SDS Occupies Quad in Tuition Protest

Carlo Rossi is one of the students camping out in protest of the tuition hikes.

Catherine Baxter
News Editor

In protest of recent tuition hikes, the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) set up tents in the quad on Monday. Calling the protest "Occupy MSU," the SDS plans on staying in the quad from until Friday.

About six tents occupy the far end of the Student Center quad. A big banner that reads "Protect Education. We Are the Foundation" is strung between the trees, along with signs that read, "Wake up MSU! Your diploma should not be your death sentence!"

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.

The SDS plans on interacting with students and spreading awareness about the current situation regarding the possibility of another raise in the tuition for MSU students.

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

The SDS has other motives in addition to protesting the tuition hike. "(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

Dunkin' Donuts Comes to Blanton

Students have mixed feelings about the planned additions to the new dining spots in Blanton Hall, which is 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.

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

Students can add money to their accounts at machines in the Student Center, College Hall and the library.

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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Pelican Police Report

On April 10:

1. A male student reported the theft of his backpack from the bleachers of Panzer Gymnasium. This matter is under investigation.

3. A female student reported the theft of her unsecured wallet from a classroom inside of Calcia Hall. This matter is under investigation.

4. A male student reported the theft of his unsecured iPhone from the lounge inside of University Hall. This matter is under investigation.

5. A female student reported the theft of her unsecured wallet from a classroom inside of Calcia Hall. This matter is under investigation.

7. A female student reported being harassed and assaulted by a known person. The victim declined to file charges in this matter.

On April 11:

1. Frank Perez, 21, of Belleville, was charged with defiant trespass in the University Bookstore. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

3. Lisa Zelasko, 25, of Jamesburg, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct while attending an event at Memorial Auditorium. She is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

5. A female student reported being harassed and assaulted by a known person. The victim declined to file charges in this matter.

On April 12:

1. 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.

Corrections

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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.

The idea for the Center came during the construction of Schmitt Hall and was presented to President Susan Cole, who then approved the idea of a “mathematics emporium.” The term “mathematics emporium” originated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and is based on the idea that technology can be used to aid the learning process of a mathematics students in the instructional and institutional and is based on the idea that technology can be used to aid the learning process of a mathematics students in the instructional and institutional and is based on the idea that technology can be used to aid the learning process of a mathematics students in the instructional and institutional

The Learning Center is currently in its first semester, offering courses Math 100 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 have instructors and graduate assistants assisting them through the process,” she said.

Another way the Learning Center takes an innovative approach to mathematics 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 or 12 students, assistance is never too far out of reach. “There 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 are always here to help you,” said freshman Jordan Jimenez.

Next year, the Learning Center expects to assist about 2,000 students in their courses. So far, students as well as instructors have responded 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 on one on one and it’s good because everyone can work at their own pace and still get the help they need.”

The Learning Center’s motto is “learn math by doing math” because applying math skills to real world problems or calculations can prove to be more helpful throughout the learning process. Holl-Cross even explains that some exercises can be geared towards certain majors like business and science majors enrolled in the course. In this way, students are learning to solve problems that they feel can actually apply to real life situations.

Students can seek the help they need at the new math learning center.

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Mathew Manglona, a history education and film studies 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 awesomes, 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 to the dining hall, I feel constrained by the limited food choices. My taste buds ache for a different taste.”

“TBD be cool to have more than just Sam’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 film studies major. “It’d be cool to have more than just Sam’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 film studies major. “It’d be cool to have more than just Sam’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 film studies major. “It’d be cool to have more than just Sam’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? 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New Thinking Course Makes Students More Creative

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. Some feel the class will be of potential to uniquely useful to students,” Tiffany Ingraham, an MSU alumna, stated.

“This seems like it could have potential to be interesting, although not quite sure what kind of work will be assigned or what exactly it entails,” Justin Gewirtz, an MSU senior, also added.

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

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.”

