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The Defamation of Grover Furr
Attacks against professor prove to be nothing but Red Scare

A YouTube video of a Montclair professor at a public debate has sparked the attention of national and local news outlets, resulting in both public outcry and marked sensationalism.

The professor was Grover Furr, who has been with Montclair State for 43 years, and teaches classes like History of Journalism, World Literature and History of the English Language.

Outside of his capacities as an English professor, his research specialty has been the communist regimes of the 20th century, where he holds a number of controversial positions.

One popular contention is his claim that Stalin, who is historically recognized as a genocidal mass-murderer, never actually perpetrated any of the alleged atrocities. “I have yet to find one crime,” he shouts in the video, “one crime that Stalin committed!”

The video is hosted by ‘YAliberty,’ with a description that reads “Let’s make this video go viral.” It has 37,000+ views to date.

Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) is a national organization for politically libertarian students. A relatively new activist organization, it has grown rapidly in the past four years, expanding to 300 chapters representing 26,000 students across the nation, a testament to the burgeoning American libertarian movement.

After the publishing of the video on their official YouTube channel, Jeff Frazee, the executive director and founder of YAL and the former National Youth Coordinator for Ron Paul’s 2008 presidential campaign released a statement claiming Furr was teaching Stalinism to students. When Furr responded to YAL on this statement, Frazee, arguably one of the most important political figures on college campuses today, released another statement claiming Furr was ‘teaching’ Stalinism to students.

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2. On Dec. 5: Holly Rosnick, 20, of East Hampton, was arrested and charged with simple assault while in Blanton Hall. She is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (building #48)

3. On Dec. 6: A faculty member reported a theft from his unsecured vehicle in the Red Hawk Parking Deck. This matter is under investigation. (building #21)

4. On Dec. 7: A shuttle bus driver reported an unknown male punching out a window of the bus while waiting to pick up passengers at the Village. This matter is under investigation. (building #62)

5. On Dec. 8: A male resident reported both side view mirrors broken off of his vehicle while parked in Lot 29. This matter is under investigation. (near building #52)

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.

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Let Professors Know What You Think

(Lucas Arias | The Montclarion)

As the end of the fall semester approaches, students are looking forward to a much needed winter break. When the semester comes to a close, a student at Montclair State University have the ability to express their opinions and comments on the courses they have taken this semester in the professor and course evaluations given by each department.

Montclair’s vast variety of courses certainly has its perks, but it also has its downsides. There will come a time in every student’s college career when they’re forced into a class they may or may not like.

The Office of the Provost, however, understands this issue faced by students and offers several surveys at the end of each course. This allows for students to voice their likes and dislikes on a specific class or professor. The surveys are in a “fill in the circle” type format, and ask the student to rate several factors about the class. Students are asked to rate things from the professor’s teaching ability to the importance of the course itself.

The Office of the Provost over-sees academic programs among the several colleges, schools and even oversees the University Library. It strives to promote faculty excellence and developing effective academic policies in order to create an allusive curricu-lum. The department is also re-sponsible for the education and training among MU’s staff and administrators in research and assessments.

Their overall goal consists of “the analysis and use of data by faculty to make judgments about student performance.” Towards the end of each course, students are either handed a physical paper survey in their class or are sent the sur-voy through their email. In most cases, the surveys are sent out through emails, where paper handouts are usually used for only pre-tenured professors.

The completed surveys are then turned in to the Depart-ment Chair’s office by a student who has collected them. The sur-voyes are then read by the Depart-ment Chairs who are then asked to return the reports to the instructors once the semes-ter is officially over.

“T’he whole evaluation process began at the end of the Fall 2006 semester as a project to evaluate adjunct instructors only,” says Dr. Willard Gingerich, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. “The success of the pro-ject meant that it would be bene-ficial to repeat the process at the end of each following semester.”

Since the start of the evalu-a-tion process in 2006, the num-ber of participants has grown nearly 700 percent. Dr. Gingerich also emphasized that the surveys have been a key a part of the overall review of a professor’s teaching perform-ance, year after year.

“I think they’re great because they provide constructive feed-back on the student’s instructors’ teaching skills,” said student Cody Alex-ander. “The best part is that the survey reports are anonymous which grants the freedom of de-scribing how we really feel about a certain professor or course.”

Student Courtney Lupo, who disliked a couple of her fall cours-es, said, “I think the surveys are an important part of a course because it allows the administra-tion to re-evaluate some of the classes given by professors.”

I think the surveys help distin-guish good professors from the bad as well as show areas of improvement from those that need to be ap-proached differently.

Depending on the consistency of the feedback across the class and from semester to semester, negative feedback is highly considered by the Chair and the Dean in making reapp-pointment decisions.

Students are encouraged to fill out the surveys in an honest manner each semester, as they prove to be beneficial in the evaluation process.

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“I think that, if anything, posi-tive changes could come out of it. I think it will help people in our school and the greater community who need it. People do not need to be discriminated based on their conditions.”

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ers in the country; personally responded with one sentence, “You are a sick man for denying the deaths of millions of innocent people and should be exposed for such.” During the recent election season, YAL sponsored a series of debates held on two university campuses; and it was at this de-
bate that the video of Prof. Furr was taken. “During the first few minutes, I watched the video in rise in popularity, from 7,000 views to 12,000 views to 20,000 views and so on,” said Anthony Celii, Vice President of the local YAL chapter. “It was very exciting to see our event get national cover-
age. We worked long and hard to put that debate together.

