**The Defamation of Grover Furr**

Attacks against professor prove to be nothing but Red Scare

Jack Smith IV

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.

In the video, the professor is addressed a question regarding genocides committed by communist regimes in the past hundred years, which grows into a shouting match between the professor and the questioner. "The United States has the lowest standard of living of all of the industrialized nations," says the professor at the end of the video, "and they all have some form of Socialized healthcare, and you should have it too!"

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 mainstream of the right...

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**High-Rising Business**

The Greeleaf Compassion Center is located on Bloomfield in downtown Montclair.

Jianna Hall

Earlier this month, New Jersey sold its first ounces of medicinal marijuana at a dispensary in our very own Montclair. An estimated 20 patients passed through the dispensary that afternoon to collect their prescribed pot.

The cleverly named “Greeleaf” Compassion Center is the first of a floor in Schmitt Hall.

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**New Station, Same Sound**

The new station is now located in Schmitt Hall with new equipment.

Brittany Ungano

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On Dec. 4: A commuter student reported the theft of his parking decal from his unsecured vehicle in CarParc Diem. This matter is under investigation. (building #50)

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)

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)

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)

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.
Let Professors Know What You Think

Laia Arora | 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, 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 oversees 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 curriculum. The department is also responsible for the education and training among MBU’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 survey 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 Department Chair’s office by a student who has collected them. The surveys are then read by the Department Chairs who are then asked to return the reports to their instructors once the semester is officially over.

“The whole evaluation process begins 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 project meant that it would be beneficial to repeat the process at the end of each following semester.”

Since the start of the evaluation process in 2006, the number of participants has grown nearly 700 percent. Dr. Gingerich also emphasized that the surveys have helped him lead back to overall prohibition.

“I think they’re great because they provide constructive feedback on professors’ teaching skills,” said student Cody Alexander. “The best part is that the survey reports are anonymous which grants the freedom of describing how we really feel about a certain professor or course.”

Student Courtney Lupo, who disliked a couple of her fall courses, said, “I think the surveys are an important part of a course because it allows the administration to re-evaluate some of the bad given courses.”

I think the surveys help distinguish good professors from the bad as well as give students an opportunity to voice their likes and dislikes from those that need to be approached differently.

Depending on the consistency of the feedback across the class and from semester to semester, negative student feedback is highly considered by the Chair and the Dean in making reappointments.

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

Marijuana

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Students can fill out evaluation forms for their professors both online and on paper.

Lynka Tanaka | The Montclarion

potential six medicinal marijua-
nan dispensaries throughout the state.

New Jersey passed a law legalization of cannabis for patients with documented medical conditions like glaucoma and multiple sclerosis.

Only patients with an ID registered with the State Department of Health can purchase medical marijuana, and the service can be administered this otherwise illegal substance, and so far over 300 patients have been registered.

This has caused controversy within the community because of the questionable abuse of this privilege.

When asked, sophomore Jo-

hanna Taborda said, “I don’t think it would have a harsh ef-
flect on the community in a nega-
tive way. People shouldn’t be ig-
norant enough to abuse potential privileges because it could easily lead back to overall prohibition. If marijuana does eventually become legal for recreational us-

age, people should understand that if it is abused, it can easily be taken away again and peo-

ple should always keep that in mind.”

Cannabis has been said to relieve extreme pain, nausea, vomiting and stimulate hunger in chemotherapy and AIDS pa-
tients as well as lower eye pres-
sure for glaucoma patients.

There are several different types of strains of marijuana with different degrees of strength tailored to the severity of the pa-
tient’s illness.

“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 people who are suffering from what exactly medicinal marijuana is and how it is used, and overall they will probably become more informed than they may have been in the past. It also opens a lot of opportunities and there are more people who are interested in working in the medical field with medicinal marijuana, which is really big in the future,” said The Montclarion’s Kristen Bry-
gough.

Junior Garret Hoffman ques-
tioned the potential for legaliza-
tion. “I believe that the estab-
lishment of medicinal marijuana plants is simply the next step in the process towards making marijuana legal in the given state they are set up in.”

“People always find ways of getting around the established system,” continued Hoffman. “Eventually this privilege will be as abused as alcohol was dur-
ing its prohibition. It makes the drug more available for people to use. I realize that prescrip-
tions need to be issued and then they need to be approved by the state, but where things like this are concerned, corruption will always be present.”

