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Alpha Sigma Phi Directs Lawsuit at Student Organizations

The national organization, Alpha Sigma Phi, is continuing to threaten with an impending lawsuit in response to the continued denial of a charter for their Montclair State University interest group. The group was denied for a second time in October after it was revealed that a member was involved in a domestic dispute.

“Without hope that we do not have to actually file a lawsuit,” said Gordy Herminger, president and chief executive officer of Alpha Sigma Phi, Inc. “Our only goal is getting the students that have been denied recognition to the national organization to continue the question of recognition.”

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The SGA acknowledged the statement but said, “SGA to SDS: You’re Dechartered” in a letter that it sent to SDS.

Craig McCarthy
Web editor

As a response to the recent action of the Student Government Association, which dechartered the Students for Democratic Society (SDS) for multiple violations of university’s policy, the former class IV organization is currently in contact with lawyers to bring its appeal in front of the judicial review board, said the SDS.

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The email alerted the campus community that an extensive investigation is being executed by university police and that the Bias Response Team has also been informed.

Dr. Cole shared that those found responsible are subject to prosecution to the full extent of the law.

Lt. Keiran Barrett of university police stated, “Whatever [information] can be released was de...

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“Basically, they are trying to punish SDS for practicing our constitutional rights,” Lisa Grab of SDS said. SDS’s plan is to create an argument to the school to change current policies that it believes violate the

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A letter sent from the SGA to SDS.

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1 On Jan. 24: Brandon Trojak, 20, of Lumberton, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and drug paraphernalia while in Whitman Hall. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Court.

2 On Jan. 24: A staff member of the Heights reported an act of criminal mischief in Mille Hall. A double pane window was found shattered on the third floor. This matter is under investigation.

3 On Jan. 24: An employee of the C-Store reported a fraudulent $20.00 bill had been passed through her register. This matter is under investigation.

4 On Jan. 26: A staff member reported an act of criminal mischief inside of the Student Center. Graffiti was found written on the wall across from her office. This matter is under investigation.

5 On Jan. 26: A female student reported the theft of her iPad from her secured room inside of Freeman Hall. This matter is under investigation.

6 On Jan. 27: A staff member reported receiving a threatening note under her office door. This matter is under investigation.

7 On Jan. 27: A male student reported being harassed by his ex-girlfriend. This matter is under investigation.

8 On Jan. 28: Albruce Appesh, 22 of Haledon, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol while on Route 46. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

9 On Jan. 30: A staff member of Hawk Crossings reported seeing three individuals spray painting the dumpsters located in Lot 29. This matter is under investigation.

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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Weekend Shuttle Service Becomes Reality

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Staff Writer

The Student Government Executive Board, along with Facilities Services and Student Development and Campus Life, has been working diligently to provide students with the opportunity for expanded shuttle routes. The shuttles will bring students from campus to shops in the downtown Montclair area and Clifton on Saturdays.

The shuttles will be running to the Red Hawk Deck, Valley Road shops, Bloomfield Ave. shops, the Bay St. train station and Clifton Commons. Students tackle any chore last while utilizing an environmentally healthy approach with public transportation.

"As the need and customer request is demonstrated, we would love to add Sunday runs as well," said Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president of student development and campus life.

Students without cars will now have greater access to go to the stores, movies, restaurants or any downtown establishment they choose.

"Since I always have to ask for rides, this will be a much better change for me to get off the campus and get things down on my watch," said an Nizetar, junior. "I always have somewhere to be but never have gas money to give people to get me there. If this all works out, I will probably be taking advantage of it almost every day it's available," said Joseph Giuliana, sophomores.

Connor Broosler, sophomore, has a car, yet still sees many positive advantages of weekend shuttle services. "Being broke 59 percent of the time can put a hurt on the wallet, so my gas tank sits around the empty line just as much as I find myself without money," he said. "Whether you have a car or not, this is a great idea."

As the economy suffers from low employment and low consumer spending, this is an opportunity soon as the plan is implemented.

Continued Pain Felt Over New Roadblocks

Katie Winters  
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The administrators who are making these decisions are not going home feeling pain," said Charlene Mickle, art and design department secretary. Mickle utilizes the shuttle for persons with disabilities everyday to get from her car to Calkin Hall where she works.

Following the introduction of the roadblocks on University Promenade, the PWD shuttle stopped door-to-door service and now stops at the roadblocks near University Hall or the DuMont Center to discharge passengers.

"They let W.H. Maen, mail service and all other MUSI vehicles drive down the road. It’s crazy that they won't let the disability van down the road," said Maegan Joyce, art and design department bookkeeper.

Associated vice president of facilities services, Timothy Curley, informed members of the campus community utilizing the PWD shuttle of the change. The email states that "bollards [roadblocks] will be placed in locations around the campus to prohibit regular vehicular access to the core of campus ... The bollard installation project also means that the PWD shuttles will only be able to drive to bollard locations, not to the front door of particular buildings."

"I have trouble walking any distance," said Joyce. Both Mickle and Joyce have trouble walking and need door-to-door service because of their disabilities.

