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Montclair State Mourns with Charleston

Deanna Rosa
News Editor

The Montclair State University community continues to mourn with the family of Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, a graduate of the university and native of Newark, N.J., who was a victim of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting in Charleston, S.C. this past June. One of the nine individuals shot and killed that night, Coleman-Singleton was not only an Assistant Pastor at the church, but also a speech-language pathologist and girls' track and field coach at Goose Creek High School in Charleston as well as a mother of three children.

Jimmy Huskey, Principal of Goose Creek, called Coleman-Singleton a "true professional," praising her dedication and hard work in his statement to *USA Today*. "She cared about her students and was an advocate for them, always willing to listen to and talk with them. She was always there with a

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Red Hawk Day Welcomes New Students

Students enjoyed a day of fun with new friends to kick off the semester.

Kristen Bryfogle
Editor-in-Chief

New students have been flocking to the Montclair State University campus in great numbers over the past few days with freshman move-in day, Red Hawk Day and the first day of the semester all happening in a short span of time. The transition for most new students has

gone smoothly so far, however, and the semester is already off to a steady start.

Move-in day for freshmen, Aug. 30, was understandably busy, with signs and officials spread out all over campus to direct traffic and Residential Life officials stationed around each residence hall to answer questions and expedite move-ins.

Kristen Bryfogle | *The Montclarion*

Most freshmen felt that move-in day ran smoothly. A group of five girls at Red Hawk Day all agreed that move-in was a bit chaotic, but overall a fun experience. Another student, freshman Psychology major Cat Figueiredo, shared her reaction to the first few days of living in a residence hall, saying, "So far,

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Opening Ceremonies Celebrate New Buildings

Natalie Smyth
Staff Writer

After two years of planning and construction, the start of the Fall 2015 semester marks the grand opening of the two newest schools on campus, the School of Business and the Center for Environmental and Life Sciences.

Both buildings have added valuable educational tools for students across campus. The new CELS building gives students access to state-of-the-art research laboratories and classrooms, while the new School of Business provides students with a variety of high-tech instructional spaces from lecture halls to seminar rooms, more parking and office space as well as audio and visual technologies to help enhance students' learning experience.

To celebrate these new developments, President Susan Cole invited the campus community to the opening ceremony of the two buildings, where students and faculty alike explored the

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New Eats on Campus



Along with the new students, new food venues are arriving across MSU this semester.

Bridget Gonzalez |
The Montclarion

Christine Giankis
Staff Writer

Montclair State University is welcoming students back to its campus this fall with a new and improved dining selection in the Student Center Cafeteria, proving that the way to a student's heart my not be through their textbooks, but rather through their stomachs. The seven new venues constructed over the summer include California Tortilla, Dunkin Donuts Express, Panda Express, Grill Nation, Pollo, So Deli and Olo Sushi.

California Tortilla voted "Best Taco," "Best Burrito," and "Best Vegetarian Food" by *The Washingtonian* offers made-to-order burritos, bowls and

tacos along with other Mexican fast-casual style cuisine. They are also home to the Wall of Flame, which holds 75 hot sauces for customers to pair with their entrees. Montclair State University will serve as the first on-campus California Tortilla location nationwide.

In addition, a second Dunkin Donuts store will be opening in the cafeteria, proving that "America runs on Dunkin'" and so does Montclair State. The campus community now has the option to get their caffeine fix from either Blanton Hall or the newly updated Student Center location. The placement of the new coffee shop will be beneficial to students looking

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A Promising Promenade



With the new buildings completed, construction on a walkway begins.

Bridget Gonzalez | *The Montclarion*

Danielle DeSisto
Contributing Writer

A new promenade is currently under construction between the recently finished Center for Environmental and Life Sciences building and older Mallory and Shmitt Halls, providing students with an easier way to navigate the east side of campus.

The walkway, which will span from Richardson Hall to College Hall, will be constructed in phases over the course of the fall semester. Each phase will feature new amenities aimed towards making the campus more vibrant for students, in-

cluding the addition of 50 new lights, 40 large trees and several new seating areas in front of some of the campus' hot spots. The first phase runs from Richardson Hall to Schmitt Hall.

Students can look forward to enjoying a rain garden and boulder-seating setup in front of the new Center for Environmental and Life Sciences building, along with 20 benches being added between Mallory Hall and Schmitt Hall. Upperclassmen may recognize that the "constellation" sculpture that previously stood in front of Life Hall now has a home in front of the CELS building.

The center section of the

promenade is the next step of the project and accounts for much of the construction students are bound to see while walking to class. Additional cafe and chairs will be added in front of Cafe Diem and Sprague Library, eliminating the struggle to find a seat during "rush" hours.

Memorial Auditorium will also receive a new entrance plaza to better accommodate theater guests.

Similarly, the School of Communication and Media will receive a revamp over the course of the promenade's construc-

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Buildings: Unveiling Two Major Facilities

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Opening ceremonies celebrated the completion of the new buildings.

Bridget Gonzalez | *The Montclarion*

new facilities and enjoy the celebratory music provided by a DJ, guided tours and free food.

The 107,500 square foot science building cost a total of \$55 million dollars and includes seven trans-disciplinary research labs, six core research labs, an electron microscopy suite, a nuclear magnetic resonance suite and a vivarium, an expansion that singlehandedly doubled Montclair State University's total amount of scientific research infrastructure.

According to the school's website, this extensive addition to Montclair State has allowed the school to increase the quality of the environmental science program and expand research in high demand, like the sustainable sciences, biochemistry and medicinal chemistry.

Both buildings were packed with people. On one side of campus students and faculty were exploring the classrooms, cafe and lounges at the School of Business, while on the other side of campus, other members of the community were admir-

ing the laboratories, greenhouse and research centers of the CELS building.

The new Center for Environmental and Life Sciences offers

"Everything is modern and sleek and the labs have so many resources for students to use. I bet it will make students who don't like science more excited about taking a lab science class."

-Alaina Frank, Freshman Film Major

a view of the New York City skyline, where students gathered to enjoy the view and hang out with their classmates.

Alaina Frank, a freshman

Film major at MSU, said, "Even though I'm not a science major, the school is still really exciting. Everything is modern and sleek and the labs have so many resources for students to use. I bet it will make students who don't like science more excited about taking a lab science class."

Overall, the event was successful, filled with students seeing how the \$102 million project has improved the campus. Students seemed happy with the result. Kareem Azer, a junior Theater Studies major, said, "They are some of the most high-tech buildings I've seen on a college campus, especially the new science building."

The two new facilities have drawn staff and students alike to the new buildings and have excited a lot of members of the campus community. So far, the new additions on campus seem to be seen as a positive development and, according to Azer, a reason to be "proud to be a Red Hawk."

Pelican Police Report



Thursday, April 30

Russ Hall: Student Brandon Cunningham, 22, of Rockaway, N.J., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and obstruction of law enforcement. Cunningham is scheduled to appear in Montclair Municipal Court.

Friday, May 1

Clove Road: Students Jon Darova, 19, of Cliffside Park, N.J., and Ronald Smith, 19 of Red Bank, N.J., were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop. Both parties are scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Sunday, May 3

Clove Road: Non-student Michael Bengé, 21, of Maplewood, N.J., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and assault on a police officer. Bengé is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Wednesday, May 6

NJ Transit Deck: Student Christine Kim, 20, of Harrington Park, N.J., was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and defiant trespassing.

Friday, May 8

Bohn Hall: Student Christopher Walker, 19, of Hoboken, N.J., was charged with underage consumption of alcohol. Walker is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Tuesday, May 12

Mills Hall: The director of Machuga Heights reported an incident of criminal mischief. This case is under investigation.

Tuesday, May 19

Non-student Yuta Nagasaka, 18, of Palisades Park, N.J., was arrested and charged with terroristic threats for remarks made against the University. Nagasaka is scheduled to appear in Montclair Municipal Court.

Sunday, June 21

Yogi Berra Stadium: Non-student Theron Woodard, 22, of Winnsboro, S.C., was arrested and charged with burglary and theft for an incident. Woodard is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Wednesday, July 1

Valley Road: Non-student Daniel Perry, 26, of Glen Ridge, N.J., was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and resisting arrest after a motor vehicle stop. Perry is scheduled to appear in Clifton Municipal Court.

Thursday, July 23

Valley Road: Non-student John Draney, 19, of Rochelle Park, N.J., was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after a motor vehicle stop. Draney is scheduled to appear in Montclair Municipal Court.

Monday, August 3

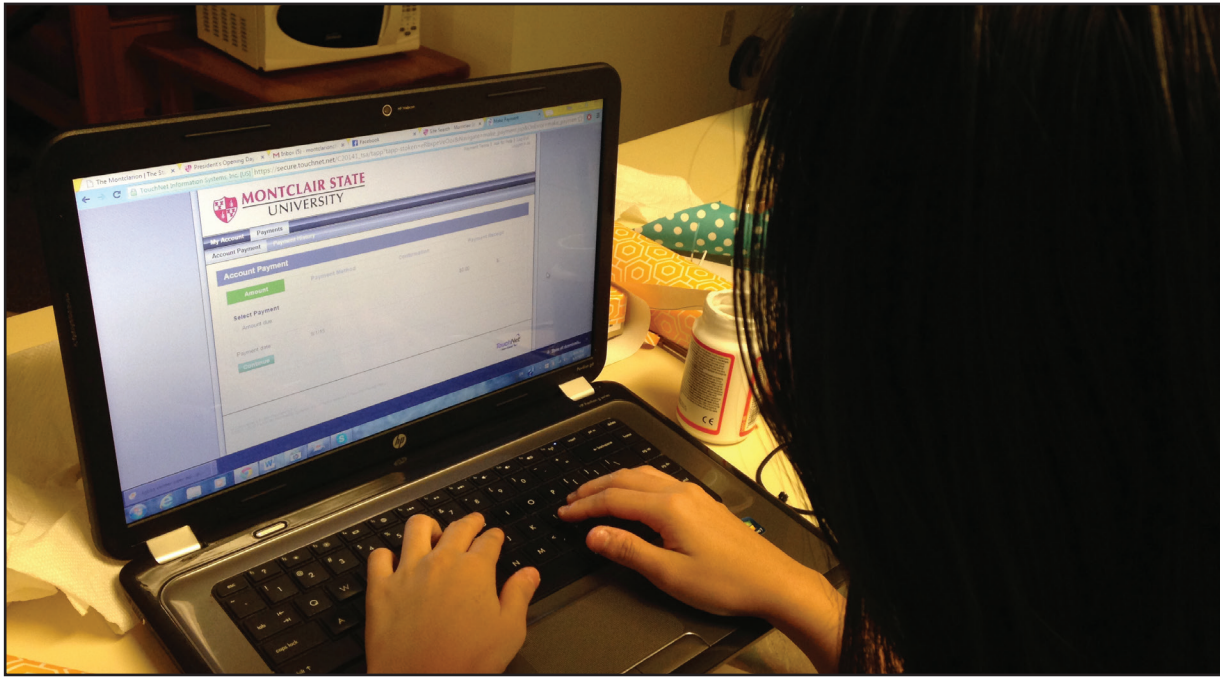
Williams Hall: Student Jose Areliano, 18, of Freehold, N.J., was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Areliano is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Wednesday, August 5

Calcia Hall: Non-student Kurt Richardson, 44, of East Orange, N.J., was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property. Richardson is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

New Payment System Launched on WESS



Changes to WESS make bill-payment easier for students.

