SDS Occupies Quad in Tuition Protest

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. The SDS plans on interacting with students and spreading awareness about the current situation regarding the possibility of another raise in the tuition for MSU students.

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

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Pelican Police Report

On April 10:

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

2. A female student reported the theft of her unsecured wallet from a classroom inside of Calcia Hall. This matter is under investigation.

On April 11:

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

4. 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.

On April 12:

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

6. Frank Perez, 21, of Belleville, 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.

7. 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.

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.
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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
Montclair State University creates a new approach to learning mathematics with their highly successful Red Hawk Mathemat- ics Learning Center located on the third floor of Conrad J. Schmitt Hall. The learning center has had an overwhelming amount of posi- tive feedback because it combines one-on-one instruction, technologi- cal 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 Institution and is based on the idea that technology can be used to aid the learning process of a mathematics student. Catherine Holl-Cross, the Center’s director, said that some classic learning tac- tics will remain the same.

“Students will still be expected to use paper and pencil in some cours- es and will continue to learn in that way. They must complete at least 80 percent of their assignments and have instructors and graduate students assisting them through the process,” she said.

Another way the Learning Cen- ter takes an innovative approach to mathematics is by creating focus groups, allowing students to work with multiple instructors and as- sistants and using a cup system. Students from each course can take part in break out focus groups where they receive additional assis- tance and stay on track throughout the semester. Holl-Cross also ex- plained that when a student needs assistance with an assignment they place a red cup next to them to alert nearby instructors that they need help. Blue cups are displayed when a student is taking a quiz.

However, what seems to make this emporium most effective is the face-to-face interaction it provides between the instructors and the students. With an estimated one instructor per 12 students, assis- tance is never too far out of reach for course members.

“There are definitely more re- sources in this course than there were in high school math courses. Here there’s more visual assistance and there are more instructors who are always here to help you,” said freshman Jordan Jimenez.

Holl-Cross, the Center’s director, said that some classic learning tac- tics will remain the same. The Learning Center’s motto is “learn math by doing math” because applying math skills to real world problems or calculations can prove to be more helpful through- out the learning process. Holl-Cross even explains that some exercises can be geared towards certain ma- jors like business and science ma- jors enrolled in the course. In this way, students are learning to solve problems that they feel can actually apply to real life situations.

Next year, the Learning Center expects to assist about 2,000 stu- dents in their courses. So far, stu- dents as well as instructors have responded very well to the new learning approach. Garrett Nieddu, graduate stu- dents and course assistant, said, “I like the one-on-one aspect of the Learning Center. Most of the time we talk to larger groups of students, but we assist them one on one and it’s good because everyone can work at their own pace and still get the help they need.”

**Students can seek the help they need at the new math learning center.**
Mathew Manglona, a history education major, said, “I feel everybody runs on Dunkin’; I’d love to wake up to the fresh-brewed coffee smell of deliciousness. I do have one issue, however, in addition to using swipes, flex dollars and Red Hawk dollars, I think we should be able to use the constant pass. Sometimes I don’t even want to go the dining hall, I feel constrained by the limited food choices. My taste buds ache for a different taste.”

“It’d be cool to have more than just Sams as an option to eat, but at the same time, is it going to be the same food that’s already at the Caf Diem? I like the idea because it gives students another spot to hang out,” said Mat Vandenhove, a fashion studies major.

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 Sinatra and the Village often cite the nuisance of waiting for a shuttle to get to any place to use their meal plans.

Claudia Veres, 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 Doelp is excited about his remaining years at the school. “Students complain about their meal plans, 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.

The underlying concept of Off Campus Solutions is a utilization of Red Hawk Dollars within the community as a type of debit card. Parents can assist their children in deciding what meal plan is right for them, and they can select Red Hawk dollars accordingly.
New Thinking Course Makes Students More Creative

A new course that promises to improve students’ thought processes is being offered during the summer semester: Creative Thinking, taught by Dr. Ashwin Vaidya.

Creative Thinking, which will be taught from May 14 to June 7, will have students building a portfolio of creative work in a variety of forms, such as poetry, prose and fiction. 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 like a bolt of lightning or a stroke of genius.”

