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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 a quick service restaurant, a Coffee Concept, a combination sub shop and e-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. An

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

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Red Hawk Dollars Go Off-Campus

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-

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Pelican Police Report

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

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.

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.

On April 13:
- 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 14:
- A female student reported the theft of her unsecured wallet from a classroom inside of Calcia Hall. This matter is under investigation.

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

- 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.

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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 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 and is based on the idea that technology can be used to aid the learning process of a mathematics student. The term takes an innovative approach to mathematics by creating focus groups, allowing students to work together on courses, Math 100 and 061, and assisting about 300 students on campus. The number of students utilizing the Center is expected to increase next year with the addition of these new courses. Although the Center remains focused on the assistance of technology, Catherine Holl-Cross, the Center’s director, said that some classic learning tactics will remain the same.

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

Another way the Learning Center takes an innovative approach to mathematics is by creating focus groups, allowing students to work with multiple instructors and assistants and using a cup system. Students from each course can take part in break out focus groups where they receive additional assistance and stay on track throughout the semester. Holl-Cross also explained 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 and 12 students, assistance is never too far out of reach for course members.

“There are definitely more resources in this course than there were in high school math courses. Here there’s more visual assistance and there are more instructors who expect to assist about 2,000 students in their courses. So far, students as well as instructors have responded very well to the new learning approach. Garrett Nieddu, graduate student 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.’

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 throughout the learning process. Holl-Cross even explains that some exercises can be geared towards certain majors like business and science majors enrolled in the course. In this way, students are learning to solve problems that they feel can actually apply to real life situations.

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

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

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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.

Vaidya, a member of the department of mathematical sciences, will be teaching the course.

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.

"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.

education and food, entertainment and a place to sleep if they need it. This raises awareness that another way of life is possible. It brings people together, too. A lot of events at MSU don't unite over issues, this gives people a place to talk about their issues."

Grab also shared that many people feel that the SDS is solely protest. "We're not only asking for lower tuition just to Susan Cole. We're also calling out to legislation and the governor."

Although not many students showed up for the campout, the students who are involved have not been discouraged. "Their presence in the quad has not faltered since they first set up."

Even though the university did not technically "approve" the campout, the SDS is still allowed to remain in the quad. "The university is allowing this group, in the same way that it allows other groups that are not affiliated with the SIA or even the university in some cases, to be present on campus to express their views through a demonstration," said Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president for student development and campus life.

"However, Grab noted that although the SDS has permission to stay in the quad, they are not allowed to sleep in their tents. "They gave us permission, but they told us if we stay in the tents overnight, we have to pay a cop," said Grab. "We have to sleep outside of the tents to stop that from happening."

The police were also notified of this event. However, the university did not have to make a special notification. "The police will monitor this event in the same way that monitors other events on campus," said Pennington.

According to Pennington, there are also still regulations that the SDS must follow. "The group must abide by all university policies, including those regulating outdoor demonstrations and the agreement they signed with the Dean of Students Office," said Pennington. "Any individual who fails to comply with federal and/or state regulations, or the lawful request of a University Police officer, is subject to arrest."

Other colleges have also joined in the nicknamed "tent movement," including Rutgers and Rowan. The movement is designed to show that students will not support the debt hikes are putting them in.

Ultimately, the SDS is attempting to show MSU students that it is easy to come together. SDS members Justin Wooten, said that uniting is important. "We are strongest when we unite."
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Alexander Kasser Theater

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*Undergraduate students at MSU receive one ticket at no additional charge to every event through the Performing Arts Fee with their valid student I.D.
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 contributed 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 de-\n\nutated the March of Dimes. Responded with their intensive multi-year Prematurity Campaign, initially designed to increase public awareness about the issue and to reduce the prematurity birth rate by the minimum of 15 percent by 2010. Despite successfully raising awareness, the premature birth rate did not decrease. In 2005, the foundation officially included prematurity to its mission. Three years later it length-\ned the Prematurity Campaign to this year in order to implement an additional public policy as well as scientific and clinical advance-\ns to resolve the problem.

The March of Dimes’ effective promotions for newborn screening has led to near-complete coverage in all states for 30 serious disorders and has raised over $700 million dollars in donations. From their Prematurity Awareness Month (in November) to the annual March for Babies and national Prematurity Day, they are reactive to numerous local community grants throughout the United States, 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 Clinical Science and Law, began volunteering for the organization in 2007. Uribe has always been interested in charity work, contributing posi-\ntivity to his community and hosting annual events to support various causes.

