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SDS Occupies Quad in Tuition Protest

Carlos Rossi is one of the students camping out in protest of the tuition hikes.

Catherine Baxter
News Editor

In protest of recent tuition hikes, the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) set up tents in the quad on Monday. Calling the protest “Occupy MSU,” the SDS plans on staying in the quad from until Friday.

About six tents occupy the far end of the Student Center quad. A big banner that reads “Protect Education. We Are the Foundation!” is strung between the trees, along with signs that read, “Wake up MSU! Your diploma should not be your death sentence!”

There is also a table that the SDS set up to encourage other students to join in their movement. They have set up a petition that they are encouraging students to sign in protest of the anticipated tuition increase.

“We’re trying to raise awareness for student debt and the increasing tuition,” said Nick Mimitikos, sophomore.

The SDS has other motives in addition to protesting the tuition hike. “[We are here] to provide an alternate community where we live up to our ideal,” said Lisa Grab, president of the SDS. “We give our free

Dunkin’ Donuts Comes to Blanton

Construction is underway in Blanton to make room for the new dining services.

Students have mixed feelings about the planned additions to the new dining spots in Blanton Hall, which is expected to be open by the fall semester.

Although construction on the dining hall has not yet begun, a few features of Blanton are already being planned. The planned features include a quick service restaurant, a Coffee Concept, a combination sub shop and c-store and, as rumors around campus have hinted, an in-house Dunkin’ Donuts. All of the planned additions will accept cash, credit, flex dollars and Red Hawk dollars.

The designs for the dining hall have been in the works for a few months. The estimated construction time will be from 90 to 125 days.

Campus life will change just as much as Blanton Hall once it reopens. The reopening of Blanton Hall is joined by various new meal plans offering students the opportunity to take advantage of the new dining options.

Beginning next semester, the spotlight will be on Red Hawk dollars which will be accepted at several shops and restaurants off-campus.

Matt Chapman, chair of the food committee on SGA, has played an integral role as liaison between students and the administration.

“All in all, I think this was a brilliant move by our din-

Red Hawk Dollars Go Off-Campus

Students can add money to their accounts at machines in the Student Center, College Hall and the library.

Mike Cendet
Chief Writer

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Pelican Police Report

1. On April 10: A male student reported the theft of his backpack from the bleachers of Panzer Gymnasium. This matter is under investigation.

2. On April 11: Frank Perez, 21, of Belleville, was charged with defiant trespass in the University Bookstore. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

3. On April 11: Lisa Zelasko, 25, of Jamesburg, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct while attending an event at Memorial Auditorium. She is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

4. On April 12: A male student reported the theft of his unsecured iPhone from the lounge inside of University Hall. This matter is under investigation.

5. On April 12: A female student reported the theft of her unsecured wallet from a classroom inside of Calcia Hall. This matter is under investigation.

6. On April 15: A staff member reported an act of criminal mischief inside of Life Hall. Paint had been discovered on a piece of furniture and the floor. This matter is under investigation.

7. On April 15: A male student reported being harassed and assaulted by a known person. The victim declined to file charges in this matter.

The Montclarion willingly corrects its factual errors. If you think we’ve made a mistake in a story, please call Editor-in-Chief Katherine at ext. 5230.
The Muslim Student Association Presents

ISLAMIC AWARENESS WEEK

April 23rd Monday SC Quad 12–5pm
Dunk Tank

April 24th Tuesday SC Balcony 12–5pm
April 25th Wednesday “Ask us anything” Q&A session
SC Dining Hall 4pm (IPAD GIVE AWAY))

April 26th Thursday– SC Quad

April 27th Friday– JUMMAH BBQ
SC Quad 12–5pm

Free food
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Montclair State University creates a new approach to learning mathematics with their highly successful Red Hawk Mathematics Learning Center located on the third floor of Conrad J. Schmitt Hall. The learning center has had an overwhelming amount of positive feedback because it combines one-on-one instruction, technological assistance and focus groups to help students succeed.

The idea for the Center came during the construction of Schmitt Hall and was presented to President Susan Cole, who then approved the idea of a “mathematics emporium.” The term “mathematics emporium” originated at Virginia Polytechnic University and is based on the idea that technology can be used to aid the learning process of a mathematics student in the instructional and institutional assistance and focus groups to help students succeed.

Students can seek the help they need at the new math learning center.

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The coming weeks should bring more information about the projects taking place in Blanton Hall. Anyone with further questions regarding the construction should contact the Auxiliary Services office located on the first floor of the Student Center.

Students who live in Sinattra and the Village often cite the nuisance of waiting for a shuttle to get to any place to use their meal plans. Claudia Verno, a Village resident, would rather invest her money into food to cook in her own kitchen. "I feel like I’m forced to beg my parents for money so I can actually use this kitchen that they give us here. Otherwise, I have to begin an hour-long adventure to campus to use a meal plan that I was less than excited to pay for,” she said.

For students who are unhappy with tuition hikes, it encourages optimism as the university continues to expand the scope of Montclair’s college experience. Freshman Drew Doepf is excited about his remaining years at the school. “Students complain about a lot, but from my perspective, the administration here has seemed to work tirelessly to improve my experience here. These ‘Off Campus Solutions’ will come in handy a lot,” he said.

Students can now use Red Hawk Dollars in the following locations:

-MSU Dining Services facilities
-University Bookstore
-Sprague Library copy machines
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-TBD off-campus locations, such as the gas station and ShopRite

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Employees have gone to work changing the face of what students knew as Blanton Hall.
New Thinking Course Makes Students More Creative

The course will challenge students to imagine new solutions to problems. It will practice techniques such as brainstorming and thinking in depth.

The course description describes this course as "the myth that strikes genius." Creative Thinking is a three-credit elective course that is open to all students.

"It seems like it could have potential to be interesting, although not quite sure what kind of work will be assigned or what exactly it entails," Justin Gewirtz, an MSU alumnus, stated.

