SDS Occupies Quad in Tuition Protest

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.

“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 alternative 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.

Construction is underway in Blanton to make room for the new dining services.

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 designs for the dining hall have been in the works for a few months. The estimated construction time will be from 90 to 125 days.

Campus life will change just as much as Blanton Hall once it reopens. An.

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-

Red Hawk Dollars Go Off-Campus

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

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Pelican Police Report

1. On April 10: A male student reported the theft of his backpack from the bleachers of Panzer Gymnasium. This matter is under investigation.

7. On April 11: Frank Perez, 21, of Belleville, was charged with detain trespass in the University Bookstore. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

On April 11: 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.

4. On April 12: A male student reported the theft of his unsecured iPhone from the lounge inside of University Hall. This matter is under investigation.

5. On April 12: A female student reported the theft of her unsecured wallet from a classroom inside of Calcia Hall. This matter is under investigation.

On April 14: A female student reported being harassed and assaulted by a known person. The victim declined to file charges in this matter.

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.

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Corrections

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

ISLAMIC AWARENESS WEEK

April 23rd Monday SC Quad 12-5pm
Dunk Tank
April 24th Tuesday SC Balcony 12-5pm
April 25th Wednesday “Ask us anything” Q&A session
SC Dining Hall 4pm (IPAD GIVE AWAY)
April 26th Thursday – SC Quad
April 27th Friday – JUMMAH BBQ
SC Quad 12-5pm

Free food
Snacks & prizes all week
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 student. Instructors and graduate 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.

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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. “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 can apply to real life situations,” said Garrett Nieddu, graduate student from each course. In this course, students are learning to solve problems that they feel can actually be guarded 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.

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. "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.”
Mathew Manglona, a history education student, believes that the presence of a Dunkin’ Donuts on campus will have more variety and choices of places to dine.

The issue of variety has come up often on campus. The possibility of dining options, especially the idea of a Dunkin’ Donuts on campus, has piqued the interest of students.

Some students are hesitant about the idea of a Dunkin’ Donuts on campus. “Is my tuition money going into this Dunkin’ Donuts? I don’t see the need for a corporate entity on campus. I would prefer my tuition money to go into providing better services at the current establishments,” Tom Mika, a junior film-making major, said.

However, others are excited for the presence of a Dunkin’ Donuts. Matthew 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 avoidable, flexible 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.”

“I’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 fashion studies major.

The coming weeks should bring more information about the projects taking place in Blanton Hall. Anyone 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 Veres, 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. These ‘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 alumnus 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.

The idea of a Dunkin’ Donuts on campus has piqued the interest of students. Of places to dine.

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

Employees have gone to work changing the face of what students knew as Blanton Hall.

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New Thinking Course Makes Students More Creative

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.

“It 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 alumnus, stated.

Creative Thinking promises to teach students skills that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

Students can now register for summer courses online by logging into their WESS account and selecting the “Summer 2012” term.

education and food, entertainment and a place to sleep if they need it. 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 pro-testing 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 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.

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 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 that tuition hikes are putting them in.

Ultimately, the SDS is attempting to show MSU students that it is easy to come together. SDS member Justin Wooten, said that uniting is important: "We are strongest when we unite."
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Alexander Kasser Theater

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*Undergraduate students at MSU receive one ticket at no additional charge to every event through the Performing Arts Fee with their valid student I.D.
Everyone loves to save money, but it’s not that easy when you enter your local clothing store — or even tie-for-pair of poop toe heels or that must-have black blazer. Even if the price tag says “sale,” there is always a way to buy a product from a retail store for some sort of discount — coming prepared with your smart phone, coupons and a good attitude will only make it easier! How to be a Savvy Shopper Helpful tips to save money shopping this summer

1. Ask associates about sales

When walking into a retail store, ask an associate or manager if they are having special sales that day or any upcoming sales. Ask them to point out which sections are for sale items. Also, some stores offer a discount when you open one of their store credit cards. Ask an associate about it and decide if having a credit account would be worth the discount. Additionally, ask if they have a savings or point card program. If you tend to shop there often, there is always a way to buy a product from a retail store for some sort of discount — coming prepared with your smart phone, coupons and a good attitude will only make it easier!

