Students Vote for More Than the President
Bond on ballot could give MSU thousands in funding

SGA Speaks Out Against War

Homecoming 2012 Preview

Hawk Walk Program Makes Students Safer on Campus

IF THE BOND IS APPROVED, MORE LABS FOR SCIENCE STUDENTS ARE ONE OF THE MANY THINGS THAT WILL BE IMPROVED.

Catherine Baxter
News Editor

This November, people will not only be voting for the President on the ballot. There will be a bond up for voting that would give $750 million in funding to New Jersey colleges and universities. The bond will help support costs such as building and renovation projects. New Jersey has not issued bonds for higher education facilities since 1988. New Jersey is one of the few states in the nation that has not constantly been investing in their college campuses. According to President Susan Cole, as a result of this, enormous pressure has been put on college and university operating budgets and on student tuition to provide adequate facilities. This bond initiative must be voted on – either yes or no – by the public in the upcoming November election. “This bond represents a very important turning point for the state,” said President Cole. “A strong ‘yes’ vote for the bond will have a huge positive impact on the future of higher education in New Jersey. In turn, strong higher education institutions make a very significant contribution to the state.”

The Student Government Association has made a decision to come out against the war in Afghanistan on its 11th anniversary in order to show students that not only are they a decision making body that takes important stances on issues, but that they truly are invested in the needs of students.

On Wednesday, Sept. 26, the SGA spoke about a resolution that takes a stand on the 11-year conflict in Afghanistan. “I am going to convince students to vote for the bond,” SGA President Stephanie Agudelo, Assistant News Editor said. 

This October 11th marks the day that Montclair State University students, like many other college students across the nation, celebrate their very own holiday: Homecoming! Homecoming is a week long tradition on this campus where every year students enjoy free food, activities, prizes, entertainment and sports events all around campus. It’s a day where current students and alumni can gather together to embrace the festivities and simply enjoy being a Montclair State Red Hawk.

This year the Homecoming theme is “Once Upon a Homecoming,” which suggests that the Hawk Walk continues on Page 5

Having a Police Station on campus sure has its perks. Peace of mind comes from knowing officers are on watch 24/7, cruising through campus in close proximity to any emergency on campus, and now there is even a student escorting system. Montclair State University is proud to announce that it is bringing back the “Hawk Walk” student escort program. The Hawk Walk has been offered at certain times throughout the passed 20 years here at MSU, but with collabora-

FREE CHARGING STATIONS FOR STUDENTS? DETAILS ON PAGE 7

Hawk Walk makes students safer on campus.
Pelican Police Report

On Sept. 22:
1. Jasmiere Roystier, 21, of Princeton, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol while on Clove Road. She is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

2. Aiden Pomper, 20, of South Orange, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, aggravated assault and resisting arrest while at the NJ Transit Garage. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

On Sept. 23:
3. A male visitor was assaulted by a group of males while at Dinallo Heights. This matter is under investigation and charges are pending at this time.

4. A staff member of University Hall reported the fraudulent use of his lost credit card. This matter is under investigation.

5. A staff member reported the theft of her hang tag from her unsecured vehicle inside of the Red Hawk Parking garage. This matter is under investigation.

6. A female student reported the theft of her ID and keys which were left unsecured inside the Recreation Center. This matter is under investigation.

7. A female student and her friend reported being harassed by a known male via email. This matter is under investigation.

8. A female student reported the theft of her ID and keys which were left unsecured inside of University Hall. Her wallet was found, however items were missing from inside the wallet. This matter is under investigation.

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

Corrections

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the legislators that coming out against the war is for the students’ best interest,” said Mark Rudas, Legislator at Large for the SGA.

According to Rudas, the amount of money that has funded the war in Afghanistan is equal to approximately one million Pell Grants. One Pell Grant is worth $3,550. Many students could have received those grants to help them financially - if the money had not already been used to fund the war.

Aside from the obvious financial necessities that spans from the war, there is a much more obvious downfall to this war. Since the start of the war on Oct. 4th, 2001, there have been 2,000 military deaths and 12,000 Afghan deaths.

Gil Balanzat, chief justice of judiciary and distinguished member of SGA, is an Iraq veteran. Balanzat spoke against the war at the hearing for the resolution as well.

However, Rudas notes that this resolution is not anti or pro-military. This stance is simply intended to be an expression through the SGA’s unique ability to take a stand on an issue.

“Taking a stand is not going to stop the war,” said Rudas. “However, both political parties have stated their pullout for war, and we want to show our stance on the issue as well.”

The SGA’s goal through this resolution is to take a stand with students and indicate that the SGA wants to function as a body that takes stands on issues for the students’ welfare.

“War/anti war is a good place for us to start,” said Rudas.

Those who will be voting whether or not to approve this resolution are members of SGA Legislation at Large, the main legislative body in the SGA. They are the group of students who decide whether or not events get funding or if organizations on campus get chartered. However, the voting of this resolution will be the first time they take a stand on a national issue.

