SGA Election Results 2012

Pictured above are the new SGA E-Board members, George Jordan, Anthony Pizzuta, Vanessa Devries and Mark Ball. Kyle Bunting is not pictured.

Check inside for full result coverage!

Caught Pumping Petrol

Usually used to fill University service vehicles, Andrew August was caught taking gas from the pump located across from the Red Hawk Parking Deck.

More Changes Coming for Residence Halls

Blanton Hall will be available for use as a residence hall for the fall semester, promises the Montclair State University administration, but some students have doubts that renovations to the building will be completed in time.

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Pelican Police Report

On March 8: Student William Walker was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for his involvement in a physical dispute inside University Hall.

On March 12: An employee within College Hall reported harassing phone calls to police. Case is under investigation.

On March 15: Non-student Jeffrey Freitas was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated within the New Jersey Transit Parking Deck. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls municipal court.

On March 16: Graffiti was placed on the exterior walls of Dickson Hall. Case is under investigation.

On March 19: A non-student of MSU and a student of MSU were involved in a verbal dispute in parking lot 60. Both parties declined to pursue charges.

On March 20: A professor reported that an individual interrupted her class while it was in session in Dickson Hall. Case is under investigation.

On March 21: A female student reported that her iPad was stolen from University Hall. Case is under investigation.

On March 22: Two students and one non-student were involved in a verbal dispute in parking lot 60. Both parties declined to pursue charges.

On March 25: A staff member of Capstone reported an act of criminal mischief inside of Gibson Hall. A window was broken inside of the building. This matter is under investigation.

On March 26: Michael Price, 20, of Scotch Plains, was charged with defiant trespassing. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls municipal court.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at TIPS (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

Corrections

The Montclarion will happily correct its factual errors. If you think we've made a mistake in a story, please call Editor-in-Chief Katherine at ext. 7230.
The Ballots Are In
Meet your new SGA executive board members

President

George Juzdan is happy to have been appointed as the new SGA president. A 21-year-old junior and business major with a concentration in accounting, he was the vice president of the student government for the 2011-2012 year. He is also the president of Phi Alpha Psi Senate. Juzdan strives to unify the campus and serve the students to his fullest potential. “I hope to have all the students of Montclair State University be aware of the SGA and the services we provide,” said Juzdan. He loves the feeling of home when he steps onto campus, but he dislikes the parking at MSU. Juzdan wants students to know that the SGA is here to serve them and represent them as a whole.

Newly appointed Vice President Anthony Pizzuta is ready to get to work for the SGA. He is currently an SGA legislator and president of the rugby club. A 20-year-old junior, Pizzuta is a mathematics education major. He is also involved in the Rugby Club and the Phi Alpha Psi Senate. His goal as vice president is to unite the campus community and get as many students as possible involved in some organization. Pizzuta loves the diversity of the students on campus, but dislikes the parking situation. “The SGA’s purpose is to serve the students,” said Pizzuta. “Tell me or someone else involved in the SGA if there is anything you would like to see on campus.”

B.O.T. Alternate

Kyle Bunting is ready to work as the student representative on the Board of Trustees. Bunting is a sophomore with a major in political science, as well as minors in Arabic studies, communications and public administration. His goal is to be a voice for the students. “I will voice their concerns to the Board itself,” said Bunting. “I will also try to have the students submit speeches to me to submit to the Board so they can appeal directly to those who make the changes.” Bunting’s favorite aspect of MSU is all of the people “as well as the gym, of course!” he joked. Bunting wants students who have a problem on campus to come by his office so he can try his hardest to help that problem get resolved.

Secretary

Newly appointed Secretary Vanessa Devericks is currently the president pro tempore and a 21-year-old junior. She is majoring in health education with a public health concentration. Devericks is also a sister of Delta Xi Delta sorority. Devericks describes her platform as passionate because she is passionate about the students, organizations and MSU community and will dedicate her time to address and resolve concerns within her power. “In obtaining executive secretary, I want to hold organizations accountable,” said Devericks. “This means that I want to work with organizations to help set them up for success by evaluating their goals and having a customized action plan to deliver their full potential.” Her favorite thing about MSU is the opportunity to be involved.

Mark Ruff can now add SGA executive treasurer to already being the treasurer of SGA programming with SLAM and being an admissions ambassador. A 21-year-old junior, Ruff is a double major in math and business. He is hoping to encourage all students to get involved on campus and to have an open-door policy to all organizations and students. He will also continue to maintain the SGA budget to benefit the students to provide programming, ultimately is giving back to the campus community. Ruff loves the diversity of the campus body here at MSU, but dislikes how some students say there is nothing to do on campus. “I will continue to strengthen our campus by continuing to unify our community,” said Ruff. “I will prove that MSU is a place that all can call home.”

Treasurer

Vanessa Devericks 819 Votes

Mark Ruff 416 Votes

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August is currently not enrolled at MSU.

Player of the Month. He averaged 21.6 points, 8.1 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game and led the team to a 5-0 record in January.