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This raises awareness that another way of life is possible. It brings people together, too. A lot of events at MSU don’t unite over issues, this gives people a place to talk about their issues.”

Grab also shared that many people feel that the SDS is solely presenting President Susan Cole and the University. However, this is not the case. “Student debt and tuition hikes affect the staff and faculty also, not just us,” said Grab. “We’re not only asking for lower tuition just to Susan Cole. We’re also calling out to legislation and the governor.”

Although not many students showed up for the campout, the students who are involved have not been 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 SIRA 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.

However, Grab 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 Grab. “We have to pay 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 that tuition hikes are putting them in.

Ultimately, the SDS is attempting to show MSU students that it is easy to come together. SDS members Justin Wooten, said that uniting is important: “We are strongest when we unite.”
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beginning its mission in 1958 to prevent birth defects in babies throughout the united states, the march of dimes is a non-profit foundation that works the day every baby is born healthy. since 1975, the march of dimes has also contributed to research for prevention of infant mortality and prematurity.

educating the public and medical professionals on the best practices for healthy babies, the foundation has promoted newborn screening as well as having led the way to discovering the genetic causes of birth defects.

in 2003, the rate of premature birth was tremendously high and was continuing to rise, which decreased the life expectancy for babies. the march of dimes responded with their intensive multi-year prematurity campaign, initially designed to increase public awareness about the issue and to reduce the prematurity birth rate by the minimum of 15 percent by 2010.

despite successfully raising awareness, the premature birth rate did not decrease. in 2005, the foundation officially included prematurity to its mission. three years later it lengthened the prematurity campaign to the year 2020, in order to implement an additional public policy as well as scientific and clinical advances to resolve the problem.

the march of dimes’ effective promotions for newborn screening has led to near-complete approved coverage in all states for 30 serious disorders and has raised estimates to one hundred million dollars in donations. from their prematurity awareness month (in november), to the annual march for babies and national prematurity awareness campaign, the march of dimes is dedicated to numerous local communities throughout the united states, the foundation is very proud of its commitment to aid every baby with the help of generous donations by citizens.

named “top walker” by hudson county, new jersey in 2010-2011, fernando uribe, a montclair state university faculty member in the department of political science and law, began volunteering for the foundation in 2007. uribe has always been interested in charity work, contributing positively to his community and hosting annual events to support various causes. he will. to support the march of dimes, uribe is hosting his annual public event on saturday, april 28, 2012 at the liberty lounge & grill in hoboken, new jersey at 9 p.m. for adults 21 and older.

the event, as uribe describes, is to “promote the importance of march of dimes” as it is “fun and harmless, it’s all for a good cause.” this event has been going on since 2007 and has had an average of 75 people attending per year. as of yet, he has raised an average of $8,000 both at his events and on his personal page for march of babies.

How to be a Savvy Shopper
Tipsy help 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 or if they 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 $99.95 and steve madden retail store has the exact sandals for $179, steve madden will give the customer a price adjustment if they can take a picture (smart phone again) of the shoes, 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 special deals online and in-stores. 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 want to take advantage of it, the store will honor your online purchase. this is where your smart phone will only make it easier!

4. always keep receipts

you should keep your receipts organized in your wallet. also buy a dress or tank top. during the summer can be used for a chilly night over a dress or tank top. also, during the fall or winter clothes that go with everything, a sweater that goes with every outfit. i don’t have the mindset of “i’m not going to wear this anytime soon. i don’t need it.” however, clothes from a previous season go on sale for very low prices because retailers want to minimize their inventory to make room for new merchandise. if you find an item that you will eventually wear or an item like a sweater that goes with everything, buy it! that sweater on clearance during the summer can be used for a chilly night over a dress or tank top.