Kristen Bryfogle | *The Montclarion*

Deanna Rosa
Assistant News Editor

In response to student requests, the Office of Student Accounts at Montclair State University has launched a new online payment system to provide the necessities for fast and easy bill payment and accessible student account history. To increase the efficiency and convenience of its web-based billing system, the university has added features such as 24/7 payment and updates as well as the ability to add a "payee." The new system is already fully functional and will be applied beginning this fall term.

The most significant change to the payment system permits students to add "payees" - authorized users who are given the ability to review account activity and make payments. Each authorized user will receive an individualized username and password along with their own personal profile on the account.

The new system protects the privacy of all users by restricting the student and any

authorized users from viewing each other's saved payment methods, including credit card information. If a student no longer wants an individual to be granted access to the account, that authorized user can be removed by the student at any time. Payees may be added or removed by logging onto WESS and clicking the "Authorized User" link in the "My Account" menu.

Another addition allows credit card and electronic check payments to be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Those payments will immediately be reflected in the student's account balance on WESS as well. Real-time updates now allow students to check their balance at any time, as well as view any recent account activity since their last statement.

While the old system required students to check WESS for new bills applied to their account, the updated system sends out email notifications when a new bill becomes active. Therefore, enrolled students received an email when

the tuition bill for the Fall 2015 semester was issued on July 28. Each student should be aware that a late-fee will be applied to any payments made after September 14.

Rajhon White, a senior Organizational Communication major, said, "These changes are very beneficial because they are happening in real time. Bill changes have the opportunity to be taken care of immediately and it sounds like it's more accessible and user-friendly. It's like a bank app!"

Keelin O'Connor, a fifth-year Mathematics major with a concentration in Statistics, said, "It allows more control for the student to limit or increase what their parents have access to."

The new online payment system can either be accessed through the Student Account page on WESS or directly at montclair.edu/online-payment. The added features and services are now available for student use.

Charleston: A Legacy Lives On

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The campus community stands by the family of Sharonda Coleman-Singleton.

Photo Courtesy of NJ.com

smile and ready to help.

Mrs. Singleton will be deeply missed by the 'Gator Nation' and we can never replace her as a member of our team." Huskey continued, "As the head girls' track coach, she was dedicated to her athletes and worked countless hours to help them obtain their team and individual goals."

Coleman-Singleton graduated from Vailsburg High School in Newark, N.J. in 1987. She then continued her education at Montclair State University and graduated having obtained her Master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders in 1993. She also attended Nova Southeastern University and South Carolina State University and eventually made her home in the Charleston suburb of Summerville with her three children, Caleb, Chris and Camryn.

In response to the terrible tragedy in South Carolina on Wednesday June 7, President Susan Cole wrote a letter to Coleman-Singleton's family expressing her condolences on behalf of the entire university community. Cole also sent out a statement to the campus community, in which she shared

with the students, "When such things happen, we have a tendency to call them senseless, because they appear so devoid of any purpose or rational meaning. However, we should not accept, because they are senseless, that they are also without cause. I have to think, as I know many of you do, that if, as a society, we better educated and cared for and were more attentive to the needs of our children, if we were better at creating a culture of respect and understanding for our common humanity, such awful events would be less likely to occur. We cannot make all the senseless pain and tragedy disappear from the world, but we have a responsibility to keep working at the educational, health, economic and social circumstances that support the development of more people like Sharonda and fewer people like the young man who so senselessly shot her down."

The university community continues to stand with the family of Coleman-Singleton and the families of the eight other victims of the Charleston shooting. Their lives were taken without cause, but their legacy will always remain.

Food: Mixing Things Up with Added Variety

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Students can now enjoy additional food options as well as renovated dining areas.

Rizzlyn Melo | *The Montclarion*

to fuel up before the many organization meetings and events that are hosted in the building.

Students can now throw out their Chinese takeout menus and go instead to Panda Express in the newly renovated dining area. This Asian-inspired cuisine offers students fresh wok-prepared entrees of chicken, beef and seafood. Students and faculty can be mindful of healthier options by looking at their Wok Smart menu, which highlights items that are 250 calories or less.

Grill Nation has also opened up shop in the newly revamped cafeteria, providing MSU with a variety of freshly grilled burgers, veggie burgers, chicken and sides.

Continuing with the theme

of comfort food, there is Pollo, a natural chicken tenders shop that prides themselves on their flavorful dipping sauces.

Along with these additions will be So Deli, a sandwich station for students to order fresh seasonal sandwiches and salads.

Lastly, members of the campus community who enjoyed the sushi bar in the Student Center prior to construction need not worry. Olo Sushi will remain for students and faculty looking to purchase freshly rolled sushi and sides.

A complete list of all dining locations open on campus can be found on the Dining Services webpage at Montclair.edu/dining-services.

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Red Hawk: New Students Celebrate the Start of the Semester

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I think it's a beautiful campus."

This year, move-in day provided more services to students than in years past. A Mr. Softee ice cream truck offered free ice cream to movers and passersby outside of Bohn and Blanton Halls, Hawk Crossings served as a hydration station for movers in the 90-degree heat and several university-affiliated social media accounts asked students to share their move-in struggles and triumphs using the hashtag #MontclairMoveIn. The social media interaction allowed students to begin bonding with the campus community even before their first floor meeting.

Red Hawk Day, an all-day event focused on providing new students with services, information, community-building activities and an outlet for socialization, occurred on Sept. 1, another successful event before the official start of the semester on Sept. 2.

Red Hawk Day started with a convocation ceremony to mark the start of each freshman's undergraduate career. The ceremony featured speeches from university officials, including Dean Shannon Gary, President Susan Cole and a keynote speaker, Montclair State faculty member Gerard Citro.

President Cole's speech outlined recent and upcoming changes to the university, including the introduction of new faculty members and information about the new School of Business and Center for Environmental and Life Science buildings. She also shared an excerpt from a Donna Tartt novel to inspire students to seek out the good in life, which can be full of hardships.

She ended by emphasizing the civic duty of education, recalling her convocation speech from ten years earlier, just days after Hurricane Katrina caused massive destruction in the Southern United States. "Today, how as a nation would we respond to another Katrina?" President Cole asked. "I said 10 years ago and I say again today, we are a significant part of the long-term [answer] to [that question], because we shape and prepare the people who will shape the society and we should never underestimate the importance of what we are doing here.... So, let us recommit ourselves today to the importance of our calling. And with that thought and with the utmost sincerity, I wish each and every one of you a very good year, filled with accomplishment and satisfaction."

Students responded well to President Cole's words, with Figueiredo saying that Cole seems like a good president.

Another favorite speaker was Citro, who acted as the keynote speaker. He motivated students with stories from his youth and his interest in playing basketball.

"[Citro] explained that he had an injury due to all the bad decisions he made, like doing drugs, and he ended up not being able to play basketball," Figueiredo said in summary. "As he got older, he redeemed himself and when he was 39, he became Montclair State's oldest basketball player for 2 years when he played from ages 39 to 40. It was really inspirational." Freshmen Juan Diaz and Omar Gallardo agreed that Citro's speech was one of the highlights of Red Hawk Day.

Following convocation, the

day was relatively open to attendants. New students were encouraged to attend sessions on what to expect during the first week and Dr. Gilbert's annual motivational speech about making the most of college, but they were also free to explore campus, get acquainted with new buildings, watch a soccer game and check out the activities fair in the Student Center Quad.

In terms of organization, several people commented that this year's Red Hawk Day ran more smoothly than in years past.

"I think that Red Hawk Day continuously improves year after year," said graduate assistant for Counseling and Psychological Services Maysoon Salem. "The weather's really great, which is helping and there are a lot of students coming up and asking questions. It seems like the students are very enthusiastic and ready to learn, which is great."

One of the workers from the catering company hired for Red Hawk Day also commented that this event has been more organized and pleasant than similar events that she has worked at other universities. "From my point of view, it looked like it was so well-organized," she said. "Generally, the people who came by were so happy. Even when they asked for something we didn't have, they were really upbeat."

According to students and workers, the first few days of the semester have been an overall success, leaving many to look forward to the year ahead with excitement.

Promenade: Coming Soon

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Construction is underway on a promenade running between CELS and Mallory and Shmitt Halls. Photo Courtesy of Mike Peters.

tion. In the meantime, students needing to enter Life Hall during construction will need to do so through Memorial Auditorium.

The walkway will continue down to College Hall and Morehead Hall and will eventually run in front of the upcoming School of Communication and Media building. The new hall

"streetlights" now line the first phase of the promenade in front of the CELS building.

"It's very pretty and open," said freshman Jeff McLellan. "It makes me feel more hopeful about the future of my campus."

"It's a lot nicer than what used to be there," junior Tess Reynolds observed. "It makes

"It's a lot nicer than what used to be there. It makes the campus feel more homey and it's nice to see some progress after watching the place under construction for so long."

-Tess Reynolds, Junior

will connect Life Hall to Morehead, thus fully integrating the College of the Arts.