After sending emails to both President Susan Cole and Carey President, the Montclarion received no response, Joyce received a response from Michael Owen, the assistant vice president for employee relations. Owen said, "Perhaps it will be a little less convenient [than] door-to-door service, but we are confident all areas of campus will remain accessible due to the strategic location of the bollards and our pathways from those locations to the buildings on campus .... We have consulted carefully and thoroughly reviewed these changes in order to fully guarantee continued accessibility for persons with disabilities to all of our buildings on campus."

"I'm very upset the university is discriminating against disabled people in this manner," said Joyce. Mickle also feels that she is being discriminated against. "I'm very upset the university is making my disability worse," said Mickle.

Both women believe this new policy is in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. "ADA says you can't block entrance to a building," said Mickle.

"They have also witnessed one faculty member receiving a ride from a golf cart. "They should do that for everyone," said Joyce. "What’s the difference between letting a golf cart and the van drive down?"

Since the introduction of the roadblocks, some dangerous behavior has been noted. Joyce said she has seen people driving on the sidewalk to circumvent the barricade. The PWD shuttle must pull to the side of a busy road to discharge passengers. "It’s not a good spot to stop, but there is nowhere else to stop," said Joyce.

"It doesn’t seem to be a concern for the University," said Mickle. "There’s no support here."
Room Change Process Goes Online

Students given more privacy when changing rooms

Stephanie Agudelo
Soror Victoria

College students are no strangers to roommate problems. According to www.collegereviewguide.org, one of the major issues that college students face is finding a roommate and learning to deal with different living situations. Luckily, Montclair State University recognizes that this is something that many college students struggle with and provides many resources to support students.

For the past two semesters, the room change process has been operating online, allowing students to fill out a survey in mutual agreement with their roommate.

Before this process was online, the office of residential education and services would hold meetings to discuss the social climate which students who wanted to change rooms could attend and see what other students were going through. As the university’s residential population has grown over the years, the online process is much more effective in giving the amount of requests the office receives.

The department usually sees 500 requests from students requesting room changes each semester. Depending on availability of spaces, we have processed around 50 to 80 room change requests,” said Kevin Schafar, assistant director of housing and residence services at Montclair State.

“The spring room change process, which started Monday, lasts until Feb. 6. In a recent email sent by housing assignments coordinator, Renee Grant, students are asked to complete their room change request forms on time because although the form does not ask for any reasons why they are in need of a room change, all students requesting a change are encouraged to speak with their community director first. There are no requirements needed to apply for a room change request except that students who wish to live in the Village must have completed at least 50 credits.

Also, according to Schafar, “We do not have a limit on how many room changes a student can request or move.”

Although this process seems like it can only benefit students dealing with tough situations, others don’t necessarily believe that a room change should be someone’s first choice.

“I definitely think that the room change process is a positive thing. I don’t believe that a comfortable and pleasant roommate situation should hinder your ability to have a great college experience. However, I also believe that a negative situation should be dealt with the same way that for example, an unwanted roommate situation should be dealt with. The decision can’t be appealed.”

Room change processes were made online because the office of housing and residence services was not able to accommodate the amount of requests. However, other students have reacted positively to the change. “I think it’s a great opportunity for students who are living in very uncomfortable circumstances that they can no longer tolerate,” said sophomore, Haylee Lenkey.

“But I don’t think that switching rooms should be their first option. If they can help it, they should try and work with their roommate and come to some sort of agreement. The whole room change process just seems like such a hassle to me.”

The process of students requesting a room change will be any happier when they do, but it has a lot of possibilities and services its best to collect feedback from the students who go through this process.

To access the spring room change form, visit www.montclair.edu/
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If you’ve been to Montclair for at least one semester, chances are that you have had a class or two in one of those big lecture halls in University Hall. Sometimes bursting with 100-plus students, it’s impossible for the professor to call each student one by one. While some professors opt to pass around attendance sheets for the students to sign, others are trying a new way of engaging their class not only with attendance but participation as well.

The Turning Technology clicker system is the most recent form of technology that is invading lecture-sized classrooms. Used in most social science classrooms, Turning Technology clickers are a new, efficient way for students and teachers to communicate with each other.

Sociology professor Faye Allard is one of the many professors who are introducing their larger classes to the clicker system. She’s been using the Turning Technology clickers since the fall semester.

She said, “I decided to use the clicker system as I am always trying to improve the quality of my course, but this is especially the case for my large 100-plus students classes. Clickers allow me to get the whole class, even those who are painfully shy, involved in a really fun way. [They] allow everyone to contribute and feel ownership of the class.”

However, with every new technology out there, there are some concerns with working with the clicker system. For starters, Turning Technology clickers are highly expensive, costing a student upwards of about $50 for a new unit at the bookstore, as if buying other textbooks wasn’t already expensive enough. Allard gives her students a plethora of different opinions to avoid the high costs.

“Students can buy clickers direct from the manufacturer, which saves a few dollars, or they can purchase discounts from other students who have used clickers they no longer need for the MUH Student Exchange group on Facebook. [Also], ten wonderfully kind and generous students from my last class donated their clickers so that students who are suffering from financial difficulties could borrow one for free for the whole semester.” Students can find discounted clickers on Amazon and Amazon as well.

In addition to high cost, the clicker system can be a hassle in a number of other ways. Allard said, “Clickers are fairly time consuming to set up as you have to register and check each individual clicker, and this relies on students having clickers in hand on the first class. For those students who join the class after the first class, this can result in them losing a few clicker points, which cannot be made up. Also, clickers only work if you bring them to class, so invariably, every class one or two students simply forget to bring them, which means they lose points.”

