**The Defamation of Grover Furr**

Attacks against professor prove to be nothing but Red Scare

Jack Smith IV

A YouTube video of a Montclair professor at a public debate has sparked the attention of national and local news outlets, resulting in both public outcry and marked sensationalism.

In the video, the professor is addressed a question regarding genocides committed by communist regimes in the past hundred years, which grows into a shouting match between the professor and the questioner. "The United States has the lowest standard of living of all of the industrialized nations," says the professor at the end of the video, "and they all have some form of socialized healthcare, and you should have it too!"

The professor was Grover Furr, who has been with Montclair State for 43 years, and teaches classes like History of Journalism, World Literature and History of the English Language.

Outside of his capacities as an English professor, his research specialty has been the communist regimes of the 20th century, where he holds a number of controversial positions.

One popular contention is his claim that Stalin, who is historically recognized as a genocidal mass-murderer, never actually perpetrated any of the alleged atrocities. "I have yet to find one crime," he shouts in the video, "one crime that Stalin committed!"

The video is hosted by YAliberty, with a description that reads "Let’s make this video go viral." It has 37,000+ views to date.

Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) is a national organization for politically libertarian students. A relatively new activist organization, it has grown rapidly in the past four years, expanding to 300 chapters representing 26,000 students across the nation, a testament to the burgeoning American libertarian movement.

After the publishing of the video on their official YouTube channel, Jeff Frazee, the executive director and founder of YAL and the former National Youth Coordinator for Ron Paul’s 2008 presidential campaign released a statement claiming Furr was teaching Stalinism to students. When Furr responded to YAL on this statement, Frazee, arguably one of the most important...
On Dec. 4: A commuter student reported the theft of his parking decal from his unsecured vehicle in CarParc Diem. This matter is under investigation. (building #50)

On Dec. 5: Holly Rosnick, 20, of East Hampton, was arrested and charged with simple assault while in Blanton Hall. She is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (building #48)

On Dec. 6: A faculty member reported a theft from his unsecured vehicle in the Red Hawk Parking Deck. This matter is under investigation. (building #21)

On Dec. 7: A shuttle bus driver reported an unknown male punching out a window of the bus while waiting to pick up passengers at the Village. This matter is under investigation. (building #62)

On Dec. 8: A male resident reported both side view mirrors broken off of his vehicle while parked in Lot 29. This matter is under investigation. (near building #52)
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Marijuana

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New Jersey passed a law legal izing cannabis for patients who have a physician’s recommendation to use it. "I think that, if anything, positive changes could come out of it. I think it will help people in our school and the greater community. People don’t know exactly medicinal marijuana is and how it is used, and overall they will probably become more informed than they may have been in the past. It also opens a lot of opportunities for people who are interested in working in the medical field with medicinal marijuana," said The Montclarion’s Kristen Bry- an. Junior Garret Hoffman ques tioned the potential for legaliza tion. "I believe that the establish ment of medicinal marijuana plants is simply the next step in the process towards making marijuana legal in the given state they are set up in."

"People always find ways of getting around the established system," continued Hoffman. "Eventually this ‘privilege’ will be as abused as alcohol was dur ing its prohibition. It makes the drug more available for people to use. I realize that prescrip tions need to be issued and then they need to be approved by the state, but where things like this are concerned, corruption will always be present."

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Let Professors Know What You Think

Students can fill out evaluation forms for their professors both online and on paper.

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During the recent election season, YAL sponsored a series of debates held at local univer-
sities, and it was at this de-
bate that the video of Prof. Furr was taken. "During the first five minutes, I watched the video in re-
pularity, from 7,000 views to 12,000 views to 25,000 views and so on," said Anthony Celii, Vice President of the local YAL chapter. "It was very exciting to see our event get national cover-
age. We worked long and hard to put that debate together.

This coverage, however, was mostly due to the circulation it was receiving among a variety of conservative-leaning news sources and independent blog-
gers. The video had indeed gone viral, and with a very particular audience.

The Washington Examiner, a daily paper with a circulation of a few hundred thousand, ran the headline on its site "Your Tax Dollars At Work: prof says Stalin didn't kill millions of people - that's the Big Lie." The video itself is called "Commu-
nist Denier" teaches students." The title's implications, however, are that Grover Furr uses his platform as a professor to teach communists to his students, a possibly spurious al-
legation. All of this media attention caught the eye of Arthur V. Be-
lenduk, a lawyer from Wash-
ington D.C. Belenduk's field is constitutional law, and he has been practicing law for decades. "If the FCC regulates it, it's the kind of regulation I do." Arthur Be-
lenduk is also a first-generation Ukrainian American.