Creative Thinking promises to teach students skills that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

Students can now register for summer courses online by logging into their WESS account and selecting the "Summer 2012" term.
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## How to be a Savvy Shopper

### Helpful tips to save money shopping this summer

1. **Ask associates about sales**

   When walking into a retail store, ask an associate or manager if they have any special sales that day or any upcoming sales. Ask them to point out which sections are for sale items. Also, some stores offer a discount when you open one of their store credit cards. Ask an associate about it and decide if having a credit account would be worth the discount. Additionally, ask if they have a savings or point card that you could use if you shop there frequently. Learning the return/exchange policy of stores is also good just in case you are returning something. If you shop there frequently. Learning the return/exchange policy of stores is also good just in case you are returning something. If you shop there frequently. Learning the return/exchange policy of stores is also good just in case you are returning something. If you shop there frequently. Learning the return/exchange policy of stores is also good just in case you are returning something. If you shop there frequently. Learning the return/exchange policy of stores is also good just in case you are returning something. If you shop there frequently. Learning the return/exchange policy of stores is also good just in case you are returning something. If you shop there frequently. Learning the return/exchange policy of stores is also good just in case you are returning something. If you shop there frequently.

2. **Do Research and Come Prepared**

   If a retail store has a website, find the product and check if the price online is the same in stores. This is where your smart phone comes in handy because you can access the website while you’re in the store. Many retailers will honor the online price and offer you the price adjustment. Also, if two different stores are selling the same item for different prices and the store with the item for less doesn’t have it in stock, ask the other store if they can match the competitor’s price if you show them proof that the item is on sale — this only applies if the products are the exact brand, color and size. For example, Macy’s carries Steve Madden shoes. If Macy’s is selling a specific pair of sandals for $89.95 and the Steve Madden retail store has the exact sandals for $99.95, Steve Madden will give the customer a price adjustment if you can take a picture (smart phone again) of the shoe, style name and price.

3. **Coupons are your best friends**

   The main way to receive coupons from retailers is joining their mailing list. Not only do they send coupons through email and postal mail, but they inform customers about upcoming sales and encourage online shopping. Some stores are also offering discounts for same-day in-store pickup. Retailers often offer a student “as is” to you.

4. **Always keep receipts**

   You should keep your receipts organized in your wallet in case you shop because it is possible that the item will go on sale after you buy it. Retailers offer price adjustments if you bought an item for full price and the item is currently on sale if it is within the time frame listed in their store policy — usually within two weeks of the purchase date. Also, if you find a coupon that you could have used in a recent purchase, some retailers will honor the coupon if you have your receipt.

5. **Damaged or display items**

   If you find an item that is a display model or has a slight defect, see if the store can offer a discount for it. For example, if you want to buy a handbag and the only one left is the store’s window display model, ask if they can give you a percentage off. Many times, if someone else is staring at the window and has been touched or perhaps even has a stain. Most retail stores will discount the item, but they will make it final sale — so, if it has a defect, make sure you have a strategy to fix it or that it is acceptable as “is” to you.

6. **Keep an open mind**

   Not all shoppers don’t see the point in buying summer clothes during the fall or buying winter clothes during the spring. They usually have the mindset of “I’m not going to wear this anytime soon. I don’t need it.” However, clothes from a previous season go on sale for very low prices because retailers want to minimize their inventory to make room for new products. If you find an item that you will eventually wear or an item like a sweater that goes with everything, buy it! That sweater on clearance during the summer can be used for a chilly night over a dress or tank top.

7. **Smile and be respectful**

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**PolSci Professor Saves Babies with Benefit Named “Top Walker” by March of Dimes campaign**

**Nicole Dupree**

Beginning its mission in 1958, March of Dimes is a non-profit foundation that works the day when every baby is born healthy. Since 1973, the March of Dimes has also collaborated in research for prevention of infant mortality and prema-
Keep Your Tummy and Your Wallet Full

Chelsea Masterson

Think about your last vacation. Now think about every restaurant you ate at. Can you remember? If you can, now think about what you ate each. Can you remember?

Most people probably can’t. Food, unless it was the reason for your vacation, is pretty unimportant. You need food, but how much do you have to spend? I can probably guess the answer: too much. People waste so much money on food during their vacations. Food is necessary, but the amount you spend is not.

A great way to save money is to limit the number of meals you eat out. I’m not saying the entire trip, rather the majority. What’s On The Menu?

Breakfast: Lucky for you, most hotels offer free breakfast. They have cereal, bagels, muffins, fruit and even waffles and eggs at the complimentary breakfast. Use the breakfast to your advantage — it will save you both money and time.

Lunch: You’re out and about, seeing all of the sites and taking in the atmosphere. Never, it’s time for lunch. Your stomach is grumbling and yelling at you to feed it. You don’t want to sit down at a restaurant because that takes up too much time.

I have the solution. Pack your lunch. If you travel by plane, share a suitcase with someone and use the unused one to pack your food items to check in.

Dinner: The inventions of electricity and microwaves make traveling less expensive. A great item to invest in and pack with you is an electric skillet. You can make so many different types of food on this little plate — it is amazing!

On my trips, we have made chicken fajitas, hot dogs, hamburgers and reheated various dinners. Microwave also help with cheap and easy dinners. If all of these tips are a hassle, check out of time for local restaurants, pizza places, cafes and diners to compare the prices.

None of those items require a cooler. To prevent ending up with dry chicken or tuna bring a jar of mayo, you don’t have to keep it in the cooler, unless it is very hot. Instead of carrying bread, which can get squished, bring a bag or two of tortillas and make wraps. You can mix in the mayo right in the can, mix in the mayo in the right in the can, saving you the hassle of carrying a dirty bowl or just slop on some peanut butter and jelly.

You can do all of this in the car or make ahead of time and carry the lunch with you. If you travel by plane, share a suitcase with someone and use the unused one to pack your food items to check in.