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While costs may be high and some technology glitches may occur, many students find the new technology very beneficial to their learning experience.

Sophomore Brianna Cole said, “I think the clicker system is good and should be used more. It’s a great way to get everyone involved. In psychology X, I like being able to hit the clicker and have it frighten me to have to rely on technology, because I don’t know it always receives my answers.”

Senior Troy Loveland said, “I feel the clicker answering system is a good way to involve all the students in the classroom during a lecture. At the same time, however, it frightens me to have to rely on technology, because I don’t know it always receives my answers.”

Senior Jade Lashua said it all up by saying, “I think the clicker system is a great way to gather responses and class participation. It’s the way of society these days. There are no more books, technology has clearly taken over.”

Rec Center Rewards Healthy Living

Group X has marked a growing attendance since the advent of these points and now they are offering yet another incentive.

“We usually offer ‘Keep the Rolling’ for attendance, but the only difference this semester is we are doubling the rewards awarded at the Heights,” Bridget Kugou, an athletic training major and instructor of Group X, said. “Starting from the new program currently being offered at the Dinallo Heights residence hall.

The new program at the Heights has expanded Group X’s ability to hold classes, allowing them to hold classes at both the Rec Center and across the way in Dinallo.

It’s never been easier for a student, especially those living in the Heights, to begin a healthy regimen. For those students who really aren’t the “gym” type, this program is for you. Simply wake up, roll out of bed and head over to Group X. Watch the points fall off as the rewards points add up and use the points to purchase a sweatshirt in a size smaller than you were a month ago.
It's impossible not to notice the solar panels in Lot 60. The 400 solar panels, which are planned to be powered up in late February or early March, will be providing Alice Paul Hall with power.

The project, which cost nearly $1.5 million, was fully funded by a grant from the state of New Jersey. The project began last March with the designing of the panels and construction began in September.

"Dr. William Thomas, director of the Solar Renewable Energy Center, said, "I didn't have a problem with the email sent by Dr. Cole. I was puzzled by what was said in the letter was so specific. You have to take it very seriously because when there's a date saying you're going to die, anything is possible.""

"The information should have been put out when it happened on Jan. 26. There was a lot more that could've been done differently," said Perez. "I am confident that we are taking all necessary steps to ensure the safety of the community," said Pennington. "We have no reason to believe that this is a credible threat. However, we want to make the university aware of it because it is a violation of our community norms." The university held an event on Wednesday in which officials addressed safety. Perez feels that it is very important for the LGBT community to reach out to individuals of the straight community as allies.

The project began last March with a grant from the state of New Jersey. The panels will generate 200 kilowatts of electrical energy. Alice Paul resident Ruqia Khan said, "We are disquieted and saddened by actions and juvenile act to leave threatening notes like the ones we've seen recently at the LGBT Center. It saddens me that somewhere on our campus there is a person, or even people, who would do such a thing. To all Montclair students who are angry and distressed by this act, I say counter it with compassion and love."

"No one is forcing those for whom those values are contrary to be here. They are always welcome to find a working and learning environment that is inclusive, free of discrimination, bullying or harassment, and is welcoming to persons from all racial, ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds," she stressed that a level of mutual respect should be reached by all students in order to have overall success as an institution.

"We sincerely hope that this is a way to call 67283. Students can also use the confidential tips line at (973) 655-4877 or contact UPD at (973) 655-5222."
FEATURE

Winter Indi-visuals: Snowboarding Style Edition

Rediard Bradshaw
Art Director

So, Santa didn’t bring you the 40 inches of snow you asked for, so there’s not really any way to land those sick alley-oops at the make-shift ski resort by the Village. However, there is still no need to fret your snowboarding amigoes because I am dishing out some of these seasons hottest snowboarding styles to stock up on before the winter escapes begin.

Don’t bail on any of these fashions and steps in style being a tacky fluorescent highlighter, or worse! Instead of trying snowboarding looks in various vibrant colors, try animal and geometric prints that also allow you to stand out from the snow while avoiding the visual assault of other snowboarders.

Also, for those must have accesories like gloves, hats, goggles and helmets don’t be afraid to think outside the box. Graphic motifs, textured prints and fur trimmings are winter must haves!

The Jacket
- Wild Style Done Right!

If you’re feeling a little in-tune with your wild side this Nuptse Leopard print bubble North Face, created by the lovely people over at supreme, will definitely prove why you’re the king of every slope no matter the terrain. This jacket is definitely a spleague priced at $800.00, but who can really put a price on looking cool while you’re tearing up the slope?

Priced at:
$800

The Gloves - Gloves With The Midas Touch

These Celtek checked gloves from Vans add that touch of style and personality any snowboarding outfit. Priced at only $49.95, these gloves are definitely a fashion forward accessory for those backcountry snowboarding antics.

Priced at:
$50

The Boots - Suave Sophistication for Every Slope

Those chic boots have the same silhouette and function as regular snowboarding boots without forfeiting the wearer’s style. Made by New Balance, in partnership with HUF, these boots are definitely a fashion conscious snowboarders’ dream. Sadly, these boots are very rare & start at three hundred dollars, however snow.vans.com has a nice select of similar boots for less.

