Montclair Increases Minority Graduation Rate by 14 Percent

Ratanjot Rekhi

Montclair State University has officially increased the graduation rate for Underrepresented Minority students by 14 percent.

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Montclair is one of 20 other public colleges and universities across America noted for an increase in the university’s minority graduation rate.

Montclair promotes diversity, and there are so many people from different backgrounds and ethnicities. I’m not surprised at all that [Montclair State] was recognized,” said Maines.


SPECIAL REPORT

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Cheesburger and fries: $5.15. Two slices of plain pizza: $4.50. Chicken strip, no fries: $5.05. Cheese steak with fries: $6.95.

No, this is not part of Montclair’s Steakhouse menu; those items were found throughout Montclair State University’s on-campus dining — from the Student Center Cafeterias to the Rathskeller.

Bressler said that it is not possible to completely renovate Calcia Hall, because there would be no space for students and professors to continue with classes while the building is being fully renovated. The current Calcia Hall building, home to around 800 art students, will be replaced with a new arts facility located near Sprague Field, a tentative location, according to Vice President of University Facilites Greg Bressler.

The replacement of Calcia Hall is a $12.6 million project set to begin construction sometime between the fiscal year of 2013-2014, according to the Capital Master Plan. Calcia Hall was built over 40 years ago, and according to Bressler, it suffers from extensive non-code compliance situations, deteriorated issues over the years that we decided it would be less expensive to build a new building rather than completely renovate the current one,” Bressler said.

A knock on the door on Saturday morning could be heard a thing until this past Saturday.”

Maines explained that her father took out his own money, “He told me that they have jeopardized the college future of freshman Julie Maines, 18, for good. She was being de-registered from all of her classes.

Home for the weekend, roommate Andrea Goldstein had a meeting with Dean of Students Rose Mary Howell and Associate Dean of Student Affairs D textbook Continued on Page 6

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VIDEO: Two Calzia students gave a tour to a new arts facility located near Sprague Field, a tentative location, according to Vice President of University Facilities Greg Bressler.

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New Calzia Building for Art Students

Maintenance Continues to Frustrate Students, Professors

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

Pelican Police Report

1. On Feb. 2: A student reported unauthorized photographs of herself posted on a website while in Blanton Hall.

2. On Feb. 2: A student reported the theft of her iPod, left unsecured in the Recreation Center.

3. On Feb. 2: A student reported the theft of his property from the Recreation Center. It was later recovered.

4. On Feb. 3: A student reported the theft of his laptop left unsecured in the Student Center.

5. On Feb. 3: A student reported the theft of her parking hangtag from her unsecured vehicle parked in Lot 30.

6. On Feb. 3: Tyanna Davis was arrested and charged with possession of CDS marijuana under 50 grams while in the Red Hawk Diner.

7. On Feb. 4: Brandon Gaynor was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated on Clove Road.

8. On Feb. 4: A student reported the theft of her parking hangtag and iPod from her vehicle parked in Lot 23.

9. On Feb. 6: A student reported the theft of her laptop and cash from her unsecured residence in Bohn Hall.

10. On Feb. 7: Kyshon Williams was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension while on Clove Road.

11. On Feb. 8: An employee reported bias crime graffiti while in the Maintenance Building. The victim was subsequently offered all University services.

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FINANCIAL CONCERNS

1. Two out of three incoming first-year students reported “some” (55.4%) or “major” (11.3%) when they were asked about their concerns in funding for school.

2. The percentage with “major” concerns did not change appreciably from 2008, those with “some” concerns moved up 2.2 percentage points and continued to climb to its highest level since 1971.

3. In the 2008 monograph, it was reported that more students were looking towards using their own resources from working and personal savings and aid that need not be repaid, such as grants.

4. 53.3 percent of incoming first-year students are turning to loans, which is up 3.9 percentage points from 49.4 percent in 2008. Most of these loans were in the range of $3,000 to $6,000, according to responses on the survey.

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Andrea Goldberg Freshman

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Julie Maines Freshman

“They expected me to pay nine grand in just two days.” Maines explained, waving her hands in the air.

She continued, “They expected me to move out in two days. What if I couldn’t get the money?” There is nothing that Residential Education and Services can do after a student has not paid tuition after the designated deadline.

Maines is one of many freshman that feel the stresses of the recession. According to a study from the Higher Education Research Research Institute of the University of California at Los Angeles that was released last month, two out of three first-year students reported having “some” or “major” concerns over financing college. This rate is the highest level of concern that has been reported since 1971. Has the recession hit rock bottom?