Kathleen Ragan, associate vice president for student development and campus life commented, “Much of a student’s record is confidential and protected by FERPA regulations. Therefore, I and others at the university are not able to share any more information or make comment at this time regarding this alleged incident.”

Ragan also stated that “Andrew August is not a currently enrolled student. He was not enrolled on March 21, 2012. I am unable to provide any information about his employment.”

Head coach Ted Fiore and August were asked for any comments on this situation, but neither of them responded as of press time.

When enrolled, August was an all-star basketball captain.
The upcoming changes in the new school of communication and media curriculum are confusing some students about which courses they need to take for the fall semester. Communications chairperson Dr. Harry Haines urges them to meet with their academic advisers.

Haines said the most “essential” action students must take during this transition is for them to meet with their advisers or it will be a “grave disadvantage” for them in the long run.

Lacey Arnold, a junior in the broadcasting program, said, “As a student already involved in one of the three majors, I have the option to merge into the new school or to continue alone my path as simply a broadcasting student. I choose the simple stay in broadcasting path.” Students with less than 70 credits in communication studies must meet with their adviser in order to migrate to the new department. If the student has more than 70 credits, they will remain with the old program, but still must meet with their adviser.

“I’m looking very forward the new department,” Zuleyka Acevedo, a prospective communication studies student said. “But I am really confused about what courses to take, especially with registration coming up.”

Janet Wilson, department administrator and admission coordinator, said students in the major received an email that has the “specific process for advising.” Students will also be “advised about the change in course coding,” which is beneficial to students to see if their old courses add up to any major credits.

The classes students take are going to be determined “by the degree and concentration that they choose,” Wilson said. There are two things one must bring when meeting with an adviser: an audit/analysis of one’s academic progress and a “cheery disposition,” Haines joked.

The academic advisers are readily available to meet, as they have goals to meet with each and every one of their students. Haines assures that talking to the advisers is “not going to slow down” graduation plans for juniors and seniors, but rather allow or help them to understand the new department at the university.

“It is one of the most important academic projects in the U.S.,” Haines said. With 40 years of experience in teaching in public and private institutions, he believes that reinventing the department is the most exciting project he has yet encountered.

There will be a new BFA in communication and media arts. This will offer the same core classes but with new concepts and methodology. The students will have a choice of the areas in which they will concentrate, such as creative/conceptual, critical/analytical and applied/production.

Reinventing the curriculum took a total of three years and will finally be executed in the fall semester. On-campus information sessions will be scheduled in the future for both faculty and students.
Kony Sparks Activism Across Campus

Joseph Kony has raised an army of child soldiers and sold females into slavery. By student activists who hope to educate the campus about the dangerous effects of inaction.

The opening of new residence halls, even if they aren’t entirely new.

The vice president of CCAT, Dan-
ny Velez, is adamant that minor
actions in everyday life can aid in
curbing the exploitation of people.
As much as we try not to believe
it, we all indirectly support exploi-
tation here in the states and abroad
simply by the clothes we buy, the
gas we support, the food products
we buy and eat, the technology we
use and the list goes on,” he said.

Our Guide to Housing:
- Check your email to find out your date and time for picking your housing for fall 2012.
- When it’s your designated time slot, log into rms.montclair.edu and select the housing you want.
- Want to room with a friend? Make sure you both put each other down as a preferred roommate when you enter RMS!
- Don’t forget about the meal plan! Meal plans include the classic block plans that use swipes and the constant pass that allows unlimited access to the dining halls. Add Red Hawk Dollars and Flex dollars for an extra price to use at places on campus such as the bookstore, the Rat or the diner.

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Donor’s Heart Saves a Young Life
Families meet for the first time in Bermuda

Lindsey Rassmann
Feature Editor

You wouldn’t know it by looking at him, but four years ago, junior Ryan Miller needed a heart to save his life. When Ryan was 15, his life was a flipped upside down when an x-ray revealed that what he initially thought was a case of pneumonia actually was a condition called non-compaction hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, or an enlarged left ventricle. As the left ventricle changed to a defibrillator into Ryan to diffuse the situation, but trouble arose during the surgery. He was placed on the waiting list, like thousands of others, for a heart that would save his life.

The statistics for organ and tissue donations in America are grim. Today, in the United States, there are over 100,000 people just like Ryan registered and waiting for life-saving organ transplants. Unfortunately, 6,000 people from this list will die every year waiting for gifts that never come, according to the ND Sharing Network. In 2011, there were 28,035 transplants performed according to the US Department of Health and Human Services. This number seems large, but organ donation occurred in only 1.025 percent of all deaths in the United States that year. “The standard teaching is that there is somewhere between 40,000 and 80,000 patients with end stage heart failure in the United States that might be eligible for heart transplantation, but there are only 2,300 donors in any given year,” said Marta Saulino, director of transplantation at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. “This is a number that has changed in ever more than a decade.”