7. smile and be respectful

the most important aspect shop- pers need to remember is to always be kind to retail associates because the moment a customer becomes snappy or gets a bad attitude, the associates will feel the same way back to you. remember that retail associ- ates have experiences with good and bad attitudes every day, so be nice to them. smile and be as polite as you can be when speaking with them. if you happen to be eating with an associ- ate, 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.

this year, as uribe has been doing since 2010, the event will have a date and time. this year, women and men will participate, and those who attend will have the chance to bid on any of them — the winner gets a date with the contestant using restaurant gift certificates that are donated by local hoboken restaurants. there have been detractors however, who claim his work to be pointless. in response to the negative view, he adds “i have been working with helping babies and women than tolerating pettiness about the concept regarding my event.”

“while people just want to sit back and criticize, which isn’t being productive,” explains uribe, “i try to do something to change the world. i am productive.” he further adds that those who do not agree to his mission are “losing sight of the big picture.”

if bidding is not what you would like to do, there will be a donation box available for any generous dona- tions. all proceeds will go to the march of dimes directly the next morning.

if you cannot attend and want to make a donation, it is highly encour- aged that you visit www.march- of-dimes.org/uribe and help make a difference today!
Keep Your Tummy and Your Wallet Full

Chelsea Masterson
Staff Writer

Think about your last vacation. Now think about every restaurant you visited. 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 sites and taking in the atmosphere. Now, it’s time for lunch. Lunch: You’re out and about, seeing all of the sites and taking in the atmosphere. Now, it’s time for lunch. Before you head out for the day, remember to pack your food items to check in. Microwaves also help with cheap and easy dinners. If all of these tips are a hassle, check ahead of time for hotels and restaurants that have complimentary breakfast. Use the break.

Dinner: The inventions of electricity and microwaves make traveling 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 reheated 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 these tips are a hassle, check ahead of time for restaurants that offer free breakfast. They have cereal, bagels, muffins, fruit and even waffles and eggs at the complimentary breakfast. Use the break to your advantage – it will save you both money and time.

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

Generation Y and the Environment

Katherine Clark
Staff Writer

In Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill’s new film, 21 Jump Street, the two play police 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 pulsescent 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 “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 Girl’s Janice Ian and Damien, anyone?) 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 about their own perspective on environmental issues.

For the most part, I got the answer I expected to see. Without them, which were “Yeah, I totally drive green.” “Dude, I recycle like every day, including throwing out my chickens” “I use the reusable bag at the grocery store” “I use my reusable bottle.” After discussing my friend Max’s new flexitarian diet, courtesy of Food Inc., he admitted to me that it was his overzealous gag reflex rather than a burning need to abet his dietary restrictions that got him in the end. Not to say that his heartstrings weren’t tugged on, but it was mainly out of personal interest that inspired change.

He was said, “Without pushing, I would have probably never cared to research cattle farming and wouldn’t have learned about carbon emissions.” I believe his honest statement can speak for many when I say that few, more than any other motivating factor, is often the driving force behind positive environmental change.

So, we’re all looking out for number one, that’s nothing new, but should we be focused on cultivating paranoia via mass media more than instilling hope that our newfound awareness brings an enormous power for change? What can more quickly yield results: the problem or the solution? A better question perhaps.

If you are Generation Y, or at least in the next decade considering that our outlook is seemingly bleak at the moment?

We’ll probably all be flexarians.
Rebels with a Cause
Freemist street art from spray paint to guerilla knitters

Linusse Doyle
St a f f w r i t e r

Where some see graffiti as an irrepressible 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 as a countercultural vehicle.

As just as billboards and subway ads work to manufacture needs, the real desires of a community are demonstrated as spray artists respond to their surroundings with their own creative and cultural postures. Feminist graffiti directly encourages critical analysis of ad space through scribbles, stickers or aerosol spray. Graffiti doesn’t always translate to fame-seeking taggers — some of it may be more advisory and private. Women have long written on bathroom stalls as a means of anonymous communication. Even with “Feminists We’re Calling You” or “Riots Not Diet.” Emblazoned on the streets, a secret language is being deployed to attract other women’s attention.