2. Do Research and Come Prepared

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 $99.95 and the Steve Madden retail store has the exact sandals for $89.95, Steve Madden will give the customer a price adjustment if they 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 provide access online and in-stores. Some retailers even offer a student and/or military discount if you have your LS on you. Certain retailers and food vendors offer discounts to military employees. Another easy way to get coupons is the Internet. If you Google “printable coupons” you can find endless blogs and sites 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 an associate if the store will honor your coupons. For example, Macy’s carries Steve Madden shoes. If Macy’s is selling a specific pair of sandals for $99.95 and the Steve Madden retail store has the exact sandals for $89.95, Steve Madden will give the customer a price adjustment if they can take a picture (smart phone again) of the shoe, style name and price.

4. Always keep receipts

You should keep your receipts organized in your wallet’s back pocket or take a picture of it to avoid losing 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 their upcoming collection. 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 spring can be used for a chilly night over a dress or tank top. The money you save while using these simple tips is extra spending money you can use.

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 handbag and the only one left is the store’s window display model, ask if they can give you a percentage off. Many stores offer a discount if the item is in the window and 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

While shopping, some shoppers don’t see the point in buying summer clothes during the fall or buying winter clothes during the spring. They usually 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 their upcoming collection. 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 about consumers care to know is always be kind to retail associates because the moment a customer becomes sassy or gets a bad attitude, the associate will no longer want to help you. Remember that retail associ- ates have experiences with good and bad customers so they will be treated. Smil and be polite as you can be when speaking with them. If you happen to get a person 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.
Keep Your Tummy and Your Wallet Full

Katherine Chabin
Stevie Weisz

In Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill's new film, 21 Jump Street, the two play peckers getting underway at high school students at a local school. Tatum's character thinks he'll have an easy time getting back on top of the popular public speaking 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, as something so ubiquitous, some of us might dismiss it as “ho-hum,” others might be curious as to what makes something so ubiquitous. The source of this interest might be the film's depiction of how societal norms have changed over time and how this change is being reflected in popular culture. The film’s portrayal of the two main characters as being un-cool and not caring about the environment might serve as a reminder to viewers of the importance of environmental awareness and action.

The film's depiction of the two main characters as being un-cool and not caring about the environment might serve as a reminder to viewers of the importance of environmental awareness and action. It might also provide inspiration for viewers to take action to address environmental issues, especially in light of the film's depiction of the two main characters as being un-cool and not caring about the environment. It might also encourage viewers to consider the role that they can play in addressing environmental issues, especially in light of the film's depiction of the two main characters as being un-cool and not caring about the environment.
Traditional graffiti done by spraycans (left) and New York City’s knitted “Charging Bull.” Images courtesy of flickr and lofiland.com

Rebels with a Cause

Female street artist from spray paint to guerilla knitters

Linsey Doyle

There are numerous games and activities that campus understand and learn more it. It is not a religion of terrorists; it is misconceptions that people may. The project’s goal is to clear the 1990s by the Muslim Student Asso-

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Stay Hydrated:

The slightest drop in fluid intake during the day saps energy and cognitive skills. It’s not unusual to feel drinking plenty of water daily – it’s the number one beverage to prevent dehydration and to stay mentally and physically sharp!

Memory-Stimulating Foods and Beverages:

Consume more brain-healthy fruits, especially blueberries – perhaps the top memory-stimulating fruit. Other “smart” fruits for optimizing memory include plums, prunes, grapes, kiwis and watermelon. Leafy-green vegetables, avocados, carrots, broccoli, tomatoes, eggs, soy, seafood, nuts, seeds, oatmeal, popcorn (and other whole grains), milk, cheese and yogurt, dark and milk chocolate, green and black tea – and of course, water also benefit brain health and heightened memory.

