Dude, Where’s My Shuttle?

Kelly Potts  Staff Writer

Montclair State University will be getting three new shuttle buses after spring break, as well as two additional buses by the end of the calendar year. Additionally, shuttle services will apply the use of an application for smartphones that is capable of tracking shuttles.

By late March, three new shuttle buses will be in use on campus, as well as two larger, transit-style buses that are currently in the process of being built.

In terms of routes, an in-depth assessment will be done at the end of the spring semester for this fall.

Dr. Timothy Carey, assistant vice president of Facilities Services, said, “The shuttle services evaluate the routes continuously, but usually make changes twice a year.” For now, the weekly and weekend shopper routes will be staying the same.

The app, NextBus Tracking, will be able to tell students where shuttles are currently located, as well as when they are expected to be at a specific stop.

All students will be able to benefit from this free phone app. The NextBus tracking system will be arriving in March as well, but is not tied to the arrival of the new buses. “All buses will be equipped with the GPS capabilities that NextBus provides,” said Carey.

This will eliminate the need for commuters to waste time driving around CarParc Diem trying to find a close spot to avoid a long walk or a long wait for a shuttle.

It will also help students plan their time accordingly if they wait for a shuttle before and after classes. Rather than getting stuck waiting for a shuttle, students will know exactly when it is expected to arrive at each specific stop.

Students will soon be able to track shuttles on their phones or computers to avoid waiting at shuttle stops for a long time.

- Michelle Pisarri, Press Secretary

Red Hawks Becoming Registered Nurses

Jianna Hall  Staff Writer

Have you considered pursuing nursing as a career? Well, you’ve come to the right place. MSU has finally adopted a nursing program. This is a joint partnership between MSU and Seton Hall College of Nursing. Many students are very excited for such an opportunity to pursue their career aspirations without transferring.

Students interested in nursing would initially major in biology as an undergraduate. For the first three years, they would attend Montclair State, then their last two years take classes at Seton Hall. Some of their undergraduate credits would be completed during the fourth and fifth year, making this an accelerated Master’s program. Students would ideally graduate with a Master’s degree in nursing within a five-year period.

After that, students are eligible to obtain the additional credential of a Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), which is an advanced generalist role, as well as take the NCLEX exam for RN licensure, which is an additional CNL certification.

This certification affirms that nurses have the skills to improve outcomes, reduce costs and decrease medical errors. Many students are looking forward to this opportunity.

“I feel as if now that Montclair has a nursing program, they have a more well-rounded choice for students. It’s open to more people, like myself, who would have had to transfer otherwise. I feel like MSU has always had the materials to have a medical program, and now it’s something that can become real.”

Highly-motivated under-graduate students majoring in Biology (or a closely related major) and interested in a health-related career, are encouraged to apply. Anyone who is interested should contact Gunnar Hisgen, biology advisor and CSAM career service representative.

For the Student Government Association, the SGA passes nearly 400 bills a year, most from SGA organizations. The bills are presented in front of the SGA at their weekly meetings, and are voted upon by the members. For a bill to pass, a two-thirds majority vote is required.

One of the biggest state-wide issues of recent years includes students who live in New Jersey who still may have to pay out-of-state tuition fees in order to attend a secondary school. This can apply to either illegal aliens who were born in New Jersey and have lived here their entire lives, or simply those who cannot provide documentation proving that they live in state and attend a New Jersey school.

According to Bills 2013-15, “The Montclairian” states, “Nearly 400 students that have lived in
 Pelican Police Report

On Feb. 21
A female commuter student reported her vehicle being keyed inside of Car/Park 1 at 521 (building #52).

On Feb. 22
A female commuter student reported her vehicle being keyed inside of Car/Park 1. This matter is under investigation. (building #56)

On Feb. 22
An MBSC employee reported a fight inside of Race 36. Police responded and identified the portion involved. Charges are pending at this time. (building #92)

On Feb. 22
bus Ch 5, 22 of Monmouth Beach, was arrested and charged with theft. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

On Feb. 22
Evan Cupp, 22, of Freehold, was arrested according to State Attorney General Jeffrey Chiesa. The police began the investigation three months ago.

On Feb. 22
Detectives Sgt. Loran Baker and Elizabeth Goulet by police.

Nicholas Tonnant, 25, of Atlantic Highlands, was arrested for disorderly conduct while at Hawk Crossings. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (building #52)

20 underaged students were all given special complaint summons for underage consumption of alcohol while in Freeman Hall. They are all scheduled to appear in Montclair Municipal Court. (building #18)

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at 1-1-1 (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

Local

• 52-year-old Shuja Ali Syed of Middlesex County was arrested Wednesday morning and charged with laundering more than $1 million as a part of a fake male enhancement product scheme in New York and New Jersey.

• In a statewide crackdown on child pornography, 25 people from 25 municipalities were arrested according to State Attorney General Jeffrey Chiesa. The police began the investigation three months ago.

• Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is preparing to close six disaster recovery centers by Sunday. Only three centers remain. 38 centers opened after Sandy and have been closing as the need has lessened.

• During a robbery in Newark’s downtown area on Tuesday night, an employee at Newark Liberty International Airport was shot and killed less than a mile from city hall, said officials. The victim was Bruce Santos, 26.

• At 3 p.m. on Friday, Justin Caron, 30, from Parsippany, was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, possession of MDMA with the intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia while in Alice Paul Hall. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (building #82)

• 52-year-old Anthony Darnell Liddell, 42 years old.

• An American couple that were reported missing after a mountain trek were found “safe and sound,” said Peru’s top tourism official on Tuesday. The San Francisco couple had not reported back to any friends or family or accessed their bank accounts since Jan. 25.

• Off the shores of a popular beach west of Auckland, New Zealand, a surfer was found killed yesterday due to a 12-14 foot great white shark. The victim was a man in his 40s.

• The tunnels between Egypt and Gaza were ordered to be destroyed on Tuesday by an Egyptian court. Egyptian authorities still have yet to act upon the court order.

• Oscar Pistorius intends to hold a private memorial service for his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, on Tuesday night. Pistorius was charged with the death of his girlfriend on Feb. 14.

National

• Millionaire Dennis Tito, an ex-NASA engineer of the non-profit organization, Inspiration Mars Foundation, is spearheading the effort to send two people (one man, one woman) to Mars in 2018. The trip is estimated to take 501 days.

