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Delia Seth

Last week, as students were just finishing resettling into their dorms for the start of the Spring 2013 semester, reports started flowing in from across campus of burst pipes in Blanton, Science and Freeman Halls.

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The leak in Science

University Hall was filled with anticipation as the judges and various school officials awaited presentations from the teams of Hack Jersey, New Jersey’s first Hackathon, which was broadcast live from Room 1070 on YouTube.

The purpose of the hackathon was to build capacity for news development and display the rising need for news applications on smartphones and tablets. The Star Ledger, NJ.com, The Bergen Record, NJPR and O’Reilly Media were some of the many sponsors that were quick to jump on the hackathon project.

Starting at 1:30 p.m., speakers introduced different technologies and news programs taking place in New Jersey and Montclair.

“I hope this will become an annual event,” said Tom Meagher, data editor at Digital First Media and co-creator of the event. Teams were scheduled to present their web apps one at a time, receiving four minutes for each presentation.

The judging panel consisted of Chris Ackerman, who works on Partner Platforms for Facebook, Emily Ball, professor of professional practice at Columbia’s Graduate School of Journalism, and Jonathan Soo, web developer for NJ Spotlight.

Some rules were set for the teams to keep in mind. First, they had to form teams of five or less, and each team had to consist of at least one journalist and one developer. Together they had to tell an important story through a web app. The projects could not be a continuation from a previous endeavor. Additionally, all the projects had to be open-sourced and functional at the time of the presentation.

In order of presentations, the teams were: Head Hub, Talking Trash, Schools, What do you get for your money? Hack Sandy NJ, Team Under Pressure

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On Jan. 27: Marc Seemon, 24, of Oak Ridge, was arrested for DWI while on Clove Road. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (near building #52)

On Jan. 28: A member of the Muslim Student Organization reported an act of criminal mischief to their bulletin board. This matter is under investigation. (building #49)

On Jan. 29: A female student reported the theft of her unsecured iPod from a treadmill inside of the Student Recreation Center. This matter is under investigation. (building #57)

On Jan. 29: Daniel Valles, 19, of Carteret, was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia while in Gordon Hall. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (building #49)

On Jan. 29: Austin Robinson, 18, of West Orange, was arrested for theft of an iPhone 4. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

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

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Sick Hawks Can't Fly

Catherine Baxter

Many students have found themselves falling victim to the flu virus this season. According to ABC News, this flu season has seen almost 28 times more cases of the flu than last year. With the number of students and faculty getting sick, there are ways for Red Hawks to ensure that they stay healthy during the semester.

The University Health Center is still offering flu vaccinations. According to Donna Barry, Associate Director of the University Health Center, getting the vaccination is the number one way to protect against the flu virus. "The components in the flu vaccine cause the immune system to react and build up antibodies against influenza," said Barry. "The flu shot takes about two weeks before it is fully effective against the flu."

Many students believe that since the flu season has already begun, it is too late to get the vaccination. However, since the season lasts until approximately March, there is still time for students to receive the shot and avoid falling victim to the flu. Although they cannot release exact numbers, the University Health Center has said that this year, they have vaccinated more students than in previous years.

The flu vaccination is accessible at the University Health center to both students and faculty. "This year, flu began spreading rapidly throughout the country and rates increased quickly," said Barry. "The level of flu in our area is very high based on the measurements used by our University Police Department, "None of this is due to any particular incident on campus. It's just like other parts of the country," said Lieutenant Karen Barrett of the University Police Department. The incidents were quickly responded to by University Facilities, according to Lieutenant Karen Barrett of the University Police Department. "None of this is due to any particular incident on campus. It's just like other parts of the country," said Lieutenant Karen Barrett of the University Police Department. The incidents were quickly responded to by University Facilities, according to Lieutenant Karen Barrett of the University Police Department. While the weather changes back and forth from warm to cold and back again, it is easier for the flu virus to move from one person to another. Students and faculty are reminded to get plenty of rest, wash their hands and if possible, get a flu vaccination.

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Hack Jersey 2013 Winners:

Best Project for Dealing with Sandy: Hack Sandy NJ.

Best Design App: Cost of Medical Care in NJ.

Best Story: The Feed; Team Pancakes.

People’s Choice Award: Because of Us.

Overall Winner: Crash Data NJ.

The Redeye Award was awarded to people who stayed the whole night.

Pelican Report from Around the World

-Yesterday, Toyota announced it was recalling more than 1 million vehicles sold in the United States due to faulty airbags and windshield wipers.

-Three people have now been arrested in connection with the deadly nightclub fire in Brazil, one of them the owner of the nightclub, Elissandro Sphor. Sphor was arrested at a hospital in Cruz Alta, Brazil.

-On Monday, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands announced that she is to abdicate her throne on April 30. It will mark 33 years to the day that she took over after her mother.

-D.T. Max to Speak on Campus

New Yorker writer D.T. Max will soon speak at MSU. Photo courtesy of flickr.com.

The English Department is bringing New Yorker staff writer D.T. Max to campus on Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Dickson Hall's Cohen Lounge to discuss his recent biography about David Foster Wallace.

According to Professor Greg Water of the English Department, Wallace was an amazing young writer with a huge following until he committed suicide in 2008. He received noteworthy and critical attention for his novel Infinite Jest and other works.

