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## Trump is 'Biggest Bigot' Poems and Spoken Word Decry America's New President-Elect in Quad Protest

Amanda Williams, Staff Writer  
Deanna Rosa, Editor-in-Chief

With post-Election Day rain and fog echoing the ominous uncertainty surrounding the country's approaching shift in power, over 100 students gathered on the Student Center quad last night to voice their opinions about the new president-elect of the United States—Donald Trump.

"It's really sad that [America] went from having the first black president to having the biggest bigot in the country," said Tyler Paga, treasurer of Lambda Tao Omega, the sorority which organized the gathering. "He practices what he preaches—racism, sexism, and islamophobia."

In the hours following the announcement of Trump's victory, unease marked the tired faces of Red Hawks navigating the precipitation, contrasting the previous day's energy, when many Montclair State students had been excited to vote for the first time. But on Wednesday evening, as the rain began to dissipate, students came to life. Their voices joined student protests sparked by the election across the nation—including Texas A&M University and Temple University in Philadelphia.

Huddled together, the group marched around the foggy field opposite the Student Center. They performed



Students address a crowd of about 100 students, fighting injustice and decrying racism and sexism.

Amanda Williams | The Montclarion

on each corner of the quad, facing the crowd as they recited spoken word, poems and speeches expressing how the election results affected their lives.

"Jim Crow is the same today as it was in 1960," said Dean Mulzac during his spoken word performance from the corner near Schmitt Hall.

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### "Jim Crow is the same today as it was in 1960."

- Dean Mulzac, member of MSU's spoken word club

## Registration Address Mix-ups Prohibit Students from Voting in Campus Polling Booths

Deanna Rosa  
Editor-in-Chief

Amid Tuesday's controversial election in which Donald Trump emerged victorious, Montclair State University students voted on campus in numbers that Residence Life Director John Delate deemed a "good turnout," however, some students faced unexpected registration mix-ups that prevented them from voting in the booths.

According to DeBree Rucker, 18, and Nariah Mcknight, 18, who voted at Clifton Public School #16, they encountered students who were unable to vote in the booths because they were not registered under their campus address. These students claimed to have

submitted their change of address forms, and some accused their resident assistants (RAs) of failing to send the forms in.

"I've only heard cases of one or two [students] having address issues," said Matthew Borsque, coordinator for the Office of Civic and Voter Registration. "It's cases where they filed the registration, and the thing is, they have their home address but they don't have the school address."

He explained that his department compiled an instruction manual which they passed along to the community director (CD) of each residence hall, who then distributed it to the RA of each floor. The manual "extensively" outlined, according

to Borsque, the process of registering residents to vote on campus. "It's kind of this trickled down deal," Borsque said.

Alex Gamboa, a resident of The Village and The Montclarion's Photography Editor, said that he had to fill out a provisional ballot instead of voting in the booth because his change of address was never submitted. His RA declined to comment.

"It was very upsetting that I was denied my first chance to vote as an adult because of paperwork not being submitted," said Gamboa. "I was really looking forward to voting in this election, but it didn't bother me that much because New Jersey is typically Democrat."

According to the New

Jersey Department of State website, a provisional ballot is a paper ballot given to registered voters who either failed to report a change of address before Election Day or have registration information missing in the poll book. Each provisional ballot, along with an affirmation statement signed by the voter, is placed in a sealed envelope by the board worker and delivered to the county commissioner of registration office to be verified and counted separately.

"I do not suspect a fault of the RAs themselves as much as I potentially suspect that it might have been a fault of [the students] because, in general, there's a lot of errors when it comes to the ballots," said Borsque. "To my

own actions, and my other two coworkers, we actively helped people fix errors, and we also made it clear that, if you don't do it right, you're not going to get it back."

He said that he encouraged students to "keep an eye out" for their sample ballot and also to google "NJ Am I registered?" to make sure they were set to vote on Election Day.

"We did not hear of any issues at the polls," Delate responded when asked about the difficulties some students experienced. "All voter registration forms were mailed in by the University, so I am unaware of any issues."

Alexa Arrabito contributed to reporting this story.

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# Reviviendo la Noche de Poesía y Escritivientes



El evento era completamente en Español.

Photo courtesy of Joseph Gonzalez

**Lucia Godoy**  
Assistant Web Editor

Joseph Gonzalez y Diana Guemarez-Cruz nos hablan sobre la Noche de Poesía y futuros proyectos para la revista *Escrivientes*.

La revista *Escrivientes* está produciendo su segundo número para ser publicado en noviembre del año 2016.

La noche del 27 de octubre del mismo año, se llevó a cabo la Noche de Poesía, organizada por el comité editorial de *Escrivientes*, y auspiciada por Sigma Delta Pi, que es la Sociedad Nacional de Honor de Español. Este evento se realizó con el propósito de recaudar fondos para poder mantener la revista en pie, ya que el comité editorial contó con dinero del Departamento de Español para producir el primer número de la revista, pero no el segundo.

Aproximadamente 40 personas asistieron al evento, a pesar de la lluvia torrencial que cayó durante la noche.

La doctora Diana Guemarez-Cruz, no solo fue una de las poetas invitadas a la Noche de Poesía, si no que también ha sido consejera de la revista desde su comienzo, habiendo dirigido el programa de posgrado en Montclair State University hasta su

retiro en 2016.

Durante la noche de poesía, se discutió el significado de la poesía, el trabajo que conlleva escribir una poesía, y cómo se inspira un poeta, entre otras cosas.

Además de la doctora Guemarez-Cruz, que fue moderadora de la discusión durante el evento, el comité editorial invitó a Jose Frank Rosario, Raquel Abend van Dalen y Ely Rosa Zamora, que también son poetas publicados y reconocidos.

Se vendieron numeros sobrantes de la primera edición de *Escrivientes*, y se rifaron libros firmados que los poetas donaron.

“Quizás no fue un éxito tanto en lo económico como pensábamos, pero si en la calidad de los escritores presentados,” dijo Diana Guemarez-Cruz. “Verdaderamente estos escritores están a un nivel muy superior. Estoy muy orgullosa de la calidad de escritores que Joe y Elizabeth convocaron, porque son de altísima calidad.”

El primer número de la revista tardó aproximadamente un año y medio en publicarse, ya que hubo que buscar escritores que quisieran colaborar, buscar material que publicar, organizarlo, encontrar un maquetador y una imprenta, por

lo que el comité editorial de *Escrivientes* tuvo que aprender todos los pasos durante el proceso.

“La revista está abierta a poemas, cuentos, ensayos, traducciones en español, y quizás otras cosas en un futuro,” dijo Joseph Gonzalez, coeditor de la revista *Escrivientes*, y estudiante graduado de Montclair State con maestría en español. “Es un espacio para que los estudiantes graduados puedan publicar sus escritos.”

La revista no solo incluye trabajos de estudiantes graduados, pero de escritores publicados también. Julio Travieso Serrano, Jose Frank Rosario, y la doctora Guemarez-Cruz tendrán varios escritos incluidos en la revista. Este año, la revista será dedicada a España, en honor al aniversario del cuarto centenario de la muerte del escritor Miguel de Cervantes. La dedicatoria será escrita por Lidia Falcón, una escritora española.

Habiendo sido la Noche de Poesía un éxito a nivel de prestigio, González expresó la idea de organizar una Noche de Cuentos durante la primavera.

Joseph González expresó también el deseo de, en un futuro, abrir la revista como un espacio para estudiantes de otras universidades.

## Red Hawk Rap Sheet



### Tuesday, November 1

**Blanton Hall:** A student reported an incident of harassment and stalking from a non-student. At this time, the reporting student declined to pursue charges.

### Thursday, November 3

**Gibson Hall:** A student reported an incident of harassment. At this point, the reporting student declined to pursue charges.

### Thursday, November 3

**Dickson Hall:** A student reported an incident of criminal mischief. This case is under investigation.

### Friday, November 4

**Student Center:** A student reported an incident of criminal sexual contact. At this point, the reporting party declined to pursue charges.

### Saturday, November 5

**Hawks Crossings:** Student Alain Brown, 20, of Lindenwold, N.J. was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and distribution. Brown is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

### Thursday, November 5

**Schmitt Hall:** A student reported a harassment and simple assault incident from a professor. At this time, the reporting student declined to pursue charges.

### Saturday, November 5

A student was granted a temporary restraining order for harassment, an act of domestic violence, from a non-student. This case will be heard at Passaic County Superior Court.

### Thursday, November 5

**Gibson Hall:** Student Christopher Acquire, 19, of Butler, N.J. was charged with underage possession of alcohol. Acquire is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

### Monday, November 7

**Bohn Hall:** Student Elnia Oakley, 18, of East Atlantic Highlands, N.J. was charged with underage possession of alcohol. Oakley 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.



# Montclair State Dietetics Organization Hosts Animal Activists

Victoria Alizo  
Contributing Writer

The Montclair State Animal Activist Organization just became official this semester, but has already managed to tackle the obstacles facing vegans and vegetarians on campus and urged students to sign the Meatless Monday pledge.

The members met with the executive chef and other staff in Montclair State Dining Services, and they were able to convince the chef to assemble Meatless Monday stations in student dining areas for the rest of the semester.

Montclair State Dietetics Organization (MSDO) hosted Montclair Animal Activists, which is Montclair State's animal activist organization, to speak to the MSDO members during the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the first floor of University Hall.

The Montclair Animal Activist Organization spoke about veganism in celebration of World Vegan Month. The room was filled with many students interested in nutrition, health and veganism.

There were goodie bags filled with packets of nuts and dark chocolate, and a display of examples of vegan



Rush (holding up her hand) leading the debate.

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products such as soy milk and Trader Joe's three-grain tempeh.

Montclair Animal Activists Heather Francis, the president of the organization and nutrition sophomore, and Emma Rush, the treasurer and an international justice sophomore, as well as Erin O'Connell, the vice president and a psychology sophomore, started the veganism discussion by asking the health-conscious millennials the definitions of vegetarianism and veganism.