There are many positive and negative situations that can oc-
cur from this historic decision. Only time can tell how this de-
cision will affect not only Mont-
clair, but the rest of New Jersey School of Communication and Media Special Staff.

The station broadcasts at 90.3 MHz and uses the internet radio network live903.com to broad-
cast programming to the pub-
lic.

The change started this past summer and is still a work-in-
progress, but it looks like the new studio will improve the quality of the facility.

Everything in the studio is brand new. The new station has been called “amazing” by the staff of WMSC. The equipment is all new, including microphones, a new mixing board, new CD decks and more.

Everything you can possi-
bly imagine for a radio station is what you will find in the new station.

The biggest change was the addition of digital technology. All the CDs that were at the station have been digitized, so we can now play songs instantly from their own collection,” said sophomore Mi-
chal Claudio.

“We love the privacy of the studio we’re in now. We’re all friends, we all hang out and while shows are going on, we have a lounge and offices that we do our own thing in,” said Sofia Chaves, a junior who has been with the radio station since her freshman year. Chaves is cur-
rently the web director.

“It is a lot of free space and we don’t have to worry about anyone judging us,” continued Chaves.

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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 at various uni-
versities, and it was at this de-
bate that the video of Prof. Furr was taken. “During the first few weeks, I watched the video rise in popularity, from 7,000 views to 12,000 views in 24 hours, and so on,” said Anthony Celi, 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 get that coverage, however, was mostly due to the circulation it was receiving among a variety of conservative-leaning news sources and independent blog-
gers. 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 his political views inform the growth of an informed member of society.”

The portrayal of Prof. Furr by these online news sources is emblematic of a popular narrative in modern conservative politics: universities are liberal institu-
tions, subsidized by your tax dol-
ars, where young people go to be indoctrinated into left-leaning ideologies. The Washington Ex-
aminer and other publications paint Prof. Furr as a typical example of just such a liberal ethical infringement, however, hinges on whether or not Pro-
fessor Furr brings his personal politics into the classroom, out of context of the coursework at hand.

Though initially excited by the circulation and publicity, the low leadership of Furr was clear that they didn’t support the out-
cry against Prof. Furr which followed the video. “We invited the man to debate his position, and he did just that,” said Furi.

Ultimately, it’s Professor Furr’s right to make his political views known under the legitimacy of his profession-
al performance. The College for Humanities and Social Sciences is a public university, and students 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 intelligent society.

“Students attending Montclair State University are aware, intelligent and discerning,” said Suzanne Bronski, Montclair’s Director of Media Relations. “At the heart of the university ex-
périence 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 what Professor Furr has to say, it is important that students are capable of separ-
anting out historical truth from personal opinion and are given the chance to debate the不低于.

As for Furr himself, the de-
fense against the defamation of character could be viewed as an attack on his legitimacy as an academic. He thinks it’s time for another letter to Ratemyprofessors.com. ‘I’ll probably write to them again as soon as classes are over.”

An Article printed last week incorrectly stated that a pro-
test had been organized to protest my political views. The protests were led by various groups and individuals who were not previously affiliated with my work here at Montclair. They were conducted on the basis of the false premise that I support the legitimacy of the work of the KGB and the communist regimes of the 20th century, which I do not. No protests have been held as part of my assignments or personal materials for classes I have taught. Prof. Furr often has to de-
 fend himself from outright slan-
der on the subject.

Protesters on ratemyprofessors.com, a site owned by MTV-U that hosts mil-

cions of ratings and comments, is a “hedgehog mentality” according to Dr. Stevens. “I have not received a complaint from an undergrad-
uate student regarding any Eng-
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Pelican Report from Around the World

- 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 claimed to be Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles. 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.
Richard Alston, Artistic Director

with the Prima Voce choir - Heather J. Buchanan, conductor

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Jessica Czarnogursky
Feature Editor

What’s Trending?
A Semester in Review

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 Uggs. 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 off 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 work when he needs too, Haig for his senior year without having to worry about the additional cost. His favorite part of commuting, Jackson wanted to focus completely on his academics, which to him meant he had to do his homework. “I’d spend 40 minutes it took to commute and the job he had to pay for the gas. “I did it because of my class work-load and now I’m studying for the LSATS, which takes up all my free time,” said Jackson. “I don’t really find much to do here, so whenever I finish my work or studying, I’m pretty bored. A lot of my friends are still living at home but I can’t hang out with them.”