Priced at:
$2,000 & up

The Board - High Fashion On Deck

For those fashion week fanatics who have an abundance of disposable income I have found the snowboard just for you. Priced at $2,000, Karl Lagerfeld and the historic house of Chanel has produced a very clean board that combines style and class. With a natural finish and a very neutral color palette this board will make you stand out amongst the flop. Chanel also carries all the black snowboard as well as skis, just an FYI.

Priced at:
$300

So your significant other or family member has been trying to convince you to take a shot at snowboarding for the last few years. This is the year he or she will take you up the mountain and now you’re panicking. Or, maybe you have always wanted to channel that inner Shaun White in you and you never knew where to start.

Well, here’s the breakdown of how to get into those boots and bindings to make your first snowboarding attempt more than just putting your feet up in the lodge while drinking hot cocoa by the fire.

First off, let’s cover the physical aspect so you aren’t falling down from sheer exhaustion. Snowboarding uses your core muscles, which includes your abdominals, hips, lower back and obliques, as well as balance. This is what snow sports athletes focus on training but for starting out my main suggestion, since most of the time you’ll spend picking yourself back up and squating, is just making sure you have enough endurance to run a little. Not marathons or anything but you should be able to run at least two miles without having to stop for a smoke. Even though gravity is doing a lot of the work on the mountain, it is a workout.

So, since we have some physical ground rules to keep up with those mountain moguls, what are you supposed to wear for a sport like this, besides that funny hat that is common on the lift? An easy way to think about what layers you should have on is think “playing in snow with the ability to run.”

Start with thermal pants and shirt for your first layer. Next pop on a pair of sweatpants or your favorite flannel pajamas and two pairs of socks, one pair should be tube socks and tuck your thermals into the socks. For your top half, put on a tee shirt with a long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt on top. Waterproof gloves, jacket and pants that are lined inside for warmth are necessary, but they need to be big enough for the layers so you can move around easily. Any warm comy- bly hat will do, but you might want to rent a helmet, generally around $10, so a more traditional hat is best. Don’t worry about goggles because you won’t need them on the bunny slopes, but if it’s a cold windy day, make sure you’re wearing a face mask. Another FYI is the snow as you try to teach yourself or have your significant other teach you, which will just lead to a fight. They only cost around $40 for a good set of lens, and $50 for the lens and package, from somewhere like Sports Authority, starts at $300. If you are going for a few days, most places even have multiple day discounts as well.

Next will be your lift ticket, your ticket to a winter wonderland, be- cause they won’t let you up the mountain without one. A day ticket starts at $45 for smaller mountain like Shawnee in Pennsylvania but can be as expensive $75 at a larger mountain like Jay’s Peak in Vermont. Being a poor college student pays off though, because most mountains give a stu- dент discount, but only around ten bucks. Again, there are multiple day lift ticket discounts but unless you are determined, I’d suggest against it. You barely save any money, and you can’t predict the weather. But if you are going for a few days consider ordering online, most places take up to 20% off the lift ticket.

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Pick the resort accordingly too. Don’t go to the most popular place on a Saturday afternoon expecting to really learn. You will just be stuck in a sea of snowboarders and skiers and will be intimidated. If you are going local, head over to the Pocoree and check out Shawnee Mountain, which is a smaller mountain with fewer trails for the more advanced. If you head up to Mountain Creek, the most popular in this area, go on a weekday around lunch when the slopes are clear.

So if you have none of the clothes and can’t borrow them from some- one, you are looking around $275 to go snowboarding for the first time. And no matter what your partner says, do not try to go anywhere but the bunny slopes the first time be- cause there’s no way down but the trail.
Slam poetry has long been a site of lyrical activism. Women of color are among the most celebrated poets of this realm and have chosen to make scene wisely. Slam is characterized by its raw power as performative poetry and unabashed embrace of myriad experiences. With its authen-
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In recent years, black women have carved a niche as poets. Maya An-
gelou is one of the most decorated writers of her generation with over thirty awards. Toni Morrison was the first black woman to receive the No-
bel Prize in Literature, and MSU fea-
tures a course on her works alone. In 1991, Audre Lorde served as the State Poet of New York, and not only was Rita Dove the first African-American to become the United States Poet Laureate, she was also the youngest of any ethnicity.

Looking more broadly at the role of any ethnicity. Historically, jazz poetry has been marginalized identity is celebrated through which to proudly voice their sentiments. In slam competitions, a source of oppression. In this sense, these poets are practicing a fundamental aspect of feminism in action: con-
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Sitting with her new book Color in the Classroom: How American Schools Taught Race, 1900-1954 in front of her, Professor Zoe Burkholder passionately explains how the concept of race has changed in America. An education professor at MSU, and now a published author, Burkholder fused American history, educational policy, and anthropology to tell a story that is not well known.

“The book is interdisciplinary. It asks questions that no one had ever asked before,” she said. “It brings together three subjects that are typically separate.”

Using first-hand teaching journals to study how American schools educate students about race, Burkholder divided her findings into three time periods: the time leading up to World War II, World War II, and the time after the war until 1954.

“My main argument is that before World War II, teachers talked about race as a nation. During the war, drawing on work of anthropologists, race and color collapse into one,” she said. “In the post-war era, teachers didn’t teach about racial inequality, but they teach about cultural minorities. Race and culture conflated.”