“I would like it to be a new beginning of a period of the SGA, where we come to represent a student decision-making body that takes stands on issues that directly relate to students’ well being,” said Rudas. “We will use our infrastructural power to advocate directly with the administration for increasing students’ wellbeing. That’s something the SGA just doesn’t do right now. We want to use our power to affect positive change.”

Along with the resolution that is trying to get passed, the SGA is also planning on having a candlelight vigil to commemorate those lives that have been lost.

“The plan is to have 140 candles, each candle representing 100 casualties,” said Rudas. These candles will be set up in the Student Center Quad.

The planned date is Oct. 4th to commemorate the day of the 11th anniversary of the war. Students will be notified when the date and time of the vigil are determined via their MSU email accounts. Students can also check online for further information as it becomes available.

Students are anticipating this year’sHomecoming to be even better than last year.

“I’m excited about the ‘once upon a homecoming’ theme! I think that was a fun choice and I just hope we have good weather for all of the events this time around, but I’ll be wearing my snow boots just in case,” said sophomore-Jianna Hall.

Good weather, however, isn’t the only new asset students should expect to see this homecoming season.

Student Government Association (SGA) Press Secretary Michelle Pisarri explains that the Student Life at Montclair (SLAM) organization has worked hard to organize events that have been successful in the past and new events that they feel students will enjoy attending this year.

Some of the events that will be going on during Homecoming week are Laser Tag, a taco bar, a giant movie screening of 21 Jump Street, inflatables, raffles, free spray t-shirts, student performances and even an undisguised musical performance on Friday, Oct. 12.

Pisarri also mentioned that the SLAM organization put a lot of thought into using their money wisely and getting students the best possible “bang for their buck.”

“As of right now, I can tell you that all of the money being spent for all of the events, is over $15,000 (this does not include the undisguised Friday Event). As a school that is watched closely about how money is dispersed, SGA and SLAM tried very hard to ensure that we were not aimlessly using our allotted money. We worked diligently to make sure the students could receive the best at a price truly worth the buy,” she said.

Students will also get to enjoy a little friendly competition at any of the football, volleyball or soccer games taking place throughout the day. Whatever the event is, students this year will have no trouble finding ways to have a great time with their friends. Seniors like Michelle Bermudez are just happy to enjoy the Homecoming holiday one last time.

“Homecoming is one of those classic, collegiate moments that I’ll be able to look back on and remember all the fun and silly times I had at MSU. As a senior, I’m definitely trying to make every moment count this year,” she said.

As for the performers this year, students will have to wait just a little longer before that information is released.

“We will be having two large events to accommodate more students,” said George Judran, SGA President. “There will be two separate events on separate weekends, one falling directly on the weekend of the 11th.”

The names of the performers are planned to be released Friday once the contract is finalized.

Students can check online on Friday at themontclarion.org for further information on performances once the information is released.

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The Montclair State University School of Communication and Media to Get a New Home

The DuMont Television Center will have a new building directly next to it for the new school.

Ethan Fria
Staff Writer

Schmitt Hall, among other facilities, has become temporary housing for the new School of Communication and Media.

Montclair State has plans to make the new school more comfortable in two new facilities. One, an addition to Morehead, the other, replacing the building next to DuMont.

Dr. Harry Haines explained the plans for the building replacing the one next to DuMont.

“The new building will be a state-of-the-art media production center that will be in sync with all the technological and organizational requirements of the new system. And so, we’re going to be in the forefront of communication education in a number of areas, one of those areas being production. It’s going to be demolished and the site will be used to build this rather large production center.”

In the meantime, Schmitt Hall is being equipped with modern, cutting edge technology.

On the third floor of the building, the same floor that NJTV operates on, the new campus radio station is being built. This radio station is going to be cutting edge, taking campus radio into the 21st century.

The radio station right now is transitioning from being a club to becoming a school; this will bring a whole new dimension for students interested in this career path. Schmitt Hall will be included in the progress of this new school, but keep in mind, it is transient.

The projection has varied from time to time, but the production center is rumored to be finished within 1-2 years. When prompted in regards to the significance of the changes, Dr. Haines went on to stress the importance of the new department in terms of Montclair’s status among other schools.

“It’s going to be the major building for the school, and that’s an absolute necessity. In order for Montclair to continue to be an educational player in the New York City Area, it must advance the new school of Communication and Media,” Haines said.

These new changes in the School of Communication and Media will greatly affect the paths that students invested in majors such as Documentary, Electronic Journalism, Filmmaking, Communications and Media Arts will take.

The foresight of the school is proving to be an invaluable asset to this emerging School of Communication and Media, including key partnerships with NJTV, jazz giant WBGO, WNYC radio, coupled with the magnificently equipped rooms on Schmitt Hall, and soon, the new production center. Students should feel pride that their school is leading the way in terms of the technological and education aspects of Communication and Media.

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 Meet Your New Dean of the Arts

Our new Dean of the College of the Arts, Daniel Gurskis, spent the last twelve years of his life immersed in higher education. This is not the type of man that sits in his office for hours on end, and if the student population without actually being able to relate. Daniel Gurskis hopes that where we are, has experienced the prevailing fear of the unknown career path and has experienced the right thing at the right time.