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. Make an effort to get at least eight hours of sleep most nights; take advantage of the warm spring weather and extended daylight by walking more often; drink more water (and limit unhealthy beverage choices such as soda) and focus on nutrition-rich foods and beverages.

By following these tips, there is no reason why you should not score higher marks on exams and, if you’re an MSU athlete, perform better on the field.

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Behind Every Great Man...

Hannah Scherba | The Montclarion

You 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 ours and 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 going to do 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.”
There’s a Reason to be Saying the Trayvon Story

We all complain the administration doesn’t listen, so do something

Anyone who has walked through the Student Center this week – probably must all of you that are reading this column if you are going to class – must have noticed those tents gathered around the giant pine tree at the far end of the quad. The占用 Movement known as Occupy MSU is an extension of the Occupy Wall Street movement. It would most likely be swept under the rug of the overall negative response from the media frenzy, or “circus” as some have called it, has turned this situation into that that hangs around the feet of a tree and “the real world,” which is an extension of the campus professors and organization of students that refer to them as “generation tion.”

As a graduating student you don’t quite know in which direction you should be facing while trying to put one foot in front of the other.

Should your gaze be cast toward the future? Where opportunity may or may not lie; where, perhaps, disappointment looms instead?

Or should you keep your neck twisted behind you — keeping an eye on all of the memories you’ve made — until your neck gets sore and arthritis sets in?

Well, I’ll tell you. I’m only a few weeks away from being put on the tightrope, and I don’t think I have a clear answer either.

As an English Major, I can only speak to my generation and we, as many of us are of sprinting down from the last high of an academic term with exuberance and high expectations. I’ll be honest, part of me is despondent at what has happened.

I have no idea if I’m going to get a good job. I’m filled with self-doubt, but I still have a future ahead of me.

But I don’t need to tell you about this situation. This is the crisis of the job market — that isn’t what this article is about.

We see it, there are both good and bad reasons to look either ahead to the future or back to the past.

But perhaps the best way to go about it is to avoid looking in either direction and to just keep your eyes on your feet so as not to fall.

I say this for several reasons but perhaps most importantly because keeping your eyes fixed on either of these two horizons is completely irrelevant.

John Lloyd said in his TED Talk entitled “John Lloyd invents the ‘‘ You can’t see the future, obviously, and you can’t see the past — even from grad school, or the terrifying prospect of look- ing for a real job. So, believe me, you know, whichever path 1 choose, I’m going to try to enjoy myself as much as possible along the way.

Earlier I wrote that a part of me was frustrated with the行政 and “the real world” for the reasons I listed. I’m not afraid of not getting a good job or not having money or not living com-

What I’m most afraid of is forgetting myself and getting lost in the rat race that has come to define modern life.

Perhaps we need to stay on the tightrope for a bit longer, knock our feet and when we feel the breeze try and knock us off, find our balance and keep on walking ahead.

Travis Lockett, an English major, is his second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

Speculations over case fueled by media biases and prejudice

The media frenzy, or “circus” as some have called it, has turned this situation into a crisis of the job market. But will justice be served? And if not, what else can be done to ensure that we begin to see some justice in this case?

What I’m most afraid of is forgetting myself and getting lost in the rat race that has come to define modern life.

If nothing else, people must form their own opinions on George Zimmerman and the Trayvon story itself along with the underlying facts of the case. If you can get into them, they are boring and there doesn’t seem to be any change around the corner.

Meanwhile, President Susan Cole and the Board of Trustees have turned a deaf ear to the problems of the students. While the antics of the SDS may seem dramatic at times, they are the only organization on campus I have seen that is actually trying to do something about the perceived lack of representation.

If you’re tired of being dissatisfied with your experience at MSU, if you’re fed up with the repressive policies that prevent you from improving the place you want to call home, if you’re fed up with the administration’s inaction, if you’re fed up with the media’s slipshod reporting, if you’re fed up with the police’s inaction, then it is time to do something about the problems that face our community.

