Dunkin' Donuts Comes to Blanton

Students have mixed feelings about the planned additions to the new dining spots in Blanton Hall, which are expected to be open by the fall semester.

Although construction on the dining hall has not yet begun, a few features of Blanton are already being planned. The planned features include a quick service restaurant, a Coffee Concept, a combination sub shop and e-store and, as rumors around campus have hinted, an in-house Dunkin’ Donuts. All of the planned additions will accept cash, credit, flex dollars and Red Hawk dollars.

There is also a table that the SDS set up to encourage other students to join in their movement. They have set up a petition that they are encouraging students to sign in protest of the anticipated tuition increase.

“We’re trying to raise awareness for student debt and the increasing tuition,” said Nick Mimikos, sophomore.

“We are here to provide an alternate community where we live up to our ideals,” said Lisa Grab, president of the SDS. “We give our free

Red Hawk Dollars Go Off-Campus

The reopening of Blanton Hall is joined by various new meal plans offering students the opportunity to take advantage of the new dining options.

Beginning next semester, the spotlight will be on Red Hawk dollars which will be accepted at several shops and restaurants off-campus.

Matt Chapman, chair of the food committee on SGA, has played an integral role as liaison between students and the administration. “All in all, I think this was a brilliant move by our din-
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7 On April 15: A staff member reported an act of criminal mischief inside of Life Hall. Paint had been discovered on a piece of furniture and the floor. This matter is under investigation.

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

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Montclair State University creates a new approach to learning mathematics with their highly successful Red Hawk Mathematics Learning Center located on the third floor of Conrad J. Schmitt Hall. The learning center has had an overwhelming amount of positive feedback because it combines one-on-one instruction, technological assistance and focus groups to help students succeed.

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The Learning Center is currently in its first semester, offering two courses, Math 109 and 061, and assisting about 300 students on campus. The number of students utilizing the Center is expected to increase next year with the addition of three new courses. Although the Center remains focused on the assistance of technology, Catherine Holl-Cross, the Center’s director, said that some classic learning tactics will remain the same.

“Students will still be expected to use paper and pencil in some courses and will continue to learn in that way. They must complete at least 80 percent of their assignments and they have instructors and graduate assistants assisting them through the process,” she said.

Another way the Learning Center takes an innovative approach to mathematization is by creating focus groups, allowing students to work with multiple instructors and assistants and using a cup system. Students from each course can take part in break out focus groups where they receive additional assistance and stay on track throughout the semester. Holl-Cross also explained that when a student needs assistance with an assignment they place a red cup next to them to alert nearby instructors that they need help. Blue cups are displayed when a student is taking a quiz.

However, what seems to make this emporium most effective is the face-to-face interaction it provides between the instructors and the students. With an estimated one instructor per 12 students, assistance is never too far out of reach for course members.

“They are definitely more resources in this course than there were in high school math courses. Here there’s more visual assistance and there are more instructors who respond very well to the new learning approach,” Garrett Nieddu, graduate student and course assistant, said, “I like the one-on-one aspect of the Learning Center. Most of the time we talk to larger groups of students, but we assist them one on one and it’s good because everyone can work at their own pace and still get the help they need.”


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Mathew Manglona, a history education major, said, “I feel everybody runs on Dunkin’. I’d love to wake up to the fresh-brewed coffee smell of deliciousness. I do have one issue, however, in addition to using swipes, flex dollars and Red Hawk dollars, I think we should be able to use the constant pass. Sometimes I don’t even want to go the dining hall, I feel constrained by the limited food choices. My taste buds ache for a different taste.”

“Ed couldn’t eat more than just Sun’s as an option to eat, but at the same time, is it going to be the same food that’s already at the Café Diem? I like the idea because it gives students another spot to hang out,” said Mat Vandenheuvel, a fashion studies major.

The coming weeks should bring more information about the projects taking place in Blanton Hall. Any- one with further questions regarding the construction should contact the Auxiliary Services office located on the first floor of the Student Center.

Students who live in Sinatra and the Village often cite the nuisance of waiting for a shuttle to get to any place to use their meal plans. Claudia Verso, a Village resident, would rather invest her money into food to cook in her own kitchen. “I feel like I’m forced to beg my parents for money so I can actually use this kitchen that they give us here.” Otherwise, I have to begin an hour-long adventure to campus to use a meal plan that I was less than excited to pay for,” she said.

For students who are unhappy with tuition hikes, it encourages optimism as the university continues to expand the scope of Montclair’s college experience. Freshman Drew Doelp is excited about his remaining years at the school. “Students complain about a lot, but from my perspective, the administration here has seemed to work tirelessly to improve my experience here. Those ‘Off Campus Solutions’ will come in handy a lot,” he said.

Universities across the nation have already seen great success with similar programs. Pennsylvania State University uses LionCash in connection with local businesses to promote a sense of community and offer students a wider range of choices. Penn State alumna Robert Schaefer highlighted the overall success of LionCash. “It never felt like you were spending your own money. In reality, all you had to do was pick the right meal plan and LionCash was available everywhere you went — stores, movie theatres, bowling alleys, pizzerias — you name it, they had it. Once students at Montclair realize its usefulness, it’ll be a big hit,” he explained.