Creative Thinking is a three-credit elective course that is open to all students. The course will help students develop ways of thinking in depth. It will practice techniques such as brainstorming and thinking in depth.

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Beginning its mission in 1958 to prevent birth defects in babies throughout the United States, the 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 committed itself to research for prevention of infant mortality and prematurity.

Educating the public and medical professionals on the best practices for healthy babies, the foundation has promoted newborn screening as well as having led the way to discovering the genetic causes of birth defects.

In 2003, the rate of premature birth was tremendously high and was continuing to rise, which diminished the March of Dimes' response with their intensive multi-year Prematurity Campaign, initially designed to increase public awareness about the issue and to reduce the preterm birth rate by the minimum of 15 percent by 2010.

Despite successfully raising awareness, the preterm birth rate did not decrease. In 2005, the foundation officially included prematurity to its mission. Three years later it lengthened the Prematurity Campaign to the year 2010 to attempt to implement an additional public policy as well as scientific and clinical advances to resolve the problem.

The March of Dimes’ effective promotions for newborn screening has led to near-complete approved coverage in all states for 30 serious disorders and has raised approximately one hundred million dollars in donations. From their Prematurity Awareness Month (in November) to the annual March for Babies and national Prematurity Awareness efforts, the foundation is very proud of its commitment to aid every baby with the help of generous donations by citizens.

Named “Top Walker” by Hudson County, of New Jersey in 2010-2013, Fernando Uribe, a Montclair State University faculty member in the Department of Political Science and Law, began volunteering for the March of Dimes in 2007.

Uribe has always been interested in charity work, contributing positivity to his community and hosting annual events to support various causes you will. To support the March of Dimes, Uribe is hosting his annual public event on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Liberty Lounge & Grill in Hoboken at 9 p.m. for adults 21 and older.

The event, as Uribe describes, is to “promote the importance of March of Dimes” as it is “fun and harmless, it’s all for a good cause.”

This event has been very successful since 2008 having had an average of 75 people attending per year. As of yet, he has raised an average of $8,000 both at his events and on his personal page for March for Babies.

NiCole Dugop Profesor Emerita

1. Ask associates about sales

When walking into a retail store, ask an associate or manager if they are having 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 program that could be used if you shop there frequently. Learning the return/exchange policy of stores is also good just in case you need to return something. It’s an issue about returning or exchanging. You should always be kind and respectful to associates and managers.

The most important aspect shop- pers need to remember is to always be kind to retail associates because the moment a customer becomes diffuse or for the corporate phone number. You will have the chance to bid on any of them — the winner gets a date with the contestant using restaurant with the other winner. Both men will participate, and those who attend will have the chance to bid on any of them — the winner gets a date with the contestant using restaurant with local Hoboken restaurants. There have been detractors however, who claim his work to be pointless. In response to the negative view, he responds with his intensive work with helping babies and women than tolerating pettiness about the concept regarding our event.”

“While people just want to sit back and criticize, which isn’t being productive,” explains Uribe, “I try to do something to change the world, I am productive.” He further adds that those who do not agree to his work are “losing sight of the big picture.”

If bidding is not what you would like to do, there will be a donation box available for any generous dona- tions. All proceeds will go to the March of Dimes directly the next morning.

If you cannot attend and want to make a donation, it is highly encour- aged that you visit www.mar- chofdimes.org to be able to make a difference today!
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 at 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 and it’s not 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: Luckily 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’ve out and about, seeing all of the sites and taking in the atmosphere. Now, 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, so think about what you can get in your suitcase, a George Forman Grill and a can of peanut butter and jelly.

You can do all of this in the car or make it 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.

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.

Microwaves also help with cheap and easy dinners. If all of these tips are a hassle, check ahead of time for local restaurants, pizza places, cafes and diners to compare the prices before you leave!