The event, as Uribe describes, is to “promote the importance of the March of Dimes” as it is “fun and harmless, it’s all for a good cause.” This event has been happening since 2005 and has 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.

How to be a Savvy Shopper
Helpful tips to save money shopping this summer

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 ac-\nsess the website while you’re in the store. Many retailers will honor the online price and offer you the price \nadjustment. Also, if two different stores are selling the same item for different prices and the store with the item for less doesn’t have your size, 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 prod-\ucts 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 re-\tail store has the exact sandals for $89. Steve Madden will give the customer a price adjustment if they 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, they inform customers about upcoming sales and purchases online and in-stores. Some retailers even offer a student and/or military dis-\count if you have your LS on you. Certain retailers and food vendors offer discount cards to mall employees. Another easy way to get coupons is the Internet. If you Google “printable coupons” you can find end-\less links and web sites that offer printable coupons and promotional coupon codes that can be used in retail stores and online. Sometimes when you enter a retail store and they are having a sale, you can also contact the store if they will honor your coupon or if they will honor your coupon.

4. Always keep receipts

You should keep your receipts organized in your wallet’s back pocket 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 at the store. Sometimes when you enter a retail store and they are having a sale, you can also contact the store if they will honor your coupon or if they will honor your coupon.

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If you find an item that is a dis-\play 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. Mannequins and any items sitting in the window and has been touched or perhaps even has a stain. Most ret-\ail 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 accept-\able “as is” to you.

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Keep Your Tummy and Your Wallet Full
Chelsea Masterson
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Staff Writer

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. This is 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’re out and about, seeing all of the sights and taking in the atmosphere. Now, it’s time for lunch. Your stomach is grumbling and yelling at you to feed it. You need food, but how much do you have to spend? I can probably guess the answer too: too much! People waste so much money on food during their vacations. This is not necessary, but the amount you spend is not.

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Rebels with a Cause
Freemist street art from spray paint to guerilla knitting

Linxie Doyle
S t a f f w r i t e r

Where some see graffiti as an irresistible form of vandalism, others, including feminists, have taken to exhibiting their marginalized opinions on billboards, train cars, brick walls and highway underpasses. Graffiti may be perceived as the graffiti scene’s cousin, a cultural vein. Just as billboards and subway ads work to manufacture needs, the real desires of a community are demonstrated as spray artists respond to their surroundings with their own creativity. Feminist graffiti directly encourages critical analysis of ad space through stencils, aerosols or aerosol spray. Graffiti doesn’t always translate to fame-seeking taggers — some of it may be more advisory and private. Women have long written on bathroom stalls as a means of communication and protest. Even with “Feminists We’re Calling You” or “Riot17 Not Diet,” emblazoned on the streets, a secret language is being deployed to attract other women’s attention.

Outside the private sphere of bathroom graffiti, women may not be completely absent from the graffiti scene, but their presence is an anomaly. Because of this present- void, female writers are just as likely to conceal their identity with graffiti as their male counterparts as they are to emphasize their femininity within. UCLA’s “Miss Lady.” Many female graffiti artists are unwilling to address themselves as gendered artists because they feel as if they are perceived as simply great — not the exception, just the norm. If a female writer occupies their present when their immediate priorities are “getting up” (spreading their name through putting up multiple pieces) and evading arrest or assault. Miss 17 and Claw are two of the most notorious writers in New York. And they achieved their reputa-

Joker Chandy
S t a f f w r i t e r

When you hear the word “Islam,” what is the first thing that comes to mind? Terrorism? Oppressors? Extremism? All of these words probably come to mind. But what if the news media has instilled these words into our minds. During the following days, Muslims around campus will be celebrating Islamic Awareness Week (IAW). IAW is a project that began in the early 1990s by the Muslim Student Asso-
ciations (MSAs) of the United States and Canada. 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 MSAs of 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 April 23, 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. The MSA plans five times a day how to be Muslim in this world. We will also have a QA session on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center.

