COMING HOME

8 Years Later

Yesterday marked eight years of U.S. involvement in Afghanistan. Almost 100 veterans study at Montclair State University, and nine of them willingly shared their experiences, thoughts and stories of their journey overseas, and the transition coming home.

Kulsoom Rizvi
News Editor

Originally from Georgetown, Mass., David Gisonno, a junior Montclair was only two months into his marriage before being deployed to Iraq in February 2003.

"It was very, very hard. She was of course sad, Gisonno said of his wife. "But she accepted it."

Gisonno spent approximately a year in Korea, and stopped in Kuwait for 15 months before heading over to Iraq to work with communications.

"I kept a picture of my wife, and talked to her as much as I could to stay normal, and keep my feet on the ground," he said. "The friends I made [in Iraq] also helped me stay focused. We would talk about our family and plans after service. We would just help each other out and keep each others' heads focused."

Twenty-three-year-old Yoan Hermida enlisted in the Army straight out of high school at the age of 17 as a combat engineer.

Hermida enlisted in April 2003, and deployed to Iraq in September 2003.

"I supported the invasion in Iraq, and it felt hypocritical to support a cause but not be part of it. The guys in my unit would tell stories about firefights, and how hot it would be once we got over there, which actually ended up being true. If you're not afraid, there is something wrong with you."

Similar to Hermida, 24-year-old Romeo Alcid also enlisted at the age of 17 and decided to enlist due to past family ties with the military.

"My dad was the general in the Philippines, so it felt kind of like a responsibility to enlist," he said. "My mother was hesitant at first, and my dad passed away when I was nine, but I know"

Photos were provided by Kenny Svolto, David Gisonno, Brian Shaw, Yoan Hermida, Ana Cordoba, Romeo Alcid and Robert Marks.
Pelican Police Report

1 On Sept. 29: A student reported the theft of his parking hangtag from his vehicle parked in Lot 45.

2 On Sept. 29: A student reported being harassed by an unknown suspect via telephone while at the Clove Road Apartments.

3 On Sept. 29: A student reported the theft of her purse from University Hall.

4 On Sept. 30: A student reported the theft of her laptop computer left unsecured in Sprague Library.

5 On Sept. 30: Brian Iacono was arrested and charged with possession of CDS marijuana under 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia while in Blanton Hall.

6 On Oct. 01: James Magee was charged with underage consumption of alcohol while in Bohn Hall.

7 On Oct. 02: A student reported criminal mischief damage to her vehicle parked neared Freeman Hall.

8 On Oct. 02: An MSU employee reported the theft of four AV projector carts and a DVD player from University Village.

9 On Oct 03: An MSU employee reported two students attempting to use the same identification to gain access into the Recreation Center.

10 On Oct 05: A student reported an unknown person threw popcorn out of a window, striking her in the foot while outside of Freeman Hall.

11 On Oct 06: Ryan Mulligan, Susanne Sant-Anam and Andrew Zielyk were charged with underage consumption of alcohol while in Bohn Hall.

Anyone who has information regarding these, or incidents not listed above, is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at 10A (APD). All calls are strictly confidential.

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Corrections

In last week’s article titled “University Drops Rape Charges Against Sigma Pi,” the individual member of the fraternity accused of rape was not cleared of the charges. The fraternity was cleared.

In last week’s issue, Lieutenant Kiernan Barrett was quoted in the article “Closer Look: MSU Safety.” Barrett said “As student size has increased, we have had the support of the administration to increase our numbers as well as meet the challenges of a growing community.”
Yogi Berra is hitting another one out of the ball park as he breaks ground on the expansion of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center.

On Monday evening, faculty, staff, children, teachers, family, and Carmen and Yogi Berra all joined together to celebrate the ground breaking ceremony for the expansion phase of a four part-building renovation.

“We have been anticipating this ground breaking ceremony for a long time coming. We had obstacles to overcome, and we are here now. We are here to honor and teach, to further serve in expansion,” Board of Trustees President Kevin Carroll said.

The Yogi Berra Museum and Learning center debuted 11 years ago, and for many years was a center for children to learn sportsmanship, integrity, social justice and values through exhibits and sports-based educational programs.

The museum will go through a $2.5 million renovation that will include many new additions and programs.

Dr. Susan Cole, president of Montclair State University, was there to support Yogi’s new expansion.

“It’s really a great thing for us to be on the Montclair State University campus. To be a part of a vibrant college community; we plan on working closer with various departments,” explains David Kaplan, director of the Yogi Berra Museum.

The first part of the plan was finished in late May with the reconstruction of the museum’s office space. The next phase will be the expansion which includes a new glass entrance and gallery. The expansion includes a new exhibit and brand new theater. All plans should be expected to finish by next year.

Through out all these plans for the renovation, the museum will remain open to the public.

New embellishments will be added to the museum, such as the old home base from the old Yankee Stadium which was donated by the Yankees themselves. All money is being raised by private donations.

Yogi Berra, a Yankee legend who was the starting catcher for the team from 1946 to 1963, was pleased with the next phase of his Museum and Learning Center.

“The Museum and Learning Center, in 11 years has done a lot of good for so many young people. I’m grateful for our supporters, and that I’m still alive to see it.”

Among those young supporters were students from the first public school to visit the museum in 1998, Montclair’s Bradford School. The school class helped Yogi dig a shovel into the ground. Yogi beamed with pride and delight.
Montclair State University is one of a dozen four-year schools in New Jersey that have taken steps to reduce their costs by using electronic textbooks. At Montclair, E-textbooks make up 10 percent of the bookstore's sales, and are making their way into MSU’s classrooms.

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American Monk Centers Will Not Consider On Peace and Happiness

In ASCU’s estimation, New Jersey losing close to 30,000 of college bound students annually. This partially accounts for New Jersey tuition is the state’s second largest, which is the third highest of the 12 New Jersey public colleges.

Montclair State University welcomed American monk Venerable Sumati Marut to the University last Wednesday night. Avoiding traditional Buddhist lectures, Marut created an open forum focused on a central theme, achieving happiness.

“His presentation was very accessible from the community,” said Lama Marut. “It was a perfect opportunity.”

Many spectators were satisfied with Lama Marut’s teachings. “I appreciated that he wasn’t talking about Buddha’s principles, but was focused on creating happiness,” says Kevin McGowan. “I think it was a Buddhist presentation. It was a very open conversation on a way to create happiness, and that was his vocal point. And I think that’s where he struck home,” said McGowan.

