SGA Election Results 2012

Caught Pumping Petrol

More Changes Coming for Residence Halls

Usually used to fill University service vehicles, Andrew August was caught taking gas from the pump located across from the Red Hawk Parking Deck.

Andrew August, former men’s basketball captain, is facing charges of third-degree theft of university property, according to authorities. An NJCA all star, August is described by teammates as someone who has done great things for the athletic program.

According to University Police, “On March 13, University Police received a report that a person was reportedly filling his per-
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Blanton Hall will be available for use as a residence hall for the fall semester, promises the Montclair State University administra-
tion, but some students have doubts that renova-
tions to the building will be completed in time.

As the housing selection period continues, many students who have yet to select housing for the incoming year still do not know which residence halls will official-
ly be available in fall. How-
ever, like last year, many students are anticipating

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Pelican Police Report

On March 8: Student William Walker was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for his involvement in a physical dispute inside University Hall.

On March 12: An employee within College Hall reported harassing phone calls to police. Case is under investigation.

On March 15: Non-student Jeffrey Freitas was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated within the New Jersey Transit Parking Deck. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls municipal court.

On March 16: Graffiti was placed on the exterior walls of Dickson Hall. Case is under investigation.

On March 19: A non-student of MSU and a student of MSU were involved in a verbal dispute in parking lot 60. Both parties declined to pursue charges.

On March 20: A professor reported that an individual interrupted her class while it was in session in Dickson Hall. Case is under investigation.

On March 21: A female student reported that her iPad was stolen from University Hall. Case is under investigation.

On March 22: Two students and one non-student where involved in a dispute at the Red Hawk Diner. All parties declined to press charges.

On March 25: A staff member of Capstone reported an act of criminal mischief inside of Gibson Hall. A window was broken inside of the building. This matter is under investigation.

On March 26: Michael Price, 20, of Scotch Plains, was charged with defiant trespassing. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls municipal court.

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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President
George Juzdan is happy to have been appointed as the new SGA president. A 21-year-old junior and business major with a concentration in accounting, he was the vice president of the student government for the 2011-2012 year. He is also the president of Phi Alpha Psi Senate. Juzdan strives to unify the campus and serve the students to his fullest potential. “I hope to have all the students of Montclair State University be aware of the SGA and the services we provide,” said Juzdan. He loves the feeling of home when he steps onto campus, but he dislikes the parking at MSU. Juzdan wants students to know that the SGA is here to serve them and represent them as a whole.

Newly appointed Vice President Anthony Pizzuta is ready to get to work for the SGA. He is currently an SGA legislator and president of the rugby club. A 20-year-old junior, Pizzuta is a mathematics education major. He is also involved in the Rugby Club and the Phi Alpha Psi Senate. His goal as vice president is to unite the campus community and get as many students as possible involved in some organization. Pizzuta loves the diversity of the students on campus, but dislikes the parking situation. “The SGA’s purpose is to serve the students,” said Pizzuta. “Tell me or someone else involved in the SGA if there is anything you would like to see on campus.”

B.O.T. Alternate
Kyle Bunting is ready to work as the student representative on the Board of Trustees. Bunting is a sophomore with a major in political science, as well as minors in Arabic studies, communications and public administration. His goal is to be a voice for the students. “I will voice their concerns to the Board itself,” said Bunting. “I will also try to have the students submit speeches to me to submit to the Board so they can appeal directly to those who make the changes.” Bunting’s favorite aspect of MSU is all of the people “as well as the gym, of course!” he joked. Bunting wants students who have a problem on campus to come by his office so he can try his hardest to help that problem get resolved.

Secretary
Newly appointed Secretary Vanessa Devericks is currently the president pro tempore and a 21-year-old junior. She is majoring in health education with a public health concentration. Devericks is also a sister of Delta Xi Delta sorority. Devericks describes her platform as passionate because she is passionate about the students, organizations and MSU community and will dedicate her time to address and resolve concerns within her power. “In obtaining executive secretary, I want to hold organizations accountable,” said Devericks. “This means that I want to work with organizations to help set them up for success by evaluating their goals and having a customized action plan to deliver their full potential.” Her favorite thing about MSU is the opportunity to be involved.

