The Little Falls Fire Department is the respondent to any fire problems on campus.

A rising trend in the number of fire-related calls to the Little Falls Fire Department has many attempting to discover the reasons for the increase. The LFFD received 178 calls from MSU in 2010, a number which increased to 224 in 2011 — a nearly 26 percent increase. Robert Ferrera, director of fire safety at MSU, said, "What we need to understand is the cause for the increase in calls." The largest number of fire-related calls to the campus occurred during September and October, which LFFD's fire chief Jack Sweezy Jr. attributes to new students who are not familiar with the fire alarm system. "It was the beginning of the school year," Sweezy said. "It's the same every year. The students aren't quite familiar with what trips the system." Ferrera agrees with Sweezy. "Most of the alarms are false," Ferrera said. "Continued on Page 5"
On April 24: A male student reported his wallet missing. The report is incomplete.

On April 24: A female Sodexo employee reported a theft from her secured locker inside of the Student Center.

On April 24: A male student was escorted out of the Red Hawk Diner after having a dispute with management.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.
deficiencies noted in the report are with NASAD standards. Most of the programs in the department visit in 2001. Initial accreditation, with the last institutions every 10 years after the been a member of NASAD since Montclair State University has accreditation of art departments. As a whole, NASAD awards its own the accreditation of the university and facilities. While not affecting standards for art and design schools, NASAD strives to create national is more support for this claim. Following a visit by a committee of Art students have long com- degree. It makes me feel like we're I graduate, even though I have a job market concern me, but I try to student at MSU. "The economy and they get from the economy. "When I ed because of the defeating feeling disconnected from the people who are running and feel less motivat- because of the defeating feeling they got from the economy. "When I think of this I think of people think anyone really has the goal of bettering the world but more for money," said Laura Colla, a student at MSU. "The economy and job place are very important. Students try to stay away from listening to updates about it because they always make me feel kind of depressed, especially as a college student that has to work very hard for a job whenever I graduate, even though I have a degree. It makes me feel like we're pretty much doomed in the future to be insecure financially and have no hope for achieving the American dream." There is also a feeling of mistrust rampant among students when it comes to people in national poli- Tia. "I'm just always very skepti- comes to people in national politics. "I'm always skeptical to what [politicians] present their ideas on how to work with issues be- cause I don't think that politicians doing it are two totally different things," said Erica Moyer, another MSU stu- dent. Like Moyer, many students feel disconnected from national politics. Julie Alex, one other stu- dent at Montclair State explained, "I think that [politicians] are more concerned with winning an election than actually fixing things." This feeling makes many feel powerless in the political stage, because the media portrays national politics as what is making the most difference in people's lives. It can be argued, however, that smaller displays of politics and of influence on local politics makes a very large difference in the way Americans live their day-to-day lives. Students can also change the world around them by starting on a local level. College students have a long his- tory of debating social issues and making a difference through strong protest, such as the protests after the Kent State shootings on May 4, 1970. When Kent State students were protesting America's invasion of Cambodia during the Vietnam War, the Ohio National Guard open fired into the crowd, killing four students and wounding nine oth- ers. The student response through- out the country was extraordinary. Between all the students of uni- versities and colleges throughout the United States, there was a four million student strike that followed the shooting. This protest forev- er changed the way U.S. citizens viewed America's role in the Viet- nam War. "I do not ever hear about politics covering the issues I'm concerned about," said Cella. Sometimes the antithesis of American politics is what the American makes students turn away from being involved. "There is a tendency to emphasize a horse-race atmosphere with little discussion of debate issues that matter," ex- plained Harrison. "Candidates miss the nuances of real policy discus- sion." However, when Cella speaks on a time when her interest was sparked, Red Hawks are Not as Politically Aware as Professors Hope with the rest of the media, be- politologically aware is easier than ever, though many students on cam- pus don't even think about or involve themselves in the political. This brings up questions about whether students care about politics. The political atmosphere of Amer- ica has changed greatly in the last 30 years and the way students are involved with politics has changed with it. Students do not take or access information about the views of candidates for elections, from presi- dential to finally local elections. Many students express feeling of being overwhelmed by the informa- tion overload. Still, "with so much coverage because of the Internet, students continue to pay attention to politics," said Dr. Brigid Harris- sion, professor of Political Science at Montclair State University. In fact, "there has been an upward spike of 19-21-year-olds participating in politics since 2004." The problem of students feeling they are not political may not be a problem of apathy, but of self-dei- nition: students don't see themselves but don't think of what they do as "political," said Harrison. Students will "like" something or someone on Facebook because of a political view or event, but that doesn't mean they're engaging it. "How people are dealing with politics is being revolutionized, and young people tend to take advantage of that." Many students feel hesitant to vote or even follow politics. They feel disconnected from the people who are running and feel less motivat- ed because of the defeating feeling they get from the economy. "When I think of this I think of people think anyone really has the goal of bettering the world but more for money," said Laura Colla, a student at MSU. "The economy and job place are very important. 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Still, MSU cannot take all the blame for student ambivalence. For there to be enough interest to sustain informal political organization- on campus, students would need to be interested in self-education and personal drive to become politically involved. There are many resources to help students educate themselves on the political world around them. The library offers free newspapers offered on cam- pus. Many departments offer free programs in which speakers come and talk about political issues that matter to students. With the rise of social media, be- longing to a political party is very easy and almost affects students' views on politics. "I like the idea of participating in local politics without the university formally backing out," said Cella. With the rise of social media, be- longing to a political party is very easy and almost affects students' views on politics. "I like the idea of participating in local politics without the university formally backing out," said Cella. There is a huge influx of information coming in from the internet. Some people feel that this information is overwhelming, but others are the ones that are related to the facul- ties and support of the department. However, the conditions of facul- ties, lack of support staff and high enrollments related to the number of students and lack of underfunding of programs, "stated the report. As the Dean of the Col- lege of the Moyers, rt. "There are many items cited in the report that are critical and also many compli- mentary." As professor Julie Heffernan stat- ed in an email, "The Department of Art and Design has been working valiantly to keep up a strong front in the face of multiple factors that undermine us everyday, mainly our facilities. Calcia has fall- ing apart, the HVAC system causes people to faint with heat or shiver with cold, the sinks are constantly clogged and students have little use- able work space. Despite those ad- verses we continue to teach with rigor and enthusiasm." The report cites problems with safety, with the photography and printingmaking spaces lacking the proper ventilation, no delay show- er in printmaking, no eyewash sta- tion in the metal space and what appears to be black mold on the exterior ceiling and floor. Further- more, the temperature was noted as a problem. "The temperature cli- mate issues were so extreme that the visitors were unable to work in the office provided for them due to the extreme heat in the space. The visitors noted that working condi- tions this extreme can have an im- pact on the ambition and quality of the administrative process." Professor Gorderly, chair of the department, has said that the re- port is not entirely accurate and will not affect accreditation. He con- tinued to say,"I will agree with the report to the extent that our facility needs improvement and the univer- sity takes that seriously; although it may not happen as fast as I would like." AuCo Lai, a senior art student that is participating in the NASAD report. The art and design department has said that the report is not entirely accurate and will not affect accreditation. However, the report to the extent that our facility needs improvement and the univer- sity takes that seriously; although it may not happen as fast as I would hope. The Montclarion
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are due to cooking. I agree with Chief Sweezy; we do see more fire alarms in September and October, they are for the most part due to cooking. The residents need to pay more attention when cooking in the resident halls.