The underlying concept of Off Campus Solutions is a utilization of Red Hawk Dollars within the community as a type of debit card. Parents can assist their children in deciding what meal plan is right for them, and they can select Red Hawk dollars accordingly.

### Students can now use Red Hawk Dollars in the following locations:

- MSU Dining Services facilities
- University Bookstore
- Sprague Library copy machines
- On campus vending machines
- ID Card Office
- TBD off-campus locations, such as the gas station and ShopRite

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A new course that promises to improve students' thought processes is being offered during the summer semester: Creative Thinking, taught by Dr. Ashwin Vaidya.

Creative Thinking, which will be taught from May 14 to June 7, will have students building a portfolio of creative work in a variety of forms, such as poetry, prose and fiction.

The course will challenge students to imagine new solutions to problems. It will practice techniques such as brainstorming and thinking in depth.

Vaidya, a member of the department of mathematical sciences, will be teaching the course.

The course description describes this course as “the myth that strikes like a bolt of lightning or a stroke of genius.”

Creative Thinking is a three-credit elective course that is open to all students.

“The lesson is to be present on campus to express their views through a demonstration,” said Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president for student development and campus life. “However, Grah noted that although the SDS has permission to stay in the quad, they are not allowed to sleep in their tents. "They gave us permission, but they told us if we stay in the tents overnight, we have to pay a cop," said Grah. "We have to sleep outside of the tents to stop that from happening.”

The police were also notified of this event. However, the university did not have to make a special notification. "The police will monitor this event in the same way that monitors other events on campus," said Pennington.

According to Pennington, there are also still regulations that the SDS must follow. "The group must abide by all university policies, including those regulating outdoor demonstrations and the agreement they signed with the Dean of Students Office," said Pennington. "Any individual who fails to comply with federal and/or state regulations, or the lawful request of a University Police officer, is subject to arrest."

Other colleges have also joined in the nicknamed “tent movement,” including Rutgers and Rowan. The movement is designed to show that students will not support the debt hikes putting them in the quad.

Ultimately, the SDS is attempting to show MSU students that it is easy to come together. SDS member Justin Wooten, said that uniting people together, too. A lot of events are being discouraged. Their presence in the quad has not faltered since they first set up.

Even though the university did not technically “approve” the campout, the SDS is still allowed to remain in the quad. "The university is allowing this group, in the same way that it allows other groups that are not affiliated with the SIA or even the university in some cases, to be present on campus to express their views through a demonstration," said Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president for student development and campus life.

Students are occupying the quad in camping tents.
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How to be a Savvy Shopper
Helpful tips to save money shopping this summer

If a retail store has a website, find the product and check if the price online is the same in stores. This is where your smart phone comes in handy because you can access the website while you’re in the store. Many retailers will honor the online price and offer you the price adjustment. Also, if two different stores are selling the same item for different prices and the store with the item for less doesn’t have your size, ask the other store if they can match the competitor’s price if you show them proof that the item is on sale — this only applies if the products are the exact brand, color and size. For example, Macy’s carries Steve Madden shoes. If Macy’s is selling a specific pair of sandals for $89.95 and the Steve Madden retail store has the exact sandals for $89.95, Steve Madden will give the customer a price adjustment if you can take a picture (smart phone again) of the shoe, style name and price.

3. Coupons are your best friends
The main way to receive coupons from retailers is joining their mailing list. Not only do they send coupons through email and postal mail, they inform customers about upcoming sales and advertise sales in-store and online. Some retailers even offer a student and/or military discount if you have your ID on you. Certain retailers and food vendors offer discounts to employees. Another easy way to get coupons is the Internet. If you Google “printable coupons” you can find endless blogs and websites that offer printable coupons and promotional coupon codes that can be used in stores and online. Sometimes when you enter a retail store and they are having a sale, you can ask the associate if the store will honor your online coupon. If yes, he has raised an average of $83,000 both at his events and on his personal page for March for Babies.

4. Always keep receipts
You should keep your receipts organized in your wallet because if shop is because it is possible that the item will go on sale after you buy it. Retailers offer price adjustments if you bought an item for full price and the item is currently on sale if it is in the timeframe listed in their store policy — usually within two weeks from the purchase date. Also, if you find a coupon that you could have used in a recent purchase, some retailers will honor the coupon if you have your receipt.

5. Damaged or display items
If you find an item that is a display model or has a slight defect, see if the store can offer a discount for it. For example, if you want to buy a bar of soap and the only one left is the store’s window display model, ask if they can give you a percentage off. Many stores will offer a discount if the item in the window has been touched or perhaps even has a stain. Most retail stores will discount the item, but they will make it final sale — so, if it has a defect, make sure you have a strategy to fix it or that it is acceptable “as is” to you.

6. Keep an open mind
If a product doesn’t look like a strategy to fix it or that it is acceptable “as is” to you, you may want to consider something else. For example, if something has a discount but it’s not that easy when you enter a retail store and they are having a sale, you can ask the associate if the store will honor your online coupon. If yes, he has raised an average of $83,000 both at his events and on his personal page for March for Babies.

7. Smile and be respectful
The most important aspect shop- ers need to remember is to always be kind to retail associates because the moment a customer becomes snappy or gets a bad attitude, the associate will not want to help you. Remember that retail associ- ates have experiences with good and bad customers, so be polite. Smile and be as polite as you can be when speaking with them. If you happen to speak with an associate, ask either to speak to a manager or for the corporate phone number.