“You should have seen her. She was hysterical outside of Bohn [Hall] on the phone with her dad for like two hours,” said Goldberg. Colleges is always referred to as the good years, what’s so good about about financial stress?

Looking her roommate in the eyes and sighing, she continued, “It made me nervous. Loans are going to be even harder for me to pay because I live out of state.”

Andrea Goldberg, a New York resident, decided to come to Montclair because of the education program and would like to be a teacher. Currently, her parents are helping her as far as loans go; however, ultimately, Goldberg knows the loans will be her responsibility.

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Goldberg joins the many freshman of 2009 who reported it was “very important” that graduates from certain schools are able to get jobs. The percentage concerned with job security is 56.5, the highest rate reported since the question was asked in 1965.

“I think by the time I graduate, my loans will be too much for my parents to deal with. My dad does remind me that it would be better if I went to school in New York, but I looked around, and I really didn’t like any of them,” said Goldberg. For her, the experience at Montclair outweighs the price tag.

The study also shows that 53.3 percent of first-year students pay for college with the help of loans, up four points from last year’s report. The percentage is at its highest point in the past nine years.

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Half-smiling, Goldberg said, “I just pray that I don’t get someone knocking on my door saying you’re out in two days!”

Andrea Goldberg and Julie Maines manage to smile, despite financial issues.

(Left to right) Freshmen Andrea Goldberg and Julie Maines

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"A lot of parents take notice of what their kids are eating when they visit their campus, and we felt Sodexo didn't represent the healthier choice."

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Vice President of Operations at Seton Hall

Students can purchase at the beginning of the semester and use to buy their food during the semester. MSU students have a variety of options as far as meals go, but at the end of the day, Sodexo is the cheapest.

The meal plans offered by MSU are broken down into "blocks" and "flex dollars." Each block is considered a meal from the two major cafeterias and covers up to $2.25 per swipe, which registers on a student's I.D. card. "They're not really a meal plan that suits me," said Franco Amati, currently a student at MSU. "The least part is purchasing a meal plan that is over $1,645 and buying a block of 4 meals with $500 extra for more food." McKeenie usually does not have to go to food outside of Sodexo, but she knows people that do. "The quality of the food is decent, but I think the [prices] are a little high."

Sodexo said Peter Fischbach, NJIT's vice president of operations, "They're a bit pricey," said Li, in reference to on campus food. "However, even though there have been complaints all around campus, Montclair State officials who work with Sodexo refused to comment. "A lot of parents take notice of what their kids are eating when they visit their campus, and we felt Sodexo didn't represent the healthier choice," said Anthony Frangillo, the vice president of operations at Seton Hall, a Gourmet Dining's meal plans, which have been happening for the past few years have affected students across campus and students feel it will continue to affect them in the years to come if the situation does not change soon."

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"My dad always says that Sodexo is so expensive, we can't afford it, it's just too much money," said Fonseca.

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graduate Samantha Daster said. From 2002 to 2007, Montclair State has increased the graduation rate for URM (Under Represented Minorities) by 14 percent. URM include African Americans, Hispanics and Native American heritages.

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Samantha Daster Graduate

Montclair Statistics

Looking at the progress minority students have made in public institutions from 2002 to 2007.

Undergrad Enrollment Fall 2006: 12,365
URM Among Undergrads Fall 2006: 28.3%
Overall Six-Year Grad Rate 2007: 61.2
URM Six-Year Grad Rate 2002: 40.9
URM Six-Year Grad Rate 2007: 54.9
Change in URM Grad Rates 2002-07: 14.0

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The filter underneath the sink in R. 224 of Calcia Hall floods the room.

Sophomore Meaghan McDermott was in the printmaking studio and shared the discussion she had with another person who has been at Montclair State for 20 years. "They said Calcia hasn't changed at all since they've been here. The most frustrating thing is the heating and cooling issues in rooms. In the visual and jewelry studio, the temperature can be as high as 87 degrees, and the windows don’t open, so that’s annoying," McDermott said as she continued to work on her printmaking. "They don’t care about us at all."

