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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 were involved in a verbal dispute in parking lot 60. Both parties declined to pursue 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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The Ballots Are In
Meet your new SGA executive board members

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.

George Juzdan
666 Votes

Vice President
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.”

Anthony Pizzuta
830 Votes

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.

Kyle Bunting
416 Votes

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.

Vanessa Devericks
819 Votes

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.”

Mark Ruff
416 Votes
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Player of the Month. He averaged 21.6 points, 8.1 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game and led the team to a 5-2 record in January.

Kathleen Ragan, associate vice president for student development and campus life commented, “Much of a student’s record is confidential and protected by FERPA regulations. Therefore, I and others at the university are not able to share any more information or make comment at this time regarding this alleged incident.”

Ragan also stated that “Andrew August is not a currently enrolled student. He was not enrolled on March 21, 2012. I am unable to provide any information about his employment.”

Head coach Ted Fiore and August were asked for any comments on this situation, but neither of them responded as of press time.

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**School of Communications and Media Brings Paperwork and Stress to Students**

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 alone 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.

“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/professional.

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

Juniors Kevin Mann is impressed with the swift student action. “It is impressive that the whole Kony thing has drawn massive amounts of attention to human rights issues that have been neglected by many people. Almost immediately, a group pops up that is not just focused on local community, but the international community, too.”

The atrocities in Uganda committed by Kony and his militia have produced massive attention on human rights issues. “I know, for me, that Kony has opened my eyes to something they had been blind to,” said Adriana Villacuri. “I feel like its opened my heart and mind to a new realm of human behavior that I had been too idealistic to believe even existed.”

Working with other chapters, CCAT advocates support of legislative actions that help abolish slavery. One such piece of legislation, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, expired in September 2011. The act established a task force to monitor and combat both worldwide and domestic human trafficking.

The vice president of CCAT, Danny 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 exploitation 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 importing items, such as shoes produced 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 help educate the campus about the dangers of human trafficking,” he said.

Our Guide to Housing:

- Check your email to find out your date and time for picking your housing 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 access 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.
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 18, his life was flipped upside down when his mom revealed that what he initially thought was a case of pneumonia actually was a condition called non-compaction hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, or an enlarged heart muscle that is too thick to function properly, threatening to implant a defibrillator into Ryan to diffuse the situation, but trouble arose during the surgery. He was placed on the waiting list, like thousands of others, for a heart that never came. The statistics for organ and tissue donations in America are grim. Today, in the United States, there are over 100,000 people just like Ryan registered and waiting for life-saving organ transplants. Unfortunately, 6,000 people from this list will die every year waiting for gifts that never come, according to the National Organ Sharing Network. In 2011, there were 28,000 transplants performed according to the US Department of Health and Human Services. This number seems large, but organ donation occurred in only 10.25 percent of all deaths in the United States that year.

The standard teaching is that there is somewhere between 40,000 and 80,000 patients with end stage heart failure in the United States that might be eligible for heart transplants, but there are only 2,300 donors in any given year,” said Mark A. Zuckier, director of transplantation at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. “That number hasn’t changed in over a decade.”

Luckily, Ryan’s story is one of hope. After weeks of battling for his life, he finally received word of a match in January of 2008. Ryan and his family were ecstatic, but reality hit – someone had to die for Ryan’s life to save his family. That life belonged to 13-year-old Dakarai Tucker from Bermuda. After a final brain aneurism, Dakarai’s mother and father made the decision to donate five of Dakarai’s organs.

Sheridan organize the walk. “I would feel a little better knowing that Dakarai’s death helped somebody else.”

Last semester, Ryan received a letter from the Tucker family asking to meet. I had the opportunity to accompany Ryan and his family to Bermuda, along with MSU professor Steve McCarthy and broadcasting major Ian Elliott, to record his meeting with the Tucker family for a special air on NJTV.

The meeting between the Tucker and Miller families was filled with love, healing and unforgettable experience that ended with two families becoming one. The Tuckers were a relief to me and my family. I was nervous. I wanted to make sure I lived up to their desire to save my life. “It’s just the happy thing to know that the gift that we did give was straight from our heart and from our love of Dakarai.”

Meeting the Tuckers was a relief for many and a new family to support. Their family has a history of being donors and saving lives; two of Dakarai’s relatives that died for raising awareness. Their family has a special need to air on NJTV. Silver represents the loss of a child, which was not included in the ceremony for the campus walk. The Tucker shares the same need for raising awareness. Their family has a history of being donors and saving lives; two of Dakarai’s relatives that died for raising awareness.