Daniel Gurskis was Chair of the film department located on a studio lot, about 400 students. In doing that, I took on a lot of extra responsibilities and I found I liked it. They line up with what I do now as Dean and it really encouraged me to think about making another move. The great thing about Montclair State is being here in New Jersey. There is just so much going on and a variety of opportunities and challenges. It’s been a lot of fun.

What would you like to change/improve in the Art department?

This is a very big department. Some of the challenges are that it’s spread out over multiple buildings. One of the challenges is involved in some great things there. We have a large curriculum, a fashion design program and the graphics department is involved in some great things. I think there is enough, all dispatched students are UPD employed dispatchers who are UPD employed. Their presence can film I can find any time of the day. But it’s a wide range. Usually it’s films that are not too terribly current for me. I would ‘put the Godfather’ on that list, that is a classic. It’s a perfect modern western. There is a British film, ‘In Bruges’ that I think is really charming. ‘Midnight in Paris’ The Hemingway characte...
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Students Can Soon Charge Freely Around Campus

With the 2012-2013 school year finally underway, Montclair State University Campus Recreation’s Club Sports is gearing up to be the most active season to date. The commencement of the season has come with a few changes, most notably the increase of staff members within their organization.

Changes this year also include the addition of five new sports teams under “Club Sports” management: softball, running, women’s soccer, wrestling and tennis. Dealing now with a considerably larger schedule and close to double the number of staff members, “Club Sports” is determined to provide excellent services for students and staff alike this landmark season.

Junior Sean Gillan, who was recently employed by the Campus Recreation Center’s Club Sports as a financial coordinator, commented on his organization’s overall agenda and growing popularity.

The goal of this year’s Club Sports organization is to expand our realm of influence...we want to have more sports, we want to have influence on the campus, lead people to have more active lifestyles and be able to compete without having to be at a varsity level.” Gillan continued, “We know after the interest meetings held at the Recreation Center that there were a lot of people willing to participate in our programs. We pretty much doubled our staff this year, and brought on a lot of new different sports.”

Gillan also mentioned that Club Sports is pushing for a men’s soccer league this upcoming spring, but nothing concrete has been established as of yet. Regardless, the new sport teams offered this year only complement the pre-existing club sports that were offered at Montclair in the past, which include men’s volleyball, men’s baseball, women’s volleyball, balletic dance, swim, men’s basketball and tennis. Consistently, men’s baseball and basketball annually rank as the more popular club sports managed by the Recreation Center. Nick Tomasso, who works for Campus Recreation’s Intramural Sports and is also apart of University’s club baseball team, says he can testify for the baseball club’s ever-increasing popularity, unity and strength. Considering the trials of the past two years, Tomasso had this to say about his club: “Our Secretary Brian Fredrick spoke a few words to me sometime after practice and he said: ‘This group is different from the past. It isn’t a bad thing but think about it. The first year we thought we could win, but we didn’t really win too many games. Last year, we were very confident and we won many games but not all of them. This year we are confident, and we know we can be the number one team in our division.”

Tomasso also commented on the changes in playing location for the baseball club, which has undoubtedly been met with praise by both club and fans alike, “This year we have been granted the opportunity to play on the local campus field along with the Jackals and the school team. Don’t fret, you will have plenty opportunities to come out and support us.” The club baseball team’s first home game is at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5th against Rider University at Yogi Berra Stadium.

It is important to clarify that club sports management at Montclair State University is primarily split up between two organizations: The Campus Recreation Center and the SGA. To further complicate the dynamic between groups, there are also club sports that like to operate more independently, an example being the MSU Ice Hockey Team.

Often times, both organizations have teams that will come and go, which is usually determined by the amount of management that particular club sport has internally that season. If you are interested in signing up for a club sport this year, or if you would like to find out more information on how to start your own sports club, you can visit the Recreation Center’s Club Sports website at montclair.edu/campusrec or you can call 973-655-3346. You may also contact Carolyn Garrone, Program Coordinator of Intramural and Club Sports at 973-655-4041 for more information.
The First Priority is for an In-
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that would provide $300 million for
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being of the state." -President Susan
Cole

The facility would also house
the Sokol Institute for the Phar-
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PSEG Institute for Sustainabili-
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Institute.
This facility is urgently need-
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severe shortage of science labo-
ratories," said President Cole.

The second priority is for a
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underused facility serving the
2,000 students enrolled in the
School of Business.
According to President Cole, the
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The third and final priority is
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The project would include the
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The transformation has started from flip-flops to this standard fall footwear. When fall hit, there was an outbreak of boots on campus.

As a standard, I think I can make an acceptable rule that once the leaves start to change, open-toe shoes need to get the “boot.”

I want to break up the overall category of boots into four subdivisions of styles.

First, there’s what I like to call the “Catwoman” style. This style of boot is typically black and consists of studs, chains, buckles and zippers. This look gives a bad girl vibe. Try not to overload the rest of your look with zippers and chains—you don’t want to look too bad.