• A student was shot and killed in a Coastal Carolina University dormitory Tuesday night. The school remained locked down as of Wednesday morning while the search for the shooter continues. The victim was 19-year-old Anthony Darnell Liddell.

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International
**Winter Week is Heating Up Campus**

Following two campus-wide emails sent this week from the SGA, the viral Harlem Shake trend found its way onto Montclair’s campus yesterday, as a part of Winter Week.

According to Denise Bambinelli, director of SLAM, the SGA’s programming organization, the event was originally intended to take place on the school’s quad, but inclement weather prevented this.

Instead, over 100 students, dressed in various costumes (some school spirited, some just extravagant) gathered in the Ballroom A of the Student Center Ballrooms.

A DJ was hired to blast the eponymous song. The event was recorded and the video is anticipated for release next week.

Dr. Karen Pennington was in attendance to deliver a mock speech in the beginning of the video, right before a Rocky-headed George Juzdan entered and kicked off the infamous shake.

“Today definitely showed campus unity,” said Bambinelli. “I have never seen so many smiles in 15 minutes.”

Winter Week was filled with events to bolster the campus community.

On Monday over 100 free subs and salads were given away to students. Tuesday featured a free Italian dinner sponsored by Class II and III organization.

From 12 p.m. — 2 p.m., SLAM will be at Dunkin’ Donuts giving away free food and allowing for some stress-free art coloring sessions.

On Friday, from 8 a.m. — 12 p.m. the Student Center will be open to all organizations to setup a table. SLAM will feature an Apples-to-Apples night with $2,500 in raffle prizes.

Raffle tickets will be available to all students. Also, free Rita’s Italian ice will be given away.

All organizations wishing to participate in the Friday night table event should e-mail Julie Fleming and the Center for Student Involvement.

Bambinelli made sure to give a special mention to Minal Shaw, cabinet member who represents the Class II and III organizations on campus, whom she said lent a huge helping hand.
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the state of New Jersey for the first time. Although this student graduated from a New Jersey high school but do not currently reside in New Jersey, they are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates and international rates at the state’s county and state colleges.

Students who have lived in-state for almost all of their lives are required to pay these large fees simply due to a lack of documentation.

According to the MSU website, the tuition rate for in-state students is $11,057. It is greater for in-state and out-of-state students. Residents of New Jersey had to pay $11,057 for tuition. Non-residents had to pay $20,135 for tuition. However, the students who were able to provide documentation that they were either reside in New Jersey or graduated from a New Jersey high school would be forced to pay the more expensive tuition of $20,135.

There are two current bills in the New Jersey State Assembly and Senate that are trying to make it possible for students who have lived in New Jersey for at least three years and obtained a high school degree would be able to pay for financial aid administered by the Higher Education Stu- dents Assistance Commission (HESAC). This also covers people without legal immigration status who have submitted a request to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

According to the website for the Montclair Film Festival, “2013 was a sentimental year for the Montclair Film Festival. It has been a part of the Montclair Film Festival.”

Bob Feinberg, the co-founder and Chairman of the Board of the Montclair Film Festival, said, “As far as I know, at least in the New York and northern New Jersey area, we are the only people who are showing all the shorts at one time.” He claims events like this are important, explaining, “They’re short films and they don’t get the attention as frequently as features.”

Ryan Moore, a senior at Montclair, said, “These films [often] don’t get seen. They’re often the neglects of the Oscars, so I think it’s really important for there to be opportunities for them to see them.”

He continued, “I came here for inspiration and to see what wins and what is good, but I think it’s good for everyone here. I saw a lot of kids. I think that’s great. It can be really cre- atively inspiring.”

Students had different favorite films throughout the day. Jordan Manginoff, a senior at Montclair said that his favorite was the animated Disney short, “Paperman.” He said, “I really love it, just the way they put it in it and the combina- tion of 2-D and 3-D styles. It was blown away by the technology they have now to combine those two ele- ments to actually make it move.”

Another favorite was the feature film “Frozen.””I liked the whole story line, how he was going to kill himself, then that event happened and he was able to see his parents and his whole attitude changed towards life.”

Danielle Ferriola, a senior at Montclair, also chose a favorite for junior Jaime Kien-tzer. “You didn’t really need a backeraty to the characters. You could just figure it out. The characters just developed so well in the 20 minutes that we saw.”

There are two active sections, “Henry,” the favor- ite for junior Michael Pacyna. “Henry was real- ly good because my grand- mother had Alzheimer’s, so I could relate well to it and I thought it was a good story as well.”

He also said, “I’m seeing some movies that I’m not usually able to see anywhere else. This short is about shortness, so it’s a good thing that I could learn about.”

Feinberg said, “The idea behind the festival was to bring all these short films together in one place so real film lovers could come and watch them all.”

This festival has been attended throughout the day. People of all ages at- tended this event, from young children and stu- dents had to pay $20,135 for tuition for 2012-2013 whereas New Jersey residents had to pay $11,057 for tuition. Though this is a significant increase, the Montclair Film Festival continues to be a way for students and the community to enjoy many different types of films during the festival.

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said, “I always choose to attend whatever weather is like, because I never know how long I’m going to be able to go for shuttle.”

She thought this practice would continue as long as she can check when the shuttle will be arriv- ing rather than waiting for one for walking across campus in the rain and snow.

“I feel applying this policy for the MSU students and faculty is a great, reliable source that can ful- fill their needs,” said Matt Jenkins, a sophomore in 141.
There is no debate that the likes of us have spent this past Sunday night crowded around our television sets, hoarding the last of the Academy Award hors d'oeuvres and cheering on our favorite big-screen beauties. But in the months to come, what will stick in our minds way more than the nominees for Best Picture is certainly the contenders for “Best Dressed” on the red carpet. Strong and strapless was certainly the fashion theme this year. Mega-babes like Jennifer Aniston, Kerry Washington, Charlize Theron and Reese Witherspoon took the carpet by storm in pops of vibrant color and showed a little skin, and this time, we were happy to receive their cold shoulders.