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“Forgiveness isn’t forgetting. And forgiveness is not an act of weakness — forgiveness is for the strong.”

Lama Marut was able to bring many different types of people together in Montclair, as many residents gathered to see his lecture. Most people had stayed for a couple of questions.  Lama Marut is a spiritual leader from Buddhist tradition. He is also the founder and director of American Monk Center.  Lama Marut was born in India and wrote many articles, published books and co-translated The Laws of Manu. By 2005, he was ordained a monk.

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$6.5 Million Grant Awarded to College of Education

Award Named Largest in University History

Unidentified Source

Montclair State University announced that the College of Education and Human Services has received a five-year $6.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education under its Teacher Quality Partnership Program. This is a very prestigious grant.

There are 172 applicants, and only 28 grants were awarded. Furthermore, there are 172 applicants, and only 28 grants were awarded. Furthermore, "This is a new grant competition that will enable us to be national pioneers in the country implementing an Urban Teacher Residency program, which is the new gold standard for teacher preparation," said Beth Cutler, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, stated. The award will fund preparations for 100 student residents to work in the Newark Public Schools through the Newark Montclair State Teacher Residency Program (NMSTRP).

The College of Education and Human Services has partnered with the College of Science and Mathematics, the Newark Public Schools and the Newark Teacher Union.

The accommodations included a full-time paid residency for post-baccalaureate teacher candidates who will earn a Master of Arts degree in teaching, a full tuition payment and one half the salary of $35,000 a year.

The grant will also cover an extensive professional development program for teachers already employed in the Newark Public Schools, and help 100 teachers pursue National Board certification as master teachers.

Even though grants have been extended from the U.S. Dept. of Education previously, this one in particular focuses on creating Urban Teacher Residencies.

"Montclair State already has a national reputation as a leader in high quality teacher education, and this grant can only enhance and expand that reputation." said Beth Cutler.

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Norville Gives an Inside on Current Media

Gerold Ham
Assistant News Editor

Two-time Emmy Award winning Inside Edition anchor Deborah Norville was given the Allen B. DuMont Broadcaster of the Year Award on Friday, Oct. 2 at the DuMont Television Center.

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Before working on Inside Edition, Norville was co-host of NBC's Today Show and was last replaced by Katie Couric in 1999, after the show placed second in the morning show ratings. Norville also hosted her own talk show on ABC radio in 1992, which was on the air for a year.

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he would have been proud,” Alcid admitted he was more scared of coming home handicapped from the war than death because “I wouldn’t be able to fully live my life.

Living in Daytona Beach, Florida, 27-year-old Kenny Svolto’s life before deploying to Afghanistan consisted of working full-time at a biker bar and a family restaurant as a cook and going to school at Day Beach Community College.

“I told myself after getting my associate degree [that] I didn’t want to go into [the] restaurant industry.”

Svolto’s plans were originally to take a couple of months off in the Florida Keys before heading back to school, but plans soon changed after all three of Svolto’s vehicles broke down within several weeks.

After searching for jobs, Svolto landed a job as an inventor’s assistant where the inventor was quadriplegic, and inventing a stand up wheelchair.

“I basically got paid four dollars an hour, and any royalties, so I was just like this is ridiculous. I’m joining the army. I know what I was getting into; and once I signed the dotted lines, I felt safer.”

Svolto recalled an incident which occurred either the day of Sept. 11 or a couple of days before.

“While I was playing pool, two guys were sitting at the counter drinking, and their attitude about what [9/11] happened, and their attitudes about people seemed mainstream,” he described, “[They] were trying to explain why it happened, saying racial slurs, and I knew they were completely wrong. I felt like proving these people wrong, and the best way to do that was to join the Army.”

Svolto left for Afghanistan in November 2007. He said his mom was upset but not angry, dad was proud and everyone else was just concerned.

Twenty-five-year-old Brian Shaw’s parents were also hesitant about his decision to enlist in the army.

“I was unsure of what I wanted to do with the rest of my life,” he said.

The summer before he was deployed, Shaw described it as an usual summer break; but as the time got closer to leave, he felt a rush of nervousness and excitement.

“At the time, you don’t know what to expect, or what you’re going to do,” he said.

As an 18-year-old growing up in Harlem, Jose Mercado, now 37, decided to enlist in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam Era, since jobs were scarce due to the economy.

Mercado has experience as a master sergeant, combat engineer, drill instructor, and 2-3 Training officer, as assistant operation chief military police and aircraft crash fire and rescue.

Mercado served three tours in Hawaii, Iwakuni and Japan.

Arriving to a new life

When first stepping into Kuwait, Hermida described the area as a poor, third world country similar to Cuba, where he is from. The sight of bullet holes punctured buildings and the scene of destruction first made Hermida realize that he was in a war zone.

Twenty-seven-year-old Robert Marks left for Iraq in June 2008, and came home this past June. He described his first time leaving the base for a ISR surveillance mission overlooking a main supply route.

“You start gear up and leaving the security of the compound, the mood changes, and it becomes serious and real,” he said.

Twenty-four-year-old Ana Cerda who enlisted in the National Guard at the age of seventeen, remembered flying from Kuwait to Iraq on Sept. 11.

“That day made me more memorable for me,” she said.

Hermida described the locals of Iraq as “very proud people” and had expected them to treat the soldiers more as “captives” and not as “liberators.”

“We were the ones with the guns, but we talked to Iraqi soldiers who had a different perspective and were almost like peers. Even with the language barrier, we talked about how our families back home are back home and how to say ‘yes’ in Arabic. They were welcoming but also cautious.”

“Frustrating” and “impossibility” were the words Svolto chose to describe Afghanistan.

“The enemy would hide under the cover of women and children, and even though we knew these people are bad, we can’t bomb women and children. They keep them around for that.”

Svolto added that there is a trust issue between the Afghani people and themselves.

Afghani civilians were given the opportunity to be employed by the Coalition which caused death threats from other locals.

“The locals would have small explosives placed outside someone’s but, and they would set it off to scare them, and sometimes to kill them,” Svolto explained.

While most of the men brought home stations with them to Iraq as a form of entertainment and stress-relief, Hermida preferred reading biographies in general. The Corps series and the Brotherhood of War series by W.E.B Griffin which were based on stories from WWII. Hermida said that he read stories with “happy endings.”