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Treasurer
Mark Ruff can now add SGA executive treasurer to already being the treasurer of SGA programming with SLAM and being an admissions ambassador. A 21-year-old junior, Ruff is a double major in math and business. He is hoping to encourage all students to get involved on campus and to have an open-door policy to all organizations and students. He will also continue to maintain the SGA budget to benefit the students to provide programming, ultimately is giving back to the campus community. Ruff loves the diversity of the campus body here at MSU, but dislikes how some students say there is nothing to do on campus. “I will continue to strengthen our campus by continuing to unify our community,” said Ruff. “I will prove that MSU is a place that all can call home.”

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2012-2013

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830 Votes

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416 Votes

Vanessa Devericks
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The upcoming changes in the new school of communication and media curriculum are confusing some students about which courses they need to take for the fall semester. Communications chairperson Dr. Harry Haines urges them to meet with their academic advisers. Haines said the most "essential" action students must take during this transition is for them to meet with their advisers or it will be a "grave disadvantage" for them in the long run.

Lacey Arnold, a junior in the broadcasting program, said, "As a student already involved in one of the three majors, I have the option to merge into the new school or to continue along my path as simply a broadcasting student. I choose the simple stay in broadcasting path." Students with less than 70 credits in communication studies must meet with their adviser in order to migrate to the new department. If the student has more than 70 credits, they will remain with the old program, but still must meet with their adviser.

"I'm looking very forward the new department," Zuleyka Acevedo, a prospective communication studies student said. "But I am really confused about what courses to take, especially with registration coming up." Janet Wilson, department administrator and admission coordinator, said students in the major received an email that has the "specific process for advising." Students will also be "advised about the change in course coding," which is beneficial to students to see if their old courses add up to any major credits.

The classes students take are going to be determined "by the degree and concentration that they choose," Wilson said. There are two things one must bring when meeting with an adviser: an audit/analysis of one's academic progress and a "cheery disposition," Haines joked.

The academic advisers are readily available to meet, as they have goals to meet with each and every one of their students. Haines assures that talking to the advisers is "not going to slow down" graduation plans for juniors and seniors, but rather allow or help them to understand the new department at the university.

"It is one of the most important academic projects in the U.S.," Haines said. With 40 years of experience in teaching in public and private institutions, he believes that reinventing the department is the most exciting project he has yet encountered. There will be a new BFA in communication and media arts. This will offer the same core classes but with new concepts and methodology. The students will have a choice of the areas in which they will concentrate, such as creative/conceptual, critical/analytical and applied/production.

Reinventing the curriculum took a total of three years and will finally be executed in the fall semester. On-campus information sessions will be scheduled in the future for both faculty and students.
Kony Sparks Activism Across Campus

Joseph Kony has raised an army of child soldiers and sold females into slavery. The vice president of CCAT, Dan- ny Velez, is adamant that minor actions in everyday life can aid in curbing the exploitation of people. “As much as we try not to believe it, we all indirectly support exploi-
tation here in the states and abroad simply by the clothes we buy, the gas we support, the food products we buy and eat, the technology we use and the list goes on,” he said.

Of course, he is referring to im-
porting items, such as shoes pro-
duced by slaves in other countries, as a form of economic support. “By teaching others the role we play in exploitation, we can then begin to educate ourselves and help stop the disease in our soci-
ety.”

If a student is looking for a way to help, improve, learn and/or educa-
te their community and the world we live in, this organization is a great start to advocacy.”

Joseph Otero, a political science major, is sympathetic to human rights causes. “I’ve been study-
ing issues like this for a while now. Whatever support I can lend, whether it is boycotting certain goods or helping fundraises, will go a long way in the grand scheme of things,” he said.

CCAT is holding the First An-
ual Human Trafficking Train-
ing for Community Collaboration on March 30 in Whippany, N.J. More information can be obtained through their Facebook or Twit-
ter. Meetings of CCAT are held ev-
ery Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the

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Our Guide to Housing:

-Check your email to find out your date and time for picking your hous-
ing for fall 2012.

-When it’s your designated time slot, log into rms.montclair.edu and select the housing you want.

-Want to room with a friend? Make sure you both put each other down as a preferred roommate when you enter RMS!

