The Defamation of Grover Furr
Attacks against professor prove to be nothing but Red Scare

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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...

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The Defamation of Grover Furr teaches the History of Journalism here at Montclair State.

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Let Professors Know What You Think

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

Lynka Tanaka
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As the end of the fall semester approaches, students are looking forward to a much needed winter break. When the semester comes to a close, a student at Montclair State University have the ability to express their opinions and comments on the courses they have taken this semester in the professor and course evaluations given by each department.

Montclair’s vast variety of courses certainly has its perks, but it also has its downsides. There will come a time in every student’s college career when they’re forced into a class they may or may not like.

The Office of the Provost, however, understands this issue faced by students and offers several surveys at the end of each course. This allows for students to voice their likes and dislikes on a specific class or professor. The surveys are in a “fill in the circle” type format, and ask the student to rate several factors about the class. Students are asked to rate things from the professor’s teaching ability to the importance of the course itself.

The Office of the Provost over-sees academic programs among the several colleges, schools, and even oversees the University Library. It strives to promote faculty excellence and developing effective academic policies in order to create an allusive curricu-lum. The department is also re sponsible for the education and training among MBU’s staff and administrators in research and assessments.

Their overall goal consists of “the analysis and use of data by faculty to make judgments about student performance.”

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Marijuana

New Jersey passed a law legal-izing cannabis for patients with certain medical conditions like glaucoma and multiple se- lecular sclerosis.

Only patients with an ID reg-istered with the State Depart-ment of Health and certain di- seases can be administered this otherwise illegal substance, and so far over 300 patients have been approved.

This has caused controversy within the community because of the questionable abuse of this privilege.

When asked, sophomore Jo-anna Takeda said, “I don’t think it would have a harsh ef-fect on the community in a nega-tive way. People shouldn’t be ig-norant enough to abuse potential privileges because it could easily lead back to overall prohibition. If marijuana does eventually be-come legal for recreational us-age, people should understand that if it is abused, it can easily be taken away again and peo-ple should always keep that in mind.”

Cannabis has been said to relieve extreme pain, nausea, vomiting and stimulate hunger in chemotherapy and AIDS pa-tients as well as lower eye pres sure for glaucoma patients.

There are several different types of strains of marijuana with different degrees of strength tailored to the severity of the pa-tient’s illness.

“I think that if anything, posi-tive changes could come out of it. I think it will help people in our school and the greater community population see what 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 Montclarians’ Kristen Bry-fogle.

Junior Garret Hoffman ques-tioned the potential for legaliza-tion. “I believe that the estab-lishment of medicinal marijuana plants is simply the next step in the process towards making marijuana legal in the given state they are set up on.”

“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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The change started this past summer and is still a work-in-progress, but it looks like the new studio will improve the quality of the broadcast. Everything in the studio is brand new. The new station has been called “amazing” by the staff of WMSC. The equipment is all new, including microphones, a new mixing board, new CD decks and more.

Everything you can possi-bly imagine for a radio station is what you will find in the new station.

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ers in the country, personally responded with one sentence, "You are a sick man for denying the deaths of millions of innocent people and should be exposed for such."

During the recent election season, YAL sponsored a series of debates held on university campuses, and it was at this de-
bate that the video of Prof. Furr was taken. "During the first few days, I watched the video rise in popularity, 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 Examiners daily paper with a circulation of a few hundred thousand, ran the headline on its site "Your Tax Dollars At Work: prof says Stalin did not kill millions of people." 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 communism or Stalinism to his students, a possibly spurious al-
legation.

All of this media attention caught the eye of Arthur V. Be-
 lenduik, a lawyer from Wash-
ington D.C. Belenduik's field is communications and he has been practicing law for decades. "If the FCC regulates it, it's the kind of work I do," said Belenduik, speaking on the phone from his office in Washington. "It's not an issue of teaching the controversial. We demand that students who come to college be taught things that are truthful. Ununsatisfied with the official re-
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Though initially excited by the circulation and publicity, the law professorship of Furr was clear that they didn't support the out-
cry against Prof. Furr which stemmed largely from his teaching position. "We invited the man to debate his position, and he did just that," said Celii. "This is not an absolute right, indepen-
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Ultimately, it's Professor Furr's right to debate his views and the legitimacy of his professional-
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(Clarification on Article Regarding Dr. Stevens)

An article printed last week incorrectly stated that a pro-
fessor had been arrested for disorderly conduct.