Donor’s Heart Saves a Young Life
Families meet for the first time in Bermuda

7.500 backpacks, each representing one of the 1,100 students who take their lives each year, were spread across the Student Center Ballrooms. Photo by Tony Kurdzuk/The Star-Ledger.

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If you know that somebody is going to benefit, and it’s going to carry on your loved one’s legacy, most people find it really, really easier. Their loved ones would want that done.”

“Because I just want everybody out there to know to that the gift that we did give was straight from our heart and from our love of Dakarai.”

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Grow Your Own Pharmacy

Jaber Chaudry
Staff writer

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 as 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

Google’s new privacy policy promises Google users integration throughout all Google services. However, users are concerned their privacy is being compromised.

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 tell you that the information will be there and available to them,” said Oudshoorn.

“The question that remains though is will Google’s new policy have success or will the fear of privacy deteriorate their users? On the other hand, Google’s method of using 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 their 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 resold 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.

Reaction 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.

“People 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 both sides will provide half of the story.”

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

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.

• Free-From Obligation: 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.

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Toons & Games
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 new plan proposed by New Jersey legislators will provide as much as $3.5 billion for public colleges and universities statewide, $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.”
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SGA Elections Mean Big Changes or Stagnant

Many magazine companies have hired my fellow humans, is not neat-o, though. These technologically opinionated articles. Markets, but the machines have started created to replace people within the work place.

These are really obvious like those express self-check-out systems at supermarkets, but the machines have started to spread and take the jobs of so many Americans. They have extended into the world of finance and even journalism.

Now, I usually am the one doing all these technologically opinionated articles. However, all the nano-tech stuff can be found there in the world today. This, my fellow humans, is not neat-o, though. Many magazine companies have hired me to work on this project.

Narrative Science to automatically generate online articles about corporate earn-ings. We will get automatically posted online and machines will predict the outcome of sports games through stats and can automatically generate research reports.

The Tribune Company, a large multi-media company, has been experimenting with non-humanoid TV by using animated characters and computer generated voices.

As we go down this path, where we are, the machines are starting to report the news, then I am done with technology. Big businesses are the ones to blame. To fix this, I have been working for you for years yet I am heartless, but maybe we are slowly becoming machines ourselves with no sympathy for our fellow man.

Martin McHahon theorized that when we use computers, our sensory apparatus extends to the computer to evolve into pure radio frequency. Okay, maybe that's going too far, but still, it is an amazing evolution.

We are constantly creating new tech- nology, making everything before obso- lete. Like when you think about your childhood and you remember, “We used to have house phones with the cords.”

Perhaps the author meant “bypass?” Things could express the thoughts and feelings of people. If we go down this path, where we will be doing everything digitally and every-thing is terminated post-graduation.

The decision to finally continue the statue project was voted on by the Class of 2012 who considered it to be the least they could do for the woman who granted them the opportunity for success and help them recognize their unlim-ited potential while still expertly handling the annoying freshmen in the Heights with grace and unflinching determination.

A recent survey sent out in an email to all “students” regarding the proposed funding and location of the statue was pre- dicatably illiterate by the general student population many of whom either deleted the survey immediately from their inboxes or consigned it to inboxes hell where it will stay unread with the rest until the account is terminated post-graduation.

The seven percent of students that did fill out the survey responded overwhelm-ingly, almost unanimously, in favor of the statue project. Associate Professor Marc Quinn, whose previ-ous works include a life-sized gold statue of the recent approval of Susan Cole’s gold statue — a project that has been in the works since early 2008.

The topic of the gold statue was met with positive feedback from both of the presidents of Student Senate for its potential to rally students, that is a project that has been in the works since early 2008.

Official leader of MSNBC’s classmate Free Student Republic and Julius’s only oppo- nent, Lisa Grab, was later quoted as say- ing, “I hope that this is the beginning of the end of broken windows. It is a beautiful time in the torrid history of American education where people of any age, race, creed, class or sexuality can and should be mindful of our creations. You would be a sad day for mankind.

After Thursday night’s debate, mem- bers of The Montclarion staff met with the two candidates to further discuss their opinions on more delicate matters that weren’t covered in the public forum such as the gold statue — a project that has been in the works since early 2008.

The gold statue will be located at the base of the stairs in the Student Center Quad somewhere in between the textbooks the soccer hooligans have been using during their down-time, will begin construc- tion before the 2013 school year and should be completed just before Christmas.