Max’s new book, Every Love Story Is A Ghost Story: A Life of David Foster Wallace, was released by Viking Penguin on August 30 and was a New York Times bestseller.

Additionally, he is also the author of The Family That Couldn’t Sleep: A Medical Mystery. His new book is about David Foster Wallace, who Max considers to be “the leading literary light of his era, a man who not only captivated readers with his prose but also mesmerized them with his brilliant mind.”

More information on seeing Max speak, students are encouraged to check their webmail accounts, or attend the event on Feb. 12.

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Let’s face it: In the wake of the year that we nev- er saw coming, we all found ourselves unceremoniously starting at the hollowing core of our closets. Being in pos- session of an underwhelming wardrobe is a catastrophic crime, especially at the start of a new year when the latest fashions are budding down catwalks all over New York City and Los Angeles.

The key is to be real- istic. Yes, we all know Jenni- fer Lopez looked more than marvelously in that cream lace Zuhair Murad gown at the Golden Globe Awards, but do you really think you’re going to find a frock that life changing at the mall—and in your budget? C’mon, ad- mit it, you’re a full-time fash- ionista on a part-time pay. Even if you’re feeling cocky about that, remember, you still have to find some way to afford your textbooks this se- mester.

The first step in reach- ing recovery is admitting you have a problem. Love BCBG Max Azria? Me too, but if you know nothing in that beauti- ful enchanting store is going to fit your budget, then do what’s best for you and cut it off like your last ex-boyfriend. Don’t even look at it. It does not belong to you. How long are you going to keep hurt- ing yourself? Time to move on. It’s okay to cry, but re- member, you’re going to get through this.

Secondly, where there is a sale, there is a way. Okay, so you have to rum- mage through a couple bins and sort through the hangers to find your size. You’ll be sur- prised how much sexier you look in that distressed motorcycle jacket knowing that it cost only $17. Venture down the mall’s concourse until you see the heav- enly lights of Forever 21 and feed your inner bargainer. You won’t even think twice about laugh- ing at the poor soul who walks by you wearing almost the exact same jacket from Express for a staggering $118.

My next trick is online shopping. It’s a blessing, it’s a cure. You’re just a mouse-click away from fashion paradise and savings account hell. If you’re feeling strong and steady, post- New Year’s deals can be your savior with discount sites such as Urban Outfitters and Love Culture offering sales and (my favorite word) clearances on items around the clock. An add- ed bonus is free shipping to your home-sweet-home if you spend a measly $50! But online shopping addicts beware: You are enter- ing into a world where saying no to everything is only a few clicks away, threatening a sea of regrettable expenses coming your way in the next 30 days.

Be cautious. If you love that hot-pink small Jet-Set Saf- fiano travel tote by Michael Kors for $228, take a deep breath and bookmark the page. Go bravely out into the world to attend class, work and see friends. Come back to it in a few days with a fresh mind and a free spirit. Do you re- ally need it that badly?

I know that some of us cannot be saved. So you slept on it and bought the bag the very next morning. So you chose to forfeit an entire month’s pay for that outstanding Classic Short Trench Coat for $348 from Coach? I feel your pain and avid worry. Don’t be the girl that can- not afford her textbooks despite your professors will not understand like your boyfriends do. Take these next words to heart: Cut up your cards or at least freeze them. If you don’t have it, don’t spend it. Even “Bill Me Later” is a vicious thing. Paying cash may not come with a documented receipt of your spending every month, but it also doesn’t come with a load of debt and denial. Do the right thing. That being said, don’t be close minded—it’s beneath you!

Those that believe clipping coupons is for old maids have never seen what a few good coupons can do for a person’s life. Check out RetailMeNot. com for some serious steals in the wholesale world or join Groupon on your smartphone to comb through the latest dis- counts locally.

Remember this trusty rule of thumb: Be- fore you splurge—purge your wardrobe. When you feel like there’s just noth- ing to wear in your closet, make time to sort through your old clothes with a Hefty bag in hand. When you pick up that fraying old cardigan from Victoria’s Secret that just doesn’t fit like it used to, toss it in the bag while being mind- ful that someone will give it a home you never could. The Salvation Army is al- ways more than grateful to pick up donations right at your door. Do the right thing and give yourself a pat on the back afterward. Plus, you’ll love all the free space you’ve opened up to reorganize your sti- letteros by color and height. (Wo all do it. Don’t be ashamed!)

Until next time, follow the signs that say ‘SALE’ and check your expensive baggage at the dressing room. Remem- ber, just because you buy it cheap doesn’t mean you can’t look like a million bucks.

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“... class and fabulous” - Coco Chanel

What’s Trending?
Fabulous Fashion Without Frustration

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Clean water seems to be an active movement and a popular, important issue facing the world. Although headlines and programs urge you to provide your services for underdeveloped countries, I urge you to look at your own water. U.S. citizens that are naïve enough to believe that their drinking water is safe just because it is legal have another thing coming. Legal does not mean safe, but it does provide a free road for your local water supplier to not abide by the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) guidelines. This means that your water may have more or less chemicals than it should.