Luckily, Ryan’s story is one of hope. After weeks of battling for his life, he finally received word of a match in Janu- ary of 2008. Ryan and his family were ecstatic; but reality hit—no one had died for Ryan to live by. That life belonged to 15-year-old Dakarai Tucker from Bermuda. After a final brain aneurism, Dakarai’s mother and father made the deci- sion to donate five of Dakarai’s organs. “I think it was the right choice,” said Marta Saulino. “Dakarai’s mom would. And I knew that if it could, I can save somebody [...] it would be worth it,” said Dante Tucker, Dakarai’s mom. “I would feel a little better knowing that Dakarai’s death helped somebody else.”

Last semester, Ryan received a letter from the Tucker family asking to meet. I had the opportunity to accompany Ryan and his family to Bermuda, along with MERI professor Steve McCarthy and broadcasting major Ian Elliott, to record his meeting with the Tucker family for a special air on NJTV.

“The meeting between the Tucker and Miller families was filled with love, joy, and hope. It was an unforgettable experience that ended with two families becoming one.”

Saulino said, “Suicide is a big issue around the campus. It is an 18 mile walk that takes place from dusk until dawn. Vinnie Saulino of AFSP was happy to help Sheridan organize the walk. Sheridan of Delta Xi Delta, with the help of the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP), came to remind students of the Tucker family in Bermuda.

Becoming an organ donor is com- pletely free and can be done online at https://emvc.state.nj.us/ MCV_DLSI/AFSItarjet or when no- tifying your doctor of the DVM.

Becoming a donor takes a special person and it is truly the gift that keeps on giving. One donor can provide up to 30 people with tissues and organs.

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1,100 backpacks, each representing one of the 1,100 students who take their lives each year, were spread across the Student Center Ballroom. Photo by Tony Kurath/The Star-Ledger

Katie Winters
Managing Editor

Ten percent of Americans aged 15 to 24 commit suicide every year. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students. The sisters of Delta Xi Delta, with help from the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and the first Out of the Darkness campus walk at MSU. The weather was perfect for the two- mile walk around campus to help raise money for research towards depression and other mental illnesses, as well as the support of suicide survivors.

Catherine Sheridan was the driving force behind the walk. As main organizer, Sheridan reached out to the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to set up the walk. Sheridan felt that suicide “teaches the hearts of our sisters, and is still a major issue, so we wanted to bring awareness to the issue.”

Out of the Darkness is a new program, similar to Relay for Life or other charity walks. Out of the Dark- ness was founded 16 years ago by AFSP. They started campus walks last year, the first one was at William Paterson University. Bergen County Community College has also hosted a campus walk and there are plans for walks at Drew and Ram- nes this year. AFSP sponsors three types of Out of the Darkness walks. There are campus walks, such as the one held at MSU, community walks and the overnight walk. The overnight walk, held once a year. It is an 18 mile walk that takes place from dusk until dawn. Vinnie Saulino of AFSP was happy to help Sheridan organize the walk. Saulino said, “Suicide is a big issue with young people, so it’s a good fit.” The first walk at MSU went well, 74 participants registered before Saturday, with more expected to register on-site. Registration began at 10 a.m., and the opening ceremony kicked off at 11:30 a.m. A psychologist from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Lisa Weinberg, came to remind students that services exist on-campus to help anyone in psychological crisis. A suicide survivor and organizer for AFSP, Jones, was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. “I’ve struggled with [suicide] in the past, and I still struggle with it day to day.” As someone who has lost friends to sui- cide, she continues to support the fight against suicide. “Please keep supporting [suicide preven- tion], please keep coming out [...] The only way to deal with it is to keep coming out, keep talking about it [...]”

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Grow Your Own Pharmacy

Ryan speaking to Dakarai’s peers at Dakarai’s school, Warwick Academy.

It’s finally the time of the year again when the flowers begin to bloom and the leaves come back to the trees. Make this spring and summer one of the most enjoyable by planting a garden. Not the common garden with only flowers and vegetables, I’m talking about a medicine garden.

When it begins to get warm out, insects annoy us and sometimes even sting us. However, by planting medicine flowers in your garden you can help alleviate the stings and burns. This year grow your own pharmacy in your backyard by planting some useful medicine plants.

The first plant you should plant is known sage. Sage is derived from the Latin, which means to heal. The sage plant is a great medicine plant that helps alleviate insect bites, infections and even indigestion. This plant can also be used as a cooking herb.

Secondly, you may want to consider planting tea tree. According to altmedicinezone, tea tree has many uses such as treating acne, insect bites, minor burns, warts and athlete’s foot.

We can save money and time by planting these useful herbs and plants and save ourselves a trip to the doctor and the pharmacy. The next plant, known as great yellow gentian, will help do just that. Save a trip to the pharmacy because this plant can help treat a vast majority of digestive problems, and it is widely used in today’s medicines. This plant may be bitter but has many useful and profound effects. According to altmedicinezone, great yellow gentian helps relieve exhaustion from chronic diseases; it stimulates the gall bladder and liver and at the same time strengthens the body.

While most of these medical plants may not be the prettiest they do have numerous beneficial effects on the body. If you are the type of person who loves colored flowers, echinacea may be right for you. This medical plant is “considered to be one of the world’s most important medicinal herbs.” In addition, it has a beautiful and colorful look.

