Making Art Authentic

Anjie Bahrami
Entertainment Editor

At times, we don’t realize when actors portray characters of a different ethnicity. When actors play their characters so convincingly that they even recognize them any longer, like Daniel Day-Lewis, it metaphorically disappears. As Abraham Lincoln in Lin-
coln, the ethnicity issue doesn’t even occur to us. The majority that watched Lin-
coln didn’t think that Day-
Lewis was the wrong person to play this role, although he is Irish; in Day-Lewis’ case, eth-
nic isn’t a big issue be-
cause the British, Irish and Americans have fairly simi-
lar appearances.

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Clove Road Lights Go Out

The Clove Road community faced a dark evening this past Monday.

Jaya Gugliacci
News Editor

Physically separated from the main campus itself, students travelling to and residing on Clove Road experienced a power outage early Monday evening due to transformer failure.

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SGA Gives Back

Tree lighting brings the community’s holiday spirit to life.

Angie Angeles
Contributing Writer

The second annual Stu-
dent Government Associa-
tion Gives Back took place in the Student Center on Monday, Dec. 1. It was a cer-
emony where students made donations to give away to different foundations dur-
ing the holidays, a season that is full of giving.

The event was originally planned outside in the Stu-
dent Center Quad, but be-
cause of the rainy weather, it was moved indoors. How-
ever, the cold and the rain did not stop the Montclair State campus community from coming out and getting together for this cause. The event, hosted by the Stu-
dent Government Associa-
tion, consisted of the Student Quad Lighting (where numerous holiday lights were turned on), a DJ and refreshments consisting of hot coca with marshmal-
loves.

“My drive behind the event is unity,” said Ruben White, the Vice President of the SGA E-board. “I’ve been to different conferences for college boards and they all talked about unity. I was in-
spired to bring that to Mont-
clar and make this Student Government Association better.”

Many different student organizations and clubs were a part of this event and came together to make donations.

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EOF Celebrates Leadership

Second annual conference gives prospective students insight into their future at Montclair State

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University Panel Discusses Ferguson

Dravella Rose
Assistant News Editor

Five days after the Grand Jury’s decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson and 112 days after the killing of 18-year-old Michael Brown, Wilson announced his res-
ignation from the Ferguson Police Department.

According to Neil Brun-
teger, Wilson’s attorney, the now ex-official’s initial feelings of “shock” and “relief” after the Grand Jury decision on Nov. 24 quickly shifted to “profound sad-
ness” in response to the ri-
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High Enrollment Rate Causes Parking Issues

As enrollment at Montclair State University has passed 20,000, students are concerned with the parking problems that already bedevil them and are growing even worse.

However, school administrators say they’re on top of the issue, having recently increased shuttle services and are exploring plans to make a new parking deck or lot.

“We recognize that parking is a challenge on campus and we know it is not convenient, but we are doing everything we can,” said William Fitpatrick, Executive Director of Facilities Logistics Support.

Student Gabrielle Montclair University, who claimed that she has to leave the campus at 90 minutes away “It doesn’t really matter how close you live because sometimes it is all about the parking situation,” said Turkheh.

Some students are refusing to buy the parking permit needed to use CarParc. This is due to the issue. “I didn’t even buy a parking pass because of all the comments I’ve heard,” she said. People that can’t get parking at CarParc can’t get any, said student Jasmine Donahue.

CarParc Diem is the go-to parking lot for students at MSU, with 1,135 spaces available. According to Facilities Logistics Support, the lot is full. Nowlin is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Parking spaces at Montclair State have become a rare commodity with more students.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call 911.

Monday, Nov. 24

Yogi Berra Drive: Student Christopher Fortunato, 20, of Hillesborough, N.J. was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop. Fortunato is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Monday, Nov. 24

Bohn Hall: Students Nicholas Pietrini, 20, of Medici- monouth, N.J., Nicholas Smith of Red Bank, N.J. and non-student Connor T. Gillen, 19, of Secaucus, N.J. were arrested and charged with criminal mischief for their involvement in destruction of the 15th floor community bathroom. All parties are scheduled to appear in Clifton Municipal Court.

Monday, Nov. 24

Blanton Hall: Students arrest ed and charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia that occurred outside. Both parties are scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Friday, Nov. 14

Clifton Road: Non-student Terry Wallfish, 20, of East Orange, N.J. was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Wallfish is scheduled to appear in Minor Municipal Court.

Monday, Dec. 1

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All calls are strictly confidential.

Katherine Aurena
Contributing Writer

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at 877-348-3777.
At this past conference, the teams were presented with two different scenarios focused on testing these voca- tion-oriented skills in a barbe- cue explosion and a domestic violence shooting. Though it was the first year Montclair State’s EMS competed in the games themselves, its team came out on top and returned home with a win.

Taking first place, the team of Espinal and Drazdik won overarser EMS agen- cies and became the first col- lege EMS agency to win the N.J. Sim Games them- selves, its team came out on top and returned home with a win.