Second, my personal favorite, the “Indian” style. This has fringe and native patterns.

Third is the “riding” boot that is usually in a solid color, classic cut and is flat.

Lastly, is what I call the “rugged” boot. This is where military-style boots fit in along with an oxford inspired look.

Now that you have the basics, how do you choose the right option for you? For muscular or curvy figures, a boot with a sleek pointy-toe that is either above or below the widest part of your leg is best. To add more dimension to thinner legs pick a pattern or fringe.

Overall, before you consider buying any type of boots, make sure they fit your personality and style. Either way, boots can really pull your outfit together for a more sophisticated look, not to mention, great for when the temperatures begin to fall.

Jacquelyn Loder
staff writer

Boots Made for Talkin’

Follow for your daily dose of fashion @MSU_fashion.
It is far too often that we hear of someone or know someone that has been affected by cancer in some way, shape or form. I have had close family members that have been diagnosed with this deadly and terrible disease. It is unfortunate, but true to say that cancer is something that not only ruins but ends lives. It is through the efforts of many people, doctors and organizations that cures and treatments have been found and are continuously looked for.

Adrian Ciccone is an individual who has taken the opportunity to help a specific group affected by cancer: children. She has partnered with non-profit private organization, Make Some Noise, in order to help raise money for this cause. Make Some Noise was actually founded by an 11-year old boy named Malcolm.

Malcolm was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, which is a highly aggressive and malignant tumor. After going through various types of rehabilitation, this courageous boy decided that he wanted to raise more awareness for pediatric cancer. He started by selling wristbands and giving every dollar that he made to hospitals. Malcolm would then progress and establish the national foundation that now known as Make Some Noise.

When I spoke with Adrian and asked her what sparked her interest in getting involved with the organization, it was quite evident she has a passion for helping others. “Sometimes is just feels good to do good,” Adrian expressed to me that far too often when money needs to be raised for cancer, events such as benefits and formal dinners are the go-to plan. By doing a Halloween event, she is making something that would usually be quite somber into a good time for a good cause.

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Brighton Asylum
Opening preview of haunted attraction fund raiser for children’s cancer
Victoria Fisher
Staff Writer

The location of the event is a place known as Brighton Asylum. BrightonAsylum.com describes the location as such: “Brighton Asylum’s industrial complex is a series of warehouses that were used for housing the sick and mentally disabled back in the mid 1940s. After years of bad living conditions and grotesque medical experiments, the patients eventually overran the facility and seized control. For years, locals complained about the screams coming from the complex. In an attempt to hide the facility, a mansion was built around the exterior of the asylum with a secret passage leading through the walls. In 1952, the state conducted an investigation due to the disappear-ance of several staff members and patients.”

The complex has been closed since, until now. The event will be held on Oct. 4 at the Brighton Asylum, located at 2 Brighton Avenue in Passaic.

The activities that will take place include a raffle for the new iPad and monster face painting. Oct. 4 will also serve as a sneak preview to the official opening of the Brighton Asylum that will be open for the duration of October. The proceeds for the event will all go to the Make Some Noise foundation.

In trying to catch up on some required reading in my first couple weeks at MSU, I came across a curious looking book on the campus library’s “New Books” shelf titled “The Richer Sex: How the New Majority of Female Breadwinners is Transforming Sex, Love, and Family.” I knew I had plenty to read already, but I could not not check out this book. I read through it in less than a week and then told everyone about it. Now I’ll impart the information to you my fellow readers.

You have to admit you’re intrigued as much as I was. Why? Because most of us know that men have traditionally been the breadwinners and as much as we don’t want to admit it, some of us still expect them to be. As much as I would like to do a little victory dance for women everywhere when crossing across this title, I also began to wonder how members of the more masculine sex will take the news.

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Perhaps some of us will adapt and perhaps others will want to stay more traditional. Perhaps some of us will say that we don’t need a man. The point I’m trying is make is that I enjoy having men in my life. They are not only people to share our lives with, but some of their numerous attributes include the ability to fix things, carry heavy objects and lend you their jacket when you’re chilly.

Bringing Home the Bacon
Success stories from women shedding light on the future
Joselyn Choi
Features Editor

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You have to admit you’re intrigued as much as I was. Why? Because most of us know that men have traditionally been the breadwinners and as much as we don’t want to admit it, some of us still expect them to be. As much as I would like to do a little victory dance for women everywhere when crossing across this title, I also began to wonder how members of the more masculine sex will take the news.

We have reached this conclusion of the “richer sex” from research that shows in seven years time, women will become 60 percent of the undergraduate students and 61 percent of the post-baccalaureate students at MSU. Just as an advocate of good research, I decided to try a variation of the experiment. I tallied the number of women and men that walked past me in two minutes time. Seven men, 14 women. The conclusion of my experiment is that according to the research mentioned above, students at MSU are ahead of seven years in the future! “Vive la revolution of female empowerment,” you may say.

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A message from the NBA and its players

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Part Time Child Care Needed – for two wonderful boys ages 2 and 5. Located in Emerson, NJ (about 15 minutes from Montclair). Hours are: 12p.m. to 6p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Must drive and have a reliable car. Start Oct. 1st. If interested, please contact Pam at TOKEN1@ATT.NET.

