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Good Luck to All graduates!

Welcome MSU Class of 2014!

Studetns pose for a picture during last year’s Red Hawk Day Orientation.

Ground has been broken in Surface Lots 22, 23 and 32 for the construction of the new residence halls and dining hall. Coverage on page 5.

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Welcome everyone to Montclair State University. Upon your entering a new life experience, getting to know people will help you through the process. So why not join a club that can introduce you to many people in our campus community? Being part of MSU’s newspaper, The Montclarion, is not just a chance to report but it is also a place to meet new people.

The Montclarion is a student-run newspaper that has been providing the campus with news for 82 years. There are many sections to be covered and the news section is one of the most important.

Writing for the news section opens many doors to digging into stories and talking to the community, including students, professors and administrators.

Assignments for writers can range from covering a new club gaining charterment on or an organization trying to make a movement on campus, to things like investigating an arrest that took place on campus.

Aside from getting closer to the surrounding community, you also participate in a very professional environment with your peers. There are many deadlines to be met and requests from editors to be fulfilled.

Writing for The Montclarion may also help future reporters in their careers. Students receive experience and lessons to build off of to carry with them forever. My name is Nicole Simonetti and I am the News Editor for the paper, and the more writers, the merrier. I’d love to have you write for my section of The Montclarion!
Students, professors, administrators, alumni, parents and many others all gathered on Montclair State University’s campus for a day filled with fun activities and celebrating.

This article previously ran on Sept. 18, 2008. It was written by Kulsoom Rizvi, who at the time was Assistant News Editor.

To celebrate 100 years of Montclair State University, thousands of students, faculty, staff, alumni and neighbors are invited to the Centennial Festival on Saturday, which will include “the biggest alumni reunion ever,” according to Executive Director of Alumni and Communication Relations Julie Adams.

“I wanted to do a festival unlike anything that has been done on this campus before,” Adams said. “I wanted a festival that appeals to our current students, potential students, to the alumni and to the members of the community at large.”

Running from noon to 6 p.m., the festival consists of free performances, including “the world’s most dangerous jug band,” Dirdy Birdies, Yosi and the Superdaze, Mike Leatherbuck Jazz Trio, Chuckered Pact, the Montclair Community Band, Desville String Band, the Emerald Society Pipe Band, the Chris Moore Jazz Band, Skidmore and the Afro-Brazilian Cultural Center.

Freshman Cailtin Yandichy admit- ed that she was not sure what was going to happen during the festival but plans on attending because it sounds interesting.

“No one really talks about it, so it sounds interesting.”

“Just imagine a street festival on a few.

“There will be something going on at every place on campus. This has been kind of like a labor of love because this university has helped me launch my career. I owe a lot to this university, so for me it has been a pleasure to be part of this celebration.”

Along with the festivities, about 700 to 1000 graduates of Montclair State from all classes will also join the university’s centennial anniversary, and according to Rosen, that has never happened before.

“There is a significant number of alumni that probably have not been back to campus for a really long time,” Rosen stated.

“Before I started working on the festival, it had probably been a good 15 years since I had been on campus. The campus has changed and grown and improved so much in the years, so we really want graduates to come and see how much we have progressed. Actually, a number of our performers during the festival are alumni, including some vendors and a street clown, so if there was one day for the alumni to come back, Saturday would be it.”

Sophomores Tyler Richards said he is looking forward to having his grandparents who graduated from MSU come and added that his great-grandmother wrote the alma mater for the university.

“The festival will conclude with fireworks and a special performance featuring WAR, the Smithereens and CC Cool j at Yogi Berra Stadium. Discount tickets for Montclair State students, faculty, staff and alumni are $15 and can be purchased at the box office or online.”

“I really think this is going to be an unbelivable event, something that has never been done before. The people who come are really going to have something to remember,” Adams said.
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Frank Sinatra Hall (above) will be one of the many additions to Montclair State’s campus. A future design of the dorm was created by Fletcher Thomas architecture/planning/interior design.

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A new student housing complex holding 303 beds is scheduled to be completed in early August 2009, Greg Bressler, vice president for university facilities, said.

The on-campus housing facility is designed to meet sophomore and junior students’ needs. Brockwell & Carrington are the contractors working on construction. At the July 24 Board of Trustees meeting, a contract increase of $1,181,203 was approved for the project.

Susanne Ferrin, director of residential education and services, explained: “It is more often that sophomores are getting squeezed out of housing,” she said.

A typical apartment suite will include two double and two single bedrooms, two bathrooms and two showers [see design].

“It’s exciting that the new residence hall is on the move,” Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president for student development and campus life, said. “It is going to provide more on-campus beds for students.”

Originally, Sinatra Hall was scheduled to be completed in August 2009, as said in our article. However, the construction was delayed because of contaminated soil. Sinatra Hall is scheduled to be completed in August 2010.

Future Dorm Plans for New and Hopeful Residents at MSU

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Lot 23, one of the parking lots that were closed due to construction. This will be the first new construction project under the New Jersey Economic Stimulus Act of 2009, signed by former Gov. Jon Corzine this past August. The bill allowed public universities to hire private contractors to build on campus.

"It gave us the authority to enter into a public-private contract on our campus," Bressler said. "Before that we were working with private developers off campus.

MSU was recently planning off-campus housing in downtown Montclair, but since the stimulus bill was signed, plans were canceled.

Capstone Development Cooperation, which was going to build the off-campus dorms, is now building the new on-campus dorms.