“Calling back home helped Alcid stay some and avoid thinking and worrying about what’s going on with family back home.

Living conditions in Iraq, as Hermida described, were “nothing I would even want my worst enemy to experience.”

For Hermida, there was a lack of sleep. He would have the habit of waking up early in the morning and not sleeping during the daytimes.

“Whenever we were assigned to control checkpoints along the main highway in Iraq called Route Tampa, we would have to sleep on the ground or in our vehicles,” he said.

When it came to sleeping, Shaw said he would crash anywhere from the top of his truck to the bottom of the truck.

“The times Yoan Hermida (right) interacted with the Iraqi children were some of the few happy times he remembered while being there. Hermida described the kids as “high spirited” and “inquisitive.”
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Kenny Svolto recalled an incident when a rocket struck a CBR connax in the middle of the night filled with cans of paint.

“We sat on top of our bunkers and the skies were cleared. About 250 meters away was this connax on the ground...”

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“I was a kid who liked to play Army so it was a pretty unique experience for me,” Shaw said. He and his unit found an old palace of Saddam Hussein which was flooded to stop American troops from occupying it.

“It took about a week to clean and there were all these Palaces of Saddam lying everywhere,” Shaw recalled.

Night was pitch black in the castles and Shaw admitted there was not much to complain about except for when he reached for his ice tea and grabbed someone’s dip instead.

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“Getting out of the plane and seeing the leaves on the trees and the green grass felt good. It was nice to see the green again,” Marks said about the flight back home from Iraq.

Coming home was an exciting moment for Hermida, but there was the constant thinking about what he had done in Iraq, and where his fellow soldiers were. He also got into the habit of running more frequently.

Before deciding to apply to Montclair spring of 2005, Hermida applied to a school in Massachusetts, but decided he did not want to be away from home again.

“I was lucky enough to receive aid under the new GI Bill, which was a much better resource for veterans than the old GI Bill,” Hermida said. “I was able to pay for school, books and living,” he said.

Hermida added that whenever he sees military vehicles, he immediately gets flashbacks of what it’s like to be in one of them, and of all the hours and hours he spent on them.

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Besides getting back into the study habits, Hermida also had to get used to the routine, to the new environment, even though it had been a couple of years since he was last in a classroom.

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Coming back, Svolo knew that the type of work he did in Afghanistan was what he wanted to do in the states. The veteran applied at the Philadelphia Police Department while he was in Afghanistan, however, due to a hiring freeze, Svolo decided to go back to school.

Svolo works in the office of Veteran and Military Resources at Montclair part-time, and thinks the school is on the forefront of keeping abreast with accommodating veterans and military students.

“The Veteran and Military Resource office is brand new, it makes an effort to simplify the matriculation process for veterans. It is collaborating with all the necessary components which allow Veterans to use the GI Bill and National Guardes to use their education benefits.”

When asked about what comments Svolo had about the current situation in Afghanistan, the veteran responded:

“We’ve been there for eight years, and it’s getting worse, and will continue to get that way. The enemy will be more collaborative, more coordinated in their attacks and will be able to increase their numbers.”

Svolo added that from personal conviction, there was a better distinction between the people you could trust and the ones you couldn’t.

“That’s happening less and less and from some personal conviction, threats against the U.S., against the west, will never go away. It is a reality, we all have to live.”

Hermida admitted that the reason for invading Iraq might not all have been valid.

“Even anti-war movements should respect soldiers and appreciate the young veterans.”

As Svolo was walking on campus, he noticed a bunch of words written in chalk on the sidewalk near the library like “peace” and “love.”

“I wondered who wrote it and why. Do they know what it means to be without it?”

VETERANS ASSOCIATION AT MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

The Montclair State Veterans Association was chartered as a Class III student organization in February 2002.

Denise Redak, coordinator of veteran and military resources, said that David Gesine, the president of the RVEA, and Bonnie Martines, the vice president, were both members of a task force created by Dr. Karen Pennington in October 2008.

“The task force had three primary goals: examining what services are provided for veterans, suggest how existing services could be improved and determine what new services might be required,” Redak said.

It was determined that a student organization could provide a way for veteran students to get together and develop programming to meet their specific needs. It could also be a way for veteran students to help other veterans stationed around the world.”

Redak served on the task force as well and was appointed executive director of veteran and military resources by Dr. Pennington in March 2009. Redak worked closely with veteran students and according to her, it made sense to serve as one of the advisors.

“I do not have any military experience or family in the military. I have a tremendous amount of respect for these students and I am honored to work with them,” she said.

http://www.montclair.edu/orgs/veteransassociation/
These “mouse potatoes” run rampant. They download their TV and music. Some are advanced enough to illegally download in place of the telephone. They use instant messaging instead of writing a letter. They blog instead of writing literature. They broadcast their shenanigans on Twitter. They catch up with their friends on BFF’s Facebook wall, but it’s even fun to post on Sparknotes. While online activities are no doubt convenient to communicate with many people online, and it’s even fun to post Youtube videos on your EPP’s Facebook wall, but nothing can replace face to face communication.

1. You would rather talk to your friends online than in person.

If chatting online excites you more than hanging out with your friends, you may be spending too much time online. If you’re typing so much that you develop a serious health problem, it’s time to quit.

2. You use Wikipedia as your default study guide and research tool.

If Wikipedia is your go-to site for late night cramming, you may have a problem. Sure, it’s full of great information, but it doesn’t replace taking notes or reading your textbook. This may also be the case for Sparknotes.

3. You “Google” yourself more than twice a week.

If you’re spending precious time looking yourself up on WebMD. If you think the internet can replace the doctor you just look your symptoms up on WebMD. If you’re typing so much that you develop a serious health problem, it’s time to quit.

4. When you get sick you don’t go to the doctor you just look your symptoms up on WebMD.

They seem perfectly harmless, but these quizzes are addictive and a huge time waster — not to mention annoying to anyone reading your mini-feed. You are simply telling the world what a loser you really are.

5. You develop Carpal Tunnel Syn-drome from typing too much.

If you’re typing so much that you develop a serious health problem, it’s time to quit.

6. There are no more Facebook quizzes left for you to take.

You are simply telling the world what a loser you really are.

7. You update your Facebook status two or three times a day.

If you’re typing so much that you develop a serious health problem, it’s time to quit.

8. You have no idea if we’re in a war or not, but you know how to beat the monsters on World of Warcraft.

If your whole life revolves around a game, you’re spending too much time online on the Net.