The book’s concept stemmed from the dissertation Burkholder wrote and made into a good book,” Burkholder said. Framing the work was one of her greatest challenges because she had to include more research while cutting the pages in half to produce the 252-page book it is now.

“It makes you realize when you are writing this as a historian that you are in charge of interpreting the material and that there are different ways it can be interpreted,” Burkholder said of the challenge. Identifying as a historian more than a writer, she wanted to convey all of the information while telling a story.

“Historians are storytellers by nature,” she said. “It’s one great story with lots of little stories in it.”

Burkholder plans to continue writing, currently co-authoring a book on the history of the Civil War. “I’m just kidding,” she said. “It is possible for scientists and teachers to do research, but it brings to mind the topic at hand is a bit grim without it. In current events, we have the overexposed State of the Union address from President Obama. The President made quite an effort to bring all the scientists to his side by promising clean energy and independence from foreign oil. It’s a universe with our own red, white and blue resources. According to Obama, America is overflowing with oil, and we have an enormous supply just bubbling under the surface of our patriotic soil. He claimed we have 100-years worth of natural gas, however, it turns out that this timeline is a little shorter than he, and the Energy Information Administration (E.I.A.) once thought. Now, in order to remain neutral, I’ll stick to the facts.

It has been estimated that there was 66 percent more oil in the Marcellus shale region, where natural gas is extracted, than there is now and will be in the future, as concluded from studies conducted in 2010 and 2011. Unfortunately, this sparkling gem of oil and gas, however, turns out to be a timeline shorter than he, and the Energy Information Administration (E.I.A.) once thought. Now, in order to remain neutral, I’ll stick to the facts.

Yet, with the time that has passed since that study two years ago, the E.L.A. spent it updating its research and acquired new data that stands in stark contrast to the aforementioned. An article by Jeff Mark, a geologist, published in the New York Times, Urbanrelays the news saying, “Under the agency’s new estimates, the Marcellus shale, which was previously thought to hold enough gas to meet the entire nation’s demand for 17 years, actually contains only a six-year supply.” This is awkward, but also pretty juicy, huh? I mean, come on, that’s a really big difference. Of course, new data is constantly being acquired through studies and the amount of oil we consume is accelerating at an alarming speed, so there’s no use in repeating the past. Whether I’m worth noting that when Obama referred to us having a 100-year supply, he included data from shale (as in Marcel- lus shale) wells offshore wells and Alaskan oil wells. Despite his statement, scientists do not suggest that we should think we actually have 100 years of natural gas left at our disposal. Burtns says, “Many energy experts question these types of projections because they include substantial amounts of natural gas that many scientists and engineers say may never be tapped. Drilling proponents, including in- dustries and many politicians, tend to embrace optimistic predictions, even though estimating resources is an inexact science.” Okay, so I get it, they’re, hoping for the best right? Politicians really want those specific pieces of data to not only be true but reliable as well. That’s fine. A guy can dream. However, setting politics aside, it’s extremely risky to assume that those resources are definitive, when clearly such circumstances are so quickly disproved through the accumulation of new data. It’s so not fun when your president is wrong and you’re pushing for policy to be left圭and greatest in liquefied oil exporters in a mere thirty-ish years.

Politicians say this problem will be solved through more hydraulic fracturing, hyrdrofracking for short, or fracking for shorter. However, fracking (the process that extracts the natural gas from the shale) is kinda-nottoso-good. There are some really questionable side effects of the preco operation. The minor issue of contaminating our water supply and environmental pollution. The issue has many citizens fired up (see what the ruggedly handsome, yet intelligent celeb Mark Ruffalo has to say on the topic, ladies), which is never a good sign.

In closing, I humbly urge the government to start seriously investing in alternative energy forms like solar and wind power as replacements. If the Norwegians can do it so easily, so can we... they have their own cruise line, talk about free time.
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College life isn’t all about the classroom. At Montclair State, you can choose from over 200 exciting extracurricular clubs. Try and figure out some of the clubs and organizations!!

1. Student Organization dedicated to lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues
2. Student run theatre organization whose plays are held in the commuter lounge
3. Club Motto: "We do everything with affection of large looking man good pals of large looking man"
4. The purpose of this organization is to educate the community about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues
5. This club knows how to shred the mountains.
6. This Ministry has been here for over 40 years!
7. The nickname for the Caribbean Student Organization
8. This club is up in the ranks of Spielburg.
9. This club promotes awareness of the Indian culture by organizing events that involve both traditional and nontraditional cultural activities.
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Dylan Solcis Columnist

Jan 18, the residents of the Heights complex (a group in which I am includ-
entially) were welcomed back to campus by President Susan Cole.

My shock and excitement at knowing that I was to be chiding a group of small children than a
more like an elementary school principal. The administrators preferred to label
the residents' doors preferred to label them as the flyers posted on each of
an assembly with President Susan Cole.

I consider when she claims that “most of us”
do not deserve to be punished. — because they are crimes — deserve
I believe this is very true. While in class or reading material for
homework, I like being able to proudly
Homework and exams.

I can say with near certainty that phi

Alex Coppola, a fine art major, is in her first year as assistant opinion editor for The Montclarion.

