**Up in Smoke**

The Little Falls Fire Department is the respondent to any fire problems on campus.

**Tunisia Webcast**

The revolution began Dec. 17, 2011 when Mohamed Bouazizi set fire to himself to protest the confiscation of his small cart of fruits and vegetables he was selling. This was the catalyst for mass protests stemming from high unemployment, food inflation, corruption, lack of freedom of speech and other forms of political freedom and poor living conditions.

Two female students were arrested for alleged marijuana possession last Friday, according to police. Shannon Flynn, 19, of Mukilteo, Wash. and Isabel Sansom, 19, of Lakewood, Ohio were both arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police spotted the two students behind the Dumont Television Center.

According to Lt. Kieran Barrett, “4/20 has been a busy day for university police in the past, but it is certainly not considered the busiest day of the year anymore.” There has been an increase in campus community involvement and programs set in place to help combat illegal drug activity.

Students face a minimum sanction of probation or a maximum sanction of drug safety at MSU, said, “What we need to understand is the cause for the increase in calls.”

The largest number of fire-related calls to the campus occurred during September and October, which LFFD’s fire chief Jack Sweezy Jr. attributes to new students who are not familiar with the fire alarm system.

“It was the beginning of the school year,” Sweezy said. “It’s the same every year. The students aren’t quite familiar with what trips the system.”

Ferrera agrees with Sweezy. “Most of the alarms are false,” he continued.

The Little Falls Fire Department Receives Nearly 200 Calls from MSU Alone

A rising trend in the number of fire-related calls to the Little Falls Fire Department has many attempting to discover the reasons for the increase. The LFFD received 178 calls from MSU in 2010, a number which increased to 224 in 2011 — a nearly 26 percent increase.

Robert Ferrera, director of fire safety at MSU, said, “We need to understand is the cause for the increase in calls.”

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On April 24: A male student reported his wallet missing. The report is incomplete.

On April 24: A female Sodexo employee reported a theft from her secured locker inside of the Student Center.

On April 24: A male student was escorted out of the Red Hawk Diner after having a dispute with management.

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

The Montclarion willingly corrects its factual errors. If you think we’ve made a mistake in a story, please call Editor-in-Chief Katherine at ext. 5230.
With the rise of social media, being politically aware is easier than ever, though many students on campus feel apathetic toward political involvement. This brings up questions about whether students care about political issues.

The political atmosphere of American universities has changed greatly in the last 30 years and the way students are involved with politics has changed with it. “There has been a shift in awareness of politics,” said Dr. Brigid Harriso.

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Safety Problems in the Art Department

Art students are often concerned about the condition of Calcia Hall, saying that the facilities are outdated and not safe for students. Following a visit by a committee of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), there is more support for this claim.

The report cites the condition of the programs in the department of art and design as in compliance with NASAD standards. Most of the deficiencies noted in the report are ones that are related to the facilities and support of the department. However, the conditions of facilities, lack of support staff and high enrollments related to the number of students, are not enough to ensure effective accreditation of programs,” stated the report. As the Dean of the College of the Mayor, et al., “There are many items cited in the report that are valid and also many complimen-

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are due to cooking. I agree with Chief Swoosey, we see more fire alarms in September and October, they are for the most part due to cooking. The residents need to pay more attention when cooking in the resident halls.

The newly updated HawkCrossing complex fire alarm system may also contribute to the increase of fire calls. The new system now reports all fire alarms to the MSU Police Department, but the old system was battery operated in the bedrooms and living room, which allowed tenants to hear the alarm, but the fire department did not respond to all alarms.

Last September, MSU opened the Heights, which houses an additional 1,978 students. The increase in calls to the MSU campus may be due to the additional housing complexes.

Currently, Little Falls receives $360 from MSU for each time the fire department responds to a call to the campus. Many students show concern about this fee.

“I understand that the university has to pay the fire department, but many calls can be easily avoided,” said Marissa Stapelman. “I live in the Heights and we get a lot of calls that the Little Falls Fire Department received.

The addition of the Heights this year increased the student body by nearly 2,000 students. This influx in students may have added to the numerous calls to the MSU campus. Students are sometimes reported for the same issue.

Christina McCull, a resident of the Village, also expressed concern about the increase of calls. “Most students aren’t cautious of preventing the fire alarm going off. The university should enforce the importance of taking safety precautions to avoid this issue.”

The LFPPD questions whether the $160 compensation fee is sufficient and covers the actual cost of each response. The fee received from MSU for each fire department response can be renegotiated annually, but it has not been.

Fererra believes that the fee is appropriate. “We receive a great service from Little Falls Fire Department. In efforts to help the department the university has agreed to reimburse Little Falls per fire call. This money goes towards equipment and training.”

While some may think that the solution to avoid excess fees to the LFPPD is the creation of a university fire department, Fererra disagrees. “The university does not think openresponse can be renegotiated annually from MSU for each fire department call. This money goes towards equipment. In efforts to help the department, the university has agreed to reimburse Little Falls for each call. This money goes towards equipment and training.”