9. You spend more money on iTunes than gas.

If the bulk of your paycheck is going to iTunes, you may have too much faith in it. This can also turn a normal kid into hypochondriacs, so beware.

10. You forgot what the outside world looks like.

If nature and the outside world is but a dim memory, you’re spending too much time online and need to get out! You are simply telling the world what a loser you really are.
Anti-War Protest in Washington D.C.

As we all know, today marks the eighth year anniversary of being at War with Afghanistan. President Obama still has to make the decision of whether to pull the troops out or send more in — a big decision for him.

PHOTO CREDIT: LAURA LENTIN

On Oct. 7, thousands of people paraded the streets of Washington D.C. to protest the war. Parents, children and students were all attended.

Our own Laura Lentin was at the protest, and she delivered these photos exclusively for The Montclarion. — Nicaury Santana.
Hello, everyone, and welcome back to another edition of “Cooking with Nelson.” Did everyone have a great Homecoming weekend? Remember, Homecoming weekend is never complete without a DePasquale family recipe and some loss of memory. That’s an anecdote we should all live by. I hope everyone enjoyed my Grilled Chicken Wrap, that was quite a classic.

This week I will share with all of you some beautiful people the correct recipe for Nelson’s “Nom-Nom” Burger. This one-pounder will satisfy the taste buds of beautiful people the correct recipe for Nelson. “Nom-Nom.” Did everyone have a great weekend? Oh yea and one more thing … except this is a “Nom-Nom” burger, gives a good little kick. After that, you’ll want to go to another edition of “Cooking with Nelson DePasquale.”

“Indeed, no one could be替 be lettuce:”

—One pound of top choice sirloin, and one pound will satisfy the taste buds of beautiful people the correct recipe for Nelson’s “Nom-Nom” Burger. This one-pounder will satisfy the taste buds of beautiful people the correct recipe for Nelson DePasquale.

—Three strips of crunchy bacon.

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COMICS

The Games section of *The Montclarion* will not be seen this week. Check for it again next week!
Kasser Theatre is known for its unusual programming of contemporary music. On Saturday evening, pianist Marino Formenti brought a recital program that was both ecletic and virtuosic.

Entitled “Kurtág’s Ghosts,” the recital paid homage to the aces Hungaricon composer György Kurtág by juxtaposing his shorter works with older piano pieces of various composers that had inspired him. Formenti called the interaction between old and new piano works “dialoguing,” where adjacent pieces “speak” to each other through similar rhythm, melody or harmony. The end result was two giant halves of a recital, separated only by a brief intermission, which jumped back and forth between the present and past of classical music. Spanning 700 years and nine countries, a huge variety of composers were represented. Under Formenti’s artistry, however, their differences welded into a unified stream of music.

Formenti claimed in his program notes that “György Kurtág’s music is…full of explicit interaction between the old masters and their respective tributes. An example among many was György Kurtág’s “Hommage a…to…” The pianist’s love for Kurtág’s music is…full of explicit interaction between the old masters and their respective tributes. An example among many was György Kurtág’s “Hommage a…”

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Pianist Summons “Ghosts” at Kasser Theatre

Kurtág’s Ghosts

Marino Formenti

Photo Courtesy of www.genreart.blogspot.com

On Oct. 2, a concert in the Student Center Ballroom rocked our students. Many ear of fans of the bands, Future Future, The Status, The Statistic, The Statistic and last but by no means least, Four Years Strong, lined up outside the room to enjoy the show. The sold out show was just $6 a piece with a valid ID, and started roughly around 8 p.m.

The first band performing was Future Future, a punk rock band from Sparta, N.J.. They are a two man band, with a strong drummer and an energetic vocalist who also did guitar, keys and electronics. Together, their collaboration was fun and lively, especially their song “My Machine.”

Next to take the stage was The Status from Atlanta, Georgia. Another alternative rock band growing in popularity, they played upbeat songs such as “Can You Hear Me.” They woke up the audience, especially during the common known Weezer song, often referred from Guitar Hero. “Say It Aint So.”

Many rocked out to this jam, and the guitarist as well as the bassist possessed strong skills.

To further amplify the great show, The Statistic from Philadephia moved the crowd. As a very fun pop-punk five-piece band, all the boys sang and talked about their upcoming album.

Then, they surprised the au-dience by playing a new, never before heard song off their de-but album. They also reported that their new album will have a more mature sound to it, but still be working to the ears such as their song, “Ar-
magroan.” After all these bands, one would think that the crowd would grow tired, but they were inchin with excitement.

With the anticipation building after each band, the audience could not wait for Four Years Strong to play. When they finally claimed the stage, with their awesome boards and charming looks, they began their set with the ever popular, “Prepare to be Digitally Manipulated.” The crowd was completely nuts the minute they started playing a single note. The mosh pit was constantly wild with screaming and dancing fans having a great old time. Other personal favorites of mine and the crowds were “Abandon Ship” or “Abandon All Hope” and “Wrecked ’Em” Damn Near Killed ’Em.”

The concert left all the stu-dents in utter happiness, con-tent for giving a great oppor-tunity to enjoy some fun-loving bands for the night.

In addition, many people that came out did not hear of some of the bands played, so it was a chance to add some new music to their iTunes list.
Anyone who has ever seen a Guy Ritchie film knows how much of a roller coaster ride it is. Every film he touches has unparalleled intensity and deep complex stories that may take a little adjusting to fully comprehend. Revolver is no different, yet somehow this film is no different, yet somehow this film is able to slip through the cracks between the releases of Snatch and RocknRolla. Just before releasing Revolver, he did, however, break this mold to make Sleepless Night starring Madonna, his wife at the time, which was a box office fail. Balloon, Ritchie premiered at the Toronto Film Festival on Sept. 11, 2005, but was virtually unseen by American viewers until its limited release on Dec. 7, 2007, some twenty months after it’s initial DVD release.

The film opens with the main character, Jake Green, who is played by James Gandolfini, walking with two police officers and a mysterious man hands him a business card. The man who gave him the card. The man is Zack, played by Vincent Pastore of The Sopranos, who brings Jake to see his partner Avi, played by Benjiemun, also known as Andre 3000 of the rap group Outkast. Zack and Avi hand him the results of his blood test, but refuses to say where they got them. The test says that Jake is going to die within three days of a mysterious disease of which there are no cure, and when he checks up with the doctor he finds that Zack and Avi were not lying. The two of them are loan sharks, and they offer him a deal; in exchange for every last penny he has they will protect him from Macha and his men. The two of them are loan sharks, and they offer him a deal; in exchange for every last penny he has they will protect him from Macha and his men. The two of them are loan sharks, and they offer him a deal; in exchange for every last penny he has they will protect him from Macha and his men.