-Don’t forget about the meal plan! Meal plans include the classic block plans that use swipes and the constant pass that allows unlimited ac-
cess to the dining halls. Add Red Hawk Dollars and Flex dollars for an extra price to use at places on campus such as the bookstore, the Rat or the diner.
Donor’s Heart Saves a Young Life
Families meet for the first time in Bermuda

Katie Winters
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Ten percent of Americans aged 15 to 24 commit suicide every year. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students. The sisters of Delta Xi Delta, with help from the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP), came up with the idea for the campus walk. “I’ve struggled with it day to day,” said a 23-year-old senior psychology major from Paramus, N.J., who is a director of the walk. “I knew that’s what Dakarai would do, I would feel a little better knowing if we were able to save somebody… it would be worth it.”

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The walk kicked off at the Student Center Quad and continued around the campus. According to AFSP, warning signs of suicide include observable signs of serious depression such as: losing interest in normal activities, hopelessness, desperation, anxiety, psychic pain and inner tension, withdrawal and sleep problems, increased alcohol and/or other drug use; recent impulsiveness and taking unnecessary risks; threatening suicide or expressing a strong wish to die; making a plan including giving away prized possessions, sudden or impulsive purchase of a firearm or obtaining other means of killing oneself such as poisons or medications and unexplained rage or anger. People interested in volunteering or organizing a walk in the area can contact Yinnie Saulino at afspnj@gmail.com to know that the gift that we did give is outstanding and people are unaware of how personal it can be, it can affect everybody every day,” said Miller.

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Families meet for the first time in Bermuda

The Miller family posing with Dakarai’s parents, Donna and Stephen at Dakarai’s orig. Photo by Steve McCarthy.

The Tucker family posing at Dakarai’s funeral at Warwick Academy. Photo by Steve McCarthy.

You wouldn’t know it by looking at him, but four years ago, junior Ryan Miller needed a heart to save his life.

When Ryan was 16, his life was flipped upside down when an x-ray revealed that what he initially thought was a case of pneumonia actually was a condition called non-compaction cardiomyopathy, an enlarged heart that can’t pump blood effectively.

“People aren’t aware that it could happen to anybody. I was a normal kid, two weeks later I needed a heart transplant. The need for organs and organ donation is outstanding and people are unaware of how personal it can be, it can affect everybody every day,” said Miller.

The Tucker’s share the same need for raising awareness. Their family has a history of being donors and saving lives. Two of Dakarai’s relatives that died before him donated their organs.

“I know that somebody is going to benefit, and it’s going to carry on your loved one’s legacy, most people really see their loved ones, who they want that done,” Tucker said. “I just want to remind everybody out there to know that the gift that we did give was something that we received from our heart and from our love of Dakarai.”

Check out themonthclarion.org for pictures and video of Ryan’s meeting with the Tucker family in Bermuda.

Becoming an organ donor is completely free and can be done online at https://emvc.state.nj.us/ or by calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or CAPS at 973-655-5211.

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It's finally the time of the year again when the flowers begin to bloom and the leaves come back to the trees. Make this spring and summer one of the most enjoyable by planting a garden. Not the common garden with only flowers and vegetables, I'm talking about a medicine garden.

When it begins to get warm out, insects annoy us and sometimes even sting us. However, by planting medicine flowers in your garden you can help alleviate the stings and burns. This year grow your own pharmacy in your backyard by planting some useful medicine plants.

The first plant you should plant is known sage. Sage is derived from the Latin, which means to heal. The sage plant is a great medicine plant that helps alleviate insect bites, infections and even indigestion. This plant can also be used as a cooking herb.

Secondly, you may want to consider planting tea tree. According to altmedicinezone, tea tree has many uses, such as treating acne, insect bites, minor burns, warts and athlete's foot.

We can save money and time by planting these useful herbs and plants and save ourselves a trip to the doctor and the pharmacy. The next plant, known as great yellow gentian, will help do just that. Save a trip to the pharmacy because this plant can help treat a vast majority of digestive problems, and it is widely used in today’s medicines. This plant may be bitter but has many useful and profound effects. According to altmedicinezone, great yellow gentian helps relieve exhaustion from chronic diseases; it stimulates the gall bladder and liver and at the same time strengthens the body.

While most of these medical plants may not be the prettiest they do have numerous beneficial effects on the body. If you are the type of person who loves colored flowers, echinacea may be right for you. This medical plant is “considered to be one of the world’s most important medicinal herbs.” In addition, it has a beautiful and colorful look.