“This competition and sub- sequent win is important and significant as it sheds light on an often overlooked section of EMS agencies,” said Lawrence. Montclair State’s EMS department certainly demon- strated its advanced knowl- edge of emergency medical care. Still, as a part of the campus community for the ill and injured at no cost to the patients that we encounter. The program al- lows for everyone to be provided in a prompt and professional manner without having to rely on EMS for our call volume on camp- us or any time. However, the work of the department does not end there, as it plays a vital role in surrounding communities. According to Lawrence, “We provide mu- tual aid to surrounding Montclair State and neighboring universities and will also assist us when we need them.”

In an effort for consis- tent growth and training, the EMS department is always looking for new members within the first two weeks of each semester. At the same time, its members continue to provide CPR and first aid training to members of the campus community. Through these means, the department will certainly give rise to volun- teers capable of one day tak- ing home the N.J. Sim Games titles themselves.

Looking forward from the competition itself, the Law- ence expressed that “as a [race] or [sex] did not only make the nation stronger, it also helped Lawrence, “but made the EMS department proud, a top provider in EMS for the far-reaching effects of the happenings in Ferguson have touched many, includ- ing the Montclair State EMS community. In response to the nationwide issue, multiple events and programs have been held on campus. Last week, several university orga- nizations organized a vigil in the Student Center Quad.

On Tuesday of this week, the annual Ferguson Symposium event that allowed students to openly discuss the issues surrounding Ferguson with a panel of faculty, staff and law enforcement. John Delate, the Executive Director of the Office of Resi- dence Life at MSU, stated the event, “Everyone at the program acknowledged that this important matter warrants continued discussion and opportunities for students to voice their opinions as well as address any emotional feelings. Another point that reflected a consensus at the event was that the Montclair State police officers are connected to the campus community and, cause a number of them are alumni, the bond with the student body is very deep.”
Policy on Final Examinations

1. All final examinations must be given during the regularly scheduled examination periods. The Schedule of Courses lists days and times of final examinations for each class period.

2. No final examination may be given during the last week of classes before the examination period.

3. No formal examination is scheduled, the class must meet for one hour during the scheduled examination time for a class evaluation session. Thus, all classes are required to meet during the examination period.

Faculty: If you are teaching a hybrid course which conducts its final examination on-line, please notify the Registrar that you will not be using your scheduled examination room.

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EOF: Conference Inspires and Academic Development

Financial. According to Jean, “The EOF Program provides academic support, leadership development; financial literacy, career enrichment, and need-based financial assistance to maximize the intellectural and social growth of participating students.” The program has grown exponentially over the years to serve hundreds of students, and the event is to engage prospective students in the Montclair State University experience, said Jean. “The event included keynote addresses from coach Caryl Lucas and the Montclair State University athletic department on self-esteem and purposefully pursuing your passions.

“The EOF Program provides access for motivated students who are residents of New Jersey from underrepresented populations and areas that meet State mandated income criteria and exhibit potential for high achievement.”

- Daniel Jean, Executive Director of the EOF and Academic Development

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Final Examination Information

Friday - Dec. 12
- Meeting on TF or WF at 07:00 a.m. - 09:00 a.m.
- First or Only Meeting on W at 02:30 p.m. - 03:00 p.m.
- First or Only Meeting on W at 04:00 p.m. - 05:05 p.m.
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Tuesday - Dec. 16
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- First or Only Meeting on T at 08:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Dec. 17
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SGA: Dreaming of an ‘ornament’ filled holiday season

Members of the SGA encourage the campus community to give back.

Students who donated $5 get a long-sleeve shirt, and all other donations made at the event were given to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. During an introductory speech, President Kristen Buxk told students, “We want to do well for the community and reach out across campus.”

During the event, the Student Government Association was also collecting winter jackets in all sizes for male and females to be given to those in need. Donations and gift cards for jackets were also being accepted. The organization also collects shoes and coats to various organizations and departments across campus.

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“The SGA is a non-profit organization that makes it their duty to bring a positive impact among the student body and its programming board. Along with reaching out and helping others, the SGA makes it their job to plan events that bring people together,” Senior and Marine Biology major Olivia Panida describes the SGA as being “not just a business, friends, peers and they really embody a community.”

When it came to the time for the Student Quad Lighting, the campus community gathered around with hot co-

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Slippers: what purpose do they fill? In my own terms, slippers are a type of flat footwear primarily worn indoors. Some use them to keep their feet warm while others wear them just for fun. Ladies and gentlemen (but especially ladies), it’s time to get loud about indoor shoe fashion. Slippers are not just for wearing with pajamas or heather gray sweats. Your Uggs and moccasins are more worthy to be worn in Blanton Hall’s foot court or outdoors on a breezy day. Here are some styles that will not only make you comfortable but will have friends smiling and inspired.

Slipping into Slippers

Just because you dress down doesn’t mean you can’t show your personality

**Nicholas Taylor**
Chief Copy Editor

Depending on the style of slipper you buy, they should go with just about any style of clothing. I would give bonus points if the slippers match the color of your outfit. The sale of slippers coincides with the outerwear schedule, which is often the narrow window of late October through early January. It is currently the right time to meander your way into you local department or outfitter store and find a great selection waiting for you.

