Jersey’s First Hackathon Wows Judges

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 Moagher, 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 Bull, professor of professional practice at Columbia’s Graduate School of Journalism, Aaron Price, who runs Craftermania and an organizer of New Jersey Tech Meet Up, Jim Shacter, vice president of WNYC 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.

The incidents occurred throughout the day on Jan. 24, beginning at 6:34 a.m. in Blanton Hall, 2:05 p.m. in Science Hall and 4:39 p.m. at Freeman Hall.

The leak in Science Hall was approximately a dozen people were injured when a NJ Transit train on the Montclair-Boonton Line hit a paint truck at the Main Street and Fairfield Avenue crossing on Wednesday morning.

According to Nancy Snyder, a New Jersey Transit spokeswoman, the train struck a tractor-trailer carrying paint at approximately 8:15 a.m. 31 passengers were on board at the time of the crash on the commuter train. Visibility was limited this morning due to the thick fog.

According to people on the scene, there is yellow and white paint splattered on Main Street in Montclair, a tractor trailer was hit by a train on the Montclair-Boonton Line.

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Many students have found themselves falling victim to the flu virus this season. According to ABC News, this flu season has seen 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 virus change every year so the immune system reacts to and builds 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 available at the University Health center to both students and faculty who are interested in being vaccinated. The vaccination costs $18. Students are also able to pay with Flex Dollars. Many students are still wary of the flu vaccination due to the high of only 22 degrees.

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Interestingly enough, a small fire occurred in Life Hall around the same time as the burst pipe at around 2 p.m. in a wood shop located in a staging area of the Memorial Auditorium. The fire was apparently caused by an accumulation of sawdust that was ignited by the building's heating system.

The fire was small enough to be contained by a university police officer who was able to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher. While no damage was caused by the fire and no students were injured, the officer who extinguished the flame had to be treated for smoke inhalation at the scene.

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Students were allowed back into Life Hall to resume classes shortly after the fire was extinguished.

Sick students are encouraged to stay home and avoid contact with others. Students and faculty are being encouraged to wear masks and practice proper hygiene. The UHC created a Protocol for Clinical Management of Influenza-Like-Illness," said Mellor. "We recommend that persons with symptoms follow the guidelines outlined by medical professionals. Additionally, we encourage residents to wash their hands frequently and keep their living areas clean. We are posting stickers in restrooms to encourage hand washing. We are also increasing the amount of hand sanitizer in public spaces. We worked with Capstone to post flyers and information in the residence halls about healthy behaviors." There are also emergency plans in mind in case a large number of students do fall victim to the flu virus.

While the weather changes back and forth from warm to cold and back again, it is easier for the virus to thrive. Students and faculty are reminded to get plenty of rest, wash their hands and if possible, get a flu vaccination.

The Montclair-Boonton Line was shut down. Route 23 was also shut down between Main Street and North Mountain Avenue. Bus services were available, but extensive delays were anticipated on the train line.

The identity of the truck driver is still unknown. However, it was determined that the driver was in the bed of the truck when the train struck. The driver suffered a minor shoulder injury. According to the Associated Press, 10 passengers were seriously injured in the crash. One person who was injured was a school crossing guard, who was hit by flying debris after the crash.

The truck was carrying supplies and was trying to make a sharp left turn unsuccessfully, according to a spokesperson for the company, who was unnamed. The truck then attempted to back up over the tracks, at which time the railroad tracks and rail came down to warn of an on-coming train. The truck was unable to get off of the tracks in time and was struck by the train.

"It was a matter of circumstance, unfortunately," said N.J. Transit spokesman John Durso Jr. Of the 10 people injured, eight of their injuries were not critical. However, the crossing guard and the conductor of the train suffered serious injuries.

There was heavy fog when the train crashed, but it has not yet been determined if this played a role in the crash of the train into the tracks, or if the conductor's vision was impaired in any way due to the fog. The train only took approximately 400 feet to come to a complete stop, but it was not enough to prevent the train from colliding with the metal post before reaching the track on the tracks.

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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.

- 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.

- The United States has signed a deal with the central African nation of Niger to host American troops and surveillance drones to keep tabs on Islamic militants in the region.

- Yesterday, heavy flooding in Australia caused by torrential rains forced mass evacuations from towns along the country’s eastern coast, with critical patients and newborns from one hospital being airlifted to safety.

- Italian search teams have found debris that could belong to a U.S. fighter jet that went missing on Tuesday. Controllers lost contact with the F-16 around 8 p.m. Monday while the jet was on a training flight.

