Hate Messages Reach New Heights

Hateful and derogatory messages targeting African-American women were found on the door and walls of a suite in Mills Hall, located in the upper Machuga Complex of the Heights. The incident was reported at 10:33 p.m. by a student staff member of residential education and services, according to sources. The hateful messages came just hours after a peaceful day of unity was held on campus in support of the LGBTQ community.

Lt. Kieran Barret reports, “We met and provided campus resources to the victims in this case of criminal mischief and bias intimidation.”

“In addition, the bias-response task force has been alerted for a comprehensive victim and community response to the incident,” he said.

Since the initial report, police have been working on the hour investigating this crime, working with the Passaic County prosecutors office.

Students have reacted with clear vehemence and disgust, feeling unsafe and rattled from this second incident.

“I think it’s really scary how someone could, you know, threaten a community like the black community, especially after the whole LGBT thing was so huge,” said student Chelsie Cain. “It’s just, are they doing it for attention? Is it really a threat? I don’t know how to feel. It’s very unsettling.”

When the instance occurred, pictures of the door immediately surfaced on the web. African-American students expressed their frustration at the situation and planned a rally at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday and declared that they would wear all black to represent the message that “black is beautiful.”

“I would just like to say that what happened last night will not be accepted at Montclair State University,” said Dontae Booth, organizer and speaking representative at the rally.
Pelican Police Report

February 9, 2012

On Jan. 30:
A female student reported being harassed by a known male via Facebook and Twitter. The victim declined to file charges in this matter.

On Jan. 30:
Charly Carelus, 23, of Orange, was arrested on outstanding warrants out of Union Township. He is scheduled to appear in Union Township Municipal Court.

On Jan. 30:
A staff member reported an act of criminal mischief inside of the women's bathroom inside of the Student Center. Graffiti was discovered inside of one of the stalls. This matter is under investigation.

On Jan. 31:
Seb Pennington, 26, of Morristown, was arrested on outstanding warrants. He was released on bail and scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

On Feb. 1:
A male resident reported the theft of his secured bicycle from a bike rack located at the Heights. This matter is under investigation.

On Feb. 1:
A female resident reported damage to her parked vehicle in Lot 45. This matter is under investigation.

On Feb. 2:
Juan Otalbaro, 29, of Hawthorne, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on Route 46 East. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

On Feb. 2:
Ali Hammoudeh, 21, of Paterson, was arrested on outstanding warrants. He was released on bail and scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

On Feb. 2:
An act of criminal mischief was reported at Hawk Crossings. Graffiti was found spray painted on the stairwell leading to Clove Road. 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.
One of the most-discussed subjects in recent weeks has been the administration's disregard for the university senate and students in positions of leadership around campus. While Rutgers students do have the right to speak at these public meetings, they are not allowed to speak at these public meetings. Two students are elected to sit on the University's Board of Trustees and the Student Trustee sits on Board committees and are free to speak at the public meetings. Cole added, “The president of the Student Government Association has the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees twice each year. It’s a chance to tell our story.”

The unity at the school this week is not the first protest to attract the administration’s disregard for the public. One such incident involved students sending numerous letters protesting by taping dollar bills over their mouths for the entirety of the public meeting. In December, students protested for the right to be heard, Cole argues. “Two students are elected to sit on the University’s Board of Trustees and the Student Trustee sits on Board committees and are free to speak at the public meetings. Cole added, “The president of the Student Government Association has the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees twice each year. It’s a chance to tell our story.”

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The University Health Center has added to the list of weekend activities and services offered at the university. As administrators continue to implement policies geared toward encouraging students to remain on campus, they have expanded their efforts into health services. Beginning Feb. 18, students can receive services through UHC in Blanton Hall, on Saturdays for non-urgent visits. Preliminary discussion on the issue began last semester. With the campus a mixed bag on the last weekend of each semester, it has to temporarily keep Webster Hall open to remedy an overcrowding of students into on-campus housing. It has become apparent that the university is feeling a quick rise in the residential community.

In an effort to curtail students from packing up on the weekends, the university had looked into offering health services to students in conjunction with various other services, to promote a campus-friendly environment.

Integral in the effort to push this idea forward, the chair of the student affairs committee of the SGA, Chris Pennington, noted that the university is feeling an overflow of students into on-campus housing. As administrators continue to implement policies geared toward encouraging students to remain on campus, they have expanded their efforts into health services.

In the back of every student's mind, there was an inkling of belief: what would happen? Would all the worries of the school be swept away?

The idea of having students and faculty, many of whom were tiring signs, spreading glitter, or representing Students for a Democratic Society. They gathered in front of the student center to take part in singing and dancing.