Then, what exactly makes this plant the most important herb? The answer is that it has an abundant amount of uses. It can help treat sores, burns, warts, allergies, insect bites, stings and even snakebites. Furthermore, echinacea helps boost the immune system that can help fight off summer allergies, which may include hay fever.

Is there a plant for those who have high cholesterol levels? Yes, ginseng is the popular medical plant that can help promote general health. According to altmedicinezone, “It helps reduce cholesterol levels, improve your immune system and stamina and helps treat lack of appetite and sleep disorders.” Ginseng is used in hand creams and ointments. It is a very common plant and is something you would want in your garden.

Take advantage of this summer season and turn your backyard into a pharmacy. Grow your own medicine and help alleviate bee stings, mosquito bites, burns, allergies and many more health problems.

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Google’s Watching

Google’s new privacy policy has users concerned

Sophia Chavez
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Will you jump on the Google wagon or off? Google is probably one of the biggest and most popular search engines of our time with over one million servers and still counting. To name a few numbers, there are “more than 120 million Chrome Users (up from 60 million in 2009)” according to Google’s timeline “More than 300 million people visit the blogging site every month.”

Many are concerned with Google’s new privacy policy. Advertisements on Facebook, Youtube or any other website catering directly to our tastes and hobbies have made numerous fans “watch.” Our information is collected and many are unhappy about it.

Despite trimming our policies in 2010, we still have more than 70 privacy documents covering all of our different products. This approach is somewhat complicated,” says Alma Whittem, Director of Privacy, Product and Engineering on the official Google blog, blogspot.com. Even with the changes, Google still will not be housing everything under one policy.

Effective as of March 1, the policy goes into detail about information you provide and with your permission, Google can share your information with companies. It essentially states that if you are signed in, Google will combine information you have given to other Google services.

Google even has released a video explaining all the positive aspects of their new policy on Youtube.

Michael Oudshoorn, Chair of the Computer Science Department at MSU said, “I’m not doing anything exciting on the internet, I don’t care if Google knows what I’m searching. If they are trying to sell me stuff online from what I searched who cares. If it gets off hand and I get junk mail that’s a different story. There’s a benefit in making your life easier. I’m sure Yahoo is doing the same thing, but they’re just doing it under the radar.”

Google’s video focuses on combining gmail, search, Youtube and calendar. Comments on the video range from the shocked and disappointed of “this sucks” and “I’m deleting my account” to people who claim Google has “always” been watching.

Students at MSU are also on the fence about how this will effect their internet use. “I don’t like Google’s privacy policy. It’s great for business because of the ads. However it is creepy and makes you wonder what else they are recording,” said Elena Badillo, communications major.

The reactions aren’t only from regular consumers. The White House disclosed a new Privacy Bill they plan to set in motion, The Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights, which aims to protect the consumers privacy while they search the internet.

“People are freaking out because of the media. The general public wants things a certain way but don’t understand that data needs to be collected for that to happen,” said Oudshoorn. “The SOPA act, when the government tried to push through it became a very public battle in the press. There is a lot of politics going on. Both sides have points to be made and both sides will provide their half of the story.”

Maryland Attorney General Douglass Gansler and attorneys general of 35 other states sent Google letters stating their swainness with Google’s new privacy policy, feeling that the policy gives Google too much power to track people. (USA-today).

“Google’s new privacy policy promises Google users integration throughout all Google services as well. The Ad let’s say runs javascript. They can use a cookie to put some software on your machine to keep track of all the websites you visit. When you see that Ad again they can upload that list from your machine,” Oudshoorn explained.

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What the Commerce Department wants to accomplish with this Bill is the consumer’s “right to exercise control over what personal data organizations collect from them and how they use it.” Commerce/Secretary John Bryson said.

“The government is clearly demanding information too, they already know what’s going on. Whether you opt in or out the government will still retain that the information will be there and available to them,” said Oudshoorn.

“While I don’t agree with google’s method of using information I also don’t think I’d be comfortable with the government getting involved,” Elena Badillo said. “Who knows what they are doing behind closed doors.”

In the end, even if you don’t use any Google account to search the web, information still will be collected of you but won’t be as safe as you’d want it to be.

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The Seven Rights included in the Bill are:

• Individual Control: Consumers have a right to exercise control over what personal data organizations collect from them and how they use it.
• Transparency: Consumers have a right to easily understandable information about privacy and security practices.
• Respect for Context: Consumers have a right to expect that organizations will collect, use and disclose personal data in ways that are consistent with the context in which consumers provide the data.
• Security: Consumers have a right to secure and responsible handling of personal data.
• Access and Accuracy: Consumers have a right to access and correct personal data in usable formats, in a manner that is appropriate to the sensitivity of the data and the risk of adverse consequences to consumers if the data are inaccurate.
• Limited Collection: Consumers have a right to reasonable limits on the personal data that companies collect and retain.
• Accountability: Consumers have a right to have personal data handled by companies with appropriate measures in place to assure they adhere to the Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights.

(Taken from the Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights, available at whitehouse.gov)
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You may be wondering why the 30-year-old air conditioning units in Mulberry Hall are slowly falling out of their window frames or how the roof of the Student Center Annex could possibly be collapsing after we’ve spent so much money on new building projects.