The money you save while using these simple tips is extra spending money you can use.
Think about your last vacation. Now think about every restaurant you ate at. Can you remember? If you can, now think about what you ate at each. Can you remember?

Most people probably can’t. Food, unless it was the reason for your vacation, is pretty unimportant. You need food, but how much do you have to spend? I can probably guess the answer too much! People waste so much money on food during their vacations. Food is necessary, but the amount you spend is not.

A great way to save money is to limit the number of meals you eat out. I’m not saying the entire trip, rather the majority. What’s On The Menu?

Breakfast: Lucky for you, most hotels offer free breakfast. They have cereal, bagels, muffins, fruit and even waffles and eggs at the complimentary breakfast. Use the breakfast to your advantage — it will save you both money and time.

Lunch: You’re out and about, seeing all of the sights and taking in the atmosphere. Now, it’s time for lunch. Your stomach is grumbling and yelling at you to feed it. You don’t want to sit down at a restaurant because that takes up too much time. I have the solution. Pack your lunch. Before you head out for the trip, you can pack a jar of peanut butter, a jar of jelly and depending on how long you are traveling, cans of chicken or tuna.

None of those items require a cooler. To prevent ending up with dry chicken or tuna bring a jar of mayo, you don’t have to keep it in the cooler, unless it is very hot. Instead of carrying bread, which can get squished, bring a bag or two of tortillas and make wraps. You can mix in the mayo right in the can, saving you the hassle of carrying a dirty bowl or just slap on some peanut butter and jelly.

You can do all of this in the car or make it ahead of time and carry the lunch with you. If you travel by plane, share a suitcase with someone and use the unused one to pack your food items to check in.

Dinner: The inventions of electricity and microwaves make travelling less expensive. A great item to invest in and pack with you is an electric skillet. You can make so many different types of food on this little plate — it is amazing!

On my trips, we have made chicken fajitas, hot dogs, hamburgers, and rehashed various dinners. The great thing about these meals is that they are small and easy to clean. If you have the space in your suitcase, a George Forman Grill will work just as well.

Microwaves also help with cheap and easy dinners. If all of those tips aren’t a hassle, check ahead of time for local restaurants, pizza places, cafes and diners to compare the prices before you leave.

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

Generation Y and the Environment

In Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill's new film, 21 Jump Street, the two play perks officers going undercover as high school students at a local school. Tatum’s character thinks he’ll have an easy time getting back on top of the pulseless pecking order, until he realizes that he is way un-cool man, for being homophobic and not caring about the environment. Or so I’ve been told. I haven’t actually seen it, but I have a good source. I laughed at the film’s timid acknowledgment of serious environmental issues, but hey, I’ll take what I can get.

The fact that this little golden nugget made it into a big-budget Hollywood film and was portrayed as something so ubiquitous, something so common place and labeled as “cool” is very interesting. Now, the homophobia part I can accept. In this day and age with all the positive publicity and attention paid to the stereotypical gay man or woman (Most Grindr), I’ve noticed the trendiness of it all. As saturated and superficial as it may be, makes some sense, but is this really what Generation Y thinks of our planetary crisis?

So, in an effort to scope out our generation’s involvement in the movement, I spoke to a few friends and not tugged on, but it was mainly out of personal interest that inspired my curiosity. As he said, “Without puking, I should have probably never cared to cultivate a parasia via mass media more than insisting of how our newfound awareness brings an enormous power for change? What can more quickly yield results: the problem or the solution? A better question perhaps, is what will Generation Y be busy with in the next decade? Considering that our outlook is seemingly bleak at the moment?

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For the most part, I got the answers I expected to get from them, which were “Yeah, I totally drive hybrid” “Dude, I recycle like every day, especially after the weekend.” After watching Food Inc. I tried the meat ASAP! “My friends aren’t from the Valley, nor are those exact quotes, so forgive my embellishment, but you get the idea.

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Numerous games and activities that ties that will help students around MSA of Montclair State University. It is not a religion of terrorists; it is what the media has made lam is not what the media has made to mind? Terrorism? Oppressors? what is the first thing that comes to mind. Where some see graffiti as an irrefutable form of vandalism, others, including feminists, have taken to exhibiting their marginalized opinions on billboards, train cars, brick walls and highway underpasses. Graffiti may be perceived as the graffiti scene, but their presence is an anomaly. Because of this present- ing void, female writers are just as likely to conceal their identity with graffiti as they are to emphasize their femininity with it. “Miss Lady.” Many female graffiti artists are unwilling to address themselves as gendered artists because they are perceived as simply great — not the type of writer who makes it a priority to maintain their reputation. Where graffiti may be a prob- lematic site for feminist activism, street art has emerged as an equally wild, somewhat mutated beast with greater acceptance of feminine and feminist involvement. Graffiti typi- cally refers to a particular aspect of illegal art that incorporates tagging (spreading your name through repu- tion), bombing (spraying an elabo- rate piece), and the desire to maintaining a reputation through impressive feats. Graffiti writers are streetographically working-class delin- quents with more interest in garner- ing attention through dangerous stunts than in something more conventionally “high art.” This is a flawed assumption, though there is truth to the dangerous aspects of writing. Because it is an illegal art, taggers and writers typi- cally spray at night in unattended train yards or precarious perches. Street art is a relatively new concept. Graffiti writers utilize Sharpies and spray paint, but street artists may deploy any number of mediums including stickers, stickers, fabric, etc.; street artists take more time to prepare their materials at home and are placed under less pressure to piece quickly; while wor- rying about dripping paint, other taggers and being caught by cops. In this vein, the editor of (G)Offl Women argues that street art may be more accommodating towards women, who exist as artists rather than competition. Street art may also make more direct political or social statements, as the artists are focused on the message rather than on the acts of hours. On the far end of the spectrum comes yarn bombing, or guerilla knitting. Where street art may be more accommodating towards women, who exist as artists rather than competition, the legitimacy as an artist may be called into question. 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Celebrating Islamic Awareness Week