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.”

Getting to school is a problem only college students who commute have to worry about. When living 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, which gave up driving this semester due to frustration. That’s more than 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 couldn’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.

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.

Give us your feedback! Comment Online
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MSU NJ Resident Tuition

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Levon Seyers
Staff Writer

Campus Rec Hosts
Zumbathon for Melanoma Research

Last Wednesday, close to 50 men and wom-
en 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 exer-
cise 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 fe-
male, many males were also trying their hands
during the Zumbathon, for which many of them
have a newfound respect. Matthew Vecchi, Se-
ior 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 Sam Melia also helped to organize the event. I booked the facility for the event, send-
ing 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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10. Who has a shining red nose?
11. This famous snowman
12. Decorate this large plant
13. Jingle _____

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The Haze Around Marijuana

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. News stations hovered around the building trying to get statements from patients who had returned after treatments. 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, those 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 relieved 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 access the building unless they present a medical ID.

The final concern on everyone’s mind is if 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 stretch ing 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 some. To completely take away this medicinal anomaly from those who need it isn’t fair in the slightest. The panic over this subject is highly unnecessary.

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 what we do not understand, but what we do not understand may not be so bad.

Students Speak

Do you think the medicinal marijuana dispenser will cause conflict in Montclair?

Christine Dargan
Freshman
Undecided

“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 going to make that much of a difference. But, for people who do not like marijuana, it’s gonna be a serious conflict with them.”

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 Iota
The Montclarion

Krystal Gardner
Junior
Business Management/Marketing

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

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 an incoming freshman, I’m not sure if students would go out our 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.”
Rec Center Opens Its Doors for Giving Back for Season and Receiving Smiles Worth a Lifetime

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Going is Such Sweet Sorrow
Montclair State University’s declassified restroom survival guide

To the Editor:

If you have a routine trip to the bathroom and the assumption that I am going to have a spontaneous urge to go, why not use a public restroom? I have been through, you will get a sense about how badly repairs need to happen. There are some decent bathrooms around campus. For example, the ones on the second floor of University Hall and all of Schmitt Hall are relatively nice. Not to mention that airports are also nice. In my opinion, they are probably the best kept bathrooms on campus. Meanwhile, other campus restrooms are nearly in shambles. Would it be too melodramatic to say that I see these restrooms in my nightmares? I have had some of the most embarrassing incidents happen to me in these bathrooms, and that’s only this past semester alone. The assumption that I am going to have a routine trip to the bathroom has literally gone down the toilet. Sadly, I can’t speak from a male perspective, but I know for a fact that the women’s restrooms are in dire need of repairs. My biggest complaint is the condition of the bathrooms in Dickson and Mallory Halls. The second floor of Mallory Hall has sustainable bathrooms, but the first floor needs some work. The last stall in the bathroom of the first floor does not lock, but there are locks that do not lock, but there are locks that are too good at their jobs, for example, the bathroom in Calcia Hall. Once during Calcia’s between-class rush of students, I decided to use the unoccupied middle stall. I managed to lock the door and did my business, but then I pulled on the lock. The lock was jammed and because of the constant flood of people going in and out of the other stalls, I couldn’t climb out of the stall. I was stuck in there for 20 minutes until I was able to climb over into the first stall. I haven’t been back there since. Yes, many of the bathrooms may be filthy and broken, but noth- ing is worse than my last experience. Editing for the Montclarion every Wednesday in the Student Center Annex and our room is located near the women’s bathroom. The men’s bathroom across the hall, for some mysterious reason, is always locked. I was in the women’s room when a female and male student walked in, resulting in a really awkward encounter with this male student. It was just a very embarrassing situation.

Would the school rather keep that bathroom closed in fear of death or would you rather make bathrooms all around campus code? I think we are all entitled to some privacy in these bathrooms. Consider the good timing that I am submitting these complaints right before winter break (hint hint, Montclair). It would be a pleasure to see some of these minor improvements being done to these bathrooms.