When Stalin was rolling his tanks into Eastern Europe, my parents were running for their lives, he wrote in an email to his Ukranian friends about Prof. Furr. The prospect that someone making claims that Stalin never commi-
ted "one crime" was teaching at a public university was appall-
ing to Belenduk.

Belenduk felt he needed to reach out, and contacted the of-
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Pelican Report from Around the World

- On Tuesday, President Barack Obama recognized the leading Syrian opposition coalition as the representation of the country’s people. This marks a huge advancement in U.S. interaction with the almost two-year-old issue.

- On Tuesday, news of an American citizen being held in North Korea for more than a month was released. Kenneth Bae is being detained after Korean officials learned that a member of Bae’s group was carrying “sensitive information” on their laptop. The officials consider it a terrorist action. U.S. officials say Bae is not being mistreated and are working to get him released.

- Doctors in Havana, Cuba, completed a six-hour surgical procedure on Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Tuesday.

- The death toll from the typhoon that savaged the southern Philippines last week has climbed above 700, authorities said Tuesday. They believe the final number may be much higher.

- Two Australian radio DJs made a prank call to the hospital where Catherine Middleton is staying with acute morning sickness. They got through to Middleton’s private nurse and had a conversation that included some details of her condition, which was then posted online.

- A policewoman narrowly escaped injury when a gasoline bomb was thrown at a police car in Belfast. The attack was prompted by a vote on the flying of the Union flag as tensions continue to simmer in Northern Ireland.

Information obtained from CNN.com.
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This semester, despite wacky temperature changes, a hurricane and the usual trials and triumphs of the average college semester, Montclair’s campus nonetheless stayed trendy and fashionable.

We watched the rise of leather and boots and the fall of Uggs. The resurgence of denim jackets and vests came back this semester along with the consistently popular and comfortable skate sneaker.

Ushering in the winter – despite the occasional 60-degree day – the campus population adjusted to the weather, whether it meant shedding the sweater for a blazer or incorporating an infinity scarf while still keeping things seasonal.

With spring right around the corner, it’s never too early to start thinking about the typical floral patterns, pastels and military print.

I thank all the fashion forward students who volunteered their faces and their fashion to the pages of the paper this semester and we look forward to seeing both new and old faces in the spring 2013 semester.
Rising Costs Make Commuter Life Difficult

Keith Temples
Corresponding Writer

Being a college commuter student has never been more difficult. The life of a college student has never been easy but having to commute to school today, with the additional expenses that come with that lifestyle, has become much more complicated. The vast majority of Montclair State University is commuter students: a little over 14,000 of the 18,500 total students live off campus.

Commuter students have to worry about high gas prices, traffic, expensive or limited parking and the additional costs that come with attending a commuter tuition and scholarship book prices. These students are using valuable time commuting and working when they could be using it on homework, projects or studying. The added stress and reduction of free time will only diminish the commuter student's success in school.

For many students at MSU, living on campus isn’t an option. Due to the cost for room and board, which is approximately $13,000, up 3.2 percent from last year, commuting is the only way a lot of students can go to college. This is true for Keith Rolph, a senior at MSU, who decided to commute after living on campus his freshman year because of the high price. “It’s easier to save money for the future by living at home. It wasn’t worth that much money to live here when I only lived about 25 minutes away.”

If money wasn’t an issue, living on campus would seem to be the solution for all commuters. This isn’t a luxury most have, but for Steven Jackson, a political science major who previously commuted, this is the case. Due to scholarships and financially sound parents, Jackson can live on campus and be home before 9 p.m. every day. He explains about his senior year without having to worry about the additional cost.

For Jackson, the ease of commuting, Jackson wanted to focus completely on his academics, which to him meant he had to give up driving if it means avoiding these headaches. “I worked an extra day a week for gas last year. The cost for gas and get rid of some of the debt. These extra days of work don’t work for class is the only morning routine I do.” For Jackson, his least favorite part about living on campus is one positive for being a commuter. “Boredom,” said Jackson. “I don’t really need that extra money so I don’t have to work, which lets me get more school work done.”

Getting to school is a problem for many students who commute, having to worry about. When Jackson commuted to school, he had to work so that he could pay for his gas. Jackson was spending nearly $40 a week on gas last year. By living on campus, he eliminated this need and the stress that came with it. “I worked an extra day during the week so that I could afford my gas. Now living here [on campus], I don’t really need that extra money so I don’t have to work, which lets me get more school work done.”

Rolph decided to take NJ Transit’s Montclair-Boonton Line to school this semester because driving was too much of a hassle due to traffic problems and bad weather. “I hated driving,” said Rolph. “I don’t have to worry about parking or getting a parking ticket anymore. I got three parking tickets my sophomore year because I wouldn’t get the pass because it was too much.” Rolph is willing to pay a little more than the cheaper solution of driving if it means avoiding these problems. He was paying about $25 a week for gas last year. The cost for a NJ Transit train ride went up approximately 25% in May of 2010, making even this form of commuting not immune to the rough economy. “It’s $7 to get to school and another $7 to get back,” said Rolph. “…I don’t have worry about traffic or finding a spot so I know I won’t be late to class.”