**The Scuff**

It’s probably what most of you think when “slippers” pop into your head. Their simplicity enables them to slide on and off easily. In terms of warmth, they allow the most breathing room for feet in case you’re not fond of excessive warmth. It depends on what material to buy as well. If you buy ones that are furry, your feet are more likely to sweat easily, however, they’ll also get the most attention. Ditch the snoozefest suede-and-sheepskin for something more colorful and noticeable. Also, get creative; don’t be afraid to go for designs that have animals or cartoon characters.

**The Flat**

You may be thinking, “What’s the difference between my flats that I wear all the time and a pair of slippers? They’re practically the same!” As a guy, I obviously don’t own anything resembling ballet shoes, but there are two highly distinguishable differences. One difference is that they feel more like socks and feel more snug and soft around your foot. The other is their completely flat sole; most flat shoes still have a very short heel. Try to look for no heels at all when it comes to buying slippers, especially those that look like flats. Retailers such as Amazon sell Snoozies, which contain many different styles of slipper sock or flat.

**The Slip-on**

These slippers wrap around more like a shoe and are no higher than your ankle. These are often the fun category, as most animal and character slippers resemble this type. They can get really warm, coming in handy for those really cold days around your house or dorm. This goes out to the guys, too; don’t be ashamed. Get attention! I guarantee the ladies would love to see you wear polar bear feet. Go crazy when it comes to slip-on slippers. Everyone will love you for it.

**The Boot**

No, I don’t mean Ugg boots. Yes, they do fall under the category of slippers, but from personally owning a pair of Tasmans, you have to admit they’re really not that comfortable. Real slipper boots have similar characteristics to the flat slipper, only they’re lower and much warmer. They also don’t (and really, shouldn’t) have a thick, rubber sole more commonplace on its suede brethren. If there’s any rubber at all, it should be completely flat and hidden from view. Furrer boots are starting to gain popularity. They may get a bit warm, but you have to admit that they’re softer than any other boot you’ve ever worn. Once again, try to shoot for some color if you don’t want anything fluffly.
‘1908 Magazine’ to Launch in Spring 2015

Run, Anthony, Run: From SKs to Public Service
A young man’s journey from student to leader

While most colleges have a campus art magazine, Montclair State University has been left behind in this tradition. We have the Montclarion, but there has never been a place for students to display their work. Luckily, thanks to senior Fashion Studies major Dassia Mass, there will be one launching next semester called 1908, the year the college was founded.

The Fashion Studies major program here at Montclair State University is still quite new. The magazine will be a chance to make people more aware of the fashion students and their talents.

As Michelle Alvarens, senior fashion studies major, explained, “It’s a good voice to not only the fashion community, but also the creative people on campus who write and do photography. Every creative outlet is out for giving people that voice and a chance to demonstrate their work.”

The magazine will have seven different topics: W, Health and Beauty, Editorial, Fashion, Creative Writing and Student Spotlights. Writing director Danielle Pollin, a senior English major, hopes the magazine will be “a credible artisitic outlet. The writers for the spring launch were the first students of the staff of the magazine. Two will be coordinated with the photography. There are multiple photographers, but one director is senior History major Justin Ng. The photos for the magazine were taken around campus and in the studio in Calvia.” Ng explained, “We shot anywhere in the woods. We even shot behind Freeman and ever by the Village area, we recently started shooting in the studios in Calvia.”

Since 1908 is mainly a fashion magazine, the models and clothing are very important; as fashion director, senior fashion studies major Michael Rosenberg is in charge of this. The clothes are found from various places, but all the models are students on campus. “The clothes are from my closet that I wear and a lot are from my own closet. My parents and relatives give me some vintage pieces that they have acquired throughout their lives,” Rosenberg explained.

Another important aspect to mobile besides the clothing is makeup. As an aspiring makeup artist himself, junior Fashion Studies major Sean Truitt is the beauty director. The makeup is done to match the photo shoot or an inspiration photo. Sean and other students put the make-up on the models before photo shoots.

“Truitt explained, “Michael will have his inspirations based on what he wants and I will come up with looks based on the inspirations. He will send a magazine ad or an editorial photo and based on the makeup that’s in the photo he could do it better than me.”

Even though the fashion community is small, the MSU campus of 1908 is being recognized. Junior Fashion Studies major Richona Simmons is excited about it; she said, “I think I will do it. I love it. They haven’t had a magazine before and to be doing something from the fashion people...”

Additionally, Professor Pascua from the fashion studies department also says it does well. Pascua commented, “People want a place for their work to be shown off. It’s good to have your work in a magazine... you can bring it to an interview and show off. I think this is something I did. This is something on my resume.”

1908 will launch in the spring priced for $3 per issue. As explained, it has taken a lot of hard workers to put it together. Putting together a magazine from scratch takes a lot of dedication that these students clearly have. It will hopefully be a creative outlet for the Montclair State University students interested in photography to writing. As Michael Rosenburg stated, “Before this year, we didn’t have a magazine so just went out and I created one.”

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Jessica Mahmoud
Staff Writer

Kim Silva-Martinez
Contributing Writer

Walk into Anthony Fasano’s office in the Student Center. A large mahogany desk holds his computer, books, and files. In another corner is a visual display, which was used to hang a suit, shirts and ties for his first job as an executive. As then there is it; a comfy brown leather chair, as well as repurposed on each wall with dis- tinguishing messages. He maintains the vision of volunteering and the other shows an illustrated head, brain exposed, to symbolize open-mindedness; they represent two of Fasano’s strongest character traits.