TransCanada’s Pipeline: A Sticky Situation
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Liberal Arts Helps Your Smarts
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Steph Milot

Chief Copy Editor

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Katherine Milsop, anthropology major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

Hello fellow students!

My name is Mike McQuade, and I am PR for SPECTRUMS and a freshman.

Concerning the latest incident, I am obviously extremely alarmed. Following this tragic event, each of us must realize that the university does everything in its power to ensure that the safety and security of every student is of the utmost importance.

Just a few months ago, I made a statement emphasizing the importance of the university’s response to this tragedy.

By senior year, you know everyone and everybody knows you. Your professors are not just people you see twice a week and submit papers to but friends as well. Your advisor doesn’t just sign off on all the classes you want to take, they know your skills and try as hard as she or he can to see you succeed.

Everyone at Montclair will come together during the next week and move forward. As we approach the end of the semester, the community attended a memorial service and three funerals, canceled sporting events and posted across the campus.

This will not just pass through the community and be forgotten within a few days. The memories of friends and classmates have with Eva, Kerry and Kevin, mixed with the pain of losing them will stick with Marist throughout the semester and graduation when two spots that should be filled will remain empty.

I ask this one favor of the students at Montclair — keep Montclair in your hearts and thoughts and prayers throughout the semester.

Also, always have an emergency exit plan, stay down low since smoke rises and touch doors to see if they’re hot before you open them.

Only you can prevent forest fire... or house fires. So please be careful!

Kelyn Bortz, a broadcasting major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
Polanski’s Carnage is a Night of Insanity

A family smackdown that’s filled with laughs

Kelly McGeary
Staff Writer

What do you think happens when two seemingly normal, well-to-do young couples meet to deal with the behavior of their unruly children? A calm, rational discussion between adults about the need to discipline their children, or a chaotic night of name-calling, finger-pointing, tears and a host of vomit all before bedtime?

Roman Polanski’s Carnage answers this question with this hilarious interpretation of French playwright Yasmina Reza’s God of Carnage. Within the 90 minute comedy, two young, suburban couples turn to civil meeting about the repercussions of their misbehaving children into a chaotic brawl which includes vomit, cussing, and behavior that would make even a child shake his head in disapproval. Polanski’s star-studded cast includes Jodie Foster, Chris¬topher Waltz, Jodie Foster and John C. Reilly, each actor bringing his or her own splash of color to the vibrant plot. Wiśniowski plays the national, yet extremely tense Nancy Cowan who is married to Allan Cowan (Christopher Waltz), a gruff, ego-centric attorney whose cell phone never leaves his ear. The young couple is invited to Penelope and Michael Longstreet’s (Jodie Foster and John C. Reilly) home to discuss the aftermath of a fight between each couple’s son. Foster puts up a hysterical performance as the tense, self-righteous and highly overprotective mother whose character directly contrasts her kind, well-mannered husband. John C. Reilly’s polite hospitality is, however, pushed to its limits, leading to a complete and ap¬parently change in character.

Aside from the changed names of the couples, which were originally Alain and Annette Beille and Véron¬ique and Michel Vallon, I was thoroughly impressed by how well director Roman Polanski stuck to the original script, which was translated from French to English by Christopher Hampton. Polanski even seemed to take the written stage directions into account. Notes in the beginning of God of Carnage provide a simple description: “A living room. No realism. Nothing superflu¬ous.” The set of the film is perfectly fitting — a simple, yet modern living room. All in all, Roman Pol¬anski’s interpretation of Yas¬mina Reza’s God of Carnage was hysterical, shocking and true to the script. Although, I think I would prefer to see the ridiculous actions of the ruddy couples on the stage rather than on screen. Maybe soon we’ll see our own MSU actors perform this unpre¬dictable comedy on stage — that’s a hint to all of you aspiring actors and directors!

Hip-hop’s new wild card, Danny Brown.

Danny Brown has that one thing that every artist wants: individuality. With a foul mouth typical of any urban MC, Brown has solidified himself as a stand-out gem with his permed hair and chipped front tooth that, oddly enough, adds to his husky mystique. In hip-hop, where rappers have recently traded in their lyrical skill for ma¬rketting gimmicks and fashion sensa¬tion, Brown is one of the golden age of the MC may have a much-needed revival. A Detroit native with a few stains on his record, Brown has reached a peak in his acting like over the Inter¬net that has gained him some major buzz in the press. Brown is a true original, a prototype, if you will, for what the future of hip-hop music will look like. In 2010, Brown released The Hybrid, which showcased his one-of¬a-kind infectious flow. With his punchy delivery and hypnotic metaphors, Brown is definitely the artist to look out for on the Fool’s Gold re¬cords roster. Rapper/mogul 50 Cent had the chance to sign Brown, who sadly didn’t fit the hardcore image of G-Unit — your loss, 50! Down¬load his new mixtape, XXX, at www.foolsgoldnyc.com

Not completely the fresh¬est face on the scene, Lana Del Rey has been singing and writing melodic tracks since 2008 under an array of pen names. It wasn’t until 2011 when Del Rey released her haunting ballads, “Video Games” and “Blue Jeans,” that she received some ma¬jor attention for her signa¬ture look and vocal tone. Del Rey quickly received comparisons to singers of decades past, but one comparison to recently-deceased singer Amy Winehouse left a not-so-pleasant taste in many listeners’ mouths. With her recent perform¬ance on SNL receiving some harsh criticism and her “not-so-natural” lips getting more attention than rapper/ singer Nicki Minaj’s derri¬ver, Del Rey is proving that that old saying is true: “All publicity is good publicity.”