Have you smelled your tap water lately? I remember as a child I would drink only tap water. It was easy and convenient as long as I could reach the sink. Those days are far gone and now I find tap water suspicious and smelly. The smell of chlorine and the accompanying chemicals in tap water unsettling, but the truth is that these chemicals are needed to clean the water. Although the earth is 70 percent water, the ocean accounts for about 97 percent of that total. The water that humans interact with is freshwater, only 2.5 percent of the earth’s water supply. Pollution from factories and other sources makes its way into our drinking water, both directly and indirectly causing contamination.

The EPA plays a huge part setting guidelines and standards for state governments to enforce their statewide water suppliers. The agency has the obligation to keep the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act alive. Unfortunately, the EPA has not updated their standards for over 15 years—until last month, when the EPA finally pushed out new regulations for states to follow. Still, the question remains: will these states push the new guidelines? I sure hope so, especially since super-storm Sandy hit the east coast.

In 2006, New Jersey American Water, which serves most of Union County, had 5 contaminants below the legal limit including Arsenic and Radium. Two contaminants, Radon and Uranium, were above the legal limit. The Newark Water Department, which serves Essex County, also had 5 contaminants below the legal limit including Lead and Uranium. However, Haloacetic acids were the only contaminants above the legal limit. Most of these contaminants can lead to cancer, illness, upset stomach and tooth decay.

In California, an incident occurred when chemicals in a local reservoir were exposed to sunlight, converting to cancer-causing chemicals. To prevent further contamination, black plastic balls were used to block the sunlight. The most shocking part of the article is the response from the surrounding homeowners who were upset that the black balls made the reservoir look unattractive. Their response came from their belief that the water was safe because it was legal.

If you ever feel suspicious about your tap water not being safe for drinking or for any use, there are ways to clean it. Of course, boiling is the best way, but make sure when boiling that the heat stays on for a few extra minutes after the water starts to boil. Bleach is also an alternative. Put in 8 drops (16 drops if water is cloudy), mix, then wait about a half-hour before putting the water to use. Never hesitate to contact your water company to make sure your water is not just legal, but safe.
**The Weekly Debate**

**Who Should Pay on the First Date?**

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Going Green
Easy Ways to Eat More Fruits and Vegetables

Dana Baardsen
Contributing Writer

With flu season in full swing and many beginning to think about slimming down and toning up for spring break, here are some fun tips to make sure you’re getting your daily dose of fruits and vegetables.

**Ditch the Oasis**
Canned veggies may be high in sodium and lack flavor. Fresh vegetables tend to be naturally sweeter, more crisp and much more enjoyable to eat.

**Mash It Up**
Cauliflower is high in vitamin C and contains phosphorous and potassium. Blend into mashed potatoes and you’ve just packed your starch with some extra nutrients.

**Put It in a Pop**
Add chopped carrots and lemon zest to orange Jell-O mix. Serve chilled.

**Roll It Up**
Serve bowls of taco-night-fixin’s sans the taco shells. Instead, offer a plate of large Romaine lettuce leaves. Roll the standard taco ingredients into a healthier alternative.

**Put It in a Pop**
Purchase some ice-pop molds and fill with yogurt and fresh fruits. Serve for a yummy vitamin-packed dessert.

**Juice It**
Juicing is a great way to reap all of the nutritional benefits of fresh greens while drinking something that tastes like sweet apples. Fruit flavors will overpower any bitter vegetable taste. Green monster juice, anyone?

**Freeze Em**
Stick a bunch of grapes in the freezer and watch the new version of hard candy slowly disappear.

**Chips Anyone?**
Instead of ripping open a bag of greasy potato chips, make your own. Try kale chips by lightly salting and drizzling olive oil over fresh kale and bake at a low temperature until crispy.

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Despite all our hoopla, we've all just had a rat in a maze. With all the construction going on around campus, many of us feel the same way. Some of the best routes to our classes are blocked off due to the installation of our new heating and cooling systems, but will it all be worth it in the end?

Montclair State University is well known for its constant "campus improvement" projects. Besides the frustration of the road construction, there are many more complaints about the non-stop construction.

One of the biggest problems with the construction is the clean-up efforts. The university has been considered with the division of the construction, only working in smaller chunks of the campus, which is a better alternative than completely destroying all of the school's grounds.

Many of the areas that have re-opened are in shambles. Workers have been busy with the restoration of the roads. In short, our roads have more holes than Swiss cheese. The university could have cared less about their efforts with the conservation of rainwater. The lack of professionalism and busyness is really off-putting and disappointing.

It begins to have students question the new installment. Is all this construction worth this? It has become a real inconvenience this school year. The construction began June 4 and is predicted to be an 18-month endeavor. With the renovation of Blanton Plaza and with Schmitt Hall only being completed last spring, MSU has had no time to recover from the onslaught of construction.

MSU can post all the "Excuse us for our appearance" signs they want, but that doesn't change the fact that our school continues to look unpleasant. We only pray that after the construction is over, our school can go back to looking presentable, but with the way our roads are being paved out, it seems highly unlikely.

Also, the construction of Blanton Plaza was excessively delayed and we can't help but think that the efforts made for this project has gotten in the way of many other campus projects. Moving into Blanton was a sheer disappointment when we saw that no one had been done on it whatsoever.