Professional parents need after-school care/homework supervision for daughter, age 12, and son, age 9. In West Caldwell (6 miles from campus). Licensed driver with clean record, must own car for transportation to activities. Contact barbhennessy@verizon.net.

Babysitter needed in Ridgewood for 2 kids, ages 6 and 8. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3-6:30p.m. Includes school pick up and driving to activities. Contact Ingrid Laub: 917-817-7833 or ingridlaub@gmail.com.

Allergies. Tues-Fri. 3p.m. to 6:30 with additional hours on school holidays and some evenings. Contact barbhennessy@verizon.net.
HARRY POTTER CROSSWORD

Across
4. Most evil wizard of the age
6. James Potter’s nickname
11. ‘Lucky’ potion
12. Durmstrang’s champion
14. ‘Real’ Hogwarts’ champion
17. McGonagall’s house
18. Wizarding School
19. Wizard prison
23. Harry’s pet owl
28. Voldemort’s nickname
30. Ron’s ‘pet rat’
33. Actress who portrays Hermione
34. Professor Snape’s house
35. Ron/Wood’s Quidditch position
36. Draco’s father

Down
1. Pettigrew’s nickname
2. Black’s nickname
3. Only daughter of Molly and Arthur Weasley
5. Flight test
7. Professor Flitwick’s house
9. Beauxbatons’ cane
10. Snape’s sister
13. Keeper of keys and grounds at Hogwarts
15. McGonagall’s house
16. Professor Sprout’s house
20. Popular wizarding sport
21. Ron’s phobia
22. Pettigrew master/Potter’s enemy
24. Fastest broom in the world
25. Brightest witch of her age
26. Actor who portrays Harry
27. Object you put part of your soul into
29. Lupin’s nickname
31. Harry’s Quidditch position
32. Actor who portrays Ron

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The Montclarion
This presidential election is an extremely important one for the future of our nation. Presidential elections always seem to be neck-and-neck until the end with politicians consistently trying to tap into the force that is the youth vote. America’s youth is historically a demographic all political parties seek to capture each election season. This is largely due to the fact that so many of this nation’s youth population are not registered to vote and their collective power has the potential to swing elections. During the 2008 election, Barack Obama had countless youth and numerous celebrities representative of “Young Hollywood” promoting his platform, making it hip and cool to vote. This certainly didn’t hurt Obama and may have even given him the extra push he needed to win the presidency against John McCain.

This election has been considerably more dim than 2008 with a lack of star-power (perhaps because of Obama’s incumbency compared to his initial election in 2008 to get to The White House), making the job of registering new voters harder than ever. As students of one of the largest universities in New Jersey, we need to make sure we get out and vote and make all our voices heard.

Many students today find themselves torn between political parties, struggling to connect to either one. At a time when unemployment is high and the economy is struggling, it would be all too easy to sit idly by and let other people decide our future. We need to stand up for the America that will soon be ours and make sure we start shaping it today. It would be irresponsible of us to complain about the status of our government and not give ourselves the option to vote and change what we see wrong.

For many of us, this will be the first election that we’re old enough to be able to vote. As the future leaders, thinkers and designers of our nation’s future, the decisions we make today, in this election or even in future elections, will undoubtedly have a profound impact on all of our futures.

We need to make sure we register to vote and eliminate the reputation that the youth has of not registering to vote. We have the power to turn this election around and it’s important that we stand up for the things that matter to us, now and in the future.

The Montclair State community has been making quite an effort so far this semester to make sure students register to vote and are aware of the process. Kudos go out to The Montclarion and Rock the Vote for their efforts.

This election has been much like the situation during the 2008 election because they did not know how to register or because they missed their state’s voter registration deadline, according to The US Census. Rock the vote. Don’t be one of them.

Even if you’re unsure how you want to vote, make it a point to get out and register before it’s too late. Don’t leave yourself unable to vote on November 6. Take a stand for anything and everything you find important. You’ll be glad you did.

T here it goes again; your phone is buzzing warning, “Low battery.” You wouldn’t have guessed that your phone could die in just a few hours. Oh wait, you left your Wi-Fi on. You also seem to have left your charger at home. Well, the SGA has come to your aid. With the school’s approval the SGA has implemented a plan to add cell phone charging stations around campus.

They will be these small boxes that contain multiple cell phone chargers, making a charger accessible to all students.

This may not seem like a revolutionary addition to most MSU students, who have an apparent ten-minute smell to any point on campus. This is an ideal situation for most commuters who do not have the same accessibility to their chargers. If you forget your phone charger while rushing to get to school, never fear. You can find these stations in even the most desperate situations.

While lounging around the Student Center, commuters can easily plug in their phones and allow them to charge. It’s an improvement to the school that’s actually beneficial to the commuters. The phone chargers are going to be the first step in making Montclair State University a more customer-friendly place.

