How Are You Going to Spend Your Time At MSU?
More Than Half of MSU’s Computer Labs to Shut Down

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News Editor

Rumors have been confirmed that all of MSU’s computer labs will be closed this fall semester with the exception of two.

According to Junior Sinclair Gibore, a helpline technician of MSU’s Information Technology Department (IT), “Due to budget restraints, the labs are being closed.”

The only two computer labs that will be open this fall semester will be in the Student Center and in the Sprague Library.

The computer lab in the Student Center will continue to be open 24 hours, while the Sprague Library’s computer lab will be open late hours.

According to Sinclair, the number of computers in both of these computer labs will be increased to better accommodate students. There are currently 49 computers already in the Student Center computer lab and 12 in the Sprague Library.

Junior Justice Studies major Todd Storing said, “How are students supposed to do their homework in such cramped areas?”

In previous semesters, there have been nine public computer labs open across campus located in Chapin Hall, Dickson Hall, two in Richardson Hall, the Sprague Library, the Student Center, Blanton Hall, Bohn Hall, and Russ Hall.

According to Sophomore Lisa Tarchia, “Since the Student Center computer lab is full ninety-nine percent of the time, I usually go to Dickson Hall and find a computer there, but I guess it’s a necessity now to have your own computer and printer.”

Sophomore Art major Jessica Oppelaar said, “It was impossible for me to find a free computer when there were nine computer labs on campus, so how can I find one now that only two will be open? With so many budgets cuts, where is our tuition money going?”

MSU administration was unavailable for comment.

Budget cuts to the University have caused MSU to shut down seven of its nine computer labs on campus. The two remaining labs will be located in the Student Center and the Sprague Library.
Know what's happening on campus by following the news section of The Montclarion. Find out about tuition increases, potential budget cuts, weather advisories, construction news and important meetings such as SGA and Board of Trustees meetings.

As with every new semester, traffic can cause a major problem on campus. Find out if you have to take a detour by following The Montclarion.

The news section provides its readers with a weekly police report, along with SGA News & Notes, weather, local and national news.

Are you an MSU commuter who finds parking impossible at all hours of the day? Are you a campus resident who is constantly awoken by early campus construction? Maybe you are just a concerned student who wonders how your tuition money is being spent? If you fall under any of these three categories, or if you are simply a curious person, the news section of The Montclarion is exactly what you need for updates on important campus issues affecting MSU students.

The news section covers a broad range of stories from University budget cuts to student government updates. It addresses issues that affect the entire student body including resident, commuter, and visitor parking, newly created education programs, and residential living conditions. You'll be blown away by intriguing front-page headlines and feature photos.

Learn more about what's happening on campus each week by reading the news section of The Montclarion. Find out how much money the parking garage is costing MSU students, and what campus activities are being axed as a result of budget cuts. Updated police reports, the extended weather forecast, SGA news and notes, and local and national news can be found on page two of every issue of The Montclarion.

The news section is in search of inquisitive minds who are willing to work as inquiring news reporters and staff writers. Join The Montclarion news staff today! No previous writing experience is necessary to become a part of The Montclarion team. Aside from a pen and a reporter's notebook for interviews, the only thing necessary is an open mind.

Students willing to investigate and dig up dirt are the most qualified.
The feature section is made up of insightful articles, columns, event coverage as well as horoscopes.

Last year, the feature section included many columns that were both fun and serious. These columns add a steady beat to the section, and are either weekly or bi-weekly, which is determined by the author’s preference or the ability to get new ideas for the column.

We also had many amazing stories ranging from snowstorms, to high school sweethearts, to informative pieces on adult students, to pieces on the holidays. The Feature section allows for a vast amount of creative expression in what you want to write about. It gives you the ability to throw in that ‘edge’ every now and again.

The Feature section is also responsible for covering events that occur on campus. We try to cover as many events as possible, giving the reader a variety to choose from. Some events we included last year were: The NAACP/OSAU Open Mic night, The UAASO Open mic night, Career Day, and even the MSU World’s Fair. Even though some events may not make it into the section, we try to at least get a picture to represent them.

The Feature section has also done spotlight articles on individuals who have done something worth admiration and those that we may not appreciate as much as we should. They allow the community here on campus to see people they may pass by without a second-thought. People who are praiseworthy and not getting recognized for their deeds.