Strutting her old-Hollywood type glamour as usual, Jessica Chastain proved to us that less is more in the beautiful intricately beaded copper gown by Armani. Paired with a warm lip color and side-swept hair, Jessica made Zero Dark Thirty look 100 percent sexy. Amanda Seyfried looked anything but Les “Miserable” in her Alexander McQueen gown with a shocking crisscross-neckline. Though she looked a little washed out in the pale, greying material, we commend her for taking a fashion risk for her Oscar debut.

Between Catherine Zeta-Jones and Nicole Kidman, we saw stars or sparkles. These two Academy Award veterans proved they could strut their stylish stuff, no matter what age or agenda in the show-stopping gold and black couture by Zuhair Murad and L’Wren Scott, respectively. Compared to all the twenty-something newcomers on the carpet this year, those leading ladies of Oscars past showed that they’ve still got what it takes.

We were all for Kerry Washington the moment she showed up in the strapless two-toned jeweled gown by Miu Miu, though fingernails were heard audibly scratching the fashion chalkboard when we saw the tiny bow at her waistline. With such an outstanding performance in Django Unchained, is there really any need for ribbon and yarn? We know you’re a prize, Kerry — leave the bowties at home.

Kristen Stewart hobbled in just in time to show off her remarkable Reem Acra gown and ostentatious accessories — crutches. While she wowed us into supreme envy in her soft lace and ruffle train, we didn’t appreciate the transparent style of the bust (though maybe Seth McFarlane did). And just this once, we urge you, crack a smile. But for now, ankles will have to do.

Of course, we can’t forget to mention the one of the sexiest men alive — the incomparable Bradley Cooper showed up looking dapper as always, courting his mommy dearest as his date. Though we stick by you through anything, Bradley, we do have to ask: why the beard? Despite being an arguable Oscar-superstition, it’s always best to sport a clean shaven face for a night like that.

And now, the moment you’ve all been waiting for — the one and only Jennifer Lawrence in her flawless Christian Dior gown, sweeping the “Best Dressed” contenders and Best Actress nominees with her poised and elegant style. While she sashayed up the steps of the stage just moments after her name was called in sweet victory. With her winning smile and down-to-earth acceptance, Jennifer had the heart of each of us, proving that you can be fabulous and genuine at the same time. For all of us girls chasing a life of looking fashion-fierce while sometimes feeling couture-clumsy, Jennifer Lawrence may just be our “silver lining.”
On Feb. 17, thousands of people marched on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in what has been called the largest pro-climate change rally in history.

People of all ages from 30 states, including students and faculty from over 100 colleges and universities, bundled up and headed to the Mall in below-freezing temperatures. They shouted signs and chanted: "When you are in a hole, dig over the hole. When I'm President, it'll be tax late." While others went further, even dressing up.

People from the Occupy Wall Street Movement dressed as grim reapers, one of the biggest climate change rallies in the U.S. was proposed in 2008, would continue, Keystone XL, which was seen as a movement of people to refineries down to and along the Texas Gulf Coast.

“All I ever wanted to do was make a movement to step climate-change and now I’ve seen it. I cannot promise you we’re going to win, but I’ve waited a quarter century to find out if we were going to fight, and today, at the biggest climate rally yet for a U.S. history, I know we’re going to fight,” said Middletown College sophomore Bill McKibben over the loudspeaker at the rally. It remains to be: When you saw in a hole, everyone else above all, stop the Keystone pipeline. The protest can do that with a single stroke of his pen, and if he does, he will become the first world leader to veto a big project because it’s bad for the climate.” McKibben is also the founder of 350.org, an international environmental organization.

350.org reported that last year, 15,000 people surrounded the White House in protest of the pipeline, and in return, President Obama delayed the Keystone XL project. This year, an estimated 40,000 people marched, as speakers from multiple organizations addressed the crowds through loudspeakers on the key focus of the rally.

Audio from the pipeline’s impact on alternative energy sources, one of the biggest concerns for protesters against the pipeline is the immediate environmental impact. All fingers point to Enbridge, the crude oil transport company responsible for Keystone XL.

This was the concern of Chief Jacqueline Thomas of Su’tah First Nation in British Columbia. “Enbridge really has brought our communities together in Canada, because we’ve had oil spills, and you’ve also had oil spills in this country, because oil will spill. It’s just a matter of when. They’ve spilled in the Kalmazoo, which I have cannot be fixed. They’ve broken their promise, and I understand it’s ever. Enbridge that has done that.”

“Well, this is it,” said Van-Jones, a former green-jobs adviser for President Obama. “This is the last minute in the last quarter of the biggest, most important game humanity has ever played. This is it. One thing I know, having worked in this town, the simple maxim, ‘If you don’t fight for what you want, you deserve what you get.’ At this point, the people cheered louder and raised their人居环境 higher. This maxim seemed to be the mantra for the day, as protesters proceeded to actively make rounds around the National Mall and the White House shouting, cheering and demanding climate action.

Clearly, to the people and organizations involved, the Keystone rally represented the beginning of widespread action against climate change. McKibben stated that this rally, though large, was only the beginning. “As summer comes on, this movement will just pick up. I want everybody to circle those days toward the end of July that are, on average, the hottest each year. We’re going to try and make them hot politically too, this year.”

Danielle Knoeppel still says every time she passes the pile of sand and rubble that used to be her office in Sea Bright, “This is a storm that affected my area,” she says. “Turning my back [on it] just wouldn’t be right.”

After Hurricane Sandy destroyed the Jersey Shore, Knoeppel, a full-time English Education student at Montclair State University and a beach supervisor in Sea Bright, took the destruc- tion as an opportunity to take initiative and show everyone the pride she has in being a member of the Seabright community.

At 20, the West Long Branch native organizes hurricane relief efforts in the same town in hopes of keeping the areas on track as it prepares for another sum- mer tourist season. “It’s in a work in progress,” Knoeppel says, “I am on this for the long haul.”

Knoeppel is an ac- tive member of Montclair State University’s Bonner Leaders AmeriCorps, an organiza- tion on campus that encourages students to vol- unteer and be involved with community service projects. Additionally, she is known by her peers as someone who is willing to drop everything to help someone else.

Danielle is always do- ing some kind of community service project,” says Carey Jackson, a friend of Knoeppel’s room- mate. “You should see all of her Post-it notes and calen- dars marked with all of the stuff she is working on.”