Outside the private sphere of bathroom graffiti, women may not be completely absent from 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 male writers. Some writers as they may be perceived as simply great — not the artist or the piece. Graffiti writers are charged as vandals, guerilla knitters fight the stigma of “crafting.”

Historically, women who create graffiti are out there as “female den- nomen women property? Are Muslims extremists? Are Muslims men oppressors? Are Mus- lims property of different cultures and peo- ple with the image of terrorism, it is not a religion of terrorism; it is a religion of peace. During IAW the MSU of Muslim Student Association (MSA) will hold a second all campus carnival on February 24 at 4 p.m. This will include Grilled Halal Meat, including burgers and hot dogs. Afterwards, the Muslims will pray this obligatory Jummaa (Friday) prayer.

Celebrating Islamic Awareness Week

Joker Chandy
Staff Writer

When you hear the word “Islam,” what is the first thing that comes to mind? Terrorism? Oppression? Extremism? 9/11? Most of these words paint a very negative image of Muslims. The media has instilled these ideas into our minds throughout the years. During the following days, Muslims around campus will be celebrating Islamic Awareness Week (IAW). IAW is a project that began in the early 1990s by the Muslim Student Asso- ciations (MSA) of the United States and Canada. The project’s goal is to clear the misconceptions that people may have about the religion of Islam. Is- lam is not what the media has made it. It is not a religion of terrorism; it is a religion of peace. During IAW the MSU of Muslim Student Association (MSU) will fund a myriad of activi- ties that will help students around campus understand and learn more about Islam. MSU has organized numerous games and activities that will help students learn and have fun at the same time. On February 23, the MSA will set up its first carnival at the Student Center Quad between 12 and 5 p.m. There will be free food, water and snacks. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about Islam. There will also be a chance to dunk the MSA president Kyle Smith. The following day, Tuesday the 24, another fun-packed carnival will be arranged. There will be food and prizes. This carnival will be in the Student Center Balcony from 12 to 5 p.m. There will be a Q&A session on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Dining Hall. This is your chance to ask questions about Islam. Questions such as: Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan? How many Mus- lims pray five times a day? How are Islam and Christianity similar and different? Additionally, those who sit through the entire Q&A session will have the chance to win a iPad through a raffle.

Are Muslims extremists? Are Muslim men oppressors? Are Mus- lims property of different cultures and religions live their lives.
Celebrating Islamic Awareness Week

You’re Skyped

A. Vieka Garza-Gomez

Skype has been around for almost ten years now, so why is it so popu-
lar now? The video chat program was founded in 2003. What is so
great about the program is that, it’s free and it allows you to commu-
cinate within seconds with people all over 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 two
hours and the screen froze after about five which was annoy-
ing but I overlooked it, seeing as I
was video chatting with a friend thousands of miles away; it seemed
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ou 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 sig-
nificant 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
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
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 lib-
eral 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 ours
and our parents’ generations.

Even since the senator’s death in 2009,
his reputation isn’t her own but simply a
reflection of his later life successes as shown
through the various news articles that high-
light 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 accom-
plishments.

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 uni-
versal 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 move-
ment 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
really 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 be-
ing 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.”
**Reality Bites but We’re Grateful Anyway**

Student deftly balances on the tightrope between graduation and real life

**TRAVIS LANCASTER**

In a strange way, I think the best way to be walking, that feeling that hasn’t quite left me — the feeling that hangs in the air and lingers like ‘the real world’ — is the one you have to decide is the few minutes you have to worry about a demonstration should actually be on your mind. The way I see it, there are both good and bad reasons to look either ahead to the future or back to the past. Being convicted are two different things. John Lloyd said in his TED Talk entitled “R.I.P.”