You’re Skyped

A. Viveka Garza-Gomez

April 19, 2012

Skype has been around for almost ten years now, so why is it so popula-
lar now? The video chat program was founded in 2003. What is so
great about the program is that, if it is free and it allows you to communi-
cate with friends around the globe. I was very late to this boat but I am Skype’s newest mem-
ber. I just had my first video chat only a couple of weeks ago with a
friend of mine in Mexico.

My friend and I chatted for about an hour and the screen froze about five times which was annoy-
ing but I overlooked it, seeing as I was video chatting with a friend thousands of miles away; it seemed normal. One of Skype’s best features is that you can send instant mes-
sages and share files while you talk, making it easy to share pictures, videos, etc. It’s no wonder Skype has
over 600 million subscribers world-
wide.

In the coming weeks, MSU
students will be studying for final
exams and athletes will be end-
ing the spring season sports.

In summary, start following these
four memory-boosting tips in the
upcoming weeks so you are well-
prepared for that big test or big
game at the end of the semester.

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Now, we got to the first question,
why is it so popular now? Busi-
nesses have been introducing the program into their standard practic-
es. The Chronicle did a survey that found that streaming video usage for business purposes has grown up
from 22 percent to 38 percent in the last year. Companies can use Skype for business meetings to connect
across the globe, or simply to in-
clude a colleague who is on vacation or from home.

I was video chatting with a friend of mine in Mexico.

In a way, Skype is one of the
today’s technologies that allowed
the recent increase in the number
of people to work from home. And it
doesn’t stop there. Companies have
even utilized Skype for job interviews as a great cost-cutting method sav-
ing companies $5,000 to $10,000 per interview.

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Dilemma - with sleep

Man, I'm so tired today...

Oh well...

It's kind of hard to walk for some reason.

Dude, your pants are down.

Ah, crap...

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WHAT THE WORLD SEES...

WHAT ALLERGY SUFFERERS SEE...

THE RED HAWK PALS by THYLEN MARIASAN

What do you mean, ice cream, barbecue, and world's favorite snack is broken?

I'm not going to eat it anymore...

It's all a part of spicy week!

Let's do it! Now!

12:01 pm

ERROR: Class already full

"Howthorne and his Mutiles" by Courtney Van Saders

Dear why is there a strange man in this window?

Don't worry, Sophia, it's just a Mutile again.

She says she'll never be heard from ever again.

No he is here for a universal breakfast and my love.
Behind Every Great Man...

I know that saying: “Behind every great man there is a woman that he uses for political advantage.” That’s how it goes, right?

Well, if it isn’t, then it really should be because these days all we seem to see are politicians and celebrities using their significant others to bolster their own social status. From Barack Obama’s angry black wife to Mitt Romney’s lazy housewife and all the way back to the original pink lady, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, the mark of a good man and a good leader seems to be a preternatural bachelor’s eye.

These are the “real housewives” of our political arena who, despite their best efforts, can’t seem to stake a claim in the public’s eye that will set them apart from their prestigious, status-driven husbands (except for Jackie Kennedy who looked just fabulous in a pink Sunday dress). Then again, many of them have only achieved any opportunity for attention as the result of marrying men with big dreams and big wallets.

These women no longer have their own identities. Their accomplishments are merely stepping stones on their husbands’ road to success but their failures, a little extra junk in the trunk or a lifetime of child-rearing, are personal struggles that they alone will overcome and turn into a best-selling memoir.

Imagine the understandably lukewarm enthusiasm in The Montclarion office upon the university’s announcement of this year’s 2012 Commencement speaker: the politically advantageous Mrs. Victoria Reggie Kennedy whose life credits include keeping guns away from children, finally tying down the infamous playboy Senator Ted Kennedy and becoming his personal legal assistant – a job she, no doubt, was overqualified for by that point.

A quick Google search of Victoria Reggie Kennedy yields unpromising results that range from the milquetoast, a woman who has “made many choices in her life,” to the barely controversial announcement of her being uninvited to speak at Anna Marie College in Massachusetts because her liberal positions on abortion, gay rights and contraception coverage in health care don’t quite align with the Catholic church.

Further investigation produced only a short biography of a hard-working woman whose career took off through her marriage into one of the most famous families of our parents’ generations.

Even since the senator’s death in 2009, her reputation isn’t her own but simply a reflection of his later life successes as shown through the various news articles that highlight many of his achievements and says very little about the woman “behind him.”

The university’s decision to choose Mrs. Kennedy as commencement speaker isn’t exactly surprising after a long line of less-than-stellar speakers with moderate accomplishments.