Information from cnn.com.

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.” For more information on seeing Max speak, students are encouraged to check their webmail accounts, or attend the event on Feb. 12.
What's Trending?

Fabulous Fashion Without Frustration

Denise Potter
Cofounder, Vanity

Let’s face it: In the wake of the year that we never saw coming, we all found ourselves unceremoniously staring at the hollowing core of our closets. Being in possession 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 realistic. Yes, we all know Jenni-fier Lopez looked more than marvelous 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 altering at the mall—and in your budget? Oh, admit it, you’re a full-time fashionista 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 semester.

The first step in reaching recovery is admitting you have a problem. Love BCBG Max Azria? Me too, but if you know nothing in that beautiful 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 in your wardrobe. When you make time to sort through your old clothes with a Hefty bag in hand, you may find some gems!

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 really need 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 cannot afford her textbooks despite looking fabulous in class. Your professors will not understand like your girlfriends 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 purchase, but it is a blessing, it’s a curse. 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 their home-sweet-home if you spend a measly $50! But online shopping addicts beware: You are entering into a world where saying yes to everything is only a few clicks away, threatening a sea of regrettable expenses coming your way in the next 30 days.

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 discounts locally.

Remember this trusty rule of thumb: Before you splurge—purge your wardrobe. When you feel like there’s just nothing 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 mindful that someone will give it a home you never could.

The Salvation Army is always 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- lettos by color and height. (We 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.

Tips for stress-free fashion? Tweet us @MSU_fashion.

“A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous”
- Coco Chanel
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.

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Tapping Out: Is Legal Water Safe Water?

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American tradition is synonymous with misogyny. The classical notion on men paying for the first and subsequent dates implies that males are in control of the relationship with their supposed fiscal superiority. As modern-day feminists clamor for the same rights as men and cashew the traditions that have been passed down from generation-to-generation, they fail to realize the intrinsic nature of relationships between man and woman.

At the most primal level, the male displays dominance and that dominance manifests at the beginning with the male paying for the date.

Individuals who claim that women should pay for the date or that it should be split “dutch” are attempting to subvert the classic image of a male into a form that does not have a discernable social difference. Feminists strive to achieve equality in social and professional environments.

Equality, however, are the privileges and responsibilities that males have always had. We as men lose more and more of our identity to progressive views every day. We have lost the image of the “classic male,” the breadwinners who wear suits and provide.

We as males are past the phase where that was “traditional.” We are slowly regaining our image as the classic American male. So ladies, let us pay for the first date and every date after that. It’s a male thing.

To group a certain gender into role-specific categories is a far-too-common practice in contemporary culture. I do not believe that one specific person should be responsible for flipping the cost of the entire date. Sure, it would be a nice gesture for a guy to buy me a drink or two, but I don’t expect anyone to pay for an entire meal or film, or both combined.

As up and coming ladies, our mothers tell us that the man should pay for the meal. However, I do not, nor have ever, expected a man to pay $50 or more to hang out with me. Now that I phrased it that way, it seems vaguely like prostitution.

I’m not trying to make the claim that every man is trying to force women into gender roles. Maybe the guy is just following the advice of some of his female friends. The reason for paying is perhaps more important than the gesture itself. If a guy is paying for me simply out of the kindness of his heart, then by all means I will let him handle the dinner bill. However, if he is merely dishing out cash because he thinks it is his “role” in the relationship, then he won’t last more than the first date before I leave him with his money in hand.

The first date is often used to gauge compatibility. I don’t like when a guy expects me to pay for everything, either. I can’t stand when he doesn’t at least humor me by reaching for his wallet at the first sign of a cashier. He can buy me a drink but he better believe that I will be buying him just as many.

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Easy Ways to Eat More Fruits and Vegetables

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 Cans**
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.

**Sunshine Salad**
Add chopped carrots and lemon zest to orange Jell-O mix. Serve chilled.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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?

For more helpful hints, visit DanaEliseBaardsen.com
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Despite all our gripes, we’re all just some rats 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 installment 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 constant detours, 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 lazy 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 rain water. The lack of professionalism and business 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 work 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 maintained with the way our roads, and 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.

Through This Caution Tape

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 environment and in the long run, it’s cost-effective, but personally, I would rather have a parking lot before 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 coming. But, when the installation was going on, the school was a sheer mess and I think the construction people probably would have been against the idea. I’m sure. No, I don’t think it’s worth it at all.”
The whole issue surrounding the recent “war on drugs” without a doubt, debatable one—you are either for it or against it. Yet, many of the people that I ask already know what side they stand on. They have a clear moral code.