Work orders for Calcia Hall from 2009-2010 indicate that there have been a total of 115 work orders closed and nine still open. Many of the requests deal with heating and leaking issues where two requests from a few days ago state there is no heat in CA-117 and CA-215 which are offices. Some of the orders were responded quickly; for example, on Jan. 21, there was an urgent request for "WINDS IN THE PRINTMAKING STUDIO IN CALCIA HALL ROOM CA-228 

room. In the jewelry and metalworking studio, the sink was leaking and draining water was collected in a bucket. "The filter probably hasn’t been cleaned, since the building was built," junior Melissa Graff said who uses the studio. Graff added that the temperature in the room is now controlled with heat or air conditioning. "It’s been as hot as probably 90 degrees and as cold as 40. If your hands are too cold, you can’t work, and if you’re too hot, you feel like you’re going to pass out," she said.

When told about the new arts building being constructed in the future, Graff responded, "Even if they put up a new building, it will need a maintenance crew to be checking the plumbing, ventilation, etc. on a regular basis, otherwise, over years, it will become what Calcia is now."
SGA SENIOR TRIP 2010

TICKETS GO ON SALE THURSDAY FEB. 25TH AT 5:30PM IN THE SGA OFFICE.

Who: All Graduating Seniors (On the May 2010 graduation list.)

What: A Cruise to Bermuda aboard Royal Caribbean’s Explorer of the Seas.

When: May 22nd-27th, 2010

How Much Does it Cost? $580, with a $250 non-refundable deposit due on February 26th. The Remaining $330 is due by March 26th.

QUESTIONS: Contact Jon Preciado: Preciadoj1@mail.montclair.edu, 973-655-4326

Tickets will go on sale Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Student Government Association Office. Only one ticket can be purchased per person. If you cannot make it, you can have a proxy buy your ticket. If you choose to have a proxy, you must come into the SGA office prior to the day tickets go on sale and submit a written letter to the SGA President giving the name of the person who is buying your ticket. The proxy will only be able to purchase the ticket for you. (He/she cannot also purchase a ticket for themselves at that time)
The catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti affected the lives of over three million people. Everyone is a part of humanitarian aid and stepped up in hope to save the lives of those who survived the natural disaster. The American Red Cross facilitated a blood and bone marrow drive on Feb. 7 at the Student Recreation Center in search for donors willing to join their mission to save the lives of those in need.

Within the blood drive’s six hours of operation, 137 people arrived at the scene. Each individual donated about one pint of blood and saved approximately three lives each.

Many donors found themselves honored to use the power in their arms and act as though you are punching out your body in between sets. Do three sets of 10 each side, shifting slightly bent. Pivot your body, making a fist and powering your arm in a jab two times to the left and two to the right arm and right knee, interlocking them at the middle so that your elbow is to your knee. You will feel your obliques squeeze with your core contracting. Do three sets of 10 on each side, shaking out your body in between sets.

3. Ok guys, this is the last exercise and the most fun because we get to pretend we are a fierce MMA fighter! We are going to do right and left jab punches. Stand feet apart with knees slightly bent. Pivot your body, making a fist and powering your arm in a jab two times to the left and two to the right for 15 repetitions. Remember to use the power in your arms and act as though you are punching a wall or your competitor in a match. That’s all for this week and I hope you have as much fun with this work out as I did. For a more hands-on feel, you can check out the full workout video at themontclarion.org. Next time’s segment will be all about the power of lunges, so be sure to read it!

Welcome back all you fitness crazed students. I hope you enjoyed stretching last week, because this week is all about basic cardio repetitions! Now I know what you’re thinking — cardio is all work and no fun, but my work-out will let you pretend that you are in five different professional sports and will leave you feeling refreshed. There will be pictures on the side numbered with my exercises so you can easily keep track of them. So let’s get started!

1. Okay, so the first exercise is to get your blood pumping with good old fashioned jumping jacks. Stand feet apart, and raise and lower your arms while jumping. Do three sets of 10. Then do straight arm jacks which are the same as regular jumping jacks, except your arms are powering straight up and down.

2. Next, we’re going to pretend like we are football players and do football shuffle. It is all about quick feet and movement, so keep that in mind while doing this repetition. Stand feet apart in a squat position and quickly move your feet, shuffling from the left side of the room to the right, then to the front and back. After the first repetition, hold in stance for 30 seconds, keep-
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- 1 $10 gift card for Sandwich Theory 1
- 1 Free Haircut from St. Ives Salon
- 1 Of any item from the Awesome NJ Shop at AwesomeNJ.com
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Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday Feb. 15th

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The Montclarion’s New Game Initiative

New Game: Cryptograms

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Rules:
Each sentence is encrypted with a letter substitution. Decipher the true message in each sentence. This puzzle is Valentine’s Day related.