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

Generation Y and the Environment

Katherine Colton
Steve Weiss

In Chuning Tatum and Jonah Hill’s new film, 21 Jump Street, the two play police 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 ubiquitous 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 acknowledgement 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 as “cool” is very interesting. Now, as something so ubiquitous, some-thing so ubiquitous and labeled as “cool” is very interesting. Now, the homophobia part I can accept. In this day and age with all the posi-tive publicity and attention paid to the stereotypical gay man or woman (More Girls’ Jamie lam and Damien, anyone?) as saturated and superfici-al 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 environ-mental issues.

For the most part, I got the an-swers I expected to get from them, which were: “Yeah, I totally drive my car a lot.” “Dude, I recycle like everyday!” “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 over-cool gag reflex rather than a burning need to abol-ish meat completely 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 said, “Without poking, I would have probably never cared to research cattle farming and wouldn’t have learned about carbon emis-sions.” I believe his honest statement can speak for many when I say that four, 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 per-haps, is what will Generation Y be up to in the next decade considering that our outlook is seemingly bleak at the moment?

We’ll probably all be flexitarians.
celebrating islamic awareness week

Jaber Chaudry

When you hear the word “Islam,” what is the first thing that comes to mind? Terror? Terrorism? Oppressors? Oppression? Extremists?

Most of these words pop into our minds when we hear the word “Islam,” and these words are not without reason. Many people are confused about Islam and have misconceptions about it, which leads to misunderstanding and fear.

The Muslim Student Association at Montclair State University is working to change this by hosting Islamic Awareness Week (IAW) from April 23 to 27. During this week, the Muslim community will have the opportunity to educate people about Islam and answer any questions they may have.

The week-long event will include a variety of activities, such as lectures, workshops, and a cultural dinner. These events are designed to provide a more accurate representation of Islam and to foster understanding and respect.

On Monday, April 23, the MSA will hold a Q&A session on the Student Center Quad between 12 and 5 p.m. This session will provide an opportunity for people to ask questions about Islam and receive answers from the Muslim community.

On Tuesday, April 24, the MSA will hold a carnival on the Student Center Quad from 12 to 5 p.m. This carnival will feature a variety of games and activities, such as a water balloon fight, a hula hoop contest, and a henna tattoo station.

On Wednesday, April 25, the MSA will hold an Islamaphobia event on the Student Center Balcony from 12 to 5 p.m. This event will raise awareness about Islamophobia and promote understanding.

On Thursday, April 26, the MSA will hold a barbeque for all campus communities on the Student Center Dining Hall. This is your chance to enjoy delicious food and to learn more about Islam.

On Friday, April 27, the MSA will hold a candlelight vigil in memory of those who have lost their lives due to terrorism.

Throughout the week, the Muslim community will be available to answer any questions you may have. This is an opportunity to learn more about Islam and to contribute to the creation of a more understanding and respectful society.
Celebrating Islamic Awareness Week

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words, do not pull an all-nighter –

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shut-eye – if you want to ace exams

the next day!

Now, we get to the first question, why is it so popular now? Busi-

nesses have been introducing the program into their standard practic-

es. The Chronicle did a survey that found that streaming video usage

for business purposes has gone up from 22 percent to 38 percent in the

last year. Companies can use Skype for business meetings to connect

across the globe, or simply to in-

clude a employee who is on vacation or

home sick.

In a way, Skype is one of the
today’s technologies that allowed

the recent increase in the need

of people to work from home. And it
doesn’t stop there. Companies have also utilized Skype for job inter-

views, as a great cost-cutting method sav-

ing companies $5,000 to $10,000 per interview.

I recently interviewed for an in-
ternship position and while it ended

up happening on the phone, I was

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James Carpenter

In the coming weeks, MSU

students will be studying for final

exams and student-athletes will be

ending the spring season sports.

Follow these memory-boosting tips for top mental and physical perfor-

mance in the classroom and on the

field.

Exercise:

Walking, strength training, aero-

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Stay Hydrated:

The slightest drop in fluid intake

during the day saps energy and

cognitive skills. Make sure you’re

drinking plenty of water daily – it’s

the number one beverage to prevent

dehydration and to stay mentally

and physically sharp!