A commuter student who depends on driving to school will be affected by the smallest tick upwards or downward in gas prices. This is not good news for drivers today. As of Oct. 13, the average price for regular gas in New Jersey was $3.72, which is up from $3.29 a year ago. As for the entire country, the nationwide fuel price for regular gas is $3.58, where a year ago the price was $3.47. This is a small positive for New Jersey drivers, as they pay less than the national average.

When it comes to Rolph’s least favorite part of commuting, he says it’s trying not to spend money. “I have to get to school, so making sure I have enough for the train. I’ll try not to go out too much or I won’t get too much to drink when I do.” For Jackson, his least favorite part about living on campus is one positive for being a commuter. “Boredom,” said Jackson. “I don’t really need much to do here, so whenever I finish my work or stop studying, I’m pretty bored. A lot of my friends are still living at home but I can’t hang out with them.”

If you decide to live on campus, it will lead to more money spent down the line but it could relieve the stress and complications that commuting brings. Having more time for your school work and activities could improve your grades, give you more time for social activities and make your college experience better.

This is the question every student must ask themselves, whether saving yourself from future debt is worth possibly hurting your college education. This isn’t a very easy decision to make for students, especially if your family is among the many struggling financially today.

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| Year | $10,657 | $11,057 |

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MSU to NY Penn Station

| Year | $5.75 | $7.25 |

Aug. Gas Price

| Last Year | $3.29 |
| Oct. 13 | $3.72 |
Levon Seyers
Staff Writer

Campus Rec Hosts Zumbathon for Melanoma Research

Last Wednesday, close to 50 men and women put some serious pep in their step as Campus Recreation held a “Zumbathon” in order to raise money and awareness about melanoma, a rare and often terminal cancer of the skin. During the hour-long event in which loud music, dancing and laughter permeated throughout the gymnasium, over $600 was raised, once again illustrating the selfless type of care and support those affiliated with Montclair State University are willing to put forth toward noble causes.

“Zumba,” is a fitness program designed by Alberto Perez during the 1990s that allows for the mixture of dance and aerobic elements. From hip hop to belly dancing, it seems that forms of exercise during this activity are limited only to the instructor’s imagination, which can often explain the subsequent soreness in those that attend. Though these classes typically consist of females, many males were also trying their hands during the Zumbathon, for which many of them have a newfound respect. Matthew Vecchi, Senior and Area Supervisor of Intramural Sports at Campus Recreation talked about his experience.

“I thought it was very upbeat and fun. The instructor did a great job in keeping everyone together and making the routine simple enough so that everyone could keep up. It’s a lot harder than I expected, and I have respect for Zumba instructors and those that attend Zumba on a regular basis.” Kelly Hammer also commented on the challenges that were presented physically during the Zumbathon. “I’ve ‘Zumba’ed’ in the past, but never for that long. It was pretty challenging.” When asked what she thought of men participating in the Zumbathon, Ms. Hammer noted, “It was great that so many different people came together to participate in the fundraiser. Seeing a bunch of guys out there ‘Zumba’ing’ was extremely entertaining.”

Dominique Gleason, Senior and Area Supervisor of Fitness Programs at Campus Recreation, thought that it was uplifting to see such a diverse response to the fundraiser, including the male participants. “I thought it was great that guys came out. It is really awesome to see diversity in our programs because that is our main goal.” Gleason, who did most of the preparation for the work, commented on the work involved for the event, “The fitness coordinator Jared Utterback really was a huge help during the process. Also the lead instructor of the event Sam Melia also helped to organize the event. I booked the facility for the event, sending out fliers, and helping out where I could with setting up.”

Melanoma causes the most deaths among types of skin cancers worldwide. According to the World Health Organization, a group formed by the United Nations dealing with international public health, 48,000 melanoma-related fatalities occur every year worldwide. As a result, families are often left devastated and nonplussed in dealing with the aftermath and trying to continue on with their lives. By bringing about awareness of such diseases, even at an event like Campus Recreation’s Zumbathon, it invites the possibility for change, which in return provides a vast amount of hope for those currently in that struggle.

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11:30 a.m.
Exchange Program Information Session

12:30 p.m.
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1:30 p.m.
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2:30 p.m.
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Christmas Crossword

Christmas is fast approaching! Solve this festive holiday puzzle.