When it comes to drugs, society is confused. We’re confused about what people can and cannot do for the good of the country. 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 morality, which they believe is correct, does not harm the interests of others. The real problem, I believe, is not the drugs or the addicts themselves, but the fact that these addicts do what they want to obtain their “forbidden fruit.”

Next, for instance, is highly addictive, yet we don’t see people knocking down convenience stores to get their hands on Marlboros. Doctors are blasted for prescribing antibiotics, as the primary facilitator of gun violence in the country. Commissioner Kelly said today, that 2,203 out of the 2,779 illegally obtained firearms were automatic handguns, which he added that 90 percent of weapons confiscated in New York are illegal handguns, which is a startling reality.

However, this certainly does not mean that assault weapons are off the hook. Often times these types of weapons are subject to much blame because they serve no legitimate purpose to hunting. Hunting is the only reason that firearms are kept in our country. The war on drugs has cost us an estimated $1 trillion to this day, and repeat studies have shown that preventing drug abuse in the first place.

The U.S. is the only country in the world in which possessing a firearm is a right, not a privilege. Perhaps it is a coincidence that this country consistently has the highest number of deaths caused by gun violence, but perhaps not. It is incredibly bold to claim that atrocious incidences such as Sandy Hook or Aurora could not have happened had these firearms not been so widely available, in so precisely these bold claims that I find myself contemplating constantly.

Tiffany Saez, a Broadcasting major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
The winds have been working full time, joining the frigid temperatures, snow and ice to make campus more treacherous to navigate and certainly too cold for comfort.

Getting back into the swing of school and work is much harder when the weather is changing. It’s days like these when I ask myself, “What can MSU do to provide a more welcoming environment to students?”

A complimentary blanket and steamy mug of hot cocoa is preferable, but could involve lawsuits if students burn their selves by drinking the cocoa before it cools. Heated tunnels running from building to building would only worsen the ugly and intrusive construction projects which are currently spreading across campus. Instead, I propose something simple yet comforting to alleviate some of the gloomy winter blues: hot towels.

If you’ve never been to a Japanese restaurant which offers hot towels during the meal, then your life has been significantly lacking in happiness. These towels are moist but not soaking wet, warm throughout and usually have a nice smell.

They are not to be confused, however, with moist towelettes—wimpy, flimsy pieces of damp paper which contain some kind of alcohol or soap product to wash hands after eating wings on game night.

No, these are warm, fluffy terrycloth towels in a clean white color, folded and heated for your enjoyment. They do not leave little cracks and paper cuts on your skin burning from the alcohol in hand sanitizers, nor is there information on moist towelettes, yet they keep your hands feeling just as fresh as a team.

In Japan, they are known as o-shibori, and come heated as well as cooled, but hot towels would 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 ward away the mess which food leaves behind.

So why would anyone want, may ask why? Warm towels? Is there truly a need? I would argue that there definitely is, since the New York Times published an article on Jan. 18 claiming that this winter’s influenza season is worse than average.

Not only is the flu striking hard, but college campuses are playgrounds for all kinds of bacteria and viruses to multiply, and college students are notoriously susceptible to sickness because of their high levels of stress. Warm towel distribution might lend its help at the end of every class will surely keep a student’s hands more clean and discourage the spread of unseemly germs across campus.

Any more support campus-wide hot towel distribution because of the miraculous payback it would give to students in the cold videos. Distributing hot towels at the beginning of class offers a sense of “tabula rasa,” where students can wipe away all their outside problems with warm and clean hands. Charlie Morgan is the son of a millionaire businessman. That’s almost always the antithesis of his job description as a soccer player for Chelsea F.C. and Swansea City.

Morgan is the only 17-year-old male with a blowout, right, folks: Charlie Morgan is a professional soccer team. He was let off without so much as a slap on their hands as they write. Morgan refused to give him the ball that was kicked out of bounds by Swansea City. It was the track record in penalties, but also that it allows the chance for any team that is in the lead to become embarrassed in the future.