We are also concerned about the Alumni Greens, which was once the most beautiful place on campus. It was well kept, well at least until construction completely sabotaged the area. There was also the "bomb" incident last fall, where students were asked to stay far from the diner until further notifications. It is starting to seem that this effort is pointless and frustrating for everyone.

We are also some major questions about several pipes bursting around campus. Cold weather may have caused some major complications, but we have had cold weather before and nothing like this has happened. To have several pipes burst throughout campus is unanny to say the least. We can constantly point fingers at the cold weather, but considering we've survived colder days, we can't help but be slightly suspicious that the construction has no connection to the multipipe bursts.

Along with this project being a major annoyance to students, it is also inimogeneous to those poor delivery men muttering, "This is just like campus that I use to know." It is very confusing and distracting for those who visit MSU. Fair warning to all future Red Hawks, our school charm isn't our pride. Our true trademark is the delivery in the air and the sound of dump trucks backing up.

Although the project is supposed to provide MSU with a sustainable way of providing energy, there are still doubts that all that's been done to campus will be worth it.

Students Speak

In what ways can Montclair improve security on campus?

Aaron Hart
Freshman
Undecided

"I think the heating and cooling system is going to help us because you always need heating and cooling."

Amara Higgins
Sophomore
Business Administration

"The heating and cooling system can create an impact with students and residential services because it's been really cold this winter and there are some places which don't have heat. There's cold water, and I know that where I live in Russ, it's very cold when you wake up. It really makes people sick. But, then again, it's also kind of bad because the campus is already looking hideous. I don't see the impact because they're not done with it. So it can go both ways."

Rachel Berger
Junior
English Education

"I think that while it's good for the environment, it's not good for students. I think that the money should be going towards more parking or something that the students could really benefit from, because we're the ones paying for it, and we should at least have a say in where the money goes. I'm sure that it's a good thing for the long run, it's cost-effective, but personally, I would rather have a parking lot. I think the parking here is ridiculous."

Tyler Warner
Senior
Biology

"No I don't think all the construction that is going on is worth it for a new heating and cooling system. I thought all this construction would have been for a bigger purpose. If we had a say in it, most people knew it was going on. I think having a construction system probably would have been against the idea. No, I don't think it's worth it at all."
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**Declaring War on the War Against Drugs**

No-nonsense policy in drug legislation causes more harm than good

The whole issue surrounding the recent “war on drugs” without a doubt, debatable one — you or I are either for it or against it. Yet, many of the people that I ask already know which side they are on; “Sensible.”

When it comes to drugs, society is confused about controlling what people can and cannot do for the good of our communities. Most people seem to think that it’s right to outlaw any attitudes, behaviors or routines that they believe aren’t “the right thing.”

The U.S. government is strongly convinced that enforcing their ideal morality on U.S. citizens will prevent any impending “evils” like illegal drug use in any corner of our nation. Naturally, one’s choices are based off their morality, which tends to derive from things like culture, traditions and background.

Therefore, it shouldn’t be the government’s job to legislate or enforce morality, yet they continue to prevent unfavorable acts such as drug abuse.

Crimes typically involve some kind of force, violence, or intimidation that is inflicted on a victim. Despite no plausible victim of the action committed, drug abuse is still considered a crime even though it is a communal act.

This means that the action involved takes place upon the consent and approval of the user. Prohibition contradicts your individual freedom of doing what you want as long as you don’t harm the interests of others. The real problem, I believe, is not the drugs themselves, but the fact that these substances will do anything they can to obtain their “forbidden fruit.”

Nineteenth, for instance, is highly addictive, yet we don’t see anyone knocking down convenience stores to get their hands on Marlboros. How is this different from the war on drugs? If drugs were legalized, then we could do what we did to alcohol and tobacco sell and make profit off them.

Legalizing and dispatching drugs would mean having a regulatory nature. Through this, users would know what it is that they’re buying and how much, yet they would still be denied the chance to take part in this societal activity. The drug war has cost us an estimated $1 trillion to this day, and repeatedly results in the arrest of millions along with the over-crowding of prison complexes. The only money we could be saving if we put an end to this drug war. We could be using these resources to pay off our national debt as well as fund Medi- care and Social Security expenses. Perhaps we could even help fund drug education classes and rehabilitation centers for drug addicts.

As we approach the end of the subject, I’d like to reintroduce the most important question regarding the matter—“Would you do illegal drugs if they were legalized today?”

Drug abuse is a matter of choice based off of one’s idea of the right thing. The same old-fashioned attitude that prohibits drugs is the same kind of attitude that will prevent you from taking them. Why?

Many people who oppose drugs are already aware of its harmful effects. This, I believe, is what our country really needs—drug education. Rather than criminalizing individuals for drugs, we need to educate and inform them about drugs to prevent drug abuse in the first place.

Up In Arms Across the Country

Issues with gun control expand to all regions of the nation

The U.S. is the only country in the world in which possessing a firearm is regarded as a right, not a privilege. Perhaps it is a coincidence that this country currently has the highest death toll of any domestic death rate, with an estimated number of deaths caused by gun violence, but perhaps not. It is incredibly bold to claim that atrocious incidences such as that at Sandy Hook Elementary School could be avverted had these firearms not been so publicly available. Perhaps precisely these bold claims that I find myself contem- plating constantly.