Across
2 A popular flower during Christmas
3 The jolly old man who gives out presents
4 Be careful not to slip on this!
6 These small little helpers
8 Give these to your friends and loved ones
10 Who has a shining red nose?
11 This famous snowman
12 Decorate this large plant
13 Jingie _____

Down
1 Snack for Santa
3 Festive mode of transportation
5 The Christmas kissing plant
7 This type of weather falls around Christmas season
9 This famous holiday's animal
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Bloomfield Avenue has blossomed. The first medicinal marijuana dispensary, The Greenleaf Compassions Center, opened up on Bloomfield Avenue right in Montclair. For their grand opening, 20 patients were allowed through their doors to undergo treatment. Participants go through the pain many of the patients were allowed through their doors to undergo treatment. News stations hovered around the building trying to get statements from patients who had returned after treatments. With the exception of a few participants, many of the first-time patients refused to make statements and hid their faces. It’s really peculiar— are people that ashamed to enjoy something that was once considered illegal?

Many of the patients who did respond to newspapers stated that they enjoyed the treatments and that they felt great afterwards. Patients spoke about the professionalism behind the whole treatment and how marijuana was great at minimizing the pain many of the participants go through. Many people are skeptical about having this dispensary in town and not too far from a college campus. These people, those supposed “pot smokers” probably go through pain beyond our wildest imagination and do so on a daily basis. If there is something out there that relieves this pain for them and allows them to function on a daily basis, we have no right to take this away from them. With the rising legalization of marijuana, Greenleaf Compassion Centers eventually plans to open six dispensaries in total with the Montclair location being the first to complete the application, permitting processes and securing approvals from local officials. Why would Montclair’s local officials approve of the construction? Think about all the revenue this building can bring into local restaurants. It’s no secret that when you smoke marijuana, you get the “munchies” and with all the restaurants around the area, they are sure to get a few extra customers. Since Montclair is currently the only town with a dispensary, many will flock to Montclair’s commercial district, which could bring in potential revenue. There is also some skepticism about security in a town of this size. Many believe that the dispensary will be a target for thieves. We would beg to differ.

Citizens have stated that the commercial district of Montclair is highly secure. Police usually patrol and maintain the area in case of a potential threat. The Greenleaf Compassion Center also has its own set of security guards allowing no one to enter the building without presenting a medical ID. The final concern on everyone’s mind is if this dispensary will promote the legalization of recreational uses of marijuana and that will cause people to abuse the product. This is being blown way out of proportion, even stretching it out to be a second prohibition. Many other countries have legalized weed and they haven’t had the need for any prohibitions. Secondly, we are talking about medicinal marijuana; there is no talk about making recreational marijuana legal. This medicinal marijuana is a means of healing for some. To completely take away this medical anomaly from those who need it isn’t fair in the slightest. The panic over this subject is highly unnecessary. If marijuana was not going to have any sort of benefits to people, do you think that it would have been legalized? Skepticism is fed by doubts and grows into fear. We fear what we do not understand, but what we do not understand may not be as bad.

Students Speak

Do you think the medicinal marijuana dispenser will cause conflict in Montclair?

Christine Dargan
Undeclared

“I think it will cause a little bit of conflict with those who don’t really like marijuana, obviously, but, I’m gonna be honest, Montclair is known as the marijuana town, so it isn’t like it’s going to make that much of a difference. But, for people who do not like marijuana, it’s gonna be a serious conflict with them.”

Andy Nelson
Senior
Biology

“I think it might cause a conflict within the town, [since] there are a lot of small children that live here. People are raising their families. That might not be something that they want to have their children raised around, even if it is for medicinal purposes.”

Krystal Gardner
Junior
Business Management/Marketing

“I believe it will cause conflicts. I’m not a smoker myself, but more campus people are closer to exposure to drugs. It can cause problems as far as class, drugs on campus and stuff like that.”

Cassie Kliesch
Junior
Fine Arts

“I don’t understand how a medicinal marijuana spot could even be opened in a town like Montclair because they have so many rules and restrictions. As a student, I’m not sure if students would go out of their way to fake things to get their card. If it does become a problem among students, it could be another divide between the town and the college because they already kind of don’t like us.”
Rec Center Opens Its Doors
Giving back for the season and receiving smiles worth a lifetime

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decem-
ber brought a month of special events for many people from around the world. With excitement over gifts received and given away, there was much to be found in places gloomy for every other month of the year.

The Student Recreation Center held its annual event, “Special Friends Day” last Sunday, and the student leaders and факультет students involved were definitely on both the receiving and giving end of happiness during the event.

For a large portion of the day, the facility is closed to patrons. “Special friends,” or children with special needs come to the Recreation Center and are led through special applications we use. I knew that both the receiving and giving end of happiness were definitely on display.