This coverage, however, was mostly due to the circulation it was receiving among a variety of conservative-leaning news sources and independent blog-
grs. The video had indeed gone viral, and with a very particular audience.

The Washington Examiner, a daily paper with a circulation of a few hundred thousand, ran the headline on its site “Your Tax Dollars At Work: prof says Stalin didn’t kill millions of people - that’s the Big Lie.” The video itself is called “Commu-
nist Denier” teaches students.” The title’s implications, however, are that Grover Furr uses his platform as a professor to teach communism or Stalinism to his students, a possibly spurious al-
legation.

All of this media attention caught the eye of Arthur V. Be-
lenduik, a lawyer from Wash-
ington, D.C. Belenduik’s field of concentration is in human rights; he has been practicing law for decades. “If the FCC regulates it, it’s the kind of stuff I do,” said Arthur Bel-
lenduik, also a first-generation Ukrainian American.

When Stalin was rolling his tanks into Eastern Europe, my parents were running for their lives,” he said. “My experience has been five years in a concentration camp under Stalin. I’ve seen that happen. I witnessed it.” While Belenduik wasn’t long after the video went online that Belenduik was re-
cieving emails from YAL students who read about Prof. Furr. The prospect that someone making claims that Stalin never commit-
ted “one crime” was teaching at a public university was appall-
ing to Belenduik. Belenduik felt he needed to reach out, and contacted the of-
fice of the president, the College of Humanities and Social Scienti-
ces and the English department. The position of the school was that Prof. Furr was entitled to his first amendment rights, both in public forums and on his web-
site hosted through Montclair’s servers.

The first amendment is not an absolute right,” said Bel-
lenduik, speaking on the phone from his office in Washington. “It’s not an issue of teaching the contro-
versial. We demand that students who come to college be taught things that are truthful. Unsatisfied with the official re-
sponse from the university, he reached out to the Montclairian.

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-Grover Furr

termination of Grover Furr,” he wrote in an email to our editors. “The portrayal of Prof. Furr by these online news sources is endemic of a popular narrative in modern conservative politics: universities are liberal institu-
tions, subsidized by your tax dol-
lars, where young people go to be indoctrinated into left leaning views.” The Washington Ex-
aminer and other publications paint Prof. Furr as a typical ex-
ample of those who engage in unethical infringement, however, hinged on whether or not Prof-
essor Furr brings his political views into the classroom, out of context of the coursework at hand.

Though initially excited by the circulation and publicity, the loss of leadership of the paper was clear that they didn’t support the out-
cry against Prof. Furr which was peaking. “We invited the man to debate his position, and he did just that,” said Celii. “That was a great opportunity for independ-
ently of his teaching.

Ultimately, it’s Professor Furr’s right to free expression, and we support the legitimacy of his profession-
al performance. The College for Humanities and Social Sciences was reluctant to comment on whether or not there had been a handful of articles or complaints against Prof. Furr, or whether administrators had sat in on or observed any classes.

“I can tell you this,” said Dr. Emily Isaacs, chair of the English department. “I have not received a complaint from an undergrad-
uate student regarding any Eng-
lish class this semester.

“None of those bloggers, or anyone saying these things, has ever been in one of my classes,” said Furr. “I’m sure Prof. Furr who has taken Mod-
ern English Literature at my col-
lege has never made any refer-
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“I’d heard that his political views had influenced his classes,” said one student who has taken Prof. Furr’s class in Middle Eng-
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Prof. Furr, though notorious for his political positions, can’t recall an incident where Prof. Furr brought those positions into an irrelevant classroom context.

Professor Furr keeps a web-
site where all of his course mate-
rials and articles he authors or co-authored are available for public con-
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Clarification on Article Regarding Dr. Stevens

An article printed last week incorrectly stated that a pro-
fessor had been arrested for disorderly conduct.

Dr. John Stevens, 69, has been a professor at Montclair State University for over 40 years. He also has Parkinson’s Disease.

According to Dr. Wolfson, President of AFT Local 1904, Dr. Stevens was ap-
proached by officers on Nov. 26 after making a disparaging and dis-

erative remark by Dr. Stevens when he left his car to go to class.

“Dr. Stevens had failed to take his medication that day,” said Wolfson. “If he did not take his medication, then it could present as being disori-

ted that wasn’t really par-for-the-
course.”

Though there is debate about his writings on the subject of communist regimes of the 20th century, Dr. Stevens never tak-

e part of his assigned readings or materials for classes he’s taught. Prof. Furr is a proponent of protecting free speech and did not defend himself from outright slan-
der on the subject.

At Ratemyprofessors.com, a site owned by MTV U that hosts mil-

- lions of ratings and comments, is where students are able to submit reviews of their professors much like you would movies or restaurants. The site has pages of comments about Prof. Furr depicting a range from the misleading to the obviously fraudulent. Prof. Furr writes a letter nearly an-
ually requesting the removal of dozens of those posts, going one by one through each review pointing out clear inaccuracies, such as comments on Furr’s per-
formance in teaching classes that don’t even exist.

“As I recall, in every case they removed the material,” Dr. Furr said. “[They’ve] handled this matter well.” Soon after they received the request, they would begin to stack up again, and are often taken as legitimate and used to attack Furr in right-
wing blogs.