Dr. John Stevens, 69, has been a history professor at Montclair State University for over 40 years. He also has Parkinson's Disease.

According to Dr. Rich Wolf-
son, President of AFT Local 1904, Dr. Stevens was ap-
proached by officers on Nov. 26 after being accused of "inappropriate and unethical" treatment of Dr. Stevens when he left his car to go to class.

"Dr. Stevens had failed to take his medication that day," said Wolfson. "If he did not take his medication, then it could present as being disor-
ting that wasn't really par-for-the-
course."

Though there is debate about his writings on the subject of communist regimes of the 20th century, there is no record of him part of his assigned readings or materials for classes he's taught. Prof. Furr's statement seems to fend himself from outright slan-
der on the subject.

Registered professors.com, a site owned by MTVU that hosts mil-
lions of ratings and comments, is where disgruntled students of professors much like you would movies or restaurants.

The site has pages of comments for Prof. Furr, including complaints ranging from the misleading to the obviously fraudulent. Prof. Furr writes a letter nearly an-
ually requesting the removal of dozens of these posts, going one by one through each review, pointing out clear inaccuracies, such as comments on Furr's perfor-
mance teaching classes that don't even exist.

As I recall, in every case they removed the posts. "They've handled this matter well," said Furr. "[They've] handled this matter well." Soon after they removed the posts, Furr begins to stack up again, and are often taken as legitimate and used to build criticism in right-
wing blogs.

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As for Furr himself, the de-
fense against the defamation of his character marches onward. He thinks it's time for another letter to Ratemyprofessors.com. I'll probably write to them again as soon as classes are over."
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.
Richard Alston, Artistic Director

with the Prima Voce choir - Heather J. Buchanan, conductor

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What’s Trending?
A Semester in Review

Jessica Czarnogursky  Feature Editor

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.

#MSU_fashion
Rising Costs Make Commuter Life Difficult

By Kyle Tompkins Contributing 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’s 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 in addition to rising tuition and schoolbook 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, waking up and getting ready for class is the only morning routine he has to worry about when living here on campus, waking up and getting ready for class is the only morning routine he has to worry about. When the commute was too much of a hassle due to parking problems and bad weather. “I hated driving,” said Jackson. “I don’t have to worry about traffic or finding a spot so I know I won’t be late to class.”

When Jackson commuted to school, he too had to work so that he could pay for 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.”

Getting to school is a problem only college students who commute have to worry about. Walking around on campus, waking up and getting ready for class is the only morning routine you need. It’s approximately a 35-minute train ride for Rolph to get school, who gave up driving this semester due to frustration. This is more than an hour a day wasted, which doesn’t include getting to and from the train station and having to deal with unpredictable delays or cancellations. Rolph decided to take NJ Transit’s Montclair-Boonton Line to school this semester because driving was too much of a hassle due to parking 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 $3.78, 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 find 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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Feature

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’d’ 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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Zumba instructor and eager students
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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. 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, these 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 the area of town. 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 unless they present 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 many. If marijuana was not going to have any sort of benefit 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.

The Haze Around Marijuana

Students Speak

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

Christine Dargan
Freshman
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 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 staff like that.”

Cassie Kliess
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 far as the school is concerned, I’m not sure if students would go out of their way to take 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 To Special Friends
Giving back for the season and receiving smiles worth a lifetime

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There were opportunities for games, crafts and color, play games like cornhole and Candy Land. For instance, in the style of Campus Recreation, to be active with bouncy in a military uniform and dancing. The activities even looked fun to me as a “kid-at-heart.”

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The parents of these children were there, but anyone can buy a gift. The gift of seeing their children with special needs enjoy their time in such a great place, but many were just as excited as their children upon seeing the building and its activities.

