Up in Smoke

The Greenleaf Compassion Center on Bloomfield Avenue has been granted permission to dispense medical marijuana.

Danielle Arnao
Staff Writer

Two female students were arrested for alleged marijuana possession last Friday, according to police. Shannon Flynn, 19, of Mukilteo, Wash. and Isabel Sansom, 19 of Lakewood, Ohio were both arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police spotted the two students behind the Dumont Television Center. According to Lt. Kieran Barrett, “4/20 has been a busy day for university police in the past, but it is certainly not considered the busiest day of the year anymore.” There has been an increase in campus community involvement and programs set in place to help combat illegal drug activity.

Students face a minimum sanction of probation or a maximum sanction of four years probation or incarceration.

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Tunisia Webcast

The Greenleaf Compassion Center on Bloomfield Avenue has been granted permission to dispense medical marijuana.

Mike Conforti
Assistant News Editor

The broadcasting department recently produced a webcast focused on the North African country of Tunisia. A revolutionary wave has swept the Arab world in a series of pro-democracy protests. The webcast was geared toward informing students about the uprisings in Tunisia that have replaced a repressive regime with a democratic one.

The broadcast department received nearly 200 calls from MSU alone.

The revolunion began Dec. 17, 2011 when Mohamed Bouazizi set fire to himself to protest the confiscation of his small cart of fruits and vegetables he was selling. This was the catalyst for mass protests stemming from high unemployment, food inflation, corruption, lack of freedom of speech and other forms of political freedom and poor living conditions.

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Little Falls Fire Department Receives Nearly 200 Calls from MSU Alone

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

Joseph Wilczynski
Staff Writer

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 Ferrara, 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.” Ferrara agrees with Sweezy. “Most of the alarms are false.”

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

3. 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.

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

Students are urged to vote for the Montclair municipal elections. All students who are registered as living on campus are able to vote. There is also an option to vote by mail.

Vote on May 8th!
Red Hawks are Not as Politically Aware as Professors Hope

Christie Onio
Managing Editor

With the rise of social media, being politically aware is easier than ever, though many students on campus struggle to remain involved in political. This brings up questions about whether students care about politics overall.

The political atmosphere of American society changed greatly in the last 30 years and the way students are involved with politics has changed with it. Students are now able to access information about the views of candidates for elections, from presid- ential to local, from every electronic device they own. Many students express feeling of being overwhelmed by the information overload. Still, “with so much coverage because of the Internet, students do not see a direct connection to politics,” said Dr. Brigid Harris. “They will ‘like’ something or someone on Facebook because of a political view or wording in their bio without really understanding 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 about politics I think I don’t think anyone really has the goal of bettering things for more than businesses,” said Laura Colla, a student at MSU. “The economy and job market concern me, but I will not be staying away from listening to updates about it because they always make me kind of depressed, especially as a college student that has to worry about finding a job one day.”

I graduate, even though I have a degree. It makes me feel like we’re disconnected from the people who are running the country, too.” Students who feel this way about politics mention that this sentiment appears to be more prevalent among younger generations. “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 its 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 other. 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 ever- 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 non-political atmosphere of American media 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, 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- tics. “I’m just always very skepti- cal when [politicians] present their ideas on how to work with issues be- cause I don’t see a genuine interest in making it a totally different things,” said Erick 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.

The art studio department is long com- plained about the condition of Cal- cia Hall, saying that the facilities are lacking and old. Following a visit by a committee of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), there is more support for this claim. “Mountclair State University does not meet the national standards for art and design schools, with criteria for curriculum, faculty and accreditation,” said Alex. There are many ways to see the accreditation of the university as a whole, NASAD awards its own accreditation on a bi-annual basis.