Memory-Stimulating Foods and

Beverages:

Consume more brain-healthy

fruits, especially blueberries – per-

haps the top memory-stimulating

fruit. Other "smart" fruits for op-

timizing memory include apples,

peaches, grapes, kiwis and wa-

termelon. Leafy-green vegetables,

avocados, carrots, broccoli, toma-

toes, 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.

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.

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-

al foods and beverages.

By following these tips, there is

no reason why you should not

score higher marks on exams and, if

you’re an MSU athlete, perform bet-

ter on the field.

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Behind Every Great Man...

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 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 doing with 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.”
**There’s a Reason SDS is Occupying the Quad**

We all complain the administration doesn’t listen, so do something.

by Sekinah Brodie

in the weeks following the Trayvon Martin shooting death at the hands of George Zimmerman, this is still the topic of conversation everywhere.

The media frenzy, or “circus” as some would call it, has dominated news of the biggest one of the race relations cases in many years. The details of the tragic events that lead to Trayvon Martin’s death have been reported repeatedly in mainstream media and on social media sites.

Now, unless you have been living under a rock without access to mass media, you are aware that the shelves of justice have already begun to turn. Early last week, the infamous George Zimmerman was arrested, taken into custody and charged with the second degree murder of Trayvon Martin.

You may be thinking, “Well that’s what everybody wanted, right?” That is true. However, Zimmerman’s trial, the country and lived under its justice system long enough to know that being acquitted and being convicted are two different things. George Zimmerman is now in segregation and an inmate at a Central Florida jail awaiting further developments.

The fact that nearly two months later Zimmerman is finally being held accountable for the violent acts that occurred at the scene is a critical step for justice. The SDIs want to raise awareness about how we do not have a Board of Trustees and the rest of the MSU administration that wants to one who comes to their demonstration make that point abundantly clear.

One poster in particular that caught my eye showed each member of the Board of Trustees next to their corporate affiliate. This is from the campaign of Irv Cass (Hence the PSE&G in University Hall) to American Eagle Outfitters.

In any case, SDI wants to know if those members were appointed by the Government to ensure that they could so that they can secure lucrative contracts for their corporations utilizing their power as members of the Board.

Essentially, our state government is turning a blind eye to our university in an attempt to corrupt businesses. This is just one example among many, people are paying attention every single year and the ones who remain unmoved on this country are practically non-existent, our classes (if you can get into them) are boring and there doesn’t seem to be any change around the corner.

Meanwhile, President Susan Cole and the Board of Trustees have turned a deaf ear to the problems of the students. While the antics of the SDIs may seem dramatic at times, they are the only organization on campus I have seen that is actually trying to make President Cole and the Board of Trustees listen.

You read those surveys. You read those letters. You read those signs. These corporations range from PSE&G to the Trustees next to their corporate affiliate. This is from the campaign of Irv Cass (Hence the PSE&G in University Hall) to American Eagle Outfitters.

It is time for the administration to realize that MSU will never have the reputation you need to maintain. This is why it is so important to support Occupy MSU at the Student Center Quad. Before we are too late and learn about the problems that face our community.

As for President Cole and the Board, you can build all the shiny new buildings you want. You can spend millions of dollars on campus, raise tuition as high as your conscience allows. You can listen to the administration and “the people” (a word that is practically non-existent) at your service, you can dismiss your students to your heart’s content and the people you care to beLearn is shaping up to be very similar.

If not, people must form their opinions on a case and be prepared to face the case itself along with the underlying issues that are finally “OK” to talk about. The SDIs have prepared and do not allow yourself to be confused by the biases of the mainstream media.

The main thing to remember is that your opinion doesn’t need to be perfect. It needs its ratings and will do whatever they can to get them. But just be sore? And if not, how do the public respond? Only time will tell.