HINT:
At the beginning of the second line: NKWSDUHDS’X = VALENTINE’S

Check back each week for another new game to The Montclarion. Like it? E-mail us at msuproduction@gmail.com
Breaking the Fourth Wall

by: John Maddi

THE STARE

Almost Peaceful

by Jess Sims
Anthony Curry and Carrie Gibson perform at Kasser Theater.

Anthony Curry and Carrie Gibson perform at Kasser Theater.

What is there to say about The Who’s performance on the Super Bowl’s halftime show other than “Wow.” Their stage set-up was certainly a sight to see. Laser graphics and optical tricks were on full display. The show started with a commercial for the Montclair State University Football team. This commercial changed into a scene from the movie “Tommy.” Actors played the parts of The Who’s lead singer and guitarist, and the two began to sing and play their respective instruments. The audience was put in a trance, and they were right to warn everyone that there could have been a bit more excitement, like, say, Townsend playing along. The defining moment of the performance was when Daltrey belted out his famous “yeeeee” into the microphone. The song was electric from start to finish. The crowd can be heard singing along. The defining moment of the performance was when Daltrey belted out his famous “yeeeee” into the microphone. The song was electric from start to finish.

The room full of veterans, students, faculty and even a few out-of-state fans were on the edge of their seats watching this one of a kind performance. The entire play consisted completely of interviews that the writers/actors conducted themselves of dozens of veterans of every age. Before the play began, the President of Montclair State University, Dr. Susan A. Cole, came out to speak about the importance of programs like this. She also introduced Senate Majority Leader Barbara Buono, who also came on stage to say a few words.

Shortly after, the actors approached the stage. Curry and Gibson gave a short disclaimer about the emotions people may feel while watching the play, and they were right to warn everyone that this was not a political or anti-war message. This play was not an entertaining piece that will captivate everyone that is lucky enough to see it, but the message they are trying to convey is very important.

Next time Curry and Gibson come to town, it is definitely worth the trip to the theater, you will not regret it.
So for me and millions of others, the football and men like beer, I would bet for as I got older and realized that men watch the pool, betting on Pepsi or Coke. Then always beg my mom for a dollar to add to the first talking animal would be. I would car company would have the first ad; what would be the first one after the kick-off; which would be the score; the big wagering was pool wasn't for who would win or what screaming at the big screen T.V. and of lots adrenaline-pumped football-fanatics of people, lots of junk food, lots of beer, my aunt and uncle's house. There were lots why was everybody watching? remember which two teams played (the people that watched probably won't recognize which two teams played the Saints and the Colts, just a reminder). So why was everybody watching? When I was younger, our family Super Bowl party was usually held at my aunt and uncle's house. There were lots of people, lots of junk food, lots of beer, kids adrenaline-pumped football-fanatics screaming at the big screen T.V. and of course, lots of betting. But the largest pool was who's for who would win or who would be the score; the big wagering was reserved for the commercials. What would be the first one after the kick-off, which our company would have the first ad, what the first talking animal would be. I would always beg my mom for a dollar to add to the pool, betting on Pepsi or Coke. Then so I got older and realized that men watch football, and men like beer, I would bet for Budweiser. So for me and millions of others, the commercials are still more important than the actual game. It's not just the people watching who think as: this year, CBS sold sponsored commercial spots for between $2.5 and $2.8 million dollars. And they all get sold. Companies understand the importance of advertising during the Super Bowl; I mean, it's not every day that you have 106.5 million people watching your ad, so to mention all the talk around the water-cooler, Youtube hits and press coverage (see today's Montclarion). Marketers have a huge opportunity to get their name out; make a memorable commercial and hundreds of millions of people will know your name, and hopefully buy your product.

Before the Super Bowl even aired, some commercials were already getting press; most notably, one sponsored by Focus on the Family, a Christian group whose mission is to have people raise their families according to Christian values. The ad, featuring footballer Tim Tebow and his mother, was getting a lot of attention, because of it's pro-life message. The fact that the spot was essentially a PSA, costing over $2 million and had no impact on the stock market. And Number one (and the best of the night at our Super Bowl party) was the home-made Doritos commercial, where a protective son slaps his mother's hips while she's talking, trying to make a memorable ad during the Super Bowl and is instead spending money on the web-based Pepsi Refresh Project. While this was the first year that Pepsi didn't show in 23 years, this is Dr. Pepper's first Super Bowl commercial ever (well, since its creation in 1885). Unfortunately, their dated use of the rock group KISS and their Mini-Me characters was not particularly funny or memorable. Maybe next year, Dr. Pepper marketing team.