As for President Cole and the Board of Trustees, you can build all the shiny new buildings you want, you can add more student service on campus, raise tuition as high as you can make it, you can fire professors, you can listen to the students and turn Montclair State into a place where they can be happy, MSU will never have the reputation you keep saying it will have one day.

If you don’t believe me, just wait until you read these surveys.

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

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Technology Addicts Anonymous
Can’t shake Facebook? The first step is admitting that you have a problem

How many hours a day do you spend on Facebook or Twitter? Do you have an app for that? Okay, you mean to tell me that you might have to consider giving up your Facebook and Twitter applications everywhere via your Blackberry, Android or iPhone and you update your status, location, emotions and thoughts—every day?

Twenty years ago, in 1992, there was no Facebook, no Twitter and there were no cellphones. Today, we are living in a technological age. We can check ourselves out at the supermarket, pay for gas by card, book flights and classes as well as go shopping without leaving our homes. We can buy books without going to a record store and we can speak with people from miles away face-to-face without physically being in front of them.

This did not happen overnight. We have evolved into our new state of modernism. Over time we have accepted all of these great advances that seem to be merely a part of the natural order.

We have the world at our fingertips, whether we want it or not, have some sort of communication deficiency. Do we always understand each other on the phone?

Would it be realistic for us to update our status, location, emotions and thoughts—every day? In that case, we have to wonder if the reactions and the words of friends and acquaintances bear the reactions of five people we meet, who may or may not recognize something in common with you? Is it realistic to constantly be in touch with all of these people for the same time without any form of interruption?

Is this a good or a bad thing? With technology comes a great deal of control, just as in usual conversation there is a certain amount of etiquette and ethics we may be responsible for having. Should we be held to the same standards and considered doctor's appointments? And what should not be touched?

I may not be very smart to suggest a breakup with an ex or an argument with a friend by not being too quick to vent your outbursts right away. Why not follow up with length, content, personal doctor appointments with our patients?

When you need to talk to others, it is possible to talk to them. The daily routine consists of little more than eating and sleeping. When it is time to eat, we check out what is being cooked. We always check our friends, and try to do the same thing in the same way by having the same amount of pocket money.

Reading a book can be an escape. This is not to say that you have to be a book lover to enjoy reading. They may be under the same condition as the person you are talking to at the same time.

Definitely, we have a new way of life. We have a new daily routine. This has to be done on a daily basis.

New World Dictionary defines reincarnation as the “rebirth of the soul in another body,” which can then explain the likenesses in appearance or behavior to another creature. human, animal.

Being a skeptic or even a non-believer in reincarnation is understandable, but I want to add that some of the actions and personal qualities of a certain animal. If so, you might call the person crazy, but I don’t think crazy is the right adjective — a better one is intuitive. You are wondering whether this discussion is headed toward your own word for reincarnation. Webster’s New World Dictionary defines reincarnation as the “rebirth of the soul in another body,” which explains the likenesses in appearance or behavior to another creature. human, animal.

Reincarnation is associated primarily with, but not limited to, cultures in ancient India, Greece, and Egypt. A cultural group of individuals believe that people have been or will be reincarnated, which holds strong to the principle of reincarnation. The “Zulu hold that the spirit of some person undergoes numerous rebirths in the bodies of various beast, which range in size from tiny insects to huge elephants, until at long last the spirit enters a human body where it is fated to undergoes yet another birth. Finally, after reaching the pinnacle of human existence, the soul is united with the supreme spirit from which it originated in the beginning,” as explained by scholar John L. Long in the Encyclopedia of Religion.

It is reasonable that humans and animals experience transformations, regardless of whether the human’s or man’s evolution – it may have opened a can of worms by mentioning evolution, which is considered unnecessary to be saved for another day — I digress. Many people will agree that we all transform in some way, through maturity and knowledge gained through experience, so why would it be any different for us? Is it not possible that after a past life we have been in our future life we will be another person or an animal?

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

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?