Montclair State University has been in the process of seeking NASAD accreditation since 1986. The association reviews in- stitutions every 10 years after the initial accrediting visit. The most recent visit in 2001. The result of the visit of the curriculums of the programs in the department of art and design as in compliance with NASAD standards. The deficiencies noted in the report are ones that are related to the facili- ties and support of the department. “However, the conditions of facilities, lack of sufficient staff and high enrollments related to the number of students currently attending, and the underfunding of programs,” stated the report. As the Dean of the Col- lege of the Moyer, Dr. Cella said, “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 Hall is fail- 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 printmaking spaces lacking the proper ventilation, no daylight show- er in printmaking, no eyewash sta- tion in the metal space and what appears to be black mold on the ceiling in and around floor. Fur- thermore, 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 focused in ceramics, was present for a meeting with the NASAD vis- iting committee. “The meeting itself was a little tense. The visitors were thankfully bartered from the room. I talked about the inade- quate facilities and old equipment, as well as the condition of the building. It was difficult to see possible solutions with very little to help them along. The heat doesn’t work right. There is no security in the library, the library is a little dangerous and nothing replaced.”

The university is currently work- ing on an upcoming report. The art and design depart- ment is currently working together to produce this document that will specifically ad- dress what visitors noted from the visitor’s report.

It seems clear however that Cal- cia, built in 1968, is no longer suf- ficient for the department for which it was originally built in the past ten years. Check online tomorrow for an update on the university’s response to the NASAD report.
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In the Heights and we get a lot of calls that the Little Falls Fire Department received.

The newly updated Hawks Crossing complex fire alarm system may also attribute to the increase of fire calls. The 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 $360 from MSU for each time the fire department responds to a call to the campus. Many students show concern about this fee.

“I understand that the university has to pay the fire department, but many calls can be easily avoided,” said Marissa Stapelman. “I live in the Heights and we get a lot of 2 a.m. fire alarms where students most likely pull the alarm.”

Christina McCull, a resident of the Village, also expressed concern about the increase of calls. “Most students aren’t cautious of prevent- ing the fire alarm going off. The university should enforce the importance of taking safety precautions to avoid this issue.”

The LFDFD questions whether the $160 compensation fee is sufficient and covers the actual cost of each response. The fee received from MSU for each fire department response can be renegotiated annually, but it has not been.

Ferrera believes that the fee is appropriate. “We receive a great service from Little Falls Fire Department. In efforts to help the department the university has agreed to reimburse Little Falls per fire call. This money goes towards equipment and training.”

While some may think that the solution to avoid excess fees to the LFDFD is the creation of a university fire department, Ferreira disagrees. “The university does not think opening its own department is necessary and believes it would not be cost effective at this time.

To view webcasts from Montclair State University, please visit: www.montclair.edu/webcast/
Victoria Kennedy, wife of the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, practiced law in the private sector for many years.Yet the social emphasis on the federal and state regulation of doctor shopping, financial banks and savings and loan institutions.

She successfully restructured and renegotiated complex loan transactions on behalf of both banks and borrowers and represented officers and directors of financial institutions before state and federal regulatory agencies. She began her legal 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 ranging from health and education to labor, especially as those issues affect women and children.

In 1994, she established the Massachusetts Women’s Council during the election campaign, which served as a rallying point for women’s issues and other campaigns around the country.

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 Design.

Kennedy divides her time between Washington, D.C. and Boston.

Information from Frank Schwart, special assistant to the president.

This year’s undergraduate speaker is Louis Castano. Castano is a mathematics major with teacher certification. He is currently student teaching at Ridgsdale 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 with 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 and it was an amazing moment.”

Jim Fabros is a resident in the New York Montclair Urban Teacher Residency, a highly competitive residency-based teacher preparation program that prepared him to work in New York public schools. He is part of the early childhood and elementary cohort of the NMTR and will earn three certifications: a pre-K-5 K-5, and teacher of students with disabilities, plus a Masters of Arts in teaching. Upon graduation, Fabros will be teaching in New York City.

“He is a highly committed, fo- cused and accomplished young man,” said Susan Weintraub, faculty member for the NMTR. “I have the letter of recommendation on Jim’s behalf. The very fact that he was admitted to the NMTR attests to the fact that he is so accomplished.”

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 Amy Aiello, executive director of the NMTR, called him to tell him that he had been chosen as a commencement speaker. “I received the call in the middle of class,” said Fabros. “I remember my cohort members stopping class [when I received the call] and giving me genuine hugs of con- gratulations. That was a moment in itself that I will never forget.”

Fabros gives much credit to the NMTR by helping him to be the kind of educator and person that he has become. While difficult, Fab- ros said that his experience has been a life-changing experience.