Regardless of the naysayers, the cell phone chargers will be beneficial to all students. Most of us have admitted there are times when we wished that we had an extra charger at hand and now the school is providing the students with those means. It’s like a genie appeared and granted one of our most simple requests, making a slight discomfort in our lives more bearable.

If any of us have learned anything from the movie “The Craft,” it is that everything comes back to us three-fold. The idea of a world where students can charge their phones in peace is like a fairy tale.

Some concerns that come to mind are the safety of one’s phone. If a student isn’t carefully observing their phone, someone can easily steal it. Another concern that comes to mind is the availability of the chargers.

Many students will disregard bringing their own chargers around, in fears of losing them or just plain laziness, causing many students to flock around these stations like geese.

This would make the charging station situation much like the situation with the laundry rooms in the dormitories. People will be fighting for the opportunity to unplug others phones in order to charge their own.

As for the security of the chargers, it appears they are safely stored behind heavy-duty plates. So it looks like they will be there to stay. Even with those smaller concerns aside, the chargers will stay intact. They are a dependable way to charge your phone.

All in all, the edition of the charger stations will not be a bad one. We can only sit here and wait for there arrival to determine if there will be any problems with their usage. It should be something all MSU students should look forward to as long as the government charges your phone isn’t abused.
middle child settles into family dynamics

many things with them in our childhood and adolescent years. Our siblings define and deter- mine our personalities and mold us into who we are in life. The brothers and sisters we hold close are our family. Growing up, my family dynam- ics was pretty typical in terms of an American household. It consisted of two working parents, an older broth- er and a much younger sister. Being the middle child was not the easiest thing to cope with, to say the least. Having a sort of a dual role when it comes to family is tough and a somewhat frustrating experience. I was the leader and the role model, the middle child was supposed to be the perfect example for my younger sister.

I tried to be the ideal sister and caregiver while being overshadowed by my brother’s accomplishments. My cute little sister was adored and seen as superior being the first born son. I am not sure where that left me, and to this day I cannot say I have any regret over all, the person I am today is shaped by these two individuals. I am forever a student learning from my elders and a newer ending mentor and role model. I have always looked up to my older brothers John in numerous amount of ways. Being the oldest, he definitely bears the burden of the highest expectations most parents have. He paves the road and is a natu- ral born leader. The older siblings are the cautionary tales, who we look to for guidance in times of trouble. They help us reach an understanding of who we are by comparison. The experiences and milestones in their life reflect on our own lives. We constantly compare our lives to our older siblings. They bear the brunt of our parents’ mistakes and are the first ones to sail uncharted waters.

Older siblings are our idols in our childhood. They are the all-stars and we cannot help but want to be just like them, mature, grown up, and experienced.

We learn how to be it. It de- fines us and shapes us into who we are as individuals. Their posi- tive achievements are commended and envied by the younger siblings while their mistakes are learned and criticized. We look toward our future through what we anticipate who we will become.

My eight year old sister is a different story. Younger siblings are a cause for annoyance, pain and anger in many cases. Name calling and bickering seem to go hand in hand with any elementary school child. It is either her way or the highway and a countless number of wrong words and actions are given in to the con- stant nagging. They have been there and done that and parenting is not new but it certainly is getting old. With my parents, this seems to be the case, too.

We have our own personal prin- cessor in the house and that is my little sister. With her numerous amounts of frustrations throughout my ado- lescence, I had to give up what fifteen year old teenager wishes to be free from the burden of a caregiver. My independence as a young girl was at stake. As a result of this, I learned the value of family. We all make sacrifices for each other: supporting, loving and guiding one another through bad times.

The young sister has shaped me into becoming a role model and to always think about my actions. She helped me grow into the person I am today because of my role as her older sibling.

I have a clear understanding that she looks up to me and it is part of my obligation to do well and accomplish my goals in life. I strive to be someone she can follow in a positive way. She is one of the reasons why I want to achieve my dreams and become an independent woman.

From diapers to walking sticks, our relationships with people change drastically. Friends, co-workers, peers and significant others come and go but the bond with our siblings will forever. We grow up with them and become who we are through our siblings.

Our purpose is defined and per- sonalities are shaped. They are our best friends, our worst enemies and our equals. The bond between broth- ers and sisters is like no other and we define us into the human beings we are today.

Sherry Jeong, a Marth major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
One Man’s Journey Through the Infinite Time-Hair Continuum
The beard that braced and sustained the elements

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Kristen Bryfogle
One Man’s Journey Through the Infinite Time-Hair Continuum

The beard that braced and sustained the elements

Levon Syers, an English major, is in his first year as an assistant opinion editor for The Montclarion.
This film adaptation didn’t disappoint!

Amy Waldman
Perks Film Editor

When it was announced that The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky was being adapted into a film, brooding teenagers across the world shrieked with excitement, and I was lucky enough to see it opening night in New York City. For the most part, the movie is faithful to the book we relied so heavily on in our early teenage years—translation, I—as well as many other fans of the book—were skeptical. After all, this was the book which had gotten us through some of our darkest moments. Could the book we relied so heavily on in our early teenage years translate into a movie just as powerful and endearing?