The first community service project Knoeppel organized herself was a clothing and toy drive on campus for the victims of Hurricane San- dy. Items that were donated included clothing, blankets, winter jackets, toys and even money and gift cards. “Bon- ner allowed me to expand the drive to make a bigger impact,” Knoeppel said with a smile. “It wasn’t just people from the beach towns that helped and donated, but students and pro- fessors from MSU.

After organizing the clothing drive from her dorm room, Knoeppel then took it upon herself to lead a cleanup in Sea Bright a few days after the storm hit. Over 50 people participated in sweeping the sandy streets, cleaning debris from the beach, putting houses, folding clothes and even cutting down trees.

People from all over the place,” says Knoeppel. “Everyone was willing to lend a hand for the town they love.

Because the first clean- up that she organized was suc- cessful, Knoeppel quickly took planning another that would include more of the MSU com- munity.

Many Bonner mem- bers joined in on another cleanup that drew an even bigger crowd on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Knoeppel’s dedication to the rebuilding of the Jersey Shore has not only allowed her the opportunity to help strengthen the beach commu- nity she loves, but has also al- lowed her to keep envisioning how Sea Bright will be trans- formed into. “I am currently in the process with another friend of creating a benefit concert as another fundrais- er,” says Knoeppel. “Everyone I have worked with wants to know how they can help, so I’m trying to keep planning big things.”

‘Restore the Shore’
Efforts Continue for MSU Student
**Pre-Spring Break Fad Diets**

**Will They Really Help You Lose Weight?**

Alexis Fissinger

Ladies and gentlemen: it’s that time of year, the semester that every college student has been looking forward to all year — spring break. In just two weeks, many of us will be off to an exotic destination, but for some of us, this vacation is coming just a bit too soon.

The bottom line is that if something sounds too good to be true, it is. If you cannot imagine yourself happily living off a diet plan for a prolonged period of time, then you really will not lose any body fat, but instead gain extra weight. Spring break is about having fun, and without the energy from a balanced diet, you’re likely to be the party pooper instead.

Don’t have your beach body toned enough yet? Well, you might want to think twice before you expect to see quick, fast diets that will just leave you dehydrated, exhausted and moody. Instead, focus on weight-loss basics to look great and feel energized for your fun-filled week.

Fed claim #1: ‘Eat as much as you want!’

This usually means you are limited to one type of food, like unpeeling sagging bananas or lemon juice. The reason these “diets” may work at first is because one gets so bored with the same food that one literally wants to stop eating. Also, the food you are allowed to eat is lacking a slew of vital nutrients, which often causes certain nutrient deficiencies. Weight will come right back on when you start eating the foods you were asked to give up.

Instead:

Add a variety of fruits and vegetables to your meals and snacks. Filling up on these fiberdense and nutritious foods will help you to eat less of the junk that usually packs on pounds.

Fed claim #2: ‘Diet weight loss is real.

Also known as rapid weight loss, the nutrition professionals at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics state that a weight loss of 1-2 pounds a week is the ideal goal for weight loss to be healthy and maintainable. Anything more than this is likely not to be fat loss, but rather muscle, water and even bone loss — none of which makes you appear fit. The more weight you lose in a week, the quicker you will put it back on after you get off the diet plan.

Instead:

Avoid hunger to prevent overeating. Snacks should be a nice balance of carbohydrates to give you energy and protein to keep you full. Stick with complex carbs like whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Great sources of lean protein include tuna, yogurt and beans.

Fed example #2: ‘You Don’t Even Have to Exercise’

Any diet that tells you to refrain from exercise is clearly bunking on the fact that you will lose muscle mass and is aware that the calories allowed in this diet will not give you the energy to spend on the extra activity. Muscle weighs more than fat, and that is why you may see the number on the scale decrease, but then again, so will your lean muscle tone. Your fat will still be in the same place it always has been.

Instead:

Put in some gym time and resistor properly with carbohydrates and protein. You cannot burn body fat without carbohydrates, so throw out the misconception that you should work out on an empty stomach to lose weight. Take a fun exercises class to enjoy your workout more. Les Mills’ BodyPump at the Student Recreation Center is a great choice and will help you build lean muscle, which increases the amount of calories you burn, even while at rest.
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When Alex gets a job as the leader of a local theater group for people with disabilities his outlook on life begins to change. Through the theater group's work, Alex comes to appreciate that every person has his or own talents, which can grow if given the opportunity and support.

The city of Brno is beautiful in architecture and in charm. Walking through the streets, you really get that stereotypically romantic feeling of a beautifully colored European city. The city is big, but for some reason this really small city feeling. The sky is an endless web of cables for their light rail system, which they call “tramvai.” It gives the city a unique feeling.

True to European culture and the crazy high prices for gas, people here walk everywhere. Unlike Newcastle, however, the Czechs actually wear jackets. The streets are littered with parents coming home from grocery shopping, kids walking home from school and young adults that are always meeting an endless string of friends. In a way, I like walking more. You must people you would never meet before if you were driving everywhere.

We took a trip to the main center of Brno for a little shopping. To my surprise, most of the stores in the shopping center were the same that we have back in the U.S. Some of the brand-name stores had even cheaper prices than those back home. After the mall we decided to go explore the center of the city. We walked down endless rows of beautifully designed buildings and storefronts.

After all that walking, we decided to warm ourselves with a drink unique to Czech Republic and Germany. Vespero Vino. This sweet red wine served warm is made by warming a nice red wine, then adding sugar, cloves and cinnamon. It was the perfect way to end the night.

One major difference between the U.S. and the Czech Republic is the amount of beer consumed, and for good reason. As far as I know, you can drink as much as you want. Everywhere, you see people drinking. It is a part of their culture.

Not only is the drinking age here much younger, but it is also more accepted. In the United States, I highly recommend you try it.

Getting to the Czech Republic from Newcastle was much easier and cheaper than many thought. An extremely useful tool in travelling across countries and within countries, is the bus service, particularly the Megabus. The cost of getting from Newcastle to London was £8 at peak hours. The trip back was only £5. Yes, these trips take considerably longer than the train (the road to London was seven hours), but they are also inconsiderably cheaper.

International flights across Europe are also very affordable with Ryanair and EasyJet. They do put strict limitations on luggage and almost everything extra — including reserve seats. In the end, they are still considerably cheaper than other airlines. A round trip from London to Brno only costs around £60.