Public and private universi-
ties have historically been a safe haven for the exchange of con-

troversial ideas, the institution itself representing the value of multi-disciplinary practices and views informs the growth of an informed and literate society.

“Students attending Mont-
clair State University are aware, intelligent and discerning,” said Suzanne Brunski, Montclair’s Director of Media Relations. “At the heart of the university ex-
perience is the valuable process of helping students to arrive at their own informed and consid-
ered opinions. As much as people may vehemently disagree with Furr’s views, Furr’s viewpoint is important because it provides a platform for students to be capable of separ-
ating out historical truth from personal and political bias.”

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fense against the defamation of his character marches onward. He thinks it’s time for another letter to Ratemyprofessors.com. I’ll probably write to them again as soon as classes are over.”
-On Tuesday, President Barack Obama recognized the leading Syrian opposition coalition as the representation of the country’s people. This marks a huge advancement in U.S. interaction with the almost two-year-old issue.

-On Tuesday, news of an American citizen being held in North Korea for more than a month was released. Kenneth Bae is being detained after Korean officials learned that a member of Bae’s group was carrying “sensitive information” on their laptop. The officials consider it a terrorist action. U.S. officials say Bae is not being mistreated and are working to get him released.

-Doctors in Havana, Cuba, completed a six-hour surgical procedure on Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Tuesday.

-The death toll from the typhoon that savaged the southern Philippines last week has climbed above 700, authorities said Tuesday. They believe the final number may be much higher.

-Two Australian radio DJs made a prank call to the hospital where Catherine Middleton is staying with acute morning sickness. They got through to Middleton’s private nurse and had a conversation that included some details of her condition, which was then posted online.

-A policewoman narrowly escaped injury when a gasoline bomb was thrown at a police car in Belfast. The attack was prompted by a vote on the flying of the Union flag as tensions continue to simmer in Northern Ireland.

Information obtained from CNN.com.
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What’s Trending?
A Semester in Review

Jessica Czarnogursky
Feature Editor

This semester, despite wacky temperature changes, a hurricane and the usual trials and triumphs of the average college semester, Montclair’s campus nonetheless stayed trendy and fashionable.

We watched the rise of leather and boots and the fall of Ugg’s. The resurgence of denim jackets and vests came back this semester along with the consistently popular and comfortable skate sneaker.

Ushering in the winter – despite the occasional 60-degree day – the campus population adjusted to the weather, whether it meant shedding the sweater for a blazer or incorporating an infinity scarf while still keeping things seasonal.

With spring right around the corner, it’s never too early to start thinking about the typical floral patterns, pastels and military print.

I thank all the fashion forward students who volunteered their faces and their fashion to the pages of the paper this semester and we look forward to seeing both new and old faces in the spring 2013 semester.
Rising Costs Make Commuter Life Difficult

Kyle Tompkins  Contributing Writer

Being a college commuter student has never been more difficult. The life of a college student has never been easy but having to commute to school today, with the additional expenses that come with that lifestyle, has become much more complicated. The vast majority of Montclair State University is commuter students: a little over 14,000 of the 18,500 total students live off-campus.

Commuter students have to worry about high gas prices, traffic, expensive or limited parking in addition to rising tuition and schoolbook prices. These students are using valuable time commuting and working when they could be using it on homework, projects or studying. The added stress and reduction of free time will only diminish the commuter student’s success in school.

For many students at MSU, living on campus isn’t an option. Due to the cost for room and board, which is approximately $13,000, up 3.2 percent from last year, commuting is the only way a lot of students can go to college. This is true for Keith Rolph, a senior at MSU, who decided to commute after living on campus his freshman year because of the high price. “It’s easier to save money for the future by living at home. It wasn’t worth that much money to live here when I only lived about 25 minutes away.”

If money wasn’t an issue, living on campus would seem to be the solution for all commuters. This isn’t a luxury most have, but for Steven Jackson, a political science major who previously commuted, this is the case. Due to scholarships and financially sound parents, Jackson can live on campus and working when he could be using it for his academics, which to him meant he wouldn’t get the pass because it was too much.”

Getting to school is a problem for students, especially if your family is accustomed to commuting. Jackson wanted to focus completely on his academics, which to him meant he had to leave his car at home and take the train. “It’s approximately a 35-minute train ride for Rolph to get school, who gave up driving this semester due to frustration. This means an hour a day wasted, which doesn’t help much. Driving if it means avoiding these problems would be a lot more time consuming to me.”

Jackson gave up driving a lot longer than his friends and tuition. His gas prices have gone up more than 40% in the last year. While tuition has gone up, he’s also had to pay more for gas. Now living here [on campus], I don’t really need that extra money so I don’t have to work, which lets me get more school work done.”

When Jackson commuted to school, he had to work too much so that he could pay for his gas. Jackson was spending nearly $40 a week on gas last year. By living on campus, he eliminated this need and the stress that came with it. “I worked an extra day during the week so that I could afford my gas. Now living here [on campus], I don’t really need that extra money so I don’t have to work, which lets me get more school work done.”

Getting to school is a problem only college students who commute have to worry about. With students on campus, waking up and getting ready for class is the only morning routine you need. It’s approximately a 35-minute train ride for Rolph to get school, who gave up driving this semester due to frustration. This means an hour a day wasted, which doesn’t include getting to and from the train station and having to deal with unpredictable delays or cancellations.