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Zine El Abidine Ben Ali appeared on television to promise more concerted efforts on job creation, yet warning stern resistance to protestors. Meanwhile, the Ben Ali regime was censoring media outlets as they attempted to inform the civilian population of events occurring within the country.

The webcast concerned social media as it pertained to the revolution. As outraged, young Tunisiains felt silenced, they discovered alternative means of communication through Facebook, Twitter and blogs.

Specifically, the webcast was made possible by Montclair State University students, including Ian Elliott, Jackie Loder, Robert Dicker son and Tanja Rekhi.

Accompanying the students was faculty member Dave Sanders, broadcasting department chair. “It was a highly valuable experience. The students put together social contacts with tweeting and blogging,” he said. “We also did an event on music and art as a force for social and political change.”

Dickerson served as the producer of the Arab Spring webcast. “It was the first time in the history of Tunisia that any government, I feel that our region is stable and the protests were successful,” she said.

Steve McCarthy, executive producer of the webcast, noted that the purpose of the trip was to educate the student population on current events. “The revolutions in the region will have long-lasting implications for the U.S.,” he said. “The project was meant to bring an understanding for our students about the region and its people.”

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Victoria Kennedy, wife of the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, practiced law in the private sector for 20 years. She was influential on the federal and state regulation of drug use, financial banks and savings and loan institutions.

She successfully restructured and renegotiated complex loan transactions on behalf of both banks and borrowers and represented officers and directors of financial institutions before state and federal regulatory agencies. She began her legal career as a law clerk for Judge Robert Speicher in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago.

She served in key strategic and political roles on issues ranging from health and education to labor, especially as those issues affect women and children.

In 1994, she established the Massachusetts Women’s Council during the election campaign, which served as a political leader in the successful campaigns around the country. She was actively involved in the passage of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 and stood at President Obama’s side at the signing of the bill.

She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the John F Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where she chairs its Education Committee and is a member of the Committee on Architecture and Design.

Kennedy divides her time between Washington, D.C. and Boston.

Information from Frank Schwartz, special assistant to the president.
Students Strive for a Fair Trade Certified Campus | Team Nicaragua forms committee to make change

Nicole Dunne

When grabbing a coffee from Cafe Diem, Einstein Bros. Bagels or even the C-Store, not many of us look beyond the delicious, rich taste of the coffee beans or its amazing capability of keeping us awake throughout the day. Not many of us tend to consider if this coffee or other items on campus are Fair Trade Certified. An item considered to be Fair Trade Certified means that the farm or location that these products are produced in or on has fair laws, wages, working conditions and protections for its workers. They ensure that the quality of the product is excellent, while improving lives of not only the consumer but also the producer as well as the environment.

In January 2012, Team Nicaragua, an MSU organization, decided to form a committee that would work towards making Montclair State University Fair Trade Certified. Team Nicaragua is a learning delegation, led by Professor John Velasco. One of their primary focuses is to observe, experience and learn about the health systems in a developing world and have a trip to Nicaragua on an annual basis to fulfill this mission.

This year, about one dozen stu-
dents traveled to Nicaragua to find working conditions in factories, such as sweatshops, unsatisfactory. The workers had insufficient breaks, worked long hours and often had long, tiring hours on a daily basis. Upon arrival to campus, it was time to make a change. The committee was formed and its members met with the Women’s Government Association. The SGA set them up with three representatives of Sedexo, the campus food-service provider, and had grand success. Charles Bunin, Director of Operations, Dora Lim, General Manager and Kamal Archuleta, Marketing Manager, all listened to the concerns of the students and supported them.

Lisa Jae Monetti, an anthropologist major with a concentration in Latin American and Latino Studies, is a member of Sedexo who shares the ambition to make a difference and contributed to the creation of a new committee.

Explaining the process of how to make our campus Fair Trade Certified, Ms. Lim says, “There are five steps to become Fair Trade Certified: form a Fair Trade committee, make at least two Fair Trade products available every where anything is sold on campus, use Fair Trade products at university meetings, events and in offices, develop Fair Trade resolution and Fair trade procurement policy and commit to Fair trade education, awareness raising and growth of the Fair Trade campaign.”

Running against time, the committee has yet to complete step two of the process before the renewal of the University’s contract with Sedexo. Once the decisions are made, there is no hope for attempting to change what is a part of the contract for another two years.

The members are aiming to change coffee and sugar first, moving onto basil, oregano and pepper and ultimately more products. As of yet, most of the members are from Nicaragua, so if any student is interested in helping with the cause, it is highly encouraged that he or she join the committee as soon as possible.

Everyone counts!

“Hey Girl...” | Men and Feminism

Lindsey Doyle

Feminism isn’t a battle of the sexes, so why is there a debate as to whether men can be feminists? This question opens up a minefield of hidden sexual biases and means that women’s issues aren’t men’s issues. That men’s issues are of no significance to women.