"I've been vegetarian for two years. I became vegan over the summer," O'Connell said, "Any changes do help. Education is key. The key is to

become more aware."

Francis was explaining how it is possible to fulfill her protein needs in a vegan diet. "Where the heck do you get your protein?" said Francis. "I don't eat out every day, but I manage to get the protein I need."

Francis said that one way she has partaken in animal activism was by interning with the Vegetarian Resource Group in Baltimore during the summer. She currently works at a nonprofit organization called People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

The speakers then gave a little "Fact or Fiction" Power-

Point Presentation, explaining the common misconceptions of a vegan diet. There were a total of 15 interesting facts that the audience grasped.

The audience learned that one way to get Vitamin B12 is by consuming nutritional yeast. Another common myth is that veganism and gluten-free mean the same thing.

One interesting piece of information that the guest speakers mentioned was that wine is not always vegan due to the use of products derived from gelatin in the filtering process.

After the True and False presentation, there was a debate session. Rush asked for 10

volunteers to stand up in the front of the room to do rebuttals.

Five volunteers were in the "Pro" group and the other five volunteers were grouped into the "Con" group. For each topic Rush introduced, the "Pro" group was in favor and the "Con" group opposed the controversial topics.

The guest speakers mentioned that for those who are interested, there are weekly General Membership meetings every Monday at 8:30 p.m. located at University Hall, Room 2032.

## Students Feel 'Unsafe' after Campus Lewdness

Madjiguene Traore  
Contributing Writer

In the past month, some students reported witnessing acts of indecency in various locations around the school. One of the students, who preferred not to disclose her identity, saw a male committing an act of lewdness while she was waiting in line at the tutoring center in Webster Hall.

"I was in shock that someone would be doing that so casually," she said.

The young man who she describes as light skinned and possibly Hispanic had shaggy dark hair. "He overheard me talking about the textbook and made a comment about it [saying] that he too hated it." His comment led her to believe that he also was getting tutored for the same subject as she was.

Then, she noticed some strange behavior. Unsure of his actions, she decided not to confront him but she "felt a little disappointed" afterwards for not saying anything. "I was making excuses in my head like maybe, he's doing something else," she said. The incident made her feel "so uncomfortable and violated [as she thinks that] no one should have to see that."

After getting news that there have been other reports, she came to the conclusion that he was in fact masturbating. She contacted the school's police department. She later posted her email to the police and their response on Twitter.

Montclair State's police sent out emails about two other incidents that occurred in the same night. On Oct. 19 at 11 p.m., it was reported to the police that a male was seen exposing himself at the rear of Hawk Crossings' Falconidae and Accipiter complex. A little later in the night, at 11:24 p.m., another call came in about a male who seemed to be masturbating outside a window of a first floor room in Count Basie Hall at the Village in Little Falls. In both incidents, the individuals ran off to un-



Student profess feelings of concern with repeat offenses on campus. Madjiguene Traore | The Montclarion

known locations after being confronted by witnesses. The descriptions provided about the perpetrators are: white males, tall, between 5-foot-11-inches and 6 feet, and with thin builds.

"We always do case analysis to find similarities, differences to see if we are dealing with the same individual," said Captain Kieran Barrett of the Montclair State police department. He added that he couldn't "discuss particulars at this time [because] the cases are under investigation."

These incidents bring concerns among students. Freshman Abby Winjet, a math major and her friend Lauren Hernandez, who is undeclared, share the same feeling of disgust.

Rachel Madeira, a junior in communication and media, shared that she too feels disgusted.

She can't deny that she feels "unsafe in a way." Living on campus, she found out after seeing the police responding to one of the incidents.

Madeira reveals that even though she is appreciative of

the police's efforts in communicating the incidents via e-mail, she would also like to get more recent updates on the situation.

As the cases are still under investigation, the police reveal that they are not prepared to disclose more information to the public yet. With the help of the community members, their detectives are pursuing some promising leads.

"We are working with the prosecutors' office to refine information we have received [in order to create] a suspect profile as reported by victims and witnesses," shared Barrett, who acknowledged people's concern "when incidents such as these occur."

He advises that "people be aware of their surroundings and report crime as it is happening or when safe [because they] will continue to take proactive measures in patrol and investigations to find the individual or individuals responsible."

The female student who was the eyewitness in one of the incidents wishes for an arrest. "I hope they catch him."

## Protest: Campus Advocacy Groups Unite to Solve Problems Plaguing College Students

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Students murmured in agreement and applauded his potent words.

"I think when I woke up in the morning I felt it," said Salvatore Swain of Montclair Animal Activists, a Student Government Organization which co-sponsored the protest. "I felt this sort of heaviness, and daily conversations or just from interactions that I had throughout the day or people's conversations that I picked up on walking down campus, you can hear the fear within their voice. People are afraid. People are concerned about our future, our government, or democracy as a whole. And I think that this was a step back, or a step forward, to bring everyone together and make them understand that we know that this is going on, but we are here together, and we are here together to make these things better."

Dania Felix, who spearheaded protests against blackface in the Department of Theatre and Dance's production of "Aida" last month, was also in attendance and spoke against racism and sexism to the gathered crowd.

"I wasn't surprised in the slightest about [the election results]," said Felix. "I know the strife that was caused between putting Hillary against Trump and what they intended on doing in terms of splitting up the country. I'm scared for the marginalized people. I know people who are literally scared for their lives."

"This election just shows how people allow open sexism and racism to continue to be such a prevalent thing in our society," said Mulzac, a member of the spoken word club on campus. "There's nobody [there] to check or bal-

ance our government."

The protest concluded with students exchanging hugs and words of hope. "Share knowledge with your fellow peers," said Mulzac. "At the end of the day, we need somewhere where we can all come together and have a safe space to talk about what's going on in this world."

Students crowded Matthew Kelly of the Environmental Club following the protest, signing their names on his list of "people interested in making a change."

"In this impending Trump presidency, it's really important that we're all together," Kelly said, addressing the crowd. He urged everyone who signed their names to come back to the quad next Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. "The purpose of this is to bring voices that aren't heard often, and mine is probably one of them, and solve problems through mutual aid," he later commented.

"Coming together and putting aside differences without judgement and doing more things like this, having people speak up about social issues about, I like to call them uncomfortable conversations, that we tend to just breeze by because we like to talk surface level things," Swain said. "The current action is to constantly push forward. Every day we wake up, and we should be doing something that benefits not only us, but the person next to us. The more we come together, the more we fight for policy, and the more we stand up and make people hear our cries—that's going to make a change."

Awoje Bahrami, Entertainment Editor, contributed to reporting for this article.



# The Day After the 45th Presidential Election

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Contributing Writers



Miguel Hernandez  
Junior, business marketing major

*"I'm ready for The Purge honestly. And, a party boat back to my country."*



Megan Lubrecht  
Junior, sociology major

*" I think that there is too much negativity about the outcome, the people need to think about not being so rude to each other because you can't really rely on the candidate to fix all your problems. You can only change your actions and try to influence how other individuals feel."*



Salman Anjun  
Freshman, political science major

*"In a way I feel like I saw it coming because of the kind of person he is. He wants to make himself known, I feel like people got that and I feel like most of them went toward that."*



Frankie Kisly  
Junior, marketing major

*"I just don't believe our vote really matters. I do not really like any of the candidates personally, that's why I decided not to vote."*



Kenya Williams  
Junior, drawing major

*"I was nervous, you know. Not exactly thrilled about it. I was hoping for a different outcome, either a third party or Hillary, I didn't want him to win. I found out this morning."*



Dana Desimone  
Sophomore, psychology major

*"I cannot believe that America is so ridiculously stupid and has chosen to have a President as Donald Trump, after everything that this country has been through."*



Martin Czajkowski  
Freshman, BFA acting major

*"I'm really surprised actually, I don't think anybody expected it, not even people who really supported Trump. There was clearly people who weren't too vocal about it, it's surprising."*

*"I don't like him, but I don't like Hillary. But I voted for Hillary so I'm a little upset, but I'll get over it within the next day. He might do a good job, but I don't think he will. He might surprise me."*



Axel Tattegrain  
Sophomore, justice studies major



# ...Students Give Unfiltered Feedback



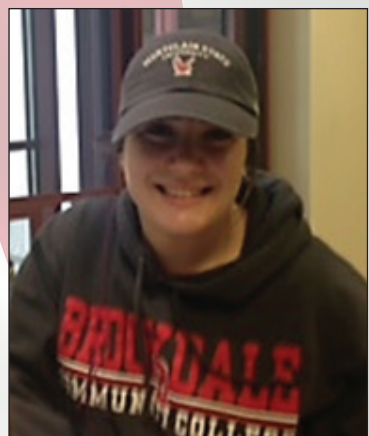
Karla Castro  
Freshman, undeclared

*"I was really disappointed. I didn't expect that to happen after what he said and what he did this past year. I just started crying. You think about the future and when I grow up, how are we going to explain that to our children?"*



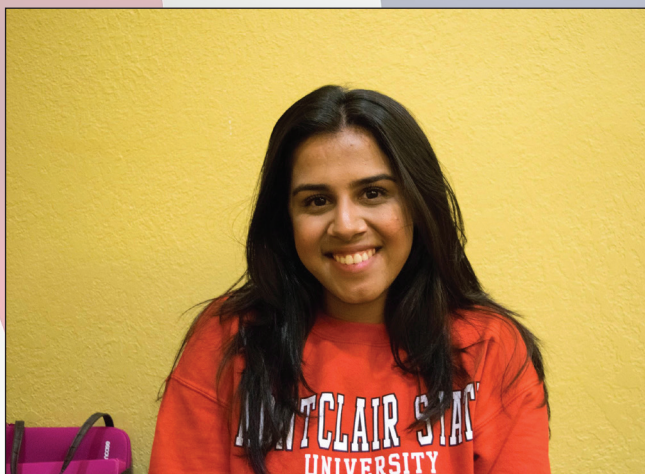
Melissa Haag  
Freshman, english major

*"I couldn't be happier. I didn't really think initially that it would go anywhere, but as the election itself progressed, I had new-found faith. As I was watching all the electoral votes come in, I was like, ok, he has it in the bag."*