His surroundings depict who he is: a student member of the University Board of Trustees, Chief of Staff to the student Government Association, President Kristen Bunk, an elected member of the Ho- potom Board of Education, former high school student body president, and a member of his class and a full-time account executive for a business services company. And he’s not even old enough to legally buy a drink. Yet, con- dence exudes his age, and his leadership is evident in con- versation. His success comes simply: hard work and a posi- tive one.

Fasano, 20, plans well. He explored the MSU cam- pus before committing to an involvement in student activity. “When I got here as a freshman my first year I did nothing. I don’t think I knew what was there. It wasn’t until someone convinced me to join the [SGA] last year that I got involved,” said Fasano.

He started as a legislator. He then was promoted to the chief of student government, which focuses on non-tradi- tional students. As the SGA cabinet and he puts in about 15 hours a week, as well taking-full-time-course load.

From the moment he grad- uated from high school, Fas- no aspired to be a BOE mem- ber. “For better or for worse, I’m going to do it,” he said to his parents, who were concerned about the pitfalls of political office. When he was elected a the youngest-serving member of the cabinet and he puts in about 15 hours a week, as well taking-full-time-course load.

Fasano used social media during his campaign, as well as a website. “The first thing I did [after being sworn in] was to ask the board president if we could have a public relations committee, and he said, ‘Sure, and as a matter of fact, Anthony, you are going to be the chair,’” Fasano said.

Hopatcong ranked among the five worst schools when the school was first opened in 1908, it has since moved up 55 spots. He credits the Board collectively for the success. “I run for the Board because I felt as though no one could do it better than me,” he said. Fasano sees a similar sentiment for the MSU Board of Trustees.

With his recently earned marketing degree, the chief of staff is anxious about his political experience to student relations. “Although Fasano appears to have political ambitions, he said, “My heart is in business; I personally love executive leadership, management and marketing style.”

His parents, teachers and coaches instilled in him the desire to do more for his community. Challenges were met with action, not complaining. His friends and family provide his support system.

Fasano likes to travel, spend the day in New York City or down the shore or just enjoy time with his friends. “I’m also a runner, a newly-acquired interest; he participates in lo- cal 5K events.”

He recently organized a con- ference for the 20 other studen- ts from the state, which was held at MSU. As the facilitator, he led the meeting andxmax at the conference. They plan to meet with the governor within six months to discuss university funding.

Fasano just may be running for the governor’s office him- self within the next 25 years, and it will be noted that he learned his leadership skills at Montclair State University.
Charity Lombardo  
Staff Writer

Cindy Handler was pleasantly surprised when she learned of 12 when she found out her love for writing could actually turn into a career. As a 12-year-old junior at Northwestern University grade, Handler operates as an editor for Montclarion Magazine, whose the staff to connect the community. Publishing in fiction writing reporting feature writing and editing, Handler thanks her 12-year-old self for trusting what her gut and going for what she loves—her first piece of advice for up and coming journalists. “People still need new ideas. I think it’s a good idea to be as ever,” says Handler, who points that sticking to what you love will easily pay off.

What planted the seed in your head that you wanted to be a journalist at the age of 12?

I loved writing as a kid. Sometimes when I had a dinner table was talking about some- who knew what I would become. Northwestern University for journalism is where I ended up going. I loved to write and read, oh, I could be a journalist and actually tell get paid to write. Writing books and stories is kind of done on the side, but finding out that writing could be a job in itself is as much fun every day is what sparked it.

Did you always have the goal of being an editor?

I’m not sure if I would ever like to be an editor, but I have always been interested in helping people reach their full potential and be as happy and healthy as possible. As an editor, I would be excited to work with others and see their work grow and develop. It would be nice to be able to help people find their voice and express themselves in a way that feels authentic and true to who they are.

Did you want to be the editor of a bigger magazine?

Yes, I would love to work for a bigger magazine. It would be great to have the opportunity to work with more talented writers and editors, and to see my name on a bigger masthead. It’s also exciting to think about the possibility of working with more diverse voices and perspectives, and helping to shape the conversation around important issues.

How do you find people to write about?

I like to find people who are passionate about what they’re doing, and who have unique stories to tell. I like to find people who are willing to share their experiences, and who are willing to learn and grow from the process.

What is your advice for aspiring journalists?

Be curious. Always be asking questions, and always be open to learning. Be willing to take risks, and to make mistakes. And most importantly, be kind and respectful to everyone you work with. The world is full of amazing stories, and there are so many people who have something valuable to say. It’s our job as journalists to help get those stories heard.

5 Tips to Get By the ‘Cuffing- Season Being Single

Kimberly Amsan  
Staff Writer

It’s no secret that once the temperature drops, so does your desire for independence. During the fall and winter months, the single student vibe slowly shifts away from the warm weather and the outdoor activities, and now it’s time to focus on your relationships and spending time with your friends. With the holidays approaching, couples everywhere are dreading the thought of “cuffing season” and the holiday cheer that cuffing season comes with. If you’re single during these holidays, here are a few tips to get you started:

1. Make plans with friends.

Being one of the worst things you can do is sit home alone feeling sorry for yourself. Call up some of your friends and plan a night out on the town to ease your mind. Dress up, go to a nice restaurant or club and laugh it up. Spending time with friends makes you realize how insignificant the “cuffing” desire really is. Even staying in with your best friend and some freshly baked cookies will make you feel better.