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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 Korean artist many of us are familiar with is Psy, the classay yet classy 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.

Psy is praised by fans of all ages and nationalities, including celebrities and political leaders, whether they speak Korean or not, causing a cultural wave. Psy, however, is not the only artist under the YG Entertainment label that has made a mark in the United States.

This past August, Korean girl group 2NE1 rocked out the Prudential Center in New-ark, selling out their U.S. date within hours. Thousands of fans turned out to the event, carrying poster boards, dressing up as the members and even organizing a flash mob in celebration of their first East Coast concert. 2NE1, a quartet, fuse electronica 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 Korean girl group and are expected to be back on another tour soon.

Most recently, Big Bang also headlined the Prudential Center, giving an American audience their first ever live concert in New Jersey. The quintet from Seoul said by Psy in 2004 during a pro-American performance included Psy smashing a model of a tank as well. Who couldn’t see it, though, because our corporate run media will never portray it as such because it isn’t “American.” It isn’t “patriotic” to question the actions that we are responsible for overseas. It’s happened with the Red Scare and McCarthyism during the fifties and with Operation Iraqi Freedom during our current generation. Our misguided patriotism caused this outrage in 2012 ever lyrics that were completely justifiable when they were said in 2004. What we are doing by vilifying 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 “Courtesey of the Red, White and Blue.”
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Hey, Gleeksters! In case you missed last week’s “Glee” episode for some ungodly reason, here’s a recap: New Directions lost sectionalists to the Warblers after Marley collapsed on stage because she hadn’t eaten all week, so their glee season is now over—and while some glee members blame Marley for their loss, it’s really Kitty’s fault because she kept telling Marley that she was getting fat, which was why Marley stopped eating.

In NYADA news, Rachel was invited to perform in the winter showcase, which is a huge honor, especially for a freshman, and she won. Kurt was given one more chance to audition for NYADA and he got in. That’s what you missed on Glee.

The message intertwined in last week’s episode consisted of “never giving up on your dreams or losing hope when things don’t work out the way you expected them to,” which is something all of us can relate to. After New Directions lost sectionals, everyone scattered to join new clubs just so they could fit in and belong to 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.

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Glee-Season 4 Episode 9 Recap

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Contributing Writer

Review of Sufjan Stevens’ Silver & Gold

Jack Smith IV
Staff Writer

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 out it 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. The one thing you won’t find here is a Christmas album to begin with know’s they’re 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 milieu of instruments in full return.

The album features a rotating cast of horns, woodwinds, electric organs, reed organs, accordions, pipes—the literal and figurative bells and whistles. Stevens recorded most of the album on his own with lo-fi recording technology, though his work has never shown accordingly as on this album.

There is Stevens’ main accompaniment, a choir of what sounds like a raucous party of a few dozen to 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.

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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 Clim-bfall, 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, Ja- son 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 “Be-tween the Raindrops,” which features Natasha Bedingfield. If you’re looking for that cute, catchy upbeat tune, this track would be your best 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, “Move on Day,” “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 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.
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Hockey Goes Into Break with 9-2 Rout

Red Hawks finish November at 5-1-1

Sixth Win
Steve Wexner

The Montclair State Red Hawks played Friday, Nov. 30 against St. John’s University in an away game at the Alumni 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 with a 4-5-8 shutout victory against the same St. John’s College team. The game was close, but the Red Hawks were ousted by St. John’s. The team’s record at the end of the month of November was 5-5-1.

In the game against St. John’s College, the Red Hawks could not get it going offensively, scoring only one goal in the contest. The game was a defensive battle from start to finish. Goaltender Joseph Calanciello started in his third straight game and only faced 21 shots.

The Red Hawks lone goal came from forward Brandon Person on a power play. It was Person’s ninth goal of the season and fifth on the man advantage. He now leads the team in power play goals (8) for the Montclair Preziosi and Thomas Lindquist assisted on the power play.

On Friday, Dec. 7, the Red Hawks took on Western Connecticut State University at the Dunn bury Ice Arena. The puck dropped at exactly 7:50 and turned out to be the offensive showcase. The Red Hawks came out flying, scoring nine goals in the game in front of goals Joseph Fedko.