Rolph decided to take NJ Transit's Montclair-Boonton Line to school this semester because driving was too much of a hassle due to parking problems and bad weather. “I hated driving,” said Rolph. “I don’t have to worry about parking or getting a parking ticket anymore. I got three parking tickets my sophomore year because I wouldn’t get the pass because it was too much.”

Rolph is willing to pay a little more than the cheaper solution of driving if it means avoiding these problems. He was paying about $25 a week for gas last year. The cost for a NJ Transit train ride went up approximately 25% in May of 2010, making even this form of commuting not immune to the rough economy. “It’s $7 to get to school and another $7 to get back,” said Rolph. “I don’t have worry about traffic or finding a spot so I know I won’t be late to class.”

A commuter student who depends on driving to school will be affected by the smallest tick upwards or downward in gas prices. This is not good news for drivers today. As of Oct. 13, the average price for regular gas in New Jersey was $3.72, which is up from $3.29 a year ago. As for the entire country, the nationwide fuel price for regular gas is $3.58, where a year ago the price was $3.47. This is a small positive for New Jersey drivers, as they pay less than the national average.

When it comes to Rolph’s least favorite part of commuting, he says it’s trying not to spend money. “I have to get to school, so making sure I have enough for the train. I’ll try not to go out too much or I won’t get too much to drink when I do.” For Jackson, his least favorite part about living on campus is one positive for being a commuter. “Boredom,” said Jackson. “I don’t really find much to do here, so whenever I finish my work or stop studying, I’m pretty bored. A lot of my friends are still living at home but I can’t hang out with them.”

If you decide to live on campus, it will lead to more money spent down the line but it could relieve the stress and complications that commuting brings. Having more time for your school work and activities could improve your grades, give you more time for social activities and make your college experience better.

This is the question every student must ask themselves, whether saving yourself from future debt is worth possibly hurting your college education. This isn’t a very easy decision to make for students, especially if your family is among the many struggling financially today.

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Campus Rec Hosts Zumbathon for Melanoma Research

Levon Seyers
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, close to 50 men and women put some serious pep in their step as Campus Recreation held a “Zumbathon” in order to raise money and awareness about melanoma, a rare and often terminal cancer of the skin. During the hour-long event in which loud music, dancing and laughter permeated throughout the gymnasium, over $600 was raised, once again illustrating the selfless type of care and support those affiliated with Montclair State University are willing to put forth toward noble causes.

“Zumba,” is a fitness program designed by Alberto Perez during the 1990s that allows for the mixture of dance and aerobic elements. From hip hop to belly dancing, it seems that forms of exercise during this activity are limited only to the instructor’s imagination, which can often explain the subsequent soreness in those that attend.

Though these classes typically consist of females, many males were also trying their hands during the Zumbathon, for which many of them have a newfound respect. Matthew Vecchi, Senior and Area Supervisor of Intramural Sports at Campus Recreation talked about his experience.

“I thought it was very upbeat and fun. The instructor did a great job in keeping everyone together and making the routine simple enough so that everyone could keep up. It’s a lot harder than I expected, and I have respect for Zumba instructors and those that attend Zumba on a regular basis.”

Kelly Hammer also commented on the challenges that were presented physically during the Zumbathon. “I’ve ‘Zumba’ed’ in the past, but never for that long. It was pretty challenging.” When asked what she thought of men participating in the Zumbathon, Ms. Hammer noted, “It was great that so many different people came together to participate in the fundraiser. Seeing a bunch of guys out there ‘Zumba’ing’ was extremely entertaining.”

Dominique Gleason, Senior and Area Supervisor of Fitness Programs at Campus Recreation, thought that it was uplifting to see such a diverse response to the fundraiser, including the male participants. “I thought it was great that guys came out. It is really awesome to see diversity in our programs because that is our main goal.” Gleason, who did most of the preparation for the work, commented on the work involved for the event, “The fitness coordinator Jared Utterback really was a huge help during the process. Also the lead instructor of the event San Melia also helped to organize the event. I booked the facility for the event, sending out fliers, and helping out where I could with setting up.”

Melanoma causes the most deaths among types of skin cancers worldwide. According to the World Health Organization, a group formed by the United Nations dealing with international public health, 48,000 melanoma-related fatalities occur every year worldwide. As a result, families are often left devastated and nonplussed in dealing with the aftermath and trying to continue on with their lives. By bringing about awareness of such diseases, even at an event like Campus Recreation’s Zumbathon, it invites the possibility for change, which in return provides a vast amount of hope for those currently in that struggle.
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This will be the last issue of The Montclarion for the Fall Semester. We’ll be back in the Spring with our next issue! Have a fun and safe break!
Christmas is fast approaching! Solve this festive holiday puzzle.