2. Spend time with family.

Your family will be there for you through anything. Breakups, bad grades, fights with friends, you name it. They are the ones who know you best and know how to make you laugh. Getting some family time can go a long way. Bake holiday cookies with your mom, see a movie with your brother or even help your dad shovel the snow and drink some hot cocoa after. Bonding with your family can prevent the feeling of loneliness.

3. Set fitness goals.

We all know how low fitness gets our list of priorities during the holiday season. Going out in the snow’s been streamlined up in lieu of the constant battle. However, setting a fitness goal can give you motive to better yourself and also to love yourself. Putting yourself first and taking care of your body will help you enjoy all the amazing places of comfort that will allow you to come in contact with. Being confident and independent is no crime, especially for ladies! Hitting the gym and working hard to reach a goal also isn’t a crime. Get fit, sexy and love the body you want them “cuffing” you this season.

4. Focus on school work.

The thought of Thanksgiving and Christmas break can take up a huge part of our minds during the Fall semester. Leading to grades slipping and self-esteem taking. Don’t get too caught up in the excitement to the point of failing classes, make it a priority to do well during the Fall semester and take advantage of the fact that you don’t have to deal with relationship drama taking up your time.

Study more, read more and get better grades because in the long run it will benefit YOUR future. Focusing on school work can also make you think of other things besides the “cuffing” syndrome.

5. Explore your own happiness.

If it makes you happy, do more of it. Having a hobby or passion besides anyone else’s. If you don’t love yourself, how could you ever be loved someone else? Find the things that make you smile and make them part of your plan to do during cuffing season. Enjoy your own hobbies and interests, you may be surprised how far you’re passionate about can go. Also, make sure you have a good time! It’s important to have a good time ahead of time of being worried about anyone else. Grab a spoon and eat some raw cookie dough if that makes you smile. Start angling more if that is something you’re passionate about. No one needs a relationship to be happy. As much as we all believe that during “cuffing season.” All you need is great friends, a loving family, and happiness within yourself to beat “cuffing season” while single this winter.

Q&A: Cindy Handler  
Editor of Montclarion Magazine Encourages Sensory to Stick to Their Goals

Plan your meals. Without thinking ahead, it is easy to get carried away on some day and use several swipes, forgetting that you have a few more days of being on campus left. Before finals start, check how many swipes are left and how many Flex dollars you have left and plan how much of each you are going to use each day.

Use every cent of your swipes.

Swipes is worth $6.20 at the student center cafeteria, or other places on campus. A lot of times, the meals cost over $6.20, but they are still using a full swipe. There is a dollar or two left, get something small! You might not want any- thing else with your meal, but you can get a bag of pretzels or a piece of fruit that you can easily take with you and eat later on. Pay attention to each swipe you use and make sure to get the most out of every one. Spending that money tends to be a hard time. It’s easy to get carried away one day and use several swipes. If you have a lot of waste with the swipes, you will get the least amount of Flex dollars left. Here are a few tips to help get the most out of the end of your meal plan.

Make sure to plan meals a day and try your best to avoid skipping any. Skipping meals can lead to low energy, weight gain and being tired.

Get versatile foods.

If you are able to find some items at a convenience store or take a trip to a grocery store off campus, try to get items you can use for several meals. One example is oatmeal. One large container of plain oatmeal is brought in, and you can use a few add-ons to go with it. Look for dried fruit, seeds, or cinnamon to add flavor to your oatmeal, and to add vari- ety. With a few different add- ons, this meal will taste different each time.

Eat foods that keep you fuller, longer.

Fruits and healthy fats will all help keep you full- or longer than empty carbs. Grab fresh fruits and vegeta- bles for the leanest meat or beans for protein. Healthy fats can be found in peanut butter, nuts or avocado. Look for these foods when you know you only have a small amount of Flex for a long peri- od. Adding these foods will help get more nutrients for the same amount of money.

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Help Wanted

Babysitter wanted 24-32 hours a week to manage 3 kids, 12/30-8 p.m. Mon, Wed, Thurs. Looking for a “take charge” person with previous experience. New-Jersey, fluent in English. Driving not necessary. Call Melissa 973-785-7400 or email Missy@takecharge.com

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PT Chilkares for 5-7 yr old girl. Mon/Tue/Wed. 3 to 7 p.m. Child has some learning disabilities, so a Special Ed student would be great, but not necessary. $12/hr. Call Patti 201-646-8598 or email patti113@hotmail.com


PT Driving Sitter for 6 year old boy & 5 year old girl in Montclair. Boy has minor special needs, but both are fun & sweet. Special Ed would be preferred, but not necessary. 2 afternoons a week. Days Flexible! Call Ana at 973-365-7429 or email Ana.Anthoski@gmail.com

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PT Experienced, energetic, reliable babysitters wanted for our 7 year old girl in Nutley. Occasional afternoons/weekends. $15/hr & up. Hour. Contact Linako at linako@natury@yahoo.com or call 973-588-8848 (leave a message).