Trees will be planted in the upcoming weeks during the optimal planting season in an effort to create more beautiful scenery on campus. The greenery should appear around mid-fall. New benches and lawn areas throughout the walkway will give students more places to relax between classes and even on-the-go, while new

the campus feel more homey and it's nice to see some progress after watching the place under construction for so long."

Though the first section of the promenade is primarily completed, students can expect to navigate through construction between Cafe Diem and Life Hall for a majority of the semester. Nevertheless, both freshman and returning students alike are reacting positively to the pathway.

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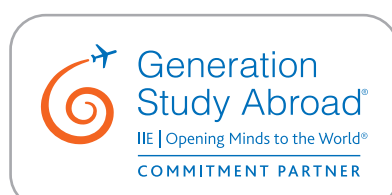
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International Studies Abroad Representative

Friday, September 4, 2015

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

University Hall Lobby - Table



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All events in Cohen Lounge, Dickson Hall

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

3:00 p.m. Information Session for Family and Child Studies and/or Education Majors
Kristianstad University (Sweden)

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

10:00 a.m. Exchange Programs Information Session

11:00 a.m. Study Abroad Budgeting Workshop

12:00 p.m. Gilman Scholarship Information Session (for PELL Grant Recipients)

1:00 p.m. Faculty-led International Field Trip Session

5:00 p.m. Montclair in Santiago, Chile Information Session

Friday, September 25, 2015

3:00 p.m. Information Session

University of Agder (Norway)

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

11:00 a.m. Boren Awards Scholarship Information Session (for the study of less commonly taught languages and destinations)

12:00 p.m. Critical Language Scholarship Information Session

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

11:00 a.m. Montclair-Graz Sister City Scholarship Information Session

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

12:00 p.m. Montclair-Graz Sister City Scholarship Information Session

Thursday, November 19, 2015

1:00 p.m. Montclair-Graz Sister City Scholarship Information Session

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A Summer In Graz: Social Interaction While Learning About The World

Awije Bahrami
Entertainment Editor



Participants at the International Summer School.

Photo Courtesy of Zuzana Révészová

My experiences at the International Summer School at the Seggau Castle in Leibnitz, Austria this summer were invaluable. At the end of the two weeks, I learned how lucky I am to live in a country with countless possibilities and opportunities, how an issue in this country might not be an issue in another country and many other significant lessons. However, most importantly, I learned a lot about myself. In this article, I will highlight my activities while in the program and you might just find yourself wanting to apply to do the same.

The theme at this year's Graz International Summer School was "Shifting Perspectives: Europe and the Americas." The group consisted of 81 Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D students that repre-

sented 31 countries from Europe, the Middle East as well as North and South America. The diverse participants were challenged to discuss issues from different perspectives.

The energetic organizers booked the two-week program with lectures and activities for the students. In the morning, the students had the pleasure to hear two or three professors from various universities lecture and be immersed into the realm of social, political and geographic topics concerning Europe and the Americas, from deconstructing stereotypes in the Balkans to geopolitical issues in the Caribbean.

After a lunch that often consisted of several savory, traditional Austrian foods, the participants were separated into different modules or afternoon

seminars. The program offered seven modules in total: Politics and Law; Media, Society and Culture; Ethics and Economics; State, Society and Religion; Literature of Transformation; Aging and the Life-course and History and Power. On days when the sun wasn't shining too strong, the seminars were conducted outside.

On the weekend, a round trip to Graz, a city (by European standards) with a large student population and cozy coffee shops at every corner, was scheduled. It is also home to the University of Graz, from where the summer school was sponsored. On Sunday, the students who wished for another day trip could join the staff for an excursion to Maribor, Slovenia.

In the evening, various entertaining activities were planned. Students were re-

quired to represent their countries in what was called the International Presentations. There was a science slam, a competition where people had 5 minutes to present a topic they were passionate about and make the audience just as passionate as well as a karaoke night and sports competitions. During one nightly event, a representative from the American consulate in Vienna came to speak about the importance of studying abroad and plans of how to get more American students to study abroad.

On Tuesdays, after the modules, the participants were free to do as they pleased. The pool located between the main castle building and the youth hostel was a popular attraction considering the abnormal heat wave in Western Europe this year. This is also the time where students

can share how things are different or similar in their countries or just socialize. Over the course of the program, students were asked to submit pictures they took during the day, which served as the Picture of the Day according to the organizers.

In conclusion, the topics discussed during the morning lectures, the afternoon seminars as well as the constant social interaction with all the diverse participants make this program the perfect fit for students who wish to immerse themselves into European and North and South American studies.

For more information, visit www.montclair.edu/global-education or www.international.uni-graz.at

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Ways To Be Successful at MSU

Michelle Strothers
Assistant Opinion Editor

“What am I in college for?” “What are these classes supposed to teach me?” “Is my professor actually going to take attendance or can I stay in my dorm and take an extra nap during this class?” “How can I get a job?” “Why am I paying so much money to learn?” “Shall I pursue my passion or allow my parents’ dreams for my life to live vicariously through me?” “What is the real point in higher education?” “Professor, please don’t go over the scheduled time because I have to be to work in less than 30 minutes.” “I need to go see my advisor because I can already tell that I can’t follow this schedule of mine.”

As campus bustles with students ready to begin another semester here at Montclair State University, there are a number of thoughts that roam about in students’ minds. So many are eager to see old friends, meet new ones and make this semester better than the last. However, often times those aspirations end the second week of the new school year along with unaccomplished goals that we allow ourselves to put off until an unpromising next time.

There are a few lessons that I’ve learned from my higher education experience that I wish to share with others. These lessons will allow you to not drop the ball and essentially keep your level of energy and enthusiasm up throughout the semester rather than in spurts. Some of the lessons were taught directly to me in a classroom setting and some were taught in an informal setting such as the cafe on campus.

The number one lesson for beginning this semester is about time management.

There are 15 weeks in each semester. Develop a time management plan now that includes long-range (6 months/1 year), mid-range (next week/next month) and short-range (today/this week) goals.

There is plenty of time to get excited and toast to our accomplishments, but it is not wise to make it a top priority during the semester. Think about it; after we bang out these 15 weeks of giving 200 percent, we have a month off of school to do whatever we please.



The second lesson to learn while here at Montclair State University is regarding networking.

Montclair State is the second largest public school in New Jersey next to Rutgers with 16,000 undergraduates. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 70% of all jobs are found through networking. It is important that you take the time necessary to get to know your professors and classmates when you are in a college environment. I see it as a more relaxed business convention. It’s best that one takes advantage of stopping by the professor’s office or directly speaks to their classmates because society sometimes waters down progress while veiling

it behind an overly bureaucratic and complex plan.

If you are passionate about what you are studying, apply it in your everyday life and create something.

Whether you are a dancer that creates a dance club on campus, a writer that joins *The Montclarion* (wink) or a skateboarder that creates a skateboarding crew on campus, whatever you do, stay engaged. Some may argue that my three points are not the most valuable when entering higher education. Some may say it’s not as fun and free spirited as I’ve made it seem. My advice to that is to loosen up and not to spend so much time working to make a living that you forget to live.

Our motto is “Carpe Diem” which means to “seize the day.” Andy Warhol once said, “The idea is not to live forever but to create something that will.” Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. Work hard, play hard (in that order) and have a great semester.

The last lesson that I will leave you with is critical thinking and innovation.

The years spent at a higher education institution are meant to instill higher level thinking which is basic knowledge and comprehension acquired through questioning and critical thinking. This time in college gives you the experience and safety blanket to question and challenge what you are being presented with. But at the root of someone creating their own path at college is independence and individuality coming together to produce a more conscious, multidimensional and engaged member of society.

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How-To Meet your Favorite Celebrity

Talia Chaves
Contributing Writer

Have you ever dreamed about the moment when you would meet your favorite celebrity? Have you imagined the smile that would light up their face when their eyes landed on you or the conversation you two would have as though you’d known each other all your lives? Well, your chance is finally here. The celeb of your dreams is in your area and they’re doing a meet and greet for all of their most dedicated fans. When the moment finally comes for the two of you to meet, face-to-face, I have the tips and tricks to make sure that you don’t blow it. Your experience can end with a memory that will last forever and not because you accidentally threw up and got taken away by security.

•**Before you purchase a ticket, know what kind of M&G you’re going to.** Some events have a question and answer segment with the fans, in which case you’ll want to prepare your questions so they can be asked in the simplest, least time-consuming way. If the M&G has a performance aspect, you may want to come early to sit up front. You may end up going to a M&G where all you do is wait in line for hours to meet the person. Whatever it is, plan accordingly.

•**Be prepared for lines.** Unless you have major connections, or plan on showing up 3 hours early, you’re probably going to have to wait in line before you meet that special someone. Charge your phone, bring a book or have something to snack on. Bringing a friend is one surefire way to make sure you don’t end up bored out of your mind while you wait. As a plus, they can hold your spot in line if you need a last second bathroom break or makeup touch up!

•**Have any questions you want to ask prepared ahead of time.** Even if you end up at a M&G with no question and answer portion, you still have a chance of getting at least one juicy question answered if you time yourself right. You’ll probably only have a few moments alone with the person you’re meeting, so make sure you pick the question most likely to be answered in a short time frame and not one that will just result in a laugh and you getting ushered away.

•**Stay calm.** You only have one chance to make a first impression and a calm “Hi, I’m _____, I’m really happy to meet you,” with a handshake will suffice. As a bonus, they’ll have touched your hand; that’s worth way more than an autograph.

•**Remember, they’re not perfect; no one is.** The person you’re meeting may be exhausted after meeting thousands of people on some promotional tour. They may be really hungry but have to hold out until they’ve met everyone in line. Maybe they just have a pounding headache. The same way it’s hard for you to make a positive impression in 30 seconds, it may be hard for them to do it too without sounding canned, forced or less enthusiastic than you were hoping for. Accept that this is a M&G, not a spontaneous meeting on the street and that you may not end up with a perfect memory of the person you’ve been dying to meet. You might get to take your own selfie or you might have to accept a professionally taken photograph as your only souvenir. You may just end up with an autograph and a lackluster impression. Setting your expectations low ensures that anything wonderful they say or do will only make you love them more, anyway.

•**Have fun!** This may be your only chance to see this person in the flesh. Talk to other fans in line, participate in any activities that go on and soak in the moments as best as you can. Take pictures if you want, but remember that YouTube exists and dozens of other people will probably film and post their own recordings of what went down. You may be the person who just gets to take it in with his or her own two eyes. Enjoy!