STEF MIDDENBERG COLUMNIST

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Reincarnation or Just a Celebrity Look-A-Like?
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Dear Editor,

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

Floyd Hall Arena, one of the largest ice skating facilities in New Jersey based in Lodi, New Jersey, is home to some of the finest figure skating coaches, a mere thateryl Floyd Hall’s decade of being one of the most advanced athletes in the region. This past year and major for students, the author's name and title for non-students or a username for online comments. Only one letter or comment by an author will be printed each month. Letters and comments must pertain to issues addressed by Montclarion articles that occurred in the previous print issue. Letters or comments must be submitted each month via e-mail and be submitted to The Montclarion by Monday at 9 p.m. Once received, letters or comments are the property The Montclarion and may be edited for length, content, profanity and libel. No submissions will be printed unless they include the author's name, first name and last name. Letters and comments that advertise for a business or website will not be printed. Letters must be submitted through e-mail as Microsoft Word documents to msuopinion@gmail.com.

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After five years of con-

stant development, demos at various game trade shows, receiving awards from those game trade shows and even having this process featured prominently in the docu-

mentary Indie Game: The Movie; Fez is now available on digi-

tal distribution shelves by inXile Entertainment. It seems fitting that Fez is about as complex as its sto-

ried development cycle. You
gawk at the fact that he

was able to join them as he

gawking at the fact that he

would not land on, you’ll discover pivots that change the layout of the stage in more subtle ways, such as controlli-

ging 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 through, as many stages have mul-

tiple doors that lead to other stages and rooms. Sometimes it took me a few briti-

crash in the fabric of the world. Gomez must search for the world for those

rors and restore balance. At first, Gomez lives in a two-dimensional world and abides by the static environ-

ment. His neighbors are also aware of their 2D existence and are wary of any other dimensional possibil-

ity. As by calling cubes “devil’s square.” 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 de-

grees. The world becomes a two-dimensional plane in a three-dimensional space. Shifting between perspec-

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structure. There is a new game plus an option with new features that further distort your perspective of the world – the game is hence so cool to spoil the features. Fez is a great puzzle game for those willing to search every cor-

ner and go beyond con-

viction for the answer. Fez is now available on the Xbox Live Marketplace for 800 Microsoft Points ($10).
Thanks for leaving your car here last night and not ending my family’s lives.

Mana Punjabi
The Legend of Korra Delights Avatar Fans
Series sequel doesn’t disappoint

Nick Taylor
Asst. 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 children and adults alike. The Legend of Korra follows the Avatar, a superhuman nature 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 fighting the Fire Nation. The Legend of Korra takes place seventy years after the series finale of Avatar: The Last Airbender. The latter part of the show’s run marks a century-long world takeover by the imperial Fire Nation. The Legend of Korra’s actions, as her self-centered 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 swordsman.

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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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 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, possibility 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 roller coating 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.

The NBA Playoffs are Right Around the Corner

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Come Interact With The Muslim Community On Campus
With the 2012 NFL draft quickly approaching, all eyes are on quarterbacks Andrew Luck of Stanford and Robert Griffin III of Baylor. There is no doubt that they will be the first and second overall picks, but it is still questionable who will actually be number one. The Indianapolis Colts have the first pick of the draft and, after a hefty trade, the Washington Redskins obtained pick number two. Recently, the two teams offered each quarterback a private work-out at their respective facilities. Luck worked out for both teams, but Griffin’s agent denied Indianapolis a workout. Between that and the recent sightings of Griffin signing Redskins apparel for fans, I think it’s safe to say that Griffin wants no part of the Indianapolis franchise. From what I can tell, he’s going to get his wish. There is no doubt that Luck will be drafted first overall. Griffin may look better on paper, as he has generally better stats than Luck with a higher pass completion percentage, more touchdowns and fewer interceptions, but the one thing that puts Luck ahead of Griffin is the stuff you don’t see on paper: the intangibles.

This is not to say that Griffin lacks intangibles, just that Luck has more. Griffin is praised and known for his intangibles, just that Luck has more.