The newly updated Hawk Crossing complex fire alarm system may also attribute to the increase of fire calls. This new system now reports all fire alarms to the MSU Police Department, but the old system was battery operated in the bedrooms and living room, which allowed tenants to hear the alarm, but the fire department did not respond to all alarms.

Last September, MSU opened the Heights, which houses an additional 1,978 students. The increase in calls to the MSU campus may be due to the additional housing complexes.

Currently, Little Falls receives $160 from MSU for each time the fire department responds to a call. The university does not think open housing is a solution to avoid excess fees to the fire department, Ferrera disagrees. Specifically, the webcast was made possible by Montclair State University students, including Ian Elliott, Jackie Leder, Robert Dickerson and Tanja Rekhi.

accompanying the students was faculty member Dave Sanders, broadcasting department chair. “It was a highly valuable experience. The students put together social contacts with tweeting and blogging,” he said. “We also did an event on music and art as a force for social and political change.”

Dickerson served as the progenitor of the Arab Spring webcast. “It was the king and the expression of art that fueled the toppling of Tunisian dictator Ben Ali. Ultimately, I feel that Tunisia will stand as an example to post-revolutionary countries,” he said. “This nation will no doubt serve as the archetype of a place where freedom and dignity are valued above all.”

The collapse of the Ben Ali regime was followed by the resignation of Prime Minister Mohamed Ghannouchi, the dissolution of the political police and the former ruling party, the release of political prisoners and elections to a Constituent Assembly.

This dramatic wave of social and political unrest has been felt throughout the Islamic world. MSU student and Jordanian, spoke on the success of her country’s protests. “Since the king listened to the people and replaced the corrupt government, I feel that our region is stable and the protests were successful,” she said.

Steve McCarthy, executive producer of the webcast, noted that the purpose of his trip was to educate the student population on current events. “The revolutions in the region will have long-lasting implications for the U.S.,” he said. “The project taught me to bring an understanding for our students about the region and its people.”

To view webcasts from Montclair State University, please visit: www.montclair.edu/webcast/
This year’s undergraduate speaker is Louis Castano. Castano is a mathematics major with teacher certification in mathematics. He is currently student teaching at Ridgedale Middle School and will be pursuing a career in teaching. He has served as the student representative to the Board of Trustees, on the Student Leadership Team and as the Student Government Association Director of Student Outreach.