Alexa Coppola, an English major, is in her third year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

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In response to “Suspect Suspended for Newtown Com- ment” (published in the January 24 edition of the Montclarion)

“The concern left in the minds of students should not be what privacy means, but rather, will someone get me suspended if I call them a silly goose? Or worse, a doody head?”

Hocking and calling someone a racist, both of which are elements of this story, are free speech in really bad taste. These behaviors which are normal, yet.

But bleached hair? Bring out the PG-13. (published online on www.themontclarion.org)


“I agree the movie was very en- joyable but I still think Alfie Boe is the definitive Jean Valjean. It was a beautiful movie to watch and thoroughly enjoyable.” -Mark Ludis

In response to “Letters from Jordan: Becoming Acclimated” (published online on www.themontclarion.org)

“Well said! It’s amazing how you guys are giving these kids an opportunity. I am a nursing student at the University of Colorado. I used to study there before. I think it is a great thing!” -Leena

In response to “Going Is Such a Wonderful Feeling” (published online on the December 13 edition of the Montclarion)

“The men’s bathroom in SC basement is locked because like 6 years ago some jerk did something inappropriate. The radio station has tried numerous times to get it fixed but they won’t. So yeah. That would be nice. It’s embarrassing to have to go to the bathroom and look for air freshener.” -Leena
Cozy Hands Are Healthy Hands

Hot towels defeat the gloom of winter with warmth and hygiene

The tournament is unique in that it not only allows a vast amount of teams to participate (763 teams participated last year), but also that it allows the chance for any team that is in the English Premier League to play, regardless of rank. It does not have little cracks and paper cuts on your skin burning from the alcohol in hand sanitizers and disinfection wipes aforementioned moist towelettes, yet they keep your hands feeling just as fresh as before.

Japan, they are known as o-shibori, and come heated as well as cooled, but hot towels will be the most advantageous for the current seasonal situation. They are used most commonly to wash hands before and during a meal—to get rid of initial germs, and to wash away the mess which food leaves behind.

Why? Because he really wanted to waste time during the game in order to cause strife amongst the opposition, and face it: The English football association really needed for timewasting.
The first time I heard a song by indie rock sister duo Tegan and Sara, I was not impressed. I actually couldn't get into their music because there was never enough of a beat for me to be captivated by the heart of their songs. It just didn't resonate with me, and I just couldn't get into the instrumentals. However, I think I have to eat my own words because when I heard their newest album, *Heartthrob*, I was very impressed.

Released on Monday, Jan. 28, Tegan and Sara's *Heartthrob* completely won me over due to its new alternative sound. The album opens up with their featured hit, “Closer.”

I first heard this song on the radio back in September and instantly had it on replay. While lots of artists are selling out and becoming mainstream, Tegan and Sara have evolved over the years and have struck back more powerful than ever. While “Closer” was definitely the right song to introduce Tegan and Sara’s new sound, I’m happy to say that it’s not the only awesome song on their album.

If you’re looking for that “love conquers all” message for your significant other, you’ll find it in their song “Love They Say,” which sends out the message that love will always triumph, because “there’s nothing love can’t do.”

If you’re currently going through rough patches in your relationship and are beginning to feel it’s time to let go and walk away, or you’re tired of waiting around for that guy or girl to open his or her eyes, their songs “I Was a Fool” and “How Come You Don’t Want Me” illustrate both of these scenarios vividly. However, my personal favorite, “I’m Not Your Hero,” is about not losing hope or getting discouraged, becoming your own person and ridding yourself of other people’s opinions and expectations.

I think this is a song that anyone who listens to can relate to in his or her own way. The regular version of *Heartthrob* contains 10 tracks while the deluxe version contains two bonus tracks “GUILTY AS CHARGED” and “I Run Empty,” as well as the official music video for “Closer.”

Tegan and Sara Make One Writer Reconsider

Nicolle Dupre
Staff Writer

After 20 years of diligence, success and rock n’ roll, L’Arc en Ciel has not only become a legend in the realm of Japanese Rock, but have also taken the world by storm.

Bringing their blend of Japanese alternative rock styles to the stage, they sold over 16 million singles, 15 million albums and millions of merchandise.

Having twelve studio albums, L’Arc en Ciel is known and respected for many of their songs, but some suggested listening for first timers would definitely be their most popular hits. These include “My Heart Draws,” “Ready Steady Go,” “Bliss,” “Good Luck My Way,” “Dive to Blue.”

Each song offers a base of rock, yet has a unique punch to the instrumental sections as well as the choruses making the piece memorable and distinct from any other Japanese rock band.

The band began as a quartet from Osaka, Japan back in 1991, where Tetsu, vocalist and guitarist Hyde, and drummer Pero. Two years prior to their debut, both Pero and Hiro left, being replaced with Ken on guitar and Sakura on drums.

On April 1, 1993, the band released their debut album under the independent record label Danger Cruc.

The album ranked number one on the Oricon indie charts catching the attention of prestigious labels.

In 1994, L’Arc en Ciel signed a contract with Sony Music Entertainment Japan’s Knox division and released their major debut album *Tierra* that same year.