Then, what exactly makes this plant the most important herb? The answer is that it has an abundant amount of uses. It can help treat sores, burns, wounds, allergies, insect bites, stings and even snakebites. Furthermore, echinacea helps boost the immune system that can help fight off summer allergies, which may include hay fever.

Is there a plant for those who have high cholesterol levels? Yes, ginseng is the popular medical plant that can help promote general health. According to altmedicinezone, “It helps reduce cholesterol levels, improve your immune system and stamina and helps treat lack of appetite and sleep disorders.” Ginseng is used in hand creams and ointments. It is a very common plant and is something you would want in your garden.

Take advantage of this summer season and turn your backyard into a pharmacy. Grow your own medicine and help alleviate bee stings, mosquito bites, burns, allergies and many more health problems.

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Google’s Watching
Google’s new privacy policy has users concerned

Sophia Chavez
Staff Writer

Will you jump on the Google wagon or off?

Google is probably one of the biggest and most popular search engines of our time with over one million servers and still counting. To name a few numbers, there are “more than 120 million Chrome Users (up from a billion in 2009)” and according to Google’s timeline “More than 300 million people visit the blogging site every month.”

Many are concerned with Google’s new privacy policy. Advertisements on Facebook, YouTube or any other website catering directly to our tastes and hobbies have made numerous feel “watched.” Our information is collected and many are unhappy about it.

Despite trimming our policies in 2010, we still have more than 70 privacy documents covering all of our different products. This approach is somewhat complicated,” says Alma Whitten, Director of Privacy, Product and Engineering on the official Google blog off Blogspot.com. Even with the changes, Google still will not be housing everything under one policy.

Effective as of March 1, the policy goes into detail about information you provide and with your permission, Google can share your information with companies.

It essentially states that if you are signed in, Google will combine information you have given to other Google services.

Google even has released a video explaining all the positive aspects of the new policy on Youtube.

Michael Oudshoorn, Chair of the Computer Science Department at MSU said, “I’m not doing anything exciting on the internet, I don’t care if Google knows what I’m searching. If they are trying to sell me stuff online from what I searched who cares. If it gets personal and I get junk mail that’s a different story. There’s a benefit in making your life easier. I’m sure Yahoo is doing the same thing, but they’re just doing it under the radar.”

Google’s video focuses on combining gmail, search, Youtube and calendar. Comments on the video range from the shocked and disappointed of “this sucks” and “I’m deleting my account” to people who claim Google has “always” been watching.

Students at MSU are also on the fence about how this will effect their internet use. “I don’t like Google’s privacy policy. It’s great for business because of the ads. However it is creepy and makes you wonder what else they are recording,” said Elena Badillo, communications major.

The reactions aren’t only from regular consumers.

The White House disclosed a new Privacy Bill they plan to set in motion, The Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights, which aims to protect the consumers privacy while they search the internet.

“They are freaking out because of the media. The general public wants things a certain way but don’t understand that data needs to be collected for that to happen,” said Oudshoorn. “The SOPA act, when the government tried to push through it became a very public battle in the press. There is a lot of politics going on. Both sides have points to be made and each side will provide their half of the story.”

Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler and attorneys general from 35 other states sent Google letters stating their uneasiness with Google’s new privacy policy, feeling that the policy gives Google too much power to track people. (USA-today)

What the Commerce Department wants to accomplish with this Bill is the consumer’s “right to exercise control over what personal data organizations collect from them and how they use it.” Commerce Secretary John Bryson said.

“The government is clearly demanding information too, they already know what’s going on. Whether you opt in or out the government will still have that the information will be there and available to them,” said Oudshoorn.

“While I don’t agree with google’s method of using information I also don’t think I’d be comfortable with the government getting involved,” Elena Badillo said. “Who knows what they are doing behind closed doors.”

In the end, even if you don’t use any Google account to search the web, information still will be collected of you but won’t be as safe as you’d want it to be.

“It’s not just google who keeps track of stuff, it’s the advertisers as well. The Ad’s let’s say runs javascript. They can use a cookie to put some software on your machine to keep track of all the websites you visit. When you see that Ad again they can upload that list from your machine,” Oudshoorn explained.

Regardless of opinion or any sort of resistance to Google’s new policy, what you want to keep private will always be difficult even if the Consumer Privacy Bill were to become a law.

The question that remains though is will Google’s new policy have success or will the fear of privacy deteriorate their users? On the wagon or off?