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Bloomfield Avenue has blossomed. The first medicinal marijuana dispensary, The Greenleaf Compassions Center, opened up on Bloomfield Avenue right in Montclair. For their grand opening, 20 patients were allowed through their doors to undergo treatment. With the exception of a few participants, many of the first-time patients refused to make statements and hid their faces. It’s really peculiar—are people that ashamed to enjoy something that was once considered illegal? Many of the patients who did respond to newspapers stated that they enjoyed the treatments and that they felt great afterwards. Patients spoke about the professionalism behind the whole treatment and how marijuana was great at minimizing the pain many of the participants go through. Many people are skeptical about having this dispensary in town and not too far from a college campus. These people, these supposed “pot smokers” probably go through pain beyond our wildest imagination and do so on a daily basis. If there is something out there that relieves this pain for them and allows them to function on a daily basis, we have no right to take this away from them. With the rising legalization of marijuana, Greenleaf Compassion Centers eventually plans to open six dispensaries in total with the Montclair location being the first to complete the application, permitting processes and securing approvals from local officials. Why would Montclair’s local officials approve of the construction? Think about all the revenue this building can bring into local restaurants. It’s no secret that when you smoke marijuana, you get the “munchies” and with all the restaurants around the area, they are sure to get a few extra customers. Since Montclair is currently the only town with a dispensary, many will flock to Montclair’s commercial district, which could bring in potential revenue. There is also some skepticism about security in the area of town. Many believe that the dispensary will be a target for thieves. We would beg to differ. Citizens have stated that the commercial district of Montclair is highly secure. Police usually patrol and maintain the area in case of a potential threat. The Greenleaf Compassion Center also has its own set of security guards allowing no one to enter the building unless they present a medical ID. The final concern on everyone’s mind is if it this dispensary will promote the legalization of recreational uses of marijuana and that will cause people to abuse the product. This is being blown way out of proportion, even stretching it out to be a second prohibition. Many other countries have legalized weed and they haven’t had the need for any prohibitions. Secondly, we are talking about medicinal marijuana; there is no talk about making recreational marijuana legal. This medicinal marijuana is a means of healing for many. It isn’t being taken away from an individual for any prohibitions. If marijuana was not going to have any sort of benefit to people, do you think that it would have been legalized? Skepticism is fed by doubts and grows into fear. We fear things we do not understand, but what we do not understand may not be as bad.

Students Speak

Christine Dargan
Undeclared

“I think it will cause a little bit of conflict with those who don’t really like marijuana, obviously, but, I’m gonna be honest, Montclair is known as the marijuana town, so it isn’t like it’s gonna be something big. There are a few people who do not like marijuana, it’s gonna create a bit of a conflict.”

Vicky Leta | The Montclarion

Andy Nelson
Senior
Biology

“I think it might cause a conflict within the town, [since] there are a lot of small children that live here. People are raising their families. That might not be something that they want to have their children raised around, even if it is for medicinal purposes.”

Vicky Leta | The Montclarion

Krystal Gardner
Junior
Business Management/Marketing

“I believe it will cause conflicts. I’m not a smoker myself, but more campus people are closer to exposure to drugs. It can cause problems as far as class, drugs on campus and stuff like that.”

Vicky Leta | The Montclarion

Cassie Kliesch
Junior
Fine Arts

“I don’t understand how a medicinal marijuana spot could even be opened in a town like Montclair because they have so many rules and restrictions. As far as the school goes, I’m not sure if students would go out of their way to fake things to get their card. If it does become a problem among students, it could be another divide between the town and the college because they already kind of don’t like us.”

Vicky Leta | The Montclarion

Do you think the medicinal marijuana dispenser will cause conflict in Montclair?
There are many different activities set up for the special friends and their buddies, including swimming, a DJ, a movie theater and face painting. Special friends are also provided with lunch, a t-shirt and a goody-filled tote bag. An interesting aspect is seeing what Special Friends Day was all about. There was so much work going on behind the scenes that I could not be more impressed and satisfied with the outcome.

The list of praises for the event would be pointless if I took the time to list all the positive things I saw. The decorations for the theme of the board game Candy Land were adorable and plentiful. The floor was literally transformed into Candy Land by the brightly colored pieces of felt, formed into Candy Land by the bright colors and decorations, not to mention the glimpses of games and activities set up. Furthermore, the number and variety of activities for the special friends to participate in was great. There were opportunities to try out crafts and color, play games like cornhole and Candy Land. There was, of course, in the style of Campus Recreation, to be active with bouncing on trampolines and dancing. The activities even looked fun to me as a "kid-at-heart." It's a challenge to do what they love with their buddies and see if they really could see them open up and step away from shyness, a great gift in and of itself. It's easy to see how the special friends had a gift of a fantastic day of fun and how students at Montclair received the rewarding gifts of relating to and having a great time with their special friends, but even more so knowing that other people, making it one of the most meaningful and exciting opportu-

Kristen Bryfogle, a Classics major, is in her first year as assistant opinion editor at The Montclarion.
To the Editor:

I’m writing in response to a recent Montclarion article titled, “The Cage Doesn’t Just Rape.” I would first like to say that I loved the article and completely agree that Nicolas Cage is a fantastic actor who is highly unappreciated. My one criticism of this Nick Cage appreciation piece is the unforgivable mistake of leaving out his highest honor as an actor: Winning an Academy Award. Cage won the Best Actor Oscar in the 86th Academy Awards for “Leaving Las Vegas” (1995), masterfully portraying an alcoholic, who’s trying to drink himself to death. This crowning achievement is indisputable proof of Cage’s amazing talents, cementing his name among the greatest actors ever.