PT Dependable / Responsible Babysitter wanted for friendly Maplewood family - 2 children 12 & 6. Tuesdays & Thursdays (Wed. possible) from 2:45 to 7:00 p.m. Driving to activities (both kids) and supervising homework (12 yr old kid). Must have valid driver’s lic. & clean record. Also have a sweet golden retriever, so comfort with dogs is also a must. Email Liz at liz@realisite.com.

P/T After-School Driver in Fair Lawn to drive kids 7/14/16 to activities, supervise playdates & homework for the youngest. Flexible Hours! Must like dogs & cats. Email jaceknewn@ymail.com

PT After School Chilkares needed Mon-Fri, 230-4:20 p.m. for 9-11 yr old in Ridgewood. Prepare snack & dinner & help with homework. Must Drive. Contact Jane at 917-587-8999 or email danemknuto@gmail.com

PT Chilkares for Montclair Family (near MSU) for kids K & 12. Three days per week 1:00-6:30 p.m. Need a car for driving to activities. Light meal & homework help. Email Monica - monica.minore@verizon.net

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Racial Representation in the Arts

Lizzie Walstom

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Putting credibility and aes-

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but ask why casting directors

to produce casts of the

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much more authentic.

Two years ago, during a pro-

duction of The International

Fringe Festival NYC, the main

focus of the play was to show

how Asian Americans are un-

derserved on Broadway.

The cast consisted of a

person monologue, played by

an Asian American, with video-

ed and ended, but Lee's

father were played by

Asian actors as well. The cast-

ing resulted in something that

realistically portrayed the
culture and people that were

part of Bruce Lee's life.

It would be nice to see

more productions like Kung Fu

where the ethnicities of the

characters are the same

as that of the actors. Not only

does it give the production

greater credibility and au-
thenticity, it also gives actors of

ethnic groups a chance to

represent themselves.

Avijeet Sikdar, a former

Montclair student, is in his first year

as an Entertainment Editor for The

Montclarion.
The Invective Against Sexy Moms

Kardashian photos prove that we are uncomfortable idea of with MILFs

A woman can be many things at many times and ability to wear many hats is often a source of pride for women. A woman was clearly sexually attractive to someone. That is what led her to be coming pregnant and brought her into media's and it makes little sense that motherhood should come after a gym class, to paint a picture of her giving birth. After all, the product is essentially a type of line of sand from which their sexual natures may not cross. Public sexism seems to be under the most detailed, especially amongst celebrities who are already the most visible. Mamas can be sexy only if they are at home behind closed doors. Beyoncé’s video for her latest album, which is being blasted for its sexual undertones, was met with criticism similar to that by her daughter Blue Ivy, who had her people admit she was trying for the strong and sturdy per- sonal image that her mother had for her throughout her career. In a strange double standard, celebrities posing nude and visibly pregnant grace the cover of magazines and pigeonhole themselves as being pregnant. This is because pregnancy is a state you have to go through making those nude photos perfectly okay.

Of course, Kardashian’s whole persona is centered around her sexiness making her a prime target for detrac- tors regardless of her being a mother or not. Right or wrong, it has been her habit to build a multi-million dollar empire based on her public image. I’m not sure why anyone would expect that to come to a screeching halt once North West was born.

In fact, many Hollywood actresses have used sex as an essential part of their career. This gives them the chance to be powerful and respectable mothers. What the attempted sham- ing of Kim really brings up is women in society as sexist role as at home behind closed doors. This is how women operate or the public to gawk at, but not as a mother, she should refrain from overtly sexual photos to the fact that because the only thing that was ever that shiny or hip is but the foolishness should have nothing to do with her status as a mother.

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NICHOLAS ASA SILVA
COLUMNIST

N ot even COFF Haustable can run to try to eradicate the scathing wisdom that is the Bill Cosby sex abuse scandal.

Ever since the end of Octo- ber people have been lauding the beloved comedian of com- mercial ads of typing up a Novel. To be specific, 15 different young women have come out in the last month and claimed that they were drugged and slept with at the hands of Cosby. While all of the women vary in terms of age and eth- nicity, their tales of abuse all sound disturbingly similar. Many of the women claim that Cosby drugged them either through spiking their drinks or by offering them pills and would then proceed to sexually assault them.

The other aspect that most of these alleged victims have in common is that they went to Hollywood with aspirations of being famous, which many didn’t end up achieving. Yet, this isn’t the first time the co- medy medium has been involved in this kind of scandal. Between the span of 2000 to 2005, four other women also accused of Cosby of sexually assaul- ting them. Yet, these ac- ceptions were met with little to no action on Cosby's part.