According to whitehouse.gov, “…the Commerce Department will begin convening companies, privacy advocates and other stakeholders to develop and implement enforceable privacy policies based on the Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights.” In the end, after March 1, Google’s policy is in effect.

The Seven Rights included in the Bill are:

• Individual Control: Consumers have a right to exercise control over what personal data organizations collect from them and how they use it.

• Transparency: Consumers have a right to easily understandable information about privacy and security practices.

• Respect for Context: Consumers have a right to expect that organizations will collect, use and disclose personal data in ways that are consistent with the context in which consumers provide the data.

• Security: Consumers have a right to secure and responsible handling of personal data.

• Access and Accuracy: Consumers have a right to access and correct personal data in usable formats, in a manner that is appropriate to the sensitivity of the data and the risk of adverse consequences to consumers if the data are inaccurate.

• Purposeful Collection: Consumers have a right to reasonable limits on the personal data that companies collect and retain.

• Accountability: Consumers have a right to have personal data handled by companies with appropriate measures in place to assure they adhere to the Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights.

(Taken from the Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights, available at whitehouse.gov)
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You may be wondering why the 30-year-old air conditioning units in Mallory Hall are slowly falling out of their window frames or how the roof of the Student Center Annex could possibly be collapsing after we've spent so much money on new building projects.

As is the case for many of us these days, money is a little tight at MSU and the institutional wallet is straining for cash.

For those of you who are new to campus or walk around all day staring at your feet, Montclair has been changing rapidly. Over the past decade, the school has seen major expansion with the addition of Kasser Theatre in 2004, University Hall in 2006, the Student Recreation Center in 2008, CarParc Diem in 2010, the Heights complex in 2011 and, most recently, Schmidt Hall. These additions have been generally well received, but money doesn't grow on trees and, after all is said and done, we still need to be able to maintain the structures that we have built.

Luckily our benevolent governor has proposed a reconstitution of New Jersey's higher education institutions that would break up the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, giving Rutgers University a medical school and cancer institute in the New Brunswick area, at the price of surrendering its Camden branch to Rowan University.

The intention is to create excellent schools that can outperform their top competitors and draw in the top students and educators from outside of the state, as well as for recognition. But how does this help us? It doesn't.

New legislators are fighting for funding that would have otherwise passed right over North Jersey schools like MSU, William Paterson and Ramapo.

The new plan proposed by New Jersey legislators will provide as much as $3.5 billion for public colleges and universities state-wide, $268 million of which will go to Montclair for building projects. Though it is a step in the right direction, it still falls short of the $400 million we need for capital improvements alone.

It seems that every time we read about Governor Christie, he is trying to cut essential funding from the state budget. Obviously you need to spend money to make money, but leaving a third of the state out of the plans seems consciously elitist in a way that we would only expect from Scrooge McDuck with bills in his eyes.

In mathematical fair division, one is forced to make the assumption that all of the players are acting rationally, but that is rarely the case in real life. In real life, we need to not only weigh the worth of the available resources to us but also be conscious of the biases that shape decision-making in order to end up with a proportional division.

Montclair State University is the second largest university after Rutgers and constantly battles for the number one state university spot but its reputation pales in comparison to the school that has arguably become the face of New Jersey higher education.

Leanna Grennan

“I think everyone has the natural right to be healthy and that it is the obvious way for everyone to be healthy.”

Mark Ludas

“I don’t know specific details but I think that forcing someone to buy into it is taking away their freedom and it doesn’t totally make sense to me.”

Francis Colombo

“The whole healthcare plan is atrocious for our country. First of all, it’s not sustainable for our country since we are already $15 trillion in debt. Furthermore, we were founded as a country where everyone would survive for themselves and now we are switching to a centralized economy which has been causing the European crisis for the past 24 months.”

YooRae Choi

“Coming from someone that doesn’t have healthcare right now and neither does my family, if, by 2015, healthcare became affordable to everyone, then my viewpoint is simple. I have no problem with it because everyone has the right to live and to be cared for.”
A Broad In Florence: The Fetch Europeans

Or, how I stopped caring and learned to embrace Euro-culture

Kelyn Bortz, an English major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

When I was 11, I was watching a television show that taught life lessons like Hey Meets Alice. Full House and Mister Higgins’ Neighborhood. Even cartoon shows from the ’90s, like Hey Arnold! and Doug, provided some sort of order to childhood.