The list of praises for the event would be countless if I took the time to list all the positive things I saw. The decorations for the theme of the board game Candy Land were adorable and plentiful. The floor was literally transformed into Candy Land by the presence of children with the bright colors and decorations, not to mention the glimpses of games and activities set up for the special friends and their buddies, including swimming, a DJ, a movie theater and face painting. Special t-shirts are also provided with lunch, a t-shirt and a goodbye-tied tote bag. The activities have interested in seeing what Special Friends Day was all about and I was amazed at all the hard work, planning and enthusiasm which went into putting the event together. I could not be more impressed and captivated.

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Going is Such Sweet Sorrow
Montclair State University’s declassified restroom survival guide

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These are some of the toi­let of terror stories I have en­dured while using the bathrooms at Montclair State Universi­ty. Should I waste my breath on the fact that many of these bathrooms need to be repaired?

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I’ve been through, you will get a sense about how badly repairs need to happen. There are some decent bathrooms around campus. For example, the ones on the sec­ond floor of University Hall and all of Schmitt Hall are relatively nice. In my opinion, they are probably the best kept bathrooms on campus.

Meanwhile, other campus restrooms are nearly in shan­bles. Would it be too melodra­matic to say that I see these restrooms in my nightmares?

I have had some of the most embarrassing incidents happen to me in these bathrooms, and that’s only this past semester alone. The assumption that I am going to have a routine trip to the bathroom has literally gone down the toilet.

Sad­ly, I can’t speak from a male perspective, but I know for a fact that the women’s rest­rooms are in dire need of repairs.

My biggest complaint is the condition of the bathrooms in Dick­son and Mallory Halls. The sec­ond floor of Mallory Hall has sus­tainable bathrooms, but the first floor needs some work. The last stall in the bathroom of the first floor was broken, the handle was missing, and the ending of the stall frame.

If someone were to peak through that gaping hole, there would virtu­ally be no privacy for someone who occupies that stall. As far as Dick­son goes, I would like to praise it for staying intact, although it is in need of desperate reconstruction.

The women’s restrooms in Dick­son are pretty much in ruins. To nitpick on the small details, many of the stall locks are miss­ing, leaving most stalls unusable.

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Student Center Annex

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– Charlie Chaplin

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Korean Pop Ready to Tame U.S. Waters

Nicole Duque
Staff Writer

The trend-setting hair styles, flawless make up, perfectly choreographed dance routines and crazy catchy beats have placed Korean Pop on the top charts all across Asia for the past decade. Taking the Eastern continent by storm, Korean bands have already begun to test U.S. waters, and so far have been successful.

Currently, the biggest Korean artist many of us are familiar with is Psy, the classy yet cheesy dancer with his hit song “Gangnam Style.” With a whopping 900 million views on YouTube, “Gangnam Style” has broken multiple records worldwide, being played in arenas, stadiums and radio stations ranging from Tokyo to Paris.

Psy is praised by fans of all ages and nationalities, including celebrities and political leaders, whether they speak Korean or not, causing a cultural wave. Psy, however, is not the only artist under the YG Enter- tainment label that has made a mark in the United States.

This past August, Korean girl group 2NE1 rocked out the Prudential Center in New-ark, selling out their U.S. date within hours. Thousands of fans turned out to the event, creating a flash mob in celebration of their first East Coast concert.

2NE1, a quartet, fuse electron-ics with R&B and hip hop to create their distinct sound and image. Their wardrobe ranges from spikes to animal prints, metallic dresses to chic suits. Their image is always evolving, just as their music does, which is what attracted the United States audience to begin with.

In 2011, the girls won the Best New Artist award from MTV Iggy, the first for a Korean group and are expected to be back on another tour soon. Most recently, Big Bang also headlined the Prudential Cen- ter back in November of this past year.

The quintet from Seoul sold out their U.S. dates in under two weeks, causing a de- mand from fans for more dates. The band added a second Jersey date, resulting in major suc- cess and a promising return.

Like 2NE1, thousands of fans have participated in mak- ing the event as lively and in- teresting as possible, with light sticks, banners, personalized T-shirts and of course, a flash mob.

Oppan Freedom Style America’s Cultural Ignorance

Jonathan Michael Molina
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Every day in the news, sta- tistics are rattled off on drone strikes and casualties, intended or incidental. The fatigue of war has worn on the general populace and to them, the war on terror’s fifteen minutes of fame were off five years ago. Americans are more enamored with what channel that now Top 40 artist will appear on. We all know, how- ever, that it won’t be MTV because MTV hasn’t played music videos since “The Real World” started airing back in the 90s.

However, whichever televi- sion program or song or video game, it will probably contain some form of violence. Violence in its varying degrees has be- come as American as apple pie. Just ask Chris Brown. When it isn’t us however, when we are the ones who are on the re- ceiving end, it all goes to hell.