In 1997, their drummer Sakura was arrested for heroin possession, creating the biggest downfall in their career. Sakura officially left the band by the end of the year, postponing many of the band’s projects and shortening the band’s collaboration with the team from the anime *Rurouni Kenshin*. After the band went on a break, they performed for the first time at the Tokyo Dome with a new drummer named Yukihiro. This concert, entitled “Reincarnation ’97: Live In Tokyo Dome,” had an audience of 56,000 people and sold out in under five minutes, which was record-breaking.

After Yukihiro became an official member of the group, nothing but success came their way. Their single “Winter Fall,” released in 1998, became the band’s first number one on the Oricon charts and their two albums in 1999, *Ark* and *Ray*, topped the Oricon charts (*Ark* at number one and *Ray* at number two), both selling over two million copies.

The band then went on hiatus for some time, allowing the members to create their independent projects and explore what they had to offer to the music world themselves. Neither all of Japan nor Asia’s love was enough to sustain this band’s thirst for success and so their targets became Europe and North America. In the late 2000s, the band toured around Europe and even made an appearance in North America at the Otakon anime convention in Baltimore, becoming the first Japanese band to perform in the First Mariner Arena.

Up until the present, the band went through more hiatus periods and solo works, yet remained together, marking their 20th anniversary in 2012. To celebrate this achievement, the band decided to go on a world tour, having stopped at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Like in Baltimore, L’Arc en Ciel is the first Japanese band to headline the arena, creating even more profound history for the band. The band is not disbanded but is currently facing another hiatus period. What to expect from them is not entirely predictable, but their return is very much anticipated on an international basis.
A$AP Rocky, born Rakim Mayers, rose to fame and a $3 million deal with RCA Records all thanks to YouTube. Despite his second single, “F***ing Problem” being certified gold and reaching the Top 5 on the Billboard charts, he’s also making quite a name for himself in the fashion world.

While most Red Hawks were moving back onto campus and preparing for the first day of classes, A$AP accompanied rap industry vets Kanye West and Pharrell Williams to Paris Fashion Week, where he made blog headlines everywhere by sporting designer Shaun Samson from head to toe.

“With clothes, I like mixing what different designers do until it becomes a personal expression of how I feel that day,” he told GQ in a recent interview.

The Internet has been on fire recently with people saying that his flashy, high fashion threads might be taking away from his Harlem-based rap mentality too early on in his career.

For now, it seems like he’s having no problem balancing sold-out 5,000 seaters every night and taking private jets during the day to cause trouble with his new partner in crime, designer Jeremy Scott. When asked about his new fashion sense, he replied, “I’m going to be a fashion icon in a minute.”

WTF is A$AP Rocky Wearing?!

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The year 2012 strangely evolved into the year of the openly gay MC with the presence of a heavy hitter, Le1f and Mykki Blanco. The two gained some major international notoriety with their original blend of rap music infused with various styles of dance and underground gay culture.

The wave of openly gay artists is also pushed by the current new wave of “easy becone” trend, an infectious rump-shaking genre of music that has been spreading across the country, thanks to the artists like Big Freedia and Nicky Da B.

These artists were stressing the boundaries that have confined urban music and its heteronormative constraints. While many media outlets were quick to introduce the pack under the umbrella term “queer hip-hop,” many have shaken the brand and proved that their sexuality isn’t the driving force behind their distinct lyricism. One example is Le1f, with the release of Fly Zone. His unique blend of aquatic drips and crashing waves is making him one of the musicians incomparable artists.

Fly Zone is a 13 track trip into the outer limits of the stratosphere. A mix of hardcore trap instrumentals and Le1f’s distinct vocals that can be as light as a cloud on tracks like “Breezy” or sharp as a razor on “Airbending” where he spews, “I am whatever you say I am, stop worrying about how gay I am.” The single “Coins” is an aggressive modern sonnet confessing his love of currency. His punchy flow is poured over the ringing of cash registers and the flipping of coins.

With production by wildards like Nueport and Philadelphia native Don Jones, Le1f’s Fly Zone is the perfect album to stroll to on a dewy day or anytime payday rears its pretty head. Download the free project via Fader.com.

The Walking Dead Is Back: Television’s biggest show returns

Ken Macri
Staff Writer

The Walking Dead, television’s biggest phenomenon, is returning Sunday, Feb. 10th in what is sure to be a blood-soaked second half of Season 3. The midseason finale garnered over 10.5 million viewers, continuing to make The Walking Dead the highest rated and most viewed basic cable series in history.

The show, based on the graphic novels by Robert Kirkman, follows sheriff Rick Grimes and his band of fellow survivors in a world overrun by zombies. Back in Season 1, Rick woke from a coma and was thrust into the zombie apocalypse that took over Atlanta and the rest of the world – as we think.

Unfortunately for Rick, things still aren’t looking up. In the first half of the current season, Rick lost his wife and now is preparing to face off with the show’s loathsome villain, The Governor, a prominent antagonist in the comic series. Kirkman left us with quite a cliffhanger before the series went on hiatus, and the midseason break: The Dixon Brothers prepare to battle “till the death,” and we were introduced to Tyreese and his group, something fans of the comic series have been desperately waiting for.