My answer, at least, is yes. The movie opened last weekend in a handful of theaters across the country, and I was lucky enough to see it opening night in New York City. For the most part, the movie is faithful to the events, flow and mood of the novel, likely because the movie was directed by the novel’s author. It was magical to see Chbosky’s words materialize into scenes and characters. Authors rarely materialize into scenes and deliver an appropriately powerful performance. Although her acting was a tad lackluster, Watson’s moments throughout the movie were extraordinary. Watson’s moments lifted the audience laughingly for Patrick, and kept the audience laughing, not only because of the absurdity of the events, but also because it was one of actress Emma Watson’s first roles in her post-Harry Potter career. The actress portrayed leading lady Sam and delivered an appropriate performance. Although her acting was a tad lackluster in some of the more casual scenes, Watson’s moments of high drama delivered and showed how much the actress has progressed since appearing in the Potter films.

However, the star of the show was definitely actor Logan Lerman in his portrayal of the novel’s protagonist, Charlie. Perhaps one of the most delightful scenes was Charlie’s wallflower moment at a school dance, when he overcomes his awkward shyness and begins to break out of his shell. Lerman demonstrated similar greatness in scenes of more serious content as well. He acted soulfully through the bumber patches in Charlie’s freshman year—from the drug use, to his first girlfriend, to his witness of domestic abuse, to mental illness and deterioration. Lerman captivated his audience from his first appearance, and I know that for me, he still hasn’t let me go. Charlie has stayed in my mind all this week. Actor Ezra Miller was another wonderful addition to the cast. Similar to Lerman, he treated the serious sides of the character Patrick with dignity and earnestness. But, he also created a tremendously endearing goofball personality for Patrick, and delivered an appropriately powerful performance. Although her acting was a tad lackluster in some of the more casual scenes, Watson’s moments throughout the movie were extraordinary. My only main criticism of the movie is that there was an obvious deviance from the novel in the omission of Charlie’s sister’s abortion. Perhaps this is because the subject is more controversial and politically-charged than the other adult themes of the novel, but it was disappointing to see such an important issue among women abandoned for issues with less political stigma. That section could have also been cut to keep the movie at a tolerable time length of 105 minutes. I know that I wouldn’t have minded staying in the theater for another 20 minutes if it meant seeing this storyline addressed in the film. It’s such a rare experience to go to the movies, and at the instant the credits roll, you have the desire to watch the movie again, immediately. This is the impression The Perks of Being a Wallflower left me with, and for that, I have only the highest praise for its cast and crew.

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Kala was the second release from the Tamil alternative songstress M.I.A. A mix of dancehall, tribal and techno influences, this project catapulted M.I.A. from the underground into the mainstream spotlight with the commercial success of her single “Paper Planes.” Her look, sound and swag fueled the social network generation to express themselves in ways no one was doing at the time, making her a music and fashion “it” girl.

M.I.A.’s journey to fame wasn’t free from a few scandals. Her edgy persona and mission to shed light on the genocide taking place in her homeland of Sri Lanka didn’t always translate well in American media and her Twitter feud with the New York Times almost gave her infamous status.

With minimal features that include music heavy-hitters like Diplo and Timbaland and virtu-ally unknown artists like Afrikan Boy, Kala was a progressive project that pushed the boundaries of what American listeners considered dance music.

Editors Rating: 4.5/5 Stars
1. “I Can’t Stand the Rain,” by Ann Peebles  
   Rashard Bradshaw, Arts Editor

2. “Night Drive,” by Jimmy Eat World  
   Jessica Czarnogursky, Features Editor

3. “Rain is a Good Thing,” by Luke Bryan  
   Nick Verhagen, Sports Editor

4. “Northern Downpour,” by Panic! at the Disco  
   Kristen Bryfogle, Assistant Opinion Editor

5. “Riders On the Storm,” by The Doors  
   Vicky Leta, Editorial Cartoonist

6. “Spent On Rainy Days,” by Bright Eyes  
   Lori Wieczorek, Editor in Chief

7. “Feel Like Rain,” by Bright Eyes  
   Lori Wieczorek, Editor in Chief

   Monika Bujas, Opinion Editor

STORMY WEATHER PLAYLIST
Bioethics and the Body Politic

September 27, 2012
University Hall Conference Center, 7th Floor

Sponsored by the Montclair State University American Democracy Project

Keynote Addresses
“Bioethics and the Body Politic”
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Constitution is a living document which continues to shape our lives today. Dr. Jessica McCormick, a bioethics expert from UMDNJ and Dr. Leslie Wilson, professor of history at Montclair State will discuss the underlying questions in the book, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, by Rebecca Skloot and the consequential tension between scientific progress and social exploitation. Dr. McCormick will discuss the challenges presented by the policies and regulations of bioethics then and now and the resulting impact on our lives as citizens. Dr. Wilson, a historian, will address the social issues that surround the question as to whether or not Henrietta Lacks’ rights were violated and if indeed the fact that she was a poor black woman are of relevance to our civil rights as guaranteed by the Constitution.