Start the School Year with Healthy Choices

Kimberly Asman
Staff Writer

With a new school year comes a new change in your eating habits and lifestyle if you are living on campus. It can be hard, but it is possible to make good choices and maintain your health. Eating in a dining hall and being restricted to a meal plan can be one major factor, in addition to class times that tend to run right through your normal meal times. Plan ahead and use these tips to avoid developing any unhealthy habits that could only get worse as the school year and stress progress.

Stick to your normal eating pattern. Although classes may change the time of your eating schedule if you are in a class such as a lab, where you cannot eat, you can still eat the same amount of times throughout the day that you are used to. As long as your normal eating habits are keeping you healthy, it is best to stay away from drastic changes that may lead to negative effects on your body and mind. If you eat three solid meals a day and feel healthy doing so, do the same at school. If you have to eat at different times than you are used to, try to plan ahead so that you will still have the same amount of time between meals that you know you will stay full for.



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For example, if you are used to eating breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m., but have a class from 11:30 to 12:45, eat breakfast at 9:00 a.m. instead and lunch at 1:00 p.m. Add a small snack earlier in the morning if you need to. This will avoid huge stretches of time without eating, which will make you tired and give you trouble focusing in class. If you are used to eating lots of small meals or snacks throughout the day instead, use your swipes and meal plan strategically. If a meal comes with a sandwich, fruit and a snack but you are not used to eating that much as once, make sure you still get everything it comes with. You can have the sandwich at once and save the rest or save the fruit and snack for later when you are hungry again in a few hours. At the dining hall, be sure to grab a piece of fruit to save for later. At the student center, use the full value of every swipe on things you will be able to save, such as a prepackaged salad or a carton of milk.

If you are brand new to campus and want to know more about what specific foods there are for you to eat, try looking on Montclair’s website to see their dining options. Menus are listed for every dining facility and this can help you prepare for where you want to eat when you will be in a hurry and have to make a rushed choice. A lot of nutrition information is available online too. Be sure to not only look at calories, but the big picture. Every meal you eat should be a balance of carbohydrates, fats and proteins. It can be dangerous to only eat one type of nutrient or block one out entirely. Instead be sure to find meals with something from every group. Carbohydrates (including vegetables and fruits) and protein should make up the bulk of your meal, with some healthy fats (the unsaturated kind) to go along with it.

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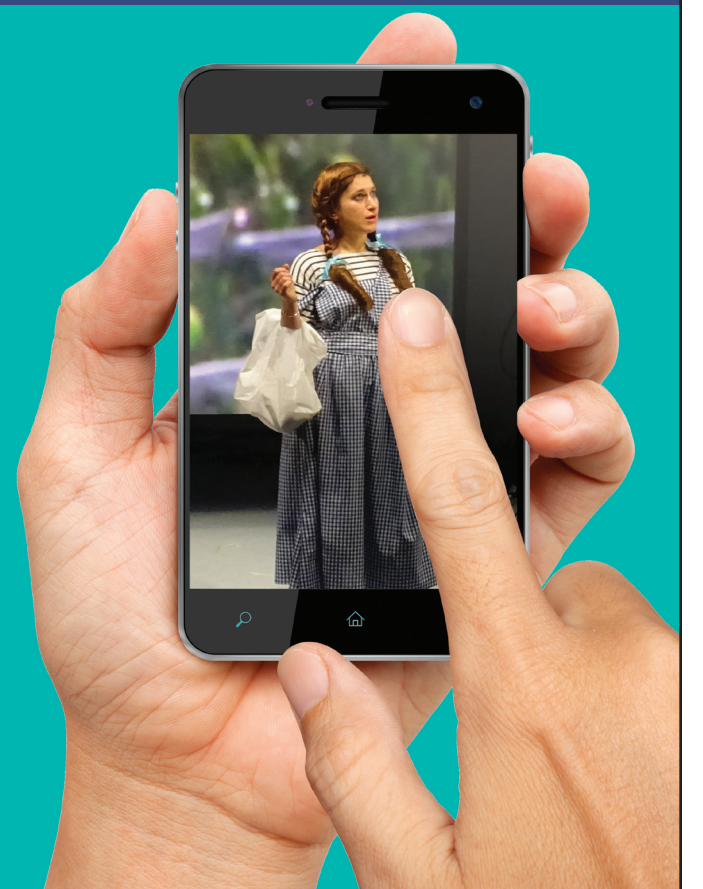
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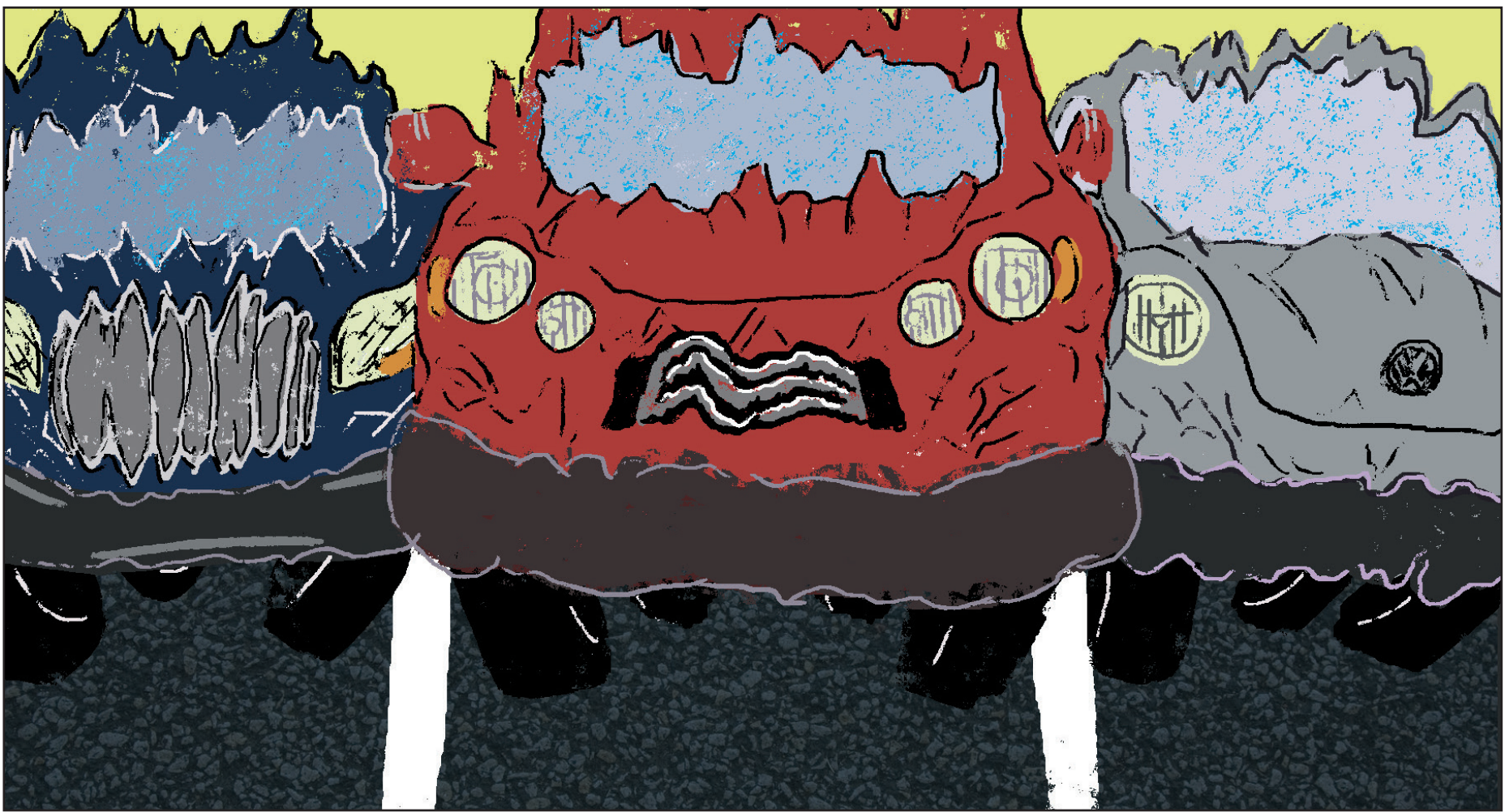
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Opinion

Parking Problemas



Melisa Vallovera | *The Montclarion*

Over the years, Montclair State University has gone to great lengths to provide its students with the best learning experience possible. Yet, there is one area where the university refuses to see the need for improvement: parking.

It is not a surprise that commuter students have never been thrilled with the parking situation on campus. For this reason, commuter students have long sought change to rectify the situation. However, for the first time ever, residential students have joined the fight for change, as they have come to see the downside of parking on campus.

Residential students finally began to understand the struggles commuter students had been facing for years when Montclair State announced that all residential parking would be restricted to the NJ Transit and

Red Hawk Decks beginning in the fall semester. This restriction has led to the opening up of the lots surrounding the Village, Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, to commuter students.

The announcement of these lot changes were not taken lightly among the residential community and became a glaring problem as residents began to move in last week. It is fairly obvious that these changes were not the beneficial ones Montclair State students were seeking.

The new changes in residential parking are just not logical. Lot 45, 46, 47 and 48 are just a short five-minute walk from any location within the Village as well as Sinatra Hall. With such a close proximity to both residence halls, it only makes sense to give resident students exclusivity to park there.

No resident student wants to park far away from their residence hall, but with the

new changes, residents unfortunately have no choice. Some residents are forced to park as far away as Red Hawk Deck, a 15-minute walk from Clove Road and the NJ Transit Deck, which is just as far from main campus. The university continues to point to the shuttle system as an answer to get students from their residence halls to their cars both "quickly and safely."

While some would debate about how speedy the shuttle is, it is undeniably an effective way for students to get from one place to another. However, the shuttle does not run around the clock. The Village and Transit shuttle routes only runs from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and on the weekend, only the All Campus shuttle runs.

Clearly, the hours of operation for the shuttle cannot accommodate everyone's needs and those people should not

have to risk their safety to walk 15 minutes to their residence halls at night, not to mention how much more dangerous this walk will become as snow coats the walkways of Montclair State. These residents will arrive home after their 15-minute walk only to discover the slap in the face that is thousands of unoccupied commuter parking spots.