“I think it shows that the police take things seriously and they support the community as well. I just think that it's important that we stay positive and respond in a positive way and get back to business and move forward, keep going,” said Jill Whittaker, a graduate student.

The issue of staff members available to offer the necessary services to the student population became one of the administrators concerns. “Current staff will adjust their hours during the weekends,” she said.

In the past, students who needed weekend medical care were forced to look off-campus for that aid. “Students who need medical assistance on the weekend will be able to seek help here on campus, rather than at an off-campus site or emergency room,” Pennington added.

Many gathered in front of the student center to take part in singing and dancing.

“Whatever the administration receives for responses to things that benefit our university community, we are happy,” he said.

This initiative benefits commuters as well. Commuters will have an additional opportunity, at no additional cost to students and no increase in health services, to seek medical assistance on the weekend, if necessary.

Administrators noted that it was not necessary to hire any additional staff and cost was minimal because the current staff will work on Saturdays.

Jill Whittaker, a graduate student, is frequently on campus on Saturdays. “Even though I don’t live on campus and don’t have a car, I’m not sure the convenient factor will be appreciated by students.”

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Francesca Scirocco, president of The

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The rally was held from 12 to

4 p.m. on Tuesday. Throughout the
day, students and faculty could lis-
ten to people speak, watch the Play-
sers perform and write positive mes-
sages in chalk all around the quad.

Among the speakers were mem-

bers from the Christian Fellowship

and SPECTRUMS. Alan Akins, the

president of SPECTRUMS, was

just one of the many speakers at the

rally. “Today, the overwhelm-

ning message is unity,” said Akins,

inspiring the crowd. “As a commu-

nity, we acknowledge that we are

all human beings.”

Aside from members of various

organizations, President Susan Cole

delivered an inspiring speech. “You

cannot let one stupid person who scribbles on a wall come even close to touching the strong and confident core of yourself,” said Cole, to the approving cheers of the crowd around her. “If you do, you win. It is they who should be fear-

ful, not you. The person who wrote those words is the one with the problem, not you.”

Members of The Planet also

thanked Dr. Karen Pennington,

vice president for student develop-

ment and campus life, for showing

her immense amount of support

and helping them plan the rally.

Throughout the rally, many chants

also united the crowd as one, with

such sayings as: “What do we want? Equality. When do we want it? Last week.”

Many of the students who came

to show their support at the ral-

ly considered the event a success.

“I thought the rally was fantastic,”
said Michael Notarnicola, fresh-

man. “The presentation of speakers

was awesome.”

“I was surprised by how organized

the event was,” said Kevin Young,

freshman. “Also, lots of people were

there wearing their purple.”

Later in the day, a candlelight

vigil was held. The ceremony began

at 8:30 p.m. and was also held in

the quad. Nearly 50 students came

out to show their support.

“The vigil was more of a reflec-

tion,” said Scirocco. “We based it

more off of the LGBT memorial that

was held for Tyler Clemente at Rut-

gers. The idea was to have a peace-

ful conclusion to the day.”

The Rally for Unity was a suc-

cess. “I want to thank all the stu-

dents who showed their support,”

said Scirocco. “It shows that MSU

is really a community. The entire

campus is taking action. I’m really

proud to be a Red Hawk today.”

The next day, students rallied

again in front of the Student Center

in response to more hate messages

that were posted in the Heights the

night before. Despite the frigid air,

many met to speak freely and con-

inue the conversation about the

need for change.

Dr. Susan Cole and Dr. Karen Pennington were present.
The University increased its security measures after the threats to the MSU community. The university administration was held yesterday to discuss safety and this occurrence. An emergency meeting was held by student organizations at 8 p.m. in Dickson Hall, which focused on discussing actions taken thus far, grievances and proposals for what next steps should be taken. Groups that attended included SPECTRUMS, NAES, Phi Sigma Sigma, Feminization, SGA, ROTC, Psychology Club, SDS, The Planet, Smile Station and WMSC radio. Proposed ideas included a student escort service, improvements to the freshman seminar class to include sensitivity training and work to deliver messengers that counter hateful messages, emergency protocols for people working with organizations and more town hall style meetings.

While campus officials inform students that the grounds are safe and monitored, some feel more comfortable going home on the weekends. This situation only adds fuel to any feelings of hesitation. In response to this, residential education and services can only offer support in this time of limbo while investigations continue.

"This is now a police investigation and our staff will be full supportive of this investigation and participate willingly," said Dominie Petruelli, executive director of residential education and services. "This is an incredibly unfortunate incident and I would like to echo the president’s remarks stating hate has no place on this campus." Later on, an email sent by Petruelli encouraged students who are in need of a time to talk to attend Let’s Talk! meetings which will conclude the day, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center; and 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Center for Student Involvement; Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in Morehead Hall and 6:00 p.m. in Morehead Hall and Fridays, from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Bohm Hall.