Unfortunately, for Cosby, this latest scandal comes at a tidal wave of controversy that has been accumulating severely. Several colleges that Cosby was associated with including the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Temple University and the Berkeley College of Music, have cancelled their bookings with Cosby. Netflix cancelled a documentary that was on the way and NBC also cancelled a sit- com that was in the works with Cosby after rebut- lant, media pressure created by those recent accusations. The actor has also cancelled several media appearances he was supposed to make including a scheduled appearance on The Tonight Show Starring Letterman and The Queen Lat- ifah Show. As this story continues, I’m being questioned by anyone about the truth of this whole scandal. Any hopes of Cosby making that “long-uninterrupt- ed” career of being a “universally beloved” film Leonard Part 6 have been shattered. The ever- growing and ever- growing stories.

Jokes aside with that last sentence, this is one of those stories where things have just gone from bad to worse. This is one of those repeated stories. It is well known details about this story as of right now. I have no doubts questions about the scandal and I’m not sure why anyone would expect that to come to a screeching halt once North West was born. Yet, Michael Jackson was the biggest superstar in the world in the early 1980s and no one would have come out and accused him of raping the victims with the victims not waiting until de- cades to tell their story. I’m not sure how credible an excuse it is to say that someone’s sexual exploration would have prevented anyone else from coming forward with their story.

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Cosby May Not Be Able To Laugh This Off

More consideration needed in sexual assault accusation against comedian

Cosby may not be able to laugh this off since the alleged sexual assault scandal is more open-and-shut case than was far too small and assuming in my opinion. This last month has just been the be- ginning of the inevitable catalyst for the many of the best80 stars of comedy. Whether Cosby will con- tinue to stay silent or speak out against these allegations is not known, but for his reputation’s sake, he should not only ignore the foolishness, but instead admit that he is at fault and take responsibility for his actions.

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**The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1**

**Reveals a Deeper View into Our Society**

Michelle Strathairn
Staff Writer

The most recent Hunger Games film was unlike any other. You must be familiar with The Hunger Games movie series which began in 2012 based off Suzanne Collins’ highly successful book series. There are 12 districts that essentially represent a hierarchy of control and power. People are put into ethnic enclaves or what may be referred to as ghettos, which are both intellectually and physically oppressed to believe that they are inferior. The Capital represents what some would see as an ‘American Dream’ that has access and control over most of the entertainment in the society.

There is a battle that takes place every year called the Hunger Games. The Capitol chooses one child from each district to go into battle. The Capitol sees this as a source of entertainment, and they deliberately make the children and gumble on who will win. To win means that you were not killed by the hands of anyone else.

I’ve become a huge Hunger Games fan because I saw those movies as a beacon of hope for family and love. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire – Part 1 received mixed reviews because it was not able to stand with the victories of what happens in battle, as past movies have done.

This Hunger Games hit a deeper level of consciousness within me, as I saw how this wasn’t more so about young adults fighting one another. This movie was not about how the individual can conquer the masses and overpower the oppressor, but about what great power can be achieved as a whole.

Mockingjay – Part 1 follows Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) as she begins to pave the way for a revolution. The mockingjay is the face of the revolution. The revolution sought to combat the oppressors that have been causing them to go into battle in the first place.

What makes this movie brilliant and better than its predecessors is that the level of consciousness of how the political system works is immaculate. They reference the trickle-down system called Roganomics, which I saw as a key comparison to capitalism. This movie managed to give a blueprint to what needs to be done, and hopefully will happen in the future, when those who are being oppressed and in ghettos will see there might be a chance of winning. This movie isn’t focused on entertainment as much this time because they used 125 minutes for character development and for anticipation from here on in.

To me, this movie isn’t just a good story, but a story that keeps you thinking. What makes this movie so unique is that people will continue to talk about it for a long time to come. People will always remember the first Hunger Games, but will they remember this movie, which I saw as a key comparison to capitalism. This movie managed to give a blueprint to what needs to be done, and hopefully will happen in the future, when those who are being oppressed and in ghettos will see there might be a chance of winning.

Mockingjay is the face of the revolution. The revolution sought to combat the oppressors that have been causing them to go into battle in the first place. The best part of watching The Lizzie Bennet Diaries is seeing a familiar story told in a totally new and unexpected way. The story is more than just putting the puzzle pieces together as they watch the series to figure out who these characters are, how they formed and broke their relationships, and what they are really searching for.

The series takes place entirely in social media, and features music from Brooklyn-based artists, sites a jump to urban and hip hop in a potentially stale tale of love lost and future again, but in a completely new way. The Ouits does not disappoint with clichés and stereotypical Hollywood ending. It is one of the most authentic stories I’ve seen and frankness is proved by the director’s inclusion of natural speech patterns and less-than-perfect emotions, putting awk-

Although this series is already a few years old, it is one to enjoy time and time again. The high production value makes it one of the prettiest webseries’ to watch. The soundtrack is fantastic and the candidness of its main character is the talent of its author. Only the author could watch the whole thing in one sitting.

If you love Austen, then The Lizzie Bennet Diaries will be a delightful way to see the love story of Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy unfold in the next six hours in front of your TV watching the 1995 BBC miniatures.

My only concern for the series in it may seem passé in the future because its humor and artistic style is very now, whereas other series are in the process of trends change.

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**‘The Ouits’ Showcases a Humorous Hip, Urban Love Story**

Kristen Bryfogle
Opinion Editor

Photo Courtesy of The Lizzie Bennet Diaries on YouTube.com

The series focuses on an estranged couple, Mitchell and Michelle, who ended their relationship after an instance of infidelity, and Michelle’s friend Oona, a young woman struggling to find their dream job and man.