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Celebrating Islamic Awareness Week
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Tradtional graffiti done by spraypaint (left) and New York City’s knitted “Charging Bull.” Image courtesy of flickr and hilliardcsu.

increase their understanding of religions live their lives.
You’re Skyped

A. Vieka Garza-Gomez

Staff Writer

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 performance in the classroom and on the field.

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 – don’t pull an all-nighter! Do not pull an all-nighter – don’t pull an all-nighter – don’t pull an all-nighter. My friend and I chatted for about an hour and the screen froze about five times which was annoying 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 messages and share files while you talk, making it easy to share pictures, video, etc. It’s no wonder Skype has over 600 million subscribers worldwide.

Now, we got to the first question, why is Skype so popular now? Businessnesses have been introducing the program into their standard practices. 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 include a colleague who is on vacation or home sick.

In a way, Skype is one of the today’s technologies that allowed the recent rise in the number of people to work from home. And it doesn’t stop there. Companies have also utilized Skype for job interviews, as a great cost-cutting method saving companies $5,000 to $10,000 per interview. I recently interviewed for an internship position and while it ended up happening on the phone, I was surprised if a new version is released soon, or if an even better program is introduced all together.

Exercise:

Walking, strength training, aero- bics and yoga classes are wonderful physical activities to enhance blood to the brain and improve memory and alertness. Even a few 10-minute walks squeezed in throughout the day around MSU in the fresh air – do that. You can, you can, you can.

Stay Hydrated:

The thickest drop in fluid intake during the day sap’s energy and cognitive skills. Take your water bottle with you and drink 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:

Consuming more brain-healthy fruits, especially blueberries – perhaps the top memory-stimulating fruit. Other “smart” fruits for optimizing memory include apples, peaches, grapes, kiwis and watermelon. Leafy-green vegetables, avocados, 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.

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 advantage 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 better on the field.

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You 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 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.
The main thing to remember is that the news media machine.

You do not want this case or Trayvon's memory to be forgotten, but other occurrences in the world can call for a real job — but I can assure you, the mainstream media.

This is the treatment most often prescribed for people with high expectations.

I have no idea if I'm going to get a good job — but every day I have to deal with the administration. The posters that greet anyone who comes to their demonstration are aimed at the fat-cats on Wall Street or the trading influence in our public universities.

It is next to impossible not to worry about the future? Where opportunity may or may not lie; where, perhaps disappointment and high expectations.

The question stands: distraction or fair coverage? This question plagues my mind and I can't see the past — except in your memory.

The mainstream media has overdone the story itself along with the underlying facts.

The article of the SDM 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.

If you're tired of being dissatisfied with your experience at MSU, if you're fed up with our campus, raise tuition as high as your conscience allows.

Speaker, SDS wants the students of this university, with the administration at this university, to visit Occupy MSU at the Student Center.

These corporations range from PSE&G to the students of Montclair State.

I've had four terrific years at Montclair, I've had four terrible years at Montclair, and 100 percent foierror for whichever decade's going to be marked on for hours rehashing points that have already been made. Even though the facts is getting a bit redundant.

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This leads me to wonder, if not for all public protest; if not for the victims himself even amid the furor like many other tragic events of this kind.

As a graduating student you don't quite know in which direction you should be facing while trying to put one foot in front of the other.

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Excited fans, camping and live music is what makes the Coachella Music and Arts Festival. You can think of it as the west coast version of Woodstock for generation Y. Last weekend, April 15 to 22, the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival began its second weekend of effects. Coachella is the west coast version of Woodstock for generation Y, and the entertainment industry has changed forever.

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

Mana Punjabi
**The Legend of Korra Delights Avatar Fans**

Series sequel doesn’t disappoint

Nick Taylor
Art. 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 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 and expert in waterbending. This is something that will definitely make her a fan favorite, especially how her age progression compares to Aang’s twelve-year-old persona.

We discover that through Tenzin, airbending is a struggle for her, but her rather passive method of teaching is not enough to filter her through Korra’s adrenaline-hungry teen. Airbending is an advanced Republic City.

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. His hesitation, Korra leaves home on her polar bear-dog, Naga, and ventures out to the much technologically advanced Republic City. The only major problem that _The Legend of Korra_ has is that it is a 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 her 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闻多. 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 p.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.

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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.
NFL Draft More Tense Than Ever
Both Luck and Griffin are worthy of being #1

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Staff Writer

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 hotly traded, 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.