As is the case for many of us these days, money is a little tight at MSU and the institutional wallet is straining for cash.

For those of you who are new to campus or walk around all day staring at your feet, Montclair has been changing rapidly. Over the past decade, the school has seen major expansion with the addition of Kasser Theatre in 2004, University Hall in 2006, the Student Recreation Center in 2008, Carparelli Diem in 2010, the Heights complex in 2011 and, most recently, Schmidt Hall. These additions have been generally well received, but money doesn’t grow on trees and, after all is said and done, we still need to be able to maintain the structures that we have built.

Luckily our benevolent governor has proposed a reconstitution of New Jersey’s higher education institutions that would break up the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, giving Rutgers University a medical school and cancer institute in the New Brunswick area, at the price of surrendering its Camden branch to Rowan University.

The intention is to create excellent schools that can outperform their top competitors and draw in the top students and educators from outside of the state, as well as for recognition. But how does this help us? It doesn’t.

New legislators are fighting for funding that would have otherwise passed right over North Jersey schools like MSU, William Paterson and Ramapo. The new plan proposed by New Jersey legislators will provide as much as $3.5 billion for public colleges and universities statewide, $268 million of which will go to Montclair for building projects. Though it is a step in the right direction, it still falls short of the $400 million we need for capital improvements alone.

It seems that every time we read about Governor Christie, he is trying to cut essential funding from the state budget. Obviously you need to spend money to make money, but leaving a third of the state out of the plans seems consciously elitist in a way that we would only expect from Scrooge McDuck with bills in his eyes.

In mathematical fair division, one is forced to make the assumption that all of the players are acting rationally, but that is rarely the case in real life. In real life, we need to not only weigh the worth of the available resources to us but also be conscious of the biases that shape decision-making in order to end up with a proportional division.

Montclair State University is the second largest university after Rutgers and constantly battles for the number one state university spot but its reputation pales in comparison to the school that has arguably become the face of New Jersey higher education.

Leanna Grennan

“I think everyone has the natural right to be healthy and that it is the obvious way for everyone to be healthy.”

Mark Ludas

“I don’t know specific details but I think that forcing someone to buy into it is taking away their freedom and it doesn’t totally make sense to me.”

Francis Colombo

“The whole healthcare plan is atrocious for our country. First of all, it’s not sustainable for our country since we are already $15 trillion in debt. Furthermore, we were founded as a country where everyone would survive for themselves and now we are switching to a centralized economy which has been causing the European crisis for the past 24 months.”

YooRae Choi

“Coming from someone that doesn’t have healthcare right now and neither does my family, if, by 2015, healthcare became affordable to everyone, then my viewpoint is simple. I have no problem with it because everyone has the right to live and to be cared for.”

How do you feel about universal healthcare?
L e a d e d a i l y  
From the Office of the Managing Editor

As students who have continually voiced our dissatisfaction with President Cole and the Board of Trustees, the SGA – like it or not – is one of our strongest means of recourse.

The SGA is the highest body that the students themselves have recognized as a source from which students derive the power to achieve change.

If the SGA is filled with ineptitude and apathy, the students have the power to change that as student voters to change.

Getting back to the criticism, however, I fear that the SGA has not been as strong an advocate for the students of MSU as it should have been for the last two years. However, the students of MSU have not held the university accountable enough in voting involving and staying informed of the issues.

It is for this reason that now more than ever, we, the students, have to begin to take our proper responsibility for what happens on campus and vote for those who can enact the change we want to see, not for friends, or friends of friends, who want something nice to put on their resumes.

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For starters, it would be nice if SLAM, the SGA Programming Board, could provide us with a little more than “Montclairizes,” a comedy show (both physically and through its Facebook voting), but hue anything to yet hear about anything from Jason Derulo or they have for this academic year.

Now, while all of these events are good ideas (although bringing Jason Derulo and nobody else in the final pulled only one façade within the MSU student body know for a fact what they are at TCNJ they’ve had to hear it from me, Chris Sarbach, Seth Meyers, The Front Bottoms, The Early November, Jake’s Marimari and others and a serpent with closet lettering.

In Italy, you must respect yourself and the people around you. If you are a tourist, you can do it in public in this fashion, you can receive a strange amount of stares, but old Italian women might even hiss at you. Very uncomfor-

The people of Florence are never loud. I walked past the Piazzale yesterday and although there were at least 150 people sitting in the courtyard, I could hardly hear anyone speaking.

Restaurants are even more hushed, and spotting an American is as easy as spotting an elephant in an empty room. These cultural norms are hardly detestable. I actually prefer the reverence to going out to eat at your average restaurant in Jersey. Where you eat tells me that the peace and quiet is at hand.

Concerning Editorials and Columns

Main editors appear on the first page of the Opinion section. All others are unsigned articles that represent the opinion of the editorial board on a particular issue. Columns are written by individuals and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Montclarion staff.