This section is very easy for anyone to find an article on something they find interesting.

Make your voice heard...that is what this paper is about. Think you could write a great column? I dare you. Join the feature section of The Montclarion.

Happy reading!
The Arts & Entertainment section is comprised of reviews, lists of local and campus entertainment events, and ideas for artistic ventures into the city. In addition to the Tigerlily, which informs readers on album and movie releases, the birthday section, and the Top 10 songs of the week courtesy of WMSC, the original writer of "Cult Cuts" is returning and will write about various cult films. Some films reviewed last year including "Night of the Living Dead" and "True Romance," with Christian Slater.

There will also be many book reviews this year from arts to entertainment, to novels, to possibly even memoirs.

Music will still be a big part for the Arts and Entertainment section as it always has been. This year, I would like to interview more bands about new releases and their show performances. Since so many new albums are coming out, this only means great things for the section.

Magazines, such as InStyle, can be helpful, and they can just be a waste of money. Get magazine critiques in The Montclarion.

Fat Joe sent the crowd raving during his performance at "Montclairfest" this past April at MSU.
The Opinion Section of The Montclarion is an open forum for students, as well as faculty to voice their ideas on topics pertaining to MSU. Primarily, the main editorial centers on the most important topic of the week. The main editorial is representative of the staff as a whole, giving in their “two cents” on the pros and cons of the University during the course of the year.

Columnists are also featured in this section; either debating issues around the world, or just expressing their feelings on conditions on campus. Articles can range from the way food taste, to student-faculty compatibility, to student government bills. Issues regarding financial aid, city ordinances, diseases, injustice or war are most definitely addressed as well.

Rather than mope around and complain, wouldn’t you rather have a forum to let these thoughts out? If being a columnist isn’t your forte, The Montclarion mailbag is also available. The objective here is to allow your letters to be printed whether it’s about your personal feelings about an article or editorial printed in a previous issue of The Montclarion, or concerns relating to outside the MSU community.

Allow yourself to soak in the ambiance, which is Montclair State. It is a welcoming environment of learning, yet like anywhere you go, it isn’t perfect. What we have here is just an outlet to allow these concerns to be voiced.

What do you think of MSU?

What do you think of MSU? Call 973-655-5241 or email MontOpinion@yahoo.com to respond.

The section asks a “Question of the Week” regarding an important issue facing MSU students.

Montclarion Mailbag

In an article entitled “Armed!” in the Holy Land, Nobel Peace Prize winner Yasser Arafat has described the situation in the region as “a war of terror.” Yasser Arafat said, “The situation is extremely serious, and the intensity of the war is very high.”

However, in the United States, many people believe that the situation is not as serious as described. They argue that the situation in the Holy Land is simply a conflict between two different groups, and that peace can be achieved through negotiation.

(above) Do you have something important to say? Let us know by submitting a letter to The Montclarion Mailbag.
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Don’t want to be stuck without a seat at an MSU sporting event? Better yet, want to get in for free? Want to get up-close and personal with the athletes, the coaches, and Rocky the Red Hawk? Want to follow the team from practice to playoffs?

Like sports but have no athletic ability? Then write about it!

Covering a college sporting event provides you with a great opportunity to get involved with both the athletic community and the Class One organizations. Whether you’re just a sports enthusiast or searching for practical experience in the field of sports journalism, the Sports Section will help you develop the skills needed for whatever degree of interest you may have.

Montclair is a Division III School, involving over 20 different athletic teams that have seen many players continue on into both national major and minor leagues. Furthermore, many of MSU’s sporting teams have achieved national champion titles, some of which include the football, softball and baseball teams.

If you write for The Montclarion Sports Section, you get the opportunity to select one or more sports to cover each season. When you cover an MSU team, you follow it through their season right alongside the team, receiving free tickets to each game, interviewing coaches, players and referees.

Writers will find that this is both a challenging and fulfilling choice, one that will virtually put you in the center of the action.
I o, we got you to look at this page. The first part of our job is done. Now that we got you to look at it, the second part is to make sure that it's appealing, and even more importantly that it graphically makes sense.

In fact, every part of this page and even this entire newspaper was at some point influenced if not created by our Graphic Design Staff.