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Since the flavonoids in the cocoa are the main ingredient, it is cocoa that gives chocolate its healthy benefits and brown color. This is why dark chocolate is better than milk chocolate or any other chocolate. While chocolate is made from the fatty part of the bean, with no cocoa at all. Thus, white chocolate has no antioxidants and no brown color. It is advised by Healthline.com to choose a dark chocolate with a cocoa content of 70 percent of higher. In addition, it is important to limit yourself to three squares or 85 grams of dark chocolate a day. This is the amount shown in studies to be most beneficial.

Furthermore, this amount contains 40% calories and therefore it is vital to minimize the amount of chocolate consumed. Research has also shown that the effects of chocolate include stimulating the release of neurotransmitters, such as endorphins and dopamine. Neurotransmitters are chemicals in the brain that carry signals that regulate bodily functions. Endorphins, for example, help regulate a person's mood. Therefore, when a person consumes chocolate the increased production of endorphins can increase happiness and reduce stress.

A fascinating point is that chocolate late stimulates the release of dopamine. Patients who suffer from Parkinson’s disease have low levels of dopamine in the brain. Parkinson’s disease is a nervous system disorder marked by the loss of brain cell that produce dopamine. Then, would eating chocolate help increase the dopamine levels in patients? Clinically, doctors believe that chocolate is actually a dietary supplement for Parkinson’s disease. Furthermore, a patient posted on medicalnewsdesk.com, “I have discovered my chocolate recipe that chocolate improves my motor symptoms. My body just craved chocolate and after a few small pieces, I noticed my symptoms improved for the rest of the day.” Thus, chocolate can help regulate a person’s mood. Therefore, when a person consumes chocolate the increased production of endorphins can increase happiness and reduce stress.

The Google Cloud Gives Dropbox Competition

Cloud computing has been a useful tool for some time now. Programs were developed to allow business files to be accessed and shared online, and Dropbox was able to dominate the file sharing market. The concept of cloud computing, separation of “I learned” and “I can” is easy to grasp. File sharing is a community college computer class is based on sharing files from computer to computer.

I recently joined a friend’s business and one of the first things he had me do was download Dropbox. The program makes a folder on your computer that anyone else with Dropbox can access.

This feature allows you to put files in the folder, and the other person can access them on his own computer from anywhere. I, for one, was amazed.

Since the beginning of this year, I have been hearing that Google is working on a similar program. Something more similar, and after months of rumors, Google Drive is finally available as of Wednesday.

During the past week a lot of information about the program has been leaked. It is said to allow 2GB of free storage, whereas Dropbox only allows 2GB. Furthermore, it includes storing (50GB-100GB) by paying a monthly fee of $2.99-$4.99.

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Willy Wonka Doesn’t Drink Red Bull

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Katherine Oakes

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in which you want to arrive at your destination, and then find out the approximate travel time to find out when you should leave.

Leaving at night allows the passengers to sleep, which lessens bathroom breaks, which means you will arrive to your destination faster. Plus, leaving at night will avoid day-time traffic, which helps conserve gas! It also gives you an extra full day at your destination rather than using that day driving.

There are two options for the driver. Switching off drivers every few hours allows everyone to get some sleep. Another option is for one driver straight through; lucky for me on all of our trips our driver (aka my mom) loves driving and can stay up for long hours.

Driving through the night has an other benefit as well! Let’s face it, sitting in a cramped car for a few hours at night driving can cause tension between the occupants. Since you are driving at night everyone will be able to sleep, so tensions are harder to be created.

You can make these trips a weekend long to a few weeks long! Many people have the same problem of not being able to sleep in cars; I used to be one of them. The U-shaped neck pillows are an amazing invention that helps car sleeping to be a bit more-eatable.

It is a matter of pros and cons. Yes, it may be a tad uncomfortable for one night, but the experience you will be obtaining on your trip will be memorable and exciting, so it will outweigh the discomfort. Driving home is not limited to nighttime driving. It will probably take a bit longer to get home if you drive during the day between traffic and bathroom breaks.

Journalist Dale Russakoff Delivers Lecture

Katie Winters
Montclair Floor

It’s not often that journalism students and education majors are interested in the same lecture, but this was just the case when Dale Russakoff came to speak at the Albert Payson Terhune Journalism Lecture on April 12. Over 60 students came to hear the lecture in the University Hall.

A resident of Montclair, Russakoff worked for the Washington Post’s New York office for 28 years. An in-depth writer, Russakoff covered national, New York and New Jersey newspapers. An executive director of the Newark Education Trust, as well as a lifetime resident of Montclair, while Dr. Taylor is the managing editor of the Newark public schools.

Both have a strong commitment to education in Newark during her time at Montclair, while Dr. Taylor is the Director of the Center of Pedagogy and Professional Development.