What ensued was a series of embarrassing events: First, Morgan was really tired during the final minutes of the game, and possibly suffered from a narcoleptic attack, his Narelopexy clearly undiagnosed up until then. However, it could be that he wanted to waste time during the game in order to cause strife amongst the opposition, as he clearly indicated within a Twitter post prior to the game: “#worldtourstillthisisChelSwa”

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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Regan Brown**
Staff Writer

The first time I heard a song by indie rock sister duo Tegan and Sara, I was not impressed. I really 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’s not that I didn’t like them, it’s just that their music wasn’t well written. 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 meaningful 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 awe some 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

**Duo shines on their newest album Heartthrob**

Canada’s dynamic duo strike again!

In 1994, L’Arc en Ciel signed a contract with Sony Music Entertainment Japan’s K/visum Entertainment 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 originally left the band by the end of the year, postponing many of the band’s projects and shortening their 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 Yukihito. 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 Yukihito 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, Arch and Ray, topped the Oricon charts (Arch 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 tracks “Guiltless As Charged” and “I Run Empty,” as well as the official music video for “Closer.”

**Weekend Artist Spotlight**

Nicole Duque
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 Japa nese 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 a Dream,” “Ready Steady Go,” “Atta,” “Good Luck My Way,” “Bliss” and “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 Tetsuya, then known as Tetsu, recruited guitarist Hiro, vocalist Tetsu, 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 Do One under the independent record label Danger Crue.

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

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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 on 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?!**

Y-3 Paraffin Hooded Parka (Retail at $1,020.00)

Ann Demuelemeester Striped Long Shirt (Retail at $409)

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Songs that make you want to burrow and plow!

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   Jonathan Molina, Assistant Arts Editor

2. “Push It” – Salt-N-Pepa
   Rashard Bradshaw, Arts Editor

3. “Dig It” – Cast of Hales
   Nick Verhagen, Sports Editor

4. “Better Dig Too” – The Band Perry
   Jessica Czarnogursky, Feature Editor

5. “Amish Paradise” – Weird Al Yankovich
   Kristen Brytogle, Assistant Opinion Editor

6. “Poke” – Frightened Rabbit
   Lindsay Rassmann, Managing Editor

7. “Gold Digger” – Kanye West
   Catherine Baxter, News Editor

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Le1f takes flight. (Photo courtesy of dummymag.com)

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Unfortunately for Rick, things still aren’t looking up. In the first half of the current season, Rick lost his wife Lori 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 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.

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WARNING

SPoiler Alert!!
Swimming Strokes Towards End of Season

The Montclair State men’s swimming and diving team is currently 4-1-0 (3-0 NJAC). Their last game is Saturday, Feb. 2 against W. Paterson.

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

The Red Hawks fell behind quickly in their home conference game against the Scarlet Raptors of Rutgers-Camden, eventually losing 69-57 in the first half.

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Four eighth-seconds from both the men's basketball and the women's basketball team past Saturday was the last time that those swimmers and divers would be able to compete in their home pool. The men's team was able to host 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 weekend, Jan. 23 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. MSU came through to pull out the win 126-92. Senior Zak Westerberg and Michael Smith were two of the top performers for Montclair State with two individual wins each.

Westerberg's first triumph came in the 100m freestyle where he recorded a time of 48.15. The senior Westerberg got his other individual win in the 200m individual medley by posting a 2:04.12. 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 notched a time of 1:50.33.

The trifecta was completed by Berry's second victory in the 500m freestyle where 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 48.22.

Smith earned a second win by swimming a 57.29 in the 100m butterfly, and his other individual win came from Long in the 100m breaststroke by coming in with a time of 22.20.

In their final home meet, MSU hosted the Ramapo College Roadrunners on Saturday, Jan. 26. Unfortunately, Montclair State's men's team fell to the Roadrunners 99-129.

Like they have been doing all year, senior Zak Westerberg and junior Michael Smith led the charge by winning two individual events apiece plus helping the relay team place first. Both of Smith's wins came in freestyle events.

The first was in the 200m freestyle where he swam a time of 1:47.85. In the 500m freestyle, Smith netted a time of 4:56.82, which was good enough for his second win of the day. Westerberg also had two wins, but his came in the butterfly events. In the 100m fly, Westerberg posted a time of 54.88, which gave him his first individual win of the day.

The Red Hawks came through again when he won the 200m but- terfly with a time of 2:03.53. Berry also netted a win in the 200m individual medley, with a swim of 2:05.35 in the event. Westerberg, Smith, Long and freshman David Werner all came through clutch for Montclair State by winning two events per person.

Stein started the great day for the Lady Red Hawks with a win in the 100m freestyle, when she swam a time of 1:10.22.