**Zimmerman’s Conviction Doesn’t Guarantee Justice**

Speculations over case fueled by media bias and prejudice

**SEKHINAH BRODIE**

In the weeks following the Trayvon Martin case, this is still the topic of conversation everywhere. The media frenzy, or “circus” as some would call it, has been one of the biggest race relations cases in many years. The details of this tragedy, false

**Our Complains the Administration doesn’t Listen, so do Something**

**Dylan Soltis**, an English major, is in his first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

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**Concerning Editorials and Columns**

Main editorials appear on the first page of the Opinion section. Columns are written and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Montclair staff.
Dear Editor,

Floyd Hall Arena may start losing fig- ure skating talent, and business, after new contracts.

Floyd Hall Arena, one of the largest ice skating facilities in New Jersey based in Lindenhurst, N.Y., may be forced to lose its most highly skilled coaches, a move that may end Floyd Hall’s decade of being one of the most advanced athletes in the region.

This is the result of the risk wants to be signed by April 30, may force professional athletes to other

facilities, potentially giving new business to rivals, including the Joe Louis Rink in Orange, NJ, and others.

The current contracts have historically forced highly successful coaches to share their talents with other rinks, which is one of the reasons why coaches are leaving.

The coach contract is one of the most important in US Figure Skating, and it is a problem that needs to be solved.

Anton Nimmo is one of those successful coaches and his 20 students that

will most likely be affected. His skaters include the United States National champion and 2011 Northeast Regional champion, Christopher Won, 21, U.S. National champion in 18, 2010 U.S. Regional Champion in Junior, and Raishele Middleton, an English major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

"Yeah, well, you know, that’s just, like, your opinion, man."

- Jeff "The Dude" Lebowski

"Reincarnation or Just a Celebrity Look-A-Like?"

Transforming lives everywhere since the B.C. era
The Long-Awaited Debut of Fez: Not your mom’s 2D bit adventure!

Fez takes full advantage of its interesting mechanics to deliver a fun, unique game.

Coachella: Generation Y’s Woodstock

A-list celebrities and a performance from Tupac!

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Staff Writer

After five years of constant development, demos at various game trade shows, receiving awards from game industry professionals, and being prominently featured in the documentary Indie Game: The Movie, Fez is now available on digital distribution shelves by independent developer Polytron.

It seems fitting that Fez is about as complex as its storyline development cycle. You play as Gomez, a white crayon-encased in a little village who receives a magic fez from a mysterious floating cube. The cube then shimmers into many shards and creates a rift in the fabric of the world. Gomez must search the world for these shards and restore balance.

At first, Gomez lives in a two-dimensional world and abides by the static environment. His neighbors are also aware of their 2D existence and are wary of any other dimensional possibility, such as by calling cubes “devil squares.” Gomez receives his magical fez and with it he has the power to shift the perspective of the world to the left and right by 90 degrees. The world becomes a two-dimensional plane in a three-dimensional space.

Shifting between perspectives is the main game mechanic of Fez as you warp the environment to uncover new platforms and make inaccessible platforms closer to jump towards. Light and shadows differentiate the platforms from the environment, so there is not much second-guessing to what is and is not land. Sometimes you’ll discover pivots that change the layout of the stage in more subtle ways, such as controlling water or a climbable cliff.

There are 32 yellow cubes to collect, each cube comprising of eight shards which are easily attainable by traversing platforms and solving environmental puzzles. Shifting the perspective flows quickly and naturally, and I was not disoriented, even after six hours of playing. Backtracking through past levels did not disorient me enough, 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 traversing a specific path becomes more convoluted while you discover new areas.

This factor is only a small problem because there is joy in exploring each stage as you shift around to see all the possibilities and secrets to uncover against pleasant 8-bit chiptune ambient music. Along with yellow shards, there are also 32 blue anti-cubes, treasure sequestered by computer programs that further distort your environment.

Fez is a great puzzle game for those who are willing to search every corner and go beyond conventional thinking for the answer. Fez is now available on the Xbox Live Marketplace for 800 Microsoft Points ($10).

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 who have come from both near and far to join the phenomenon.