Sydnee Laks  
Junior, sociology major

*"My heart hurts for people who really didn't want Trump to win. I'm just trying to stay positive and not be a sore loser."*



Tooba Ahmad  
Freshman, information technology major

*"I strongly disagree with the decision that was made. I was really not for Trump at all, so I don't think that this was the best decision that America could have made. I have no words, I was just really against this."*



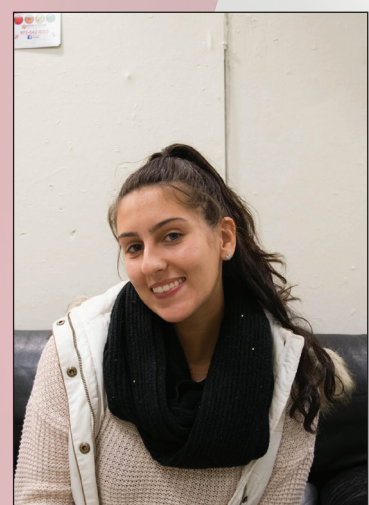
Monique Melbin  
Senior business major

**"I was surprised. To be honest, I didn't want to vote for either of them. I guess we'll just have to see what happens."**



Kevin Zheng  
Sophomore, accounting major

*"I'm disappointed but it's not that big of a deal. Today is a lot of angry people, they're upset. It might take some time to sink in, but he's our President now. The American people have spoken."*



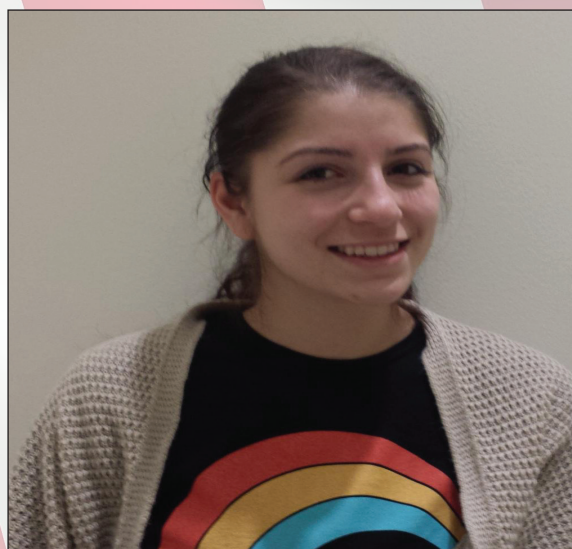
Kristen Hasch  
Freshman, family and child studies major

*"I'm personally a Trump supporter so I was happy with the results. Before the race started I didn't expect it, but as the electoral votes were coming in, and Trump was winning, then I was like, wow, maybe this had like a turn and Trump will win."*



Kahlel Kirkland  
Junior, hospitality management major, entrepreneurship minor

*"I feel like it was an atrocity to be honest. I just think that it's not a good look for America to be honest. It was either Hillary or Trump so it wasn't really a good decision... It wasn't a good choice either way. So, it is what it is, we got four years with him."*



Amanda Tarantino  
Junior, business major

*"My sister and I, we were really devastated and not really accepting it. We have to accept it but we don't want to call him our president. We won't probably ever refer to him as that."*





MSU students part take in a dance off.

## Human Hungry Hungry Hippos



Montclair State contestants compete one another to get the most balls for points.

Photos by Sarah Kiely

On Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m., the Student Recreation Center hosted a life size board game event – Human Hungry Hungry Hippos. It was hosted by the campus recreation president Stephen Blazejewski. The event consisted of a pair of MSU students trying to collect as many balls as they could and beat their opponents. There were various prizes, from shirts to a television. It was an exciting event to take part in as well as watch.

During any breaks, the crowd was asked to join in on a dance, or even a side game trying to knock down cups. Everyone was excited to be out and about. The event had snacks and refreshments in every corner, as well as a DJ to keep the beat up. It was definitely a successful night.



Contestant competes in a side event during the break called Human Elephants.





# THE MONTCLAIRITIS: A WEEKLY FOOD REVIEW BY TUNMISE ODUFUYE



Cheddar omelette with golden home fries can be enjoyed at Montclair Diner — a restaurant located on Valley Road in Montclair, New Jersey.

Tunmise Odufuye | *The Montclarion*

## Montclair Diner

### The best diner/restaurant in Montclair. Period.

As human beings, the exercise of love and care should extend beyond one's comfort zone. That is what makes us vibrant citizens within the communities we inhabit, because when affection is at equilibrium outside of your home, it encourages you to share memories with other people, in addition to your family and your inner circle of friends. One place in Montclair that has given me this expression of comfort and acceptance is The Montclair Char-Broil, also known to many as simply "Montclair Diner." Think Pops Barber shop in "Luke Cage" or the Central Perk coffeehouse from "F.R.I.E.N.D.S." Montclair Diner serves as the diner where you get delightful meals for prices that will certainly surprise you once you get the tab. Combined with the cordial demeanor everyone commits to in the diner, it would be preposterous to believe you could find a better place in Montclair to relax and eat than here.

On a typical day like today, you are greeted by Gus Makris, the owner of Montclair Diner. He is the father of the establishment. I know he is reading this right now so I won't tell everyone that he told me he's 76 years of age now. Oops. Did I do that?

Regardless of the number, Gus displayed his family attitude towards me ever since I can remember. Every time I go in there now, I am greeted with

a powerful Greek handshake and the best chicken noodle soup, on the house.

I can't even call the servers, "servers." They are more like my caretakers who grace me with the lovely meals that permeate the crevices of my hypothalamus. Today, my hypothalamus cried for some fresh apple pancakes, butter-caressed wheat toast, beautifully mashed home fries and last, but not least, a gratifying cheddar-filled omelette. Also, if you know anything about me or if you are still reading my reviews since the first one (thank you, thank you), you will know that the one thing that must always greet my taste buds before any meal is the most important part of any meal in the world: water. Since Montclair Diner is the best restaurant/diner in Montclair, you should also know that the water was on my table within a minute. Yes, one minute.

As the water lubricated the nooks and crannies of my body like a new oil change for an engine, the food came out, within four minutes of the water delivery. To my surprise, the apple pancakes came with warm, caramelized apples sliced in between three large flapjack-like pancakes, almost like a burrito. Cinnamon was handed to me by the lovely waitress as she smiled, encouraging me to saturate my pancakes with the saddle brown spice. After the sugar, spice and everything was added to the pancakes, I did a wax on/wax off treatment with my good ol' pal Land O' Lakes diner butter, right on the deco-

rated pancakes.

The wheat toast sat in between the pancakes and the omelette like a good boy, buttered up and ready for my attention. It wouldn't get it until the end of my meal, but more on that later. For now, the apple pancakes and cheddar omelette were at the center of attention. The apple pancakes excelled charmingly within my mouth. The omelette did as well. I felt a sense of care and adoration for the preparation of the omelette because of how the cheddar oozed out of the whisked, fried egg mixture. It didn't feel like Kraft's cheddar cheese singles.

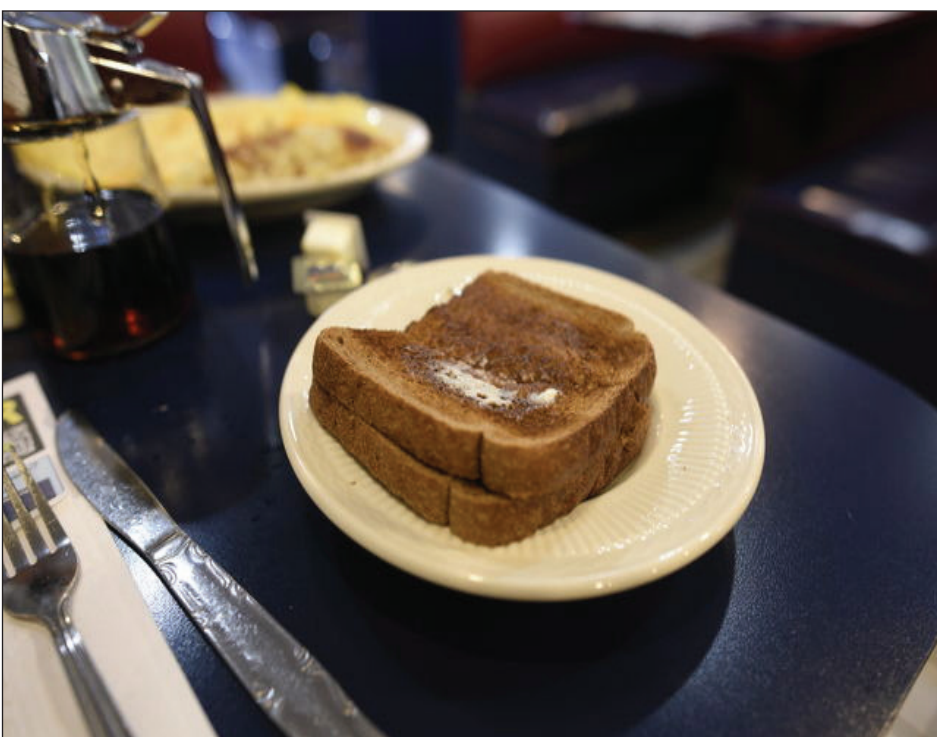
Fifteen minutes later, I was seeing stars. My stomach was full and the wheat hadn't been touched yet. The omelette was 90 percent finished, as well as the apple pancakes. I couldn't touch my eating utensils any longer. Just for the sake of respecting the wheat toast, I picked up a piece of the triangular-shaped grain and gave it the attention it needed, a nice, flower-shaped bite. I couldn't even finish the rest. I was defeated.