Did You Know?

Coming Next Year to MSU:

- Students can learn about the negative effects of drugs and alcohol by participating in online programs, E-Toke and ECHO.
- A number of good candidates, we felt the Louis was the best candidate for this opportunity.

Photo courtesy of Jim Fabros.

Jim Fabros

- Students can use Red Hawk Dollars in off-campus
- Dunkin’ Donuts, a sub shop, a small cook-to-order restaurant and grocery/convenience store will be added to Blanton Hall.
- The University is looking to move the business school to the Overlook on the edge of campus.
- Partridge Hall will become a one-stop student center housing financial aid, the bursar and registrar. Some offices in Morehead will also move to Partridge.
- Students can use Red Hawk Dollars in off-campus locations, most likely including the 6 Brothers Diner and places on Valley Road.

Information courtesy of Casey Coleman, student affairs representative, who spoke to Dr. Karen Pettington, Jim Carey and Kathleen Ragan.
Students Strive for a Fair Trade Certified Campus

Nicole Dupre

When grabbing a coffee from Cafe Diem, Einstein Bros. Bagels or even the C-Store, 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 treatment for its workers. They ensures 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 (MSU) Fair Trade Certified. Team Nicaragua is a learning delegation, led by Professor Jhon Velasco. One of the main 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 stu-
dents traveled to Nicaragua to find working conditions in factories, such as sweatshops, unsatisfactory. The workers had insufficient breaks, eating at their work stations and 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 with the Student Government Association. The SGA set them up with three representatives of Sodexo, the campus food service provider, among had success. Charles Bunin, Director of Operations, Dora Lim, General Manager and Kamali Archukan, Marketing Manager, all listened to the concerns of the students and supported them.

Lisa Jae Monetti, an anthropologist major with a concentration in Latin American and Latino Studies, is an active feminist who shares the ambition to make a difference and contributed to the creation of a new committee.

On the other hand, there is a deterrent 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” mindsets. It occurred even before the advent of feminism. If feminism is defined as a “radical equality between the sexes, it isn’t counterintuitive for men to get involved.

While there have certainly been gains (for examples of men and women) who promote men’s superiority, there has also been equality among men and women. In The Republic, Plato argued in favor of women (in the government) and women’s voices in emancipation, and the 1830s saw pro-woman activism in the Women’s Rights Movement.

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**Inspirating Sustainable Change Through Clean Energy**

Katherine Oakes

Last summer I traveled to Nice, France to study abroad for a month with a group of students from Montclair. The first week I was there, I had spent well over 300 US dollars just on food. I was extremely confused. I had a little cushion in my bank account already from having classes cancelled and I had been drinking coffee and I was eating a lot of sushi while on my trip. However, I decided to quit drinking coffee and start drinking tea. This is why since the beginning of this year, I have been hearing that Google is working on releasing something very promising however; it offers the most information about the program has been released.

Furthermore, this amount contains 459 calories and therefore is vital to minimize the amount of chocolate consumed. Research has also shown that the effects of chocolate include stimulating the release of neurotransmitters, such as endorphins and dopamine. Neurotransmitters are chemicals in the brain that carry signals that regulate bodily functions such as hunger, keep spending,” but we must understand that, but the ever so critical 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 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 environment in mind, our behavior is totally illogical, so we act irrationally to justify what we know is wrong. The insane drive to over-consume is unexplainable and there is no need to destroy the planet in search of resources to feed our addiction.

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Russakoff’s journalism experience,
The draw of this lecture, besides
and teach.
only be one of them. The U-shaped neck
pillows are an amazing invention that helps care-sleeping to be a bit
more-easeable.

Russakoff was initially
disappointed to be unable to cover
Newark, especially Newark, during her time
covering New Jersey news, and
Newark public schools. Having spent
extensive time in schools
Newark public schools. Danis is
Executive Director of the Newark
Montclair Urban Teacher Residency
program.