Lori Wieczorek, an English major, is the former Opinion Editor for The Montclarion.
In regards to "Would You Tell A Surgeon How To Do Surgery?":

"Would you tell surgeons how to do their jobs? Of course not. But jour-
nalists? Let's not compare applies to how journalists. I mean, how do you do surgery because I don't know how to do surgery."

I do, however, know how to read about it. You can find a quick Google search of the term "open bi-pass surgery" confirmed with the National Library of Medicine’s website, which is the thing as "open bi-pass surgery," perhaps the author might say "But what do I know, I'm not a jour-
nalist." Another thing I know how to do, though, is type, type, type and concisely communicate what I mean to say. This article was written to demonstrate that you can do something meaningful from some other unknown source

"by the way, if that's just "the sort of journalism" you are, I'm sure if you knew the meaning of the word."

This article contradicts itself many times over by simultaneously telling us to stop being critical, and then goes on to say that "why, if a machine steals your Pulitzer Prize, and prescribe medication to us? Machines need to be paid, they do not take vacations and

"and they do twice the work in half the time."

"As much as we like technology, we might be thinking, "Monika, that's just an Asimov plot on our hands."

British artist Marc Quinn, whose previ-
ous works include a life-size gold statue of philosopher David Hume with her legs behind her head, previously expressed interest in the ongoing project and has asked about the statue in the image of an open-eyed President Obama behind her polarizing glass. Quinn said, "The statue, which will be located at the base of the stairs in the Student Center Quad somewhere in between the classrooms and the soccer hooligans have been using during their down-time, will begin construct-

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"a war torn world, but machines have been created to replace people within the work place.

Some things are really obvious like these self check-out stations at super markets, but the machines have started to spread and take the jobs of so many Americans. They have extended into the world of finance and even journalism.

Now, I usually am the one doing all these technologically oriented articles. How to review all the neat-o stuff one can

"in the media world, they are the over-
 generalized and expressing them in a

"I hope that this is the beginning of an act of good faith towards someone whose con-

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"The seven percent of students that did fill out the survey responded overwhelming, almost unanimously, in favor of the statue. The lone dissenting voice came from a editorial columnist, Jennifer Aronoff, "It's not often that the Board of Trustees does something in an act of good faith towards someone whose con-

"the Board of Trustees has stated in their most recent newsletter that the sum of $1.5 million, $1 million of which is the price of the 18K gold, was "a simple recreation of the remaining funds after Susan's estate was turned over to "the school," goes on to say that "the statue in honor of which is the price of the 18K gold, was..."
**Experience The Hunger Games: The film adaptation that definitely delivers**

David Acosta

This past weekend was indeed a happy Hun-
ger Games for all after the first film in the highly anticipated film adaptation of Suzanne Collins' young adult book trilogy managed to rack in $135 million, breaking the record for the third highest grossing opening weekend of all time for a film. Collins, along with direc-
tor Gary Ross, co-wrote the screenplay for the film and with a large cast full of many talented actors, The Hunger Games did not disappoint. Dystopian post-apoca-
lyptic society, Panem, which is made up of 12 districts, is run by a corrupt government that forces each citizen to follow their ways. To show how they have power over the citizens, every year, two children from ages 12 – 18 are picked at random from each district to participate in the Hunger Games, a televised battle to the death from which a winner is selected. Katniss Everdeen, played by Academy Award-nomi-
inated actress Jennifer Law-
rence, volunteers as tribute to take her 12-year-old sis-
ter’s place and is forced to participate with fellow Dis-
trict 12 tribute Peeta Mellark, played by Josh Hutcherson. There is a large ensemble cast present for the first half of the film before Katniss and Peeta enter the battle-
field that consists of Lenny Kravitz as stylist Cinna, Woody Harrelson as the drunk past Hunger Games winner Haymitch, Donald Sutherland as the corrupt president of Panem and Eliz-
abeth Banks as the quirky representative from the capi-
tal city Effie. The film, how-
ever, puts these characters in the first half of the film to de-
velop the characters as much as they can before the second half of the film in the battle-
field focuses mainly on Kat-
niss, Peeta and the other trib-
utes who are fighting to win. Ross, who has directed films such as Pleasantville and Seabiscuit takes on his first big budget adventure film and does a pretty good job at it. The shaky camera used to get the audience to feel the dystopian and unpleas-
tant reality in Katniss' home district and in the battleground, a brightly colored and futuro-
istic capital city full of people with a strange future fashion sense and many tense build-
ing, nerve-wracking scenes in the games themselves, Ross shows that he is a talented director for more than one genre of film. The cast gives fine performances, mainly from Lawrence and Hutcherc-
son, but the real scene stealer of the entire film is Stanley Tucci as the television re-
porter and media head of the Hunger Games, Caesar Flickerman. Tucci’s perfor-
ance makes him extremely likable and very entertaining even though he is part of a corrupt and immoral fight to the death of children. In comparison to Tucci, there is the quiet Liam Hemsworth playing Gale, Katniss' best friend and romantic inter-
rest. He doesn't say much in the film, but his few deliver-
es of lines were a bit dull. The film does a pret-
y good job transitioning from book to film consider-
ing that the author of the book co-wrote the screen-
play, so the changes that were made were acceptable. The Hunger Games is a solid film that works on its own, but may leave some who are unfamiliar with the book with some questions.