These recent events have raised questions about the safety of campus. While the university may disagree, some believe there is a need for security cameras and continued extra police presence.

"We would say that [having cameras on campus] can be a useful tool that we can use in investigation," said Barrett. "This particular threat is not date- or violence-specific, but that doesn’t mean we don’t take it seriously by any means, but what it does do is we don’t have any specific time like we did let’s say we had with our LGBT threat. And that means we don’t know if there was going to be a specific threat."

One resident of the suite, Tannia Linton, expressed her frustration at the incident. However, she was not available for interview.

If students have any information relating to these incidents please contact the university police at (973) 655-5222, or the Confidential Tip Line at 973-655-8477, or utilize the Hawk Eyes witness tip by sending a text message to 67283 from any mobile device.
Seeking a job?

Jacqueline Lemon

Most students come to college in hopes of eventually securing a job, however, an increasing number of students are struggling to find their future after college. Alana D. FPSW, a music education and philosophy major, says, “To prepare myself for my future, I’m working hard in all of my classes, and I’m also trying to find ways to get students and help out in schools in any way possible.”

Oliveia McRae, an accounting major, says, “Because the economy isn’t always a golden ticket to a successful career. Some may think it is more about networking and building successful and established contacts.”

Walsh also claims that college is how we prepare ourselves to get a career. However, to some, college isn’t the only answer.

In an article by Bryan Walsh published in TIME magazine called “Who’s Bankrolling the Climate-Change Deniers?” Walsh states that as recently as 2008, climate change denial did not exist. In fact, it was even accepted by Republicans as a legitimate scientific claim. Now, 2012 has the Republican Party whistling a new tune called “Climate Change Isn’t Real (We Didn’t Do Nuthin’).”

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Climate Change: Shun the Non-Believers

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Walsh also claims that climate change is not a sunny topic, and neither is pollution, both of which are things that people disclaim our part and with the amount of research and the mood for all y’all to stop using gas or filling up those clean-ups with the same ardent fervor that people discretion our part in global warming. Additionally, what’s more is that just convincing isn’t as strong as other environmental acts are, environmentalism.

The changes must occur at a legislative and corporate level, which aren’t immediately obvious to the public. There is no instant gratification for our good deeds when we write letters to our congressmen, and without that, the pull to stop global warming isn’t as strong as other environmental acts are, simply because it isn’t as empowering or satisfying for us to do them. And the apocalyptic tone of climate change overrides any of those small tasks many people do because in reality, they don’t even make a dent when the solution to the problem is changing huge policies through our governments.

In conclusion: the whole thing just really hasn’t worked. We don’t believe that de-
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Liu Sisie Doyle

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What’s the first thing you notice about the characters? Their clothing choices reflect their personalities and roles within the story.

What’s the first thing you notice about the costumes? They are well-crafted and period-appropriate, enhancing the story’s historical setting.

What’s the first thing you notice about the makeup and hair? The styles and colors are consistent with the period, adding to the realism of the scene.

What’s the first thing you notice about the lighting? It’s soft and warm, creating a welcoming and intimate atmosphere.

What’s the first thing you notice about the set design and props? They are thoughtfully arranged and detailed, adding depth to the scene.

What’s the first thing you notice about the dialogue? It’s engaging and evocative, capturing the characters’ emotions and motivations.

What’s the first thing you notice about the direction? It’s focused and deliberate, guiding the audience through the story.

What’s the first thing you notice about the cinematography? It’s visually striking, highlighting the story’s key moments and themes.

What’s the first thing you notice about the sound design? It’s immersive and atmospheric, enhancing the overall experience.

What’s the first thing you notice about the editing? It’s fluid and effective, keeping the audience engaged and invested.

What’s the first thing you notice about the acting? It’s powerful and emotive, bringing the characters to life.

What’s the first thing you notice about the story? It’s compelling and thought-provoking, inviting the audience to reflect on its themes and messages.

What’s the first thing you notice about the production? It’s high-quality and well-executed, ensuring a memorable and enjoyable experience.

What’s the first thing you notice about the overall production? It’s a powerful and inspiring piece of art, sure to move and uplift its audience.

What’s the first thing you notice about the setting? It’s a vibrant and diverse community, providing a rich tapestry of culture and history.

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What’s the first thing you notice about the dialogue? It’s witty and clever, offering a unique and entertaining experience.

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William Adams
Valentine’s Day

Love is in the air and Valentine’s Day is right around the corner! Solve this lovely crossword puzzle.