For more travel tips and tricks check out Chelsea’s blog: chellystravels.blogspot.com

Generation Y and the Environment

Katherine Cahan

In Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill’s new film, 22 Jump Street, the two play pucks officers going undercover as high school students at a local school. Tatum’s character thinks he’ll have an easy time getting back on top of the pulsating pecking order, until he realizes that he is way un-cool man, for being homophobic and not caring about the environment. Or so I’ve been told. I haven’t actually seen it, but I have a good source. I laughed at the film’s timid acknowledgment of serious environmental issues, but hey, I’ll take what I can get.

The fact that this little golden nugget made it into a big-budget Hollywood film and was portrayed as something so ubiquitous, something so common place and labeled “cool” is very interesting. Now, the homophobia part I can accept. In this day and age with all the positive publicity and attention paid to the stereotypical gay man or woman (Mom Gris’ Jamiel Jan and Damien, anyone?) that is saturated and superficial as it may be, makes some sense. But, is this really what Generation Y thinks of our planetary crisis?

So, in an effort to scope out our generation’s involvement in the movement, I spoke to a few friends about their own perspective on environmental issues.

For the most part, I got the answers I was hoping to get. Which were “Yeah, I totally drive less.” “Dudes, I recycle like every day, even after the weekend,” “After watching Food Inc. I tried the meat ASAP!” My friends aren’t from the Valley, nor are those exact quotes, so forgive my embellishment, but you get the idea.

After discussing my friend Max’s new flexitarian diet, courtesy of Food Inc., he admitted to me that it was his overzealous gag reflex rather than a burning need to abolish animal cruelty that got him in the end. Not to say that his heartstrings weren’t tugged on, but it was mainly out of personal interest that inspired change.

He was told, “Without puking, I would have probably never cared to research cattle farming and wouldn’t have learned about carbon emissions.” I believe his honest statement can speak for many when I say that fear, more than any other motivating factor, is often the driving force behind positive environmental change.

So, we’re all looking out for number one, that’s nothing new, but should we be focused on cultivating paranoia via mass media more than instilling hope that our newfound awareness brings an enormous power for change? What can more quickly yield results: the problem or the solution? A better question perhaps, is what will Generation Y be like in the next decade considering that our outlook is seemingly bleak at the moment?

We’ll probably all be flexitarian.
Rebels with a Cause
Female street art from spray paint to guerilla knitting

When you hear the word “Islam,” what is the first thing that comes to mind? Terrorism? Oppression? Extremists? 9/11? Most of these words pop up because the media has instilled these words into our minds. Because of this present- ing void, female writers are just as likely to conceal their identity with graffiti as they are to emphasize their femininity with “Miss America,” “Miss Universe,” “Miss Lady.”  Many female graffiti artists are unwilling to address themselves as gendered artists because they may be perceived as simply great — not the greatest. A woman who occupies their present when their immediate priorities are “getting up” (spread- ing their name through putting up multiple pieces) and evading arrest or assault. Miss 17 and Clay are two of the most notorious writers in New York. And they achieved their reputa- tions because, according to Clay, “Miss17 and I are not out here as “fe- male writers.” We are out to CRUSH and that has no gender specifica- tion.”  Fame for graffiti writers is a contradictory concept: you want a steady reputation through multiple quality pieces, but you also need to stay anonymous. Additionally, the transient nature of graffiti makes documentation difficult for schol- ars who may be inclined to address its feminist merits: a piece may be buffed or tagged over within a mat- ter of hours. The women who do strive for writer fame must be especially diligent to get up by themselves. Graffiti crews are close-knit com- munities, and if rumors spread and it is known that a female writer has been seek- ing assistance in her pieces, her legitimacy as an artist may be called into question. Though writers may bomb a train car in the spirit of a group mural, graffiti also calls upon ferocious independence, and indi- vidual reputations are at the core of the community. Where graffiti may be a prob- lematic site for feminist activism, street art has emerged as an equally wild, somewhat mutated beast with greater acceptance of feminine and feminine involvement. Grafitti typi- cally refers to a particular aspect of illegal art that incorporates tagging (spreading your name through repeti- tion), bombing (spraying an elabo- rate piece and necktie devotion to maintaining a reputation through impressive feats. Graffiti writers are streettypically working-class deim- quents with more interest in garner- ing attention through dangerous stunts, and they do it more conventionally “high art.” This is a flawed assumption, though it is not a religion of terrorists; it is a religion of peace. During IAW the project’s goal is to clear the misconceptions that people may have about the religion of Islam. Islam is not what the media has made it. It is not a religion of terrorism; it is a religion of peace. During IAW the Montclair State University (MSU) will fund a myriad of activi- ties that will help students around campus understand and learn more about Islam. MSU has organized numerous games and activities that will help students learn and have fun at the same time. On Tuesday, April 24, the MSA will set up its first carnival at the Student Center Quad between 12 and 5 p.m. There will be free food, water and snacks. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about Islam. Miss17 and Clay are two of the most notorious writers in New York. 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Celebrating Islamic Awareness Week

You're Skyped

A. Viekea Garza-Gomez

Staff writer

Skype has been around for almost ten years now, so why is it so popu-
lar now? The video chat program was founded in 2003. What is so great about the program is that, it's free and it allows you to commu-
icate within seconds with people all over the globe. I was very late to this boat but I am Skype's newest mem-
ber. I just had my first video chat only a couple of weeks ago with a friend of mine in Mexico. My friend and I chatted for about an hour and the screen froze about five times which was annoy-
ing but I overlooked it, seeing as I was video chatting with a friend thousands of miles away, it seemed normal. One of Skype's best features is that you can send instant mes-
sages and share files while you talk, making it easy to share pictures, videos, etc. It's no wonder Skype has over 600 million subscribers world-
wide.

Get At Least Eight To Nine Hours of Nightly Sleep

Not only does a good night's sleep promote mental alertness and energy for the day's activities but it also enhances memory. In other
words, do not pull an all-nighter – if you want to ace exams
and score higher marks on exams and, if you're an MSU athlete, perform better on the field.