Some lucky Clove Road residents have been able to overcome a late night 15-minute walk from the Red Hawk Parking Deck by buying passes to park in the NJ Transit Deck. Yet, they have still not been able to overcome the problems associated with parking at Montclair State.

During Labor Day weekend, the NJ Transit Deck will be closed. Any students who purchases parking passes through Montclair State will be able to park in commuter lots, but

those who purchased their parking passes from NJ Transit are not so lucky.

Those with parking passes from NJ Transit who have to go to their jobs will have nowhere to park when they come back and will be forced to pay additional fees to park in Red Hawk Deck. Everyone who does not move their car prior to Saturday at 1:30 a.m. will be trapped on campus.

Montclair State University needs to realize that moving both resident and commuter students around to different lots will not solve any problems. The parking problem will only be solved when more parking spaces are made. Montclair State is one of the biggest colleges in New Jersey and needs to find a way to accommodate their student population, regardless of whether they are a resident or a commuter.



Thumbs Up

The Montclarion launches new website

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Thumbs Down



Student Center Cafeteria is still closed

NJ Transit Deck Parking passes not working

2015 VMAs



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Question of the Week:

What was your reaction to the 2015 MTV Video Music Awards?

"They were pretty funny. The clips that I saw online were funny."

- Rachel Kohn
Senior,
Music Therapy

"Miley Cyrus being the host was interesting (in a bad way). The lineup was overall pretty interesting."

- Ramona Larmond
Senior,
Economics

"I thought that overall it was a hot mess. From Miley's outfits to Kanye not making any sense, it was just a hot mess. I didn't like it."

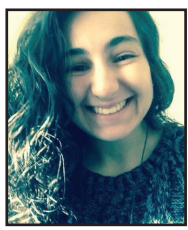
- Krista Mise
Senior,
Communications

"It was pretty great to see Miley's face after Nicki Minaj called her out during her acceptance speech."

- Jack Huang
Sophomore,
Geoscience

A College Education Is Not the Only Option

Happiness does not always require a degree



DANIELLE DESISTO
COLUMNIST

When my 15-year-old brother, Jason, announced he didn't want to go to college at the dinner table one night, my father's veins

popped out of his forehead.

"You're going," he snapped. "You're not going to end up on the street because you were too lazy to go to college."

So says the man who lives in a five-bedroom house in an expensive neighborhood, complete with an in-ground pool, state-of-the-art kitchen and two purebred cats. Oh, and he never went to college.

I can't blame my dad for

thinking the way he does because he sure isn't alone. He shares the mindset of most everyone nowadays; college is no longer an option, as it was for our parents' generation, but rather a requirement for modern success.

In high school, we are not so much encouraged as much as coerced into the idea of college. We are told by our teachers, parents and advisors that an acceptance letter equals a successful career, but that's far from the truth.

According to a recent study by the Economic Policy Institute, the unemployment rate for the class of 2015 stands at 7.2 percent, with an underemployment rate of 14.9 percent. Not only does a college education not guarantee a career, but it may not even be the right

choice for everyone.

My brother is no "dummy," but he has never excelled academically. He hates sitting down and memorizing vocabulary words and has no interest in determining the value of "x." I suspect he would live the happiest life he could as a mechanic or car salesman, considering he can name every car engine on the market and begs my parents to teach him to drive without his learner's permit. He doesn't quite need a college degree to go into the auto business, but he will definitely be forced into getting one.

I am by no means discrediting the importance of education, because that's certainly never wrong, but we shouldn't pressure our children to go to college if they don't want to. Not everyone is career-minded

or interested in academics and it's incredibly hard to decide what you want to do forever at the age of 17 or 18. Taking a few years to explore yourself could help you make a more educated decision, ironically.

My drama teacher in high school worked dozens of random jobs before finding his place in teaching theater and the arts. His history degree had no impact on his career path. My mom found a passion for real estate at age 46, years after dropping out of nursing school and working in various clothing stores. I didn't realize how well I fit into journalism until taking an editorial internship with a website my sophomore year of college and started to head in a different direction than I had previously intended.

Ed Sheeran put it best in his

book, *A Visual Journey*; "If you want to be a doctor, go off and get your degree. But you don't need one if you want to be a musician or a mechanic, work in radio or be a journalist. You might need a degree to get in the door, but to be honest if you're 16 and you say, 'I just want to make tea,' you're already in the door. Just turn up and be the dude that makes tea."

It's time to stop shaming those who say no to residence halls, midterms and cafeteria food. Those taking the road less traveled may very well be content there.

Danielle DeSisto, a Theatre Studies major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

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Bad Business for Donald Trump

"Summer of Trump" leaves everyone deeply offended



NICHOLAS DA SILVA
COLUMNIST

The controversial campaign of Donald Trump throughout summer 2015 is just one of the highlights of a four-month period laden with controversies, scandals, tragedies and events that changed the United States.

It all began simply enough with speculation throughout the first few months of the year that Trump would formally declare himself a Republican candidate for presidency in 2016. However, once Trump announced his candidacy two days after his birthday on June 16, the 69-year-old chairman of Trump Organization found himself walking the fine line between delusional novelty act and astute opportunist.

During his formal declaration, Trump immediately ignited a firestorm of controversy with his ignorant, slanderous statements towards Mexican immigrants, claiming most of them were rapists and criminals while very few were decent people. The week after the comments were made, several organizations like Macy's, Univision and NASCAR severed business ties with Trump, while NBC announced that the presidential candidate would no longer host their long running reality series *The Celebrity Apprentice*.

If history has shown us anything, it is that many major figures who get caught saying something offensive run to the nearest camera they can find to apologize to the public and begin damage control. With Trump, he has done the exact opposite; instead of apologizing, Trump has stood by his claims, later vowing that he would build a "great, big wall" on the Mexican border and boasting that Mexico would pay for it.

The hubris parade only gained momentum with Trump's appearance at the Family Leadership Summit in Ames, Iowa where he targeted fellow Republican and Arizona Senator John McCain by claiming that McCain, who spent five and a half years as a North Vietnamese prisoner during the Vietnam War, was not a real war hero. Trump then went on to slam McCain for his lack of action in aiding war veterans, claiming to be "very disappointed in John McCain."

These comments justifiably gained Trump the ire of his fellow Republicans and just about anyone with the common sense to treat someone who endured what McCain had to endure with respect, yet Trump does not really seem to care if he offends anyone on either side of the political spectrum, just so long as he makes his opinions known.

Misogynist is also a word that has been brought up late-

ly when referring to Donald Trump, given that he has made sexist comments in numerous interviews throughout the month of August. In an interview with *The New York Times*, Trump made an out-of-nowhere statement claiming that iconic supermodel Heidi Klum is no longer a "10," although he at least had the courtesy to preface that insult with the following claim: "Sometimes, I do go a little bit far."

Klum fired back at his comments claiming that they were not funny and that no woman deserves to be insulted in such a way. His remarks against Klum were preceded earlier in the month by an audacious statement he made about *Fox News* commentator Megyn Kelly during a phone interview with *CNN Tonight's* Don Lemon. In that interview, Trump was critical of Kelly for calling him out on his possible misogynistic streak.

Trump said, "She gets out there and she starts asking me all sorts of ridiculous questions and you could see there was blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her ... wherever." Trump was accused of insinuating she was menstruating, but he recanted those claims by saying he was referring to her bleeding out her nose. Yet, given Trump's history of badmouthing people, it really would not be beneath him to disrespect a woman like that.

With all that you just read,

you would think that Trump's campaign for the GOP nomination would be out of gas before it even got the motor running; unfortunately, though, that could not be farther from the truth. Numerous surveys released throughout the summer have shown that if anything, the controversy has helped Trump become the GOP frontrunner at the moment.

On July 9, *YouGov* released a nationwide poll which showed Trump in the lead for the Republican nomination with 15 percent to Jeb Bush's 11 percent. *USA Today's* poll from July 14 also found Trump ahead of Bush with 17 percent to Bush's 14 percent. A *Washington Post* poll taken over the course of July 16 to July 19 found Trump in first with 24 percent Republican support; Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker was in second place at 13 percent. *CBS News'* poll from August 4 had Trump in first place with 24 percent support, Bush in second at 13 percent and Walker in third at 10 percent. Finally, a poll released on August 25 by Gravis Marketing for *One American News Network* had Trump's lead in the Republican category surge to 40 percent, a near-10 percent increase from the poll they released less than a month before.

The reason Trump has been leading so many of these polls is simple; he is getting the people to talk about him. Although the things Trump has done over the

summer can be seen as insensitive and mean-spirited, they have bought the candidate a boatload of free publicity that keeps him relevant and makes the public want to see what he is going to do next. As the old saying goes, "all publicity is good publicity" and right now Trump has the people in the palm of his hands.

Next to Caitlyn Jenner, there has not been another celebrity in the past year, let alone the summer, that has had as much media attention and discussion from the general public as Trump has. As a result, Trump is considered by many to be the frontrunner for the GOP nomination in 2016.

Nothing is set in stone, of course, as people can move onto another controversial figure and jump off the Trump train as quickly as they hopped on it. This can very easily be a heat of the moment event where once things cool off, Trump loses his momentum in the polls and does not get nominated after all. Still, it cannot be denied that when we look back on the summer of 2015, the big and brash attitude of the controversial billionaire will have us reflecting on it as the "Summer of Trump."

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Ex-‘Voice’ Contestant Releases New Album

Jessica Mahmoud
Staff Writer

You might remember Melanie Martinez as the contestant on *The Voice* with half-blonde and half-black hair. Her music was very successful on iTunes during her time on the show, although she did not win the whole competition. Despite her loss, her career is still strong and she just came out with a new album, *Cry Baby*, released Aug. 14, 2015.

The album is full of songs with lyrics that all tell a story or have a direct meaning. The titular track refers to Martinez being emotional and taking things too personally. This song is interesting because it starts off by calling someone a “crybaby” and then Martinez calling herself one. Another song with great meaning is “Mrs. Potato Head,” which talks about plastic surgery and beauty. It also talks from two identities, Mrs. And Mr. Potato Head.