Across
1. Typical Valentine’s Gift
2. Typical color of roses
3. Popular symbol for Valentine’s Day
4. Feeling of deep affection
5. Cupid shoots
6. The next big step in a committed relationship
7. Famous Valentine’s candy
8. Color typically associated with this lovely day
9. The famous baby archer
10. Month Valentine’s Day

Down
1. Greek Goddess of love
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Dilemma - at closing time

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TOONS & GAMES

Last week’s Answers
Put Your Adult Pants On

How do you measure a hate crime? Where does it fall on the spectrum of petty misdemeanors to serious crimes?

According to Montclair State University’s administration, it apparently falls somewhere in between saving face by showing support through unity rallies but not quite actually making the changes necessary to create a safer campus for all students regardless of race, creed or sexuality.

Before you jump to conclusions, we all know change doesn’t happen overnight. After all, it has been our country’s motto ever since the 2008 presidential election slogan “change” promised us expectations of immediacy but left us wanting for more, faster.

But even global warming policies and the country’s rising unemployment numbers seem more like trivial annoyances when faced with death threats on our own campus.

There’s a matter of urgency here and it makes rallies with cheering, flag waving and well-written speeches seem kind of… hollow.

We had one day of unity, but did it change anything? Would a week?

We’re not calling for vigilantes, masked or otherwise, but it is time to put on our adult pants and take matters into our own hands. We are all adults here, or at least developing into the people we will be as adults, and we need to take responsibility for our actions and those around us.

You see, right out of the 12 months of the year, Montclair State University is the home away from home to over 3,500 students ranging from first-year freshmen to super seniors and the school away from home for another 15,000 commuters.

We have put our trust, whether consciously or subconsciously, in this institution to provide us with the best possible education (for the money), the opportunity for social and personal growth and the safety and security to achieve these modest goals and graduate with all of our limbs intact.

Maybe this unusually warm winter weather has upset the balance of the universe and, just like the geese who have arrived to terrorize campus sooner than planned, coaxed the crazies out of hibernation.

Then again, maybe it was just someone’s really bad week (though that would make me seriously afraid of midterms).

We at The Montclarion assume, with uncharacteristic optimism, that only a very small percentage of the student body are the bigoted lunatics that have been bullying campus this week through various acts of vandalism.

We want to take this opportunity to remind the MSU community that we have a dedicated and capable University Police Department that is committed to the safety and security of all campus members and guests.

They provide an escort service as well as a GPS-assisted tracking application called Mobile Guardian that provides voluntary monitoring of movements from one area of campus to another. If a person does not reach their intended destination in the period of time specified, an alarm is sounded in police headquarters and police will respond to the user’s location.

Whatever the cause is for this sudden outburst of violent hatred, it needs to end now.

One hate crime in a week is terrible, two is outrageous but three is just plain embarrassing.

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Do You Feel Safe On Campus?

Minelle Gaya
Sophomore
Fine Arts

“No, it’s a little unsafe.”

Pat Golden
Sophomore
Undeclared

“Not really. It’s scary that it’s happening like that and that there are things going on here. I didn’t think it would happen at this school.”

Alexandra Dadon
Sophomore
Violin Performance

“I’ll be honest, I do. I have faith in our police force and our security around here. I’m a little concerned, but I don’t feel like my life is in danger.”

Sam Saez
Sophomore
Graphic Design

“Not exactly with the notes and the bomb threats and someone’s door was written on basically saying ‘you’re gonna die along with the gays.’ A week ago I felt perfectly safe, but two days ago, poof! I saw cops and snipers… it was bad.”

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Students Speak
Alzheimer’s Breakthrough Tracks Disease Progress
Researchers discover progression of degenerative disease

He Wants More for the Money
MSU students given scraps while TCNJ students dine like kings

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The vacant look in a loved one’s face can come to try to remember a name is becoming all too familiar in the minds of the world. To the Alzheimer’s Association report, 35 million people struggle with the disease in the U.S. alone. 103 billion U.S. dollars have already been spent providing care, but no treatment has proved effective so far in curbing the disease. This is due to the way the testing has been conducted. Two different thoughts on how the disease is spread have been circulating within the scientific community: one that it spreads in weakened parts of the brain and continues to do so, the other believes it starts in a centralized location and spreads from there. The latter theory is a subject of a paper published on the online pre-review journal site plos.org, researchers from Columbia University Medical Center have found with data that seems to support the latter way of gauging the disease.

In a 22 month long study that mimics the early development of Alzheimer’s disease for the year 2025, the researchers at CUMC have noted a spreading of the abnormal tau protein associated with the disease — that stems from the entorhinal cortex, a part of the brain implicated with memory, where the protein begins to develop in people.