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

To the Editor:

Left and Far Right: Gap in Mal- lory First Floor Women’s Room

Dickson Second Floor

Student Center Annex

Lock on boy’s room

Dickson Second Floor

Dickson Second Floor

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The Montclairion Mailbag

To the Editor:

I’m writing in response to a recent Montclarion ar-
ticle titled, “The Cage Doesn’t Just Rape.” I would first like
to say that I loved the article and completely agree that Ni-
colas Cage is a fantastic actor who is highly unappreciated.
My one criticism of this Nick Cage appreciation piece is the unforgivable mistake of leaving out his highest honor as an actor: Winning an Acad-
emy Award. Cage won the Best Actor Oscar in the 68th Acad-
emy Awards for “Leaving Las Vegas” (1995), masterfully por-
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Yes, many of the bathrooms may be filthy and broken, but noth-
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OPINION

“The Cage Doesn’t Just Rape.”

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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 quirky 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, studios 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. Pay, however, is not the only artist under the YG Entertainment label that has made a mark in the United States.

This past August, Korean girl group 2NE1 rocked out the Prudential Center in Newark, selling out their U.S. date within hours. Thousands of fans turned out for the event, carrying poster boards, dressing up as the members and even organizing a flash mob in celebration of their first East Coast concert. 2NE1, a quartet, fuse electronic 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 girl group and are expected to be back on another tour soon. Most recently, Big Bang also headlined the Prudential Center in September and will tour again in November. The quintet from Seoul sold out their U.S. dates in under two weeks, causing a demand from fans for more dates. The band added a second Jersey date, resulting in major success and a promising return. Like 2NE1, thousands of fans have participated in making the event as lively and interesting as possible, with light sticks, banners, personalized T-shirts and of course, a flash mob.

Every day in the news, statistics are riddled 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 wore off five years ago. Americans are more enamored with what channel that now Top 40 artist will appear on. We all know, however, that it won’t be MTV because MTV hasn’t played music videos since “The Real World” started airing back in the 1990s.

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

Kneojek reactions happen quicker than our trigger fingers. It’s ironic, though, how America, the self appointed world police, the “harbinger of peace,” can’t handle a few speaking out against 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, kill them all slowly and painfully.” These are the lyrics in question that have everybody up in arms. Of course, out of context, 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 protest concert in South Korea’s response to the antiwar sentiment and the killing of two innocent Korean civilians. The live performance included Psy smashing a model of a tank as well. Who wouldn’t be furious after witnessing 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 frustration is natural and should be accepted, 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” mentality that we Americans have is viewed as the essential part of our culture, that if you aren’t patriotic, 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 “patriotic” to question the actions that we are responsible for overseas.

It’s happened with the Red Scare and McCarthyism during the fifties and with Operation Iraqi Freedom during our current generation. Our misguided patriotism caused this outrage in 2012 over lyrics that were completely justifiable when they were said in 2004.

What we are doing by watching our outrage is effectively saying that we have done no wrong. When we protest lyrics advocating death to people, it’s nothing more than the (melting) pot calling the kettle black. For when we do what we do overseas, like Toby Keith sings, it’s “Cour- tesy of the Red, White and Blue.”
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Review of Sufjan Stevens’ Silver & Gold

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 out a 108-song collection.

The collection, taken together, is a mix of Sufjan originals, the jingles, the carols, the old classics, and a few bizarre instrumental arrangements all mixed in. And what’s ever had a Christmas album to begin with knows they’re meant to be put on and left on. For that purpose, the two hours of “Silver & Gold” might have a few frequent and unwelcome twists and turns. Regular Sufjan listeners will find the stylistically typical milieu of instruments in full return.

The album features a rotating cast of horns, woodwinds, electric organs, reed organs, accordions, pipes—the literal and figurative bells and whistles. Stevens recorded most of the album on his own with lo-fi recording technology, though his work has never shown noticeably on that end.

There is Stevens’ main accompaniment, a choir of what sounds like a raucous party of a few dozen a group. However, Finn Hudson reached out and reminded them that just because their season is now over, 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.