Kyle Tompkins

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**Rec Center Opens Its Doors to Special Friends**

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**OPINION**
The trend-setting hair styles, flawless make up, perfectly choreographed dance routines and crazy catchy beats have placed Korean Pop on the top charts all across Asia for the past decade. Taking the Eastern continent by storm, Korean bands have already begun to test U.S. waters, and so far have been successful. Currently, the biggest Ko- rean artist many of us are familiar with is Psy, the classy yet cheeky dancer with his hit song “Gangnam Style.” With a whopping 900 million views on YouTube, “Gangnam Style” has broken multiple records worldwide, being played in arenas, studios and radio stations ranging from Tokyo to Paris. Pay is praised by fans of all ages and nationalities, including celebrities and political leaders, whether they speak Ko- rean or not, causing a cultural wave. Pay, however, is not the only artist under theYG Enter- tainment label that has made a mark in the United States. This past August, Korean girl group 2NE1 rocked out the Frutontial Center in New- ark, selling out their U.S. date within hours. Thousands of fans turned out to the event cast- ing poster boards, dressing up as the members and even organ- izing a flash mob in celebration of their first East Coast concert. 2NE1, a quartet, fuse elec- tronica with R&B and hip hop to create their distinct sound and image. Their wardrobe ranges from spikes to animal prints, metallic dresses to chic suits. Their image is always evolving, just as their music does, which is what attracted the United States audience to begin with. In 2011, the girls won the Best New Artist award from MTV Iggy, the first for a Kore- an girl group and are expected to be back on another tour soon. Most recently, Big Bang also headlined the Prudential Con- cer- t at the end of October. The quintet from Seoul sold out their U.S. dates in un- der two hours, causing a de- mand from fans for more dates. The band added a second Jersey date, resulting in major suc- cess and a promising return. Like 2NE1, thousands of fans have participated in mak- ing the event as lively and in- teresting as possible, with light sticks, banners, personalized T- shirts and of course, a flash mob. Big Bang delivers a mix of hip hop, rock, R&B and electron- ic styles, from both their group albums and solo albums that also influence their clothing and hair styles. To keep it fresh, the boys tend to change their hair- style multiple times per month having set many fashion trends all across Asia and Europe. Creating an impact like never before, Korean Pop is only at the beginning stages of success in the United States. Other bands are looking to break through to the American charts and have a share of their own success sto- ries, giving Korean Pop lovers in the United States the news they have been longing for. It is expected forYG En- tertainment and other Ko- rean entertainment labels to continue to make their pres- ence alive in American media, for their battles of conquering the U.S. has only just begun.

Nicole Duque
Staff Writer

Oppan Freedom Style America’s Cultural Ignorance

Every day in the news, sta- tistics are rattled off on drone strikes and casualties, intended or incidental. The fatigue of war has worn on the general populace and to them, the war on terror’s fifteen minutes of fame wore off five years ago. Americans are more enamored with what chan- nel that now Top 40 artist will appear on. We all know, how- ever, that it won’t be MTV be- cause MTV hasn’t played music videos since “The Real World” started airing back in the 1990s. However, whichever televi- sion program or song or video game, it will probably contain some form of violence. Violence in its varying degrees has be- come as American as apple pie. Just ask Clive Brown. When it isn’t us however, when we are the ones who are on the re- ceiving end, it all goes to hell. Kneojek reactions happen quicker than our trigger fingers. It’s ironic, though, how America, the self appointed world police, the “harbinger of peace,” can’t help but look the other way when it comes to indiscriminate murder when we are the ones actually murdering.

“Kill those (expletive) Yankees who have been torturing Iraqi captivity.” “Kill those (expletive) Yankees who ordered them to torture. Kill their daughters, mothers, sisters, my and fathers. Kill them all slowly and painfully.” These are the lyrics in question that have everybody up in arms. Of course, out of con- text, it is a justifiable thing to be outraged about, but we live in a world where context is the most important part of a message. The anti-American verse was said by Pay in 2004 during a pro- test concert in South Koreas re- sponse to the antiwar sentiment and the killing of two innocent Korean civilians. The live per- formance included Pay smashing a model of a tank as well. Who wouldn’t be furious after witness- ing unnecessary torture of Iraqis and the death of two of your own? Who wouldn’t express the anger of having the killers of Korean civilians being tried by their own military court instead of South Korean government and being acquitted in the end? Expressing anger and frustra- tion is natural and should be ac- cepted, but isn’t allowed in our politically correct society, well, unless we are the ones doing it. The brush patriotism and “country at all costs” mental- ity that we Americans have is viewed as the essential part of our culture, that if you aren’t patri- otic, then you “aren’t American.” These views cause us to have tunnel vision, to forget that we are just as guilty as the radicals are in the Middle East. You’ll never see it, though, because our corporate run media will never portray it as such because it isn’t “American.” It isn’t “patri- otics” to question the actions that we are responsible for overseas. It’s happened with the Red Scare and McCarthyism dur- ing the fifties and with Opera- tions Iraqi Freedom during our current generation. Our mis- guided patriotism caused this outrage in 2012 over lyrics that were completely justifiable when they were said in 2004. What we are doing by voting our outrage is effectively say- ing that we have done no wrong. When we protest lyrics ad- vocating death to people, it’s nothing more than the (melting) pot calling the kettle black. For when we do what we do overseas, like Toby Keith sings, it’s “Cour- tesy of the Red, White and Blue.”
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Sufjan Stevens, the prolific folk writer best known for the "Illinois" album, is taking on the season, and not for the first time. In 2006, Stevens released a box set of songs, "Songs for Christmas: A Mammoth Collection of Five CDs." He's following it this year with "Silver & Gold," the five more albums (and 58 tracks) needed to round it out to a 100-song collection.