They found that the protein spread through the symmetrical nucleus of the brain and to other parts of the brain. The progression follows the progression of Alzheimer through its various stages.

Along with the tau protein, another irregular protein is more closely linked to Alzheimer’s amyloid. Hilberts, the center of Alzheimer tests has been on this protein, PET scanners and imaging agents have been targeting amyloid but have ignored tau. This study may lead to increased focus on tau, which although appearing only in the later stages of the disease, may nonetheless be seminal in the search for a treatment. The researchers also involved in other kinds of dementia such as fronto-temporal lobe dementia, Parkinson’s disease and Lewy body dis-

Along with the new found focus on tau, imaging devices that can detect entorhinal cortex damage will be particularly helpful in detecting and combating the disease.

The importance of the findings is that if we can detect the disease earlier, when it’s first detected in the entorhinal cortex, then it would prevent the spread-

In regards to "Students for a Democratic Society Must Quit"

"Well I am sorry you feel that way. But as far as I know, we are the only ones who are trying to challenge the administration and press on important issues where other groups merely conform. We are not afraid to challenge and fight for what we believe in, even if it means risking our jobs for the victims of our poor economy."

- Chris

In regards to “Night of Insanity”

"After reading your review, Kelly, I just looked forward to seeing the movie."

- Anonymous

In regards to “Bars Get Burnt”

"No, what MSU should do is run the bars and restaurants and provide a variety of options as well as a convenient night life for students."

- Jo Freda

In regards to “360° to SDS: You’re Being Bullied”

"It may be beneficial to you and to SDS members if you came to a meeting or our table and talked with them on why you think it’s childish. Maybe they will have a chance to fully explain their beliefs and create some jobs for the students as well."

- Aldo

In regards to "Saga to SDS: You're Being Bullied"

"You have a chance to fully explain your beliefs and create some jobs for the students as well."

- Alum

In regards to "MSU Students Given Scraps While TCNJ Students Dine Like Kings"

"And could someone tell me, once and for all, if they’re putting lattes in our food?"

- Dylan Sid, an English major, is in his first year as a columner for The Montclarion.
The Montclarion Foundation puts politics before progress, endangering uninsured women’s rights and sexual awareness

Susan G. Komen’s March Against the Cancer Foundation puts politics before progress, endangering uninsured women’s rights and sexual awareness

VINCENT ROMANNUOLO COLUMNIST

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the wake of the civil unrest in the Middle East over the past year, common citizens search for a safe haven where they can disconnect from the clutches of unruly riots and demonstrations along with the subsequent government retaliation. This phenomenon is prevalent in areas where there is a put at ease through emotions immersed in soccer and football matches, evoking such a beautiful game?

The political situation in Egypt following this disaster has not only battered the mindset of its citizens but mechanized another turn of the nova on the already vulnerable Middle Eastern nation.

The drive of this story is potent, espes from the riots and its politics hits close to home on a not so farfetched note. With the Super Bowl being one of particular popularity around the world, soccer (as it’s called in this part of the western world).

Due in large part to the Egyptian socce riots that took place this past week between two soccer teams, Al Masry in the city of Port Said, it has become even more apparent that soccer festigation does still exist, and it has sparked a controversial debate in this, a country striving for some political resolution.

The mere fact that “discard” fans are able to manage a match at a soccer match opens the floodgates to discussion of what was really the target of this riot? Are people emotions and full- fledged hatred towards rival teams capable of evoking such death and harm?

Was it to send a national nessage from the government through the lurkumine draw of the beautiful game?

Side Story parking lot throw down, but the underlying problematic factors of eco- nomic hardship and political uncertainty remained entrenched in the crowd as we watched from our HD TV at home.

To address your article on the recent attacks in Egypt, I am not saying an extreme should ever be met in the same context as Egypt, but all eyes will be focused on the motives of the rioters. One consequence, both politically and socially.

The sheer obsession that the public has for sports in this country can most certain- ly correlate to a positive manipulation of a political agenda to cater to sports enthusi- asts, and their political significant.

Thus, the Egyptian soccer riots have not only sadly written another dark chapter in a country’s history but raised world awareness once again regarding the politi- cal motives of the country.

Egypt has created a perspective through sports where public interest towards a country’s political situation can be voiced, whether violent, as unfortunately seen in this case, or peaceful.

The brutality experienced in these riots would never amount to as large an outburst here in the states, but the use of sports to its actions. Americans sounds like a catchy way politics canøre themselves into the public’s hearts.

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The Montclarion Mailbag

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Business Manager

The Montclair State Theater Department is presenting Shakespeare’s most famous play, Romeo and Juliet, at the Fox Theater today.