When he arrives home, he is ambushed by one of Macha’s hit-men in a room of the most intense and stylish scenes of the film, and who else would come to his rescue but the mysterious man who gave him the card. The man is Zack, played by Vincent Pastore. The Supremus, who brings Jake to see his partner Avi, played by Benjiemun, also known as Andre 3000 of the rap group Outkast. Zack and Avi hand him the results of his blood test, but refuses to say where they got them. The test says that Jake is going to die within three days of a mysterious disease of which there are no cure, and when he checks up with the doctor he finds that Zack and Avi were not lying. The two of them are loan sharks, and they offer him a deal; in exchange for every last penny he has they will protect him from Macha and his men. The two of them are loan sharks, and they offer him a deal; in exchange for every last penny he has they will protect him from Macha and his men.

But Darnielle has yet to release a disc so intensely driven, in intense style as Revolver, and even fewer can compare to Guy Ritchie’s stylish filmmaking. No one makes a more innovative and visually stunning action film than Ritchie. The storytelling is gripping, the acting is top notch and Sharp Statham has never been better. Revolver could be described as an action film a drama and even a philosophical thriller. The blend of action, comedy and all the things you would expect from one of Macha’s hit-men in a room of the most intense and stylish scenes of the film, and who else would come to his rescue but the mysterious man who gave him the card. The man is Zack, played by Vincent Pastore. The Supremus, who brings Jake to see his partner Avi, played by Benjiemun, also known as Andre 3000 of the rap group Outkast. Zack and Avi hand him the results of his blood test, but refuses to say where they got them. The test says that Jake is going to die within three days of a mysterious disease of which there are no cure, and when he checks up with the doctor he finds that Zack and Avi were not lying. The two of them are loan sharks, and they offer him a deal; in exchange for every last penny he has they will protect him from Macha and his men. The two of them are loan sharks, and they offer him a deal; in exchange for every last penny he has they will protect him from Macha and his men.

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Michael Moore, the director of documentaries like *Roger & Me*, *Bowling for Columbine*, * Fahrenheit 9/11*, and * Sick*, himself, admits that these are the films he has always wanted to make. Whether you agree or disagree with Moore’s ideology, the film is a bold, brave attempt at something controversial and ambitious. This attempt that should be applauded is for its investigative research and honest story telling, patiently exposing the top 5 percent of America makes you depressed and angry, can’t be regulated and should be eliminated. These extremely controversial documentaries were hard to believe yet are proven true due to Moore’s ability to closely and pres- ented collected evidence. Now if you are worrying that this film will make you depressed and angry, it is not all spectacle and corruption; Moore has a sense of humor and his film is filled with hope. One of these signs of hope comes from a story from Detroit where a courageous Sheriff refuses to evict families from their homes.

Another optimistic story reveals mor- ally run bakery in California where the owner shares the profit that comes across well.

The Breakfast Club

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Artwork and Iraq
Drawing the Way to Relief

This picture was drawn to remind me of my tour to Iraq.

Talking about deployment is one thing, but when it comes the time to complete the training and get on that plane, it’s a completely different thing.

Knowing that I was on my way to a combat zone, I had no idea what to expect besides being shot at, and trying my best to stay alive for the rest of my tour. I didn’t know what to take with me, or how to prepare myself. All I knew was that I was on my way, and there were no last minute decisions to make.

When I got to Iraq, everything was different — my whole world had gone upside down, and my only relief from it was to sit back and draw whenever I had some free time.

I spent an hour or two drawing and making something new with just pen and paper. A few of my friends took my drawings as tattoos, and they gave me ideas on what to draw, but everything was original.

I drew what was on my mind, and how I felt at times. It all paid off when I look back at my drawings, and still can’t believe I went to Iraq, and came back in one piece. – Miguel Lopez

This picture is a tribute to those who have lost their lives out there while in combat.
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Welcome Back: Veterans Return to Montclair State

A mong the events, with the exception of the post-rally and hot dog eating contest, was success fully run by the Board. This was a vast improvement from previous years, when Homecoming would come and go with little interest from the student body. It’s pretty commend able that the board was able to drum up enthusiasm for the events.

Erica Schnatz, director the Board, did an excellent job and helped make Homecoming the success that it was. Homecoming wasn’t perfect. For example, before Saturday’s game, a beer garden for alumni of the class of 1984 was held on top of the Red Hawk Deck. About 15 former students got together with their families and enjoyed food and of course, beer. This event did not garner the high attendance that was expected, though, as trays of food were left uneaten.

Despite this, Homecoming 2009 was generally a huge success. Many thanks to the Programming Board for putting on a great event that drew large numbers of students. It will be exciting to see what the Board has up their sleeves for Homecoming 2010.

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Homecoming Actually a Success? Yes!

Homecoming 2009 was more than anyone could have hoped for, especially with the immaculate planning of our very own Programming Board. The talent show had a vari ety of acts. There was a poker tournament, a concert and Montclair State even won the football game! At the game on Saturday night, 6,357 people packed to see the Red Hawks pound William Paterson’s Pioneers. This was the largest recorded attendance for a Montclair State football game since 1988. The fans got to enjoy a 24-7 win for our university. However, the success of the game went beyond the field. Members of the Programming Board were at the event, flinging free tote bags and t-shirts into the crowds.

The 2001 student body showed the kind of support for a sports team that hasn’t been seen in decades. On Friday night, a sold out crowd of 450 packed the Student Center ballrooms. Homecoming was in support of a good cause because all proceeds went to bene fit Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. The band Four Years Strong highlighted the event. A raffle group of about 600 students also filled Memorial Auditorium Monday evening to watch as the Homecoming candidate performed during acts of entertainment for the talent show, hosted by the Programming Board. King and queen contestants were singing, dancing and even reciting monologues to keep the crowd on the edge of its seat. A Homecoming poker tournament was also held on Thursday at the Student Center Ballrooms. A group of approximately 45 students competed for prizes and the winner received a $100 Visa gift card.