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Nobodys dreams of having multiple sclerosis.

Some dreams are universal: hitting a ball over the Green Monster; winning the World Series with a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the ninth inning. Finding out that you have MS is not one of them. Multiple sclerosis is a devastating disease of the central nervous system where the body’s immune system attacks the insulation surrounding the nerves. It strikes in the prime of life -- and changes lives forever.

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To help make the dream of ending MS come true, visit us online at www.endingms.org or call 1-800-HELP-MS.
Your Tips to Reduce Stress Before Finals

Michaela Citron

- With finals right around the corner, students are starting to feel the stress of exams. When students are feeling overwhelmed by everything that they haven't done yet. Instead of thinking to yourself, “I have to memorize eight chapters before the final exam, it’s too late, and realize that for that one day all you need to study are two chapters.

3. Take a Social Break: Connecting with classmates from study- ing can actually improve your overall performance. Giving you a fresh look when you return to your work. Talking with friends can increase your mood and decrease pessimism.

4. Exercise: Endorphins are chemicals in the body. Yoga is a great tool to relax and fo- cus on breathing. Running or another type of cardio can be a great release.

Transitioning into Financial Independence and Success

Randelle Wleishon

- As graduation approaches, many students are thinking about what they are going to do next. Some have interned and studied abroad, others have al- ready left for graduate school, and many are still starting their new lives. There are many options available to them, and one of the most prominent transitions of college is finding a job.

As young adults, some of us have already been bombarded with medi- cal expenses. Some times we just have to put down a safety deposit as well put down a safety deposit. Some have children and get sick and have to pay for medical expenses. Some have children and have a stable financial situation.

Your First Job in Your Career Field:

- Getting your first job can even- tually bring you into your field and give you the financial success that you may have in mind.

- Let’s say that you want to be a nurse, and you’re hired on the spot. As soon as the interviewer brings up salary make sure that you are ready to negotiate a reasonable number based on your degree. Make sure your benefits are worth it. (More about negotiating this is reinforced how bad stress can be.

1. Simply Breathe: Take a deep breath in and try to ex- pand your stomach, hold this breath for five seconds, then let it out slowly. Breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth. Doing this 10 times can lower your stress level and bring you right out of a panic.

- Calm your mind: Try to keep your mind regrets the past and dreads the future. Stress is likely to show up uninvited. Think about everything you need to accomplish in that moment, rather than feeling overwhelmed by everything that you haven’t done yet. Instead of thinking to yourself, “I have to memorize eight chapters before the final exam, it’s too late, and realize that for that one day all you need to study are two chapters.

- Take a Social Break: Connecting with classmates from study- ing can actually improve your overall performance. Giving you a fresh look when you return to your work. Talking with friends can increase your mood and decrease pessimism.

- Exercise: Endorphins are chemicals in the body. Yoga is a great tool to relax and fo- cus on breathing. Running or another type of cardio can be a great release.

Healing Sports and Non-Sport Injuries

James Carpenter

- Whether suffering a joint, bone or muscle injury on the ball field, in the classroom, or in the athletic training office for icing, heat, massage therapy and other therapeutic modalities recommended by the head athletic trainer and also mis- sing physical therapy appointments prescribed by the team physician. Non-athletes would also be wise to consult with their doctors during the treatment and follow-up phases as a positive interaction between patient and doctor can bring a more positive outcome!

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When Animals Have It Their Way

With a flailing economy crippled by years of bad decisions and a job market that seems to be simultaneously blind- er and more hopeless depending on who you ask, it is almost expected that some- thing will fall through the gaps. Up until the Kony fail through maybe I should give the 908% crowd a little credit, it seemed few things inspired people more than threatening their bank accounts, so it is refreshing to see that even though the economy is still hardly near where it was before 2007, people are still looking upwards to try and improve the world around them and not just the inconveniences that directly affect them.

Long have we been overexposed to the disturbingly graphic videos, pleading pamphlets, and public protests of animal rights group activists who believe that the mass-production of meat has greatly affected the overall treatment of animals during their lives and during their “pro- cessing.” Now, it seems, the higher-ups in the food industry are finally beginning to see the bigger picture and appear to actu- ally be listening to the public’s demands. The self-proclaimed and over-adver- tised Kings of Accommodation, Burger King, recently announced that they are going to be making the transition to more humane meat production over the next five years by buying eggs and pork from suppliers that do not keep their animals in cages or crates. This follows the vague announcements by compa- nies McDonald’s and Wendy’s earlier in the year that, though they weren’t able to outline a specific time frame, eliminating cruel practices of mass meat production was somewhere in their near futures.

This may seem like a small step in the long race for the improvement of animal welfare, but this simple act will likely, hopefully, start a chain reaction that will pressure more fast food chains into chang- ing the inhumane ways that they produce their cheap, dollar-deal, in the competitive world of fast food where bragging rights belong to those with the best-stocked dollar deals, a change of this magnitude is sure to send ripples of motivation to other chains so they don’t end up being the last restaurant to adopt humane animal slaughter.