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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, Jackson 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 beat 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 Listen” still contain a hint of that alternative rock vibe accompanied by Wade’s deep, raspy voice, other tracks like, “Moveonday,” “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.
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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 would go 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.

Tempers were flaring all game, but things took a turn for the worse when Ramapo senior guard Garret 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.

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**This Week**

- 12/15 vs. RU-Camden 2 p.m.
- 12/16 vs. Drew 1 p.m.

**Last Week**

- 12/10 MSU 79, Stevens 42
- 12/15 vs. RU-Camden 12 p.m.
- 12/16 vs. Drew 1 p.m.
- 12/17 MSU 98, Manhattan 66
- 12/18 Misericordia 142, MSU 120

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After strong starts for Montclair State's swimming teams, both suffered a hard week in the water as the men went 0-3 and the women went 1-2. Each team gave valiant efforts, but came up short in the end.

On the bright side, the Red Hawks and the Lady Red Hawks did heighten the energy of the meets. MSU got ready for a long Friday and Saturday, as they kicked off their back-to-back competitions right here at home.

In the first meet of the weekend on Friday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m., the Red Hawks faced off against St. Peter's College and Manhattan College. The men lost to the Peacocks by a score of 151.5-83.5 and to the Jaspers a score of 132-107.

In the diving event, senior diver Anthony Cacella won with a score of 181.21. This effort was not enough however, as each individual contest within the competition. The winner of the 50m freestyle was MSU's senior Zak Westerberg who got the win with a time of 21.78 seconds. Westerberg also awa to a time of 54.11 seconds in the 200m fly, which earned him second place.

Junior Michael Smith also did well getting second-place finishes. The first one came in the 200m freestyle with a time of 1:49.81 seconds and then later in the 500m freestyle by swimming 5:09.58. After the meet, Montclair State's men's team was 2-4 going into Saturday’s meet. On Friday, the Lady Red Hawks hung up to dry with a score of 151.5-83.5 and to the Peacocks by a score of 132-107.

On Saturday, December 8, both swimming teams took a trip to Dalлас, Penn. to go up against Misericordia University. The men's team fell to the Cougars by 135-97, while the women's team won the 100m and 200m butterfly events with times of 25.00 and 2:06.61, respectively.

Junior Joseph Berry shared in the glory winning the 200m backstroke in 2:07.34 and won the individual medley at 2:08.58. Senior Thomas Long also took first in the 50m freestyle with a time of 22.43.

Westerberg, Smith, Berry and Long came together to win the 400m freestyle relay, finishing with a time of 3:20.10. The MSU men now have a record of 2-6.

The women lost to the Lady Cougars by a final score of 142-120. Donahue took first in both the 1000m freestyle with a final time of 11:41.29 and the 100m backstroke by coming in at 1:06.88. Vallone had another big meet, as she captured first in both the 50m and 100m freestyles, with a time of 25.60 seconds and then later on earning a time of 56.63 seconds.

Anthony Cacella and Natalie Pappanotonio were both awarded NJAC Diver of the Week with the performances against Manhattan and St. Peter's.

In a world where “drugs and alcohol” are the first thing that come to mind when you hear the word “addiction,” there is another poison making its way up 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 speak their Sundays in front of their computers instead of their TVs.

Fantasy football has even become a personal obsession for many people. Many people view this as a simple and fun pasttime but in many cases it goes much further.

Although the U.S. government does not rule fantasy football Isaiah Thomas's Connecticut team, employers will be paying per week to manage their fantasy football expansive. There are not even allowed to take part in fantasy football with the performances against Manhattan and St. Peter's. NCAA, an outplacement firm, determined that, if 22.3 million American workers take one hour per week to manage their fantasy team, employers will be paying upwards of $6 billion for absolute-ly nothing. It not only affects the wallets of its participants but also their hearts and love of the sport.

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 specific players. New York Giants fans will root for Tony Romo, Green Bay Packers fans will pray that the Chicago Bears defense shuts down the opposing offense and if your starting quarterback is play-