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In regard to “In search for the Famous Lost Aviator”

“This is great. It is important to keep this investigation open, because she is America’s first fem- ale aviator, and there is so much still to be learned and acknowledged when it comes to this instance, no one yet has collected a scientific test of the post-loss radio transmissions from this island (Gardiner Island). My ham radio club is currently trying to raise funds and so our bit to honor Amelia and further- more, the cause is the end of the war. The old time lasers were focused here on the mainland, and concisely communicated what I mean to say. This article was written by a friend of mine, not me! That’s why I am not even sure if Craig McCarthy is the author, or he is simply a copy of the article from some other unknown source — by the way, if that’s just ‘the sort of journalism’ you are, I’m sure if you know the meaning of the word ‘opinion’.

This article contradicts itself many times over by simultaneously telling us, ‘I’ll stop being critical,’ and then goes on to, ‘If you’re a boy who’s never had his chis- neywhine children with all the elo- quence of a little girl who wants to be a child. What was your point again?’

I hate to break it to you, but sub- jective journalism. For instance, a school newspaper does not make one a journalist. If you are cutting someone with a knife and cutting someone makes one a journalist? Why not? I mean, is there any reputable journalist who would not be a journalist, who does not want his reporting criticized. But like I said, I’m not a journalist — what do I know this business.

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This past weekend was indeed a happy Hun-
ger Games for all after the first installment in the
highly anticipated film adaptation of Suzanne Collin’s young adult book trilogy man-
gaged to rack in $135 million, bro-
ke the opening box office record, and
the third highest 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
participate in The Hunger Games, a tele-
vised battle to the death from each district to participate in
The Hunger Games. The film follows their ways. To show
that forces each citizen to
their bravery to fight for their
families across America, and
bled into the lives of many
defense of the people most affected.
The film begins with closeup argu-
ments that were shared on June 16, 2010. With
heated debates and mono-
logues filled with touching
insight, it quickly becomes some-
thing 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 audiotorium filled almost to capacity, similarly
to how packed the court-
room was the day of the trial, each character shared their
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tween intimate moments of personal monologues and conversations, a warm
spotlight cascaded gently
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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 Audi-
torium with the help of play-
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with the help of playwright Dustin Lance Black. Black’s latest piece, chronicles the federal trial to end Prop 8 on the 2008 election in California that banned marriage equality from the constitution. The gripping production condenses the 12-day trial into little over an hour, filled with re-
created scenes to the court
hand interviews that placed each audience member into the courtroom and the lives
of the people most affected.
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With the opponents of mar-
rriage equality still continu-
ing their fight, the LGBT community’s journey to the
chapel is still an uphill one. Regardless of your own personal stance on the is-
sue, it was a compassionate production that pulled you
into the lives of those who
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The Rise of the Twees
Local band with a major sound

Emilia D’Albero
Staff Writer

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 festival. 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 singer-songwriter pop act Kells — 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 justice. The only way to fully understand what The Twees are all about is to attend the loud, pulsing, giant dance party that is a live Twees show. Their latest single, “Temperamental 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 Abrahami. 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’ “Level,” as well as “Temperamental Health,” which was just asCheck out our Facebook page and listen to their latest EP, These Girls, live 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. possibly even more 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 supporting other bands to dance and nod their heads to the catchy tunes and pulsing beats of The Twees’ songs.

The Twees proved they’re a band to keep your eyes 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.
Men’s Lacrosse Looking to Turn Season Around

The Montclair State University men's lacrosse team entered the 2012 season as two-time defending Skyline Conference champions and preseason favorites for a third consecutive year. The team opened their conference schedule with a dominating 16-5 home romp over Farmingdale State on March 15. The Red Hawks Swept their double-header against the Rams. Freshman John Barney, now leading the team in scoring with 95 points, and sophomore Michael Schreck both scored three goals each to lead the team to a 16-5 win over the Rams.

The Red Hawks offense exploded in the first half as Barney and Alex Hill each scored two goals to increase the lead to six early in the second quarter. Their offensive dominance continued as Matt Prongay and Skeels would add two more to his tally in the second half. The teams then traded goals to end the third inning. The Red Hawks swept their conference series, improving their record to 9-0. They will return home on Wednesday when they host the Richard Stockton College men's lacrosse team.