Many people are talking about this New York song¬stress, who is enchanting and rugged, dainty and dan¬gerous. She is quickly mak¬ing her mark, thanks to this year’s release of her sophis¬ticated album, Born to Die, that has garnered major praise in the press. If you’re looking to add some sugar and spice to your playlist, Miss Del Rey is the “It” girl for the moment.
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The Power of Love

February 5 • 3:00pm

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*Undergraduate students at MSU receive one ticket at no additional charge to every event through the Performing Arts Fee with their valid student I.D.
Speaking Through Silence presents an excellent event last Thursday. For anyone unsure about what a poetry slam is, it is when individuals perform long poems, one part per round — there is a total of three rounds, and each poet is judged for each part, rather than the poem as a whole. The poems could either focus on one particular subject or contain elements of several subjects.

For those who missed it (hopefully you will make it to the next one), here is a rundown of the themes tackled:

ROUND 1:

- "Our Country:" Whilst our nation protects our country, there are serious flaws. One in the military can bring pride, but it can also bring heartache because the chances of a soldier returning from war is slim.

- "I Can't Be That Kind of Girl:" This was written about an author's friend whose inability to speak her mind was hurtful. Specifically, this piece was a deeper than a regular friendship, and the author could not understand how the author could make ends meet to care for family and loved ones. In other novels, freedom is not free!

ROUND 2:

- "Nerds:" Be proud of your nerd status, especially if it is not from random actions and exploitation. If a man cannot accept your "nerdiness," then he is obviously not worthy of your time and energy! Nerds of all sorts will forever make their respective marks in this world. Also, "geekdom" is not limited to love of Star Wars, anime, video gaming, computers, Harry Potter and the like — being a nerd about anything will work wonders.

- "I'm Your Slang Mother:" This title is ironic because this author ridicule/s frowns upon the use of slang and forms of street talk, including phrases such as "What's poppin'?", which are often misunderstood.

ROUND 3:

- "Unconditional Love:" A mother's love allows her to hide from pain, rejection, etc. If one cannot stand up for what she or he believes in, then he or she is virtuously dead.

- "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste:" If one cannot stand up for what he or she believes in, then he or she is virtuously dead. "Back of the Bus!" Though this phrase was once an insult, it has now turned into a popular catchphrase. Nowadays, many who voluntarily sit in the back of the bus feel superior.

- "Real Women:" Sadly, some men cannot appreciate a woman who is unfazed to speak her mind and be honest.

- "Salted Pepper:" This foreshadows the end of this world. The use of slang and forms of street talk, including phrases such as "What's poppin'?", are often misunderstood.

Aaron Marte

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The Montclair State University ice hockey team found itself on another road trip this semester, visiting Western Connecticut State University on Saturday, February 18, and then Temple University the following day, before returning home for a trip into Philadelphia on Sunday, February 19.

After a one-day break, MSU was playing back on the bus for a trip into Philadelphia, who found himself in the penalty box for another road trip this weekend to secure a win in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:37.89. Teammate Jacky Moore helped the team to a 1-2 finish in the 500 freestyle and for the women’s team to their fourth win of the season and for the women’s team to finish the season on a high note and ride off of turnovers in the first half.

Unfortunately, the women’s basketball team was not able to extend their winning streak to seven games after two back-to-back losses against the Roadrunners on Jan. 24 and 26. The Red Hawks went up against Boston College on Saturday of last week, but in the end, goalie Kevin Fox came away with his first shutout of the season, with just one SECHL game left in the regular season. The Montclair State University men’s hockey team fought its way back from an early deficit to take the lead in the last minute of the game, but in the end, goalie Kevin Fox came away with his first shutout of the season.

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Theresa Towns is currently averaging 10.6 points per game, Towns is third in the team in scoring with 222 points and leads the team in steals with 51. Towns is also averaging 2.5 assists and 3.6 rebounds per game.

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The Red Hawks and the Pioneers kept pushing each other to their limits. Within the last five minutes left in the game, the Red Hawks had a much easier time dominating in their last-minute push for the NJAC title. The Red Hawks extended their win streak to seven games after two solid performances against conference rivals, Ramapo and TCNJ.

The Red Hawks went up against the Roadrunners on Jan. 25 in the Panzer Pool at 1 p.m. and will be the final dual meet of the season before they travel to Rutgers University for the Metropolitan Conference Championship on Feb. 17-19. The Red Hawks will be making the meet against William Paterson a charity event. In a “Swimmers Go Gold” event, all proceeds will go towards research for pediatric cancer.