**Words & Testaments from 8 on stage at Memorial: A look at the civil rights case that divided a state**

**Auditorium falls silent as closing arguments are read.**

Richard Brakhage

Court was in session on March 24 in Memorial Audi-
torium with the help of play-
wright Dustin Lance Black. Black, 8 Black's latest piece, chron-
icles the federal trial of Prop-
osition 8 after the 2008 elec-
tions in California that banned same sex marriage.

The constitution's provision converses the 12-day trial into little over an hour, filled with re-
strained tears in the audi-

ditorium.

The audience sits with eyes filled with tears as personal monologues were shared on June 16, 2010. With heated debates and mono-

logues filled with touching insight, 8 quickly becomes something bigger than the lines read out by the actors or even the latest headlines regarding the issue. For me, it not only put a face to the issue, but depicted just how Prop 8 hided into the lives of many families across America, and their bravery to fight for their rights was awe inspiring. With the auditorium filled almost to capacity, similarly to how packed the court-
room was on the day of the trial, each character shared their views on how same sex mar-
rriage would affect the coun-
try and the state of marriage overall. Whether the lines were read from the stand of the tense courtroom or be-

tween intimate moments of personal monologues and conversations, a warm spotlight cascaded gently on the faces of each actor as they delivered their cases. The actual proceedings were not broadcasted live, so one could only imagine the marriage equality move-
ment filed an appeal to the Supreme Court preventing the intimate details acted on stage to be aired for the nation to see. The heart of 8 is the lives of two same sex couples Sandy & Kristin and Jeff & Paul, who made their lives and love evidence in a trial that wasn't just based on fact but perception of fact. Each side pleaded their case to Judge Walker, who was played by our Presi-
dent, Dr. Susan Cole, who was a stern force to be reckoned with during the heated debates that ensued. The cast, which included a mix of seasoned actors, Mont-
clair alums and current BFA Theater majors, delivered an amazing performance that was a huge applause from the crowd at the end who couldn't help but move to the production.

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The Rise of the Twees
Local band with a major sound

Emilia D’Albero
Staff Writer

Anyone involved in the music industry these days knows how hard it is to book bands for a festival, especially big festivals like Bamboozle, which takes place in New Jersey each year. But what some people don’t know is that many fans of local bands play a large part in choosing which bands play the yearly festival. Bamboozle hosts The Break Contest, in which many local bands compete for a coveted slot on the main stage at Bamboozle. Admittedly, the festival doesn’t have the best track record for booking headline acts — 2010’s lineup included rapper Drake and trashy singing talking pop act Ke$ha — but that is just the humble opinion of this writer. Fortunately, The Break Contest provides an opportunity for tri-state natives to improve the Bamboozle lineup with the addition of their favorite local acts. This year, The Break contest shed some light on some quality acts, including “post-indie-funk-electro-pop-core” outfit This Good Robot and the unique and talented New York group The Twees. The Twees, hailing from Brooklyn, are a small band with a very big sound. The four members blend sharp guitar riffs with booming bass lines to create a loud, catchy sound that is impossible to pin down between the borders of lighter garage rock and indie pop. The Twees might be seen as a reincarnation of The Strokes, as their music makes you want to dance onstage, at the request of vocalist/guitarist Jason Abrishami. Unfortunately, the Ollie’s Point security would not let anyone on the stage. The Twees’ incredible performance that day allowed them to advance to the next round of The Break Contest and also undeniably earned them some new fans.

However, listening to their music with your headphones on simply does not do justice. The only way to fully understand what The Twees are all about is to attend the loud, pulsing, giant dance party of pure awesomeness that is a live Twees show. Their latest single, “Temperamental Health,” which is considerably heavier and more Strokes-esque than their other songs, seemed to be a crowd favorite and inspired their audience to shake their hips and even attempt to dance onstage, at the request of vocalist/guitarist Jason Abrishami. Unfortunately, the Ollie’s Point security would not let anyone on stage during their gig. The Twees’ incredible performance that day allowed them to advance to the next round of The Break Contest and also undeniably earned them some new fans.

The next round of the contest was held at Ollie’s Point again, so the group was familiar with the setting and able to let themselves give even more in their performance than they had the previous time. The four-song set included a cover of The Rascals’ “Level,” as well as “Temperamental Health,” which was just as rowdy and entertaining as the last time they played it at Ollie’s Point. “Level” really caught the attention of the crowd, as it was delivered with the vocal precision and musical complexity that the studio recording has, even though The Twees tweaked it a bit to make it their own. The band’s energy level was through the roof and inspired many people to who were there supporting other bands to dance and nod their heads to the catchy tunes and pulsing beats of The Twees’ songs.