Here are some tips for long
trips:

1. Take a break every 2-3 hours.
2. Get enough rest the night before.
3. Eat a healthy meal and stay hydrated.
4. Stretch your legs and arms.
5. Listen to music or a podcast.
6. Avoid driving during the worst time of day to

Fees plus fees equals way too expensive. The
seems to be the equation when buying plane tickets.
With the spike in gas prices, airline tickets
spiked as well. While
this may turn people away from
vacationing, it shouldn’t. There’s
so much to see, all you need is a car
and a bit of patience.

Flying through the night has an-
other benefit as well: Let’s face it, it-
ing in a cramped car for a few hours
day 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
I used to
be able to sleep in cars; I used to
behave.

Some days are universal: hitting a
ball over the Green Monster; winning the
World Series with a Grand Slam in the bottom
of the ninth inning, finding out that you have
MS is not one of them.

Multiple sclerosis is a devastating
disease of the central nervous system where the
body’s immune system attacks the
insulation surrounding the nerves.
It strikes in the prime of life—and
drives are forever.

The National MS Society funds
more research and provides more
services for people with MS than
any MS organization in the world.
But we can’t do it alone.

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

Russakoff accepted a
series of large scale reforms, in-
cluding changes to the way student
registration is handled and which
students charters 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. Two of the panelists were
Ross Danis, Dominique D. Lee, Dr.
Jennifer Robinson and Dr. Susan M.
Taylor, the discussion was moder-
ated by John Mooney.

The panelists were found with the
help of Deans Cutler and O’Halloran of the
College of Education and Hu-
man Services, with 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. Danis is
the executive director of the Newark
Education Trust, as well as a lifetime
member of the Terhune Foundation, which
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It’s not often that journalism stu-
dents and education majors are inter-
ested in the same lecture, but this was
over the 60 students came to hear the
Terhune Journalism Lecture on April
12. Over 60 students came to hear the
lecture in University Hall.

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the Newark public schools. Danis is
founder and 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, add-
ing their insight and personal experi-
ence to Russakoff’s research.

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Fees plus fees equals way too expensive. The
seems to be the equation when buying plane tickets.
With the spike in gas prices, airline tickets
spiked as well. While
this may turn people away from
vacationing, it shouldn’t. There’s
so much to see, all you need is a car
and a bit of patience.

Some days are universal: hitting a
ball over the Green Monster; winning the
World Series with a Grand Slam in the bottom
of the ninth inning, finding out that you have
MS is not one of them.
Getting your first job can even help you pay your way through college.

Your First Job in Your Career Field:

As young adults, some of us have one of the most prominent transitions of our lives coming up. Graduation is near, and it's time to move on to the next step in our lives. There are many options out there for people to explore, and your first job will likely be one of the most prominent transitions of your life.

As adults, some of us have already been bombarded with medical professionals doing their thing to tell us how to take care of our bodies. This is one of the most important transitions of our lives. It's time to take control of your health and wellness.

As you look towards the future, consider the importance of your first job. Your first job will help you gain confidence and establish a sense of independence, which is crucial for your success in the long term. It will also put you on the path to financial stability, which is essential for achieving your goals and ambitions.

Your First Job in Your Career Field:

As graduation approaches, many students are faced with the daunting task of finding their first job. The job search can be overwhelming, especially when you're not sure what you want to do or where to start. Here are some tips for finding your first job:

1. Explore your interests:
   - Consider your passions and what you enjoy doing. This will help you find a job that you love.
   - Research different job options to see what's available in your area.

2. Build your skills:
   - Consider taking courses or certifications to enhance your skills.
   - Practice your interview skills by doing mock interviews with friends or family.

3. Network:
   - Join professional organizations or clubs related to your field of interest.
   - Attend networking events to meet potential employers and learn about job opportunities.

4. Be proactive:
   - Don't wait for job postings to come to you. Search out opportunities and apply for them.
   - Be prepared to accept a job that may not be perfect, as this is just the beginning of your career.

Your First Job in Your Career Field:

As you start your new job, it's important to take care of yourself. Here are some tips for managing stress and maintaining your well-being:

1. Take breaks:
   - Set aside time each day to step away from your work and recharge.
   - Practice mindfulness techniques such as deep breathing or meditation.

2. Stay active:
   - Incorporate physical activity into your daily routine. This can help reduce stress and improve your mood.
   - Consider joining a gym or participating in outdoor activities such as hiking or biking.