Even though I would have loved to stay here longer and explore Prague and the rest of the Czech Republic, duty to school calls. After only a short week, I’m headed back to the United Kingdom on Tuesday to resume classes.

My next adventure is to bring you through a typical week in the life of a Newcastle student. Stay tuned.
Honesty, a Spring Break in college is not even spring. Yes, the actual spring equinox isn’t too far from then, but the weather is still cold and it happens at a time when there are no major holidays, well, unless you take St. Patrick’s Day seriously.

I was never a fan of spring weather. For one thing, I am allergic to any kind of pollen, which means my eyes will revolt against my own well-being. Also, it causes self-confusion when it comes to clothing.

Mornings will start just above freezing, only for the temperature to rise to a glorious 60°F later in the day, causing you to carry a heavy sweatshirt around campus.

If I were to go anywhere regardless of a budget, it would be a place where I can escape the onset of spring weather. My brother previously had an unforgettable experience during Spring Break two years ago when he took his girlfriend to the great state of Maine.

Maine is a place where, no matter the weather, the air is always comfortable due to the lack of an overburdened population. Portland, its largest city, is no bigger than near-by Hackensack.

Most of the towns surrounding Portland, which is the area my family is familiar with, are laid-back and clean. Though I am allergic to pollen, I cannot carry a heavy sweatshirt around campus. If someone were to put a place to go Instagram-crazy, the city of Bath along the Kennebec River, would fit the bill due to its rich scenery and unique identity.

Bailey Island is another spot to visit for the views. The island includes unique rock formations jutting into the water as well as a small, rocky beach. The island also features the world’s only bridge made of cobblestone, which is used to get on and off the island.

It will be a shame once we decide to go home, but this imaginary vacationing will always be in my heart. That would be an awesome Spring Break.

For our final day in France, we will go to Disneyland. We will eat in both Germany and France to our hearts’ content and I, personally, will be drinking wine with all my diners. It will be a shame once we decide to go home, but this imaginary vacationing will always be in my heart. That would be an awesome Spring Break.

Some dreams are universal: biting a ball over the Green Monster, winning the World Series, but my dream is at the bottom of the ninth inning. Finding out that you have MS is one of them.

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HOROSCOPES

By Madame Carley

Aries March 21 - April 19
Expect a blast from the past sometime this week. Perhaps an old friend or relative will invite you to take a stroll down memory lane. Whoever it may be, use this weekend to reflect on some of the positive aspects of your life.

Taurus April 20 - May 20
This week is a busy one. Look out for any unexpected changes in your schedule, and take the time to handle them one at a time in order to avoid any conflicts with colleagues, friends or family.

Gemini May 21 - June 20
You are not in your best mood this week. Although someone may be getting on your nerves, whatever you do don’t fight back. You do not want to look as bad as them. Remember to just “keep calm and carry on.”

Cancer June 21 - July 22
You are currently experiencing an overwhelming week. Whatever the case may be, you have gone from being happy to feeling angry to feeling upset. This may stress you out, so relax from time to time.

Leo July 23 - August 22
This is the week to use common sense. Whether it is saving up for something new, going into a relationship or something as simple as planning your day, make sure you think twice before setting your mind on a certain thing.

Virgo August 23 - September 22
Do not let your inner emotions get the best of you this week. You may really hurt someone. Don’t be quick to judge others and watch your temper, it could really land you in hot water!

Libra September 23 - October 22
You are having a stressful week and you have too many things on your mind. Do not worry, things should be back to normal on Monday. Perhaps, someone you know will finally acknowledge your efforts.

Scorpio October 23 - November 21
This is a good week for romance. Do not be afraid to pursue a relationship you have your doubts on. You have nothing to lose and you never know until you try.

Sagittarius November 22 - December 21
Although you may be having a great time this week, someone you know may be hurting. Take some time off your busy schedule to comfort this person.

Capricorn December 22 - January 19
Procrastination has been at your door this whole week. It’s time to get things done before they snowball into a bigger problem. If it’s too late, do not push the panic button just yet. You may be able to fix whatever mess you’ve already in.

Aquarius January 20 - February 18
It’s time to let old habits die young. That means quit doing anything that you feel is slowing you down. Make a new habit of letting go of old grudges and stop doing whatever is hurting your health.

Pisces February 19 - March 20
Self-control is the word of the week for you. Whether it is food, shopping or adventure, do not overindulge in whatever comes your way because you will only get used to it, and it will end up biting you back in the end.

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Words can be as empty or as meaningful as the actions that precede them. Back as children, we could distinguish empty threats from our parents.

We can commend our Student Government for declaring their stances on important issues such as the DREAM Act and the In-State Tuition Act.

Just recently, the SGA had declared that Montclair State University does support both acts and believes it should be passed throughout the state. But how many students even know about these acts and why does the SGA only think it is necessary to make declarations?

The SGA signs these declarations as representatives of our school without consulting the student body about what exactly they are supporting.

The DREAM Act and In-State Tuition Act, if signed, will not only help undocumented students obtain documentation with the completion of college, but will also help those students by eliminating the Out-of-State tuition for undocumented students.

As much as we support both acts, we believe the SGA, as representatives of this school, could do more for these acts. If our founding fathers merely wrote a declaration and had no foreground to go into war and fight for their rights, we would still be a British colony.

It’s wonderful that our SGA supports the signing of both acts, but there is more that can be done as the representatives of the student body.

Clubs, such as LASO, are good examples of people within our community that have held events advocating and educating students about these acts. There are still students around campus that have no idea what these acts are and how it will affect not only students that are attending our school, but those who will pursue the path for higher education.

Though it is believed that we are not entitled to education, those who do want to pursue it should have the means of doing so.

Both acts will be a stepping stone to those who strive for education. Telling someone they’re amazing and convincing someone that they are amazing are two different actions.

The same goes for supporting the acts and advocating for them. One can clearly say we support the act and encourage higher education for all, but to endorse and fight for an equal education or true support, is what these acts need.

Also, to speak on behalf of all 18,000 students and not have any sort of feedback is tyranny. As The Montclarion staff we question potential flaws within these acts.