There were many familiar faces to start the stage, including David Guetta, The Weeknd, Radiohead, Swedish House Mafia, Santigold, the game trade shows, even receiving awards from those conferences, but I was close to halfway done finding every collectible. After beating the game though, there is a new game plus an option with new features that further distort your perspective of the world — the game is honest to cool to spoil the features. Fez is a great puzzle game for those who are willing to search every corner and go beyond conventional thinking for the answer.

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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

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 children and adults alike. The Legend of Korra follows the Avatar, a superhuman natural that can "bend" the four elements of his or her fantasy phlogiston 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 Avatar: The Last Airbender takes place seventy years after the series finale of Avatar: The Last Airbender. The last episode of the show had Korra, a 12-year-old girl who was born in 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.

Judging the two-part episode that debuted on Saturday, the show lived up to what is expected of this series. Exhibited in her debut in which a seven-year-old version of Korra crashes through the wall like the Kool-Aid man, she is a gruff teenage girl who has no reason to hide her expressions, which explains why she is already an expert in waterbending. 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 lead 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 been only two episodes so far, her main enemy is expected to be an aggressive anti-bending society, headed by a mysterious mask-wearing warlord. 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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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 injury to his ankle 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.

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NFL Draft More Tense Than Ever
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School: Baylor
Height: 6’2’
Weight: 220
Position: Quarterback
2008 Stats:
160 completions, 2091 yds, 15 TD, 3 INT
2009 Stats:
45 completions, 481 yds, 4 TD, 0 INT
2010 Stats:
304 completions, 3501 yds, 22 TD, 8 INT
2011 Stats:
291 completions, 4293 yds, 37 TD, 6 INT
Total Stats:
800 completions, 10366 yds, 78 TD, 17 INT

Andrew Luck Career Info
School: Stanford
Height: 6’4’
Weight: 235 lbs
Position: Quarterback
2009 Stats:
162 completions, 2575 yds, 13 TD, 4 INT
2010 Stats:
263 completions, 3338 yds, 32 TD, 8 INT
2011 Stats:
288 completions, 3517 yds, 37 TD, 10 INT
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Guest instructors: visionary stage director Robert Wilson, choreographer/MacArthur Fellow Liz Lerman, artist/theorist/systems designer Iain Kerr

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Hockey is an exciting sport during the regular season, so when you add pressure and a prize, it gets even more intense. There is just something about it that makes it much more fun to watch than the regular season. For most sports, the playoffs are the most exciting because the season is boring, but with hockey, the entire year is action-packed. Rivalries form during playoff games and they get even more intense as the series progresses. I love football and baseball but hockey takes the cake.

Hockey has begun to show just how exhilarating a playoff game can be. Between the brawls, tension and passion, it’s hard to ignore the dedication each player has for their team. However, there is nothing better than a sudden death NHL playoff game. You aren’t allowed to have a bad game or make a costly mistake and there are no second chances. The do-or-die feeling behind each game makes football the premiere playoff experience. Unless the World Cup qualifies, then it’s an entirely new answer.

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.

**Who's Hot This Week**

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Starting Pitcher — Softball
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**Baseball**

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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 is third in the Eastern Region. The 30-win total equals the most ever in 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 win-ning and only 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 up on the以后的运动。She scored on a sac- rifice bunt by left fielder Jamie Pauli-no. Hill led the MSU attack with two hits, one run, one walk and eight strikeouts. Freshman catcher Heather Bergmann doubled to drive her in. MSU scored the winning run in the bottom of the sixth as Paulino drove a lead-off walk and moved over to second base on a sacrifice by Blueshirt Miranda Mirelli. Feist allowed six hits, four earned runs and two walks. Blue Jays' Corine Fitzgibbons, who started the inning, gave way to Hill, starting the scoring with a solo home run to left field in the top of the fourth. The Red Hawks tied the score in the bottom of the fifth after Cumber-ton doubled and catcher Heather Bergmann doubled to drive her in.

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