Kneejerk reactions happen quicker than our trigger fingers. It’s ironic, though, how America, the self appointed world police, the “harbinger of peace,” can’t help but to have speaking out indiscriminate murder when we are the ones actually murdering.

“Kill those (expletive) Yankees who have been torturing Iraqi captives.” “Kill those (expletive) Yankees who ordered them to torture. Kill their daughters, mothers, fathers and sons. Kill them all slowly and painfully.” These are the lyrics in question that have everybody up in arms. Of course, out of con- text, it is a justifiable thing to be outraged about, but we live in a world where context is the most important part of a message.

The anti-American verse was said by Psy in 2004 during a pro- test concert in South Korea in response to the antiwar sentiment and the killing of two innocent Korean civilians. The live per- formance included Psy smashing a model of a tank as well. Who wouldn’t be furious after witness- ing unnecessary torture of Iraqis and the death of two of your own? Who wouldn’t express the anger of having the killers of Korean civilians being tried by their own military court instead of South Korean government and being acquitted in the end? Expressing anger and frustra- tion is natural and should be ac- cepted, but isn’t allowed in our politically correct society, well, unless we are the ones doing it.

The brush patriotism and “country at all costs” mental- ity that we Americans have is viewed as the essential part of our culture, that if you aren’t patri- otic, then you “aren’t American.” These views cause us to have tunnel vision, to forget that we are just as guilty as the radicals are in the Middle East. You’ll never see it, though, because our corporate run media will never portray it as such because it isn’t “American.” It isn’t “patri- otic,” then you “aren’t American.”

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Big Bang delivers a mix of hip hop, rock, R&B and electron- ic styles, from both their group albums and solo albums that also influence their clothing and hair styles. To keep it fresh, the boys tend to change their hair- style multiple times per month having set many fashion trends all across Asia and Europe. Creating an impact like never before, Korean Pop is only at the beginning stages of success in the United States. Other bands are looking to break through to the American charts and have a share of their own success sto- ries, giving Korean Pop lovers in the United States the news they have been longing for.

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K-Pop sensation Psy
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Hey, Gleeksters! In case you missed last week’s “Glee” episode for some ungodly reason, here’s a recap: New Directions lost sectionals to the Warblers after Marley collapsed on stage because she hadn’t eaten all week, so their glee season is now over—and while some glee members blame Marley for their loss, it’s really Kitty’s fault because she kept telling Marley that she was getting fat, which was why Marley stopped eating.

In NYADA news, Rachel was invited to perform in the winter showcase, which is a huge honor, especially for a freshman, and she won. Kurt was given one more chance to audition for NYADA and he got in. That’s what you missed on Glee.

The message intertwined in last week’s episode consisted of “never giving up on your dreams or losing hope when things don’t work out the way you expected them too,” which is something all of us can relate to. After New Directions lost sectionals, everyone scattered to join new clubs just so they could fit in and belong to a group. However, Finn Hudson reached out and reminded them that just because their season is over now, it doesn’t mean they should stop singing and give up on something they love. We all remember the sadness we felt when Kurt got rejected from the New York Academy of Dramatic Arts back in season three, but Kurt kept the dream alive and succeeded the second time around.

Last week’s episode featured ND covering three classic songs: “Something Stupid” by Frank and Nancy Sinatra, “Being Good Isn’t Good Enough” and “Being Alive,” both by Barbara Streisand. Kate Hudson reprised her role as NYADA dance instructor Sandra July and went head to head with Lea Michele’s character Rachel Berry in a singing and dancing showdown to “All That Jazz” from the Broadway musical “Chicago.” The end of the episode saw ND finally coming back together and doing a cover of one of my personal favorites such as, “Don’t Dream It’s Over” by Crowded House (although some of you might remember this song being made popular again when Sixpence None the Richer covered it).

Be sure to check out last week’s episode and tune in for this week’s all new episode, which airs Thursdays at 9 p.m. on Fox. Also, be sure to check out their new Christmas album, which was released on Tuesday.

Sufjan Stevens, the prolific folk writer best known for the “Illinois” album, is taking on the season, and not for the first time. In 2006, Stevens released a box set of songs, “Songs for Christmas,” a mammoth collection of five CDs. He’s following it this year with Silver & Gold, the five more albums (and 58 tracks) needed to round it out to a 100-song collection.

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Lifehouse New Album Review

It's always risky when a band changes their sound, especially when its fans are used to the sound they've been consistent with for over 10 years. Lifehouse was willing to take that risk on their sixth studio album, *Almeria*, which hit stores and iTunes on Tuesday.

Being a fan of theirs ever since “Hanging By A Moment” from their debut album, *No Name Face* back in 2000, I was excited to hear what their new album would bring. If you're expecting to hear amazing lyrics fueled by their alternative rock sound that you've grown to fall in love with like I did, be prepared to be completely shocked.