This act is more than likely also going to affect the production plants that have been refusing to adopt kinder slaughter practices when their free-range critics see a boom in high-paying investors who will be improving the living conditions for less than a thousand of chickens and pigs every year. Burger King had already made cuts in their food production as early as 2007 when they decided to get nine percent of their pork and 20 percent of their pork coming from cage-free environments. They could have simply stopped there and argued their slight advancements were better than noth- ing or that they were at least doing better than the “other guys”, but the market is a living organism that is constantly evolving and adapting a whimsical society that really wants to change things for the better and they want to stand at the forefront.

Christie’s Quasi Caps

The best way to start debate with college students these days is to utter the words tuition increase. It’s a topic that is a constant trend not just at Montclair State University, but at many other college campuses in America.

Since Gov. Chris Christie proposed his FY2013 budget, many New Jersey state schools have had their tuition increased by four percent. It may seem like an insignifi- cant amount, but when you look at charts comparing the increase of tuition from the 2010-2011 school year to this school year, Montclair’s tuition increased from $10,113 in the 2010-2011 school year to $10,646 in the 2011-2012 school year. It’s hard to say if the caps will have a positive effect on reformation of higher education. On one hand, the state is trying to decrease taxes, but by doing so they are cutting school funding.

The cap is intended to force state schools to increase tuition by only four percent. The four percent is supposed to compensate for the state funding lost. Gov. Christie has made a similar gesture by enforcing a cap.

Many may argue that the government shouldn’t control the decision of tuition increase. Schools should be allowed to cre- ate their own budget. The president could lower tuition but that still wouldn’t cover the loss of state funding. On the other hand, the president can’t afford the loss of students who can’t afford to go to that university. But yearly increase will eventually impact more and more stu- dents.

We have seen some students forced to drop out because of high tuition rates. Schools would be losing money regard- less.

Really, tax payers of New Jersey are investing their money into the future generation. Well, the only university that seems to have a nearly perfect graduation rate in New Jersey is Princeton. Star Ledger report Kelly Heyboer wrote that, “Four-year graduation rates that ranged from 85 percent at Princeton University to a mere 6 percent at New Jersey City University in 2008, the lat- est available numbers gathered by the federal Department of Education. Several of the state’s largest public universi- ties—including Kean, Montclair State and William Paterson— reported less than a third of their full-time freshmen completed a bachelor’s degree within four years.”

So people claim we’re investing in the future, but we would have better luck gambling on roulette than spending money on the future.

Many would once again argue that there isn’t enough support financially and that’s why many students drop out of school. It’s a constant struggle between caps or no caps. Even our governor Christie is confused, like when he nearly abolished the cap in January 2011. Either way, it is kind of a lose-lose situation.

We would probably listen to the public’s demands, but it would seem that adapting a whimsical society that really wants to change things for the better and they want to stand at the forefront would be the best way to start the debate with college students these days.
Today, I was reminded that the passage of time is constant and inevitable. It’s all too easy to forget that maybe, in a short time, we go from looking forward to living happily ever after to being divorced, remarried and seven years younger. Time is an interesting thing at a college like Montclair State, where you get to experience a whole new life twice: once you are a student and the second is the year you graduate. Each year brings a new set of experiences, and time is constantly moving forward.

It was really three months ago that I lost this high school, and now I can’t believe that I have already been here for a month and a half. My attitude towards time has changed a lot since then. When I was a high school senior, I counted the days until I could graduate and get out of that place. However, now I realize that time is moving too fast and I wish I could slow it down. I have so many things to do and I feel like I’m running out of time.

I think that the idea of a boundless existence is what really drew me to Montclair State. I was interested in the idea of being able to explore and experience new things without any limitations. I was looking forward to being able to be myself and to pursue my passions.

It’s nice to be optimistic and believe that the future will be bright, but I also realize that the present moment is where we live. I have stopped waiting for the future to arrive and instead I have learned to enjoy the present.

My final year at a college is a year of change, growth and decision-making. I am now faced with the challenge of choosing whether to continue my education or to start my career. This is a difficult decision, but I know that I will make the right choice.

I am grateful for all of the lessons that I have learned at Montclair State. I am excited to see what the future holds for me and I am ready to take on new challenges.
Smoke-Free Campus Another Threat to Freedoms

Non-smoker stands up for the rights of nicotine lovers everywhere

The Montclarion Mailbag Policy

April 26, 2012 • The Montclarion

To the Editor:

After reading Dylan Sulits’ opinion column titled “The Rules of the Road” on the University’s website, I was left with a sense of confusion and frustration. The article discusses the rules regarding smoking on campus and the enforcement of these rules. I feel that the article provides a biased perspective and does not accurately represent the experiences and opinions of the students who are affected by these policies.