This was the first year the Programming Board organized Homecoming. All of these events, with the exception of the pep rally and hot dog eating contest, were success fully run by the Board. This was a vast improvement from previous years, when Homecoming would come and go with little interest from the student body. It’s pretty commend able that the board was able to drum up enthusiasm for the events.

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Well here to Montclair State

A s of Oct. 7, the United States military has been stationed in Afghanistan for eight years. For much of that time, the war in Afghanistan has been overshadowed by the invasions and subsequent occupation of Iraq. The most recent deployment data states that by the end of this year there will be 68,000 American troops in Afghanistan. Many veteran returning home choose to take advantage of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill that provides full tuition grants, enabling them to attend college.

Montclair State University has close to 305 student veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Karen Pennington, the group’s vice president, created a task force last October to better serve the needs of veterans.

Chartered as a Class III veteran organization, the Montclair State Veterans Association seeks to be a advocate of veterans, on and off campus. This group also enables our veterans to reach out to more soldiers stationed around the world. Montclair veterans say they owe a majority of Montclair State students to the transitioning process.

Many of us were surprised to learn that there were nearly 100 veterans who served in Afghanistan. A raucous group of about 600 attended classes before their tour of duty and have monthly returned, or whether they are taking college classes for the first time, veteran told reporters that the university and professors have been helpful in the transitioning process. Montclair veterans say they owe much of their success to Denise Rodak, the Coordinator of Veteran and Military Resources on campus.

This is great news considering the complications that have come with the new G.I. Bill. According to a recent article in The New York Times only 11 per cent of the 277,000 veterans who have applied for benefits have received them. The Department of Veterans Affairs has not been able to keep up with claims that as far back as May.

As a result, students have been forced to pay for books and fees out of their own pockets, or resort to taking out student loans. Many colleges across the nation have allowed veterans to enroll in classes, even if they have not received tuition payments. Veterans who spoke with The Montclarion did not report encountering one of these problems.

While Veteran’s Day is not until Nov. 11, the eighth anniversary of the War in Afghanistan reminds us of the thousands of veterans who have come home, and those who have yet to return.

Those of us who have not served cannot begin to understand the experiences of our veterans. We can, however, treat them with respect, regardless of our political beliefs. Many of us were surprised to learn that there were nearly 100 veterans who served in Afghanistan and Iraq at Montclair State. They are our friends and classmates, and we probably see them everyday. A majority of the students are in their early 20s, and immensely grateful for the opportunity to attend (or return to) college.

It was also surprising to learn that many of our brothers, sisters, cousins and friends enlisted in the military and will likely be deployed to Afghanistan in the months ahead. The United States is currently engaged in two wars – eight years in Afghanistan and six years in Iraq. It is fair to wonder if all that has been accomplished, this may have come as a surprise.

The Montclarion hopes that this issue will inform students, and remind them of the sacrifices of our own veterans on campus.

Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

Welcome Back: Veterans Return to Montclair State

Homecoming Would Actually a Success? Yes!

The Programming Board has up their sleeves for Homecoming 2009. The talent show had a variety of acts. There was a poker tournament, a concert and Montclair State even won the football game! At the game on Saturday night, 6,357 people packed to see the Red Hawks pound William Paterson’s Pioneers. This was the largest recorded attendance for a Montclair State football game since 1988. The fans got to enjoy a 24-7 win for our university. However, the success of the game went beyond the field. Members of the Programming Board were at the event, flinging free tote bags and t-shirts into the crowds.

The 2001 student body showed the kind of support for a sports team that hasn’t been seen in decades. On Friday night, a sold out crowd of 450 packed the Student Center ballrooms. Homecoming was in support of a good cause because all proceeds went to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. The band Four Years Strong highlighted the event. A raffle group of about 600 students also filled Memorial Auditorium Monday evening to watch as the Homecoming candidate performed during acts of entertainment for the talent show, hosted by the Programming Board. King and queen contestants were singing, dancing and even reciting monologues to keep the crowd on the edge of its seat. A Homecoming poker tournament was also held on Thursday at the Student Center Ballrooms. A group of approximately 45 students competed for prizes and the winner received a $100 Visa gift card.

This was the first year the Programming Board organized Homecoming. All of these events, with the exception of the post-rally and hot dog eating contest, were successfully run by the Board. This was a vast improvement from previous years, when Homecoming would come and go with little interest from the student body. It’s pretty commendable that the board was able to drum up enthusiasm for the events.

Erica Schnatz, director the Board, did an excellent job and helped make Homecoming the success that it was. Homecoming wasn’t perfect. For example, before Saturday’s game, a beer garden for alumni of the class of 1984 was held on top of the Red Hawk Deck. About 15 former students got together with their families and enjoyed food and of course, beer. This event did not garner the high attendance that was expected, though, as trays of food were left uneaten.

Despite this, Homecoming 2009 was generally a huge success. Many thanks to the Programming Board for putting on a great event that drew large numbers of students. It will be exciting to see what the Board has up their sleeves for Homecoming 2010.

Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion
**Don't Fear the Reaper**

Cultural Analysis not Coming

The apocalypse is not upon us as we speak, but it is not that far off. The cultural apocalypse has been happening for some time. It has been well underway ever since the invention of the internet and the pervasive use of social media. The internet has changed the way we communicate, consume, and engage with society. It has democratized communication, allowing anyone to become a publisher or commentator. However, this democratization has also led to the spread of misinformation, echo chambers, and the amplification of extreme voices.

The advent of social media has also changed the way we consume media. The traditional linear model of consuming media has been disrupted by the rise of social media platforms. Instead of consuming media in a serial, linear fashion, people now consume media in a more fragmented, nonlinear way. This has led to the rise of what is known as the “attention economy,” where the value of a piece of content is determined by how much attention it can attract.

The rise of social media has also led to the rise of “influencers,” who use their platforms to promote products or ideas. This has led to a blurring of the lines between entertainment and advertising. What was once considered entertainment is now considered advertising, and vice versa.

The cultural apocalypse is not just about the changes in how we consume media, but also about the changes in what we consume. The traditional values of society have been challenged by new values and beliefs. The rise of social and political movements has led to the questioning of traditional institutions and systems.

The cultural apocalypse is not going away anytime soon. It is a long-term process, and it will take time for society to adapt to these changes. However, it is important to recognize that the cultural apocalypse is not a threat, but an opportunity. It is an opportunity to re-evaluate our values and beliefs, and to create a society that is more inclusive and equitable.

