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No Impeachment for President Lilla

Lilla Accused of Multiple Violations At Wednesday's SGA Meeting; However, Legislature Votes Against Trial

Jose Ortiz
Managing Editor

SGA President Angelo Lilla escaped being the first of his post to be impeached in 73 years by five votes. In order for the impeachment trial to take place, two-thirds of the legislature needed to vote in favor of impeachment. The vote went 8-12 in favor of skipping the trial.

Freshman Legislator Steve Patelis, and senior SGA member Abby Gildersleeve, were the co-authors of the letter to impeach Lilla.

"The main reason I wrote the letter was because he breached the code of ethics by sending out a mass email using the list serve," Gildersleeve said.

Lilla was charged with using his position to his advantage during the elections by sending out a mass email using the SGA's list serve. This is a privilege allotted only to the SGA President and the Secretary.

He was also accused of failing to establish an adhawk committee to assist in the creation of an art magazine due to come out May 5.



Brian Gatens | The Montclarion

Jose Ortiz | The Montclarion

SGA President Angelo Lilla (left) and SGA Legislator Steve Patelis (right). Legislator Abby Gildersleeve was also one of Lilla's accusers.

On top of those, he was accused of actions that would affect his objectivity. According to the bill for impeachment, Lilla spent \$1,300 during his campaign. The President has said that the money

spent was divided between himself and the other three members of his ticket.

The total would split into \$325 per person. "\$300 is nothing to me," Lilla said. He then went on

and added that the sum of money would not effect his objectivity or impartiality.

Other charges included Lilla's failure to find SGA justices and campaigning, (inadvertantly or not)

for his ticket through name association.

However, Lilla has maintained that he feels that he did nothing wrong, he apologized in state of this, and said he was only acting as the host to the SGA. He said that he was not campaigning for himself.

"The three years I've been here, the Presidents have all sent out mass emails," Lilla said. "All I was doing was what my predecessors did."

These emails were sent out three times, even after he was questioned about his actions during an Elections Committee meeting. Gildersleeve said that the use of the list serve was not allowed during the elections.

The entire meeting brought into question what the difference

"If you go up and down the statutes, only two legislators in the entire legislation would not be in violation," Lilla said. "That is grounds for impeachment."

The Montclarion Issues Go Missing from Blanton

SGA Treasurer Elect Is Implicated In Crime Against Montclair State University's Student Paper

Shayna Jacobs
Staff Writer

Maria Soares, the newly elected SGA Treasurer and Blanton Hall Resident Assistant, has admitted to taking bundles, reaching a possible \$300 worth in value of *Montclarion* issues from the Blanton Hall lobby.

1,200 issues were missing from the delivery drop-off near the vending machines over two weeks; 600 are delivered to the spot, each week. Both editions contained SGA election candidate endorsements, to which Soares was not endorsed.

"I didn't really care for the endorsements," said Soares. "In the end I still won, so it didn't make a difference."

Each student is entitled to one issue as disclaimed on the second page of the publication. It reads, "The *Montclarion* is a freely distributed newspaper providing one copy per person. Additional copies are \$0.25."

The *Montclarion* considered

pressing charges against Soares for the theft of the superfluous number of copies.

"I think it should be a reflection

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Maria Soares
SGA Treasurer Elect

tion on her, but it's also an embarrassment to all of us," said Amy Chicken, SGA Vice President.

Chicken said that the SGA could not impose disciplinary action, because the matter is hearsay and no eyewitnesses have come forward. There must be evidence such as a

photograph or first-hand account in order to move to impeach the new treasurer.

"She should be forced to write a letter of apology to *The Montclarion*, and she should definitely pay for the issues she admitted to taking," Chicken said. "She put Angelo and I in an unfortunate situation."

Soares campaigned on President Angelo Lilla's ticket, along with Chicken and Matt DePasquale who was voted secretary last Wednesday at noon when the polls closed. Lilla and Chicken were re-elected into office.

Douglas McIntyre is a *Montclarion* staff member and SGA legislator. He alleges Soares admitted him that she disposed of the newspapers.