Red Hawks, Red Hot with 16-1 Start

Montclair State University cruised to a 16-1 record as the Red Hawks swept their double-header against the Hunter Hawks with scores of 2-0 and 9-2. Alex Hill pitched a complete-game shutout in the first game of the series, improving her record to 9-0. She had 12 strikeouts, four hits and zero walks. Hill has yet to allow an earned run this season, keeping her ERA at a flawless 0.00.

Senior center fielder Shannon Mozek single-handedly scored the winning run in the first inning when she led off the bottom of the first with a single to left field. She then stole second base and advanced to third after junior left fielder Jaime Paulino’s sacrifice. An illegal pitch by Hunter’s starting pitcher Angel Iacovetti awarded Mozek a walk across the plate, giving MSU the 1-0 lead.

The Red Hawks loaded the bases, but were unable to push across another runner. That didn’t seem to matter too much, as Hill’s pitching proved that it would be the only run they needed to win. Iacovetti pitched a solid game for Hunter, allowing only four hits and one earned run, but was upended by Hill.

MSU’s second run came off of a two-base error when Hunt- er right fielder Josephine Estevez misplayed a fly ball hit by junior Kelli O’Brien leading off the fourth inning. Hunter was able to get two outs, but junior catcher Heath- er Bergman was able to drive her in with a double. Mozek was back at it in the second game. Shannon led off the frame with a single to center field. She then stole second base, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a sacrifice fly by sophomore third baseman Dana Amato. MSU loaded up the bases for the second straight game and was able to add to their lead after Hunter starting pitcher Lauren Stensland walked Bergman to give the Red Hawks a 2-0 lead. Hunter would get one of those runs back in the following inning when they loaded the bases with no one out. MSU starting pitcher Jaime Miller nearly escaped the jam without allowing a run, but a wild pitch to KayTee Bass- er allowed Julia Lipovac to score, cutting the lead in half.

Hill pitched a solid game for Hunter, allowing only four runs to score. In the seventh, pinch running Nicole Iorio allowed two runs to score. In the seventh, pinch running Nicole Iorio scored on another wild pitch. Of the six runs MSU scored this game, only two of those were earned.

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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 to do so. I don’t think they have found that solid quarterback in Tebow. He has had his shining moments, but he needs to be more consistent. There is also the added 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.

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 (2-1). Beal notched her 100th career goal during MSU’s 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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Montclair State University’s baseball team flew to Ohio for a three-game trip, coming off a three-game winning streak from the week in Florida during the Snowbird Classic.

The Red Hawks struck early in their first game against Muskegon when senior designated hitter Kevin Bond singled in outfielder Matt Breslin, who started the game with a triple. Muskingum tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom half, but Hille would answer with five in the second inning, junior catcher Scott Glazzy belts a home run to start the frame, putting MSU back on top. Base hits and a wild pitch gave MSU four more runs to top their big inning. Up 6-2 in the sixth inning, Bond drove in two more with a double, which capped off his four-for-four, five-RBI game. Bond said he was pinch-runned for good pitches and “just felt really comfortable” at the plate. Louis Martini, who came on to pinch run the previous inning, and McGraw both had an RBI in the seventh, making the score 11-2. Muskingum scored five runs late in the game, but that would be all they managed. Pitcher Sean Hille had a solid six-inning start, giving up five runs and striking out four in his third win this season.

It was a close match-up the next day when the Red Hawks found themselves in the top of the eighth, but John Carroll University would come out on top in the 6-4 loss on Saturday. MSU had won four straight when they sent Travis Della Volpe out to the mound, but it was Jake Campbell who received the loss.

Hawks wouldn’t get any closer MSU within three with 17:43 left. Conlon 43 seconds apart brought Goals from Delfini and Tierney two more goals and an 8-3 lead. The Red Hawk offense was able to score a run in the sixth, but it wasn’t enough for a comeback over the Blue Streaks. Conlon’s two-RBI hit set the stage for a 19-7 victory in Mahwah. They road against Ramapo College, earning a 10-2 victory at home on Tuesday. Hille started and earned his third straight win, going four innings and striking out six. The Red Hawks came out swinging, scoring seven runs by the fourth inning. Sophomore right fielder Timothy Byron, Bond and Glazzy each drove in a run apiece, but the damage was done by third baseman Stephen Nappi, who contributed a pair of two-RBI hits in the game. The Bulldogs were able to score a run in the sixth, but MSU tacked 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.

Jake Campbell and John Silvestri both threw two innings in relief, with Josh Manto closing out the ninth to improve the Red Hawks to an even 7-7 record. The Red Hawks defeated Onorato 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-