cougars last night, leading 3-0 before a severe thunderstorm forced a premature end to the night.

The game was suspended with eight minutes remaining in the first half. According to NCAA rules, since the game was not played to its conclusion, it will be resumed from the point from which it was left off. The date for when the game will resume will be announced at a later date.

For the 27 minutes of game action TCA was actually tied at 0-0, the Red Hawks dominated the Cougars, scoring two goals in the first four minutes of the game. Senior midfielder Diana Colombo got MSU started with a big shot from the edge of the circle, just 1:36 into the game to give the Red Hawks a 1-0 lead.

A few minutes later, Kean goalie Lauren Duble misplayed a ball, allowing it to trickle behind her. Red Hawk forward Melissa Flaherty slammed it home, making the score 2-0 in favor of the Red Hawks.

Kean would wake up defensively at that point, but offensively never put any pressure on MSU, ending only one near and not getting a single shot on goal in the 27 minutes of game action. MSU clearly came ready to play for their MAAC opener, putting up a wall for the Cougar attackers.

Just a few minutes before the rain came, MSU added a third goal on a penalty stroke from Devin McNamara to increase the score to 3-0. The team would play on for a few more minutes before rain swept across Sprague Field, sending the teams and officials to the locker room and the fans to the exit.

The storm could not have come at a worse time for the Red Hawks, who had all the momentum in their favor and will need to regroup the swagger when the game continues.

The next scheduled match for MSU will come on Sunday, when they travel to Connecticut for a non-conference showdown with Trinity College. They will return home on Wednesday, when they host Misericordia at Sprague Field. The start time for the game is at 7 p.m.

### Hagel: A Leader On and Off the Field

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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 ball down the side of the field toward the Wheaton goal, chasing a long pass. Diving to keep the ball in bounds, she managed to look back and pass 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 leader that Hagel is. A vocal leader that runs circles around the rest of the field, she has become one of the best MSU players to come around in recent years.

Hagel decided to attend Montclair State for a number of reasons. Staying close to home was necessary for her and MSU allows her to commute to school close to home was necessary for her and MSU.

Hagel entered MSU after playing field hockey in a solid program at West Essex High School, which molded her into an excellent player.

“Being close to where I grew up was crucial for me and I can share this experience with my teammates.”

Things seemed to come together 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.

“[Winning ECAC] is not like winning the MAAC or going to the NCAC,” she said. “But it’s definitely a good feeling to end your season on a note like that.”

During this post offseason, Hagel’s hard work was awarded when the team voted her as captain for the 2010 season.

“That accomplishment has turned out to be one of the biggest moments in her field hockey career.”

“It means the world to me that my teammates would vote me into something like that position,” Hagel said. “I feel like as 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.”

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**Game of the Week**

**Women's Soccer**

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 4 p.m.

vs. Rutgers-Newark

**MSU Soccer Park**

MSU looks to rebound from last week's loss to Rowan with a conference victory against the Rutgers-Newark Scarlet Raiders.

**Volleyball**

9/23 vs. RU-Camden

9/25 vs. Polytechnic vs. Brooklyn

9/27 vs. W. Conn.

9/30 at Rowan

10/2 vs. Ramapo

**Field Hockey**

9/25 @ Trinity (CT)

9/29 vs. Misericordia

**Last Week**

9/16 MSU 6, Rowan 0

9/19 MSU 26, Rowan 7

9/22 William Paterson 1, MSU 0

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