Upon graduating, he plans on securing a teaching job and continuing his education at the graduate level.

Members of the Senior Speaking Committee are confident in their decision. “The Committee looks for speeches that will appeal to the broad audience at Commencement, with special consideration given to the graduating class,” said Julie Fleming, a member of the Senior Speaking Committee. “Bearing in mind the joyful noise at the Izod Center, we look for someone who can command the attention of the audience and bring a positive message to the graduates. While we had a number of good candidates, we felt the Louis was the best candidate for this opportunity.”

Castano said how excited he was when he finally received word that he had been chosen. “I received formal notification that I was chosen to speak at commencement on Thursday, April 19,” said Castano. “I received an e-mail from the Dean of Students, Dean Rosemary How- ell, on behalf of the 2012 Senior Speaker Committee.”

Castano also shared how he had submitted and delivered the best speech that he could, leaving the next to the committee. Castano expressed his enthusiasm about being chosen. “I am excited to speak at commencement,” said Castano. “It’s an honor to represent the graduating class and be part of Montclair State University’s century-old commencement traditions.”

Jim Fabros is a resident in the Newark Montclair Urban Teacher Residency, a highly competitive residency-based teacher preparation program that prepared him to work in Newark public schools. He is part of the early childhood and elementary education cohort of the NMUTR and will earn three certifications: a pre-K-3 K-3 teacher and teacher of students with disabilities, plus a Masters of Arts in teaching. Upon graduation, Fabros will receive the following:

“He is a highly committed, fo- cused and accomplished young man,” said Susan Wray, professor of special education and faculty member for the NMUTR. “I submitted the letter of recommendation on Jim’s behalf. The very fact that he was admitted to the NMUTR attests to the fact that he is so ac- complished.”

Fabros is a valued member of his cohort and has become an in- tegral member of Abington School, the school community where he is doing his residency. Fabros recalled how he felt when Anelio, executive director and places on Valley Road.

Victoria Kennedy, wife of the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, practiced law in the private sector for a time. She is known for her social emphasis on the federal and state regulation of drugs, financial banks and savings and loan institutions.

She successfully restructured and renegotiated complex loan transac- tions on behalf of both banks and borrowers and represented officers and directors of financial institutions before state and federal regula- tory agencies. She began her le- gal career as a law clerk for Judge

Robert Speicher in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago.

She has served in key strategic and political roles on issues rang- ing from health and education to la- bor, especially as those issues affect women and children.

In 1994, she established the Mass-achusetts Women’s Council during the election campaign, which served as a model for women’s councils in other campaigns around the coun- try.

She was actively involved in the passage of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 and stood at President Obama's side at the signing of the bill.

She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the John F Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where she chairs its Education Committee and is a member of the Committee on Architecture and De- sign.

Kennedy divides her time be- tween Washington, D.C. and Bos- ton.

Information from Frank Schwartz, special assistant to the president.
Students Strive for a Fair Trade Certified Campus
Team Nicaragua forms committee to make change

Nicolle Dupar

When grabbing a coffee from Cafe Diem, Einstein Bros. Bagels or even the C-Stone, not many of us look beyond the delicious, rich taste of the coffee beans or its amazing capability of keeping us awake throughout the day. Not many of us tend to consider if this coffee or other items on campus are Fair Trade Certified. 

An item considered to be Fair Trade Certified means that the farm or location that these products are produced in or on has fair laws, working conditions and protections for its workers. They ensure that the quality of the product is excellent, while improving lives of not only the consumer but also the producer as well as the environment.

In January 2012, Team Nicaragua, an MSU organization, decided to form a committee that would work towards making Montclair State University Fair Trade Certified. Team Nicaragua is a learning delegation, led by Professor Jhon Velasco. One of the goals of the committee is to observe, experience and learn about the health systems in a developing world and have a trip to Nicaragua on an annual basis to fulfill this mission.

This year, about one dozen students traveled to Nicaragua to find working conditions in factories, such as sweatshops, unsatisfactory. The workers had insufficient breaks, or even just creating long, tiring hours on a daily basis. 

Upon arrival to campus, it was time to make a change. The committee was formed and its members met and then to their Government Association. The SGA set them up with two representatives of Sodexo, the campus food service provider, among had success. Charles Bunin, Director of Operations, Dora Lim, General Manager and Kamal Arulchelvan, Marketing Manager, all listened to the concerns of the students and supported them.

Lisa Jae Monett, an anthropologist major with a concentration in Latin American and Latino Studies, is a member of Team Nicaragua who shares the ambition to make a difference and contributed to the decision of creating a new committee.

Explaining the process of how to make our campus Fair Trade Certified, she says, “There are five steps to become Fair Trade Certified: form a Fair Trade committee, make at least two Fair Trade products available every-where anything is sold on campus, use Fair Trade products at university meetings, events and in offices, develop a Fair Trade resolution and fair trade procurement policy and commit to Fair, education, awareness raising and growth of the Fair Trade campaign.”