When while there were some chuckle-inducing ads, there were only a few that made the viewers at home laugh out loud. An informal poll after the game produced only four ads that most agreed were funny and worth the money the sponsors put out. Number four is the Snickers commercial featuring Betty White of the Golden Girls all old people get tackled into mud puddles is bound to get laughs. Number three is the ‘Man's Last Stand’ ad for the Dodge Charger, it features men with Michael C. Hall’s voice-over telling the viewer everything they sacrifice for their girlfriends, but that they won’t go up their choice of car. Number two is none other than the E-Trade babies, they’re cute, in high chairs and talk about investments and the stock market. And Number one (and the best of the night at our Super Bowl party) was the home-made Doritos commercial, where a protective son slaps his mother’s hips while they’re talking to someone who actually won.

If you missed out on the Super Bowl commercials, check them out! Visit themontclarion.org!
JUST A REMINDER!

There will be NO print issue of The Montclarion next week.

For next week’s Art and Entertainment Stories check out themontclarion.org

Pelican Playlist:

Happy Birthday Editor-in-Chief, Kristie!

“Birthday Sex” by Jeremiah Kulsoom Rizvi, News Editor

“Surprise, Surprise” by Bruce Springsteen Kristie Cattafi, Editor-in-Chief

“In Da Club” by 50 Cent Mike Monostra, Assistant Sports Editor

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ask any student what they think of the food on campus, and they’ll probably shrug their shoulders and recall the last time they got food poisoning from the campus sushi or Red Hawk Diner’s hashbrowns bongos and cold French fries.

The latest investigative piece in the news section sheds some light on campus dining; both the high prices and low quality. And it looks like this is not about to change any time soon.

The university just renewed their contract with Sodexo; the company that’s been providing food to everyone’s favorite eating establishments on campus for the past eight years.

That means more $5 tasteless beef meteors and cold, deep-fried chicken strips from the Student Center cafeteria.

And it’s not even like we’re getting quality food. If it were worth the money and if there were a variety of meals to choose from, then it might not be so painful. But when your best dinner options come out of a vending machine, you can’t help but be disgusted.

It looks like MSU is trying to cut corners by choosing Sodexo. It’s not just you. Prices increase about a percentage every year. That annual increase is included in the contract.

The campus is surrounded by Sodexo’s competition. Restaurants and diners line the road up to Bloomfield Avenue, which has dozens of places to graze. As the article points out, the prices are often comparable to or better than those offered on campus. At least, at one of the diners on Route 3, you’ll get your burger within the hour, which is more than you can say for the Red Hawk Diner.

If anything, food on campus should be competitively priced. The food supplier should offer students something more than salty soups and fried chicken.

For residents who are stuck with the meal plan and have flex and red hawk dollars to spend, they often must resort to eating on campus. It would be great to say, “I’ll just go somewhere else.” But if you’re on campus on a weekend without a car, there’s not much you can do.

Nevertheless, the university seems to be smitten with Sodexo. - KM

Vegetarians and anyone who gives a flying fig about their general health and well-being, arguably, have it the worst. Is dining’s idea of “healthy eating” soggy chicken Caesar wraps drenched in creamy dressing?

Everyone jokes about how college food, for the most part, is always bad. But it doesn’t have to be this way! Other universities like Kean and NJIT use Gourmet Dining. It is still unclear as to why Sodexo was the choice for Montclair’s dining.

And why, even with protests from students, is the contract renewed?

Campus Dining: What’s Your Beef?

Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

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- Bookstore Alternatives

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Thumbs Up to Saints winning the Superbowl!
Thumbs Down to the end of the hockey season.
Thumbs Up to the year of the tiger!
Thumbs Down to J.D. Salinger’s death.
Katie Winters, an English major, is in her first year as an assistant copy editor for The Montclarion.

I was so excited to work with a college writing assistant and contribute to the college paper. The assistant copy editor position was the closest I could get to the magazine and newspaper field, while also ensuring I would gain valuable experience through a writing college course.

I have always been interested in writing and improving my skills. I knew that working as an assistant copy editor would be challenging, but I was ready to face the challenge and improve my writing skills. I am also excited to work with different people and contribute to a college paper.