Now, with three apple pancakes, two wheat toast pieces and a full omelette, you would think the price would amount to \$25, possibly \$35 if you were in the city. Well, I received the tab and it was only \$13. Amazon couldn't even beat that. With unbeatable prices and a family atmosphere too pleasing to pass on, if you don't get your behind to Montclair Diner right now, you are losing by the second.



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Montclair Diner's apple pancakes with cinnamon.

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# Veteran's Week Brings Suicide Prevention Workshop



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Uy is a psychologist for Montclair State's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). According to Dr. Uy, suicide is ranked as the second leading cause of death for college students, and more than 1,110 college students kill themselves every year.

One of the most staggering facts revealed through Uy's presentation was when he

displayed a group of 15 students on the screen. He originally asked the room of students to pick which three they thought had committed suicide and then revealed that all of the students, ranging from 13 to 19 years old, committed suicide at their respective ages.

"Suicide doesn't discriminate," Uy said, adding that no one can know exactly what's going on with a person until you talk to them.

Babee Garcia, secretary of Montclair State's Student Veteran's Association and a staff writer for The Montclarion, ex-

pressed her appreciation for everyone who came to the workshop and said the seriousness of suicide "goes beyond the military." Garcia is a current Montclair student and has served in the Marine Corps.

According to Uy, 80 percent of students who commit suicide don't seek help. If they do decide to talk to someone, Uy said stu-

dents who go through a crisis are more likely to go to a peer for advice instead of an administrator or professor.

It's vital for those thinking about suicide to feel like they are being heard and understood by those they decide to open up to, according to Uy. The biggest mistake that could be made is for someone to minimize

the problem and disregard a person's feelings of committing suicide.

Luckily for Montclair State students, they can seek help at CAPS in Russ Hall for free and confidential counseling services. Students can also download the "Just in Case" app associated with CAPS for more information.

## "Suicide doesn't discriminate."

*Dr. Jude Uy, psychologist at CAPS*

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Seeking an occasional sitter for my 11-year-old son, especially Saturday evenings (usually 6-8:30) and some weekdays (flexible) after school (starting around 2:30). I'd love to find someone upbeat & fun who has experience in education / working with kids with special needs. Also, my son adores video games & creating computer animation, so an interest in those things is a plus! Must be comfortable with cats & dogs and strong enough to walk our sweet (and strong) French bulldog. Please contact me at [vanessavozar@gmail.com](mailto:vanessavozar@gmail.com).

**\$120.00/WK, AFTER-SCHOOL DRIVER NEEDED, MONTCLAIR**  
After-school driver needed for our 2 children, ages 13 & 15. \$120 / week - All driving is local - to and from activities, some of which change weekly. Must have own car and clean driving record, be super responsible and flexible. Driving needed for entire school year. If interested, please email: [abramsliza@gmail.com](mailto:abramsliza@gmail.com)

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After school sitter needed starting mid-Sept for our 10 year-old daughter. Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, 3-6 pm. Responsibilities include: School pick up, light help with homework, prepare dinner, and drive (incl. carpool) to gymnastics practice in Woodland Park. Sitter must have own car and clean driving record. If interested, please email: [Edinajung@gmail.com](mailto:Edinajung@gmail.com).

**AFTERNOON SITTER, GLEN RIDGE**  
We are seeking an afternoon sitter 3 days/week, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. We have three children, 11, 8, 4 and a dog. Sitter must be able to drive & have a clean driving record. Afternoons will consist of homework help, driving to activities, occasional playdates and tidying up. If you are interested, please email: [Lonergana@gtlaw.com](mailto:Lonergana@gtlaw.com).

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Need an after school sitter starting Sept. 13 for our three children ages 3-1/2 - 5. Tues - Thurs, 3-6 pm. You will drive our minivan to pick them up from school. Looking for someone very reliable. Please email: [kgrayrock@gmail.com](mailto:kgrayrock@gmail.com). \$200 per week.

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We are looking for a part-time babysitter for our two girls (10 & 7-1/2). The position, beginning in September, will be 20-25 hours per week, Mon-Thurs (Fridays off), 7:45-8:45 am, getting the girls off to school, and 2:45-7:00 pm. We have flexibility with the morning hours. The schedule is ideal for a student! In the afternoons, we need someone to take the girls to their after-school activities (including carpools), help w / homework & prepare dinner for the girls (nothing fancy). Driving is a must & we will provide a car. Please Email: [Marcia@Kokalas1121@yahoo.com](mailto:Marcia@Kokalas1121@yahoo.com).

**P/T BABYSITTER NEEDED FOR SCHOOL YEAR, MONTCLAIR**  
Seeking a caring and responsible sitter, w / car & safe driving record, for mornings & afternoons in the upcoming school year. 7-9 am & 4-6 pm, four days per week for our 9 year-old son & 12 year-old daughter. We have a bright, beautiful extra bedroom in our home - on it's own floor - and would love to find someone interested in using the room (as an office/studio or as a live-in situation) in exchange for childcare. We are also very open to paying a wonderful someone INSTEAD of doing a room exchange. Duties would include light meal preparation (breakfast & after school snack) and clean up afterwards, driving to afternoon activities & light homework help. Both children are responsible & able to care for themselves in most ways. We are hoping for someone who brings a loving & fun presence to their mornings & afternoons. Please Email: [Lisa@Lisamerill@hotmail.com](mailto:Lisa@Lisamerill@hotmail.com). Room Exchange or For Pay!

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Monday to Friday; 2:30 to 5:30 pm, Start Date: Immediate. Looking for energetic, flexible and upbeat person to take care of our three-year old daughter and help out with light house-keeping. Days and time can be flexible for the right person. Some late evenings - ending at 8:30pm - would be necessary after January. Two important requirements: 1. Must have clean driving record and own transport to pick up child from preschool in Montclair; and 2. Must enjoy being with a child, and know how to be super engaging, loving and alert with a three-year old. If interested please email Lauhona: [Lauhonaganguly@gmail.com](mailto:Lauhonaganguly@gmail.com).

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**\$20/HR TUTOR NEEDED, NORTH BERGEN**  
Looking for a tutor, for my 13 year old daughter in 8th grade. Wonderful personality very easy going. Proficiency in math and science preferred. Start ASAP. Hours are flexible, and travel to North Bergen on River Road may be necessary, however all is workable, including days of week or week-ends. Twice a week or three times a week, whatever works best. At least 2 hours to 3 each session. Email: [Flopezca@yahoo.com](mailto:Flopezca@yahoo.com).

**\$15-20/HR, MOTHER'S HELPER/OCCASIONAL BABYSITTER, UPPER MONTCLAIR**  
Seeking energetic & reliable person with a flexible schedule to help care for our 8 month old daughter. The position would begin immediately and would entail watching her in our home while I am there. We would need someone 2-3 days a week for approx. 3-5 hours a day. There will also be occasional overnight help needed. Start: ASAP! Experience with infants and references required. Education Major a plus! Email resume to: [Greta.veledevilla@gmail.com](mailto:Greta.veledevilla@gmail.com).

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**\$15/HR, P/T BABY-SITTER, UPPER MONTCLAIR**  
Upper Montclair family is seeking a baby-sitter who is able to watch our 3 children on a part-time, as-needed basis. Hours will not be consistent. Probably a couple of Saturday evening / nights a month & potential other days / nights as needed. Sitter will not always be watching all 3 children at once. We have two boys (9 yrs) with special needs & a 14 month-old daughter. Care for the boys is not difficult. Children will usually be in bed on Saturday evenings when sitter is here. Walking distance from MSU. For more information or questions, and to apply Email: [Jennynolan11@gmail.com](mailto:Jennynolan11@gmail.com).

**AFTER-SCHOOL SITTER, GLEN RIDGE**  
We're looking for an after-school sitter Monday-Friday 3 - 6:30pm / Can be 4 days a week for the right candidate. Responsibilities include, picking up kids from school, helping with homework and driving them to their after-school activities. Must be "dog friendly". Two kids, 8 & 6 years old. Email: [ceng01@gmail.com](mailto:ceng01@gmail.com)

**AFTER-SCHOOL BABYSITTER NEEDED, CEDAR GROVE**  
After school sitter needed starting Sept 12 for our 2 kids (8 & 11), 2:40-4:30 pm. Responsibilities include: School pick up & light help with homework. Sitter must have own car and clean driving record. If interested, please Email: [lynnieg30@gmail.com](mailto:lynnieg30@gmail.com).

**LOOKING FOR AFTER-SCHOOL BABYSITTER, BLOOMFIELD**  
We are looking for a part-time sitter to look after our three adorable boys, ages 5, 7, and 9, a few days a week after school between the hours of 3:15 pm and 6 or 7 pm depending on the day. Exact days to be determined. Main responsibility will be to drive the children to various after-school activities, ensure homework is done, and feed the children dinner which will already be prepared and ready-to-serve. Must be fully licensed to drive and have a clean record, and previous childcare experience would be great, but is not essential. Please contact Katherine at [krdelaney75@gmail.com](mailto:krdelaney75@gmail.com).

**\$15/HR, AFTER-SCHOOL & EARLY EVENING CHILD CARE, MONTCLAIR**  
Monday- Thursday, 2 - 6:30 pm, Start date - ASAP... Looking for energetic, flexible and upbeat person to manage my house in the afternoons. Three great kids (middle school & high school) who need meals & driving to practices & other activities. Household duties include laundry and light house-keeping. Located in convenient part of Montclair. Promise - you will love the kids! If interested, please call or text Nancy at (973) 757-5554.

**\$15/HR, BABYSITTER, MONTCLAIR**  
Looking for a reliable, responsible & energetic sitter for our 21 month-old son. Two afternoons per week (days flexible) while we are home, and potential for other occasional days & nights. Experience with infants & toddlers a must. Immediate start. Please email your information to: [Lauren1039@mac.com](mailto:Lauren1039@mac.com).