The production is directed by Peter Zurzolo, and the show is absolutely stunning. The classic tale of love that has lasted still runs strong with excellent performances by Tony Knotts as Romeo and Shannon Sullivan as Juliet.

The story of two cross-cursed lovers could not be portrayed any better. A solid cast of some of Montclair State’s best actors has made Romeo and Juliet a must see for anyone. The production value for the show is Broadway worthy from its lighting, live composition, and outstanding performances from its supporting cast. The level of drama derived from its actors is more than commendable to any theater enthusiast.

An excellent job has been done by fight choreographer Dan Rosskin for epic and heart-jolting fight scenes. The most notable fight scene between Mercutio (Alejandro Hernandez) and Tybalt (Tony Knotts) will keep you on the edge of your seat. Hernandez’s performance was incredibly fluid in his recitation of some of Shakespeare’s greatest lines, and his portrayal of Mercutio’s death leaves you breathless. The emotion of this cast makes you forget you are watching a staged production at times. They reenact the gripping acts of this turbulent love affair brilliantly. The costume design leaves for a more modernized interpretation and adds to the timelessness of the tale of young, hopeless love. The music is performed by a live band with impulsive timing, adding pivotal moods to intense scenes. The lighting was spotty at times. However, the crew really picked up during crucial scenes such as the tragic suicide of Romeo and Juliet, which was masterfully portrayed by Knotts and Sullivan. The production team has a professional tone, which really amplifies the performances by the actors. The Montclair State University Theater Program is arguably one of the most overlooked features at MSU. Yet the level of talent truly shows why the MSU theater department is among the best acting programs in the country.

Romeo and Juliet plays at the Fox Theater on the Montclair State University Campus at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 9, 10, 11 and 12 with free admission for students and a fee of $15 for non-students. Get a little more cultured and watch this show.

Ernest’s Grade:
4 out of 5

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Artist Spotlight

Azari and III: Who says HOUSE is dead?

Azari and III, a Canadian quartet, produces pulsating dance tracks that are easily reminiscent of the underground New York club scene of the early 90s. In a time where music is filled with personal agendas and satanic propaganda, this group infuses all about: the dance floor.

With songs that infuse love with passion, Azari and III have been giving the fellas in the game some competition, but no one has been receiving some major viral circulation.

Newcomers like Azealia Banks, who usually is seen wearing wigs of various lengths and colors. DJs Dinamo Azari and Alexander III accompany the four, rounding out the artistic group that always delivers a deep message in their trancy tunes. Their tunes are built with real-time vocals along with guitars, pianos, synthesizers and bass. Their shows have been incredibly successful. "212" dropped, this powerful single was incredibly popular, introducing Azealia Banks to the music scene in a major way with the release of "Bad Girls," her first single off her fourth studio album, due out this summer. The Moroccan desert is a brilliant background for her flock of dancing beauties garbed in graphic burkas & stunning BMW vehicles! Azealia proves yet again why she is mainstay music’s best-kept secret.

This year is definitely the year of the female MC! There is no denying that since the success of New York rapper Nicki Minaj, an array of female rappers/singers have been receiving some major viral circulation.

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Weekly Artist Spotlight:
Rashard Bradshaw
Asst. Arts Editor

Video of the Week: M.I.A.'s "Bad Girls"

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Maccabees Deliver Tantric, Electro-Indie Vibes

Given to the Wild is an unexpected joy

Kelly McGeary
Staff Writer

picture this: you’re alone and outside in a cool, dark forest in the middle of the night. It is peaceful and mysteriously serene as you gaze through countless tree branches to the night sky and into a deep, indigo sky scattered with stars. Now, what do you hear through the darkness?

I hear the tantric, electro-indie pop rock sound of the new Maccabees album, Given to the Wild. For the third album for the London-based group, the Maccabees have fine-tuned their punchy, indie-rock sound to cultivate this intriguing new album. The album has taken a sharp and direct turn from their usual sound. In fact, the two minute instrumental prelude, “Given to the Wild (intro),” draws in the listener in a completely different manner than in their first two albums. The hypnotic electronic sound softly and smoothly sets the mood and leaves you wondering what the hell will happen next. This strange calm-before-the-storm opener transitions right into “Child,” which elaborates on the prelude, adding clear vocals to round out the full electro-symphonic sound. Upon hearing the first few songs, I wondered if I would grow bored of the tantalizing and tantric noise paired with pop-rock percussion, but I was thoroughly impressed by the variety of the album. The boys incorporate intricate time signatures, catchy melodies, addictive gang vocals and unexpected instrumental, which add an interesting yet unconventional quick to their indie-punk sound. Highlights from the album include “Ayla,” which features a fantastic arpeggiated piano introduction paired with a simple but epic set and trumpet feature, “Pelican,” which was the album’s debut single back in December.