The position is a great opportunity for me to learn about the college newspaper field and gain valuable experience. I am looking forward to working with the team and contributing to the college paper.
The Montclarion will not be in print next week ... BUT:

Enter to www.themontclarion.org for all of your Red Hawk sports news and updates.

While you’re there...

Check out our brand new sports blog:
The Montclarion Sports Chronicles.
“It’s the final word on sports.”

Playoffs

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Feb. 13.
The South division of the men’s NJAC is anything but clear-cut. With three conference games remaining, three teams (Rowan, Richard Stockton, Kean) are within 1.5 games of each other for the top spot, with Rowan currently at the top at 6-4. The heated race between these teams is just warming up, with Rowan playing Richard Stockton on Feb. 13 and Kean on Feb. 15. Richard Stockton and Kean face off on Feb. 10 to determine which team is better prepared to take on the top-ranked Profs.

The competitive season for the women has brought about some great individual and team statistics. Kean dominates the NJAC in 14 of 19 team stat categories for the season. Guard Jamilee Pflug leads the team in the free throw percentage with 77 percent, good for fifth in the conference. Forward Kisandra Ayanbeku has consistently made her name known this season, averaging a double-double with 16.1 points per game, second to only Rowan’s Amanda Jennings and third in rebounds per game with 10.4. Guard Jackie Berry is second in the NJAC with 5.27 assists per game, and forward Catherine Cristino is the conference’s top three-point shooter, shooting an impressive 48 percent from beyond the arc.

The NJAC Men’s teams are also showing decent numbers this season. Ramapo is the conference’s top scoring team, putting up 81.5 points per game, with sophomore LaQuan Peterkin leading the conference with 17.1. Montclair State’s aggressive defense leads them to the conference — a leading 4.82 blocks per game, with senior forward Daniel McRae topping all other players with 2.45 blocks per game. The Red Hawks also lead the NJAC with a plus 4.68 turnover margin.

The season is not quite over yet, but the time for putting your tournament bids in is just right around the corner. A lot of questions have yet to be answered, and both the Men and Women are focused more than ever. Come Feb. 20, the excited spectators of the competitive NJAC will finally see who steps on the court as an NCAA tournament challenger and who leaves the court the best of the best.
Brees Dominates Marquee Quarterback Matchup
Saints Win First Super Bowl as Fans Finally have Reason to Celebrate

Jake Del Mauro
Staff Writer

So another season of the NFL is in the books. The Saints went marching away with their first Super Bowl title and the monkey of big game troubles has jumped back on Peyton Manning's back. How did we come to this? What led up to the biggest win for every player on the Saints' sideline?

Let’s break it down and recap.

1. Drew Brees.
If you don’t know, now you know. Brees cemented himself as the best quarterback in the league throughout these playoffs. In his three games during this postseason against the Cardinals, Vikings and Colts, not only did Brees beat three future Hall-of-Fame quarterbacks, but he had eight touchdowns and zero interceptions. He was 71-102 for 732 yards and, not to mention, won the MVP of the big game. Both Manning and Brees had relatively the same statistics, except in the INT column.

2. The last 8:14 of the second quarter.
The Saints took over from their own 28 with 8:14 left in the first half. After throwing an incomplete pass on first and 10, Brees connected with Pierre Thomas for seven yards, followed by a 13-yard pass to Marques Colston. Brees had four more completions and had the Saints at the three-yard line.

What happened next; a penalty pushing them to the eight, then a run to the one, followed by the Colts' D stuffing the Saints at the goal line on back-to-back plays. The Colts played it conservative and ran the ball, however they left time on the clock for the Saints, and were forced to punt.

The Saints kicked a field goal to pull within four, 10-6, before half. Why was this important? To some, it showed the Saints had guts by going for it on fourth and one. It also showed some insecurity on the Colts end. All season they let Manning throw, letting the general lead. However, they chose to run and gave the Saints good field position for a late field goal. This gave the Saints some momentum, and they came out firing with the onside kick to start the second half.

3. Reggie Wayne.
Where were you? You had five catches for 46 yards, but your dropped passes and poor route running plagued the team. Maybe South Beach got to him. Or maybe Tracy Porter.

Sean Payton is to Vince Lombardi as Jim Caldwell was to Jim Fassell. Payton made one of the gutsiest calls ever in Super Bowl history with that onside kick. When the Colts got the ball, there was a high likelihood that Manning would force a score. But thanks to Hank Baskett’s stone hands, the Saints got the ball back and the rest was history. Jim Caldwell looks the same if his team is up by 10 or down by 10. Is he the coach, or Manning (and that is a completely serious question)?