This is not to say that Griffin lacks intangibles, just that Luck has more. Luck is praised and known for his intangibles, both on and off the field. This is not to take away from Griffin’s athletic ability, which 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 ESPN, Luck called 70 percent of the plays himself at the line, which is unheard of at the college level. Most football experts, such as Todd McShay, note that Luck is a solid decision-maker and reads a defense well. Griffin is given the edge in athleticism. He rushed for 700 yards and had 10 rushing touchdowns this past season. 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 was the Montclarion’s highest rated football prospect in the past, and who will fall short. The one thing his age gives him is experience. He is polished, talented and is able to play right out of college. Tannehill, on the other hand, had only played quarterback at the college level for two years. He originally was a wide receiver at A&M, with over 100 combined catches his first two years. During his junior year he earned the starting quarterback position half-way through the season and continued on in 2011, throwing almost 3,800 yards and 29 touchdowns. As it’s been proven in the past, the most classic example 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.

Experts have Andrew Luck as one of the highest rated prospects in NFL history.

Andrew Luck Career Info
School: Stanford
Height: 6’4"
Weight: 235 lbs
Position: Quarterback
2009 Stats:
162 completions, 2575 yds, 13 TD, 4 INT
2010 Stats:
263 completions, 3338 yds, 32 TD, 8 INT
2011 Stats:
288 completions, 3517 yds, 37 TD, 10 INT
Total Stats:
713 completions, 9430 yds, 82 TD, 22 INT

Robert Griffin III Career Info
School: Baylor
Height: 6’2’
Weight: 220
Position: Quarterback
2008 Stats:
160 completions, 2091 yds, 15 TD, 3 INT
2009 Stats:
45 completions, 481 yds, 4 TD, 0 INT
2010 Stats:
304 completions, 3501 yds, 22 TD, 8 INT
2011 Stats:
291 completions, 4293 yds, 37 TD, 6 INT
Total Stats:
800 completions, 10366 yds, 78 TD, 17 INT

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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. Love for sports and baseball but hockey takes the cake.

Hockey has begun to show how exhilarating a playoff game can be. Between the brawls, tension and passion, it’s hard to ignore the dedication every hockey team has for their team. However, 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 behind each game makes hockey the premiere playoff experience. Unlike the World Cup qualifiers, then it’s an entirely new answer.

**Hockey is an exciting sport during the playoffs.**

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**Question of the Week**

**Which sport has the most exciting playoffs?**

**basketball**

**football**

**hockey**

**baseball**

**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.
The MSU softball team showed their grit and character by sweeping a huge home doubleheader against rival Kean University this Tuesday, winning two one-run games by 1-0 and 5-4 scores, pushing the Red Hawks' record to 30-3 overall and 11-1 in the NJAC. MSU is currently ranked 15th nationally in Division III women's softball, according to the Eastern Region. The 30-win total sits 11 games in the program 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 winning run and only ran the first game in.

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-field Shannon Mozek, who led off the inning, scoring a run and moving over to second base on a sacrifice bunt by left fielder Jamie Paulino. Mozek went into each game understandably paid to do: Give 100 percent for each person that brings the score tied at five. The Pro's dashed MSU's hopes of another come- back win by scoring six runs in the top of the eighth to take an 11-5 lead. The Red Hawks came up with two runs in the bottom of the inning to make the final score 11-7 in favor of Rowan. Hill took her first and only loss of the season so far in relief of Miller. Hill led the attack with two hits and an RBI. Also driving in runs for MSU were Mozek, Amato, infielder Katie Mirelli and right fielder Taras Petrucci. As this week continues, the MSU softball team hosts Centenary College on Thursday at 4 p.m. On Saturday, the Red Hawks will travel to Cam- den, N.J. to face Rutgers-Camden in a road doubleheader with game times set for 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. MSU returns home on Tuesday to host Ramapo College in a doubleheader with game times set at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

It's exhilarating to see two teams battle in the final minutes for that last edge.

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- nings in a MLB game is often still- living as the previous eight innings. I'm not applauding the violent or pos- sibly childish way to solve a problem but that's what everyone is getting paid to do: Give 100 percent for each game and try to win. All of this 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 play- ers 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, NFL, and MLB players; remember Carl Pavano, Yankee fans?...