Fedko got the start after Calanciello started the previous three games in net for the Red Hawks. There were a number of scorers for the Montclair State Red Hawks in the 9-2 rout of Western Connecticut State. The Red Hawks had beaten the same Western Connecticut State team once before this season, 16-6 on Oct. 29 in a home match for the Red Hawks.

Seven different players scored goals for the Red Hawks, including two from Samuel Enright and two from Christopher Preziosi, who also registered two assists. Nick Lieback added a goal and three assists of his own for the Red Hawks. One was from Person. Cody Inglis, Albert Ahsanas and Michael Piropovano all also found the back of the net in the win.

Just two of the nine goals for the Red Hawks came on the power play. One was from Person and the other from Inglis. Joseph Fedko had a solid game in net. The team played well defensively, but when Fedko had to make stops, he did. He faced 22 shots and only allowed two goals in the game.

The 9-2 should not be representative for the season. Although the team took more penalties than they would have liked to, they managed to score a goal a man down. The short-handed goal came from Samuel Enright. It was one of the two goals he would score in the night.

The Red Hawks will now enjoy some well deserved-off time. They do not return to action until Jan. 13, when they take on Northeastern University in their first game of 2013. It will be an away game for the Montclair State Uni-

versity Red Hawks and the puck is set to drop at 4:00.

Team Leaders
1. Cody Inglis - 11 goals, 16 assists, 27 points
2. Michael Piropovano - 9 goals, 16 assists, 25 points
3. Nick Lieback - 6 goals, 18 assists, 24 points

Upcoming Games
1/6 @ Rowan
1/13 @ Northeastern
1/18 vs. New Hampshire
1/19 vs. Northeastern
1/23 vs. NYU
1/26 vs. W. Paterson

2012 NBA Season Filled with Surprises

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The NBA has filled us with a lot of excitement through the first month and a half of the season and much of that has been due to all the unexpected things that have hap-
pensed already. Before it was thetransactions and mishandling chas-
e, but now the focus is on teams. Which team has been the best, the worst and how will it all change?

The Los Angeles Lakers are 9-13 and if the playoffs start-
ed today, they would not be in.

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

Why it’s a problem: Kobe has gone out for the season with a torn meniscus and he normally has and when call-
ing out his teammates in the pub-

ey has been his habit.

Additionally, with the ac-
quisition of Steve Nash and Steve Nash being front and center, there should be no excuses for this team to lose. If they want to keep Dwight Howard (he’s a free agent next year) they must win, no de-
bates about it. Finally, not having Steve Nash is killing them. Nash has been out since Nov. 1, and Kobe Bryant said “Steve is the conductor of this offense.”

Why it’s not a problem: As as-
ronomical 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 How-

and Pau Gasol work through each other and dominate the paint.

Finally, the media needs to relax. Right now, the Lakers are two games out of the fourth seed in the playoffs and it’s Decem-
ber. If they’re in this place come April, there’s a bigger problem.

The New York Knicks (16-5) are better than the Miami Heat (16-5).

Why it’s a problem: Great suc-
cess early is key to an NBA season because he would like to be where the Knicks are, #1 seed in the East-

ern conference, but you don’t want to let that slide because of rest.

Not many people, myself included, gave the team a chance because of the age on their team. Carmelo has played at an MVP-level, Jason Kidd looks reborn and most importantly, home court advantage. Since his hiring mid-

season last year, the Knicks are 19-1 at home under Mike Woodson.

With that said, they’ve gone on the road and beat San Anto-
nio and Miami at their respective homes as well. It’s only a problem because it’s happened so early.

Why it’s not a problem: They’ve done it without Amar’e Stoudemire and one of the best young guards in the league, Iman Shumpert. If this team can continue to click upon 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-
mored to be sooner than expect-
d, it’s a problem for the league.

Why it’s not a problem: Why would he? The 2010-11 NBA’s Most Valuable Player has brought this team back to days reminiscent of when Michael Jordan led the starting five. His presence alone will bring Chicago fans 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.

Current NBA Standings

East
1. New York Knicks (16-5)
2. Miami Heat (14-5)
3. Philadelphia 76’ers (12-9)
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5. Philadelphia 76’ers (12-9)
6. Brooklyn Nets (11-9)
7. Washington Wizards (10-9)
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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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 fall 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 an 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 48-33 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 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.