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## Moving On

On election night, Montclair State students and the rest of America eagerly sat at the edge of their seats as Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton lost state after state to her opponent Donald Trump. Election results continued to roll until the wee hours of the morning, when it was ultimately Trump who went from presidential candidate to our president-elect.

This surprise victory came as an upset to a majority of young first-time New Jersey voters, as 64 percent of those aged 18 to 24 cast their ballots for Clinton, according to CNN reports. Just two weeks ago, The Montclarion endorsed Secretary Clinton for President of the United States. While many students of

Montclair State University are conflicted with the results of the 2016 presidential election, there is no reason to lose faith in the electoral system.

Clearly, Clinton's supporters feel like the electoral process has failed them, and Trump supporters feel like the electoral process has failed them throughout the election cycle. However, the electoral process worked exactly as it should have and after over a year of campaigning, Trump was elected.

While Clinton supporters are weary of the bleak days that may lie ahead, the sun rose in the morning, just as President Obama had reminded Americans hours before the official election results were announced. Like it or not, the

American people have spoken and Trump will become the 45th President of the United States of America, and that is something we as Americans must accept.

On Nov. 9, President Obama emphasized to all Americans that "we are all on the same team." Regardless of party affiliation or feelings on the president-elect, we are all working toward one goal: the betterment of the country. Even though Democrats and Republicans have different ways of achieving those goals, the goals themselves are fundamentally the same.

Trump will be the president for the next four years, but the beautiful thing about the electoral system is that the Ameri-

can people will have the opportunity to vote again in four more years. When voting in the 2020 presidential election, Americans will have the opportunity to once again choose a candidate who best represents their views and beliefs. While a lot can change in four years, that candidate may be Trump or someone else, and that is all fine, as long as Americans make it a point to have their voice heard through voting.

The best way for New Jerseyans to get their voice heard is to ensure they vote in the 2017 gubernatorial elections. Many people are clearly dissatisfied with the current state of affairs in the country and it is no different within the state of New Jersey.

In 2013, current New Jersey Governor Chris Christie won re-election with 60.4 percent of the vote. Yet, in recent years-Governor Christie's approval rating has dramatically decreased. This may set the stage for a gubernatorial election that comes down to the wire just as this presidential election has.

While elections may not always turn out as planned, it is important to continue to place trust in American democracy. Elections are the best way to make our voices heard. On Election Day, the American people made their voices heard by voting for Trump to be the 45th President of the United States, but this is not the last election. Continue to vote and continue to be heard.

### Thumbs Up

2016 election is over



Female senators make history

Women place their voting stickers on Susan B. Anthony's gravestone

### Thumbs Down

2016 election



California polling site shooting

New Hampshire takes a long time to report votes

### CAMPUS VOICES:

What are your feelings on the outcome of the 2016 presidential election?



"I think it's a joke. I can't believe Americans are that stupid to vote for Trump. I can't believe he won. I feel unsafe now and that people who are white supremacists are going to feel like they're everything now."

- Diana Alvarez, Psychology Freshman



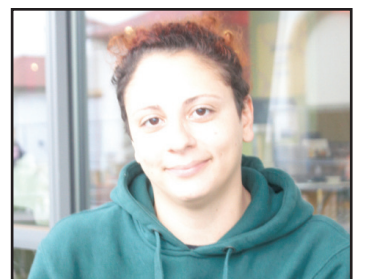
"I don't want to negate people's feelings of anxiety, but I don't think trying to argumentative or divisive is the way to go. I think this is the exact right time for people to come together and realize that there's way more common ground than we thought."

- Nikhil Sawhay, Economics and Politics Junior



"I was definitely somewhat heartbroken. I thought the country was a little more ahead than I guess we are. I don't think it was a good decision and I fear for our future."

-Sara Saperstein, Music Therapy Junior



"I'm very disappointed and surprised. I think people elected someone who is racist, a bigot, homophobic and ableist and he's making it okay for people to express those beliefs in a very open way."

-Lucianne Costanza, Music Therapy Graduate



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## Why would I vote for Clinton or Trump?



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Once I turned 18, I didn't only become an adult, I finally became a registered voter. In my excitement, I, like many other first-time voters, would finally be able to have a say in a presidential election.

The debates between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump were interesting at first, but as the election went on, the feel-

ing of terror crept up behind me as I came to the realization that one of these two candidates would eventually be running our country. This fear did not keep the American people or myself from exercising the right to vote. That is when the search for an alternate candidate began.

In all honesty, I did not believe a third-party candidate would become the next President of the United States. By voting for a third party, it takes away a vote from "the lesser of two evils." Due to this election, many young people refused to register as a Republican or Democrat, and instead chose to identify as an Independent.

While many independent voters, like myself, believe Trump and Clinton made valid points, I couldn't picture myself voting for either of them.

For many voters, the decision between them was like voting for a loose cannon or a scandalous liar. It was almost like opening two doors that lead to the same place.

Due to my indecision as a newly-registered voter choosing a political party, I was unable to vote in either primary. When it came down to the two major candidates, many considered abstaining from the election—the belief being that neither of these candidates deserved their vote. However, voting third party allowed for a different choice.

I went for that different choice. Gary Johnson may have gone through the election cycle unnoticed by many Americans, but not by me. Prior to the election, education was key in understanding the views of third party candidates. Remaining

educated made me even more confident in my choice to avoid major parties. Gary Johnson's campaign presented plenty of reasonable solutions to the problems plaguing Americans. He had ideas on immigration, education, the job market and many other important issues.

I voted for Johnson because with just five percent of voters, history could have been changed by creating a more competitive election. It would change the Americans view of third-party candidates. Voting for the "lesser of two evils" was not an option. Johnson's campaign was not driven by political insiders, but by everyday Americans. Studies showed that 65 percent of Americans did not feel that either party in this election represented them.

Fox News also took a poll, and studies showed that 66

percent of Americans believe Clinton is not honest and trustworthy, while 57 percent believe the same about Trump. Over half of the American population did not believe that these candidates were honest and trustworthy, so giving either of them my vote was not an option.

It is my right as an American citizen to vote, and I was not going to let the tension between two candidates ruin this first election. Even though the outcome may not have been what people expected, it is always important to exercise your right to vote, and that is why I voted for Gary Johnson.

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# Hike On The Bright Side

## New Jersey gas tax hike has frustrated many, but it has some benefits



**NICHOLAS DA SILVA**  
COLUMNIST

Many New Jersey residents filled their tanks on Monday, Oct. 31, in order to avoid the tax increase the next day. On Tuesday, Nov. 1, residents saw the first Garden State tax hike on gas in over twenty five years. As a result of this newly-enforced tax hike, New Jersey has gone from having some of the lowest gas prices in the country to being among the highest.

With times as troubling as they are, the tax hike is only piling on to the dismay of New Jerseyans. Many people viewed the low gas prices as

one of the primary incentives to travel to New Jersey. Now, those low prices are gone and people are left feeling as if they have been cheated. Yet, there are some silver linings to this situation that many people are not even considering.

In spite of the fact that New Jersey's tax on gas has increased dramatically, it is still lower than the gas tax in the neighboring states of New York and Pennsylvania. In New York, the tax is about 43 cents per gallon, and Pennsylvania's gas tax price is even higher at about 51 cents per gallon. By comparison, the new tax price for gas in New Jersey is 37.5 cents per gallon. So when it comes to traveling among these three northeastern states, New Jersey is still the most preferable option

when it comes to purchasing gas.

Going even further, it is important to understand the purpose of this gas tax hike. The gas tax hike is the byproduct of a deal between New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and lawmakers that will be beneficial to consumers and hopefully improve the roads and bridges throughout our state.

New Jersey has a higher sales tax than the majority of the country, so this deal that will decrease the sales tax is beneficial for consumers. Our state is already exempt from sales tax when it comes to unprepared foods, medicine and clothing. This new cut only adds to the luck we have when dealing with sales tax.

Also, there are some great properties in New Jersey

where the expensive price tag leads to an enforcement of the considerable estate tax. Through this hike on gas taxes, the estate tax will decrease and make it easier for occupants to buy some of the finest homes New Jersey has to offer.

If things go according to plan, the increased gas tax will ultimately lead to the improvement of roads and bridges all around the state of New Jersey. Damaged roads and bridges are detrimental because they can result in car accidents. If it is necessary to have higher gas prices to increase road safety and convenience, it looks like a reasonable trade-off.

Now, this deal is not a perfect plan that will magically fix everything. Yet, it is important to remember that we must always try and understand the

intentions of a certain idea and give it a chance before writing it off.

America was built on trying uncertain ideas and giving them a chance to see if they would work. Given how far our country has come, we have a pretty good track record with trying uncertain ideas.

To be even more positive, residents of New Jersey will still have their gas pumped for them even with the higher tax on gas. So before writing off this plan to dramatically increase the gas tax as a disaster, let's at least give it a chance and show some optimism in this pessimistic time.

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# WMSC Channels Energy into 30+ Hour Live Broadcast

**Babee Garcia**  
Staff Writer

WMSC, Montclair State's campus radio station, celebrated the sixth annual College Radio Day on Nov. 4 with 30 continuous hours of live broadcast.

The concept of College Radio Day was created by Rob Quicke, the general manager of WPSC at William Paterson University, who wanted all listeners and participants in college radio to unite. The mission was intended to raise a greater awareness of how college radio is still alive and kicking. This event featured unsigned, local and independent artists throughout the 30 hours of broadcasting.

"This is a day that all college stations unite and put out their best work to show the rest of the world that there's value in having an on-campus station," WMSC Station Manager Juan Contla said. "College radio day has really grown here at Monclair State and at WMSC. I remember back [on] my freshman year when I first joined this day. We only celebrated by playing music out of the boombox in the quad and handing out CDs."

The WMSC radio team got the party started at 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 with its on-air pre-show. The Kick-off Extravaganza fol-



The WMSC team all pitched in during their live 30-hour broadcast on the sixth annual College Radio Day.