Sekinah Brodie, a broadcasting major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
**Reincarnation or Just a Celebrity Look-A-Like? Transforming lives everywhere since the B.C. era**

Dear Editor,

Floyd Hall Arena may start losing fans as some of the world’s greatest figure skating talent, and business, after new contract, which administration wishes of the students and their parents. The contract essentially forces high successful coaches to share-student skaters with other coaches. The new contract may increase business for coaches who have not been as successful as those who would most likely discourage talented skaters from moving to the United States. The American Federal Government has been a force of change in the past life, and part of a cat’s soul currently resides in me. I admit that my knowledge about this topic is slight since I may have heard it several times, but I think the possibility of reincarnation is just as legitimate (and perhaps insane), but I think the possession of friends that you have on these social networks that will see this May. Sharing the best communicated with only your personal real-life friends. Technology is a great aid of assistance, which must be used with discipline. Don’t let it separate you from appreciating the simple things in life or catching a whiff of the fresh air, instead, focus on living a life in a dazzle of technology.

Don’t go out the door but instead invite some friends over and try to do cooking. Fifty years ago, this is what many did in the early stages of entertainment. Although we have made great accomplishments and evolved as a society how many times has this gotten in the way of allowing us to truly find what we enjoy and for us to allow it to be who we are?

Instead of tweeting about how sad you feel, tweet about the person that has made you feel that way instead. Lots of people have used technology and think; has it been a good thing? Tomorrow may force professional athletes to other locations, and Floyd Hall Arena May start losing fans as some of the world’s greatest skaters are connected to the administration, wishful thinkers — or, I admit, a wishful believer — or, I admit, a wishful thinker — or a common person, who has passed away. Has anyone ever said that advertise for a business or website will not be printed. Letters must be submitted through e-mail as Microsoft Word documents to msuopinion@gmail.com. As a columnist for The Montclarion. We can buy clothes without going to a record store and we can speak with peo- ple from miles away face-to-face without physically being in front of them. This is how the brain creates, their daily routine consists of little more than eating and sleeping. When it is time for a cat’s afternoon nap, she’ll often snuggle up to a source of heat such as a window on a warm, sunny day. I can fall asleep pretty much anywhere, and I am notorious for taking naps with the sun beaming down either in my house or outside on my deck at the beach. Also, just as a cat might be nervous around strangers but warming up to a person she trusts, my personality adapts to my environment — I am often shy and distant around people I do not know well, yet I am very outgoing around my friends and family. My cat-like qualities and jobs for cats appear to be incidental, but I think the most important is reincarnation. To me, the most important is reincarnation. Does anyone see this as an opportunity? Many will digress. Many will see that reincarnation is an emphasized representation of the changes we experience in one lifetime? In our lives, we may change our taste in music, our fashion, our hobbies and our social groups to eventually find our true selves. Does anyone see this connection? I see it.

My belief in reincarnation is just that, my belief. This article is not intended to preach religious customs or faith to any- one because that’s not my style. But who knows, in another life maybe I am or will be a preacher — food for thought, huh?
The Long-Awaited Debut of Fez
Not your mom’s 2D bit adventure!

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

Coachella, the event began last weekend from April 13 to 15 and will resume this weekend from April 20 to the 22. The stage was swept by new and veteran musicians this past weekend. Coachella seems to be a melting pot for new and veteran musicians with the selection of musical influences mixed with the selection of musical choice preferred by today’s youth. The campgrounds at Coachella are swamped with college students who have come from both near and far to join the phenomenon. There were many familiar faces to take the stage, including David Guetta, The Week-end, Rachel & Ray, Swedish House Mafia, Suntigold, Gas, The Drs and Snooq Dugg. One of the most unexpected appearances was Fez, a digital hologram figure of the late rapper Tupac. Fez and Snooq Dugg were able to perform along side each other for the first time in 16 years since Tupac’s passing. Although the thought of it could seem quite eerie, this stage performance has illustrated the advancement and the capabilities of modern technology for this era. This performance served as a tribute to Tupac, which left fans gawking at the fact that he was able to join as he approached the stage screaming, “What is up Coachella!”