It has become quite apparent over its three-season span that The Walking Dead is by far televisions most bloody and violent show, and arguably the most suspenseful as well. I don’t remember any show willing to sever heads and chop off body parts like The Walking Dead does. The best part is everything is shown, no character, no matter how popular, is invulnerable from death.

The tension and anxiety stem from knowing that your favorite character could die at any moment, makes every episode of The Walking Dead a must watch. It was just recently announced that Scott Gimple would be taking over the reigns for Mazzara and judging by his resume, fans need not to worry.

As the ratings for the show continue to grow, more and more characters continue to fall. The tension and anxiety stemming from knowing that your favorite character could die at any moment, makes every episode of The Walking Dead a must watch and is something no other show is willing to offer or even could offer.
Swimming Strokes Towards End of Season

For eight seniors from both the men’s and women’s teams, this past Saturday was the last time that those swimmers and divers would have an opportunity to compete in their home pool. The Montclair State men’s team closed out their final meet of the year at home, while the women’s team pulled out the win in their final home meet.

In earlier action, the Red Hawks faced off against the Vassar College Brewers this past Wednesday, Jan. 23 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. MSU came through to pull out the win 126-92. Senior Zak Westerberg and juniors Joseph Berry and Michael Smith all led the way for Montclair State with two individual wins each.

Westerberg’s first triumph came in the 100m freestyle where he recorded a time of 49.15. The senior Westerberg got his other individual win in the 200m individual medley by posting a 2:19.12.

His final win was a team effort in the 200m medley relay, where he combined with Berry, senior Thomas Long and freshman David Werner to produce a time of 1:42.88. Berry’s second win came in the 100m backstroke where he netted a time of 1:50.33.

The trifecta was completed by Berry who won the 100m butterfly in 50.92 when he crossed the finish line with a time of 5:02.48. Smith’s first victory of the day was in the 100m freestyle where he swam a time of 45.73.

Smith seeking out a second win by swimming a 57.29 in the 100m backstroke after his other individual win came from Long in the 200m medley by coming in with a time of 22.20.

In their final home meet, MSU hosted both the men’s and women’s Roadrunners on Saturday, Jan. 26. Unfortunately, Montclair State’s men’s and women’s teams both fell short in their attempts.

Like they have been doing all year, head coach Bill McLaughlin had some high praise to give to his seniors that our underclassmen can look at and strive for.

“Like the other seniors, they made this team a much better swimming and diving unit. We have a great group of seniors who are all great leaders and will be amazing alumni in a few short months.”

“We also have a great senior diver in Anthony Cassida and were extremely fortunate to pick up a tremendous new diver named Eoban Morales. Our diving is the best it has been in about a decade...”

“We have some great seniors who are all great leaders and will be amazing alumni in a few short months.”

“This is the second time in the past two weeks and the third time this year the Lady Red Hawks have received this award. The men enter their final regular season meet of the year at 4-8 overall (6-3 in the NJAC) while the women’s record is 5-5 overall (1-2 in the NJAC). Both teams finish up their regular season this weekend with Senior Zak Westerberg winning William Paterson on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. We also have an opportunity to have multiple events at the Metropolitan Championships at Rutgers. We would like to qualify one or two swimmers for the [NJAC] Tournament in June and break as many records as possible.”

Coach McLaughlin also had some high praise to give to his coaching staff. “Our diving coach River Smith and swimming assistant Brian Von Roehnfeld and Christie Fries has been remarkable this season. We have our athletes achieve some things that they may have felt were not within their reach.”

Mens Basketball Wins Two Straight

The Montclair State men’s basketball team broke its three-game losing skid with back-to-back convincing victories last week over Rutgers-Camden and Staten Island College.

The Red Hawks fell behind quick in their home conference game against the Scarlet Raptors of Rutgers-Camden. But they managed to pull out to an early lead and led by nine with nine minutes left in the first half.

However, the Red Hawks rallied and managed to take a one-point lead into the half thanks to a pair of three-pointers by sophomore forward Chris Thompson and junior guard John Isakson. Freshman forward Kevin McGorry managed five points for MSU in the loss.

The Scarlet Raptors took the lead immediately and held the lead for most of the game before their 8-point run was halted by junior forward Oridol Goldson. The Red Hawks were able to build that off, and amassed a 16-point run to take a 44-35 lead with 15 minutes remaining.

They were able to continue that momentum through the rest of the game and held on for a convincing 76-62 win over their conference foe.

Goldson scored a game-high 21 points in the Red Hawks’ win over the Scarlet Raptors. Goldson’s 21 points turned down 13 rebounds to complete the double-double. Torres also achieved a double-double with 19 points and 14 rebounds.

The Red Hawks started a winning streak of their own with a tightly contested win over the College of Staten Island by a score of 83-79.

The Red Hawks trailed by four at the half, but went on to shoot 53 percent from the field in the second half. They trailed by as much as eight, but tied it up at 60-52 with 10:05 left to play. McGorry and Singletorh hit jumpers to give the Red Hawks a 66-63 with five minutes remaining. The Red Hawks would hold on for their second consecutive victory as they defeated the Dolphins by a final score of 78-71. McGorry led the way offensively for the Red Hawks with 19 points. Singletorh was another major contributor for MSU with 14 points and 4 assists in just 18 minutes of play. Goldson continued his strong play with 15 of the last game with 3 points in the winning effort.