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**Reviews**

Watch out for Mockingjay – Part 2 in November 2015

**‘The Lizzie Bennet Diaries’ Retells a Familiar Story in a Fresh New Way**

Kristen Bryfogle
Opinion Editor

**MOVIE REVIEW**

**The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2**

**Borrowing from predecessors like Clueless and 10 Things I Hate About You, this web series takes modern interpretation of classic literature even further by presenting it in a new medium:**

A web series

The Lizzie Bennet Diaries retells Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice in which the title character, a young communication graduate student, chronicles her private and professional life through a series of vlogs. Although Lizzie takes center stage, other characters make guest appearances, including her best friend Charlotte, her sisters Jane and Lydia and their potential love interests.

There isn’t much new in this series, since it is limited to the blog vlog style of sitting in front of a webcam and talking about life, but the excellent script and stellar acting by every character make up for the relative immaturity of the series.

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You probably recognize this artist for her song “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.” However, this song is a totally different genre; it’s slow and more classical.

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Who’s Hot This Week

Lavrone Green
Guard - Men’s Basketball

Green earned NJAC Men’s Basketball Rookie of the Week for the second time this season and currently ranks eight in the NJAC in points scored per game.

Janitza Aquino
Guard - Women’s Basketball

Aquino was named NJAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Week after a successful NJAC contest against Kean University. Aquino currently leads the NJAC in scoring.

Games of the Week

Men’s and Women’s Basketball
12/6 vs. Ramapo College

Men’s - 1 p.m.
Women’s - 3 p.m.

The Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams will face the Roadrunners sporting 3-2 and 5-0 records, respectively, as of Dec. 2. The Men and Women kicked off their home schedule at the Panzer Athletic Center on Dec. 3.

For updates on these matchups, check montclairathletics.com for the results.

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Athletics Shape a Brotherhood

The Avadissian brothers use their close bond to their advantage

Lindsey Czajkowski
Contributing Writer

As the sun was setting behind the high school field blanchers at Spuyten Duyvil on a clear October evening, twin senior offensive linemen Jason and Justin Avadissian walked off the field after an intense football practice seeming relatively unscathed. Their passion for football was evident, but the passion does not stop there. "Baseball, football, hockey; basketball; we just did everything (growing up). In elementary school, before school, we would play something in the backyard, some sport, at like, 9:30 in the morning," Jason said.

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Red Hawks Starting the Season Strong

Monday. She leads the NJAC with 18.3 points per game. Aquino is tied for first in three-point field goals made per contest with 8.0.

Montclair State concluded their season-opening four game road trip this past Monday night Dec. 1st when they went to Bethlehem, Pa. to play Moravian College. MSU defeated the Hounds going away 86-58. Aquino led the way with 19 points, and along the way earned her 1000th career point. Tohia was right behind her with 16 points. Bennett chipped in with 13 and Siew recorded 10.

Ceballos grabbed 12 rebounds, and both her and Brandon netted nine points. Aquino became the 19th player in Red Hawk history to score 1,000 career points with the program.

MSU Head Women’s Basketball Coach Karin Harvey said about the team’s performance so far, “While we are young in many ways, we are deep and talented. I think we are right where we are supposed to be for this time of year. This is the first time in four seasons the Red Hawks have given up less than 60 points in a game. Your philosophy has always been to defend first and we are doing that. We are playing very good half court defense and working hard in our press,” said Harvey.

Montclair State resumes their schedule with their first home game on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd at 6 p.m. against Rutgers-Newark. On Saturday, Dec. 6th, MSU faces the Rowan College Roadrunners to the Famous Athletic Center at 3 p.m. Next Monday Dec. 8th, the Red Hawks host Vassar College at 7 p.m.

Ray Rice Reinstated by NFL

Greco: Dynamic Duo

Over the weekend, four NFL teams have expressed interest in acquiring Ray Rice for the 2015 season. The Indianapolis Colts, along with the New Orleans Saints, are the only teams to have publicly responded toward Rice’s availability; the other two teams have yet to be identified by ESPN.

Rice, 28, was suspended then released from the Baltimore Ravens after a tape was released over the summer, showing Rice physically assaulting his then-fiancée, now wife Janay Rice, in an elevator. Rice’s stock in the NFL has quickly plummeted in the NFL not only due to the unwanted attention he would bring any team, but his production on the field has dropped rather quickly.

In 2012, Rice averaged 71.4 yards per game, nine touchdowns and 257 rushing attempts. With Rice approaching 28 years old, which is the average decline age for running backs in the NFL, the state show that his prime-years are behind him. Along with an aging running back, whichever team acquires Rice will be the focus of much attention from media outlets not pertaining to sports.

Speculation has arisen that the Arizona Cardinals might be one of the four teams interested in Rice, but with four players at the running back position, it wouldn’t make much sense to acquire the aging Rice, along with the media frenzy that would accompany him.

The Baltimore Ravens have since found their new starting running back in Justin Forsett, who had his breakout game against the Saints on Nov. 24, rushing for 182 yards and two touchdowns.
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