While listening to Given to the Wild for the first time, I experienced something very strange. Coming from a hard day of writing, working and epic adventuring, I fell asleep with my head next to my laptop and the music filling my ears. The music on the album quickly turned into the soundtrack that narrated my dreams, leading to quite an interesting and fast-paced journey. Yet, this trippy dream sequence seemed extremely fitting in correlation to the Maccabees sound.

No, I am not gushing about hearing British boy bands in my dreams, but I am merely referring to the dreamy, psychedelic sound quality that the album possesses. I highly recommend this album to all indie-rock lovers who are looking for a fix of the melodically unorthodox. I did not expect to enjoy the synthesized sounds of the Maccabees but was extremely pleased with its balance between electronic sound and elements of indie-rock with a touch of tantric eclecticism.

Kelly’s Grade: 4 out of 5 Stars
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On Sunday night, I was at a friend’s apartment in Harlem watching the triumphant victory of the New York Giants with a room full of fans, jumping, hugging and high-fiving each other.

I jump now to the Upper East Side, where my father was leaving happily from a different, higher-end party. According to my father; he was sitting in the 98th Street station waiting for an uptown six train.


When people talk about Super Bowl rings, they don’t talk about how well both teams played, or about how they lost to their most hostile rivals. When people talk about Super Bowl rings, they lose to their most hostile rivals. They talk about the Buffalo Bills’ Scott Norwood, the placekicker who went wide right in an improbable 47-yard field goal that would have propelled them to victory. Almost all odds in Super Bowl XXXVII in 2003 were on the New England Patriots, on their way to becoming the second team ever to have a flawless season. The NFC Playoffs leading to that game had all four analysts on Fox Sports favor the Patriots. The only nod the Giants received was from comedian Frank Caliendo.

When people talk about the immortality of Phil Simms. Since winning the first Super Bowl in 1987, from the behemoth stadium and five Super Bowl rings. If the Giants get another one, they’re 763 saves. Kevin Fox — 763 saves. The Red Hawks only have two nine wins, three losses and two ties. The New York Giants have only had one Super Bowl in which they were favored by Vegas: their only Super Bowl in which they lost to their most hostile rivals.

The New York Giants have been doing the exact same thing. I only bring this whole ordeal up because the day after the Giants’ nail-biting victory, the only thing Yahoo!, Jay Leno and the analysis on ESPN have talked about are how the Patriots lost. All anyone can talk about is the Hail Mary pass to the end zone in the last two seconds of the game. At ESPN talked about was how Pats tight-end Rob Gronkowski almost caught it, even though it bounced off the ground before he could see it. But what’s this? Tom Brady’s trophy wife, Gisele Bündchen, is screaming at the ground before he could see it. But what’s this? Tom Brady’s trophy wife, Gisele Bündchen, is screaming at the Pats’ wide receivers for not catching the ball? Why is this so surprising? Thousands of Giants fans had to have been doing the exact same thing.

The Giants’ presence in the NFL East is probably why they are ignored. All after, for some illogical reason, the Dallas Cowboys, “America’s Team,” are in the same division, with their behemoth stadium and five Super Bowl rings. If the Giants get another ring in the near future, they should be ignored no more. Hopefully, next time they are in the Super Bowl, they won’t be facing the Patriots again.

Fans Ignore a Giant Threat

Nick Taylor
Assistant Copy Editor

Hockey Falls to Boston College

Steve Ricci
Sports Writer

When the Red Hawks (4-6-3) score three or more goals in a game, their record shows they are a strong team to face. They have nine wins, three losses and two ties with a total of 20 points in 15 games. This was not the case when they took a five-hour road trip up to Boston College to face the Eagles last Saturday. Mountclair State University’s defense did not seem to be on its game and took a long trip home thinking about their 5-3 loss. After Brian Manning scored his first goal of the year to give the Red Eagles an early 1-0 lead at the 13-minute mark in the first period, the defense seemed to shut down and the Eagles’ offense took advantage.

Boston College scored a late goal with three minutes remaining in the first to tie it and took full control of the game in the second. With three straight goals and four unanswered, the Eagles took a 4-1 lead into the third. With only 32 seconds passing in the third, captain John Tully put the puck past BC goalie Ryan Polischuk to pull the Red Hawks within two. Another goal by the Eagles midway through the third all but sealed the deal even though Nick Lieback put in a late goal as we like to call it, making the final score 5-3 in favor of Boston College.