I was watching them now, they seem a little cheesy, but at least I was learning something.

An organization called Kidshealth feels that, “TV, in moderation, can be a good educational tool.”

But have you ever found yourself sitting in front of the TV, watching cartoons on the evening news? No doubt about it — TV can be an excellent educational tool, but we don’t always realize it. Some kids even watch shows that do in fact, educate, or is it all just for fun?

Besides the headlines developed from watching too much TV or being on the computer, children are also missing out on an important factor in their children’s socialization.

How do kids even go out and play together anymore? There are so many distractions out there.

Of course, we have probably all heard the studies that children watching ABC or the Hunger Games for being “too violent,” but do they really see what their kids are watching and doing anything positive for children, or are they only harming them?

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In regards to "Would You Tell A Surgeon How To Do Surgery?:"

"Would you tell surgeons how to do their jobs? Of course not. But jour-
nalists? Let's not compare apples to

Ahprel Pheoul, an astrophysics major, is in his first
year as a Communications student at the College. He works part-
time for The Montclarion and is currently a member of the Student Government. He is interested in science fiction and enjoys reading science

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This past weekend was indeed a happy Hung- er Games for all after the first installment in the highly anticipated film adaptation of Suzanne Collins’ young adult book trilogy managed to rack in $155 million, breaking the record for the third high- est grossing opening week- end of all time for a film. Collins, along with direc- tor Gary Ross, co-wrote the screenplay for the film and with a large cast full of many talented actors, The Hunger Games did not disappoint. Dystopian post-apoca- lyptic society, Panem, which is made up of 12 districts, is run by a corrupt government that forces each citizen to follow their ways. To show how they have power over the citizens, every year, two children from ages 12 – 18 are picked at random from each district to participate in The Hunger Games, a tele- vised battle to the death from which the winner is chosen. Katniss Everdeen, played by Academy Award-nomi- nated actress Jennifer Law- rence, volunteers as tribute to take her 12-year-old sis- ter’s place and is forced to participate with fellow Dis- trict 12 tribute Peeta Mellark, played by Josh Hutcherson. There is a large ensemble cast present for the first half of the film before Katniss and Peeta enter the battle- field that consists of Lenny Kravitz as stylist Cinna, Woody Harrelson as the drunk past Hunger Games winner Haymitch, Donald Sutherland as the corrupt president of Panem and Eliz- abeth Banks as the quirky representative from the capi- tal city Effie. The film, how- ever, puts these characters in the first half of the film to de- velop the characters as much as they can before the second half of the film in the battle- field focuses mainly on Kat- niss, Peeta and the other trib- utes who are fighting to win. Ross, who has directed films such as Pi,三峡rolls and Seabiscuit takes on his first big budget adventure film and does a pretty good job at it. The shaky camera used to get the audience to feel the dystopian and unpleasant reality in Katniss’ home district and in the battlefields, a brightly colored and futur- istic capital city full of people with a strange fashion future sense and many tense build- ing, nerve wrecking scenes in the games themselves, Ross shows that he is a talented director for more than one game of film. The cast gives fine performances, mainly from Lawrence and Hutcher- son, but the real scene stealer of the entire film is Stanley Tucci as the television re- porter and media head of the Hunger Games, Caesar Flickerman. Tucci’s perfor- mance makes him extremely likable and very entertaining even though he is part of a corrupt and immoral fight to the death of children. In comparison to Tucci, there is the quiet Liam Hemsworth playing Gale, Katniss’s best friend and romantic inter- est. He doesn’t say much in the film, but his few deliver- ies of lines were a bit dull. The film does a pret- ty good job transitioning from book to film consider- ing that the author of the book co-wrote the screen- play, so the changes that were made were acceptable. The Hunger Games is a solid film that works on its own, but may leave some who are unfamiliar with the book with some questions. 