The 500m freestyle was where Stein claimed her second individual win of the day by posting a time of 5:34.50. LaCava excelled in both butterfly events, the first one being the 100m backstroke where a time of 1:23.85 gave her high honors for the event. In the 100m butterfly, a time of 1:03.31 by LaCava was enough to pick up her second first-place finish of the day.

Werner got a first-place fin- ish in the 200m breaststroke by pro- ducing a time of 2:30.34. Her other triumph was in the 200m individ- ual medley, where a time of 2:10.83 netted her the win. Junior Kelsie Dombroske won the 100m backstroke recording a time of 1:04.33.

Speaking of seniors, I re- cently spoke with head coach Brian McLaughlin about who he feels has emerged as leaders on the men's squad. "We have a great group of seniors who are all great leaders and will be amazing alums in a few short months."

"We also have a great senior diver in Anthony Cassella and were extremely fortunate to pick up a tremendous new diver named Es- tohan Morales. Our diving is the best it has been in about a decade. Zak Westerberg and Tom Long are seniors that our underclassmen have a world of respect for because of their passion and loyalty to their teammates."

"Like the other seniors, they made it look easy but this is a demanding sport that is anything but. I am sure they will miss things like our train trips to St. Croix but not our early morning practices. Their names are not on our record board by accident."

Red Hawks' men's team, coach McLaughlin cited all four scoring men for their performance, Maria Vira, Ashley Vallone, Taylor Isakson and Courtney Hymann. "They've been contributors since early in the year to this program and have repre- sented the University as well as the sport of swimming in an ultimate way."

The awards also keep rolling in for Montclair State as two more swimmers captured honors this week. Senior Zak Westerberg was awarded with the NCAA (New Jersey Athletic Conference) Men's Swimmer of the Week award.

Westerberg joined junior Mi- chael Smith as the two Red Hawks who have been given the accolade. On the women's side, freshman Sydney Stein won the NAAC Women's Swimming Rookie of the Week award.

The men enter their final regular season meet of the year at 4 p.m. (6:30 in the NJAC) while the women's record is 5-5 overall (1-2 in the NJAC). Both teams fin- ished strong last weekend beating Ramapo and will be looking to complete their season with a win this weekend.

We also have an opportunity to have multiple events at the Met- ropolitan Championships at Rut- ger's where we have two swimmers qualifying in the finals. This is a 20-team Div. II event which is extremely competitive."

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Hockey Back in Action

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Staff Writer

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 goalie, Joe Fede, who played the entire third period.

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

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

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, now to the Red Hawks team this semester, scored the game-winning goal and the eventual game winner.

Coach Barone was very pleased with his team’s play and determination to win the game. "Seeing those guys give up their body and blocking shots, in the cold weather, was amazing. It goes to show how important it was to them to win that game,” coach Barone said.

On Sunday afternoon, the Red Hawks took on Central Connecticut State University in a home match at the Floyd Hall Arena. The opening face-off was at 3 p.m. There was no shortage of offense from the Red Hawks as they took 47 shots throughout the course of the game. Central Connecticut State University scored first with a goal from Frank Pisano. At the end of the period, however, it was the Red Hawks up on the scoreboard by a score of 2-1. The Red Hawk goals were both scored a man down. Brandon Persin had the first and Nick Lieback the second.

The second period started just as the first ended. MSU would score two more shorthanded goals. One was Lieback’s second of the game and the other from Christopher Preziosi. Montclair State’s defense and goaltending was strong all day. Before the end of the period, Central Connecticut State University cut the lead to just one with two more goals from Frank Pisano. One was scored on a power play to give Pisano the hat trick.

Just minutes into the third period, Central Connecticut State University was able to tie the score at 4-4. The game remained tied until the final minutes of the period, when the Red Hawks were able to score 3 more goals for insurance. Joseph Fede started in net for the Red Hawks and stopped 28 of the 32 shots he faced. He finished the contest with a .875 save percentage.

The team is now 9-8-2-1 and will travel to Marist on Saturday, February 2 at 4:15 p.m. The Red Hawks will be looking for a big win to put their record back over the .500 mark.

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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 I was a little sad that the New York Giants reign as the defending champions will officially come to an end this Sunday. However, there are no other teams more worthy of having the throne passed down to than the Baltimore Ravens or the San Francisco 49ers, especially since both of these teams prevailed from heart-breaking losses in last year’s NFC and AFC Championship games.

Here’s a motto that represents these two teams: “When the going gets tough, the tough gets going.”

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.

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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.