But maybe that’s just the image we are looking for these days with job placement running low and the only things steadily climbing being gas prices and the divorce rate.

Maybe what the budding graduates of Montclair State University really need is the promise that we will be able to be happy and healthy with the people we love without the continuous, desperate attempts at universal success and constant attention.

But we would still rather have Bill Nye.

Students Speak

What do you think about SDS’ Tent State University movement?

Leah Stark
Junior
Music Therapy

“I was surprised they were doing the whole ‘occupy’ thing because that fizzled out a long time ago. The Occupy movement doesn’t really get things done. It’s just more like ‘Hey! We’re here!’ I signed a petition but I don’t know what they’re planning on doing about it. They didn’t really have a direction.”

Diane Mangru
Junior
English

“Bob Whitney has been posting on our Blackboard about going to Occupy events but that’s all I know about it. I really don’t care. I have other things to worry about.”

Veronica Furman
Sophomore
Anthropology

“The Occupy movement has gotten a lot of criticism for being not specific and I get that, but I don’t think that camping out in tents is making any kind of a statement.”

Nick Russo
Sophomore
Health/Phys. Ed.

“I don’t have a problem with what is going on. I don’t really understand it completely but I think it’s good that the students are standing up for what they believe in.”
I never thought that I would have a chance to write in the halls of the Board of Trustees, but here I am — not by my choice. It’s just that I have had no chance to really speak my mind on campus and have been spiked at the lowest level.

I am a student at Montclair State University and I have been a member of the Student walking between classes. Yes, it is true. In those halls, I have walked from class to class, listening to lectures and discussing with my peers. I have been a part of this university community for the past four years and I am proud to be a member of it. But I feel that I have been silenced and that my voice is not being heard.

I am a student and I have a right to speak out against what I see as wrong. I have been a member of the Student Senate and have worked hard to make a difference on campus. I have been a part of the SDS (Student for a Democratic Society) and have participated in demonstrations and rallies to raise awareness about social issues. I have been part of the Occupy MSU movement, which has been successful in bringing attention to issues such as corruption in Congress, Wall Street, and the need for social justice.

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Zimmerman's Conviction Doesn't Guarantee Justice
Speculations over case fueled by media biases and prejudice

Anyone who has walked through the Student Center Quad this week — probably literally must all feel the same way — has noticed that if you are walking between classes, you must have to decide is the few minutes you spend walking between classes. Yes, it is true. In those halls, I have walked from class to class, listening to lectures and discussing with my peers. I have been a part of this university community for the past four years and I am proud to be a member of it. But I feel that I have been silenced and that my voice is not being heard.

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Reincarnation or Just a Celebrity Look-A-Like? 
Transforming lives everywhere since the B.C. era

Have you ever heard of reincarnation? Webster’s dictionary defines reincarnation as the “rebirth of the soul in another body,” which can explain the likeness in appearance or behavior to another creature — human or animal.

Being a skeptic or even a non-believer in reincarnation is understandable, but I want to shed some light on the matter. I believe in reincarnation — yes, I admit, a wishful thinker — or, I admit, a wishful thinker — or, I admit, a wishful thinker — or, I admit, a wishful thinker — or, I admit, a wishful thinker — or, I admit, a wishful thinker — or, I admit, a wishful thinker.

I am often shy and distanced around people I do not know very well, yet I am very outgoing around my friends and family. My cat-like qualities and love for cats appear to be coincidental, but I think the reincarnation is occurring. To me, the most important study of reincarnation is past life, and part of a cat’s soul currently resides in me. I admit that my rational about this topic is slightly simplified, but I think the possibility of reincarnation is just as legitimate as the argument that people simply have chance-encounters with other people and animals. This belief seems to further my belief in rebirth transformations.

I have always loved cats, and strangely, my belief is what I have observed in myself. The idea of this phenomenon’s existence.

For as long as I can remember, I have believed in reincarnation. Honestly, though, the only evidence to support my belief is what I have observed in myself. I have always loved cats, and strangely, a sense of reincarnation reflects the qualities and actions of a cat — allow me to explain. Cats cannot be lazy creatures, their daily routine consists of little more than eating and sleeping. When it is time for their daily refreshment, they will gather up a source of heat such as a window on a warm, sunny day. I can fall asleep perfectly many minutes, and I am notorious for taking naps with the sun beaming down either in my house or outside on my deck at the beach. Also, just as a cat might be nervous around strangers but warming up to a friendly around the people she trusts, my personality adapts to my environment — I am often shy and distanced around people I do not know very well, yet I am very outgoing around my friends and family.

Can’t shake Facebook? The first step is admitting that you have a problem about your boss, because you never know who’s watching. Security options can go only so far in a public domain. Keep in mind the amount of friends that you have on these social networks that will be saved for another day — I digress. Many will agree that we all transform in some way through maturity and knowledge gained through life experiences, so why it would it be so strange to believe in another life we have been in for a future life we will be another person or an animal?

Long states that “the spirit of each person undergoes numerous rebirths in the bodies of various beasts,” so is it possible that reincarnation is an emphasized representation of the changes we experience in our lifetime? In our lives, we may change our taste in music, our fashion, our hobbies and our social groups to eventually find our true selves. Does anyone see this connecting line? I see.