Lively as ever, The Twees delivered two stellar performances during The Break Contest, but unfortunately did not advance to the final rounds. But I think that they’re the real winners here — not only did they participate (and do extremely well) in one of the most popular “battle of the bands”-type contests in the area, but they also gained many fans that will surely support them in all of their future endeavors. The Twees are not a band to miss when they inevitably come around the New York/New Jersey area because going to one of their concerts is definitely an unforgettable experience. In the meantime, you can check out their Facebook page and listen to their latest EP, These Girls.
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### Who’s Hot This Week

**Tyler Meth**

**Attack — Lacrosse**

Meth led the team with four goals on seven shots and five assists in the Red Hawks’ victory against the Farmingdale Rams. The Red Hawks won their conference opener 16-6, with eight different players scoring one goal.

**Kailee Beal**

**Attack — Lacrosse**

Beal earned the Skyline Player of the Week as well as the New Jersey Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors. Beal had 16 points, 23 draws controls and nine ground balls for MSU during their recent three-game stretch (2-1). Beal notched her 100th career goal during the Red Hawks’ 19-9 victory against Rutgers-Camden.

**Game of the Week**

**Softball**

vs Richard Stockton (DH)

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Montclair State University’s baseball team flew to Ohio for a three-game trip, coming off a three-game winning streak from the week in Florida during the Snowbird Classic. The Red Hawks struck early in the third game, defeating the Mountaineers when senior designated hitter Kevin Bond singled in outfielder Michael Hille who started the game with a triple. Maskunigam tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom half, but Hille would answer with five in the second inning. Junior catcher Scott Glazzy hit a home run to start the frame, putting MSU back on top.

Base hits and a wild pitch gave MSU four more runs to top their big inning. Up 6-2 in the sixth inning, Bond drove in two more with a double, which capped off his four-for-four, five-RBI game. Bond said he was patient, waiting for good pitches and “just felt really comfortable” at the plate. Louis Martini, who came on to pinch run the previous inning, and McGraw both had an RBI in the seventh, making the score 11-2. Maskunigam scored five runs late in the game, but that would be all they managed. Pitcher Sean Hille had a solid six-inning start, giving up eight hits and striking out four in his third win this season.

It was a close match-up the next day when Montclair State met the Red Hawks in the top of the eighth, but John Carroll University would come out on top in the 6-4 loss on Saturday. MSU had won four straight against Marietta College, following their two games during the Snowbird Classic earlier this month. MSU shut out Marietta in their second game in Florida, but Marietta answered back with a 5-0 shutout of their own, handing MSU their second straight loss.

The offense was quiet in the defeat with just five base hits, with only two runners making it to second base all game. Senior infielder and captain Sam Politan, who had a pinch-hit single in the game, is not letting the loss be a complete disappointment. “Playing outside of the conference,” he says about the tough schedule early in the season, “prepares us for the NCAC.” The New Jersey Athletic Conference play begins Saturday in a double-header at Rutgers-Camden. With no plans to lose three in a row, Montclair is determined to bounce back in their 10-2 victory at DeSales University on Tuesday. Hille started and earned his third straight win, going four innings and striking out six. The Red Hawks came out swinging, scoring seven runs by the fourth inning. Sophomore right fielder Timothy Byron, Bond and Glazzy each drove in a run apiece, but the damage was done by third baseman Stephen Nappi, who contributed a pair of two-RBI hits in the game. The Bulldogs were able to score a run in the fifth, but MSU tacked on three more in the top of the sixth on a pinch-hit, bases-loaded single from Jayson Stolz. An error allowed a third runner to score, with Stolz reaching second on the play. Jake Campbell and John Silvestri both threw two innings in relief, with Josh Manto closing out the ninth to improve the Red Hawks to an even 7-7 record.

The Red Hawks defeated Oneonta State by a score of 7-1 on Wednesday thanks to a ninth inning grand slam by Bond. Pitcher Jack McDonough pitched 5 1/3 scoreless innings for a no-decision. With their second consecutive win, the Red Hawks improved to 8-7.

Montclair State University’s women’s lacrosse team currently 2-1 in NJAC Play

The women’s lacrosse team suffered a loss in its last game, falling 13-7 to the Farmingdale State Rams 13-7 at home and snapped their three-game winning streak. The loss was just the second regular-season Skyline defeat and the third overall against a league opponent since joining the conference in 2006.

Farmingdale has been the winner in both of those games as well as the 2009 championship game. The Rams came onto the field hot and looked a quick two-goal lead ten minutes into the game. Montclair State would finally get on the board with 18:21 to go as Kel- ly Schmoeveuld scored assisted. The Rams would not get rattled as they came back with three straight goals to take a 5-1 lead. The Red Hawks’ Cora Deluca answered back to cut the lead to three, but the Rams put one past goalkeeper Tiffani Henderson with 49 seconds left in the first and took a 6-2 lead into the break.

Schmoeveuld scored 46 seconds into the second half, but those were answered by the Rams with two more goals and an 8-3 lead. Goals from Deluca and Tierney Cordon 43 seconds apart brought MSU within three with 37:43 left. The Hawks wouldn’t get any closer as the game ended in a 13-7 loss.

Junior Kalee Beal had a goal, an assist and tied her own single-game record with 10 draw controls for Montclair State (5-3). Beal, who passed Kayla Henderson for the ca-

The first thing that caught the eye was the Red Hawks’ improved to 8-7.