In the win, the Red Hawks improve to 7-13 overall, 3-10 in the NJAC. The Dolphins fall 14-4 after the upset defeat. The Red Hawks will return to action on Wednesday, Jan. 30 when they make the short trek to Mahwah, NJ to take on their 19th-ranked conference rival Ramapo College. Both teams are looking to average their previous home defeats to the Roadrunners earlier this season.

Thanks to his tremendous efforts in last week’s slate of games, MSU’s McGorry was named the NJAC Player of the Week for the second time this season. Goldson was also a runner-up for the week, averaging 17.5 points and 13 rebounds.

He is currently ranked 9th in the NJAC in scoring with 12.8 points per game, and fifth in rebounds per game with 8.1.
Hockey Back in Action

The Montclair State Red Hawks ice hockey team is back! In the month of January, the team went 3-3-0-1. The game of the month was a win over Rowan University in the Red Hawks’ first outdoor game. All proceeds from the game went to the National MS Society.

The Red Hawks played hard and it was a neck and neck game, but in the end the Red Hawks came out on top with a 6-5 win. The Red Hawks had goals from Sean Mertens, Cody Inglis, Brian Manning and Chris Preziosi for a 4-0 lead.

However, the Red Hawks saw their lead cut to just one after Rowan scored on three straight shots. Freshman goaltender, Trevor Tironi, was pulled from the game and replaced by junior, Anthony Palmieri, with 14 minutes remaining in the second period. Kevin Tempsick provided the Red Hawks some insurance in the period, scoring a goal off of a Rowan turnover, but Rowan continued to play hard. Early in the third period, Rowan’s hard work paid off and they scored a goal from a point shot that got by senior goaltender, Joe Fede, who played the entire third period.

He was solid in net after giving up the tying goal, and he gave his team an opportunity to get that winning goal, which they would eventually get. Nick Farina, new to the Red Hawks team this semester, scored the game-winning goal and the eventual game winner.

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Captain Tom Lindquist currently has two goals and 15 assists and is sixth on the team with 17 total points.

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Sophomore, Joseph Redmon seen guarding the puck. Redmon currently has two goals and nine assists on the season.

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**Who’s Hot This Week**

**Zak Westerberg**  
**Men’s Swimming and Diving**  
Westerberg was awarded NJAC Men’s Swimmer of the Week for his performance in Montclair State’s 1-2 run last week. Over the course of the three dual meets, Westerberg won six individual events and one relay.

**Melissa Tobie**  
**Forward - Basketball**  
Tobie was named NJAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Week for the third time this season by recording an average of 20.5 points and 5.5 rebounds as the Red Hawks won their 19th and 20th straight games. Tobie currently leads the NJAC in field goal percentage (.533) and is fourth in points per game (14.4)

**Game of the Week**

**Women’s Basketball**

**vs. Richard Stockton**  
February 2, 3 p.m.

The 8th ranked Red Hawks look to extend their winning streak against Stockton. MSU won its last game against the Ospreys 81-46.

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I'd be lying if I didn't say that when you think of the New York Giants' reign as the defending champions, you think of the New York Giants' reign as the defending champions who win the Super Bowl only to lose to the New England Patriots. In a time where the Patriots have become the NFL's team of the decade, the Giants are struggling to make the playoffs year after year. However, there's one team that has managed to break the cycle of mediocrity and become a legitimate contender that is known as the Baltimore Ravens.

The Ravens especially had gone through tremendous hardships throughout the season. In Week 3, wide receiver Torrey Smith lost his brother to a motorcycle accident on the day of a Sunday night game against the New England Patriots. Despite having to deal with this tragic loss, Smith still went on to grab two touchdowns, which spoke more than volumes in rallying his team. It also seemed that the catalyst players on the defense all suffered through major injuries. During the off-season, reigning Defensive Player of the Year linebacker Terrell Suggs tore his Achilles tendon while playing basketball and was out until Week 7. Then the battle against the Dallas Cowboys in Week 6 ripped the team's morale when they had to witness their most prized player, defensive end Aldon Smith, who's tallied an impressive 33.5 sacks in just two years in the league.

Despite forgetting about linebacker/defensive end Alex Smith, who's tallied an impressive 33.5 sacks in just two years in the league. The Ravens didn't forget about linebacker Joe Flacco. There hasn't been a better coach in this league than Jim Harbaugh. Coincidentally, back in Harbaugh's playing days as a QB, he was actually Ray Lewis' first recorded sack. Despite that fun fact, Harbaugh's transition from coaching Stanford to the NFL has been filled with enormous success. In just two seasons, he's transformed a mediocre team back to being a legitimate contender that is looking to add its sixth title to its history.

In his second year of coaching, Jim Harbaugh looks to make NFL history by leading the 49ers to their sixth Super Bowl win. Super Bowl XLVII brings new meaning to ‘Family Feu’ Jim and John Harbaugh to be first opposing brothers in NFL history

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Ray Lewis, playing in the final game of his career will look to go out on top with his second Super Bowl win.