Women's Basketball Continues to Dominate Late Season

The Red Hawks are still fighting for playoff spot in a tightly-wound NJAC conference.
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Super Sunday that really matters. Not at all. I watch the Super Bowl for the actual game, not any of the sideshows surrounding it. Though I do enjoy the crazy commercials that air during the game, they are not the reason why I immerse myself so deeply into it. I will probably spend halftime talking to my friends or consuming half my body weight in chips, pizza and buffalo wings. Afterward, I will return to watching the game, the only show on TV. I know some people that are excited and some people that aren’t. Personally, I don’t care that Madonna is performing. I watch the halftime show for the entertainment, not for the artist. The only thing that matters is that the artist puts on a good show. I don’t care who does it. Unlike a lot of people, I don’t watch the Super Bowl for the halftime show or the commercials. I actually watch it for the football. The halftime show is the least of my concerns. The general audience may enjoy seeing Madonna during the Super Bowl halftime show. It’s the only game of the year that people watch without having to care as to what’s transpiring on the field, thus the big name performer that doesn’t spark any interest in the adrenaline and testosterone-driven football fan. Maybe we’re all hoping for another wardrobe malfunction, but, overall, this halftime show should have never been touched for the very first time.

**Who’s Hot This Week**

**Andrew August**
Forward — Men’s Basketball
August scored a team-high 26 points in Tuesday’s 68-57 victory against The College of New Jersey. With that, August moves into first place as the NJAC conference overall leader in points and points-per-game with 190 points and 21.1 points-per-game, respectively.

**Kelsie Donahue**
Sophomore — Women’s Swimming & Diving
Donahue was stellar in Montclair’s overwhelming victory against Ramapo. Kelsie won three individual events and contributed to the 200 meter medley relay victory. She won the 100 meter backstroke with a time of 1:03.64, the 200 backstroke in 2:16.29 and the 500 meter freestyle in 5:37.69.

**Game of the Week**

**Women’s Basketball**
Saturday, Feb. 4 @ 3 p.m.
vs. Rutgers-Newark

The Red Hawks will face NJAC North rival, Rutgers-Newark, with second place on the line. The Scarlet Raiders are one full game in front of Montclair in the NJAC conference. If they win, the Red Hawks would secure second place in front of Rutgers-Newark by half a game.

**Who’s Not This Week**

**Jay Meina**
Assistant Sports Editor
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**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Are you excited to watch Madonna during the Super Bowl halftime show?

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**Last Week**

2/4 @ Boston College 3:15 p.m.

**This Week**

2/4 vs. Rutgers-Newark 1 p.m.
2/8 vs. NJCU 6 p.m.
Teams Set to Face-off in Giant Rematch

The New York Giants and New England Patriots will face off in Super Bowl XLVI on Sunday, Feb. 5. New York has won the last two meetings.

Jay Hrina
Assistant Sports Editor

3. Career: No lawyer could successfully argue that Tom Brady shouldn’t be in the Hall of Fame. The more difficult question to answer is whether Brady deserves to be named the greatest quarterback in the history of the NFL. Eli Manning is a great quarterback, as well. He was the number one overall pick in the 2004 NFL draft and has exceeded everyone’s expectations. Both are prolific playoff quarterbacks that thrive in what we would say is a pressure situation, but no one performs better each game than Brady. Brady treats each game as if it were his last. Aside from the ridiculous stat lines he can accumulate, Brady makes each pass seem effortless and is guaranteed to make the right play in every situation. Interceptions are either great plays by the defense or miscues by the offense—very rarely are they his fault.

Edge: Brady

2. Mentor: Bill Belichick was wise to select Brady with the 199th overall pick in the 2004 NFL draft. No one thought anything of the pick until Brady led the Patriots to a Super Bowl victory in just his second season. And while “Belicheat” is a genius in his own unorthodox ways, he wasn’t able to accomplish anything without his superstar quarterback. Tom Coughlin took a newly created Jacksonville Jaguars team in 1995 and led them to the AFC Championship Game a year later in 1996. He’ll shake your hand at the end of every football game and will sincerely admit that the other team deserved the victory. Prima donnas like Tiki Barber, Chad Ochocinco or Albert Haynesworth have no place on his roster. He’s authentic and raises his players to be men, rather than athletes. If you wanted to follow the right way and the right attitude to make without all of the flashy hand signals. If I had to settle for Manning as my franchise quarterback, I would be ecstatic; he has everything you want in a starting quarterback and plays the game with the ability to not only outplay the opponent, but outsmart them as well. He’s a true professional and won’t cause any problems on and off the field. Both are model citizens and ideal role models for your children. Neither would be a poor choice and the odds are pretty close, but if my job were on the line, I would rather go all in with Brady.

Edge: Brady

4. Overall: If I had to choose one of these players to lead my team, I would have to pick Brady. There is an overwhelming confidence that you are going to win every game he plays. When opposing fans look at the schedule, they assume the Patriots match-up is a loss. There is no such thing as a comfortable lead when playing against him. As smooth as Manning is, a few of his passes may go in a different direction than originally intended. Brady’s accuracy is pinpoint and he will capitalize on every mistake the defense makes, regardless of how small it may be. He’s a celebrity lifestyle, has a supermodel wife and would have no trouble getting just about anything he wants. He’s adored by women and envied by men. But if you were to ask Manning what he thinks about all of this, he would just smile and say, “So what?” He’s happily married, has plenty of money and is content with the way he does things. He’s confident and really doesn’t care about what anyone else is doing as long as it doesn’t affect him. Their personalities are genuine and fit perfectly with their character, but because of how different they are, it’s hard to say who has the better overall personality. They’re both awesome.

Edge: Both

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