3. Maintain a healthy diet:
   - Eat a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
   - Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.

4. Get enough sleep:
   - Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep per night.
   - Create a comfortable sleep environment by controlling light and noise levels.

Transitioning into Financial Independence and Success

When you start your first job, you may be faced with the challenge of managing your finances. Here are some tips for achieving financial success:

1. Create a budget:
   - Track your expenses and income to determine how much money you have available for saving and spending.

2. Set financial goals:
   - Determine what you want to achieve financially in the short and long term.
   - Create a plan to achieve these goals.

3. Save for the future:
   - Consider setting up a savings account to save for emergencies or for future expenses.
   - Use automatic transfers to save money regularly.

4. Invest in your future:
   - Consider investing in your education or in other areas that will help you achieve your career goals.
   - Stay informed about financial opportunities and consider seeking professional advice if needed.

Your First Job in Your Career Field:

As you embark on your new career path, it's important to stay focused and motivated. Here are some tips for success:

1. Set clear goals:
   - Define what you want to achieve in your new job and set achievable goals.
   - Break down your goals into smaller, manageable steps.

2. Stay organized:
   - Keep your workspace clean and organized to help you stay focused.
   - Use tools such as calendars and to-do lists to keep track of tasks.

3. Network:
   - Attend industry events and join professional organizations to meet potential clients and customers.
   - Connect with colleagues and mentors to gain insights and advice.

4. Learn and grow:
   - Stay up-to-date on industry trends and develop new skills to enhance your career.
   - Ask for feedback and be open to constructive criticism.
This will be the last issue of The Montclarion. Stay tuned in May for the graduation issue! Have a fun and safe break!

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When Animals Have It Their Way

With a failing economy crippled by years of bad decisions and a job market that seems to be simultaneously blun-
ner and more hopeful depending on who you ask, it is almost expected that some-
thing falls through the cracks.

Up until the Kony fail through maybe...I should give the SOPA crowd a little credit, it seemed for a while people more than threatening their bank ac-
counts, so it is refreshing to see that even though the economy is still hardly near where it was before 2007, people are still looking outwards to try and improve the world around them and not just the inconvenience that directly affect them.

Long have we been oversupplied to the disturbingly graphic videos, pleading pamphlets, and public protests of animal rights group activists who believe that the mass-production of meat has greatly affected the overall treatment of animals during their lives and during their “pro-
cessing.” Now, it seems, the higher-ups in the food industry are finally beginning to see the bigger picture and appear to actu-
ally be listening to the public’s demands.

The self-proclaimed and over-adver-
tised Kings of Accommodation, Burger King, recently announced that they are going to be making the transition to more humane meat production over the next five years by buying eggs and pork from suppliers that do not keep their animals in cages or crates. This follows the vague announcements by compa-
tors McDonald’s and Wendy’s earlier in the year that, though they weren’t able to outline a specific time frame, eliminating cruel practices of mass meat production was somewhere in their near future.

This may seem like a small step in the long race for the improvement of animal welfare, but this simple act will likely, hopefully, start a chain reaction that will pressure more fast food chains into chang-
ing the inhumane ways that they produce their cheap, dollar deals. In the competitive world of fast food where bragging rights belong to those with the best-stocked dollar menus, a change of this magnitude is sure to send ripples of motivation to other chains so they don’t end up being the last restaurant to adopt humane animal-slaughter.

This act is more than likely also going to affect the production plants that have been refusing to adopt kinder slaughter practices when their free-range crate see a boom in high-paying investors who will be improving the living conditions for less than a third of their full-time freshmen.

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sharing students who can’t afford to go to that university. But yearly increase will eventually impact more and more stu-

The best way to start debate with college students these days is to utter the words tuition increase. It’s a topic that is always a constant trend not just at Montclair State University, but at many other college cam-
puses in America.

Since Gov. Chris Christie proposed his FY2013 budget, many New Jersey state schools have had their tuition increased by four percent. It may seem like an insignifi-
cant amount, but when you look at charts comparing the increase of tuition from the 2010-2011 school year to this school year, Montclair’s tuition increased from $10,113 in the 2010-2011 school year to $10,646 in the 2013-2012 school year.