*Almeria* sounds nothing like *No Name Face*, *Stanley Climbfall*, *Lifehouse*, *Who We Are* or *Smoke & Mirrors* at all. With the exception of a few songs, the band completely revamped their sound, taking it old school with a mix of country thrown in.

The album opens up with “Gotta Be Tonight,” which is sort of the old Lifehouse sound we all know and love. “Gotta Be Tonight” reminds us to be daring and to take chances even when the road ahead seems never-ending because lead vocalist, Jason Wade, said it best, “we gotta take a chance while we're still young.” The song quickly became one of my favorites and I'm sure it will become one of yours, too.

*Almeria* also includes “Between the Raindrops,” which features Natasha Bedingfield. If you're looking for that cute, catchy upbeat tune, this track would be your best bet. However, if you're trying to find the one song that will spill your entire soul to your special someone, then I highly recommend listening to “Only You’re the One.” This song has been on constant repeat on my phone after I first heard it.

While tracks such as, “Always Somewhere Close” and “Nobody Listens” still contain a hint of that alternative rock vibe accompanied by Wade’s deep, raspy voice, other tracks like, “Move on Day,” “Pins & Needles,” “Right Back Home (feat. Peter Frampton & Charles Jones)” and “Rolling Off the Stone” are the songs where the old school and country sound is clearly evident.

This album might not be for everyone, but if you've been a Lifehouse fan since they began, I ask to you to give *Almeria* a chance. If you're an iTunes guy or girl like me, then you already know you don't have to purchase the entire album if you don't want to and can instead opt to buy some of the tracks individually.
A message from the NBA and its players

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The Montclair State Red Hawks played Friday, Nov. 30 against St.iena College in an away game at the Albany County Hockey Facility. The puck dropped at 9:15 and the Red Hawks battled it out on the ice until 11:45.

Montclair State went into the game having notched a 6-0 shutout victory against the same Siena College team. The game was close, but the Red Hawks were ousted by St.iena College. The team’s record at the end of the month of November was 5-5-1.

In the game against St.iena College, the Red Hawks could not get it going offensively, scoring only one goal in the contest. The game was a defensive battle from start to finish. Goal tenders Joseph Calan- driello started in his third straight game and only faced 21 shots.

The Red Hawks lone goal came from forward Brandon Per- son on a power play. It was Per- son’s ninth goal of the season and fifth on the man advantage. He now leads the team in power play goals. Michael Pirovano and Thomas Lindquist assisted on the power play.

On Friday, Dec. 7, the Red Hawks took on Western Connecti- cut State University at the Pond- bury Ice Arena. The puck dropped at exactly 7:50 and turned out to be quite the offensive showcase. The Red Hawks came out flying, scoring nine goals in the first period of goals Joseph Fede.

Fede got the start after Ca- landers coach Rich Trepanier started the previous games in net for the Red Hawks. There were no scores of accuracy for the Montclair State Red Hawks in the 9-2 rout of Western Connecticut State. The Red Hawks had beaten the same Western Connecticut State team once before this season, 16-6 on Oct. 20 in a home match for the Red Hawks.

Seven different players scored goals for the Red Hawks, including two from Samuel En- right and two from Christopher Precioso, who also registered two assists. Nick Lieback added a goal and three assists of his own for the Red Hawks. Coach Inglis, Albert Ahasuna and Michael Pirovano all also found the back of the net in the win.

Just two of the nine goals for the Red Hawks came on the pow- er play. One was from Person and the other from Inglis. Joseph Fede had a solid game in net. The team played well defensively, but when Fede had to make stops, he did. He faced 22 shots and only allowed two goals in the game.

A 9-2 rout save percent- age for the night. Although the team took more penalties than they would have liked to, they managed to score a goal a man down. The short-handed goal came from Samuel Enright. It was one of the two goals he would score in the night.

The Red Hawks will now enjoy some well-deserved time off. They do not return to action until Jan. 13, when they take on North- eastern University in their first game of 2013. It will be an away game for the Montclair State Uni- versity Red Hawks and the puck is set to drop at 4:30.

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Men’s Basketball Drops the Ball

Tempers flared as the Montclair State men’s basketball team’s losing woes continued as they dropped their third straight conference game at home to the Ramapo Roadrunners by a score of 81-64 last Wednesday at Panzer Athletic Center.

With the loss, the Red Hawks fall to 2-5 overall and 0-4 in the NJAC. The Red Hawks found themselves dominated in the low post all night by a well-rounded Ramapo squad. Ramapo senior forward Elgin Brown scored a game high 22 points to lead the Roadrunners to their fifth consecutive victory.