The collection, taken together, is a mix of Sufjan originals, the jingles, the carols, the old classics and a few bizarre instrumental arrangements all mixed in. Stevens has ever had a Christmas album to begin with known's name meant to be put on and left on. For that purpose, the two hours of "Silver & Gold" might have a few frequent and unwelcome twists and turns. Regular Sufjan listeners will find the stylistically typical mixture of instruments in full return. The album features a rotating cast of horns, woodwinds, electric organs, wood organs, accordions, pipes—the literal and figurative belts and whiskets. Stevens recorded most of the album on his own with lo-fi recording technology, though his work has never shown acutely any of that aspect.

There is Stevens' main accompaniment, a choir of what sounds like a raucous party of a few dozen a group. However, Finn Hudson reached out and reminded them that just because their season is now over, it doesn't mean they should stop singing and give up on something they love. We all remember the sadness we felt when Kurt got rejected from the New York Academy of Dramatic Arts back in season three, but Kurt kept the dream alive and succeeded the second time around.

Last week's episode featured NB covering three classic songs: "Something Stupid" by Frank and Nancy Sinatra, "Being Good Isn't Good Enough" and "Being Alive," both by Barbra Streisand. Kate Hudson reprised her role as NYADA dance instructor Sandra July and went head to head with Lea Michelle's character Rachel Berry in a singing and dancing showdown to "All That Jazz" from the Broadway musical "Chicago." The end of the episode saw ND finally coming back together and doing a cover of one of my personal favorites such as, "Don't Dream It's Over" by Crowded House (althougs some of you might remember this song being made popular again when Sixpence None the Richer covered it).

"Silver & Gold" is a mix of Sufjan originals, the jingles, the carols, for better or worse, and "Barcarola," and the masterful rerouting of old hymns, such as his duet with Cat Martino for "Ave Maria" which is touching and effective in ways unexplored by the army of pop stars that take Christmas music is, like any part of the personal and emotional landscape of the holiday season, a device of tradition, and any new album (or certainly commission) will find a difficult time working its way into a perfectly established holiday repertoire. "Silver & Gold" may be a worthy experiment for a long-enough afternoon, but be prepared to welcome in a crowded album. That's all for now and just remember, don't be afraid to try, don't be afraid to fail and try again, and when in doubt, gleek it out!
Lifehouse New Album Review

It’s always risky when a band changes their sound, especially when its fans are used to the sound they’ve been consistent with for over 10 years. Lifehouse was willing to take that risk on their sixth studio album, *Almeria*, which hit stores and iTunes on Tuesday.

Being a fan of theirs ever since “Hanging By A Moment” from their debut album, *No Name Face* back in 2000, I was excited to hear what their new album would bring. If you’re expecting to hear amazing lyrics fueled by their alternative rock sound that you’ve grown to fall in love with like I did, be prepared to be completely shocked.

*Almeria* sounds nothing like *No Name Face*, *Stanley Climbalot*, *Lifehouse*, *Who We Are* or *Smoke & Mirrors* at all. With the exception of a few songs, the band completely revamped their sound, taking it old school with a mix of country thrown in.

The album opens up with “Gotta Be Tonight,” which is sort of the old Lifehouse sound we all know and love. “Gotta Be Tonight” reminds us to be daring and to take chances even when the road ahead seems never-ending because lead vocalist, Jackson Wade, said it best, “we gotta take a chance while we’re still young.” The song quickly became one of my favorites and I’m sure it will become one of yours, too.

*Almeria* also includes “Between the Raindrops,” which features Natasha Bedingfield. If you’re looking for that cute, catchy upbeat tune, this track would be your beat bet. However, if you’re trying to find the one song that will spill your entire soul to your special someone, then I highly recommend listening to “Only You’re the One.” This song has been on constant repeat on my phone after I first heard it.

While tracks such as, “Always Somewhere Close” and “Nobody Listen” still contain a hint of that alternative rock vibe accompanied by Wade’s deep, raspy voice, other tracks like, “Moveonday,” “Pins & Needles,” “Right Back Home (feat. Peter Frampton & Charles Jones)” and “Rolling Off the Stone” are the songs where the old school and country sound is clearly evident.

This album might not be for everyone, but if you’ve been a Lifehouse fan since they began, I ask to you to give *Almeria* a chance. If you’re an iTunes guy or girl like me, then you already know you don’t have to purchase the entire album if you don’t want to and can instead opt to buy some of the tracks individually.

Regan Elisabeth Brown
Contribution Writer

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A message from the NBA and its players

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Hockey Goes Into Break with 9-2 Rout
Red Hawks finish November at 5-1-1

Rich Hine
Sports Writer

The Montclair State Red Hawks played Friday, Nov. 30 against Siena College in an away game at the Albany County Hockey Facility. The puck dropped at 9:15 and the Red Hawks battled it out on the ice until 11:45.

Montclair State went into the game 9-2-1 and 6-2-1 in conference but with Siena on the other side it was anyone's game. Siena has traditionally been a power and Montclair State had to come out with full focus. The Red Hawks have been the higher seed in the conference, but you don't want to let that slide because of recent success.

The Los Angeles Lakers are 8-13 and if the playoffs start ed today, they would not be in.

While everyone thought Mike D’Antoni was the answer to the Los Angeles Lakers' struggles, recent disappointments have shown it may be an entire team factor.