Soares told sources at the *Montclarion* that she took "a couple of bundles" of newspapers, last week. There are 50 newspapers in a bundle.

She later said she took "about 50" issues home to show her family

the story about the election debates. The election debates were only covered in one of the two editions missing from Blanton.

"Anyone who destroys the printed material of another organization does not deserve to be in a respectable position," said legislator Seri Traipoom. "As an RA disciplinary action should be taken against her. I hope that [next year] she displays a high level of professionalism and develops some morals."

The *Montclarion* endorses candidates annually. Ralph Mullenax, candidate for vice president, was the only member of his party, Anthony Gutilla's team, not chosen for endorsement.

"I wasn't endorsed and I lived," said Mullenax. "It wasn't a huge blow that would make me throw away newspapers. Her actions demonstrate immaturity."

"All I know is that she was telling people not to read *The Montclarion*; I would assume because [The *Montclarion*] didn't endorse her."



Dominique Wilson | The Montclarion

1,200 issues of *The Montclarion* were missing from the Blanton Hall Lobby. SGA Treasurer Elect Maria Soares denied that she took the papers with any ill will, she did admit that she did not care for *The Montclarion's* endorsements and that she took a few bundles home.

Soares told Michael C. McPhee, *Montclarion* Editor-In-Chief, that she would pay for the extra newspapers she took.

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 For Classes Meeting on MW at 0700am 0915am-1115am

For Classes with First or Only Meeting on M or R at 0230pm 0100pm-0300pm
 For Classes with First or Only Meeting on M or R at 0400pm 0315pm-0515pm

Friday – May 5

For Classes Meeting on TF or WF at 0700am 0700am-0900am

For Classes with first or only Meeting on T or F at 0230pm 0100pm-0300pm
 For Classes with First or only Meeting on T or F at 0400pm 0315pm-0515pm

Monday – May 8

For Classes with First or Only Meeting on M or R at 0830am 0800am-1000am
 For Classes with First or Only Meeting on M or R at 1000am 1015am-1215pm

For Classes with First or Only Meeting on M or R at 11:30am 0100pm-0300pm
 For Classes with First or Only Meeting on M or R at 0100pm 0315pm-0515pm

Tuesday – May 9

For Classes with First or Only Meeting on T or F at 0830am 0800am-1000am
 For Classes with First or Only Meeting on T or F at 1000am 1015am-1215pm

For Classes with First or Only Meeting on T or F at 1130am 0100pm-0300pm
 For Classes with First or Only Meeting on T or F at 0100pm 0315pm-0515pm

Wednesday – May 10

For Classes with First or Only Meeting on W at 0830am 0800am-1000am
 For Classes with First or Only Meeting on W at 1000am 1015am-1215pm

For Classes with First or Only Meeting on W at 1130am 0100pm-0300pm
 For Classes with First or Only Meeting on W at 0100pm 0315pm-0515pm

Examination Notes:

1. All examinations are to be held in the regularly assigned classroom. In courses where more than one room is involved, the location of the exam will be the same as the first room of a series (e.g., a course meeting WF in different rooms will have the exam in the W room).
2. Courses which have a start time other than those listed above should follow the exam schedule for the preceding class start time (e.g. a course beginning at 9:30am will follow the exam period for courses with a first or only meeting at 8:30am; a course beginning at 12:00pm will follow the exam period for courses with a first or only meeting at 11:30am). Faculty involved in teaching courses on a "To Be Arranged" basis and who require an exam room are asked to make arrangements for a specific time and room.
3. Students with a time conflict in their exam schedule should immediately notify each faculty member involved and make arrangements to reschedule one of the exams.