Running against time, the committee has yet to complete step two of the process before the renewal of the University’s contract with Sodexo. Once the decisions are made, there is no hope for attempting to change what is a part of the contract for another two years.

The members are aiming to change coffee and sugar first, moving onto hot, oregano and pepper and possibly coffee and sugar. As of yet, most of the members are from Nicaragua. We encourage any student is interested in helping with the cause, it is highly encouraged that he or she joins the committee as soon as possible. Everyone counts!

Lionelle Doyle

Sex works:
• Sex workers are of no significance to feminism. Does this mean that women men can be feminists? This question has been men who fought in favor of women’s issues not the due recognition they deserve. For instance, women workers are less than equals. But not all men are aware of the estimated 8 million people affected in the U.S.

• Paternal leave:

Or lack there of. The United States is one of the few family-friendly countries in the world, offering 66 percent of full pay for six weeks maximum unpaid leave for the care of a newborn or ailing relative. In comparison, Canada offers up to 50 weeks of paid maternity and paternity leave.

• Birth control:

With only two options – condoms or a vasectomy, there’s no middle ground for men to be active safe sex partners.

• Sex workers:

Gay and transsexual males are among the highest-risk population among sex workers for drug addiction, domestic violence and incarceration.

• Money on [my] mind:

While mothers are encouraged to take time off to bond with newborns, they’re also left picking up the baby’s dirty diapers and provide economically and with women making 80% to a man’s $1.00, that makes some twisted sense. The pay equity gap is not only unfair for women, but creates gender-based economic strains on their male counter parts.

Feminism exists in the face of a patriarchy, which tells men that their rights are less than equals. But not all men are privy to the same sense of upper-class, heterosexual privilege, and it is essential to appreciate the complexities of our shared and multiply unique experiences. If feminism advocates for the equality of women, then we select a nice playing field for the men. "Hey Girl..."

Men and Feminism

On the other hand, there is a danger to the semblance of separate spheres. The integration of women into a male world has been debated from Ancient Greece to the 1930s. Scholars began to seriously question whether women could be educated beyond the feminine “basic” gender roles and emphasize the nineteenth century notion of “separate spheres,” there are also noteworthy examples of men who are not only tolerant of women’s rights but advocate for them.

While there have certainly been great examples of men (and women) who promote men’s superiority and emphasize the nineteenth century “separate spheres,” there are also noteworthy examples of men who are not only tolerant of women’s rights but advocate for them.

Historically, there have always been men who fought in favor of women’s rights. In The Republic, Plato argued in favor of women (in the context of education). The second wave of feminism shared a particularly torrid love affair with feminism because of the involvement of separate spheres. In a world split nearly down the middle, with women nar- rowly taking the so-called “51 percent minority,” it is nearly unavoidable to interact with the opposite sex.

Patrícia didn’t just adopt feminism, as Stone argues, but it is equally toxic to the men who grow up within a sharply divided system that values separate spheres over camaraderie. Men, specifically, have uniquely generated a paternalistic perception of the identity gives them license to speak over women in feminist space. "Hey Girl...

Women are an intrinsic part of the feminist movement, from an otherwise smoothening patriarchy. "Hey Girl..."

Feminism isn't a battle of the sexes, so why is there a debate as to whether or not men can be feminists? This question opens up a minefield of hidden sexual politics. What does it mean that women’s issues aren’t men’s issues? That men’s issues are no significance to women.

While some separatists believe the sexes, it isn’t counterintuitive for as the advocacy of equality between women and men. Feminism advocates for the equality of women, and believe that men and women are equally capable of achieving their goals, whether it is to education, awareness raising and growth of the Fair Trade campaign."
Last summer I traveled to Nice, France to study abroad for a month with my college roommate from Mon- clair. The first week I was there, I had been spent well over 300 US dollars just on food. After the first week I had a small cushion in my bank account. I learned to enjoy the simple things in life, I went totally nuts. While on the phone with my parents, my folks were amused at my cost of living and joked that I was all too well, and there was me and Fat Joe making it rain all day and night (not really, he was actually there) until it was all gone.

Upon my return home, I was still in vient to the mentality. I had gone with the reality of my finances, or lack there- of, and continued to spend money I didn’t have simply because I didn’t want to deny the truth. I had been ir- responsible, wanton, indulgent and unable to make compromises with myself in order to save money. Fast forward to the present day and here I am not only struggling daily with my spending habits but literally paying dearly for what I had done.

This is how we are with our de- pendence on fossil fuels. There are a surprising amount of people who make the crack addict analogy. I sup- pose that it’s more sobering than my But-Mommy-and-Daddy-Told-Me- I-Could-study, but I prefer this one because it’s not only more optimistic but realistic as well.