One huge concern is the elimination of Out-of-State tuition. We could be losing thousands of dollars because of the extra money received from those who pay Out-of-State tuition.

What exactly will happen in order to support the money lost? Could it potentially lead to a rise in taxes or tuition? Or will we have to cope with the money lost?

Many also question why we are not supporting an act that can potentially help documented students who are unable to afford education.

If the Student Government would like to convince students that this is an act we should be supporting, then they should have advocacy for it.

Convince us that we should be in support of the acts. As much as we at The Montclarion have looked into the benefits of the acts, the entirety of the school is still left in the dark.

If the SGA is passionate about this act as much as their declaration claims, then they should stick behind their words.

Instead of paying for a DJ to play the Harlem Shake in some way to promote school spirit, the SGA should spend their funding on more pressing issues.

The public should be more involved in the decision-making process, or we might as well have the students rise like John Proctor and protest, “It is my name.” We shall not sign something we do not support.
Buddhism is not widely practiced in Afghanistan. However, the Taliban's association with al-Qaeda. The stony material was rumored to be a stony material, scientists said, making it the largest such object to hit the Earth in more than a century.”

A dog's love is easy to gain, it would take years to lose. The more you work on any relationship, the deeper the bond. The more you work on any relationship, the deeper the bond.

Levon Syers, an English major, is in his first year as the managing editor for soliciting that love and affection. I have a problem fer slightly, both cats and dogs exude superior beings. Cats are predominant-

Kristen Bryfogle

KRISTEN BETROGLE

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The Supremacy of the Feline Race

“Don’t buy another toy for me,” my mother said. “I’ve had enough. You can keep those or not, we are the only acceptable pet in which a relationship can be formed.

The 15-year-old German pontiff will light his official pearl ring, which will be destroyed by the Vatican Secretar-

The Taliban introduced a policy of idoloclasm — one which enjoys many different cul-

The mountain was “about 55 feet in diameter, weighed around 10,000 tons and was made from the stony material,” according to Fox News.

The terrible deeds of the Taliban may have made it to the end of this article, I could make it through this article in less than an hour. The more you work on any relationship, the deeper the bond.

Consenting to be aColumnist

For those who...
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A look at “Sentinels at the Gate.”

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Nicole Duque
Staff Writer

Are Bliss N Eso Worth a Listen?

The International Hip Hop Movement is growing and strengthening as audiences constantly look for the next best thing — essentially, more unique, creative artists in hip-hop. A group feeding this craving is Bliss N Eso of Sydney, Australia, a trio crowned kings of the Australian hip-hop community as well as a group whose music has been around the world.

The group”的s first album, Flying Colours, was released in 2004, creating a stir in the hip-hop world. Following in 2006, their second album, Come Together, was released and instantly became the first Australian hip-hop act to achieve ARIA’s Top 10, earning them an ARIA nomination for Best Urban Release. In May of 2010, their third album, The Tunnel of Love, was released and instantly became ARIA’s Top 50, leading to their North American tour in 2007, where they performed sold out shows with regards to a local hip-hop community. Despite the incredible success these boys have experienced, they still have a ways to go. The band has plans for their fourth album due out this year. ARIA’s Top 10, earning them an ARIA nomination for Best Urban Release.

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Taylor Swift’s Concert Controversy: Breakup Song to the Tune of $2.5 Million

Victoria Conn
Staff Writer

Country-pop star Taylor Swift is being slammed with a lawsuit for cancelling a concert in Canada and keeping the money without performing. In August 2011, Swift had agreed to perform at the Capital Hoedown music festival in Ottawa, but was forced to cancel due to organizational problems of the festival itself. Issues arose when the singer, who was paid a $2.5 million paycheck upfront, pocketed the money without ever performing. Meanwhile, a whopping $1.8 million was necessary in order to refund each customer who demanded their money back.

The suit was filed by FIRE USA Inc., a company based out of Florida who was responsible for handling the music festival’s tickets. The company claimed that by refusing to perform or reschedule another concert, Swift breached the contract formed in Oct. 2011. When news of Swift’s cancellation reached the ears of her Canadian fans set to see her at Hoedown, customers demanded their money back from Evo Merchant Services, a credit card processing company based out of New York. From there, Evo, who hired FIRE USA Inc. to sell the festival tickets, filed a claim against FIRE for the $1.8 million in losses. The suit demanded that FIRE have Swift use her own $2.5 million payment to refund the money to the devastated fans. However, Swift’s representatives state that she never made a deal with the ticket company. It is more likely that she had a “privacy of contract” or a case where only she and the promoter of the festival could sue each other.

Surprisingly, this isn’t the first time Swift has gotten a lawsuit thrown her way. In 2010, Dan Dymtrow, Swift’s former manager, claimed that the multi-award winning artist owed him millions for discovering her and launching her career. The suit resulted in Dymtrow receiving $10,000. Just three years later, the star is battling the law yet again. Representatives of Taylor Swift insist that she is not liable for the refunds and that she held up her end of the agreement by holding the date. It isn’t her fault that the Hoedown music festival was completely disorganized and incapable of providing Swift with a structured schedule. In addition, Swift and her team of representatives say they have not even seen the lawsuit.

The entire situation is messy and questionable. It seems like FIRE USA Inc. is just looking for someone to blame and pin their mistake on. Why not go for a young, vulnerable artist worth millions? For now, the situation remains unresolved. One thing is for sure, however: Taylor Swift is never going back to the Capital Hoedown festival, at least not anytime soon.

Compton Conscious
Rashard Bradshaw
Arts Editor

Kendrick Lamar recently released the video for “Poetic Justice,” his third single off his critically-acclaimed good kid, m.A.A.d city. With Lamar’s native Compton serving as the chilling backdrop, the video presents an urban take on the star-crossed lover scenario: boy meets girl, they fall in love and their attraction turns fatal. If’s almost Shakespearean; just replace the sonnets and neck ruffles with lowriders and warring West Coast gangs. This urban take on Romeo and Juliet may seem like a tale of puppy love gone wrong but for many living in violent cities across the country, the scenes of bloodshed are all too real. I really enjoyed the overall cinematic nature of the video. I find that Lamar’s take on visual aids, which is completely different from the typical flashy, materialistic and almost arrogant nature of his peers, is extremely refreshing.