5. The city of New Orleans.
Forget the football for a minute. This city has gone through so much, to see the celebration on Bourbon Street after the game was a sight for the city’s sore eyes. There isn’t a better guy than Drew Brees to win the MVP and to help pick up the city of New Orleans.

This Super Bowl was the most watched TV program ever, beating the season finale of M*A*S*H. This game will go down as one of the better games of all time.

For New Orleans, it was the best ever.
Cristino Cements Her Name in MSU History

Red Hawks’ Star Forward Scores 1,000 Points in Her Career

Red Hawk senior forward Catherine Cristino became the 15th player in woman’s basketball history to score 1,000 points. Cristino accomplished the lay-up grant with a jumper four minutes into the game that gave the Red Hawks a quick eight-point lead.

Already up 12, Cristino connected on a three-pointer with exactly six minutes remaining in the opening half. Now with a lead of 15, coach Karen Harvey called a timeout after the basket for Cristino to receive her recognition. “I never take myself too seriously, even in practice,” Cristino said. “I became tougher.”

Cristino, who sees herself as “a post player with the heart of a guard,” is the only player in MSU history to be ranked in the top 15 in points, blocks and three-point field goal percentage.

While her 1,045 points places her in 11th place presently, Cristino currently stands as the school’s sixth highest in blocked shots (116) and second all-time in three pointers made (83). These accomplishments are all for a woman who broke her foot during her freshman year. This season may be the best measure of Cristino’s all-around skill. With an average of 14.1 points per game, Cristino is second on the team in points, leads with 21 blocks, third on the team with 31 steals and has a field goal percentage just under 50 percent.

In the previous three seasons, the Red Hawks have appeared in two ECAC tournaments, winning the championship in the 2006-07 season. Last season saw a division title for Montclair State, but no postseason appearance. This season has included the NJAC becoming a major power in Division III women’s basketball. Two teams, Kean and William Paterson, are ranked in the top eight of the country.

“We played both teams and were close,” Cristino said. “We think we have what it takes to beat them.” Montclair State expect to be tested once again by both. On Saturday, the team travels to William Paterson to take on their rivals, the Pioneers. If the team can manage a first round victory in the NJAC tournament, likely against Richard Stockton or TCNJ, the Red Hawks will travel to Union for the semifinal round against the Kean Cougars. As for Cristino’s place in Montclair State history, statistics may show her to be one of the best forwards in school history. “I’d like to think that I’ll be remembered as a good all-around player,” Cristino’s point total will not reach that of legendary Red Hawk Carol Blazejowski’s 3,199 points, but in the words of her teammate Burnham. “She’s up there.”

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The “Superfan” Shares His Story

Dan Ehardt

I’ve been asked by The Montclarion to write a “ farewell” piece. But that what I did is anything special; I was just the last one to leave.

I’ve spent the better part of the last four years of my time here at Montclair State running under the pseudonym of “The SuperFan.” I’m the guy who went to all of the MSU hockey games to yell and scream and make a general fool of myself for the majority of this time. I’m the guy that sent you too many Facebook event invites that you’ve probably repeatedly ignored. That’s cool though, I’ll start turn- ing them off after the 47th message too.

Without fail, you could have found me in the stands of that ice rink we simply call the “Conductor” in the chorus of crazy fans that so closely surrounded me. It’s a really neat feeling to be able to coax a large amount of people into screaming “Willy P’s socks!” That feeling never lost its novelty.

I’ve heard from the first second I stepped onto this campus way back in 2006 that MSU was a “students’ school.” and that anything outside of academic realms was severely under attended and neglected. There wasn’t a single sport, aside from the one Homecoming football game, that could muster any sustained interest from the student population. Believe it or not, I have witnessed a certain social phenomenon that others at this very institution have insisted is dead: school spirit.

Currently, on select Friday and Saturday nights at this very institution, you could take a trip down to Floyd Hall Arena. I’ve gotten into shooting matches with 12 year-olds. When it comes to being “The Superfan,” I’m the guy who went to every game by myself and yelled as loud as I could muster any sustained time. I’ve spent four years doing this whole..."}

This Week

2/13 @ WPU 2/15 vs. NJCU 2/16 vs. CCNY 2/17 vs. TCNJ

Last Week

2/6/10 vs. NJCU 2/6/10 vs. NJCU

The “Hawkies” games have granted MSU students here a reason to actually care about their school. It could be the sheer exhilaration that the game of ice hockey is able to provide, or maybe just the chance to gather with a bunch of friends and scream near-obscenities for three hours. For whatever the reason may be, I’m simply proud to be able to say that I’ve had a small part in this entire happening that is about 4,000 times bigger than I could have ever imagined. I could have gone to every game by myself and yelled like a jerk, but it wouldn’t have meant anything. I was lucky enough to happen upon like-minded people on this campus that were looking to have a good time. And a good time was had by all. When that arena is packed to the gills with 500 students, you’d swear the electricity in the building could power the surrounding towns.