**Still Want Change? Political Apathy not a Good Sign**

Lori Wicicorz, a political columnist, writes about the state of political engagement among young people.

S ilence schizzes across the United States as students as students sit glued to their televisions. The nation awaits the results from the 2020 presi- dential election with bated breath. A sense of euphoria swirls into the atmosphere as the first inklings of hope emerge across the country as the 44th president of the United States was revealed.

For the first time in decades, the American youth felt as though they had the opportu- nity to make a difference, and, in reality, they did.

The presidential race of 2008 inspired one of the largest voter turnouts in that nation’s history. Nearly 24 million young Americans, between the ages of 18-29, took part in the election.

Inspired by Obama’s campaign for change, young people prodded Obama over McCain. 2-1, as the election score revealed, so did political enthusiasm.

Nearly a year later the president-elect’s campaign for Obama and his supporters held an election night watch party in the nation’s capital. Obama’s supporters wait expectantly, as they spend much time watching the count, the tally and the score. They want change right now, and they aren’t getting it.

I am left to wonder whether or not the young Americans that were on their shirts were aware of his position on critical issues. Was this “ObamaMania” a popularity trend or a sign of things to come?

I asked, most of the students at Montclair State about how they feel about the outcome. They did.

Students should be writing letters to congressmen, picketing for rights and fighting against injustices. If they speak loud enough students will hear them.

American citizens can’t expect things to happen, if they don’t work for it.

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Katie Winters, an English major, is in her first year of attending the University of Delaware. She is an aspiring student writer and enjoys reading and writing on various topics.
Things have changed a lot since I was that embarrassed skinny kid in high school. The University LGBT Center website defines an ally as, “a person who supports and shares social justice values and actively challenges homophobia and heterosexism and promotes understanding and acceptance of sexual diversity.”

Not all the stories that I read were mine. Many American soldiers did what they could to protect the war and to undermine the war effort. Some antiwar veterans organized the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, or VVAW. Today, the U.S. mass media are much more highly controlled than during Vietnam. All this means is that we lost our war in 1975. "The fact is, it doesn’t matter what you look like, who your are, you’re gay -- you have to be proud and other people will be afraid to be around you."

I’m proud of students, faculty, friends and relatives that are not afraid of their sexual orientation. I’m proud of this university for the efforts it has made for LGBT causes. I’m proud of this university for the efforts it has made to understand, "Rome wasn’t built in a day." I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes. I’ve seen the progress, and I think it’s made for LGBT causes.
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**PERSONALS**

R.I.P. Terri. You will be missed.

Go News!

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Watch NOW on PBS Friday nights 8:30.

Mike Monostra is my BFF 4 ever.

Amanda, my love for you is highly logical. Luv, Leonard Nimoy xoxo.

Where would Catholicism be without the popes?

We need more lights on Clove Road.

Kristie’s little piggy went to the market. The other got chopped off.

Yay for the baseball playoffs starting!

Do you smell that?

It's Emily smelling like horses ... even worse this time.

Put 'it' on the board. Hehe.

Has anyone seen Shayna's phones? They’re BOTH missing.

Baby Buddy is turning 21 next week.

Laura is the best D.C. correspondent ever.

Jim and Pam are getting married tonight! Six seasons of waiting finally over.

BAAAAAAHHHHH!!!

Hey, did you catch Inside MSU? No, but I hear it is on weekdays at 2,4,6,8 and 10 on channel 31. I hear that the sports guy is sexy too.

Happy Birthday week, Laura!

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Volleyball Looks Strong, Breezes Past RU-Camden

Elise Cooper
Volleyball Head Coach

The Red Hawk Women’s Volleyball team shut out the competition against Rutgers-Camden’s Beastly Raptors. The girls really held their own against Rutgers on what Head Coach Elise Cooper called a “rollercoaster ride” of a match. The first set started out with some great offensive plays by Kara Burnham and Stephanie Karpetny, with consistent defensive plays by Meghan Stevens throughout this set and throughout the entire match. Cooper calls Stevens “one of our most consistent defensive players.” The girls fell set behind strong from the start, and finished with a win for the Red Hawks with the final score of the set 25-16.

The second set, as Cooper referred to it before, was a “rollercoaster ride” of a match. It was not the team’s best performance as middle blocker Anna Chesnakova wasn’t one of the team’s best performers. Chesnakova commented, “I think we underestimated the competition there.” Cooper said, “It’s good to stay aggressive no matter who you’re playing, because strong competition is still ahead.” The Red Hawks will be keeping their eyes on Friday’s tournament match against York College of Pennsylvania and Stockton College. “We’ll see some tough competition there,” said Cooper.

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Football

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For the forty-first straight time, Men’s Soccer came out with a win at home, defeating the Keiser Cougars 2-0, and setting the NCAA record for consecutive home victories.

The Red Hawks didn’t waste any time setting the record. Co-captain Mike Cullen, six minutes into the game, went unassisted from inside the 18-yard-line, giving MSU a 1-0 lead and Cullen his fifth goal of the season.

“When I take a step back and realize what we’ve done, it’s pretty amazing,” said Cullen. “When playing in such a high-level conference, and to have never lost at home speak volumes of how hard we have worked. We really take pride in defending our home turf. I haven’t lost a home game since I’ve been here, and hopefully we can keep it that way.”

Cullen and the rest of MSU had many more opportunities in the first half—getting off six more shots, however none made it across the goal line, and the score remained 1-0 heading into the second half.

Defensive was again a strong point for Montclair, as goalie Teddy Ritter made 11 saves in the first half, and the Cougars only managed to get off four shots.

Trying to apply the pressure early, MSU got off three shots on goal within the first five minutes, while keeping the Cougars only managing to get off two shots. The score remained 1-0 heading into the second half.

Eventually, Larry Geraghty took the pass from Joe Cullen and scored his second goal of the season, as well as of the game, to put the cherry on top of another MSU home win.

MSU kept the good times alive by defeating Eastern Connecticut to push the streak to 42 victories, however, it took them two overtimes to defeat the Warriors, 2-1. Joe Cullen took the pass from his brother in the fourth minute to score his fourth of the season, yet in the twenty-first minute the Warriors tied the game up at one.

“It wasn’t until 101 minutes into the game that Geraghty scored from another Mike Cullen assist that MSU survived a near upset loss. But, in Red Hawks fashion, the team kept its composure for the win.