The melodies of the song “Dollhouse” were inspired by the sounds of toys, when Martinez got tired of guitar. She wrote this soon after being on *The Voice* and it’s included on her EP from 2014. There are a lot of remixes of this song, including “One Love” that really express her lyric “smoking cannabis.”

Some songs on this new release bring in outside inspiration that you may have heard or seen. “Mad Hatter” refers to *Alice in Wonderland* in lyrics like “getting drunk with a blue caterpillar” and “You give me Alice. / I’ll be the mad hatter.” Also, “Pity Party” features the lyrics “It’s my party I’ll cry if I want to,” which was in Leslie Gore’s 1965 song “It’s My Party.”

Other songs are more violent, such as “Teddy Bear.” While one might think this would be a lighthearted tune, it is talking about a teddy bear that tried to kill her.

It’s a fun spin to talk about a stuffed animal. “Sippy Cup” is also kind of violent in its talk of suicide, depression and corresponding images. The lyrics are very unique, such as, “Your favorite candy’s cotton. / That’s why all your teeth are rotten.”

Another theme of the songs, which is a typical one, is love. Martinez mentioned on her website that “Carousel” is about going in circles in a relationship. “Pacify Her” questions a boy’s love for another girl, saying that he should love her (Martinez) instead. It tells the boy to “pacify her.” Meanwhile “Training Wheels” tells a happy love story.

This album tells a story and has some interesting lyrics and meaning. Martinez said it helped her become more comfortable in her own skin. It helped her accept herself and she hopes it does the same for listeners.



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Back-to-School Playlist

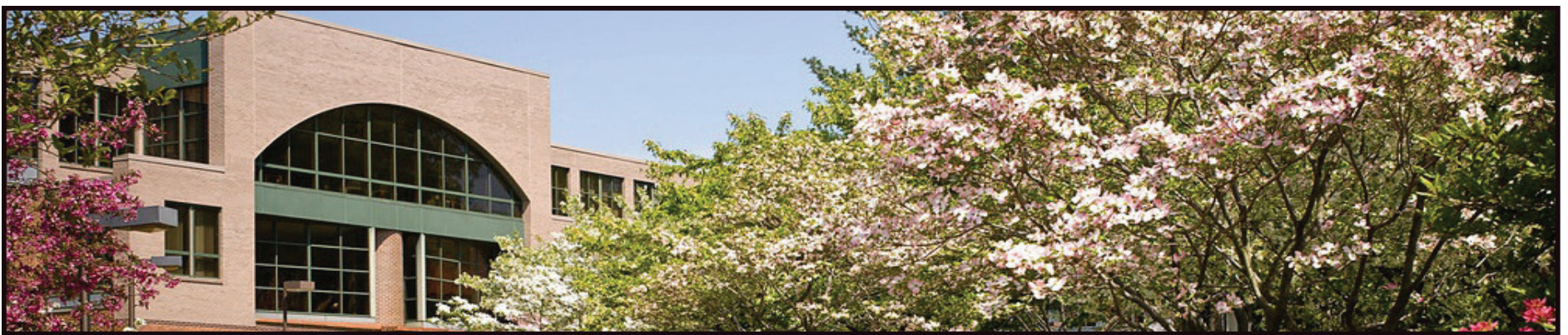


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THIS SEASON'S PREVIEW OF BROADWAY PLAYS AND MUSICALS

Alexandra Clark
Staff Writer

The start of the fall season not only signifies the beginning of school, but also the start of a new Broadway season full of new, inspirational productions. Montclair State University's close proximity to New York City allows students the opportunity to experience everything live theater on Broadway has to offer. With so many new options to choose from, it's hard to pick the right show to see. Here's a preview of some of the most promising shows for the upcoming Broadway 2015-2016 season.

PLAYS

Old Times

Start of Previews: Sept. 17
Opening: Oct. 6

Old Times is a passionate play about Deeley (Academy Award nominee Clive Owen) and Kate (Tony nominee Eve Best), a husband and wife, who are caught in a love triangle with Anna (Kelly Reilly from *True Detective*), a friend from long ago. Anna's peculiar visit to see Deeley and Kate stirs up emotions of jealousy and fear that are sure to bring up a lot of old feelings. It has been 40 years since this play has been on Broadway, so this revival is going to be a welcomed reintroduction to the story.

Fool For Love

Start of Previews: Sept. 15
Opening: Oct. 8

Starring Nina Arianda and Sam Rockwell, *Fool For Love* is a powerful play about former lovers staying in a motel in the Mojave Desert. Living together in such an intimate setting, the two delve into their emotional past that unearths harsh and buried secrets. While both try to figure out who they are, they must determine if their relationship is still one they wish to rekindle. While the subject seems simple, the characters appear to be very complex, which will bring a lot to the storyline as well as add depth and dimension.

The Gin Game

Start of Previews: Sept. 23
Opening: Oct. 14

In this play, a game of gin rummy is merely a medium that is used for two residents of a nursing home to form a deep friendship. Weller Martin and Fonsia Dorsey form a bond while sharing their life stories that have spanned decades, but, as with any game, there is always a

winner and a loser. This competition creates tension in their relationship when details from their past are brought up. *The Gin Game* stars James Earl Jones and Cicely Tyson.

Sylvia

Start of Previews: Oct. 2
Opening: Oct. 27

This play stars an all-star cast of Broadway veterans like Matthew Broderick, Annaleigh Ashford and Julie White. The comedic play focuses on a man whose decision to bring home a stray puppy disrupts his relationship with his wife. The revival of the 1955 comedy looks very promising with a cast of great comedic actors.

Thérèse Raquin

Start of Previews: Oct. 1
Opening: Oct. 29

Keira Knightley makes her Broadway debut in this play in the leading role of Thérèse, who is in an unhappy marriage. She is visited by Laurent, a man from her past and their love for one another cannot be denied. Knightley's amazing acting prowess is incredibly engaging in this interesting play about guilt, betrayal and love.

Misery

Start of Previews: Oct. 22
Opening: Nov. 15

This drama is based on the novel of the same name by Stephen King. It's the story about a popular romance writer, Paul Sheldon (Bruce Willis) who is rescued by his "Number One Fan," Annie Wilkes (Elizabeth Marvel) and is then held captive. When she learns that he plans to kill off her favorite character in his next book, she becomes outraged and makes him write a new "Misery" novel.

MUSICALS

Spring Awakening

Start of Previews: Sept. 8
Opening: Sept. 27

This revival is a coming-of-age show set in 19th-century Germany, starring Marlee Matlin as well as Krysta Rodriguez and Andy Mientus from *Smash* and the original Broadway production. The production will be performed in spoken English and American Sign Language at the same time as it was performed in the Deaf West Theatre production. It will only play for a limited engagement until January 9, 2016.

Dames at Sea

Start of Previews: Sept. 24
Opening: Oct. 22

A small town girl named Ruby leaves Utah and finds herself in a Broadway show. However, unforeseen circumstances lead Ruby and the cast to perform their show on a naval battleship. It's a musical full of tap dancing and music reminiscent of the 1930s and the "golden era" of movie musicals. The show features music by Jim Wise and book and lyrics by George Haimsohn and Robin Miller. With three-time Tony Award winner Randy Skinner as director and choreographer, this show is anticipated to be a big hit.

Allegiance

Start of Previews: Oct. 6
Opening: Nov. 8

George Takei stars in this musical inspired by events in his own childhood that chronicle a family going through the Japanese-American internment during World War II. Broadway veteran Lea Salonga also stars alongside Takei and an amazing cast in this musical that is sure to be incredibly powerful with a remarkable story. The music is beautiful, engaging and will definitely be a hit with the public as well as the critics when Tony nominations start.

The Color Purple

Start of Previews: Nov. 9
Opening: Dec. 10

This promising musical revival is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker about an African-American girl named Celie whose life in the South has its fair share of highs and lows as she journeys to find companionship. She clings to the hope of one day being reunited with her sister back in Africa. The production stars Cynthia Erivo, Danielle Brooks and the sensational Jennifer Hudson.

She Loves Me

Start of Previews: Feb. 5
Opening: March 3

Two parfumerie clerks, Georg (Zachary Levi) and Amalia (Laura Benanti) are constantly at odds with each other; however, they are both unaware that they have been writing to each other as anonymous romantic pen pals. Jane Krakowski also stars in this *You've Got Mail*-style musical romantic comedy that proves that maybe your true match is staring you right in the face. The cast of this revival are extraordinarily talented and the music by Jerry Bock perfectly suits the story.

Shuffle Along, Or, The Making of the Musical Sensation of 1921 and All That Followed

Start of Previews: March 14
Opening: April 26

This original musical opening in the spring stars six-time Tony Award winner Audra McDonald and Tony winner Billy Porter. The title is self explanatory in the fact that the show chronicles the events that led to the creation of the musical, *Shuffle Along*. McDonald's talent on the stage cannot be denied and her presence in this show makes it an automatic must-see for the spring.

With every new Broadway season comes exciting productions, both old and new. Every show is unique in its own way, which means there is something out there for everyone. This Broadway season, in particular, has a lot of new and returning stars coming to the Great White Way and there are a variety of different storylines and music genres. The diversity of Broadway this season is a welcoming way to expand the community who enjoy experiencing the beauty that is live theater.

Echoes Across Williamsburg

Zachary Case
Chief Copy Editor



Melody's Echo Chamber performing.

Photo Courtesy of Kristen Bryfogle.

Melody's Echo Chamber is a project of French indie musician Melody Prochet. She has so far released a single self-titled album in 2012 and is working on another one to tentatively be released before the end of the year. The style of music she performs is closest to dream pop, which is characterized by dense, often guitar-driven background music and ethereal, almost whispery vocals. She sings in both English and French, and typically will stick to one language throughout a song. The members of *The Montclarion* went to performance of hers of Aug. 25, 2015 at the Music Hall of Williamsburg in Brooklyn, N.Y., it was originally scheduled for May 12, but had to be rescheduled due to an issue with her visa.

The band she was performing with consisted of a lead guitarist, a rhythm guitarist/keyboardist, a bassist and a drummer. Prochet herself played

keys here and there as well. When she wasn't playing keys, she was singing and dancing. Her dancing alternated between '60s psychedelic arm movements and jumping while flailing her head. Audience members were encouraged to dance, but the cramped environment of the standing room proved limiting when it came to dancing. Fog and colored lighting filled the stage throughout the show, contributing to the dreamy environment Prochet sought to compliment her sound.