Stay Hydrated:

The thickest drop in fluid intake during the day saps energy and
the brain and improves memory and alertness. Even a few 10-minute
walks squeezed in throughout the
day around MSU in the fresh air – instead of sitting and studying for
prolonged periods in the campus
library or Student Center – energizes
mind and body!

Make an effort to get at least eight
hours of sleep most nights; take ad-
vantage of the warm spring weather and extended daylight by walking
more often; drink more water (and
limit unhealthy beverage choices
such as soda) and focus on nutrition-
als foods and beverages.

Memory-Stimulating Foods and Beverages:

Consume more brain-healthy
fruits, especially blueberries – per-
haps the top memory-stimulating
fruit. Other "smart" fruits for opt-
ing memory include berries, peaches, grapes, kiwis and wa-
termelon. Leafy-green vegetables, avocado,
carrots, broccoli, tomatoes, eggs,
soy, seafood, nuts, seeds, oatmeal,
popcorn (and other whole
grains), milk, cheese and yogurt,
dark and milk chocolate, green and
black tea – and of course, water also
benefit brain health and heightened
memory.

Exercise:

Walking, strength training, aero-
fics and yoga classes are wonderful physical activities to enhance blood
to the brain and improve memory and alertness. Even a few 10-minute
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In summary, start following these
four memory-boosting tips in the
upcoming weeks so you are well-
prepared for that big test or big
game at the end of the semester.
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Behind Every Great Man...

Hannah Scherba | The Montclarion

I know that saying: “Behind every great man there is a woman that he uses for political advantage.” That’s how it goes, right?

Well, if it isn’t, then it really should be because these days all we seem to see are politicians and celebrities using their significant others to bolster their own social status. From Barack Obama’s angry black wife to Mitt Romney’s lazy housewife and all the way back to the original pink lady, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, the mark of a good man and a good leader seems to be a preternatural bachelor’s eye.

These are the “real housewives” of our political arena who, despite their best efforts, can’t seem to stake a claim in the public’s eye that will set them apart from their prestigious, status-driven husbands (except for Jackie Kennedy who looked just fabulous in a pink Sunday dress). Then again, many of them have only achieved any opportunity for attention as the result of marrying men with big dreams and big wallets.

These women no longer have their own identities. Their accomplishments are merely stepping stones on their husbands’ road to success but their failures, a little extra junk in the trunk or a lifetime of child-rearing, are personal struggles that they alone will overcome and turn into a best-selling memoir.

Imagine the understandably lukewarm enthusiasm in The Montclarion office upon the university’s announcement of this year’s 2012 Commencement speaker: the politically advantageous Mrs. Victoria Reggie Kennedy whose life credits include keeping guns away from children, finally tying down the infamous playboy Senator Ted Kennedy and becoming his personal legal assistant – a job she, no doubt, was overqualified for by that point.

A quick Google search of Victoria Reggie Kennedy yields unpromising results that range from the milquetoast, a woman who has “made many choices in her life,” to the barely controversial announcement of her being uninvited to speak at Anna Marie College in Massachusetts because her liberal positions on abortion, gay rights and contraception coverage in health care don’t quite align with the Catholic church.

Further investigation produced only a short biography of a hard-working woman whose career took off through her marriage into one of the most famous families of ours and our parents’ generations. Even since the senator’s death in 2009, her reputation isn’t her own but simply a reflection of his later life successes as shown through the various news articles that highlight many of his achievements and says very little about the woman “behind him.”

The university’s decision to choose Mrs. Kennedy as commencement speaker isn’t exactly surprising after a long line of less-than-stellar speakers with moderate accomplishments.

But maybe that’s just the image we are looking for these days with job placement running low and the only things steadily climbing being gas prices and the divorce rate.

Maybe what the budding graduates of Montclair State University really need is the promise that we will be able to be happy and healthy with the people we love without the continuous, desperate attempts at universal success and constant attention. But we would still rather have Bill Nye.

Students Speak

What do you think about SDS’ Tent State University movement?

Leah Stark
Junior
Music Therapy

“I was surprised they were doing the whole ‘occupy’ thing because that fizzled out a long time ago. The Occupy movement doesn’t really get things done. It’s just more like ‘Hey! We’re here!’ I signed a petition but I don’t know what they’re going to do about it. They didn’t really have a direction.”

Diane Mangru
Junior
English

“Bob Whitney has been posting on our Blackboard about going to Occupy events but that’s all I know about it. I really don’t care. I have other things to worry about.”

Veronica Furman
Sophomore
Anthropology

“The Occupy movement has gotten a lot of criticism for being not specific and I get that, but I don’t think that camping out in tents is making any kind of a statement.”

Nick Russo
Sophomore
Health/Phys. Ed.

“I don’t have a problem with what is going on. I don’t really understand it completely but I think it’s good that the students are standing up for what they believe in.”
**TRAVIS LANCASTER**

**COLUMBUS**

Someone has walked by the Student Center. Quad this week — probably by necessity by those who are attending classes. If you are going to class — must the wheels of justice have to spin endlessly around the giant pine tree at the far corner.

I have no idea if I'm going to get a good job or have a good life. The truth is I love what I do, but I don't even know if I have a future.

But don't you need to tell me this about yourself? I'm not sure the market has a future if I don't.

But perhaps the best way to go about it is to avoid looking in other directions and to just keep your eyes on your feet so as not to fall.

I say this for several reasons but perhaps most importantly because keeping your eyes fixed on either of these two horizons is completely irrelevant.

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How many hours a day do you spend on Facebook or Twitter? Do you have an app for that? Okay, you mean to tell me that the same social networking that you are gong into your Facebook and Twitter applications everyday via your Blackberry, Android or iPhone is your current status, location, emotions and thoughts every day? Twenty years ago, in 1992, there was no Facebook, no Twitter and there were no cellphones. Today, we are living in a technological age. We can check ourselves out in a supermarket, pay for groceries, bank, book flights and classes as well as go shopping without leaving our homes. We can buy movie tickets without going to a record store and we can speak with people from miles away face-to-face without physically being in front of them.