“We all have the same type of attitude,” said Cullen, “We will not allow ourselves to lose.”

The Red Hawks face the Scarlet Raptors of Rutgers-Camden Saturday in Camden, so as to seek to add another victory in NACC play. Cullen knows that the next record to be broken is the road victories.

“Those games are behind us, we must take this week of training to prepare for a Rutgers-Camden on Saturday.”
Women’s Soccer Dominates with Two Weekend Victories

Nelson DeBonisque
Sports Editor

Football and Men’s Soccer weren’t the only Red Hawk teams with reasons to celebrate over the Homecoming weekend. Women’s Soccer had two huge victories against Rutgers-Camden and Rowan, in what was a very physical NJAC game. Men’s Soccer wasn’t firing, and controlled the tempo for most of the match.

“We know that every single NJAC game is a battle,” said Sisti. “It has always been like that. Every NJAC game is the biggest game of the season. Although the first half of the game was a hard fought battle by both teams, although the first half of the Red Hawks came out, and took complete control. Mallon only cut the lead for Camden by two in the second half, but they dominated in possession and ball control.

With a little over a half hour of game time left, Sisti scored her second goal of the game, this time off an assist from Stefani Elefther. Three seconds later, Sisti struck yet again, off a penalty kick. “I appreciate penalty kicks. They put a lot of pressure on the shooter and the keeper. It creates a mental battle within the physical battle of the game.’’

Natalia Sisti
Senior Forward

“We worked really hard to create scoring opportunities, and we were successful in doing so.” Mallon drew first blood off a penalty kick by Natalia Sisti. She was awarded the spot after a foul by the Rutgers defender. It created a mental battle within the physical battle of a game, and I really love that part of it.”

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Red Hawk Weekend Stats

Natalia Sisti – four goals
Lisa Offreda – two goals
Leah Tepperman – nine saves

Game of the Week

Football
Oct. 10, 1 p.m.
vs. #19 Cortland St.
Sprague Field

A win against the only ranked team in the NJAC could propel MSU back into the discussion of NCAA playoff teams.

Who’s Hot This Week

Megan Bosland
Goalie — Field Hockey

In the span of 135 minutes played within two games, Bosland gave up two goals and was named NJAC Rookie of the Week.

Scott Kubrak
Wide Receiver — Football

Kubrak scored a huge touchdown on a 54 yard punt return in the Red Hawks’ 24-17 victory over William Paterson on Saturday.

Red Hawk Stats

Men’s Soccer

Overall

MSU
4 - 0 - 0
10 - 0 - 1

Stevens
3 - 1 - 0
10 - 2 - 0

Rutgers-Camden
1 - 3 - 1
7 - 4 - 1

TCU
2 - 1 - 1
4 - 4 - 3

Ramapo
2 - 2 - 1
7 - 2 - 2

RU-Camden
1 - 2 - 1
6 - 5 - 1

New Jersey City
1 - 1 - 0
5 - 1 - 1

Montclair State
1 - 1 - 0
4 - 1 - 1

Rutgers-Camden
2 - 2 - 1
7 - 3 - 1

W. Paterson
2 - 1 - 2
4 - 4 - 3

Kean
2 - 1 - 2
4 - 3 - 4

TCNJ
4 - 1 - 0
10 - 1 - 0

Rowan
5 - 0 - 0
8 - 1 - 1

CCNY
3 - 0 - 0
3 - 1 - 0

NJAC
Overall

Kean
1 - 3 - 1
5 - 5 - 2

RU-Newark
1 - 2 - 1
5 - 3 - 2

Ramapo
2 - 2 - 1
7 - 2 - 2

RU-Camden
1 - 2 - 1
6 - 5 - 0

New Jersey City
1 - 1 - 0
5 - 1 - 1

Montclair State
1 - 1 - 0
4 - 1 - 1

Rutgers-Camden
2 - 2 - 1
7 - 3 - 1

W. Paterson
2 - 1 - 2
4 - 4 - 3

Kean
2 - 1 - 2
4 - 3 - 4

TCNJ
4 - 1 - 0
10 - 1 - 0

Rowan
5 - 0 - 0
8 - 1 - 1

CCNY
3 - 0 - 0
3 - 1 - 0

NJAC
Overall

Kean
0 - 4
10 - 6

RU-Newark
1 - 4
1 - 21

Ramapo
2 - 2 - 1
7 - 1 - 1

RU-Camden
1 - 2 - 1
6 - 5 - 0

New Jersey City
0 - 3 - 1
9 - 0 - 2

Montclair State
0 - 3 - 1
9 - 0 - 2

Men’s Soccer

Last Week

Oct. 4 vs. TCNJ
10/14 vs. Ramapo
10/12 Stevens 3, MSU 0
10/5 New Patz 2, MSU 0
10/3 Rutgers-Camden 3, MSU 0
10/16 Rutgers-Camden 3, MSU 0

Field Hockey

Last Week

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Sprague Field was a sea of red and white on Saturday night as a homecoming crowd of 6,337 people packed the place to watch their Red Hawks. They would not go home disappointed: Montclair State defeated arch-rival William Paterson 24-17.

Neither team's offenses were particularly impressive on Saturday, with five combined giveaways and only 460 yards of total offense for both teams. The first quarter was a real battle for field position, as both the Red Hawks' and Pioneers' defenses were able to stymie the opposition to force a punt on every drive.

The scoring started on yet another William Paterson punt in the second quarter, as Scott Kuceraik followed his blockers and broke away for a 54-yard punt return touchdown. This score put the Red Hawks up 7-0. Late in the quarter, the Red Hawk offense finally got clicking, as quarterback Tom Fischer led a 65-yard drive capped off with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Byron Lewin to make it a 14-0 Red Hawk lead at halftime.

However, the Pioneers were not about to let Montclair get its second straight homecoming shutout, as they quickly surged back into the game. Fischer threw an interception less than a minute into the second half and William Paterson capitalized, scoring on a Matt Marshall to Joel Rivera TD pass to make it a 14-7 game. A nearly seven minute Pioneer drive later in the quarter led to a field goal, and the score stood at 14-10 MSU through three quarters.

The Red Hawks drove into the red zone early in the fourth quarter, but Fischer’s third interception of the night ended Montclair’s scoring threat. The Red Hawks would get a safety after the long snap on a Pioneer punt went through the back of the end zone.