You like the design? Don't like it? Well, then come down and either be a part of it or begin to change it along with us.

The Graphic Design staff does everything from overseeing page layouts, to designing column headers, creating the weekly Main Editorial Cartoon, and creating special layouts.

Furthermore, every week, there are several stories that require a graphic element to illustrate a component of the article visually and without the use of a photo.

As such, we create graphic concepts, be they graphs or otherwise, and place them alongside the stories.

If you’re looking for a future in Graphic Design, we’re a great place to start (or actually continue for some of you).

You chose your level of involvement, whether you want to help us in designing each week or only contribute once in a while. And, the more graphics and layouts you chose to design, the more you have to fill on your resume.

What you get is a blank space.
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You don’t have to know everything just yet.

The Graphic Design department provides full training using state-of-the-art software including Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop.

All you need is the willingness to learn and a creative mind.
A photo pauses time, captures the moment, and illustrates a story. A picture is worth 1,000 words; this timeless statement fittingly defines the art of photojournalism. Photographers for The Montclarion are responsible for creating the images to accompany articles, catching news as it is being made on campus, capturing the live action of the University’s athletic events and also illustrating the various activities that make up Montclair’s diverse campus community.

Becoming a photographer is a fun, easy and fulfilling opportunity which any student attending the University can find an interest in and enjoy. Staff photographers only cover events that fall into their availability.

In addition, you are not required to own your own equipment, so any student who is interested can shoot photos for The Montclarion. This is an excellent opportunity for interested in photojournalism or an avid sports fan that wants to get closer to the action.

Being a photographer gives you an opportunity to meet students by covering a variety of social events on campus and it’s an excellent hobby for anyone who is looking for a fun way to get involved.

Photographers are a major part of the newspaper as they assist sections in their coverage. (left) Though MSU administration told Montclarion reporters that all residence halls were functioning properly and locked nightly, photographer Mike Cafaro proved otherwise this past December. He found a male student entering Webster Hall, an all-female residence hall, after midnight without the use of a swipe card.
Are you the person that all your friends come to when they need you to edit a paper they wrote? Do you silently correct people's grammar to the point where it annoys even you? Though you may not be an English major, has grammar and punctuation always come to you as second nature. If so, then maybe being part of the Copy Editing staff at The Montclarion is something you should consider.

As a member of The Montclarion, it's like you're a member of a second family.

And, at the end of each week, when a new issue of the paper comes out, you'll remember why you spend so much time there.

It's not just the friends you make, but the impact you have on the campus, and the joy obtained from something you have copy edited or written.

While other writers have one article to look to in the paper each week and be proud of, the Copy Editing staff has several, because each article has developed and become what it is because you were there to guide it along and perfect it.

So far this all sounds wonderful, I know.

But, you're wondering what you'll actually be doing all those hours at the paper?

As part of the staff, you'll spend time going over the articles that are to go into the paper.

You will check the grammar, the spelling, the punctuation and the style of each of the articles.

But, furthermore, you will make sure that everything makes sense. You will ensure that each part of the article fits together and flows well into the other and that, in the end, you have a completed story that will serve the needs of our readers.

If you wish, you may also copy edit final pages for newspaper layout and style, getting a sneak-peak at the newspaper before anyone on campus sees it.

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First, welcome to Montclair State University and your first issue of The Montclarion. Let me assure you that you will not find another student run newspaper as thorough as The Montclarion at any of our top competing Universities, as proven by the awards and recognition it has received.

Second, who do you want to be? Take a few minutes to stop and realize that you are about to join a brand new community. With that, comes change. Realize that most of the people you will meet in the days ahead are completely new to you as well. Think about the person you want to be at MSU and become that person today.

As a student of New Jersey's premier university you have a tremendous amount or privilege and opportunity before you, which will give you the resources to expand yourself in such a fashion. Equally you are very fortunate to have a student government like the SGA, Inc. serving this student body. With over 100 organizations available for you to choose from you will never be short of an opportunity to experiment with your interests, make new friends and build your resume for when you leave our institution.

In addition to various entertaining programming events, the SGA Legislative and Executive branches are always fighting tirelessly for your best interests. During my campaign for the presidency I urged students that the SGA had hard work ahead! This couldn't be more true as this year we shall continue to uphold the SGA's long history of standing up for student rights. By the time you finish the fall semester, you will notice that change is a familiar component of student life at Montclair State.