The Montclarion website features a section titled “The Montclarion Mailbag” where readers can submit their opinions and feedback on various topics. In this section, readers are encouraged to share their thoughts on the university’s policies, including the smoke-free policy. The article I read from Dylan Sulits seems to reflect some of these readers’ opinions, but I believe it is important to consider a wider range of perspectives.

I have been a non-smoker for several years and I, along with many other students, have faced challenges in adapting to the smoke-free policy. The article by Dylan Sulits seems to focus on the inconvenience and discomfort caused by the policy, but it does not acknowledge the positive aspects of the smoke-free environment.

Firstly, the smoke-free policy has contributed to a healthier campus environment. The reduction of second-hand smoke has significantly improved air quality, which has a positive impact on students, faculty, and staff. In addition, the policy promotes a culture of health and wellness that encourages students to engage in healthy behaviors.

Secondly, the smoke-free policy has helped create a safer environment for those who are allergic or sensitive to smoke. This is particularly important for students with respiratory conditions or other health issues. The policy has also reduced the need for special accommodations and has streamlined the planning for events and gatherings.

Lastly, the smoke-free policy has contributed to a more positive image of the university. Many current and potential students view the policy as a reflection of the university’s commitment to public health and sustainability. The policy has also attracted attention from other institutions and organizations, which may enhance the university’s reputation and influence.

In conclusion, while the smoke-free policy may not be perfect, it has overall had a positive impact on the campus community. I hope that the university will continue to listen to the concerns of non-smokers and work towards finding a balance that respects the needs of all students.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Creating the high-quality teaching, learning and research environment our future stewards are an upcoming commitment for many of us in the Montclair State community, and we are personally grateful to the Board of Trustees for their continued support to those important collective efforts.

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When The Mitt is on The Other Hand

Presidential flip-flopper finds support through fictitious life stories

Alexa Coppola, a Fine Arts major, is in her first year as Assistant Opinion Editor for The Montclarion. As Assistant Opinion Editor, Coppola will contribute to the newspaper’s OPINION section.

R ecently it seems as if the likelihood of Montclair’s c a m p u s b e c o m i n g smoke-free has always been in the air. So why, at the end of last year in the University Senate meeting, did it make the topic of their annual award essay contest in which they asked students to submit essays discussing the impact and disadvantages of having a totally tobacco-free campus.

Year after year as kids, we were taught the dangers of smoking. As well-informed adults we should be able to decide for ourselves whether smoking is something we want to do or not. College is stressful, and if a cigarette helps take some of that stress away, even if it’s for five minutes, I think those students are entitled to it.

But a small act may be all we have to show whether we choose to or not. And if the University is really trying to tell a personal freedom just doesn’t want to. As a non-smoker, the possibility of Montclair’s campus becoming tobacco-free actually actually scares me. No, I don’t like the smell of smoke and yes, I know the effects and dangers of second hand smoke, but smoking is a personal matter. There are only so many people who can actually think about whether or not they will wish as long as they abide by the University’s already-existing policy.

Yes, there is a policy. Many are probably unaware because it is not enforced. Even if the campus were to become tobacco-free, how could anyone of us non-smokers expect the University to keep smoking all those unsmoky smokers in time? The university’s current policy is that its students to at least 20 feet from buildings when smoking. My CA mention to it our floor once once a semester, and that message has stayed in the lounge where it was.

On a daily basis, I experience, and I’m sure many others, how the University is really not being broken. Look outside University Hall, or outside of the Village or the Heights and you’re bound to see someone leaning up against the building smoking a cigarette.

My qualm is if there’s non one enforcing the current smoking policy, how can anyone expect the university to enforce a smoke-free policy? I attended a community college that has a smoke-free policy in effect on its main campus, and from my experience smokers are going to smoke regardless of any poli-
M-Glow: Montclair’s Own Paint Party

Barstool what? Dayglow inspiration a success

Alan Vallee
A&E Editor

You walk into a tent. Of all things, a tent. It’s dark, there’s music booming and it smells like paint. Everywhere you look there are people dancing to the beat, swaying wildly from side to side like a manic gyre. There’s barely any room to breathe once

Montclairfest Features All-Star Lineup

Tyga, Wale and Cartel tear up Lot 60

Lindsay Kasemann
EntertainmEnt

Those who went to Montclairfest this past weekend are easy to spot: look for painful sunburn, black wristbands or people who look weary after what was undoubtedly one of the busiest, loudest and most fun weekends Montclair State has seen all year. Over the course of the seven hours of Montclairfest, a staggered 1,200 students and guests attended the all-star lineup that performed in Lot 60.

Big name artists like Wale, Tyga, Maino and Cartel performed with local talent Kacy Epps and Battle of the Bands winner Nobody Yet. “It was beyond amazing,” said Jackie Loder, student. “The DJs and artists were all wonderful and really got the crowd going,” S.L.A.M. director Niki Santana said. “I’m extremely happy that the event turned out successful and we had perfect weather for the event. The whole weekend turned out awesome and we all worked really hard into putting this weekend into what it turned out to be and putting the name S.L.A.M. out there.”