Photo courtesy of WMSC (Twitter)

lowed at midnight. WMSC provided a special live broadcast from the Red Hawk Diner and had New Jersey Broadcasters Association President Paul Rottella and Quicke on the air.

"It is a celebration of a terrific outlet for on-the-job training. I love being on the air and it is great how everyone can come together to discuss their passion for radio like I do,"

said junior Nick Flaherty, who has a flair for sports media and broadcasting. Flaherty has been actively involved with WMSC as a sports commentator since his freshman year.

Adding to the day's jam-packed agenda, there were live studio sessions with eight full bands and seven acoustic acts.

Senior and WMSC News Director Sammie Williams said, "I

am so happy to be able to be a part of this incredible celebration, especially because I get to celebrate my last College Radio Day with the people who are not only my friends, but my family."

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## 'Twelfth Night' Proves Players Should Play On

**Olivia Wilinski**  
Staff Writer

When a person thinks of Shakespeare, a few things come to mind: puffy shirts paired with tights, ostentatious language and the cramped desks we slouched over in our high school English classes as we painstakingly attempted to understand this language.

However, the Montclair State Players, a class one SGA club, changes this mindset with their

performance of Shakespeare's classic comedy "Twelfth Night." With the main character wearing a flannel and the sprinkling in of modern fist bumps, the Players performed a vintage comedy in a way that was more modern and digestible fashion for a younger audience.

The delivery of the opening soliloquy, with the famous line, "If music be the food of love,

play on," set the tone of the play with Benjamin James as an impeccable Duke Orsino: cool, collected, but conceited. A true heart-throb.

The scenes that I personally waited for included Rachel Rizzo as Feste, the fool. She added her own flair to the part by interacting with the audience and acting hilarious ad-libbed bits, including her shrieking inter-

pretations of the choruses.

The two stand-out performances came from Brenna Fitzmaurice, who played Viola and later doubled as the gender-bent version, Caesario, and Judy Tounsi as Lady Olivia. Both performed their roles with the perfect balance of drama and humor.

I thoroughly enjoyed each cast member's performance,

and to put the cherry on top, the players were collecting donations for Alzheimer's research: a truly noble pursuit.

On top of that, the play was easily accessible in the commuter lounge and free to all students. The only thing I have left to say to the players is: play on.



# TOP 10 SONGS OF THE WEEK

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| 1. Bang Bang<br>by Green Day               | 4. Do You Love Someone?<br>by Grouplove | 7. Heathens<br>by Twenty One Pilots |
| 2. Punks In a Disco Ball<br>by Beach Slang | 5. You are Free<br>by Jimmy Eat World   | 8. Legendary<br>by Welshly Arms     |
| 3. When the Tequila Runs Out<br>by Dawes   | 6. Villainy<br>by Local Natives         | 9. The Currents<br>by Bastille      |
|  |   | 10. Texia<br>by Blossoms            |



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# Student Artist Profile: Domenic Croce

Tess Reynolds  
Assistant Entertainment Editor

As one of four classical bassists in Montclair State University's music program, Domenic Croce is working extremely hard as a sophomore music education major to be the best bassist he can be for his future students. Croce could be viewed as a natural talent, having only played the instrument seriously for a short time before auditioning for the program and earning one of the coveted spots.

**Q: When did you start playing bass?**

A: Three years ago at a summer program at my high school, but I started studying it my senior year in high school and prepared a college audition in four months.

**Q: When and why did you decide to pursue it as a career?**

A: I decided to pursue music education as a career after seeing my new orchestra teacher as a fresh graduate. I saw myself in her position. I always loved music.

**Q: What do you specialize in? Can you talk about how you decided that type of music is your favorite?**

A: I specialize in classical music, but I have experience in both classical and jazz. I was deeply inspired by the recordings of the fine musician, Rinat Ibragimov, so I decided to go to a classical route.

**Q: What experiences have you had teaching? What have you learned through teaching?**

A: I started teaching guitar to needy children and women in Paterson and ended up getting a continued internship two years ago as an assistant music teacher at my high school's summer music program. Along with this [internship and music program] I teach guitar and double bass privately.



Domenic Croce performing in John J. Cali School of Music's fall Strings Recital at the Jed Leshowitz Recital Hall on Oct. 5.

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**Q: What is your biggest motivation?**

A: My biggest motivation is the fact that there is only so much time here, so for my future students, I work my hardest in order to be the best bassist I can be.

**Q: How has Montclair State University fostered you as an artist?**

A: Montclair State University has offered me an excellent education at the cost of a state school, along with the amazing staff that conservatories offer.

**Q: Who are your biggest supporters?**

A: My biggest supporters are my friends in the bass section and my roommates dealing with my craziness on the topic and me running in and out of the room constantly.

**Q: Who are your biggest inspirations?**

A: My biggest inspiration is my teacher, Linda Mcknight. She is an amazing pedagogue, player and person. I try my absolute hardest for her every week.

**Q: What's your latest project?**

A: My latest project is learning various excerpts to hopefully audition for some summer festivals in the future.

## 'Hacksaw Ridge' Blasts Into the Academy Awards Race

Julia Siegel  
Staff Writer

The Academy Awards season is quickly approaching and the race for Best Picture is off and running. "Hacksaw Ridge" is the latest release that will without a doubt be nominated for Best Picture this winter. Based on an amazing true story, this World War II masterpiece is an easy frontrunner at this point. Of course, there is a long way to go before all the potential nominees are released, but it's going to be difficult to beat "Hacksaw Ridge."

The Mel Gibson directed film tells the story of one of the unknown heroes of WWII, Private First Class Desmond Doss (Andrew Garfield), who saved approximately 75 lives over the course of a single night during the Americans' battle to take over Okinawa, Japan. Doss, a Seventh-day Adventist, refused to touch a gun or kill anybody in battle, yet felt it was his duty to enlist in the Army. He felt his way to serve his country was to save lives rather than take them by being a medic.

The first incredible part of this story is that Doss was continually pressured by his commanding officers to drop out of the Army. They pressured Doss to quit by forcing him to do grunt work and undesirable chores. Some of his platoon mates even beat him up in the

middle of the night, but Doss never gave up.

The Army eventually allowed Doss to go into battle without a weapon. The members of the platoon felt Doss was a coward, but their thoughts on him changed when he stayed on the battlefield after the Americans retreated to save as many injured soldiers as he could. Since the movie is based on a true story, it's no surprise that the story was slightly changed to make a better feature.

One inaccuracy is revealed in a video montage at the end of the film. During an interview, the real Doss said that he saved Captain Glover (portrayed by Sam Worthington) after the battle and poured water over his eyes to clean off the caked up blood that prevented him from seeing. During the film, Captain Glover is spared from any injuries, and Doss saves someone else in the same matter that was described in the video. It's odd that they would specifically tell you that they changed a fact of the story. It also doesn't make sense as to why this was changed.

Other than minor story changes, the film is as accurate as imaginable as to how warfare took place during WWII. The film is incredibly gory, bloody, violent and realistic

during some of the most intense battle sequences I have ever seen. The practical effects were exquisite and made the action hard to watch. The battles were unsettling with the amount of gore and violence that ensued. Gibson did an excellent job with presenting the story and creating a great film. He is likely to score an Academy Award nomination as well.

One of the surprising elements of the film was Vince Vaughn as Sargent Howell. Vaughn, known best for his countless comedy works, was fantastic in a very dramatic and serious role. He was a very believable Army seargent and did a great job with being intense. He was even able to add some of his signature comedy to the mix while tormenting some of his privates. It was a great surprise to see Vaughn excel in this type of role.

"Hacksaw Ridge" is the first serious Academy Award contender of the season. The presentation, story and writing come together to make a WWII masterpiece. The film is a must-see, if you don't mind some gore and intense violence. It's been a while since a great war film has been released, so "Hacksaw Ridge" is a breath of much-needed fresh air.