The truth is that we can focus our efforts on creating policy change, us- ing and creating clean energy and be- coming global leaders in those ven- tures. Sociologically, however, we are at a place in which we can logically understand that, but the ever so criti- cal emotional piece is missing. That makes sense though because I was only able to come to terms with my denial until there was nothing left to blame but me. We aren’t at that point just yet. We haven’t actually seen the worst. At the same time, all it took was my Mom to tell me to keep spending, not to worry and I went to the extremes.

That’s the thing. That’s where we are. We keep saying, “Don’t worry hunny, keep spending,” but we must worry and we must adopt a sense of urgency. Even without the environ- ment in mind, our behavior is total- ly illogical, so we act irrationally to justify what we know is wrong. The innate drive to over-consumption is un- equivocally the reason for our resis- tance to sustainability. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that we stop what we’re doing and consider our actions.

So, to explain, clean/renew- able/usable energy is energy that powers our communities in a low-impact way. Think: solar panels, wind turbines and geothermal energy. Don’t think: hydraulic frac- turing (hydro-fracking), blowing up mountains to get coal and drilling in unpredictable, life-threatening con- ditions for oil. What’s cool about re- newable energy is that it replenishes itself and involves us putting our brilliant Neggins together to be the inspiring and creative human beings we are. It doesn’t involve global wars because it doesn’t belong to anyone, and there is no need to destroy the planet in search of resources to feed our addiction.

Like I said before, we have the ability to do it, and studies show that the health benefits associated with clean energy due to our part in cli- mate change. First, that cultural shift will be beneficial to the environment for those laws and policy changes to work. We need to make the change, and most importantly, we need to value our and others’ existence.

We need to be on our feet for our safety with hope in mind. We need to trust that, like many other times in the his- tory of humanity, when faced with an unsolvable problem, we will be pro- active and innovative and the creators of positive change for the future.
in which you want to arrive at your destination, and then find out the approximate travel time to find out when you should leave. Leaving at night allows the passengers to sleep, which means less bathroom breaks, which means you will arrive at your destination faster. Plus, leaving at night will avoid day-time traffic, which helps conserve gas! It also gives you an extra full day at your destination rather than using that day driving.

There are two options for the driver. Switching off drivers every few hours allows everyone to get some sleep. Another option is for one driver straight through; lucky for me on all of our trips our driver (aka my mom) loves driving and can stay up for long hours.

Driving through the night has an other benefit as well! Let’s face it, sitting in a cramped car for a few hours can cause tension between the occupants. Since you are driving at night everyone will be sleeping, so tensions are harder to be created.

You can make these trips a weekend long to a few weeks long! Many people have the same problem of not being able to sleep in cars, I used to be one of them. The U-shaped neck pillows are an amazing invention that helps car sleeping to be a bit more do-able.

It is a matter of pros and cons. Yes, it may be a tad uncomfortable for one night, but the experience you will obtain on your trip will be memorable and exciting, so it will outweigh the discomfort. Driving home is not limited to nighttime driving. It will probably take a bit longer to get home if you drive during the day between traffic and bathroom breaks.

**Journalist Dale Russakoff Delivers Lecture**

Katie Winters

It’s not often that journalism students and education majors are interested in the same lecture, but this was just the case when Dale Russakoff came to speak at the Albert Payson Terhune Journalism Lecture on April 12. Over 60 students came to hear the lecture in the University Hall, Upper Montclair.

A resident of Montclair, Russakoff worked for the Washington Post’s New York office for 28 years. An in-depth writer, Russakoff covered New York and New Jersey politics. When the paper downsized in 2008, Russakoff accepted a buyout and moved on to freelance and teach.

The draw of this lecture, besides Russakoff’s journalism experience, is that she is currently working on a book about Mark Zuckerberg’s $100 million dollar challenge grant for Newark public schools. Having spent time covering New Jersey news, and especially Newark, during her time with the Post, Russakoff was initially unable to be available to cover this news. Used to writing in-depth stories, she moved to the longest of long-form journalism and at her hus- band’s suggestion decided to write a book on the subject, instead of an article.

Russakoff focused on her research in Newark during her lecture. She has spent extensive time in schools in Newark, observing how the sys- tem runs and how changes are being implemented. Newark is in the midst of a series of large scale reforms, in- cluding changes to the way student registration is handled and which students charter schools can focus on, as well as being in the hands of a new superintendent. Following Russakoff’s talk, there was a panel discussion regarding the situation in Newark, led by a woman on the panel wore Ross Dana, Dominique D. Lee, Dr. Jennifer Robinson and Dr. Susan M. Taylor, the discussion was moderated by John Mooney.

The panelists were found with the help of Deans Cutler and O’Halloran of the College of Education and Hu- man Ecology, the help of Drs. Robinson and Taylor.

Dr. Robinson is the Executive Director of the Center of Pedagogy at Montclair, while Dr. Taylor is the Director of the Newark-Montclair Urban Teacher Residency program. Both have a strong commitment to the Newark public schools. Dana is the executive director of the Newark Education Trust, as well as a lifetime educator in New Jersey. Lee is found- ed executive director of Building Responsible Intelligent Creative Kids (BRICK), which is working with sev- eral of the worst schools in Newark.