The Red Hawks only have two games left in the regular season. Montclair State is set to go on the road to face New York University on Friday, Feb. 10 followed by a home game against Northeastern University on Saturday, Feb. 11. The Red Hawks are currently tied for fifth place in the SECHL with New York University. Last time the two teams met on the ice, NYU walked out of Fordy Hall with an 5-4 win over MSU. The Red Hawks plan on going to NYU and averting their loss earlier in the season.

Remaining Schedule
2/10 8:30 pm @ NYU
2/11 9:10 pm vs. NU

Honorable Mentions
(L) BC 5, MSU 3

John Tully — 1 goals
Nick Lieback — 1 goal
Brian Manning — 1 goal
Tyler Timke — 1 assist
Cody Inglis — 1 assist
Nick Lieback — 1 assist
Joseph Redmond — 1 assist
Michael Philpott — 1 assist

2011-12 Stats
Record: 10-9-4
Cody Inglis — 16 G, 14 A
Albert Abaunza — 8 G, 14 A
Nick Lieback — 8 G, 12 A
Doug Kubek — 2 G, 13 A
Joseph Redmond — 7 G, 7 A
Tyler Timke — 6 G, 8 A
John Tully — 6 G, 7 A
Sean Mertens — 7 G, 5 A
Robert Hayden — 6 G, 10 A
Thomas Lindquist — 6 G, 6 A
Kevin Fox — 763 saves
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Montclair State attempts to end season with three-game win streak

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Thanks for leaving your car here last night and not ending my family’s lives.

Maria Punjabi

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When you win a championship, it makes you the team to beat. Everybody will be going after you. Nothing bothers a team more than seeing another team win multiple titles in a row. The Green Bay Packers had a shot at winning another title and almost had a perfect season. Teams are always out to avenge a loss that ruined their shot at the title. After winning the big game, you put a huge target on your back.}

Of course it does. Everyone wants what you just earned: a championship. They yearn for the respect and celebrity that comes with such a huge victory. Teams are going to base their off-season and regular season results off of what you have accomplished. You’ve set the pace for next season. Teams will pride themselves in taking down the champion and will play their game against you with much more intensity because every team plays the game for that top spot.
Man, oh Man, oh Manning
Eli Manning named Super Bowl MVP for the second time in the last four years

Maybe it’s because Tom Brady doesn’t mind giving the Giants a two-point head start or his sudden knack at missing wide-open receivers, but Brady isn’t the magician he once was. That unbeatable aura that intimidated every opponent facing the Patriots has vanished and now belongs to the world champion New York Giants.

Even with one of the greatest quarterbacks and the assistance of the second-best receiver of all time, Randy Moss, the Patriots have only been able to muster one win against the current Giants regime.

The Giants nearly ended the Patriots’ perfect season during the 2007 regular season finale, but fell short with a 38-35 final score. Eli Manning and Tom Coughlin could have been 4-0 against the Patriots, but the Patriots were destined for perfection and were in love with the fact that the Giants were the only team standing in the way of winning the Super Bowl.

They underestimated the Giants and their inability to take them down may have inadvertently given Manning, and most likely Coughlin, a spot in the hall of fame. Scratch that; Manning and Coughlin earned their way into the hall of fame and left the world wondering why no other team could stop the Patriots like they can.

The Patriots can certainly call the Giants their daddies. It’s easy to see why. When the Patriots make mistakes, it leads to the Giants scoring points and when the Giants make mistakes, it also leads to them scoring points—see Ahmad Bradshaw’s sitting touchdown.

Manning’s accuracy is flawless, though the fact that his receivers hold onto the ball doesn’t hurt. He threw a perfect pass to Mario Manningham, who made a spectacular catch that set the Giants up for a huge drive. New England can’t compare. Aaron Hernandez, Wes Welker and Deion Branch all had key drops for the Patriots, all of which came at the worst time (it’s only half Welker’s fault). Madonna nearly fell on stage and M.I.A. flipped off the nation during the halftime show, but those weren’t the only things that were fragile during this game. Brady was sacked once near the end of the third quarter and there were questions whether he hurt his shoulder.

Manning takes shot after shot in the pocket and pops back up as if it’s routine. No one questions his toughness or his competitiveness. Though, to his credit, Brady didn’t publicly complain after the game, but that’s why he has his wife. Brady “can’t pass and catch the ball at the same time,” Brazilian model, Gisele Bundchen, said after the game.

Clearly, she showed everyone why she makes her money with her body and not her mouth. While she does have a subtle point, no one has had a better legacy than Tom Brady. But that’s how these spoiled, selfish people think. It’s as if she’s never seen her husband make a mistake.

Last Sunday was a day for everyone associated with the Patriots organization to fall back down to Earth. This is what it’s like to be mortal.