Ultimately, with his heavy lyricism and originality,
A message from the NBA and its players

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Oscar Roundup: Editor Blurbs

“\[As I watched the Oscar's on Sunday night I experienced an even mix of excitement and skepticism. From the moment I saw Beasts of the Southern Wild I was fixated with this moving tale of surprising strength and passion. Quvenzhane Wallis delivered a powerful performance as the film’s protagonist and deserved her nomination as Lead Actress. Ang Lee, director of Life of Pi, switched best director and there was a moment when I thought he had secured Best Picture. \]

“To me this accomplishment, Argo won Best Picture. Argo was a technically solid film that followed an inspirational story, but I barely think it was a cinematic achievement. Life of Pi should have won Best picture for its remarkable cinematography and truly unique story. Although Life of Pi was an adapted screenplay, the film remained in the minds of viewers as distinctly memorable. I have always been a fan of Daniel Day-Lewis and commend his win for Lead Actor. A man that always stays in character is truly dedicated to his craft. Daniel Day-Lewis was the only reason I enjoyed Lincoln. As I predicted in an article I published last semester, Argo was Oscar bait. The only reason it won Best Picture was because of the Oscar’s political workings.”

— Lori Wieczorek
Editor-in-Chief

“This year the only category of the Oscars that I could actually follow were the nominees for documentary feature and documentary short. Inocente, the documentary short winner, was exceptionally moving. The film followed the opening of her first exhibit, focusing on her family life and her relationship with her mother at the same time. It was a great movie and a true rage to riches story.

One of the films that was nominated for Best Documentary was The Invisible War. I passed this film over so many times on Netflix that I was kicking myself for being so stupid after watching it. The film presents a strong case against sexual abuse and rape in the military, following countless people in their struggle to gain their lives and normalcy back. It constantly had me gasping, on the brink of tears, just from the shock of hearing the women and mens’ stories and statistics for rape in the military.

Also, it is incredibly well made and was a great film to watch. It lost to Searching for Sugarman, which I’ve also seen and liked, but I would have chosen The Invisible War as my personal winner for best documentary.”

— Lindsey Easman
Managing Editor

“\[I was caught off guard by some of this year’s winners. I saw both Lincoln and Silver Linings Playbook and expected one of them to win best picture. \]

I was also surprised to see Brave win Best Animated Feature Film. I heard it was good but I expected Wreck-It Ralph to pull off the upset. However, I’m glad Pajerman won Best Animated Short Film and Skyfall won Best Original Song. The only thing that still confuses me is the tie between Skyfall and Zero Dark Thirty for Sound Editing. I didn’t even know a tie was possible.”

- Nick Verhagen
Sports Editor

Montclair’s Unsung Students

The Hallway Musician

Scattered amongst campus buildings from the Student Center to University Hall, these students are quickly ignored by most, but provide the most important part of the college environment that intensifies countless memories for visitors and alumni alike. Listening to the Hallway musicians come in many forms. They can be the typical guitar players (musician guitarists) who cluster together in groups of three to five harmonizing out harmonies and chord progressions to entertain people with. The players speak in a different tongue than from what we know. With an alphabet limited to seven letters, it’s a wonder how they communicate. Guitarists manipulate their strings to evoke variations on their letters to bring the total to fourteen.

The magic however, happens when they use these letters along with other letters at different levels, or octaves, to create a language that puts folk and lo-fi to shame. You would wonder how they can convey emotions and stories with what they have, but these are those situations where it is better to just sit back and observe.

Along with Guitarists, there is a more niche scene that lacks the grounds of Montclair State that observers have to look harder to find. Ukulele players (Harminia Ukeleus) are considered the mischievous “Friso” creatures of campus. Their language consists of the same 14 letters as Guitarus, but their dialect is completely different. The perpetual state of content happiness and lullaby attitude that they exhibit attracts many a passerby with the smaller tools that they work with, but the end result is the same as with Guitarus. The language that they communicate in is hypnotizing and brings any thoughts to such as simplicity takes control. It is fascinating to view these students through these perspectives, but in reality, they are just like you and me.

— Jonathan Michael Molina
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Ever elusive, ever present. Hallway Musicians

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With the abundance of crime dramas scattered across television networks today, it is rare to see a new show that actually promotes (loath and doesn’t feel like it was written five minutes before going on air. The Following is both dark and violent, but instead of mindlessly implementing action to fill time, the show is well-scripted and carefully told with twists and turns throughout.

So far, only two episodes have aired, but I can safely say that this show will finally give us some innovation when it comes to serial killers and their relationships with law enforcement.

The series focuses on serial killer Joe Carroll (James Purefoy), a brilliant and enigmatic man who converses from prison with his cult-like band of fellow serial killers who obey his every wish.

As a former literature professor, obsessed with recreating the “murderous” work of his idol Edgar Allen Poe, Carroll exudes charisma and even magnetism. After what transpires throughout the first few episodes, it’s hard to imagine this man ever maintaining normalcy. Of course, every villain needs a hero, but instead of the typical “knight in shining armor,” The Following embraces unconventionality and gives us the scarred, damaged Ryan Hardy (Kevin Bacon).

Hardy is a former FBI agent with a tragic past and has let his ominous history with Joe Carroll come to define him. His search for redemption and sobriety has led him out of retirement and right back to trying to solve the cryptic maze embedded in Carroll’s brain.

The Following starts with something prototypical for any crime drama: the prison break. However, its execution and the amount of violence shown gives a sense of originality, something that is uncommon among network television.

Everything that happens after the prison break is accurately written. While the show gives us plenty of bloodshed and thrills, it doesn’t bury us in them as they are there to complement the story and break from the dialogue.

The show moves at a rapid pace and introduces many new faces throughout, but retraces its steps towards the end of each episode so one can fully comprehend the magnitude of each action taken and every word spoken. Casting Kevin Bacon and James Purefoy as the two conflicting leads is perhaps the greatest asset The Following has.

They fit into their roles like gloves, the tension between them silhouettes the overall realism of the show.

The Following has enough potential and talent to last for the long run if the writers don’t get lazy and the actors don’t get greedy. The Following airs Mondays at 9 p.m. on Fox.