The panelists offered insight to the situation in Newark currently, adding their insight and personal experi- ence to Russakoff’s research.

The lecture was made possible by the Terhune Foundation, which has been offering support to the journal- ism program at Montclair state for five or six years, mostly in gaining professionals to teach as adjuncts. This past year, money was added to the grant to support a Terhune Jour- nalism lecture. Dr. Rita Jacobs, who spearheaded the lecture and wrote the grant, is hoping to make these lectures an annual event.

**hit the road!**

**Get your gas on!**

Although it may seem costly to obtain a million dollar challenge grant, the benefit to car sleeping will outweigh the cost. With the spike in gas prices, airplane tickets are not fond of long driving trips, so car trips are easier to be created.

It’s not often that journalism stu- dents charter schools can focus in-depth writer, Russakoff covered New York office for 28 years. An in-depth writer, Russakoff covered New York and New Jersey politics. When the paper downsized in 2008, Russakoff accepted a buyout and moved on to freelance and teach.

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Russakoff focused on her research in Newark during her lecture. She has spent extensive time in schools in Newark, observing how the sys- tem runs and how changes are being implemented. Newark is in the midst of a series of large scale reforms, in- cluding changes to the way student registration is handled and which students charter schools can focus on, as well as being in the hands of a new superintendent. Following Russakoff’s talk, there was a panel discussion regarding the situation in Newark, led by a woman on the panel wore Ross Dana, Dominique D. Lee, Dr. Jennifer Robinson and Dr. Susan M. Taylor, the discussion was moderated by John Mooney.

The panelists were found with the help of Deans Cutler and O’Halloran of the College of Education and Hu- man Ecology, the help of Drs. Robinson and Taylor.

Dr. Robinson is the Executive Director of the Center of Pedagogy at Montclair, while Dr. Taylor is the Director of the Newark-Montclair Urban Teacher Residency program. Both have a strong commitment to the Newark public schools. Dana is the executive director of the Newark Education Trust, as well as a lifetime educator in New Jersey. Lee is found- ed executive director of Building Responsible Intelligent Creative Kids (BRICK), which is working with sev- eral of the worst schools in Newark.

The panelists offered insight to the situation in Newark currently, adding their insight and personal experi- ence to Russakoff’s research.

The lecture was made possible by the Terhune Foundation, which has been offering support to the journal- ism program at Montclair state for five or six years, mostly in gaining professionals to teach as adjuncts. This past year, money was added to the grant to support a Terhune Jour- nalism lecture. Dr. Rita Jacobs, who spearheaded the lecture and wrote the grant, is hoping to make these lectures an annual event.

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**Nobody dreams of having multiple sclerosis.**

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**Your Tips to Reduce Stress Before Finals**

Michaela Caton

**Staff Writer**

With finals right around the corner, students are feeling the stress of the course load and deadlines. Everyone knows that stress is not something that we normally enjoy feeling.

Small amounts of stress can be good, this kind of stress allows us to push ourselves and ultimately get good grades. But prolonged stress can put you way off track. Whether suffering a joint, bone injury, or even a sprain, you need to know how to deal with society, you have to be quite seasoned and have the ability to control the stress in your life you can in fact control how you handle it when you start to panic.

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Let me give you a scenario: Three students are sitting in a dorm room, watching TV, none of them appear to understand the influence of any illegal substances obviously present in the room.

Suddenly, three University officers and a dog are in the room because two Community Assistants "smelled some weed in the hallway" and, as luck would have it, they’ve pointed their fingers at this room instead of the one across the hall and there are no illegal substances obviously present in that room.

First, two of the corpse notes that it doesn’t really matter where the marijuana is and none of the occupants appear under the influence, but that third K-9 officer has a funny feeling about this one and, in his mind though not the mind of any- one else, he knows that to be true. Whatever that’s probable cause. During the search, a flashlight reveals what appears to be a small amount of marijuana residue on a dresser. It smells of cannabis, but nothing, but, nevertheless, the handcuffs come out and the occupant whose room it is arrested. The two others will be let go without being charged of a crime.

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**Smoke-Free Campus Another Threat to Freedoms**

Non-smoker stands up for the rights of nicotine lovers everywhere

By law, the members of Montclair's Board of Education have the right to smoke whether one chooses to or not. This power was passed at the assembly when restaurants had smoking sections. As small as it may be, all the school has is a student who chooses to smoke inside a public building. This obvi- ously isn't the policy the University has a problem enforcing. Montclair's campus technically requires all of its smokers to stand at least 20 feet from buildings when smoking. My CA informed me that she's never seen me smoke anywhere unless it was where it was stated. On a daily basis, I experience, and I'm sure you do too, this last “rule” consistent- ly being broken. Look outside University Hall, or outside of the Village or the Heights and you're bound to see someone looking up against the building smoking a cigarette.