Reincarnation or Just a Celebrity Look-A-Like?
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Dear Editor,

I want to shed some light as to why I am a believer in reincarnation. Webster's New World Dictionary defines reincarnation as the "return of the soul in another body," which may explain the likeness in appearance or behavior to another creature: human, animal, or plant.

Being a skeptic or even a non-believer in reincarnation is understandable, but I want to shed some light on why I believe in reincarnation. I have always loved cats, and strangely, my cat-like qualities and love for cats have a natural connection with my friends and family. My cat-like qualities and love for cats appear to be coincidental, but I think the reincarnation is more than just a coincidence. To me, the most logical explanation is that one soul undergoes numerous rebirths in the bodies of various beings, which range in size from tiny insects to huge elephants, from humans to animals. Some scholarly research furthers my belief in reincarnation.

Reincarnation is accepted primarily in, but not limited to, cultures in ancient India, Greece and Egypt. A cultural group of approximately 100 million people in the United States holds strong to the principle of reincarnation. "The Zulu hold that the spirit of such a person undergoes numerous rebirths in the bodies of various beasts, which range in size from tiny insects to huge elephants, until at long last the spirit enters a human body. The new reincarnation body is selected primarily in size, but whether it be a human or an animal, it is free of guilt. This is the spirit's second birth. After its second birth, it is free of guilt of any kind," explained by scholar J. Bruce Long in the Encyclopedia of Religion. It is reasonable that humans and animals experience transformations, rather than be predestined to be human or animal in man's kind's evolution. I have a cat's soul currently residing in me. I admit that my rational about this topic is slightly sentimental, but jaded perhaps insane, but I think the possibility of reincarnation is just as legitimate as the argument that people simply have change-similarities with other people and animals. I do not believe that reincarnation furthers my belief in rebirth transformations.

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The Montclarion and Montclair State University is not responsible for the administration of the administration of Montclair State University and that controversial theory is to be saved for another day — I agree. Maybe we can agree to disagree in some way for a better future. I think you have used technology and think; has anyone ever told you that you look some- one because that’s not my style. But who is to say if you are preaching religious customs or faith to any- one because that’s not my style. But who knows, in another life maybe I was or will be a preacher — food for thought, huh?

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Jeff "The Dude" Lobowski


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Dear Editor,

Floyd Hall Arena may start losing fig- ure skating talent, and business, after new contracts.

Floyd Hall Arena, one of the largest ice skating facilities in New Jersey based in Lightfoot, NJ is losing one of its biggest figure skating programs, a move that may erode Floyd Hall’s decades of being one of the most advanced athletes in the region. If the trend of the risk wants to be signed by April 20, may force professional athletes to other

facilities, potentially giving new business to rivals, such as the Broad Center in Orange, NJ and others.

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The Long-Awaited Debut of Fez

Not your mom’s 2D bit adventure!

Thomas Meyer
Staff Writer

After five years of consistent development, demos at various game trade shows, receiving awards from those same trade shows and even having this process featured prominently in the documentary Indie Game: The Movie, Fez is now available on digital distribution shelves by indie developer Polytron. It seems fitting that Fez is about as complex as its studied development cycle. You play as Gomez, a white crayon-encased in a little village who receives a magical fez from a mysterious floating cube. The cube then shuffles into many shards and creates a rift in the fabric of the world. Gomez must search the world for these shards and restore balance.

At first, Gomez lives in a two-dimensional world and abides by the static environment. His neighbors are also aware of their 2D existence and are wary of any other dimensional possibility, such as by calling cubes “devil squares.” Gomez receives his magical fez and with it he has the power to shift the perspective of the world to the left and right by 90 degrees. The world becomes a two-dimensional plane in a three-dimensional space. Shifting between perspectives is the main game mechanic of Fez as you warp the environment to uncover new platforms and make inaccessible platforms much closer to jump towards. Light and shadows differentiate the platforms from the environment, so there is not much second-guessing to what is on and what is not landable. You’ll discover pivots that change the layout of the stage in more subtle ways, such as controlling water to make it slippery or non-ladderable.

There are 32 yellow cubes to collect, each cube comprising of eight shards that are easily attainable by traversing platforms and solving environmental puzzles. Shifting the perspective flows quickly and naturally, and I was not, even oriented, even after six hours of playing. Backtracking through past levels did divert me through, as many stages have multiple doors that lead to other stages and rooms. Sometimes it took me a few times before I found the correct door to lead me where I wanted to go. Couple that with a 3D map of the world that makes you look around, instead of at it, and traveling on a specific path becomes more convoluted while you discover more secrets.

This factor is only a small problem because there is joy in exploring each stage as you shift around to see all the possibilities and secrets to uncover against pleasant 8-bit chiptune ambient music. Along with yellow shards, there are also 32 blue anti-cubes, treasure maps and artifacts to collect which will solve more obtuse puzzles such as placing blocks in a certain sequence or matching the game’s iconography. These hidden elements are the biggest challenge of Fez as I came across room after room of nothing but Tetris-styled pieces and other obstacles. All these puzzles were frustrating until I found hints from other rooms or gradually phased into Inter- net message boards. These puzzles are very hands-on but rewarding once solved. It took me almost six hours to initially finish Fez, but it was close to halfway done finding every collectible. After beating the game through, there is a new game plus an option with new features that further distort your perspective of the world — the game is too cool to spoil the features. Fez is a great puzzle game for those trying to search every corner and go beyond, beyond, beyond. With the option, it becomes more engaging and compelling for the player.

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Coachella: Generation Y’s Woodstock
A-list celebrities and a performance from Tupac!

Rashelle Middleton
Staff Writer

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

Mana Punjabi

SAVE A LIFE. DON’T DRIVE HOME BUZZED. BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING.
Nick Taylor
Asst. Copy Editor

Bryan Konietzko and Michael Dante DiMartino are doing something that hasn’t been done since the 1990s. In this case, they are taking Nickelodeon by storm with an animated series that was anticipated by children and adults alike. The Legend of Korra follows the Avatar, a superhuman being, and the four elements of his or her fantasy world: water, earth, fire, and air. This “bending” gives a person the ability to control the environment, displayed in spectacular martial arts. As with any other superhero, the Avatar is required to restore balance to the world. This world is influenced by many Eastern cultures, East Asian and Inuit playing a significant role.