Ken Macri
Staff Writer

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From the get-go, Wheeler’s Spring Training debut “felt great,” SNY reporter Bob Ojeda explained to viewers over the airwaves. “He hides the ball like a veteran,” SNY reporter Bob Ojeda explained to viewers on SNY. “He’s ready to blossom in the Major League level and build upon the success he had at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill prior to getting drafted. He knows how to go along with two batters and giving up no hits in his first inning of action. A walk in the second inning put a man on first, but that failed to worry Warren, who ended the inning on a good note by forcing a pair of grounders and a flyout. Warren ended his Spring Training debut with 27 pitches in two innings to go along with two strikeouts.

Other rising stars whose debuts were worth noting are San Diego Padres third baseman Jedd Gyorko, who plated four RBIs in his debut against the Mariners; Yankees outfielder Zoilo Almonte, who mashed a home run and plated two RBIs in his debut against the Atlanta Braves; Baltimore Orioles pitcher Dylan Bundy, who struck out two batters in his long-awaited Spring Training debut against the Minnesota Twins and Rangers shortstop Jurickson Profar, who went hitless with a strikeout in his debut against the Royals.

For those who did not recognize Youkilis during his debut with the Yankees, do not be ashamed. The facial hair rule implemented in the New York clubhouse forced Youkilis to shave off his signature beard and sideburns. It seems as if Youkilis and his base have ready to start fresh in the Bronx.

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It’s amazing how the NHL is almost already down to half of its regular season schedule. Even though there are some teams that do vary in the amount of games that have been played, regardless of its total, if the season had ended today, the New York Ranger would not be one of those teams that would qualify for a playoff spot.

They have scored a measly three goals while suffering through a three-game losing streak, which has been strictly due to their big acquisition during the offseason, with Rick Nash missing time with what has been called an “unisclosed injury.”

I find it irresponsible on the team’s part for having the audacity to keep their best player’s injury a secret and leaving fans, including the media, all left in the dark.

However, Nash did get in some skating time during team practice on Tuesday, so it is still highly unlikely he will suit up for the upcoming games as quickly.

I give credit to The Bergen Record’s Andrew Gross for receiving more insight on what exactly Rick Nash is missing time with.

He mentioned how Nash seemed to sidestep any questions that involved his ailment during an interview.

It’s a good sign to see that he’s back on the ice, which gives us an indication that he is indeed on his way back from whatever may be bothering him. I might be going out on a limb, but if the Rangers do miss out on making the playoffs, then I truly believe head coach John Tortorella will have to go.

This team is loaded with talent, and if someone has to take the brunt of the heat, it’s “Torts.” Hopefully, the team will bounce back in preventing that from happening. As for the New Jersey Devils, they’ve also struggled in preventing that from happening. For as the New Jersey Devils, they’ve also struggled in preventing that from happening.

I’ve got to say that despite their recent downfall, they’ve still exceeded my expectations in moving forward without Zach Parise. Something tells me that they will find their team chemistry again, especially once Marty Brodeur comes back from what’s said to be a day-to-day issue here.

One of the hottest teams in the Eastern Conference is the Philadelphia Flyers. Their record is still under .500, but their offense has scored 22 goals in their last five games. Even though not all of their games translate into wins, it’s still a good sign to see their young players, including Jakub Voracek, Braydon Schenn, and Wayne Simmonds as well as captain Claude Giroux, starting to bring back some relevancy down in Philly.

Speaking of a player that’s on fire, one of the only few bright spots for the Islanders is knowing that John Tavares is third in the league with 25 points. He has officially entered himself into superstar-dom.

I also wanted to briefly acknowledge two of the NHL’s Original Six teams that have emerged back onto the scene this year with the Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens. This past offseason, the Canadians brought back former coach Michel Therrien, who has won the team to the Eastern Conference Semifinals back in 2002, plus he knows how to speak French, which seemed to have been a big deal with their previous coach, who wasn’t able to the year before. The Maple Leafs should only improve upon their season even as Joffrey Lupul, who is one of their offensive catalysts.

The crème de la crème of the league goes to the Chicago Blackhawks. They now hold the league’s history in obtaining the longest streak to ever start off a season with scoring one point per game. Their record now stands at 16-0 with just three overtime losses, but nonetheless, they have never lost a game in regulation.

Corey Crawford has played stellar behind the net, and even when he was out with an injury, backup net minder Ray Emery has compiled a 1-0-0 record for himself. Keep in mind it was only a few seasons ago that this team had worse the Stanley Cup.

They still have Joel Quenneville as their head coach and their core players have stayed intact, including Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, Marian Hossa, Patrick Sharp and Duncan Keith, giving us every reason to once again believe this is rightfully the most dangerous team in the NHL.

No wonder why ESPN analyst Barry Melrose always picks the Hawks as his favorite to win the Stanley Cup going into the last few seasons, Marian Hossa, who has punched in nine goals commented on the team’s success.

“It is a great feeling, obviously. It doesn’t matter who’s scoring, and lately we have a lot of different guys scoring. We try to enjoy the streak, keep playing a simple game and try to find a way to win.”

I can’t do the math, but you’d have to think the Blackhawks are already close towards clinching a playoff spot. This season has also seen one of the league’s top superstar defencemen on the Ottawa Senators, Erik Karlsson, go down with a serious injury.

It may sound graphic, but this week’s Haager and Aspin’s Matt Cooke’s skate dug into Karlsson’s Achilles tendon, forcing him to miss the remainder of the season. I’d also like to mention the team’s firing of the year.

I’m not fond of fighting in sports in general, but Dal-lack’s return has given the gloves with San Jose’s captain Joe Thornton in what sent chills down my spine.

I’d recommend to YouTube the fight if you haven’t seen it already, because it’s rare to see the best players on such a team go at it. The NHL is in full force and it isn’t looking back.
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Who’s Hot

Jen Kuczynski
Guard - Basketball

Kuczynski was a big offensive weapon for MSU in the NJAC Championship game. Kuczynski scored 12 points while shooting 80 percent from the field.

Taylor Jeffers
Forward - Basketball

Jeffers completely dominated the court in last week’s win over the Pioneers for the NJAC title. Jeffers recorded 22 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks in her 38 minutes.

Sam Morrissey
Attacker - Lacrosse

After two games, Morrissey has posted three goals and one assist. With four points, he is currently tied for the team lead.

Michael Jevic
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