The sound of the group was crisp and clean, yet noisy and dense at the same time. The guitars were drenched in a number of effects, including echo, distortion, tremolo, Leslie speaker emulation and even wah-wah at one point. Synth sounds of the performance echoed both vintage analog sounds of the '70s and digital piano sounds of the '80s and also took a turn

for more modern eerie and ethereal tones at times. Prochet was the sole vocalist of the performance and expertly delivered the vocals on each song. Her performance resembled the singing on her 2012 album as well as I could remember it off-hand.

The band was incredibly tight overall. One of the songs performed during the night ended with a krautrock-esque extended jam that concluded with a drum solo. The only moment of awkward musicianship came at the start of one of the songs when the keyboardist played a bit of the song, hit an abrupt chord and then continued into the song's intro. I assume he was more testing the audio level of the synth or something than messing up, though.

The concert did not last particularly long. *The Montclarion* arrived around 9 p.m. (an hour after the doors opened and also most likely not too

long after the opening act finished), and Prochet's group started at about 9:30 p.m. and finished at about 11:15 p.m. This is understandable given that Prochet has only released one album and one single under this project. I am sure the addition of a cover of a fellow French singer's tune and the extended jam were a necessity given she mined her entire short catalog to fill out the set.

Overall, the performance was very riveting and exciting, yet suitably dreamy at the same time. It certainly lived up to the cost of admission as well, which was about \$21.75 per ticket. The next time Melody's Echo Chamber is in the area, give them a listen. You'll be enchanted and enthralled and come out with a richer cultural palette along with more indie cred.

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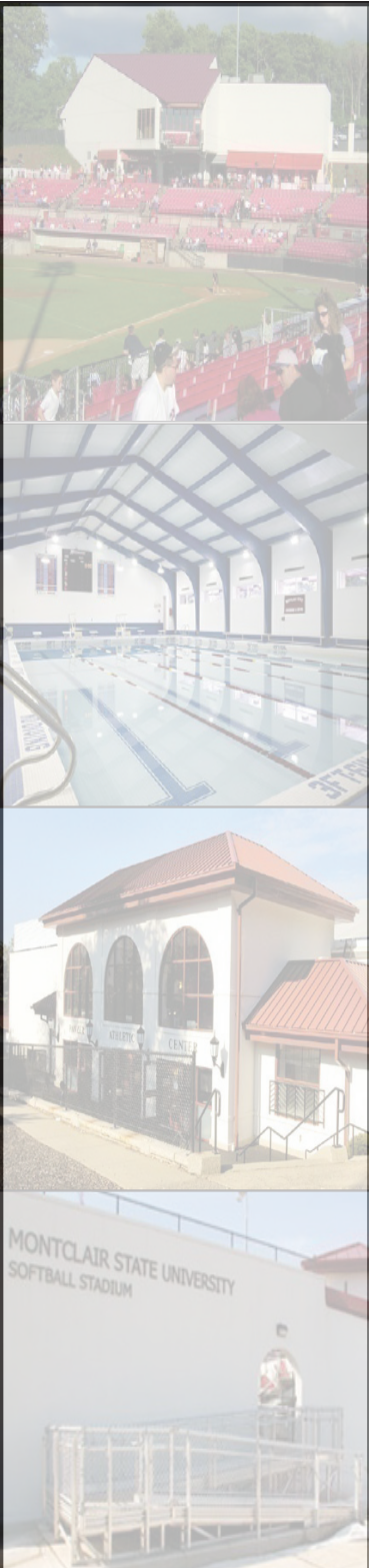
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Red Hawk Roundup



Women's Cross Country

The Red Hawks will start their inaugural season in Woodland Park for the Ramapo College Cross Country Invitational on Sept. 4.

Inaugural head coach John Brennan will be returning to his alma mater after coaching Division II at Felician College.

After their season opener, the Red Hawks will be traveling to Holmdel to take part in the Monmouth University Invitational.



Volleyball

Montclair State opened up their season on Sept. 1 at Panzer Athletic Center in a non-conference matchup against New Paltz. The Red Hawks won three straight sets to overcome the Hawks 19-25, 25-21, 25-16 and 25-23.

The season will continue on Sept. 5 when MSU will host a tri-match with John Jay College and Albright College.

Afterwards, Montclair State will be traveling to New York City to take on New York University.

WHO'S HOT THIS WEEK



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Kailey Dalgauer
Field Hockey

Dalgauer scored the game-winning goal in Montclair State's season opener against Eastern University. The freshman will look to improve upon the performance in her next match against Cabrini College.

CURRENT STATS
GOALS: 1
SHOTS ON GOAL: 4
MINUTES: 61



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Kyle Goodwin
Men's Soccer

Goodwin scored the lone goal against Manhattanville College on a free kick with one second remaining, in turn winning the match.

CURRENT STATS
GOALS: 1
SHOTS: 10
SHOTS ON GOAL: 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Field Hockey
Sept. 4 - Cabrini College - 5 p.m.
Sprague Field

Men's Soccer
Sept. 4 - Covenant College (Ga.) - 5:30 p.m.
MSU Soccer Park

Volleyball
MSU Tri Match vs. John Jay College, Albright College
Sept. 5 - Panzer Athletic Center - 11 a.m., 3 p.m.

Men's Soccer
Sept. 7 - Farmingdale State College - 7 p.m.
MSU Soccer Park

Kicking It Into Gear

Italy favored to qualify for next summer's competition

Thomas Formoso
Sports Editor

Italy will be returning to international action with two important EURO 2016 Qualifiers that will see them face off against Malta and Bulgaria, both to be played in Italy.

Italy will be playing Malta in Florence on Sept. 3 in a game that the Italians must win. Malta, as expected, has struggled mightily in Group H and has scored just one goal in six games. They sit on the bottom of the group with one point coming from a 1-1 draw against fourth-place Bulgaria.

The Italians will need to win both of their games to all but clinch their berth into the 2016 European Championships. In fact, if Italy secures both wins and the rest of the results go their way, they could clinch before the final two qualifiers in mid-October.

Head coach Antonio Conte has to make sure that his team doesn't get lazy against two of the teams that are on a path to elimination.

The toughest of the two games will come against Bulgaria. The game will be held in Palermo and will take place on Sept. 6. When the two previous-

ly played in Sofia in March, Bulgaria gave Italy a much tougher game than many expected. Italy barely managed to squeak out a 2-2 draw after they were in danger of dropping a crucial three points.

Italy is also the only team in Group H to have faced 2014 World Cup Finalist and current Group H leader, Croatia, twice. Croatia still has to play Bulgaria, Malta, Azerbaijan and Norway once more.

The Croatian team is currently just one point ahead of Italy after drawing in both teams' latest qualifier. Neither team was able to gain an upper hand over

the other and both games ended in a 1-1 draw.

Italy is the only team in Group H to prevent Croatia from winning thus far until a point was deducted from Croatia after the two teams met in June. The point was deducted after a swastika was scrawled onto the pitch before the game and was infamously noticed during the first half by fans and officials.

Both Eder (Sampdoria) and Graziano Pelle (Southampton) have been called up to the international side to be a part of an Italian attack that is still finding itself post-Mario Balotelli. Balotelli has fallen completely out of

form since the 2014 World Cup and hasn't been brought back since the international tournament. Pelle scored the lone goal in the 1-0 game against Malta last October, while Eder saved Italy in the 84th minute against Bulgaria in March.

Italian legends Andrea Pirlo (New York City FC) and Gianluigi Buffon (Juventus) will also be returning to the lineups as both have still played exceptionally well at 36 and 37 years old, respectively.

EURO 2016 Qualification Standings

Top 2 teams automatically qualify while third place teams move to separate rankings

Group A

1. Iceland - 15 points
2. Czech Republic - 13 points
3. Netherlands - 10 points
4. Turkey - 8 points
5. Latvia - 3 points
6. Kazakhstan - 1 point

Group B

1. Wales - 14 points
2. Belgium - 11 points
3. Israel - 9 points
4. Cyprus - 9 points
5. Bosnia & Herzegovina - 8 points
6. Andorra - 0 points

Group C

1. Slovakia - 18 points
2. Spain - 15 points
3. Ukraine - 12 points
4. Belarus - 4 points
5. FYR Macedonia - 3 points
6. Luxembourg - 1 point

Group D

1. Poland - 14 points
2. Germany - 13 points
3. Scotland - 11 points
4. Ireland - 9 points
5. Georgia - 3 points
6. Gibraltar - 0 points

Group E

1. England - 18 points
2. Switzerland - 12 points
3. Slovenia - 9 points
4. Estonia - 7 points
5. Lithuania - 6 points
6. San Marino - 1 point

Ranking of Third-Placed Teams

1. Albania - 10 points
 2. Hungary - 10 points
 3. Scotland - 8 points
 4. Netherlands - 7 points
 5. Russia - 7 points
 6. Norway - 7 points
 7. Slovenia - 6 points
 8. Israel - 6 points
 9. Ukraine - 6 points
- Top 8 play in play-off round.
Team in 9th place is eliminated.

Group F

1. Romania - 14 points
2. Northern Ireland - 13 points
3. Hungary - 11 points
4. Faroe Islands - 6 points
5. Finland - 4 points
6. Greece - 2 points

Group G

1. Austria - 16 points
2. Sweden - 12 points
3. Russia - 8 points
4. Montenegro - 5 points
5. Liechtenstein - 5 points
6. Moldova - 2 points

Group H

1. Croatia - 13 points
2. Italy - 12 points
3. Norway - 10 points
4. Bulgaria - 8 points
5. Azerbaijan - 4 points
6. Malta - 1 point

Group I

1. Portugal - 12 points
2. Denmark - 10 points
3. Albania - 10 points
4. Armenia - 1 point
5. Serbia - -2 points

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Football Aims to Build On Last Year

Red Hawks hope to improve after a successful 2014 season

Alex Hand
Assistant Sports Editor

After a week one 20-30 loss to Delaware Valley College, the 2014 Montclair State University Red Hawks went on a seven-game winning streak only to fall short of playoff contention in a loss to Morrisville State College in the second-to-last game of the season. Montclair State finished with a record of 8-2. With the departure of savvy veterans such as defensive back C.J. Conway and running back Tariq Turner, the Red Hawks will have to rely on returning stars to help cement their ever-changing roster.