“Montclair should do stuff like this all the time,” student Jackie Loder said. “I was nervous, but the moment I rapped my first line, I knew I was going to do great the rest of the show.”

The event, hosted by S.L.A.M., followed the hype generated from M-glow the night before. In between artists, people could choose to eat from an assortment of food vendors, jump on a three-way trampoline and shop for merchandise from apparel company, The Fresh Clothing.

“YOLO,” short for You Only Live Once, is the current mantra of existence that we all have.

Through the booming of the music there’s some unmistakable noise, specifically the chanting and cheering whenever a particularly anthemic song comes on and the clapping for any time the DJ solicits rhythmic applause for a particularly large drop. Another, somewhat more touching sound is that unmistakable sound of getting soaked by something that you weren’t necessarily expecting at that moment — paint parties are all about staying clean, obviously. Throughout the night, there were multiple bombardments of neon-bright paint which showed up fantastically under the blacklight. As with any concert, the visuals were also an important aspect which showed through beautifully. Inside the huge tent was a light show that could easily have been equal of any in Miami or Ibiza. With this light show and all the paint, the show became something anyone attending could look forward to in the future.

Sadly, all things come to an end and at 10 p.m. the last song was played, the lights came on and out shuffled a crowd of tired partygoers to wash the paint off their faces and glasses and move on to after-parties or sleep.

Thankfully, no editors were injured in the production of this article and hopefully there will be more of these megaparties happening in the future. It’s a far better use of money than gold status, after all.

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Interactive web series *I Made America* Founding Fathers wander the streets of Chi-town

Heather Lockhart
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what life for America’s Founding Fathers would be like in 2012? Probably not, but now you probably can find out by watching “I Made America,” a web-series and transmedia project produced by Chicago comedy company Octavarium and innovative project organization CNXM. Pictures that follows Benja- min Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, George Washington and John Ad- ams through their new lives in 2012 Chicago. As their website (imadeamerica.com) explains, “On January 1, 2012, six Founding Fathers [...] were kidnapped from their own time and brought to 2012 by the American Revolutionaries for Freedom and Family (ARFF) Super PAC. Shortly thereafter, ARFF abandoned the Founding Fathers, leaving them penniless and alone in Chicago. The Founders were quick to make new friends and have since started to make their own way in the modern world. And make their own way they do! Franklin remains a curious, inventive ladies’ man who is fascinated by the modern world he helped create (you’re welcome); Hamilton finds love, loses it and turns into the clingy, brooding ex we all dread; Jefferson, like a rebellious teenager, finds love, loses it and turns into a character to life through multiple online and offline channels,” which means that if you’re lucky enough to live in Chicago, you just might run into Jefferson while he’s hanging out on State Street or you might find Franklin wandering around the Museum of Science and Industry.

If you aren’t planning to visit Chi- cago in the near future, don’t worry! “I Made America” mirrors the way we tell our Founding Fathers through their Twitter, Tumblr and Facebook accounts. You can also email, call or text them. As IMA creator and executive producer Marc Muszynski said, “I Made America” mirrors the way we tell our own stories in 2012, which makes the project infinitely more fun, especially because when you’re interact- ing with the Founding Fathers, you become a character in their reality.”

It’s a wonder this series has yet to go viral. The fan base seems to be expanding exponentially each day with more people posting videos of their attempts at Franklin’s “Pop Tart Challenge” and quoting lyrics from Thomas Jefferson’s very real and very downloadable EP IMA’s two most popular YouTube videos, “Sh*t Founding Fathers Say (in the present)” and “Founding Fathers History Pickup Lines (in 2012)” have nearly 30,000 and 80,000 hits, respec- tively. To check out these videos and find out more about this hilarious, innovative project, head over to imadeamerica.com.

**The Lucky One is a Flop**

Nicholas Sparks delivers same sappy romance

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Brandon Strong
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Once you’ve seen Nicholas Sparks’ latest release, the sappy romance *The Lucky One*, you won’t want to see another Sparks romantic drama. *The Lucky One* is a mediocre attempt by Sparks to live up to the high standards set by his previous novels. The plot is predictable and the characters are one-dimensional. However, there are a few redeeming qualities to the film that make it worth watching. 

In the film, logarithmically unemployed John (Zac Efron) is running down a very long list of absent men who are all somehow involved with the Sparks romance novels. The Lucky One is his last escape before he becomes a Rhodes scholar.

Logan, the Lucky One, has everything: a stable job, a loving family, a beautiful girlfriend, and a promising future. However, Logan’s life is turned upside down when his fiancé, Emily (Zoey Deutch), breaks up with him.

Logan is devastated and doesn’t know what to do. He turns to his best friend, Alex (Dax Shephard), for advice. Alex tells Logan that he needs to move on and start a new life. Logan decides to leave his hometown and move to Chicago, where he meets his new guardian angel, Emily’s estranged aunt, Ellie (Rachel McAdams).