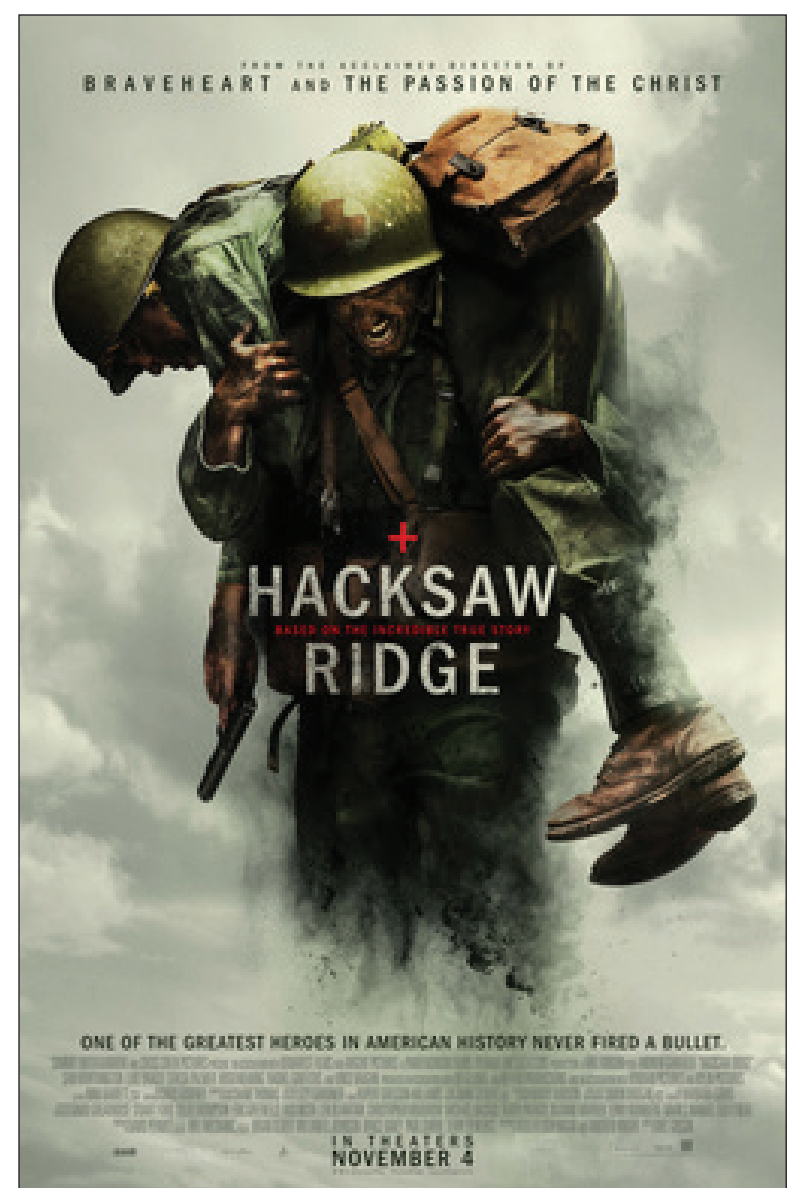


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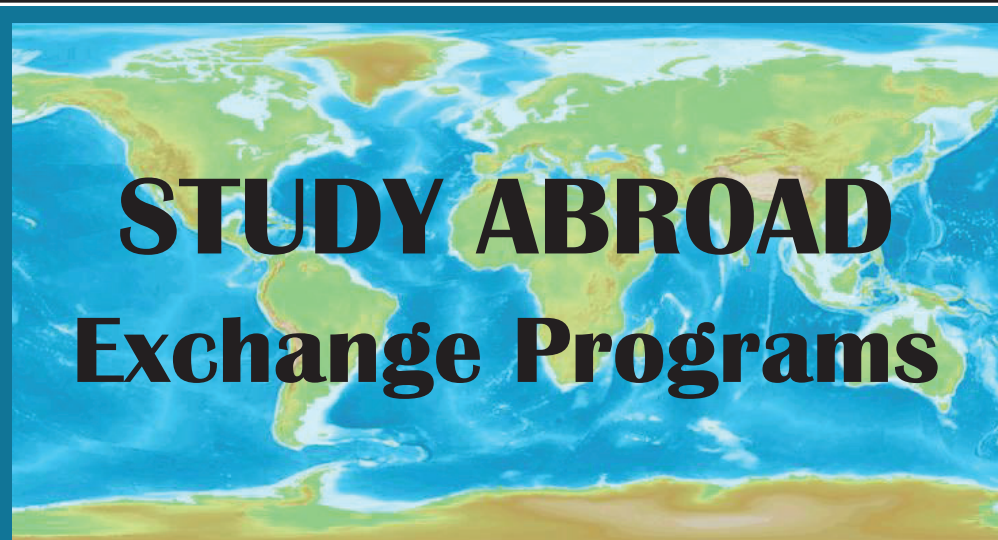
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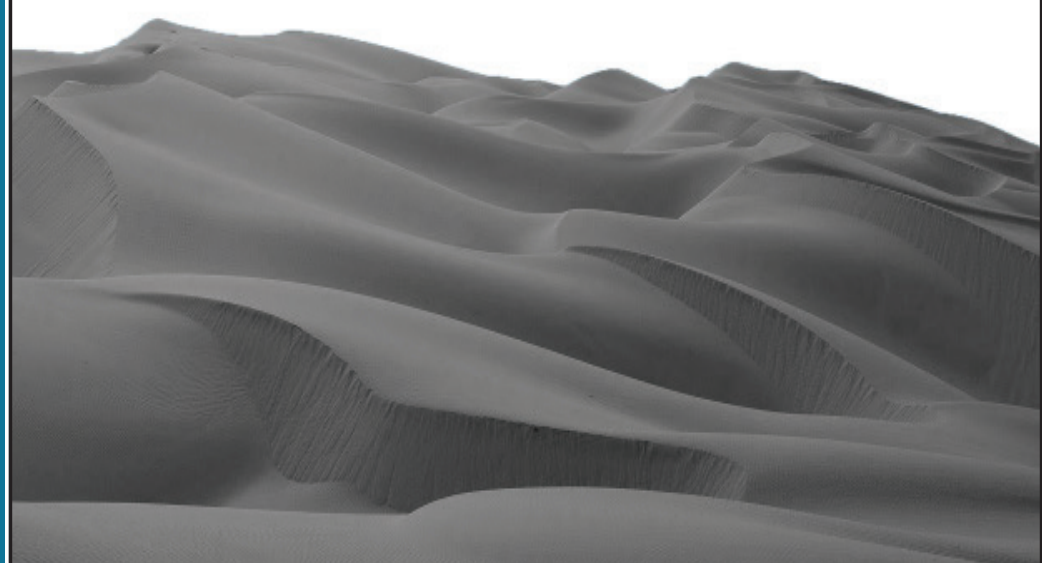


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# Field Hockey's Dream of Being Champions are Crushed by TCNJ and St. Joseph's



St. Joseph's celebrates after they scored the only goal of the game on Wednesday.

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**Josue Dajes**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Montclair State Field Hockey season is over. The Red Hawks lost the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Championship Game to The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) this past Saturday, and were unable to defeat Saint Joseph's College of Maine in the First Round of the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Tournament on Wednesday.

"We had a very strong month of October performance," Coach O'Reilly said prior to the game on Wednesday. "We lost one game in October. We beat two undefeated teams, we beat two regionally ranked teams and we finished our season undefeated at

home, so to draw a first round home game, you couldn't ask for anything better for us."

The Red Hawks had to wait for Selection Sunday for an at large bid into the tournament. This came after losing the opportunity for an automatic bid due to their loss in the NJAC Championship. Much to the delight of the team, the Red Hawks were given home field advantage for the first round game against Saint Joseph's College of Maine at Sprague Field. The first half was scoreless with Montclair maintaining the majority of the possession.

In the second half there was a clear momentum shift to the Saint Joseph's Monks. The team began to pressure Montclair and force costly turnovers.

The Monks were able to

score the only goal of the game in the 53rd minute. Freshman forward Libby Pomerleau got the ball off a rebound and hit a bullet into the inside right post. The Red Hawks fiercely attacked for the rest of the game after Saint Joseph's put the ball in the goal, but it was not enough to score a goal to extend the game.

"You always learn more from losing than from winning in a game." Senior forward Danielle Butrico said. "We learned to play until the last buzzer sounds no matter what the score is at the time.

The Red Hawks were also scoreless in their loss against the TCNJ Lions on Saturday. A win would have allowed the team to capture its third ever NJAC Championship. It was a battle of the top two teams in

the conference. TCNJ was the top seed, with Montclair State coming into the game as the second seed. The Red Hawks came into the game on Saturday with a six-game winning streak. Montclair had only two shots, with only one shot on goal causing any danger. With 20 minutes remaining in the game, TCNJ's Cayla Andrews broke the scoreless tie to propel the Lions to the win.

"We played our best game ever this season and we just couldn't get the ball into the cage," Sophomore forward, Amber Haslett said after Saturday's game. "It was very frustrating to know that we have worked so hard over the past few months and have prepared for this game so much to not be able to score."

The team has been talk-

ing about winning the NJAC Championship all season long. It was one of the team's highest goals even before the season started. Coach O'Reilly was confident in the capabilities of her team. They've battled all season long and were mentally focused coming into the Championship Game.

"While we didn't get the result that we necessarily wanted, I think we made a lot of progress and I think we have a lot to learn from our performance," O'Reilly said.

The Red Hawks will have to wait till next season to put those learning experiences to the test. Montclair went 16-6 overall, including 15-4 in the regular season and 10-1 at home.

## This Week in Red Hawk Sports

THURS 11/10	FRI 11/11	SAT 11/12	SUN 11/13	MON 11/14	TUES 11/15	WEDS 11/16
	Women's Volleyball vs. Clark University in Hoboken, NJ 5:30 p.m.	Women's Cross Country vs. NCAA Regional Championships in Glassboro, NJ TBA  Men's Swimming vs. College of Staten Island 12:00 p.m.  Women's Swimming vs. College of Staten Island 12:00 p.m.  Football at Kean University 1:00 p.m.  Women's Soccer at Buffalo State 1:30 p.m.  Men's Soccer vs Christopher Newport University in Grantham, PA 7:30 p.m.	No Games	No Games	Women's Basketball vs. Haverford College 7:30 p.m.	No Games

## Red Hawk Recap

Red Hawks Volleyball: 3  
Ramapo College: 1

Red Hawks Football: 6  
Frostburg State University: 24

Red Hawks Field Hockey: 0  
The College of New Jersey: 1

Red Hawks Men's Soccer: 3  
Rowan University: 0

Red Hawks Women's Soccer: 0  
Rowan University: 0

Red Hawks Volleyball: 3  
Stockton University: 2

Red Hawks Field Hockey: 0  
The College of New Jersey: 1

Red Hawks Field Hockey: 0  
Saint Joseph's College of Maine: 1



# Top Athletes Talk Sportsmanship At the Yogi Berra Museum

Emma Cimo  
Sports Editor

The issue of sportsmanship is something that has engulfed the sports world since the first ball was thrown. But, as athletes grow and switch a pee-wee team to the varsity squad, the line where being a good sport ends and how far you'll go to win becomes a little fuzzy. Last week, top athletes from the county's most competitive sports talked out their opinions on sportsmanship at a Sportsmanship Summit at the Yogi Berra Museum, in partnership with the Parabolic Performance and Rehabilitation Center.

Moderated by WFAN's Rick Wolff, former New Jersey Devils Captain Bryce Salvador,

former United States Women's National Soccer team member Christie Welsh and New York Giants Linebacker Devon Kennard all took center stage as panelists on the hot-button issue.

The night took the identity of more of a town hall than a traditional Q&A, throwing possible scenarios at the athletes in order to understand their reactions when placed certain scenarios and inviting frequent feedback from the audience. The audience was more than willing to share their insight, with members ranging from former field hockey coaches to athletic directors; the insight into the sports world was not short supply.