This was no ordinary performance but a technological wonder. It is a projected three-dimensional figure actually created through light. A life-sized, light charged, hologram displayed a full body animation of the rapper and even emphasized muscle definition and tattoos. This digital creation performed with mortal stage movements, hopping around the stage just as an actual person would. The impeccably designed characters shown great detail and very much resembled him. Special effects company, Digital Domain, is the mastermind behind the production. They are the creative professionals responsible for the generation of effects in movies such as Avatar, Aeon Flux and I, Robot. Whether or not you are interested in rap music you would be able to appreciate this great visual.

A-list celebrities including Rihanna and Lindsay Lohan also showed their faces at this star-studded event. Although the first weekend has come to a conclusion, there are still many acts preparing for their turn to grace the stage this coming weekend. Coachella is an annual music festival that attracts fans of various genres. Crowds gather to enjoy the show by day as many guests jump in tents overnight to wake up and join the party over the course of three days. This event exemplifies 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 lead you to solve more obtuse puzzles such as placing blocks in a certain sequence or rearranging the game’s iconography. These puzzles seem to be the biggest challenge of Fez as I came across room after room of nothing but Tetris-styled pieces and other walls. These puzzles were frustrating until I found hints from other rooms or gradually peeked at Internet message boards. These puzzles were very hands-on but rewarding once solved. It took me about six hours to initially finish Fez, but I was close to halfway done finding every collectible. After beating the game though, there is a new game plus an option with new features that further distort your perspective of the world – the game is hidden so cool to spoil the features.

Fez is a great puzzle game for those who are willing to search for every corner and go beyond and convince for the answer. Fez is now available on the Xbox Live Marketplace for 800 Microsoft Points ($10).
Thanks for leaving your car here last night and not ending my family’s lives.

Mana Punjabi

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The Legend of Korra Delights Avatar Fans
Series sequel doesn’t disappoint

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 natural that can “bend” the four elements of his or her fantasy phlogiston 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 taking over by the imperial Fire Nation.

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Nick Petruca
Staff Writer

The Montclair State men’s lacrosse team continued its recent success as they went on to a 22-3 win. They dominated in every aspect of the game, carrying a 13-2 lead. Their dominance would last until the 11th minute and go into halftime with a 22-3 lead.

The offensive assault was led by senior attack Tyler Meth, who had a solid outing against the Scar-let Hawks. Meth scored five goals and six assists in the second half, giving the Hawks a commanding 4-0 lead within a span of 31 seconds giving Montclair its 19th win this season. The team is truly looking ahead, one game at a time. “We’ve got to keep going,” said Schoenig. Coming up short in their first three seasons, the seniors are confident as they approach season’s end, along with the NJAC tournament. “We’ve never been around a team that has had this type of success,” said Schoenig. Montclair McGraw said. “We truly want it and we’ve got the mak- ings of a really good team. Mont- clair’s leadoff batter added that they “weren’t gonna be dangerous” when it comes time for the “N-Jack” tour- nament, as they call it, and beyond. Montclair’s run on the way to the game was 9-0 after five innings, but MSU was able to get on the board with a one run third inning, but MSU only allowed three runs, walking three. Montclair’s bats woke up after the quiet first game as they blew out Rutgers-Newark 14-0 the next day in Newark. Junior first baseman Jason Chester man put the Red Hawks on the board in the second with an RBI single. Cody Pace and Tim Byron each contributed RBI hits in the big inning. Senior Jack McDonough started the offensive barrage with his first hit as a Red Hawk, an RBI single from Tim Byron. The sophomore rightfielder and Bond added an RBI in the fourth inning, the biggest being a five-run double off the bat of senior Kevin Gay, Jack Skeels, Michael Jevic and Caleb Langford. Senior Cody Pace and Tim Byron each contributed RBI hits in the big inning. Senior Jack McDonough started the offensive barrage with his first hit as a Red Hawk, an RBI single from Tim Byron. The sophomore rightfielder and Bond added an RBI in the fourth inning, the biggest being a five-run double off the bat of senior Kevin Gay, Jack Skeels, Michael Jevic and Caleb Langford.

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NBA Playoffs are Right Around the Corner

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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. 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.