The series is a continuation of Konietzko and DiMartino’s previous success, Avatar: The Last Airbender, which won multiple Annie Awards, an Emmy Award and Nickelodeon’s first Peabody Award. It has had a significant following, with a large chunk of its fans being far outside the show’s ages six to eleven demographic. The Last Airbender followed a similar plot, as it revolved around Aang, a pre-pubescent male airbender who embeds his place in history for infiltrating a century-long world. The Last Airbender takes place seventy years after the series finale of Avatar: The Last Airbender, in a post-apocalyptic world that is set. Korra hails from the Antarctic-like Southern Water Tribe, marking her origins as a waterbender. After passing her firebending tests, the council overseeing her progression deems her eligible to learn airbending. Because Aang was “the last airbender” in the previous series, his descendants are honored and protected in society. Tenzin, his middle-aged son and father of three, has to leave Korra behind and return to Republic City, as he is part of the municipal government. With no hesitation, Korra leaves home on her polar bear-dog, Naga, and ventures out to the much technologically advanced Republic City.

Judging the two-part episode that debuted on Saturday, the show lived up to what is expected of this series. Exhibited in her debut in which a seven-year-old version of Korra crashes through the wall like the Kool-Aid man, she is a gruff teenage girl who has no reason to hide her expressions, which explains why she is already an expert in waterbending, earthbending and firebending. This is something that will definitely make her a fan favorite, especially now that her age progression comes to the growing amount of teenagers and young adult fans.

There is a catch, however, as Tenzin exhibits a polar opposite personality to Korra. Tenzin is strict, temperamental and untrustworthy of Korra’s actions, as her self-centered attitude gets in the way. The changes in culture and technology for Korra are significant, which lead her in trouble quite a bit. When she arrives in Republic City, she takes down a gang in a sketchy neighborhood, though not without causing significant property damage with her multiple bending abilities. Chief Bei Fong, the commissioner of the Republic City Police, easily causes tension between her and Korra. Tenzin bails her out of prison, though not without significant punishment. We discover that through Tenzin, airbending is a struggle for her, because his rather passive method of teaching is not enough to filter through Korra’s adrenaline-hungry mind. Though there have been only two episodes so far, her main enemy is expected to be an aggressive anti-bending society, headed by a mysterious mask-wearing swordsman. The only major problem that The Legend of Korra has is that it is a continuation of another series. However, it does not mean that you absolutely have to watch Avatar: The Last Airbender to understand everything. Korra should have the same effect that Avatar had on me. Also, keep in mind that despite its anime style, the show is American-made, so don’t let the art of the show fool you. The Legend of Korra airs Saturdays at 11 a.m. on Nickelodeon, which I doubt any college student is going to wake up for.

This is a show that is truly desirable for all ages, especially adults. If you’re a fan of Avatar: The Last Airbender who had no idea this was on, you should thank me very much. The main characters of the show, Korra and her dog, Naga.
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Baseball Win Streak Continues

Jeff Oresote

MSU baseball began to slow down after their eight-game winning streak earlier this month, dropping to 13-1 after falling to Rowan University last week. Montclair gave senior Zach Brown the ball as they had a solid outing against the Super- lior Raiders, but came up short in the first game. The Red Hawks took the second game with five runs, with third baseman Matt Moreno went three-for-four off the bat of senior Kevin Black. Montclair’s leadoff hitter added that they’re “gonna be dangerous” when it comes time for the “N-Jack” tour- nament, as they call it, and beyond. MSU’s win against Rowan was straight against Johns Hop- kins on Wednesday night, 11-2. The Red Hawks take on William Paterson on Thursday, April 29 at 3:30 p.m. at Yogi Berra Sta- dium. They head to Wayne for their second game as they continue NJAC conference play. Current Record

20-10 (8-2 NJAC)

April Games

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4/20 @ WPU
4/21 vs. Stockton
1/24 vs. York College
4/27 @ NJCU
4/28 vs. Salisbury

Red Hawks Win Big

Men’s Lacrosse Improves to 13-3

Nick Petrucca

The Montclair State men’s la- crosse team continued their run of good form with two wins this past week over Kean Uni- versity and Mount St. Vincent. Their overall record improves to 13-3 this year, with their current win streak of three games sepa- rated in the Skyline Conference. The Red Hawks were looking to im- prove their conference standing and a suc- cessful conference record and push themselves above .500 overall into their record with a win against MSU this past Saturday.

The defense held strong in the first half, not allowing a single goal. The offense did its job as well, putting three goals in each of the opening quarters to go into halftime with a 4-0 lead.

The offensive assault was led by freshman attack John Barney, who had all of his goals and two assists in the first half. Kean managed to get one goal past MSU in the fourth quarter, but senior attack Matt Pregney put the nail in the coffin scoring another goal to make it 4-1 with 24 seconds into the game. The Dolphins managed to hold the ball in the second by junior midfielder Aidan Van Der Wal and junior midfielder Kenneth Bogert scored 30 seconds apart to start the second half.

Dan Cohen opened the scor- ing in the second quarter by later to cut the lead in half. The Red Hawks would respond with the next two goals of the game on a 13-2 lead. Their dominance would continue into the second half as they outscored the Dolphins 9-1 to close a 22-2 win. They dominated in ev- ery facet of the game, including controlling the Dolphins 63-16, winning 25 of 26 face-offs and picking up 51 ground balls.

Glander became the second Red Hawk to earn Skyline Conference Player of the week honors thanks to his tremendous efforts in helping the Red Hawks reach 13-3 on the season. He allowed just seven goals in his last two starts and currently leads the Sky with a save percentage of 395. The Red Hawks will continue their southward journey on Thursday as they take on Yeshiva University. Looking to finish the regular sea- son unbeaten in the Skyline Confer- ence, the Red Hawks travel to the Christian Maritime College of Mount St. Mary’s College on Tuesday, April 24 to complete the regular season.