So please join a club, rush a Greek organization, or join the SGA Legislature today. Today is the day you choose the person you want to be at MSU!

With Gratitude,

Jacob V. Hudnut
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Montclair State University's yearbook is paid for and distributed by the SGA, and is put together by a staff of dedicated students. The yearbook includes senior photos, as well as group and candid photos from clubs, athletic teams, and campus events.

College Rings
College just would not be college without the ring. Information on the rings is available in the SGA office, and often in the Student Center on the second floor, just outside the cafeteria.

Discount Cards
SGA Discount cards are available with discounts to such local hotspots as Charlie Brown's Steakhouse, Six Brothers Diner, McDonalds, Town Video, and more. It fits in your wallet and is available in the SGA office.

Copy Machines
What's better than a ten-cent copy? A five-cent copy. The SGA offers black and white copies for only five cents each, the cheapest on campus. The SGA also has a color copier for documents at seventy-five cents per copy. Machines are available during normal operating hours in the SGA office.

Fax Machine
The SGA offers student use of a free fax machine service in the SGA office. Offered during normal operating hours.

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The SGA Corporate Secretary is available to certify legal documents in the SGA office during normal business hours.

Stamps, Envelopes, and Disks
For your convenience, the SGA sells US postage stamps, envelopes, and computer disks during normal hours in the SGA office. We also provide an outgoing mailbox.

Voter Registration Forms
Just turn 18? Forget to register last year? Well, now is the time to register yourself to vote and make your voice heard, and forms are available in the SGA office.

Discount Movie Tickets
A newer SGA service, students may purchase tickets to any General Cinema Theatre for only five dollars each! They are available in the SGA office during regular business hours.

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Class II Organizations

Arab Student Organization: The purpose of this organization is to expand the awareness of the Arab world and political situation and to educate students on Arabic history and culture. A.S.O. shall be committed to organizing student activities and fundraising to enhance the leadership capabilities of the academic and social standing of all participating students.

Caribbean Student Organization, “C.A.R.I.B.S.O.”: The purpose of this organization is to promote Caribbean culture by providing educational, social and cultural activities for its members and campus community.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship: Chi Alpha’s purpose is to be witness for the lordship Jesus Christ, unify Christian students, and reflect a consciousness of Biblical principles. “Teamwork: together we can achieve the extraordinary.” - Anonymous

Haitian Student Association: The purpose of this organization is to promote the awareness, respect and better understanding of the Haitian history, culture and traditions via social cultural programs designed to further educate the campus.

Human Relations & Leadership Development Association: The purpose of the HRLDA is to prepare a network of leaders who can be “Shaped of what might be, rather than servants of what is”

Indian Culture Club: The purpose of this organization is to promote fellowship among the Indian students in the campus community. This organization also wants to introduce the different aspects of the social, political and educational aspects of the Indian culture.

Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship: The primary goal of this organization is to be a witnessing community of students who follow Jesus as the Savior and Lord; growing in love for God, God’s Word, God’s people of every ethnicity and culture, and God’s purpose in the world through spiritual, intellectual, physical and social pursuits.

Muslim Student Association: The main purpose of the MSA is to introduce to the campus community of MSU the true meaning of Islam and what it teaches. MSA also wants to enhance the mutual understanding and respect between the Muslims and non-Muslim communities.

Class III Organizations

Accounting Society
American String Teachers Organization
Classics Club
Commuter Student Union
Democratic Organization of College Students
Economics and Finance Society
Fashion Club
Financial Management Club
Gallery 3 1/2
Geo Club
German Club
Helping Each Other and Redefining Tomorrow
Hillel (Jewish Club)
International Business Society
Japanese Club
Justice Studies Club
Korean Students Organization
Le Cercle Français (French Club)
Linguistic Association
Management Club
Medieval Society
Minority Teachers Candidate Association
MSU Billiards Club
MSU College Republicans
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MSU Greens
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NAACP
Native African Student Organization
Newman Catholic Ministry
Non-Traditional Student Organization
Pagan Student Union
Pakistani Youth of American Society
Polish Student Organization
Psychology Club
Recreational Professions Club
Red Hawk Records
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The International Student Organization of Montclair State University promotes global understanding and unity. The ISO is the spearhead organization in Montclair State’s quest for international diversity; the organization provides assistance, company, and guidance to Montclair State’s large international student body.