Evening/Weekend/and Off-Campus Undergraduate and Graduate Courses

Thursday – May 4

For Classes with first or only Meeting on Thursday at 0530pm 0530pm-0730pm
 For Classes with first or only Meeting on Thursday at 0815pm 0815pm-1015pm

Friday – May 5

For Classes with first or only Meeting on Friday at 0530pm 0530pm-0730pm
 For Classes with first or only Meeting on Friday at 0830pm 0815pm-1015pm

Saturday – May 6

For Classes with first or only Meeting on Saturday at 0800am 0800am-1000am
 For Classes with first or only Meeting on Saturday at 1100am 1100am-0100pm
 For Classes with first or only Meeting on Saturday at 0200pm 0200pm-0400pm

Sunday – May 7

For Classes with first or only Meeting on Sunday at 0800am 0800am-1000am
 For Classes with first or only Meeting on Sunday at 1100am 1100am-0100pm
 For Classes with first or only Meeting on Sunday at 0200pm 0200pm-0400pm

Monday – May 8

For Classes with first or only Meeting on Monday at 0530pm 0530pm-0730pm
 For Classes with first or only Meeting on Monday at 0815pm 0815pm-1015pm

Tuesday – May 9

For Classes with first or only Meeting on Tuesday at 0530pm 0530pm-0730pm
 For Classes with first or only Meeting on Tuesday at 0815pm 0815pm-1015pm

Wednesday – May 10

For Classes with first or only Meeting on Wednesday at 0530pm 0530pm-0730pm
 For Classes with first or only Meeting on Wednesday at 0815pm 0815pm-1015pm

0700pm Courses

For classes with first or only meeting M, T, W or R at 0700pm 0745pm-945pm

On regularly scheduled meeting day

Farewell from The Two-Year Chief

Like many of my classmates, Montclair State was far from my first choice. Actually it wasn't my second, third or even fourth choice. I once declared, "I will never go to MSU!"



Michael C. McPhee
Editor in Chief

I ended up visiting Montclair in the spring of my senior year after receiving acceptance and somehow left with the feeling that Montclair had a vibrant campus. In addition to the close proximity to my home and to New York City, Montclair was very affordable. I decided to give Montclair a try, and the rest is history.

Looking back on my four years at Montclair, I can honestly say that I wouldn't change a thing. I've loved every minute of it and I wish that I had planned for a fifth year.

When I got to Montclair for freshman orientation I was recruited by two organizations that greatly impacted the vision I had for myself at Montclair. It was a pizza party where I met then SGA President Chris Fitzpatrick and Vice-President Orlando Cabrera. Both men encouraged me to fill out a legislative petition and become part of the SGA.

At the time, I was under the impression that there were people lining up to be a part

of the SGA and I had my petition done by the end of my orientation. (Little did I know.) Later during orientation, I was sitting in the cafeteria eating lunch with a friend when Terrence McDonald came up to me and asked if I was interested in writing for the school paper, *The Montclarion*. I never considered myself a journalist but the idea of being able to voice my political opinions very much interested me. I quickly signed up and had my first column printed in the very first issue of the year.

It's funny how things changed as the years progressed. I saw myself running for Student Government office, definitely not being Editor-in-Chief.

Over the years I've watched the SGA change from the organization it used to be to the organization it currently is; unlike *The Montclarion* which has remained consistent for the last eighty years.

To any student who wonders what the benefits of joining an organization are: participation in organizations on campus have profound impacts on you as a person and as a student. I have little doubt that my participation helped to improve my grades and maintain my focus.

Some of the best friends I've been fortunate enough to make have been through the participation in *The Montclarion* and the SGA, and the other friends that I had suckered into working for *The Montclarion*.

Jose: I never thought I would be able to find someone to equal Cherilyn. You have done so much great work at the paper it's unbelievable. Thank you for your dedication, your enthusiasm and your perpetually inspiring words. If you don't wind up being a little league coach someday I will be disappointed! Remember me when you're a famous writer.

Jessica: You were a blessing to us two years ago when I lured you in. You made being a News Editor look easy. I don't think I'll ever meet another person that can juggle things the way you did. From being a great roommate to a great boss, I'll be forever thankful to Residence Life for changing their training location without telling us. We'll always have Nashville, Kansas City and Aruba!

To everyone else at *The Montclarion*: thank you for your dedication and your hard work. I was so blessed to have such a stable, hard-working staff. You guys made my senior year that much better.

Many people imagine that members of *The Montclarion* are "newspaper geeks." Let me tell you, I doubt there is an organization on campus that parties more or has as much fun as we do. Join up and you'll have some of the best memories of your life while being productive and having a great line on your resume.