Senior attack Tyler Meth had his seventh-four goal game of the sea- son as he recorded the 13th goal of the season and registered a goal in the contest. Prin- cipal, Jack Skopec, Michael Jevic and Jason Chesterman each drove in a pair of runs in the second half to keep going,” said Schoenig.

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Current Record

10-4 (6-1 Skyline)

Remaining Games

4/21 @ Maritime
5/2 vs. Rowan

Statistics

Trenton Conlon

Kai Beal

Cora Delfini

Kelly Schoneveld

Melissa Farrell

Montclair women’s lacrosse team looked to bounce back with a win on Saturday afternoon against rival Mount St. Mary College last Thursday when they scored 20 goals for the season. They went on to clinch a 13-3 lead at the break. Freshman attack Tierney Con- lor past week over Kean Uni- versity and Mount St. Vincent.

24 seconds into the game. The Dol- phins brought the score to 10-4, but Montclair would tally all four scores to end the first half with a 15-4 lead. MSU registered 20 goals on 31 shots in the contest. Bead added eight goals and added a pair of two-game sets against con- tentsome of a really good team,” Mont- clair’s leadoff batter added that they’re “gonna be dangerous” when it comes time for the “N-Jack” tour- nament, as they call it, and beyond. MSU’s win against Rowan was straight against Johns Hop- kins on Wednesday night, 11-2. The Red Hawks take on William Paterson on Thursday, April 29 at 3:30 p.m. at Yogi Berra Sta- dium. They head to Wayne for their second game as they continue NJAC conference play.

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The NBA Playoffs are approaching with the last week of the regular season around the corner. The NBA was in a lockout over the summer, involving disagreements between the players association and the owners. The season started two months late due to the stalemate, beginning on Nov. 26 instead of late October. The new labor deal reached a tentative agreement that heavily favors the owners for the next ten seasons. The season was reduced from the standard 82 games to 66 games, which required teams to play four to five games per week in order to start the playoffs on time. Cramming all of these games within three and a half months has certainly taken its toll on many of the superstar players in the league. Last year’s MVP, Derrick Rose of the Chicago Bulls, has had a lingering injury to his ankle which has forced him to miss more than a third of the season. Kobe Bryant has had a sore shin, but it doesn’t appear to be serious enough to prevent the 16-year vet from potentially leading his Los Angeles Lakers to the promised land. The most vulnerable player that will be kept a close eye on is the Orlando Magic’s Dwight Howard. Howard has been constantly under trade speculation all season and has even expressed his displeasure with head coach Stan Van Gundy. He and the Magic now have a much more serious problem on their hands. Howard has been sidelined for the next couple of weeks with a herniated disc in his back and it could jeopardize his ability to help his team make a run for the playoffs. Jeremy Lin of the New York Knicks, who took the NBA by storm with his “Linsanity,” has been shut down with a knee injury, possibly for the remainder of the year. A player who hasn’t suffered any ailments and hasn’t skipped a beat is the Oklahoma City Thunder’s Kevin Durant. Durant has taken his game to the next level of superstardom, and he and his partner in crime, point guard Russell Westbrook, has led his team to a 44-17 record. They’re tied for the best record in the Western Conference with the “ageless” San Antonio Spurs. As for the defending champs of last season, the Dallas Mavericks are fighting to maintain one of the eight playoff spots in competition with the Denver Nuggets, Phoenix Suns, Houston Rockets and Utah Jazz which are all within two and half games to secure the last two playoff spots. The Memphis Grizzlies are holding onto the fifth spot, ensuring they will make the playoffs for a second straight year. There is also Los Angeles’ other team that plays in the Staples Center, the Clippers. They beat out their hometown rival Lakers in acquiring Chris Paul, who has revitalized their team by throwing up alley-oops to young phenom Blake Griffin. As for the Eastern Conference, the Big Three on the Miami Heat look to live up to their high expectations. LeBron James is making yet another MVP case for himself, but the only thing he has in his mind is to win an NBA title. Maybe this will be the year that he will prove to his naysayers out there that he can get it done when the game is on the line. Out in Beantown, Doc Rivers’ Celtics had gotten off to a slow start, but have climbed up to fourth in the standings while getting hot at the right time. The roller coaster Knicks and the scrappy Philadelphia 76ers are both tied for the last two spots to clinch a playoff seed, but the Milwaukee Bucks have been fighting all year, trailing behind two games. The surprising Indiana Pacers and the Atlanta Hawks have solidified their spots and are now playoff bound as well. Despite there having been a lockout, fans have to be thankful for the fact that a season happened after all. The players are taking a large hit in their salaries, but at the end of the day, they just want to play the game that they love and to make fans happy.
With the 2012 NFL draft quickly approaching, all eyes are on quarterbacks Andrew Luck of Stanford and Robert Griffin III of Baylor. There is no doubt that they will be the first and second overall picks, but it is still questionable who will actually be number one.

The Indianapolis Colts have the first pick of the draft and, after a hefty trade, the Washington Redskins obtained pick number two. Recently, the two teams offered each quarterback a private work-out at their respective facilities. Luck worked out for both teams, but Griffin’s agent denied Indianapolis a workout.

Between that and the recent sightings of Griffin signing Redskins apparel for fans, it think it’s safe to say that Griffin wants no part of the Indianapolis franchise. From what I can tell, he’s going to get his wish. There is no doubt that Luck will be drafted first overall. Griffin may look better on paper, as he has generally better stats than Luck, but the one thing that puts Luck ahead of Griffin is the stuff you don’t see on paper: the intangibles.

This is not to say that Griffin lacks intangibles, just that Luck has more. Luck is praised for his athleticism, both on and off the field. This is an afterthought when compared to Griffin. Luck ran a 4.67 second 40-yard dash at the NFL scouting combine earlier in April, which exactly matched that of last year’s number one overall pick, Cam Newton, who is praised for his athleticism as a quarterback. According to some ESPN sports writers, it would be one of the all-time biggest draft surprises if Indianapolis decides to go with Griffin instead of Luck.