ISO also includes amongst its top priorities interaction with American students and welcomes them with open arms. ISO encourages cooperation and a sense of unity amongst the international students and the American students here at Montclair State. Members of ISO have an opportunity to learn about the different people they share this planet with and learn some of their customs and traditions as well as share some of their own.

C1C
Class One Concerts provides the campus community with many concerts and events held all year round, climaxing with Montclairfest in late April.
As a member of C1C, you will be exposed to every aspect of putting on a concert, from booking bands to building stages, and everything in between.
Acts from last year that performed at Montclair State University include:
The Red Chord, Immortal Technique, Persun, Copperpot, H2O, 40 Below Summer, Mala Fe, Joe Budden, Finch, Goldfinger, and Fat Joe, just to name a few.
In previous years, the presence of Bounty Killa, Tony Sunshine and the Terror Squad, 2 Skinneee Js, Bouncing Souls, Capone and Nooreaga, Auto Pilot Off, Catch 22, Among Thieves, The Beatnuts, Piebold, and Alkaline Trio all graced the stages of MSU.
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WMSC brings the best and newest music to the Montclair State University campus and beyond, specializing in Punk, Metal, Rock, and Hip-Hop, but not limiting ourselves to that. We also offer the opportunity to learn to produce, program, and learn all the ins and outs of radio and the radio industry. With the purchase of all brand new equipment and the beginning stages of Internet Broadcasting taking place, WMSC’s future continues to look brighter every year.
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A Few Helpful Hints:

1) College is very different from high school...

In high school, someone else planned almost everything for you: the courses, your schedule of classes, your readings, your meals, etc. In college, you’re on your own. You have complete freedom to become successful in your life, or you can fail out, all by yourself. For better or worse, in college and in life, it’s all up to you.

Another change from high school is the diversity of students that you will meet. Although in high school the similarities of students far outweighed the differences amongst students, in college you will have a variety of ages, races, backgrounds, beliefs, experiences, interests, and especially abilities of intelligence and learning. Don’t shelter yourself off from experiences with any of these students. That is the world coming to learn and you are a part of the world.

2) Never misspell the instructor’s name.

Nothing signals sloppy, lazy ineptitude to the instructor as much as when a student can’t even get his/her name correctly spelled. You should know how to address the instructors. Some instructors prefer to be formal, others are comfortable on a first name basis. Let the instructor set the tone. If no address is offered, ask instructors how they wish to be addressed. If you do not know, always address formally, as in Professor (so and so), and Dr. (so and so). Just like everywhere else, flattery will get you everywhere.

3) Be polite in relation to faculty members.

Like it or not the ultimate power resides with the grade giver. Be very polite, but persistent. Don’t be afraid to ask questions – the same question again if necessary. If you can engage humor, it will always be welcomed – but never at the instructor’s expense. Remember any positive feelings between you and your instructor can only benefit you as a student.

4) The first class meeting is very important.

The first class meeting sets the tone for the entire semester. The entire course is laid out: what it’s all about, what is required of students, when papers are due, what the assigned readings are, and what is or is not acceptable behavior. Hand-out sheets will be distributed. Don’t miss the first meeting. Some instructors will give an overview of the course work, others may just have informal introductions. But that is their choice. You should be ready for serious stuff because some instructors are ready to start. Conscientious instructors also know the importance of that first meeting. You may be conspicuous by your absence and set a tone with your instructor that may be hard to overcome.

5) You may be wondering what the degree is all about?

Normally, 60-credit hours will be required for an Associate’s degree; 120-credit hours for a Bachelor’s degree; a minimum of 30-graduate credit hours for a Master’s degree; and 90-graduate credit hours for the Doctorate of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.).

Only graduate schools award master’s degrees and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees and admission to graduate schools requires the Bachelor’s degree.

The Doctorate degree is the most advanced degree and is conferred for professional, research, or honorary achievement. In some fields, the Master’s degree is considered the terminal, or highest level of degree achieved.