Kevin Durant has taken his game to the next level of superstardom, and he and his partner in crime, point guard Russell Westbrook, have led their 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-coasting 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.
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, I 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 with a higher pass completion percentage, more touchdowns and fewer interceptions, but the one thing that puts Luck ahead of Griffin is the stuff you don’t see on paper: the intangibles.

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288 completions, 3517 yds, 37 TD, 10 INT
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713 completions, 9430 yds, 82 TD, 22 INT

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Height: 6’2”
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Position: Quarterback
2008 Stats:
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NFL Draft More Tense Than Ever
Both Luck and Griffin are worthy of being #1

Taylor Zappa
Sports Writer

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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 hockey takes the cake. Baseball but hockey takes the cake. Unless the World Cup qualifies; the premiere playoff experience. The do-or-die feeling be- hind each game makes football hard to ignore the dedication of each player has for their team. There is action-packed. Rivalries form during playoff games and they get even more intense as the se- ries progresses. Love football and baseball but hockey takes the cake. Hockey has begun to show just how exhilarating a play- off 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 play- off game. You aren’t allowed to have a bad game or make a costly mistake and there are no second tries. The NHL playoffs are the most excit- ing because the season is boring, you add pressure and a prize, it makes it much more fun to watch than the regular season. For most sports, the playoffs are the most excit- ing 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 se- ries progresses. Love football and baseball but hockey takes the cake.

Who's Hot This Week

Mark Glander
Goalkeeper — Lacrosse
Glander made eight saves in a pivotal 8-5 Skyline con- ference 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 ri- val, 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
The MSU softball team showed their grit and character by sweep- ing a huge home doubleheader against rival Kean University this Tuesday, winning two one-run games by 1-0 and 5-4 scores, push- ing the Red Hawks’ record to 30-3 overall and 11-1 in the NJAC. MSU is currently ranked 15th na- tionally in Division III and fourth in the Eastern Region. The 30-win total comes as a result of a pro- gram history that 30 wins have been reached and this season is the 12th time in the last 18 seasons. Sophomore pitcher Alex Hill was the Red Hawk of the day as she notched both wins from the pitch- er’s circle and drove in the win- ning run and only ran in the first game.

In a masterfully commanding game one effort, Hill picked up her 18th win of the season by going the distance, allowing only two hits, no runs, no walks and striking out ten. She only faced two batters over the minimum for a perfect game. Hill helped herself at the plate in the bottom of the first inning as her single up the middle drove in center fielder Shannon Mozek, who led off MSU’s first at bat with a single and moving Mozek to scoring position. Hill made a sacrifice bunt left by left fielder Jamie Paul- ino. Hill led the MSU attack with two runs, two hits, two RBIs, three walks and five strikeouts.

In the second game of the doubleheader against NYU-Poly- technic, the Red Hawks saw their 13-game winning streak snapped as the Blue Jays took the 5-2 win. Tech pitcher Brianna Feist upped her record to 8-3 with relief help from Miranda Miziella, who allowed no runs, one hit, four earned runs and two walks. Milli Fittigibbons and Sarah Mozek had both hits off of Hill, started the fifth inning stol- e third and came in with the winning run as the catcher’s throw wasn’t on the field. Mozek had both hits off of Hill, started the inning double and catcher Heather Bergmann doubled to drive her in. MSU scored the winning run in the bottom of the sixth as Paulino drew a lead-off walk and moved over to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Mozek. Hill led the attack with two runs, two hits, two RBIs, three walks and five strikeouts.

Fighting is a staple feature in a hockey game and cannot and will not be removed in the near future. With everything these teams have to offer and the intensity and passion as well as the physicality, I’m not applauding the violent or pos- sibly childish way to resolve these issues by fighting, but I do commend play- ers for sacrificing themselves for the team to have a chance at a victory.

It’s exhilarating to see two teams battle in the final min- utes for that win. The closest comparison is the “two minute drill” in the final two minutes of a football game. Other- wise, 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 baseball game is also half- as long as the previous eight innings. I’m not applauding the violent or pos- sibly childish way to resolve these issues by fighting, but I do commend play- ers for sacrificing themselves for the team to have a chance at a victory.

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