My qualm is if there's no one enforcing this current smoking policy, how can anyone expect the university to enforce a smoking ban? I attended a community college that has a smoke-free policy in effect on its main campus, and from my experience smokers are going to smoke regardless of any pol- icy put into place. The smoke-free policy banned smokers from smoking anywhere on the campus, even in parking lots. My community college's campus cops, who did nothing but scan a ground on bikes and foot all day, often could be seen telling people to put out cigarettes, but a verbal warning was all that the school ever did. Smoking isn't illegal and doesn't war- rant arrest, so if the only form of punish- ment is a wag of the finger and a “put it out” it's impossible to do.

Citing college students not doing some- thing that had nothing to do with the col- lege itself and all to do with personal and health freedoms is wrong. Smoking is a nasty habit and in no way do I condone it. But ultimately it's not my decision, and I know that, and I'm not try- ing to tell anybody where or where not to do it.

Lindsay Rawnsley, a freshman majoring in computer science, is in her first year as Features Editor for _The Montclarion_.

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Montclairfest Features All-Star Lineup
Tyga, Wale and Cartel tear up Lot 60

Lindsay Kasemoff  Arts Editor

Those who went to Montclairfest this past weekend are easy to spot: look for paint-stained sunscreen, black wristbands or people who look weary after what was undoubtedly one of the busiest, loudest and most fun weekends Montclair State has seen all year.

Over the course of the seven hours of Montclairfest, a staggered 1,200 students and guests attended the all-star lineup that performed in lot 60.

Big name artists like Wale, Tyga and Cartel tear up Montclair’s version of a rave, M-Glow. Tyga, Wale and Cartel took the stage one after another, doing the robot. This isn’t Barstool what? Dayglow inspiration a success in the heartland. This isn’t a Medicinal like Barstool what? Dayglow inspiration a success in the heartland.

Then someone walks into the middle of the crowd of tired partygoers and then they start pouring in and DJ Clin ton Sparks starts spinning. You hear about on the news.

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M-Glow: Montclair’s Own Paint Party
Barstool what? Dayglow inspiration a success

Alan Valler

You walk into a tent. Of the 1,200 students attending, the majority were without shoes, so they can dance to the beat, swaying wildly from side to side like a music wave. There’s barely any room to breathe once you get near the main crowd. Near the back, there is what looks like a circle for a dance-off with nobody dancing. Then someone walks into this empty space and starts doing the robot. This isn’t an alcohol-fueled shrine to a particular event. This is Montclair’s very own paint party, M-Glow.

From the moment people start pouring in and DJ Clinton Sparks starts spinning all the hits from the last five years, it becomes obvious this is no rave; it’s a party.

This is both simultaneously comforting and terrifying: It gives people the freedom to enjoy music they know and can dance to, but at the cost of losing that special feeling that you’re hearing the cutting-edge of electronic music. It’s a freedom most embrace gladly, particularly the ones wearing hats and shirts embroidered with “YOLO,” short for You Only Live Once, the current means of existence that we all have.

Through the booming of the music there’s some unstoppable music, specifically the chanting and cheering whenever a particularly anthemic song comes on and the clapping for any time the DJs solicit rhythmic applause for a particularly large drop. Another, somewhat more touching sound is that unmistakable sound of getting soaked by something that you weren’t necessarily expecting at that moment — paint parties are all about staying clean, obviously. Throughout the night, there were multiple bombardments of neon-bright paint which soaked partygoers forever.

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Interactive web series I Made America
Founding Fathers wander the streets of Chi-town

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The Founding Fathers... or not.

Transmedia storytelling, as explained by the minds behind IMA, “permutes the lives of our audience members by bringing the characters to life through multiple online and offline channels,” which means that if you’re lucky enough to live in Chicago, you just might run into Jefferson while he’s hosting on State Street or you might find Franklin wandering around the Museum of Science and Industry. If you aren’t planning to visit Chicago in the near future, don’t worry! You can still interact with the Founding Fathers through their Twitter, Tumblr and Facebook accounts. You can also email, call or text them. As IMA creator and executive producer Marc Muszynski said, “I Made America” mirrors the way we tell our own stories in 2012, which makes the project infinitely more fun, especially because when you’re interacting with the Founding Fathers, you become a character in their reality.”

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The Lucky One is a Flop
Nicholas Sparks delivers same sappy romance

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Baseball Still Going Strong as Season Draws Closer to End

The Red Hawks were on fire with a five-game winning streak heading into four New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) games. Montclair State University is not one of those teams as they will play in the Skyline Conference Tournament, which was also played on April 26th.

The Red Hawks fell to Farmingdale State (8-0), the leaders of the Skyline Conference with a lot of momentum behind them. Maritime (9-0) has come to an end for five of the nine teams within the Skyline Conference; the Red Hawks would rattle off the next nine goals. MSU outscored Maritime 9-0 in the first half.