Words & Testaments from 8 on stage at Memorial

A look at the civil rights case that divided a state

Court was in session on March 24 in Memorial奥迪- torium with the help of play- writer Dustin Lance Black. Black, 8, Black’s latest piece, chron- icles the federal trial of Prop- osition 8 after the 2008 refer- ence in California that banned same sex marriage. This grip- ping production condenses the 12-day trial into little over an hour, filled with re- created scenes and half hour interviews that placed each audience member into the courtroom and the lives of the people most affected. The play begins with clos- ing arguments that were shared on June 16, 2010. With heated debates and mono- logues filled with touching insight, it quickly becomes something bigger than the lines read out by the actors or even the latest headlines regarding the issue. For me, it not only put a face to the issue but depicted just how Prop 8 bled into the lives of many families across America, and their bravery to fight for their rights was awe inspiring. With the audi torium filled almost to capacity, similarly to how packed the court- room was on the day of the trial, each character shared their views on how same sex mar- riage would affect the coun- try and the state of marriage equality overall. Whether the lines were read from the stand of the tense courtroom or be- tween intimate moments of personal monologues and conversations, a warm spotlight cascaded gently on the faces of each actor as they delivered their cases. The actual proceedings were not broadcasted live, but depicted the marriage equality move- ment filed an appeal to the Supreme Court preventing the intimate details acted on stage to be aired for the nation to see. The heart of it are these unheard stories of the lives of two same sex couples Sandy & Kristen and Jeff & Paul, who made their lives and love evidence in a trial that wasn’t just based on fact but perception of fact. Each side pleaded their case to Judge Walker, who was played by our Presi- dent, Dr. Susan Cole, who was a stern force to be reckoned with during the heated debates that ensued. The cast, which included Rashard’s Grade:

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The Rise of the Twees
Local band with a major sound

Emilia D’Albero
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Anyone involved in the music industry these days knows how hard it is to book bands for a festival, especially big festivals like Bamboozle, which takes place in New Jersey each year. But what some people don’t know is that many fans of local bands play a large part in choosing which bands play the yearly festivities. Bamboozle hosts The Break Contest, in which many local bands compete for a coveted slot on the main stage at Bamboozle. Admittedly, the festival doesn’t have the best track record for booking headliners — 2010’s lineup included rapper Drake and trashy singing, talking pop act Kellia — but that is just the humble opinion of this writer. Fortunately, The Break Contest provides an opportunity for tri-state natives to improve the Bamboozle lineup with the addition of their favorite local acts. This year, The Break contest shed some light on some quality acts, including "post-indie-funk-electro-pop-core" outfit This Good Robot and the unique and talented New York group The Twees. The Twees, hailing from Brooklyn, are a small band with a very big sound. The four members blend sharp guitar riffs with booming bass lines to create a loud, catchy sound that is impossible to pin down between the borders of lighter garage rock and indie pop. The Twees might be seen as a reincarnation of The Strokes, as their music makes you want to dance and head bang at the same time, but the creativity and energy that the musicians incorporate into their songs and live performances put them in a category all their own.

However, listening to their music with your headphones on simply does not do it justice. The only way to fully understand what The Twees are all about is to attend the loud, pulsing, giant dance party of pure awesomeness that is a live Twees show. Their latest single, "Temperamental Mental Health," which is considerably heavier and more Strokes-esque than their other songs, seemed to be a crowd favorite and inspired their audience to shake their hips and even attempt to dance onstage, at the request of vocalist/guitarist Jason Abrishami. Unfortunately, the Ollie’s Point security would not let anyone on stage. The Twees incredible performance that day allowed them to advance to the next round of The Break Contest and also undoubtedly earned them some new fans.

The next round of the contest was held at Ollie’s Point again, so the group was familiar with the setting and able to let themselves give even more in their performance than they had the previous time. The four-song set included a cover of The Rascals’ "Good Lovin’," as well as "Temperamental Mental Health," which was just as rowdy and entertaining as the last time they played it at Ollie’s Point. "Level" really caught the attention of the crowd, as it was delivered with the vocal precision and musical complexity that the studio recording has, even though The Twees tweaked it a bit to make it their own. The band’s energy level was through the roof and inspired many people who were there to shake their heads to the catchy tunes and pulsing beats of The Twees’ songs.

The Twees prove they’re a band to keep your ears on. Lively as ever, The Twees delivered two stellar performances during The Break Contest, but unfortunately did not advance to the final rounds. But I think that they’re the real winners here – not only did they participate (and do extremely well) in one of the most popular “battle of the bands”-type contests in the area, but they also gained many fans that will surely support them in all of their future endeavors. The Twees are not a band to miss when they inevitably come around the New York/New Jersey area because going to one of their concerts is definitely an unforgettable experience. In the meantime, you can check out their Facebook page and listen to their latest EP These Girls.