As Winston Churchill once said "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

What's Wrong With The SGA

When you have a President who thinks that he is the leader of a monarchy and the students are his servants, things are bound to go wrong. Why would someone like that get to such a high position? Is it because no one cares enough to pay attention? I don't think so.

I think the SGA attracts three types of people. There are those who genuinely care and want to make a difference, those who want to have something else to list on their resume and those who are interested in playing games and manipulating the system to benefit themselves. It seems the third type are the members of the SGA who are the most successful in accomplishing their agendas. They are willing to sacrifice everything to do so, including morals and ethics, and are rewarded for that behavior with positions of authority.

As Treasurer, I have experienced first hand what it is to be an Executive Board member of the Lilla administration. I feel the biggest problem this year has been a lack of understanding of our responsibilities and duties. Rather than using the resources we have, one E-Board member tells another what they think the other should do. If you're not going back to the Statutes and fighting tooth and nail for what you think is right, you can easily get bullied into support-

ing the demise of integrity in the SGA.

We all take our positions a little too seriously and a little too literally. We forget that what we're doing is supposed to be for the students. Peoples' egos get in the way. The Executive Board feels like they're the bosses of the school. By acting on that belief, we alienate the other branches of the Student Government and this divide further alienates the student body. We have locked the students out of their office, forcing them to beg us to let them in. The addition of the swipe card lock is symbolic of the inaccessibility of the Student Government Association and the distancing of the student body by the organization deemed to represent it.

The Student Government Association is too caught up with themselves. So much of what we do is centered around what makes us look good or what individuals feel is good for them or bad for their enemies, when we should be putting aside the selfishness and addressing the needs of the student body.

We don't act to improve the experience of all students—we act to improve our own experience. This organization is not "Students for Students." It is overwhelmingly "Students for Themselves." Obviously, there are exceptions to the rule. However, the voices of those students who care are too easily drowned out by the screams for power.

The SGA simply doesn't relate to the average student. We rarely give them any information which is useful to them. The Student Government Association should do what students aren't going to do. The SGA should be out trying to find information which affects students and communicating

it back to them. Part of this involves holding the Administration accountable for their actions. If the wrestling team is cut, the SGA needs to know why. We need to assure that students' interests are not being compromised by the University. We cannot fall into the same pattern of the Administration by giving students the runaround just because it is easier. We must stand up for the rights of the students and make their concerns heard.

Further, the SGA should go beyond the issues at the University and make real world matters applicable to the student body. We should be alerting people about what they can do about budget cuts and rising gas prices and other such situations. Instead, we are too busy focusing inward to be bothered with advocating for the students.

We're doing too many barbeques and not enough advocacy. We may be filling the students' bellies with hamburgers and hot dogs, but we're ultimately leaving a bad taste in their mouths with our lackluster performance.

This has been a very challenging year, and I have certainly made plenty of mistakes of my own. I could not have made it through without the support of my friends, family and advisors. To all those who do care and who have been there for me, I thank you. I believe there is a strong potential for improvement in the SGA and that the goals I have mentioned are within reach. I wish the organization the best of luck in evolving to meet the needs of the students.