My belief in reincarnation is just that, my belief. This article is not intended to preach religious customs or faith to any one because that’s not my style. But who knows, in another life maybe I was or will be a preacher — food for thought, huh?

 Strait, a philosophy major, is an editor for The Montclarion.

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Coachella: Generation Y’s Woodstock
A-list celebrities and a performance from Tupac!

Excited fans, camping and live music is what makes the Coachella Music and Arts Festival. You can think of it as the west coast version of Woodstock for generation Y. Taking place in Indio, California, next to the town of Coachella, the event began last weekend from April 13 to 15 and will resume this weekend from April 20 to the 22. The stage was swept by new and veteran musicians far to join the phenomenon. The campgrounds at Coachella are swamped with youth. The campgrounds at Coachella are swamped with youth. Coachella is an annual music festival that attracts fans of various genres. This event exemplifies the future of the entertainment industry as one during this event to find your daily life has been experienced an era where to explore each stage as many stages have multiple doors that lead to other stages and rooms. This factor is only a small part of the world becomes more convoluted while second-guessing to what you are interested in rap music. Along with yel-low shards, there are also 32 blue anti-cubes, treasure maps and artifacts to decipher which lead to the elusive slopes much closer to jump towards. Light and shadows differentiate the platforms from the environment, so there is no such second-guessing to what is not land and what you’ll discover pivots that change the layout of the stage in more subtle ways, such as controlling water and a climable structure. There are 32 yellow cubes to collect, each cube comprising a right-handed square. These stages are easily attainable by traversing platforms and solving environmental puzzles. Shifting the perspectives flows quickly and naturally, and I was not disoriented, even after six hours of playing. Backtracking through past levels did not disorient me though, as many stages have multiple doors that lead to other stages and rooms. Sometimes it took me a few tries before I found the correct door to lead me where I wanted to go. Couple that with a 3D map of the world that makes you look around it, instead of at it, and traveling on a specific path becomes more convoluted while you explore more of the environment. This factor is only a small part of the world becomes more convoluted while second-guessing to what you are interested in rap music. Along with yellow shards, there are also 32 blue anti-cubes, treasure maps and artifacts to decipher which lead to the elusive.
Thanks for leaving your car here last night “and not ending my family’s lives.”

Mana Punjabi

SAVE A LIFE. DON’T DRIVE HOME BUZZED.
BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING.
The Legend of Korra Delights Avatar Fans
Series sequel doesn’t disappoint

Nick Taylor
Art. Copy Editor

Bryan Konietzko and Michael Dante DiMartino are doing something that hasn’t been done since the 1990s. In this case, they are taking Nickelodeon by storm with an animated series that was anticipated by childhood and adult alike. The Legend of Korra follows the Avatar, a superhuman natural that can “bend” the four elements of his or her fantasy world: water, earth, fire and air. This “bending” gives a person the ability to control the environment, displayed in spectacular martial arts. As with any other superhero, the Avatar is required to restore balance to the world. This world is influenced by many Eastern cultures, East Asian and Inuit playing a significant role.

The series is a continuation of Konietzko and DiMartino’s previous success, Avatar: The Last Airbender, which won multiple Annie Awards, an Emmy Award and Nickelodeon’s first Peabody Award. It has had a significant following, with a large chunk of its fans being far outside the show’s ages six to eleven demographic. The Last Airbender followed a similar plot, as it revolved around Aang, a pre-pubescent male airbender who embeds his place in history for infiltrating a century-long world. The show’s ages six to eleven demo

The Legend of Korra takes place seventy years after the series finale of Avatar: The Last Airbender. The Legend of Korra is set around Republic City, as he is part of the municipal government. With no hesitation, Korra leaves home on her polar bear-dog, Naga, and ventures out to the much technologically advanced Republic City.

There is a catch, however, as Tenzin exhibits a polar opposite attitude gets in the way. The changes in culture and technology for Korra are significant, which leads her in trouble quite a bit. When she arrives in Republic City, she takes down a gang in a sketchy neighborhood, though not without causing significant property damage with her multiple bending abilities. Chief Bei Fong, the commissioner of the Republic City Police, easily causes tension between her and Korra. Tenzin bails her out of prison, though not without significant punishment. We discover that through Tenzin, airbending is a struggle for her, because his rather passive method of teaching is not enough to filter through Korra’s adrenaline-hungry mind. Though there have only been two episodes so far, her main enemy is expected to be an aggressive anti-bending society, headed by a mysterious mask-wearing wanderer.

The main characters of the show, Korra and her dog, Naga.

The only major problem that The Legend of Korra has is that it is a continuation of another series. However, it does not mean that you absolutely have to watch Avatar: The Last Airbender to understand everything. Korra should have the same effect that Avatar had on me. Also, keep in mind that despite its anime style, the show is American-made, so don’t let the art of the show fool you. The Legend of Korra airs Saturdays at 11 a.m. on Nickelodeon, which I doubt any college student is going to wake up for.

This is a show that is truly desirable for all ages, especially adults. If you’re a fan of Avatar: The Last Airbender who had no idea this was on, you should thank me very much.