After coming off the NJAC title and getting ready for NJAC, the Red Hawks were on fire with a five-game winning streak. Delfini ended the first with a free position goal at attempt with only six seconds left. Delfini scored six goals in the first half to lead off the top of the fourth for jubilation. The momentum continued as the Red Hawks netted a goal 20 seconds into the game. McDonough gave up three goals in the second, but a two-run assist from Bond put MSU back-to-back singles off the bats of Byrson and Martini tied the game. The Red Hawks tacked on two more in the inning to make it 6-4, and kept the lead from then on. In the eighth, Nappe connected for another first- and two-run home run to make it 5-4. Senior center fielder Mickey McGraw was four for five with an RBI in the game. Junior Josh Manto picked four innings of relief for McDonough, who earned his fifth win in the 10-2 victory.

The momentums continued as the Red Hawks scored first and never trailed to sweep the doubleheader against Richard Stockton, 8-3. Nappe did it again in the bottom of the first; a first-pitch two-run home run with Bond on base to put MSU on top early in the game. MSU extended their lead in the fourth runs to 6-3; MSU, who was coming off a shutout over Rowan in his previous start, received his fifth win in the 10-5 victory.

Kevin [Bond] and I try our best to help put the team in good positions to win basketball games," Nappe said. The long ball came from an unexpected hit to give MSU the lead in the fifth, shortstop Cody Pace of the first, but Byrson led the game the next inning. The Spartans took the lead in the ninth and added an insurance run in the ninth to hand MSU their 12th loss this year. MSU has seven games left in the regular season, with four being NJAC conference games to be played this weekend. MSU takes on New Jersey City University on Thursday and Friday, and TCNJ for a home doubleheader on Saturday.

Junior outfielder Anthony Bow-ens is confident they will be able to win at least three to ultimately win the conference. "We have a great group of guys that play hard every day and love the game, which I think is a great dy- namic for success," Bowens said before this weekend’s contests. This weekend is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to Yogi Berra Stadium with Saturday’s game to start at 11 a.m. The Red Hawks are currently 22-12 overall on the season and their 11-3 NJAC record puts them in first place.
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I really don’t see the point of paying attention to mock drafts. I’ve never been a huge follower of the NFL Draft and I can’t honestly say that I have ever sat down to watch it. I think anyone with a basic knowledge of college and NFL football can make pretty solid predictions for the first round or two, so I don’t know why we constantly alter the rest of the draft. The whole “mock draft” system is just something for people to gossip about and for others to gamble on. The whole process is easily countered if, during the offseason, but are in no way the bible of how draft night will go. No professional teams that are scout- ing them. But other than logical hypotheses, mock drafts are nothing more than pot luck. It’s easy to pick who will go in the top five spots, but anything after the top 20 is a guess. Some players are obviously more talented than others, but each draft is full of “surpris- es.” Mock drafts give football fans something to talk about during the offseason, but are in no way the bible of how draft night will go.

Who’s Hot This Week

Norm Schoenig
Manager — Baseball

Schoenig recorded his 700th victory when the Red Hawks defeated Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 15-2 on April 17. Schoenig has compiled a 700-386-12 (.638) record during his 23-year tenure as Montclair State University’s baseball coach. Schoenig became the 21st first coach in NBA Division III baseball history and the first coach in MSU history to reach 700 wins. Schoenig was elected to the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2011.

Alex Hill
Starting Pitcher — Softball

Hill was two outs away from pitching a perfect game in a two-hit, 3-0 victory against Centenary College. She then threw another two-hit shutout (1-0) in the opening game of a double header against Rutgers-Camden. Hill is currently 21-2 with a 1.03 ERA and 211 strikeouts. For her performance Hill was named NJAC Softball Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season.

Game of the Week

Softball @ William Paterson University

The Montclair State softball team plays their final regular season double-header against conference rivals William Paterson on Saturday. With a victory in either game the Red Hawks will become the NJAC Champions.

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Question of the Week

How much weight do you put into NFL Mock Drafts?

I don’t really follow many mock drafts other than one or two. No matter how much of an “expert” you may be, there is no way of de-termining exactly how the draft will go. The only picks that you can make right are the top ten, maybe the top 15 if the season has been that predictable. Other than that, the whole “mock draft” sys-tem is just something for people to gossip about and for others to gamble on. The whole process is easily countered if, during the draft, a team trades up or down, altering the rest of the draft.

People who get paid to create a mock draft have to know a thing or two about college players and the professional teams that are scouting them. But other than logical hypotheses, mock drafts are nothing more than pot luck. It’s easy to pick who will go in the top five spots, but anything after the top 20 is a guess. Some players are obviously more talented than others, but each draft is full of “surpris- es.” Mock drafts give football fans something to talk about during the offseason, but are in no way the bible of how draft night will go.
Montclair State University Red Hawks won two out of the three games played last week. With the two wins, the team increased their record to 32-4 overall and 12-2 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference, which is first place in the conference. In Division III softball, according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Coaches Poll, MSUsoftball ranks #11 nationally, and number one in the East Region.

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