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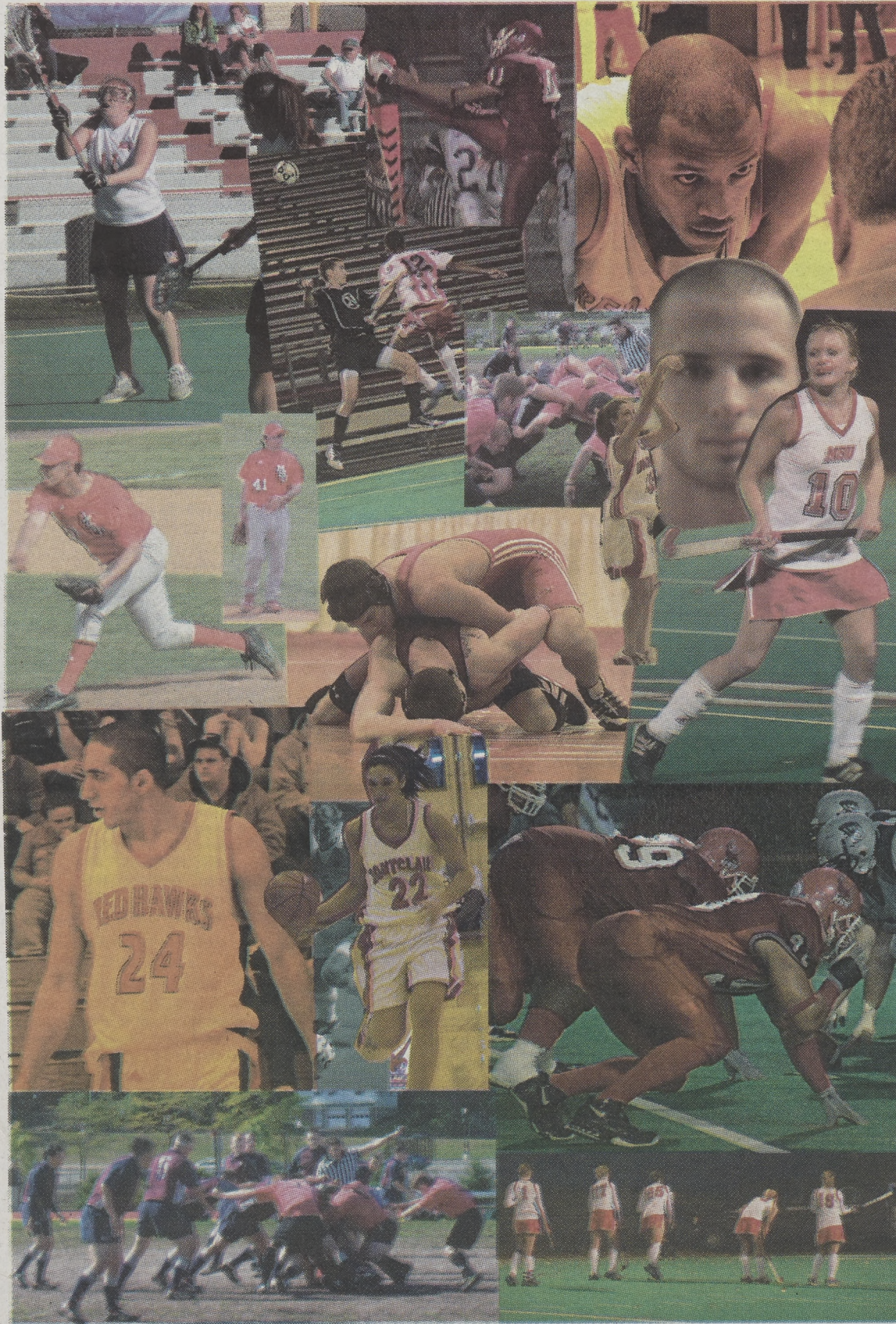
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Player of The Week

SHAUNA BROCKLEBANK



LACROSSE

Junior
Hometown: Long Branch, NJ

Brocklebank led the Red Hawks in goals (44) and shots on goal (103) and was second in overall-points (59) and third in assists (15). Brocklebank helped lead the Red Hawks to an undefeated Skyline Conference season and to an eventual 22-10 win over Manhattanville in the Skyline Conference Championship Game.

Fall Sports

Football
5-5, 4-2 NJAC

M. Soccer
10-7-2, 4-4-1 NJAC

W. Soccer
7-8-3, 4-2-3 NJAC

Field Hockey
17-3, 4-2 NJAC

Volleyball
10-15, 2-5 NJAC

Winter Sports

M. Basketball
13-12, 9-9 NJAC

W. Basketball
18-10, 14-4 NJAC

M. Swimming
9-4

W. Swimming
8-4

Wrestling
4-11 (Duals)

Spring Sports

Baseball
22-13-2, 13-5 NJAC

Softball
28-11, 9-9 NJAC

M. Lacrosse
8-8, 5-3 KLC

W. Lacrosse
13-3, 6-0 Skyline
Conference Champions