For updates, check out: www.montclairathletics.com and @TheMontclarion on Twitter
In a world where “drugs and alcohol are the first things that come to mind when you hear the word “addiction”", there is another poison making its way up the charts with little-to-no realization.

Fantasy football has taken the nation by storm and it continues to grow with speed and each passing year. It is almost getting to the point where more people spend their Sundays in front of their computers instead of their TVs.

Fantasy football is an interactive online game where people can manage their own virtual football teams. The owner of this team gets to do everything an actual manager does, minus the cold weather and playbook. Many people view this as a simple and fun pastime but in many cases it can turn serious.

Although the U.S. government does not rule fantasy football divided 1:49:81. Then later in the 500m freestyle by swimming 5:08.58. After the meet, Montclair State’s men’s team fell to 2-4 and moved into the South 8.

On Friday, the Lady Red Hawks hung up to dry at 3-3 entering Saturday’s meet. The men now have a record of 2-5.

Senior Zak Westerberg who got the meet with a time of 21.78 seconds. Westerberg also swam to a time of 54.11 seconds in the 200m fly, which earned him second place. Junior Michael Smith also did well getting second-place finishes. The first one came in the 50m freestyle with a time of 25.60 seconds, and then later on in the 100m freestyle by finishing with 56.63 seconds. Both Montclair State divers Anthony Casella and Natalie Papanotou were named first in both the 50m and 100m freestyle races with a time of 5:03.04.

LaCava won first in both the 200m butterfly in a time of 1:11.48 and receiving the first individual medley at 2:05.88. Senior Thomas Lenz also took first in the 50m freestyle with 22.43.

Westerberg, Smith, Berry and Long came together to win the 400m freestyle relay, finishing with a time of 3:20.10. The MSU men now have a record of 2-5.

The women lost to the Lady Cougars by a final score of 142-120. Donahue took first in both the 1000m freestyle with a time of 11:23.18 and 5:32.59 in each event.

On Saturday, December 8, both the men’s and women’s swimming teams competed against Manhattan College by a score of 160-65 and lost to St. Peter’s 121-98. Senior captain Ashley Vallone won the 50m freestyle in a time of 25.60 seconds, and then later in the 100m backstroke, coming in at 1:02.75. Vallone, Joseph, Donahue and freshman Christopher LaCava won the 200m freestyle relay by combining together for a time of 1:40.81.

With the split in the dual-meet, the Montclair State women are now 1-5 and moving into the South 8.

Junior Joseph Berry shared the glory winning the 200m backstroke in 2:07.34 and won the 100m butterfly in a time of 56.63 seconds. Berry competed again in the 50m freestyle race with a time of 25.60 seconds, and then later on earning a time of 56.63 seconds.

For those that play in the free leagues without the risk of a withdrawn scholarship. In the free leagues, players are not even allowed to take part in the University of Vermont, who are not even allowed to take part in the free leagues without the risk of a withdrawn scholarship.

Fantasy football has even found a way to offset the financial part of the country. A study done by Challenger Great & Christmas Inc, an outplacement firm, determined that if 22.3 million American workers take one hour per week to manage their fantasy team, employers will be paying upwards of $6 billion for absolutely nothing. It not only affects the wallets of its participants but also their hearts and love of the sport.

It is a common occurrence that people who take part in fantasy football start to stray from rooting for their team but, in turn, root for specific players. New York Giants fans will root for Tony Romo, Green Bay Packers fans will pray that the Chicago Bears defense shuts down the opposing offense and if your starting quarterback is playing against your favorite team, prepare for a rollercoaster of emotions.

Some NFL players have even gotten backlash for their in-game decisions. In a 2008 game against the New York Jets, Mau- rice Jones-Drew of the Jackson- ville Jaguars kneeled down at the one-yard line to run out the clock. Despite this being a deci- sion that would make any coach proud, it also turned out to be a decision that made fantasy own- ers everywhere throw up their arms in revolt. In the post-game press conference, Jones-Drew even took time to apologize to his fans. While it goes unnoticed, this “harmless” game is changing the psyche of football fans every- where and negatively altering their view on their favorite sport.