It’s hard to say if the caps will have a positive effect on reformation of higher education. On one hand, the state is trying to decrease taxes, but by doing so they are cutting school funding.

The cap is intended to force state schools to increase tuition by only four percent. This is supposed to compensate for the state funding lost. Gov. Christie has made a strong decision by enforcing a cap.

Many may argue that the government shouldn’t control the decision of tuition increase. Schools should be allowed to cre-
at their own budget.

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sharing students who can’t afford to go to that university. But yearly increase will eventually impact more and more stu-

We have seen some students forced to drop out because of high tuition rates. Students would be losing money regard-
less. Really, tax payers of New Jersey are investing their money into the future generation. Well, the only university that seems to have a nearly perfect graduation rate in New Jersey is Princeton.

Star Ledger report Kelly Heyboer wrote that, “Four-year graduation rate that ranged from 80 percent at Princeton University to a mere 6 percent at New Jersey City University in 2008, the lat-
est available numbers gathered by the federal Department of Education. Several of the state’s largest public universi-
ties—including Kean, Montclair State and William Paterson — reported less than a third of their full-time freshmen completed a bachelor’s degree within four years.”

So people claim we’re investing in the future, but we would have better luck gambling on roulette than spending money on the future.

Many would once again argue that there isn’t enough support financially and that’s why many students drop out of school. It’s a constant struggle between caps or no caps. Even our governor Christie is confused, like when he nearly abolished the cap in January 2011. Either way, it is kind of a lose-lose situation, and that’s why many students are going to be forced to go on in the wrong path.

Christie’s Quasi Caps

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The Star-Ledger
Students See Final Exam Hopes Go Up In Smoke
Do University “judiciaries” think crimes are guilty until proven innocent?

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A legal system is the logical space in which crimes are guilty until proven innocent. Nevertheless, it's hard not to notice the flagrant violations of this principle by our legal system. As a law student, I am deeply troubled by the practice of using crime-by-association to hold individuals accountable for crimes they did not commit. I believe that the University of Pennsylvania should adopt a more just and fair approach to criminal justice.

The University of Pennsylvania is a leading institution in the United States, known for its world-class academics and strong commitment to social justice. However, I believe that the University's current approach to criminal justice is not only unjust, but also ineffective. The practice of using crime-by-association to hold individuals accountable for crimes they did not commit is a serious violation of the principles of due process and justice.

As a law student, I have seen cases where individuals were held accountable for crimes they did not commit, simply because they were associated with someone who committed a crime. This practice is not only unfair, but also ineffective, as it fails to hold the真正犯人 accountable for their actions.

I believe that the University of Pennsylvania should adopt a more just and fair approach to criminal justice. This approach should prioritize due process and justice, and ensure that individuals are held accountable for their own actions, rather than being punished for crimes they did not commit.

I urge the University of Pennsylvania to adopt a more just and fair approach to criminal justice, and to take concrete steps to ensure that individuals are held accountable for their own actions, rather than being punished for crimes they did not commit.

Yours sincerely,

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

Smoking is a nasty habit and in no way should be tolerated. As small as it may be, we all have the right to smoke whether we choose to or not and the idea of the University possessing the abiding commitment to public health education along with the capability to provide their pro bono leadership in this area is an important and vital area of study for students in the College of Science and Mathematics and the campus and community as a whole. The Samuel Children's Center, which serves the needs of hundreds of pre-school children with special needs and their families, is a perfect example of this capability put into place. The smoke-free policy banished smokers from smoking anywhere on the campus, even in parking lots.

My community college's campus cops, who did nothing but, in and 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.

On a daily basis, I experience, and I'm sure that most of you do as well, a policy being broken. Look outside University Hall, or outside of the Village or the Heights and you're bound to see someone leaning up against the building smoking a cigarette.

My qualm is if there's no one enforcing the current smoking policy, how can anyone expect the university to enforce a smoke-free policy. 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 policy put into place. The smoke-free policy banished smokers from smoking anywhere on the campus, even in parking lots.