To the graduating seniors on this year’s team, congratulations, good luck and thank you for being able to provide so many memories for so many of us. It’s been nothing short of amazing to watch you guys do what you do. And to anybody and everybody who’s ever attended a MSU hockey game to check out a “Hawkies” game: thank you. Thank you for caring enough about this school to go out and actually have a good time, and being persistent enough to go back over and over again.

Women’s Basketball

Feb. 15, 6 p.m.

Panzer Athletic Center vs. New Jersey City

The Red Hawks wrap up their conference schedule and prepare for the postseason as they take on New Jersey City.
Swimming Sweeps Past William Paterson

Mike Monezeta
Assistant Sports Editor

Mountclair State swimming cleared out their conference schedule in dominating fashion on Saturday, as both the men’s and women’s team cruised over William Paterson. The men’s team won 179-119, while the women’s final score was a 161-120 victory. It was the men’s largest victory of the season and the women’s second largest.

The Red Hawks also swept three of the four NJAC awards for the week, as sophomore Chris Lee won the NJAC Men’s Swimmer of the Week and two freshmen, Michael Smith, from the men’s team, and Ashley Vallone, from the women’s team, each won NJAC Rookie of the Week. It was Smith’s second award of the week and Vallone’s fifth.

Lee and Smith were both huge in the men’s victory on Saturday. As Lee won three individual events and a team relay while Smith won two individual heats. The Red Hawk men were in danger of falling short in the first race of the afternoon, due to the 200-meter medley relay, but freshman Zak Westerberg put up a fantastic charge on the last leg to grab a victory.

“The 200-medley relay is what set the tone,” said Lee, who won the 1,000-meter freestyle with a time of 0:52.75 to give the Red Hawks an early lead. William Paterson would stem high, winning all of the next seven events, the lone MSU win in that streak being Lee’s victory in the 100-yard backstroke. However, with the Pioneers holding a small lead, the Red Hawks stormed back in the 200-yard medley to clinch the victory, their first in the NJAC this season.

The men had little trouble putting away the Pioneers, as they ran the tables from the outset. In the first event, 200-yard medley relay, the Red Hawks had two teams in the top two

Swimming Stars

Superfan Dan Shares Hawkeye Memories

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Super Bowl XLIV Recap

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Rutgers-Newark in action here against Montclair State, will be one of the contenders for the NJAC men’s basketball title.

Women’s Basketball: Catherine Cristino

MSU Sports

NJCAC Team of the Week for Feb. 13 in Panzer Gym.

In regards to their success this season and possible playoff implications, William Paterson head coach Jose Rebimbas commented, saying: “We have always built our team on defense and toughness. As you knew the NJAC is one of the most competitive conferences in the country, and therefore, very hard to predict the future with so many talented players in the confer- ence and the unbelivable job that each coach does, it makes it very difficult to think beyond the next game.”

The intensity is just as intense within the Women’s competition. The struggle for number one this season contin- ues between the KeanCougars (who are 10-0) and the con- ference in-points per game, 78, and points allowed per game, 50, and the Pioneers of William Paterson, whom are 9-3 in the NJAC, their only loss to the aforementioned Cougars.

WPU head coach Erin Monahan commented on the battle. “(The Cougars) lead the conference overall with our loses to them. We hopefully won’t see them until the conference finals, and if we do, at that point, hope- fully we’ll be as prepared as we could for the game ahead.”

Of course, we can’t forget our very own Red Hawks, who are a strong 8-3 in the conference and currently on a three-game winning streak. Their final con- ference games are against New Jersey City University (5-7), and the finals is against the 8-1 WPU Pioneers this Saturday, Feb. 13 in Pomer Gym.

The men of Montclair State have struggled during the new year to win games within the division, going 1-8 in the NJAC, 5-8 overall. The Red Hawks have only two more games left within the conference, going up against NJCU this Wednesday.

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