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Men’s Lacrosse Looking to Turn Season Around
Red Hawks win two straight for 3-5 record

Nick Patriarca
Assistant Sports Editor

The Montclair State University men’s lacrosse team entered the 2012 season as two-time defending Skyline Conference champions and preseason favorites for three-peat. They opened their conference schedule with a dominating 15-8 home victory over the Farmingdale State Rams last Saturday, followed by a 11-8 win at Drew University on Tuesday.

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A message from the NBA and its players

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The Jets have had an aura of failure surrounding them for quite some time. They have the tools to win, but they need a solid quarterback. I don’t think they have found that solid quarterback in Tim Tebow. He has had his shining moment, but he needs to be more consistent. There is also the added pressure of playing in New York, where fans will not be cuddling him as they did in Denver. Tebow has potential, but I don’t think the Jets are the team that will help him reach this potential as far as the New York defense will keep some of the pressure off him. Contrary to popular belief, Tebow does have the potential to be a consistent starter in the NFL, whether it be with the Jets or any other team. Every player needs the right weapons around him to succeed and I think the Jets have those weapons. Although the level of success is hard to predict, Tebow will definitely have an impact in New York.

Tim Tebow will succeed, but the Jets will not. The Ringling Brothers have some stiff competition in New York for the best circus act in town. Tebow is a gifted athlete and a top-notch football player, but he isn’t a legitimate quarterback in the NFL. Tebow has had his shining moment, but the results are going to end up being very similar to the past few years under the Rex Ryan Era. Mark Sanchez will go three-and-out on their first drive. The Jets may implement the spread-option or another version of the “Wildcat,” but the results will succeed as a Jet or not. The Jets or any other team. Every player needs the right weapons around him to succeed and I think the Jets have those weapons. Although the level of success is hard to predict, Tebow will definitely have an impact in New York.

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**Who’s Hot This Week**

**Tyler Meth**

**Attack — Lacrosse**

Meth led the team with four goals on seven shots and five assists in the Red Hawks’ victory against the Farmingdale Rams. The Red Hawks won their conference opener 16-6, with eight different players scoring one goal.

**Kailee Beal**

**Attack — Lacrosse**

Beal earned the Skyline Player of the Week as well as the New Jersey Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors. Beal had 16 points, 23 draw controls and nine ground balls for MSU during their recent three-game stretch. Beal notched her 100th career goal during the Red Hawks’ 19-9 victory against Rutgers-Camden.

**Game of the Week**

Softball vs Richard Stockton (DH) March 31, 1:00/2:30 p.m.

The Red Hawks will play their first conference double-header against Richard Stockton. Currently, Montclair has three more victories than Stockton, and each team only has one loss so far this season.

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The Rams would not get any closer to Montclair State's (5-3) in the NJAC. Beal, who game record with 10 draw controls for Montclair State (5-3). Beal, who game record with 10 draw controls, posted 10 draw controls for Montclair State (5-3) this season.

Junior Kailee Beal had a goal, as the game ended in a 13-7 loss. The Rams would not get any closer to Montclair State's (5-3) in the NJAC. Beal, who game record with 10 draw controls for Montclair State (5-3). Beal, who game record with 10 draw controls, posted 10 draw controls for Montclair State (5-3) this season.

The Red Hawks return after a sweep over Ramapo College, earning a 19-4 victory in Mahwah. They jumped out to a 9-4 lead in the first half and went into halftime with a 14-4 lead. They dominated the Roadrunners in every statistical category, outshooting them 33-15, picking up 18 ground balls to Ramapo’s eight, and forcing 16 of Ramapo’s 18 turnovers.

Pitcher Tim Beal led the way for the Red Hawks with five goals and two assists. Henderson had a solid day, contributing four goals and two assists. Maggie Fallon had three goals and two assists. Henderson had a solid day, contributing four goals and two assists.

The Bulldogs were able to score a run in the fifth, but MSU tackled on three more in the top of the sixth on a pinch-hit, bases-loaded single from Jayson Stolz. An error allowed a third runner to score, with Stolz reaching second on the play.

The Red Hawks defeated Ononta State by a score of 7-1 on Wednesday thanks to a ninth inning grand slam by Bond. Pitcher Jack McDonough pitched 5 and 1/3 scoreless innings for a no-decision. With their second consecutive win, the Red Hawks improved to 8-7.