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

Lindsay Kasemann
Staff Writer

Those who went to Montclairfest this past weekend are easy to spot: look for paint-splattered t-shirts and faces and glasses and move to the music there's some unbelievable sound that could tell future generations of partiers: “I was there when the partying started.”

Sadly, all things come to an end and at 10 p.m. the last song was played, the lights came on and out shuffled a crowd of tired partygoers to wash the paint off their faces and glasses and move on to after-parties or sleep.

Thankfully, no injuries were incurred in the production of this article and hopefully there will be more of these megaparties happening in the future. It’s a far better use of money than gold statues, after all.

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

Heather Luckhardt
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what life for America’s Founding Fathers would be like in 2012? Probably not, but now you probably and can find out by watching “I Made America,” a web series and transmedia project produced by Chicago comedy company Octavarius and independent film organization CNGM Pictures that follows Benjammin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, George Washington and John Adams through their new lives in 2012 Chicago. As their website (imadeamerica.com) explains, “On January 1, 2012, six Founding Fathers [...] were kidnapped from their own time and brought to 2012 by the American Revolutionaries for Freedom and Family (ARFF) Super PAC. Shortly thereafter, ARFF abandoned the Founding Fathers, leaving them penniless and alone in Chicago. The Founders were quick to make new friends and have since started to make their own way in the modern world.

And make their own way they do! Franklin remains a curious, inventive ladies’ man who is fascinated by the modern world he helped create. (Irony, welcome!) Hamilton finds love, loses it and turns into the clingy, brooding es we all dread; Jefferson, like a rebellious teenager, turns away from politics and toward the world of music with varying degrees of success; Washington, the ever responsible general, takes on a title for which he is entirely unqualified; Adams serves ever responsible general, takes on a title for which he is entirely unqualified; office manager; Adams serves; Hamilton serves as a Flop; Nicholas Sparks delivers same sappy romance

Tatiana Stec
Staff Writer

Another one of Nicholas Sparks’ novels hit the big screen this past weekend. The Lucky One, starring a luring but black boxer briefs will turn to the States, he will find his own stories in 2012, which makes it’s a wonder this series has yet to go viral. The fan base seems to be expanding exponentially each day with more people posting videos of their attempts at Franklin’s “Pop Tart Challenge” and quoting lyrics from Thomas Jefferson’s very real and very downloadable EP. IMA’s two most popular YouTube videos, “I Made Founding Fathers History Pickup Lines (in the present)” and “Founding Fathers History Pickup Lines (in 2012)“ have nearly 30,000 and 80,000 hits, respectively. To check out these videos and find out more about this hilarious, innovative project, head over to imadeamerica.com.
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In 2009, MSU hosted the NCAA DIII Championship Tournament at MSU Softball Stadium. The semifinal games will be played at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and the championship game will be played on Sunday at 2 p.m. Single-game tickets range from $2-$7, while weekend passes will cost $5/$10.

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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 live and breathe on what the “experts” have to say. We already know who the top picks are going to be, so I don’t see the point of sitting down to watch Roger Goodell stand in front of a podium.

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 determining 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” 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.

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 “surprises.” 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

Montclair State University baseball continues to play strong as season comes to a close.

Montclair State University Softball continues to dominate NJAC.

Montclair State University

Mike Panepinto

Yvonne Winfield

The Montclair State University men's lacrosse team continued its impressive run by closing out its regular season with two dominating conference victories, extending their winning streak to eight.

In the 2012 season, Hill's personal record is 21-2 with an ERA of 2.13. In the 2011 season, Hill's personal record is 20-4 with an ERA of 2.82.

Senior assistant Tyler Melchiori noted the team's consistency over the season. "We were fortunate to get every- body in the game," Kivlen says. "Every last minute, it seemed as if it was going to be a long season for the Red Hawks and first-year head coach Chris Kivlen. But, in the words of Kivlen, "this group is re- silient and never lost focus," on route to eight consecutive wins to finish the season with a record of 9-5 and first in the conference. Kivlen has also spoken highly of his senior class all season long, noting their "great leadership on and off the field."

One interesting statistic to note is that the Red Hawks have gotten goals from at least ten different players in each of their last three games. "We were fortunate to get every- body in the game," Kivlen says. "Everyone prepared themselves, and I think it says a lot about our depth."