Ramapo quickly jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first half as the Red Hawks were unable to counter the full-court press. Head coach Daren Rowe called an early timeout to try to get his players to settle down and get their heads into the game. They were able to climb back into the game, going on a 9-0 run to take a 10-7 lead with 15 minutes remaining in the first half.

“You just have to tell them to keep working, keep working and keep chipping away, just do what you have to do to get back into the game,” coach Rowe later said.

The Roadrunners managed to tie it up at 10 and the score remained close as neither team was able to build a lead of more than three as the score was tied at 21 with about 10 minutes left to play in the first half. The Roadrunners then went on a 13-3 run to take a 10-point lead with four minutes left to play. They managed to build a 15-point halftime lead, leading 46-31 at the break. The Roadrunners’ dominance in the paint was the key to their success in the opening half as they managed 28 points in the paint, 21 coming off of second chance looks.

The Red Hawks were not able to get anything going in the second half as they only managed two field goals and five points in the first ten minutes. The Roadrunners would build a game-high 29-point lead at the ten-minute mark, leading 65-36. The Red Hawks would cut the lead to 12, however, with a 25-8 run led by sophomore guard James D’Angelo, who had nine points during the run. D’Angelo would finish the game with 11 points and seven assists.

Garrett Thiel committed a hard foul on D’Angelo in the late stages of the second half. What ensued was a near bench-clearing brawl that saw players and coaches on both teams storming the floor. The refs and coaches were able to calm things down, but Thiel was ejected from the game. The Roadrunners would finish the game with an 11-0 run, going on to win by a score of 84-61.

The Red Hawks fall to 2-5 with the loss to Ramapo, and head coach Daren Rowe has made it clear that bouncing back from tough losses is going to be a key to success this season. “We are struggling right now, but just need to stay focused and keep working hard in practice to get where we need to be,” said Rowe following the game.

The Red Hawks return to action on Dec. 12, when they host New Jersey City at 8 p.m. at Panzer Athletic Center.

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Who’s Hot This Week

Anthony Cacella
Men’s Swimming & Diving
Cacella earned Diver of the Week for the second time after winning both sections of diving during MSU’s double-dual meet against MAAC opponents St. Peter’s and Manhattan. He placed first in the opening section of diving with a score of 156.20. Cacella also claimed first place in the second section of diving with a mark of 126.55.

Natalie Papantoniou
Women’s Swimming & Diving
Papantoniou was named NJAC Diver of the Week for the second time this season after winning both sections of diving in the Red Hawks’ tri-meet against NJAC foes Manhattan and St. Peter’s. She won the opening section of diving with a score of 169.20 and won the second section with a mark of 124.50.

Game of the Week

Women’s Basketball vs. Drew
December 16, 1 p.m.

MSU will look to continue its perfect start when the Red Hawks take on NJAC opponent Drew. A win will put MSU at 9-0.

For updates, check out: www.montclairathletics.com and @TheMontclarion on Twitter
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It is a common occurrence that people who take part in fantasy football start to stray from rooting for their team but, in turn, root for their favorite players. New York Giants running back #22, LaVern Jones-Drew of the Jackson- ville Jaguars kneeled down at the 50 yard line to apologize to his fans. In a 2009 game Jones-Drew even gotten backlash for their in- game decisions. In a 2009 game against the New York Jets, Mas- sive Jean-Dyer of the Jackson- ville Jaguars knocked down at the one-yard line to run out the clock.

Despite this being a deci- sion that would make any coach proud, it also turned out to be a decision that made fantasy own- ers everywhere throw up their arms in revolt. In the post-game press conference, Jones-Drew even took time to apologize to his fans. While it goes unnoticed, this “harmless” game is chang- ing the psyche of football fans every- where and negatively altering their view on their favorite sport.

Living in a Fantasy World
Fantasy football and its effects on society

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Fantasy football has taken the nation by storm and it continues to grow and spread with each passing year. It is almost getting to the point where more people spend their Sundays in front of their computers instead of their TVs.

Fantasy football is an interactive online game where peo- ple can form professional football players to their digital teams that score points based off of their perfor- mances of their physical counter- parts. The owner of this team gets to do everything an actual manager does, minus the cold weather and playbook. Many people view this as a simple and fun pasttime but in many cases fantasy football has even been known to cause problems.

Although the U.S. govern- ment does not rule fantasy football divided, many state governments, colleges and universities have. The Florida State University Foot- ball illegal under the circumstances that “Whoever stakes, bets or wa- ves any money or other thing of value upon the result of any trial or contest of skill, speed or power of endurance of human or beast... shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.”

For those that play in “free” leagues, there is no fee to panic. This only applies to “paid” leagues. If any Florida residents find that their football rush is op- pressed and limited, they must not know about the field hockey team at the University of Vermont, who are not even allowed to take part in the free leagues without the risk of a withdrawn scholarship.

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