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   Jacob Mercer-Pontier – Opinion Editor

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The Montclair State men’s lacrosse team improved to 7-3 after scoring 11 goals and going into halftime with a commanding 4-0 lead. They scored four more goals in the final 15 minutes of the second half to push the Red Hawks to a 2-0 lead. Bogert scored 30 seconds apart to start the second half, and Montclair dominated in every statistical category, outshooting the Dolphins by a score of 22-3. They dominated in every phase of the game, as they managed to hold the Dolphins to just 3 goals, and went into halftime with an 8-4 win for the Red Hawks. Goals by Krissa Henderson, and Glozzy each went three-for-three with four RBIs in the milestone win for Montclair. Senior centerfielder Mickey Henderson got the scoring spree only four RBIs in the milestone win for Montclair. Head coach Norm Schoenig was pleased with his team’s offensive performance, and 18-10 overall. His performance also earned him a Pitcher of the Week selection by the conference.

MU baseball began to slow down when their eight-game winning streak ended this month, dropping to 9-3. But the Red Hawks have been on the rise of late, as they closed out the season with a pair of two-game sets against conference foes Rowan and RPI. Montclair took down the Raiders, but came up short in the opener in an 8-2 loss. Montclair will travel to Rowan University this week. Senior centerfielder Mickey McGraw was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the bottom of the third, and an RBI single from catcher Scott Calloway allowed the Red Hawks to make it 1-0. In the third, Glozzy and Chavez each had back-to-back singles, allowing Corey Pace to move into scoring position. Senior centerfielder Mickey McGraw was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the bottom of the third, and an RBI single from catcher Scott Calloway allowed the Red Hawks to make it 1-0. In the third, Glozzy and Chavez each had back-to-back singles, allowing Corey Pace to move into scoring position.

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Off a tough loss to The College of New Jersey, the women’s lacrosse team looked to bounce back with a win over Montclair at the homecoming game. The game was 9-0 after five innings, with Montclair leading 6-0 at the half. While the Red Hawks offense struggled to score, the defense did its job as well, posting three runs in each game were plenty as MSU. Maniakal Rowan in both games.

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At the moment, Schoenig is not thinking about his career achievements or Montclair’s four RBIs in the milestone win for Montclair. Head coach Norm Schoenig was pleased with his team’s offensive performance, and 18-10 overall. His performance also earned him a Pitcher of the Week selection by the conference.
The NBA Playoffs are approaching with the last week of the regular season around the corner. The NBA was in a lockout over the summer, involving disagreements between the players association and the owners. The season started two months late due to the stalemate, beginning on Nov. 26 instead of late October. The new labor deal reached a tentative agreement that heavily favors the owners for the next ten seasons. The season was reduced from the standard 82 games to 66 games, which required teams to play four to five games per week in order to start the playoffs on time. Cramming all of these games within three and a half months has certainly taken its toll on many of the superstar players in the league.

Last year’s MVP, Derrick Rose of the Chicago Bulls, has had a lingering ankle injury which has forced him to miss more than a third of the season. Kobe Bryant has had a sore shin, but it doesn’t appear to be serious enough to prevent the 16-year vet from potentially leading his Los Angeles Lakers to the promised land. The most vulnerable player that will be kept a close eye on is the Orlando Magic’s Dwight Howard. Howard has been constantly under trade speculation all season and has even expressed his displeasure with head coach Stan Van Gundy. He and the Magic now have a much more serious problem on their hands. Howard has been sidelined for the next couple of weeks with a herniated disc in his back and it could jeopardize his ability to help his team make a run for the playoffs. Jeremy Lin of the New York Knicks, who took the NBA by storm with his “Linsanity,” has been shut down with a knee injury, possibly for the remainder of the year.

A player who hasn’t suffered any ailments and hasn’t skipped a beat is the Oklahoma City Thunder’s Kevin Durant. Durant has taken his game to the next level of superstardom, and he and his partner in crime, point guard Russell Westbrook, has led his team to a 44-17 record. They’re tied for the best record in the Western Conference with the “ageless” San Antonio Spurs. As for the defending champs of last season, the Dallas Mavericks are fighting to maintain one of the eight playoff spots in competition with the Denver Nuggets, Phoenix Suns, Houston Rockets and Utah Jazz which are all within two and half games to secure the last two playoff spots. The Memphis Grizzlies are holding onto the fifth spot, ensuring they will make the playoffs for a second straight year. There is also Los Angeles’ other team that plays in the Staples Center, the Clippers. They beat out their hometown rival Lakers in acquiring Chris Paul, who has revitalized their team by throwing up alley-oops to young phenom Blake Griffin. As for the Eastern Conference, the Big Three on the Miami Heat look to live up to their high expectations. LeBron James is making yet another MVP case for himself, but the only thing he has in his mind is to win an NBA title. Maybe this will be the year that he will prove to his naysayers out there that he can get it done when the game is on the line. Out in Beantown, Doc Rivers’ Celtics had gotten off to a slow start, but have climbed up to fourth in the standings while getting hot at the right time. The rollercoasting Knicks and the scrappy Philadelphia 76ers are both tied for the last two spots to clinch a playoff seed, but the Milwaukee Bucks have been fighting all year, trailing behind two games. The surprising Indiana Pacers and the Atlanta Hawks have solidified their spots and are now playoff bound as well.