Logan and Ellie start dating and things start to look up for Logan. However, when Logan finds out that Emily is pregnant with his child, he is devastated. He decides to stay with Ellie and raise the baby together.

The film is a romantic comedy with some action scenes thrown in. The acting is good, especially from Emily Blunt, who plays the tough but caring spatologist. However, the plot is predictable and the characters are one-dimensional.

In conclusion, *The Lucky One* is a mediocre film that fails to live up to the high standards set by Nicholas Sparks’ previous novels. However, it is still worth watching for the acting and the beautiful scenery of Chicago.

**The Founding Fathers... or not.**

Transmedia storytelling, as ex- plained by the minds behind IMA, “permutes the lives of our audience members by bringing the charac- ters to life through multiple online and offline channels,” which means that if you’re lucky enough to live in Chicago, you just might run into Jefferson while he’s hanging out on State Street or you might find Franklin wandering around the Museum of Science and Industry.

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It’s a wonder this series has yet to go viral. The fan base seems to be expanding exponentially each day with more people posting videos of their attempts at Franklin’s “Pop Tart Challenge” and quoting lyrics from Thomas Jefferson’s very real and very downloadable EP IMA’s two most popular YouTube videos, “Sh*t Founding Fathers Say (in the present)” and “Founding Fathers History Pickup Lines (in 2012)” have nearly 30,000 and 80,000 hits, respec- tively. To check out these videos and find out more about this hilarious, innovative project, head over to imadeamerica.com.
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Thank you, Dr. Newman

Peak Performances and the Office of Arts and Cultural Programming wish a fond farewell to the College of the Arts’ Dean Geoffrey W. Newman. Montclair State University and the College of the Arts would not be the vibrant center for learning it is today without your steadfast leadership and boundless enthusiasm over the past 24 years. Thank you for all you have done for the faculty, staff, and most of all the students of Montclair State University.

Good luck in your future endeavors!
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Senior attacker Maggie Fallon takes a shot against York College. Fallon has scored 26 goals and recorded 14 assists.

Women's Lacrosse Finishes Second in NJAC

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In 2009, MSU hosted the NCAA DII Women's Lacrosse Championship Tournament. MSU Softball Stadium. The semifi- nal games will be played at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and the championship game will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m. single-game tickets range from $8-$17, while weekend passes will cost $5/$10.

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I really don’t see the point of paying attention to mock drafts. I’ve never been a huge follower of the NFL Draft and I can’t honestly say that I have ever sat down to watch it. I think anyone with a basic knowledge of college and NFL football can make pretty solid predictions for the first round or two, so I don’t know why we constantly live and breathe on what the “experts” have to say. We already know who the top picks are going to be, so I don’t see the point of sitting down to watch Roger Goodell stand in front of a podium.

I don’t really follow many mock drafts other than one or two. No matter how much of an “expert” you may be, there is no way of determining exactly how the draft will go. The only picks that you can make right are the top ten, maybe the top 15 if the season has been that predictable. Other than that, the whole “mock draft” system is just something for people to gossip about and for others to gamble on. The whole process is easily countered if, during the offseason, but are in no way the bible of how draft night will go. Other than logical professional teams that are scout- ing them. But other than logical hypotheses, mock drafts are nothing more than pot luck. It’s easy to pick who will go in the top five spots, but anything after the top 20 is a guess. Some players are obviously more talented than others, but each draft is full of “surprises.” Mock drafts give football fans something to talk about during the offseason, but are in no way the bible of how draft night will go.

Who’s Hot This Week

Norm Schoenig — Baseball
Schoenig recorded his 700th victory when the Red Hawks defeated Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 15-2 on April 17. Schoenig has compiled a 700-386-12 (.638) record during his 25-year tenure as Montclair State University’s baseball coach. Schoenig became the 21st manager in NCAA Division III baseball history and the first coach in MSU history to reach 700 wins. Schoenig was elected to the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2011.

Alex Hill — Starting Pitcher — Softball
Hill was two outs away from pitching a perfect game in a two-hit, 3-0 victory against Centenary College. She then threw another two-hit shutout (1-0) in the opening game of a double header against Rutgers-Camden. Hill is currently 21-2 with a 1.03 ERA and 211 strikeouts. For her performance Hill was named NJAC Softball Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season.

Game of the Week

Softball
@ William Paterson University
April 28, 1 p.m.

The Montclair State softball team plays their final regular season double-header against conference rivals William Paterson on Saturday. With a victory in either game the Red Hawks will become the NJAC Champions.

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Softball Continues to Dominate NJAC

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One interesting statistic to note is that the Red Hawks have gotten goals from at least ten different players in each of their last three games. "We were fortunate to get every- body in the game," Kivlen says. "Everyone prepared themselves, and I think it says a lot about our depth."