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The New York Knicks (16-5) are the conductor of this offense." Why it's not a problem: As au tronomical as these problems have been for the Lakers, it al most seems quite simple to figure out. They need Steve Nash back in the lineup while Dwight Howard and Pau Gasol work through the lineup while Dwight Howard and Pau Gasol work through the paint.

The team will have to score from all over the floor. Another player that has been a huge help in the league, Iman Shumpert. If this team continues to pick up their return, a lot can be said about the coaching staff and the job they’ve done without even more star players.

The Chicago Bulls are over .500 without Derrick Rose
Why it’s a problem: Once he returns, which has been ru med to be sooner than expected, it’s a problem for the league.

Why it’s not a problem: Why it would be? The 2010-11 NBA’s Most Valuable Player has brought that team back to days reminiscent of when Michael Jordan led the starting five. His presence alone will bring Chicago fans right back into it. It will bring basketball back to full focus, and they’re already playing at a successful level. Once you add Rose back to the mix, the sky is the limit for this Bulls team.

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Current NBA Standings

East

1. New York Knicks (16-5)
2. Miami Heat (14-5)
3. Atlanta Hawks (12-6)
4. Chicago Bulls (11-9)
5. Philadelphia 76’ers (12-9)
6. Brooklyn Nets (11-9)
7. Boston Celtics (11-9)
8. Milwaukee Bucks (10-9)

West

1. San Antonio Spurs (18-4)
2. Oklahoma City Thunder (17-4)
3. Memphis Grizzlies (14-4)
4. Los Angeles Clippers (15-6)
5. Golden State Warriors (14-7)
6. Utah Jazz (12-10)
7. Dallas Mavericks (11-10)
8. Denver Nuggets (11-11)

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The New York Knicks (16-5) are the conductor of this offense. Why it's not a problem: As au tronomical as these problems have been for the Lakers, it almost seems quite simple to figure out. They need Steve Nash back in the lineup while Dwight Howard and Pau Gasol work through the paint.

The team will have to score from all over the floor. Another player that has been a huge help in the league, Iman Shumpert. If this team continues to pick up their return, a lot can be said about the coaching staff and the job they’ve done without even more star players.

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Tempers flared as the Montclair State men’s basketball team’s losing woes continued as they dropped their third straight conference game at home to the Ramapo Roadrunners by a score of 81-64 last Wednesday at Panzer Athletic Center.

With the loss, the Red Hawks fell to 2-5 overall and 0-4 in the NJAC. The Red Hawks found themselves dominated in the low post all night by a well-rounded Ramapo squad. Ramapo senior forward Elgin Brown scored a game high 22 points to lead the Roadrunners to their fifth consecutive victory.

Ramapo quickly jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first half as the Red Hawks were unable to counter the full-court press. Head coach Daren Rowe called an early timeout to try to get his players to settle down and get their heads into the game. They were able to climb back into the game, going on a 9-0 run to take a 10-7 lead with 15 minutes remaining in the first half.

“You just have to tell them to keep working, keep working and keep chipping away, just do what you have to do to get back into the game,” coach Rowe later said.

The Roadrunners managed to tie it up at 10 and the score remained close as neither team was able to build a lead of more than three as the score was tied at 21 with about 10 minutes left to play in the first half. The Roadrunners then went on a 13-3 run to take a 10-point lead with four minutes left to play.

They managed to build a 15-point halftime lead, leading 44-29 at the break. The Roadrunners’ dominance in the paint was the key to their success in the opening half as they managed 28 points in the paint, 21 coming off of second chance looks.

The Red Hawks were not able to get anything going in the second half as they only managed two field goals and five points in the first ten minutes. The Roadrunners would build a game-high 29-point lead at the ten-minute mark, leading 65-36.

The Red Hawks would cut the lead to 12, however, with a 25-8 run led by sophomore guard James D’Angelo, who had nine points during the run. D’Angelo would finish the game with 11 points and seven assists.

Garret Thiel committed a hard foul on D’Angelo in the late stages of the second half. What ensued was a near bench-clearing brawl that saw players and coaches on both teams storming the floor. The refs and coaches were able to calm things down, but Thiel was ejected from the game. The Roadrunners would finish the game with an 11-0 run, going on to win by a score of 84-61.

The Red Hawks fall to 2-5 with the loss to Ramapo, and head coach Daren Rowe has made it clear that bouncing back from tough losses is going to be a key to success this season. “We are struggling right now, but just need to stay focused and keep working hard in practice to get where we need to be,” said Rowe following the game.

The Red Hawks return to action on Dec. 12, when they host New Jersey City at 8 p.m. at Panzer Athletic Center.

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Who’s Hot This Week

Anthony Cacella
Men’s Swimming & Diving

Cacella earned Diver of the Week for the second time after winning both sections of diving during MSU’s double-dual meet against MAAC opponents St. Peter’s and Manhattan. He placed first in the opening section of diving with a score of 156.20. Cacella also claimed first place in the second section of diving with a mark of 126.55.

Natalie Papantoniou
Women’s Swimming & Diving

Papantoniou was named NJAC Diver of the Week for the second time this season after winning both sections of diving in the Red Hawks’ tri-meet against NJAC foes Manhattan and St. Peter’s. She won the opening section of diving with a score of 169.20 and won the second section with a mark of 124.50.

Game of the Week

Women’s Basketball

vs. Drew
December 16, 1 p.m.

MSU will look to continue its perfect start when the Red Hawks take on NJAC opponent Drew. A win will put MSU at 9-0.

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