Despite there having been a lockout, fans have to be thankful for the fact that a season happened after all. The players are taking a large hit in their salaries, but at the end of the day, they just want to play the game that they love and to make fans happy.
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The one thing his age gives him is experience. He is polished, talented and able to play right out of college. Tannehill, on the other hand, had only played quarterback at the college level for two years. He originally was a wide receiver at A&M, with over 100 combined catches his first two years. During his junior year he earned the starting quarterback position halfway through the season and continued on in 2011, throwing almost 3,800 yards and 29 touchdowns. As it’s been proven in the past, the most classic example being Tom Brady, who was picked 199 overall in 2000, where players are drafted is not the end all be all. In the end, all this speculation can only go so far and so many more things other than facts and figures factor into who will perform, and who will fall short.

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The marathon that is the NHL playoffs has proven to be the most exciting postseason in sports. The NBA may have a similar format, but unlike the NBA, I feel like every hockey team has a realistic chance to bring home the cup. We see lower seeds upset higher seeds all the time, and the sport is fueled by its passionate fans and rivalries. Players leave it all on the ice during the playoffs, and it makes for fast-paced, hard-hitting action. There is nothing more exciting than seeing your team score an overtime goal in the playoffs.

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Mark Glander
Goalkeeper — Lacrosse
Glander made eight saves in a pivotal 8-4 Skyline conference victory against second-place Kean and four more during the first-half in a 22-3 rout of Mount Saint Vincent. Glander was named the Skyline Conference Men’s Lacrosse Player of the Week.

Alex Hill
Starting Pitcher — Softball
Hill recorded her seventh shutout of the season in a 2-0 victory against Number 17 ranked Rowan. She struck out seven and allowed only four hits with zero walks. Hill is 17-0 on the season with a 0.00 ERA. Hill would also hit the eventual game-winning run, helping her own cause with an RBI single in the first inning to give the Red Hawks a 1-0 lead.

GAME OF THE WEEK

The Men’s Lacrosse team plays their final game of the season when they host conference rival, Mt. St. Mary on Saturday.

Montclair is currently in first place (4-0; 7-5) in the Skyline Conference

For updates, check out: www.montclairathletics.com @TheMontclarion on Twitter
The MSU softball team showed their grit and character by sweeping a huge home doubleheader against rival Kean University this Tuesday, winning two one-run games by 1-0 and 5-4 scores, pushing the Red Hawks' record to 30-3 overall and 11-1 in the NJAC. MSU is currently ranked 15th nationally in Division III and No. 2 in the Eastern Region. The 30-win total is a program record and ties the program history that 30 wins have been reached and this season is the 12th time in the last 18 seasons.

Sophomore pitcher Alex Hill was the Red Hawk of the day as she notched both wins from the pitch-er’s circle and drove in the winning run in the first game.

In a masterfully commanding game one effort, Hill picked up her 18th win of the season by going the distance, allowing only two hits, no runs, no walks and striking out ten. She only faced two batters over the minimum for a perfect game.

Hill helped herself at the plate in the bottom of the first inning as her single up the middle drove in center fielder Shannon Mozek, who led off MSU’s first at bat with a single and moved to second on the pitcher’s strike. Left fielder Maria Scopellito belted a sacrifice bunt by left fielder Jamie Paulino that moved over to second base on a sacrifice bunt by left fielder Jamie Paulino and drove in the winning run as the catcher’s throw was off target and bouncing into left field.

In the second game of the doubleheader against NYU-Polytechnic, the Red Hawks saw their 13-game winning streak snapped as they fell to the Bears 2-1. Tech pitcher Brianna Feist entered Hill’s record on 8-3 with relief help from Miranda Mistick, who had three hits, four earned runs and two walks. Mistick moved over from the circle and drove in two baserunners as she relieved Feist in the bottom of the seventh. Blue Jays’ catcher Ali Fitzgerald calmed down a double and scored a run from the leadoff spot. Fitzgerald had a huge day in the three slot with three hits, a run scored and five RBIs. Two of Fitzgerald’s hits went for extra bases as she banged a two-run double and a three-run homerun, her ninth of the season. Jamie Miller took the pitching loss for the Red Hawks. Mozek led Kean at the plate with two hits. Two runs scored and three RBIs. On Saturday, the Red Hawks hosted Rowan University in a home doubleheader. "The NJAC rejals split the series with MSU winning the opener-er 2-0 and losing an extra innings heartbreaker 13-7 in eight innings. Game one saw Hill up her record to 17-4 at the home as she threw all seven innings, allowing four hits, no runs, no walks and striking out seven.

MSU was paced at the plate by Hill, Paulino, Mozek and Cumberton. Game two of the Rowan at MSU twin bill saw Rowan take a 5-2 lead into MSU’s last at bat in the bottom of the seventh. The Red Hawks struck for three runs to force extra innings with the score tied at five. The Profs dashed MSU’s hopes of another come-back win by scoring six runs in the top of the eighth to take an 11-5 lead. The Red Hawks came up with two runs in the bottom of the inning to make the final score 11-7 in favor of Rowan. Hill took her first and only loss of the season so far in relief of Miller. Hill led the attack with two hits and an RBI. Also driving in runs for MSU were Mozek, Amato, infielder Katie Maglia and shortstop Sara Petruelli. As this week continues, the MSU softball team hosts Centenary College on Thursday at 4 p.m. On Saturday, the Red Hawks will travel to Cam- den, N.J. to face Rutgers-Camden in a road doubleheader with game times set at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. MSU returns home on Tuesday to host Ramapo College in a doubleheader with game times set at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.