The previously injured tailback, Denzel Nieves, is expected to be completely recovered for the 2015 season and after compiling 908 yards rushing in only eight games, expectations for a 1,000-yard season are high.

Quarterback Ryan Davies led the New Jersey Athletic Conference in completion percentage last year and ranked fourth in both total passing yards and yards per game with 1,333 and 148.1, respectfully.



Montclair State opened their season at home against Stevens on Sept. 1

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With plenty of film highlighting his highs and low from the previous two seasons, Davies will have to remain consistent and continue to play at a stellar level to fulfill the status of a quarterback fighting for a play-off spot.

The Red Hawks' starting

kicker and punter both graduated this past year. They will have to rely on a rebooted special teams unit that was subpar at best in 2014.

With the coaching staff and key positional players remaining the same, Montclair State once again has the ability to

compete for a post-season berth starting Sept. 5, when they will open up the season against Delaware Valley.

To receive live updates of the game, visit montclairathletics.com.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

SEPT. 5 - DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE

SEPT. 19 - SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

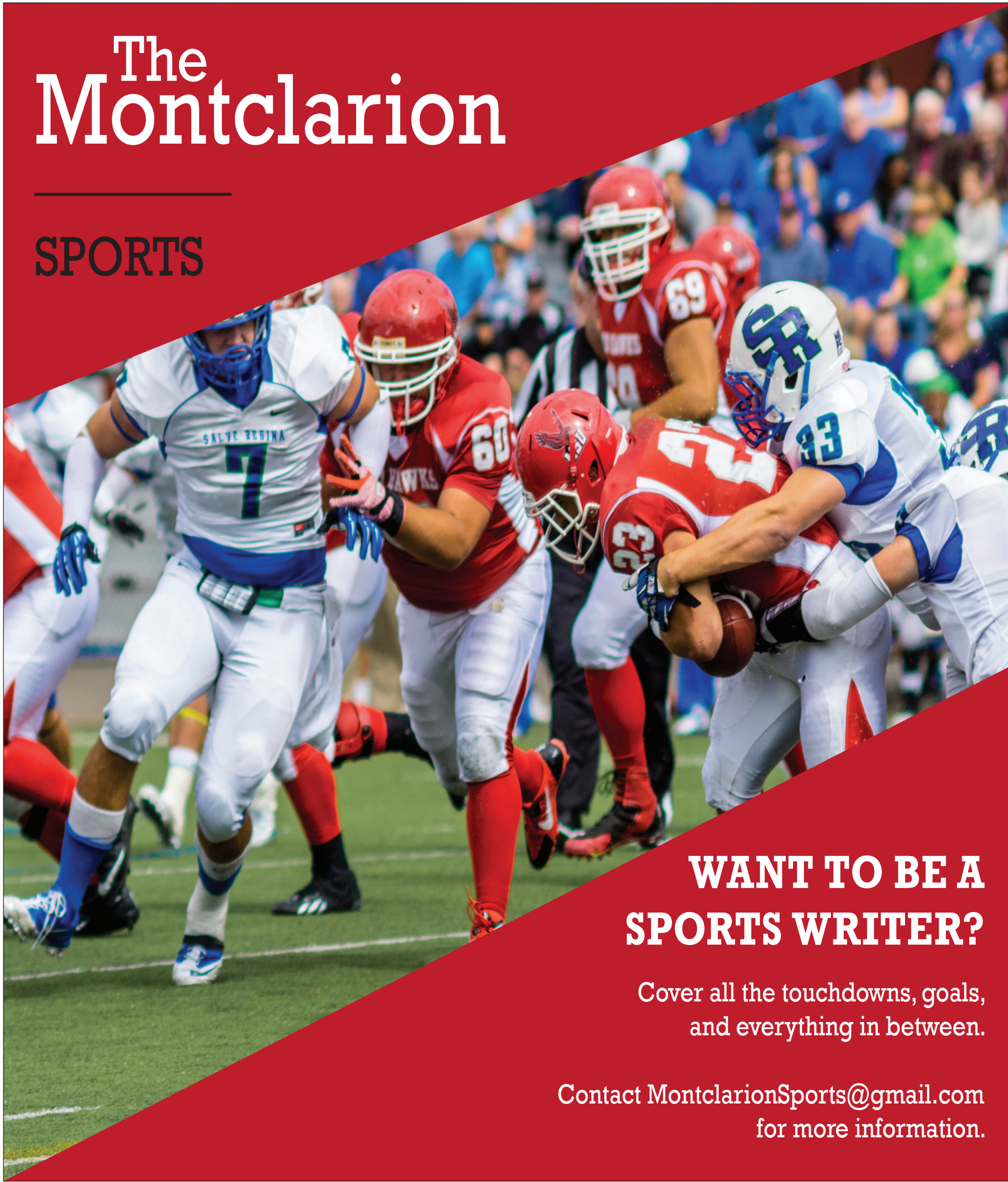
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OCT. 3 - WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

OCT. 10 - SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

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Picking Up Where They Left Off

Women's soccer will look to continue last year's success

Dan Falkenheim
Assistant Sports Editor

The 2015 season started for Montclair State University's Women's Soccer team as they opened up their schedule on Sept. 1 with a game against Stevens Institute of Technology. After making it to the Sweet 16 of the Division III NCAA Tournament last year, the team will look to continue and build upon their previous success.

The Red Hawks entered the season ranked second in the NJAC Preseason Coaches Poll, only behind The College of New Jersey. The women posted a strong 19-2-2 record last season and also won their second NJAC championship in three seasons. They continued their success as they beat both Lesley University and Connecticut College in the first two rounds, but would end up losing to the eventual champion, Lynchburg College, in the Sweet 16.

Building upon and continuing their success into the 2015



Montclair State opened their season at home against Stevens on Sept. 1

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Fall season may be more difficult, however, as they lost two key seniors who had a big role on the team in previous years. Jessica Bonjione was a senior

defender who was voted to *D3Soccer.com's* All-America Second Team and helped lead a defensive unit to rank third in goals-against average among

all Division III teams. Melissa Koster, also a senior on the team last year, was voted to the *D3Soccer.com's* All-America Third Team and also earned the

title of NJAC Midfielder of the Year in 2014.

All is not lost, though, as two players named to last year's NJAC Second All-Conference team, senior forward Martina Landeka and senior defender Janae Geonnetti, will return this season. Also, Jennie Hornstra, who was second on the team in goals, and Shawna Grabowski, who played the most minutes out of any non-senior, will both return.

Despite losing 10 seniors to graduation, including their starting goalie, the Red Hawks were still voted second in the NJAC Preseason Coaches Poll. A lot of their key and contributing players are returning this year and they'll look to step up and continue the success of previous teams.

The Red Hawks opened up with a 2-1 loss to Stevens Institute on Sept. 1.

Aiming for Ten In A Row

Men's soccer head coach Todd Tumelty discusses goals for the upcoming season

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The Red Hawks look to build on another impressive season after last year, during which they won the New Jersey Athletic Conference's regular season and championship titles. Despite an unexpected first round loss to Stevens College in the first round of the NCAA tournament, the team is as hungry as ever. In an effort to gain some insight on what the upcoming season has to offer, I exchanged emails with Head Coach Todd Tumelty.

Q: After being named #1 in the NJAC preseason poll, does that make you and the team feel pressured or is it a confidence boost?

A: "Neither; it's not important to us. The poll comes out before a ball is even kicked, so if anything, the coaches who vote are forming their opinion based on last season. It's nice to be honored for the season we had last year, but this season's team is completely different. We ignore the NJAC polls and the national polls."

Q: Could you briefly describe your core veterans, who will have to step up and fill in for the graduated seniors of last season?

A: "We return [with] two of our strongest attacking players, Lucas Terci and Damien Bziukiewicz. Lucas was the Forward of the Year in our Conference and Damian was the Midfielder of the Year, so obvi-



A goal from a free kick with one second left pushed the Red Hawks to 1-0 to start the season.

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ously they're our key guys. In the back, John Starner is a Junior captain and he's one of our leaders along the backline. We lost some good seniors last year and it's going to be a team effort to replace their contributions."

Q: Briefly describe the incoming freshmen and rising sophomores as players and what they can offer either now or down the road.

A: "As a staff, one of the things we're most excited about is how this group of freshmen is going to grow together. They are excellent players and there's a good balance of attackers, defenders, two-way players and goalkeepers. Most importantly

though, they are all good students and solid character guys; we expect this group to stay together and be the foundation of the program for the next four years. Not only is the future really bright for them, but I'd expect to see two or three or even more of them starting on opening day as well... it's quite a class. Our key rising sophomore is Kyle Goodwin; he made a great impact as a freshman and we expect him to make an even bigger jump this year."

Q: For those that aren't soccer nerds, explain how important defender Michael Czynrek is?

A: "Incredibly important, but also, unfortunately, injured. He

tore his ACL [while] training over the summer and won't be back on the field for us until the 2016 season. Michael is still one of our captains, though, and will do a great job this season helping provide some leadership from the bench and being a resource for the younger players. There is no one player that can replace Mike, but as a team, we're confident in the group we have in the back."

Q: Where does Lucas Terci rank on the list of players you have ever coached?

A: "We'll see after this season; for sure he's one of the most talented and for sure he's had an enormously impressive

first three seasons for us. Nobody can argue with what he's done and the numbers he's put up. Right now he and I are both focused on trying to win championships this season. Once he's finished his career at MSU, that will be the right time for looking back and reflecting and comparing him to some of the great players who have come through the program before."

Q: What are your goals for the season (playing style, NJAC, NCAA tournament)?

A: "Our most important goals, as always, are off the field. We want our guys to represent the University well at all times. We want to give back to the community through our charity efforts, be involved positively in the campus community as well and we want to make sure all our players continue to excel in the classroom; those things always comes first for us."

In terms of strictly soccer, though, we always aim high. We want to win the Regular Season and the Conference Championship in the New Jersey Athletic Conference again. We've qualified for nine straight NCAA tournaments and we want to make it 10. We want to go to the NCAA Final Four again and we want to win the program's first National Championship."

The Red Hawks opened up the season in thrilling fashion with a last-second win over Manhattanville College on Sept. 1 at MSU Soccer Park.

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