Dr. Brigid Harrison will moderate. She is professor of political science and law at Montclair State and is an expert on the politics of the Millennial Generation. Additionally, she is a frequent commentator on national and New Jersey politics for print and electronic media, and for television including FOX News, NJTV, ABC News and local affiliates of ABC, NBC, and CBS. She is the author of American Democracy Now, A More Perfect Union, Power and Society and Women in American Politics.

Student Leader Panel Discussion
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

As a follow-up to the keynote speakers, our student leaders will discuss the relevance of the issues presented and the resulting impact on their lives and their responsibilities as citizens.

For further information, please contact Carolyn Jones, American Democracy Project Campus Coordinator at jonesc@mail.montclair.edu.

All events are free and open to the public. To register visit:
http://tinyurl.com/2012ConstitutionDay

The American Democracy Project (ADP) celebrates Constitution Day. ADP is a national multi-campus initiative focused on higher education’s role in preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens for our democracy.

Constitution Day commemorates the signing of the Constitution in September 1787 by the Founding Fathers as one of the most important and influential events in American history, establishing the many rights and freedoms “We the People” enjoy today.

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David Lacks
Son of Henrietta Lacks

September 27, 2012
Montclair State University
Conference Center
University Hall, 7th Floor

7:00 p.m.
David “Sonny” Lacks, accompanied by his son David Jr., will join a conversation about what it meant to find out—decades after the fact—that his mother’s cells were being used in laboratories around the world, bought and sold by the billions. The discussion will be moderated by Brigid Harrison, professor of political science and law. A book signing will follow.

Sponsored by the Center for Writing Excellence, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the First-Year Writing Program and Student Development and Campus Life.

This event is free and open to the public.


For more information, visit montclair.edu/cwe/MontclairBook.
The women’s field hockey team has pushed their winning streak to six games after defeating Montclair State on the last week. MSU is now ranked 11th in the nation and 2-0 in conference play. The Red Hawks current overall record stands at 8-1, and in the NJAC, they are 6-0. The Red Hawks looked to improve upon a weekly shutout as they welcomed the Rowan Professors to Sprague Field for an afternoon showdown at 1:00 p.m. The Red Hawks did not disappoint the home fans, cruising to a 3-0 win over the Professors.

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With the hunt for October quickly reaching it’s conclusion, some teams have secured their playoff spots, while others are still holding on to the bitter end.

This year, the league is doing something different with the wild cards. Each league will send two wildcards to the playoffs, where they will play each other in a one-game playoff to determine who moves on.

In the American League, the Toronto Blue Jays and the Atlanta Braves have already clinched their playoff berths, and the San Fran-
cisco Giants and the Cincinnati Reds have clinched their divisions.

Despite the shutdown of young ace pitcher Stephen Strasburg over two weeks ago, the Nationals have

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With the Arizona Cardinals doing so well, the team is looking at the playoffs and will need to win their last two games to secure a spot.

The Boston Red Sox have struggled all season and will need a miracle to make the playoffs, but they have a chance to clinch if they win their last two games.

With only one spot left in the playoffs for a National League team, the St. Louis Cardinals are looking to fill that spot. They lead the wild card race with a 84-71 record.

The Giants, Cardinals, and Dodgers all have a shot at the wild card, but the Cardinals have the best record in the league.

The New York Yankees are struggling to hold onto a slim lead in the American
League East.

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With only one spot left in the playoffs for a National League team, the St. Louis Cardinals are looking to fill that spot. They lead the wild card race with a 84-71 record. Both the Dodgers and the Brewers dropped below where they needed to contend after both teams suffered losses to the National League leaders.

The American League, how-

in the race. As of right now, both the AL East and Central races are within half-games of each other or less. The AL East leaders, the New York Yankees, lead the Baltimore Ori-

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The Seattle Seahawks scored on a last-second pass that won them the game due to the referees missing the call.

Another major issue has been the safety of the players. So far, there have been brutal hits on the field that have not result-
ed in penalties. The league ended up reviewing some of these hits and has fined some of the players, such as New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman, $5,000 for a hit to the head.

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It poses the question: Why can’t
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The NFL is a Formula 1 race
which is simple to get out of hand. The
officials are coming out of the Lingerie Foot-
ball League. It’s simply degrading
for the sport to rely on the hands of
some women who have no business

the NFL and the National Football League Referees Associa-
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**Who's Hot This Week**

**AJ Scoppa**  
**Running — Football**  
Scoppa blew away William Paterson by rushing for 247 yards and four touchdowns in the Red Hawks 34-17 win over the Pioneers. Scoppa has now rushed for 609 yards and six touchdowns.

**Gina Policastro**  
**Goalkeeper — Soccer**  
Policastro finished an outstanding 12-save week by being named NJAC Defensive Player of the Week. In two overtime wins, she helped the Red Hawks remain undefeated at 8-0-1, their best starting record in school history.

**Game of the Week**

**Football**  
@ SUNY Cortland  
September 29, 1:00 p.m.

The Red Hawks will travel to New York to take on SUNY Cortland as MSU hopes to increase their winning streak to three games.

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