The topics were all incidents of so-called 'bad sportsmanship' at sports events and the idea

was to ask the panelists and the audience where their stances lie. However, the tables turned when the issues were looked at in different perspectives.

When it came to the issue of bantering at a high school basketball game the room was split on their position. "There's a line that definitely can't get crossed," Kennard said, "but as long as it's in respectable barriers than I think that's okay," thinking back his days on the court and the roars from the crowd that game him some of the most exciting games he can remember.

Salvador agreed, calling the thunders from the stands an 'absolutely necessary' part of the game, that, if absent, takes away from the overall experience of the game - as long as

they fall within the boundaries of respect. However, the boundaries became blurred when the thoughts of his 7-year-old son being the target filled his head. "If I was in the stands now, now that I have kids, I would say something," Salvador said.

"When you're actually in the game and focused in the task at hand chances are you're not even hearing the crowd," Wolff said in addition to Salvador's point, "It gets a little different if you're watching your kids play and you're in the stands and you see the other team trying to distract your kid." Wolff highlighted the point of when the line is crossed - when someone becomes a 'bad sport.'

Welsh, now a soccer coach at Montclair Kimberly Academy,

had brought up different points in her career where the line between sportsmanship and gamesmanship were blurred. Gamesmanship - the act of using different tactics to gain an advantage, is widely utilized in the sports world. Welsh spoke of her time on the National team, laughing as she thought of all the things she would have done as a player that she may do differently now as a coach.

At the end of the day, the line will always stand between good sportsmanship and bad sportsmanship; the question is where the line falls.

## Women's Basketball Look to Continue Their Successes this Season



Kate Tobie and the Red Hawks have their sights set on another NCAA run this season.

Daniel Falkenheim | *The Montclarion*

Daniel Falkenheim  
Web Editor

The Montclair State women's basketball team suffered a heartbreaking overtime loss in the Second Round of the NCAA DIII Tournament, but now the team is looking to pick up where they left off. The starting lineup is back, the bench is back and the team is back for the 2016-17 season with one more year of experience.

Kayla Ceballos, the team's only graduating senior from last year, suffered a season-ending knee injury and the team was forced to learn how to play without their top scoring option.

"We learned a lot about ourselves," Head Coach Karin Harvey said. "We grew so much, especially in that really difficult stretch that we went through. To be able to battle

through that, and claw our way to a Conference Championship, then to the NCAA tournament, and still finish first in the region, I think that said a lot about what was inside of us."

The Red Hawks enter this season as the 16th ranked team in the country, according to the D3Hoops preseason poll. No other team in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) was nationally ranked, and Harvey has the unique opportunity to coach essentially the same roster from last season.

But, there are new additions. Freshmen forwards Ashli Stinnett-Cheek, from Winslow Township High School, and Alex McKinnon, from Fairfield Ludlowe High School, join the Red Hawks along with freshman guard Cerys MacLelland, from Cranford High School. Colleen O'Connell and De-

onna Overton are also joining the team as assistant coaches.

"On my interview, and it's funny, I talk about this with Coach Harvey a lot, I was so impressed by the [team's] work ethic," O'Connell said. "But, also the narrow focus of the girls. They know what they're chasing. They are willing to go through the process to get there."

In prior years, the team had a specific goal. The Red Hawks' goal for the 2014-15 season was to make a Final Four run (they achieved that goal and traveled to Grand Rapids, Mi. for the Final Four) and the goal for the 2015-16 season was to win the NJAC Championship (they achieved that, too).

But this year is different. "I'm going to be honest, I'm trying to change our focus a little bit," Harvey said. "For us, I would like us to stay fo-

cused on the process and see where that takes us, instead of saying, 'you know what, I think we're an Elite 8 team, or Sweet 16 team or we're an NJAC championship team.'"

A mix of junior and senior captains - including juniors Kate Tobie and Katie Sire and seniors Zoe Curtis, Rachel Krauss and Sage Bennett - represent the team perfectly."

Each player on the team is trending upwards in terms of individual skills, but the team still has one area they are working on: rebounding. The Red Hawks were outrebounded by at least 11 rebounds in their only two games in the 2016 NCAA Tournament and were an average rebounding team in the NJAC.

Still, the Red Hawks have a plethora of players that can contribute offensively on a game-by-game basis. Harvey and O'Connell said they were pleased with what they saw in the team's first scrimmage on Nov. 5, but both pointed out the team's rebounding and ball handling could be better.

Projecting ahead, Montclair State will be the team to beat in the NJAC. The team's roster will have a majority of upperclassmen for the first time in awhile, and the 2016-17 season is set up for the Red Hawks to thrive.

The Red Hawks' first game of the 2016-17 season will be at home against Haverford College on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.



Kate Tobie avoids the opposition to bring the ball up court. Daniel Falkenheim | *The Montclarion*



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## Headed to the NCAA Tournament



### With an NJAC Championship Trophy in hand, Men's Soccer is eager for Another

The Montclair State Men's Soccer team poses with their new NJAC Championship trophy.

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The Montclair State men's soccer team earned an automatic bid to the 2016 NCAA Tournament with a 3-0 win over nationally ranked Rowan University in the New Jersey Athletic Conference Tournament Final. An own goal and tallies from Jake Seaman and Colin Mulligan saw the Red Hawks past the Prof's of Glassboro, despite the suspensions of Lucas Terci, Rafael Terci and Michael Czynnek, who all missed the game after picking up red cards in the previous win versus Rutgers-Newark. Despite missing these players, Montclair State put together an

excellent team performance to get the win and advance to the national tournament, facing off against Christopher Newport in the First Round at Messiah College in western Pennsylvania.

Montclair State got off to a quick start when a Rowan own goal put the Men's team up 1-0. Winger Steven Zamudio picked the ball up on the left side of the 18 yard box and fired in a dangerous cross towards Jake Seaman, who was lurking front post. Sensing the danger, Rowan defender Brian Dziobak tried to head the ball away, but it only found its way into the back of the net past a diving Kyle Dennis. The Red Hawks defended well for the rest of the half, forcing Rowan into several

long range shots that did little to trouble goalkeeper Mike Saalfrank, who had a strong performance marshalling the 18 yard box against Rowan's patented set-piece based attack. Montclair was able to stifle Rowan until the first half whistle blew.

The second half started similarly to the first, with Rowan having trouble breaking down Montclair State's reworked defense that saw Justin Clancy slide over from right back to central defense, and strong performances from Ian Johnson and Chris Bobev, as well as the ever-present and ever-physical Mike Taranto. 18 minutes into the half, a foul on the Red Hawk's set up a dangerous free kick opportunity for senior

winger Mike Olla. Olla curled a vicious free kick that Prof keeper Kyle Dennis did well to save low at his near post, but the rebound fell to the striding Jake Seaman, who slotted a clinical finish into the side netting from a tough angle to put Montclair up 2-0 over their rivals. A few minutes later, Saalfrank would make a key save as he acrobatically punched a point blank header off the crossbar that was later cleared by Mike Taranto

Controversy ensued in the 72nd minute when Colin Mulligan charged forward with the ball and ripped a left footed shot from about 30 yards that the Rowan keeper tried to punch away but was only able to punch the ball into his own

net. Dennis appealed to the referee that he had caught it after the punch before it went over the line, but the sideline referee signaled it had crossed the line, and Montclair went up 3-0. Montclair prevented Rowan from getting back into the game and defended with shape and organization over the last 20 minutes of the match. After the final whistle blew, the Hawk's celebrated earning their 4th NCAA appearance in a row.

## One Down, One to Go



### Montclair State Volleyball Lands NJAC Championship, Sets Sights on NCAA

The Montclair State Volleyball team poses with their new NJAC Championship trophy

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The volleyball team hoisted the New Jersey Athletic Championship (NJAC) trophy loud and proud last week after they defeated top-seeded Ramapo College in the NJAC Tournament Championship - earning the college the first Volleyball NJAC title in almost a decade, the previous coming in 2007.

"It is a great feeling to see Montclair State back in the top of the NJAC," Head Coach Eddie Stawinski said, "It was surely a memorable run in the post-season this year." With this title, the team earned themselves a bid to the coveted NCAA Tournament with an eagerness to

earn another banner to hang in the Panzer Athletic Center.

The NJAC Championship Tournament is a familiar scene for Stawinski and his team, having lost in the semifinals last season to their rivals, Stockton University, last season. Ironically, Stockton was exactly who they met in the semifinals this season. Except, this season took a different turn. The Red Hawks came out victorious over their eight-time NJAC rival from down the shore. Coach Stawinski credits this win over Stockton as a big conference booster for the girls.

"Having played in the finals last year we remembered the feeling of being so close and not playing our best,"

Coach Stawinski said. "The team was poised not to let that opportunity go by twice and took advantage of it."

After a redeeming semifinal, the team took the court with less nerves and more certainty, having played one of the best matches of their season that night against Ramapo, in the opinion of their head coach.

The title came at the 'perfect time,' according to Stawinski. They have improved as the season progressed, but as the Championship Game approached, he believed that they were playing their best volleyball of the season. Stawinski felt confident going into the Championship Game, highlighting the team's hard work and their

strategies in accordance to their specific NJAC competitors.

"We had different game plans for each conference playoff match and the team executed them in the matches," Stawinski said.

Their game plans paid off in the NJAC, but this is not the end of the road. The NCAA bracket was released via live stream on Monday and the entire team gathered to watch it together to learn their fate.

The team will take the short trip to Stevens Institute of Technology, where they will take on Clark University in Massachusetts. Stawinski and his fellow coaches will work to develop a new game plan, while looking to his reliable team to be as

consistent as they always have been throughout the season.

"We have great depth in our program and have been able to maintain a competitive level in practice which has helped us maintain a high level throughout the season," Stawinski said.

The team hopes to snatch the first NCAA Volleyball title for Montclair State since 2007. "It is a strong bracket and Clark is a great opponent," Stawinski said. "Overall, it is a great feeling to see Montclair State Volleyball announced in the National Championship Tournament."