The one thing his age gives him is experience. He is polished, talented and just graduating college. This puts him five years behind the rest of the quarterbacks in the draft. Teams take age into serious consideration in the draft rounds, where teams look to draft franchise quarterbacks. Weeden has, at best, eight good years on him, whereas any other quarterback coming out of the draft has at least ten.

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The Indianapolis Colts have the first pick of the draft and, after a hefty trade, the Washington Redskins obtained pick number two. Recently, the two teams offered each quarterback a private work-out at their respective facilities. Luck worked out for both teams, but Griffin’s agent denied Indianapolis a workout. Between that and the recent sightings of Griffin signing Redskins apparel for fans, I think it’s safe to say that Griffin wants no part of the Indianapolis franchise. From what I can tell, he’s going to get his wish. There is no doubt that Luck will be drafted first overall. Griffin may look better on paper, as he has generally better stats than Luck with a higher pass completion percentage, more touchdowns and fewer interceptions, but the one thing that puts Luck ahead of Griffin is the stuff you don’t see on paper: the intangibles.

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Who's Hot This Week

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.

Question of the Week

Which sport has the most exciting playoffs?

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. 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 between each player makes hockey the premiere playoff experience. Unless the World Cup qualifies; then it’s an entirely new answer.

Game of the Week

Men’s Lacrosse vs. Mount Saint Mary
April 21, 1 p.m.

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.

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Women’s Lacrosse

Men’s Lacrosse

Softball

Baseball
The NHL playoffs are littered with the score tied at five. The Pro's 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.

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National Hockey League Becomes National Haymaker League

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The NHL, playoffs are littered with heavy hits, possible brain dam- age and suspensions for contact that makes all hockey players appear phallic. Teams have resorted to violence and destruction while the game of hockey has taken a back seat to the personal vendettas players and teams have for each other. It's a massacre on the ice rink, yet it can't get any better! 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 for MSU's first at bat with a single and moved over to second base on a sacrifice bunt.

The closest comparison is the "two minute drill" in the final two minutes of a football game. Other- wise, the last thirty seconds in an NBA game elapse the same amount of time as an entire quarter, and the last in- ning in a MLB game is almost always better than the previous eight innings. I'm not applauding the violent or pos- sibly childish way to solve a problem. I'm not even fighting for justice, but I do commend play- ers for sacrificing themselves for the team to have a chance at a victory.

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What's the one common thread that links the NFL, NHL, and NBA? Every game matters as NBA, NFL and MLB players face, I would want my team to stand for, I would want my team to stand for, I would want my team to stand for, I would want my team to stand for, I would want my team to stand for: Give 100 percent for each game and try to win. All of this pas- sion and intensity is fun to watch, but not when the price is to see a guy motionless on the ice after his head was smashed against the boards.

Fighting is a staple feature in hockey, and cannot and will not be removed in the near future. All of the effort and adrenaline that goes into each game understandably lead to both players getting rough, but that's what everyone is getting paid to do: Give 100 percent for each game and try to win. All of this passion and intensity is fun to watch, but not when the price is to see a guy motionless on the ice after his head was smashed against the boards. Some of these hockey players take the game too seriously and too aggressively. I have no problem with another player defending their teammate and pick- ing a fight with someone for an unnec- essary hit, but not when that leads to the player on the ground and a string of punches to his defenseless face.

It's evident that hockey is the least popular sport in the New York area, but you wouldn't know that if you were able to hear the thun- derous passion and excitement of the fans. If you judged a team by crowd noise, you would think the Mets and even the Yankees were the greatest and the New York baseball fans. Players and fans are extremely dedicated to their teams, and the passion they play with is unmatched by any other sport. I don't watch hockey hoping there's going to be a fight, but I enjoy watching play- ers battle the entire game with the only way to decide who was stron- ger or better was with the gloves off. With every game that counts for its success or failure, dedicated, intense and passionate, these hockey players enjoy playing and want to win. The same can't be said for NBA, NFL, and MLB players; remember Carl Pavano, Yankee fans?...