Due to all of the hype surrounding Luck and Griffin, the other quarterbacks in the draft seem to have gotten lost in the shuffle. The projected next few quarterback picks are definitely up for debate. The general consensus is that Texas A&M’s Ryan Tannehill and Oklahoma State’s Brandon Weeden will be the next two selected, but their order is uncertain.

Both of these quarterbacks have some major drawbacks. Weeden, who was originally drafted as a pitcher by the New York Yankees out of high school, is now 27 and just graduating college. This puts him five years behind the rest of the quarterbacks in the draft. Teams take age into serious consideration, both on and off the field.

According to ESPN, Luck called 70 percent of the plays himself at the line, which is unheard of at the college level. Griffin, on the other hand, only played quarterback at the college level for two years. He originally was a wide receiver. He’s a scrambler and quick on his feet, and he’s been compared to Michael Vick when Vick played for Virginia Tech, who rushed for almost 600 yards and eight touchdowns his redshirt freshman year. However, this is not to take away from Luck’s athletic ability, which is an afterthought when compared to Griffin. Luck ran a 4.67 second 40-yard dash, and was one of the most classic examples being Tom Brady, who was picked 199 overall in 2000, where players are drafted is not the end all be all. In the end, all this speculation can only go so far and so many more things other than facts and figures factor into who will perform, and who will fall short.
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The marathon that is the NHL playoffs has proven to be the most exciting postseason in sports. The NBA may have a similar format, but unlike the NBA, I feel like every hockey team has a realistic chance to bring home the cup. We see lower seeds upset higher seeds all the time, and the sport is fueled by its passionate fans and rivalries. Players leave it all on the ice during the playoffs, and it makes for fast-paced, hard-hitting action. There is nothing more exciting than seeing your team score a playoff goal in the playoffs.

Hockey is an exciting sport during the regular season, so when you add pressure and a prize, it gets even more intense. There is just something about it that makes it much more fun to watch than the regular season. For most sports, the playoffs are the most exciting because the season is boring, but with hockey, the entire year is action-packed. Rivalries form during playoff games and they get even more intense as the series progresses. I love football and baseball but hockey takes the cake.

Hockey has begun to show just how exhilarating a playoff game can be. Between the brawls, tension and passion, it’s hard to ignore the dedication each player has for their team. However, there is nothing better than a sudden death NFL playoff game. You aren’t allowed to make a bad game or make a costly mistake and there are no second chances. The do-or-die feeling between each game makes football the premiere playoff experience. Unless the World Cup qualifies, there is nothing better than a sudden death NHL playoff game. You aren’t allowed to have a bad game or make a costly mistake and there are no second chances. The do-or-die feeling between each game makes football the premiere playoff experience. Unless the World Cup qualifies, there is nothing better than a sudden death NHL playoff game.

Who’s Hot This Week

Mark Glander
Goalkeeper — Lacrosse
Glander made eight saves in a pivotal 8-4 Skyline conference victory against second-place Kean and four more during the first-half in a 22-3 rout of Mount Saint Vincent. Glander was named the Skyline Conference Men’s Lacrosse Player of the Week.

Alex Hill
Starting Pitcher — Softball
Hill recorded her seventh shutout of the season in a 2-0 victory against Number 17 ranked Rowan. She struck out seven and allowed only four hits with zero walks. Hill is 17-0 on the season with a 0.00 ERA. Hill would also hit the eventual game-winning run, helping her own cause with an RBI single in the first inning to give the Red Hawks a 1-0 lead.

Game of the Week

Men’s Lacrosse vs. Mount Saint Mary
April 21, 1 p.m.

The Men’s Lacrosse team plays their final game of the season when they host conference rival, Mt. St. Mary on Saturday. Montclair is currently in first place (4-0; 7-5) in the Skyline Conference for updates, check out: www.montclairathletics.com @TheMontclarion on Twitter

Question of the Week

Which sport has the most exciting playoffs?

Hockey

Nick Petriance
Assistant Sports Editor
The NHL playoffs are littered with vendettas players and teams have taken a back seat to the personal destruction while the game of hockey has become a giant \\
free-for-all on the ice. The last thirty seconds in an NBA game elapse the same amount of time as an entire quarter, and the last in \\
ning of a game is about as thrilling as being at the previous eight innings. I'm not applauding the violent or possi-
ble childish way to top off the game by fighting, but I do commend players for sacrificing themselves for the team to have a chance at a victory.

Fighting is a staple feature in a hockey game and cannot and will not be removed in the near future. All of the effort and adrenaline that goes into each game understandably lead to both players getting rough, but that's what everyone is getting paid to do: Give 100 percent for each game and try to win. All of this pas-

sion and intensity is fun to watch, but not when the price is to see a guy motionless on the ice after his head was smashed against the boards. Some of these players take the game too seriously and too aggressively. I have no problems with another player defending their teammate and pick-

ing a fight with someone for an unnecessary bit, but not when that leads to the player on the ground and a string of punches to his defenseless face. It's evident that hockey is the least popular sport in the New York area, but you wouldn't know that if you were able to hear the thun-

derous passion Rangers and Devils fans give to support their teams. If you judged a team by crowd noise, you would think the Mets and even the Yankees were the greatest because they never lose. If the Red Bulls pull a more passionate crowd than the New York Giants fans, I'll be surprised.

Players and fans are extremely dedicated to their teams, and the passion they play with is unmatched by any other sport. I don't watch hockey hoping there's going to be a fight, but I enjoy watching two players battle the entire game with the only way to decide who was stron-
ger or better was with the gloves off.

With everything these teams stand for, I would want my team to be composed of hockey players. Dedicated, intense and passionate, these hockey players enjoy playing and want to win. The same can't be said for NBA, NHL and NFL players; remember Carl Pavano, Yankee fans?