The two buildings, known as the Hillside Site and the Rec. Center Site, will be "H shaped" buildings, with laundry rooms, common space and a new dining facility.

"There's going to be group development that can actually happen right in the building," Bressler said. "It's common space, but can also function as a classroom.

The new dorms will be right next to the Rec. Center and lot 22, a parking lot north of the Rec. Center. The new dorms will hold 2,000 beds for freshman and sophomore students.

The two new dorms will also be joining our latest addition, Frank Sinatra Hall, which is located in between the Clove Road Apartments and the Village Apartments.

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Montclair State University has finally begun the construction for new residence halls and a new dining hall on May 11th. The first move was to close down parking lots during the week of this semester's finals.

Gregory Bressler, vice president of Facilities Services, stated in a campus-wide e-mail, "This project is very important to the advancement of our student life programs, bringing 2,000 new student beds to our present housing offering.

Yet, to begin the construction of two new residence halls and a new dining hall, parking lots had to be shut down. On May 7 an e-mail was sent out to that stated just general lots 22 and 23 and restricted lot 32 would be unavailable from May 11 to August 2011.

Bressler stated in the e-mail, "We are confident, however, that ample parking spaces will be available in the remaining campus parking venues."

Montclair State University even opened up different parking areas that were not available before to try and solve this problem. There were 85 spots opened in general lot 25 and 83 spots added temporarily to general lot "T." Students with yellow or orange hangtags were even given permission to park in the Village and Clove Road apartments because many students had already moved out.

Montclair State University will start construction on two new student-housing units by the Recreation Center this spring.

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Karen Hood-Kasim, a Mahwah resident who is pursuing her master’s in public health, was one of the 328 job applicants to get the green light. The applicants handed their resumes to 60 employers at the career fair last Thursday in University Hall’s conference center.

“Networking is about being open to possibilities,” Hood-Kasim said. “It is so competitive, especially now.”

In fact, the average job hunt lasts six months. With the current scarce job market, it may take longer than students expected. According to Adam Mayer, director of career counseling at the Center for Career Services and Cooperative Education, “Searching for and eventually procuring employment can take a long time, and some graduates may not have expected the process to be so prolonged.”

Before the career fair, Hood-Kasim has developed over time. “I am just doing the right things to get myself out there. I am not impatient with the job hunt,” she said.

Mayer advises students to devote their time during the week to job search, rather than sit and wait for opportunities to come to them. “Waiting is just part of the process,” he added. “The light just turned green. What are you waiting for?”

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Gamers Leader Leaves Behind

Three years ago I started college. Like any other kid, I was unsure of how my life would change in such a big new world after leaving high school. It was Red Hawk Day — the day in the beginning of the year when all the student organizations are tabling in the quad. I walked up to a table that had a picture of a dragon in a baseball cap, two guitar hero controllers and a man sitting behind the table.

Little did I know then that the man who so easily convinced me to join the Montclair University Gamers (M.U.G.) would become one of this campus’ great leaders and, more importantly, one of my best friends.

Later that day I met Samantha Siegel, who is currently a graduating senior. She introduced me to her friend. She promptly called this man and he came running. The man who walked in the door was no other than the man behind the table from earlier that day.

This was when I learned the name of the man that was soon to become what I hope is one of my life long friends. My first year in M.U.G. was a fun one. I can say that it really made a difference in my college experience to have such a great place to go with a strong group of people to support each other, and a person who shined above all of them.

I feel this person was none other than Justin Towe. The President of M.U.G. Eric Strickland, who is also a graduating senior, shared my feelings.

Towe was not just a great leader but also a great president. I watched as he took Towe under his wing and molded him into a great leader. Towe was training to take over the organization as president of M.U.G. when Strickland moved on to other challenges. Towe learned from Strickland and eventually was elected as president of M.U.G. I had the pleasure of working on the executive board with Towe the following two years. Seeing Towe in a leadership role showed me see a lot of things I would have never expected.

At every meeting, he would make sure to talk with everyone who came into the room. If he could, he would have played a game with each of them. As our leader on the e-board, he made sure that we were always heard and that no one was neglected.

Most importantly he made it his job to train the future generation of gamers. Taking many people under his wings, he taught them how to run for an e-board position or any leadership position beyond M.U.G.

Towe graduated with the Outstanding IT Student of the Year Award for the highest GPA out of the graduating computer science majors.
Matt Boyle, a cadet major in the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program at Seton Hall University, is one of 20,000 cadets currently enrolled in Army ROTC across the country and will be part of the more than 45 percent of current active duty officers who are commissioned through ROTC after he graduates from MSU this May.

Before the sun comes up, Matt Boyle leaves his house in Clifton and is behind the wheel of his car. He commutes to Seton Hall University to promote ROTC to prospective troops. Classes, meetings and campus activities at Montclair State University usually keep him going.

"It's tough. I'm not going to lie, especially because a) you're active and b) you want to do [well] in school," says Boyle about how he manages school, ROTC and a social life. "Part of being a good leader is also being a good follower. You learn every single skill that your initial soldiers also learn too. For example, how to shoot rifles, physical training as an officer," says Boyle.

When Boyle graduated Livingston High School in 2006, he originally wanted to go straight into the army but his high school guidance counselor and youth minister urged him to consider other options. As a child, Boyle's dream was to become the camouflaged plastic figurine he played with, G.I. Joe. "I was thinking about the Marine corps. It just wasn't what I was looking for in terms of size and support. My father, he also told me, 'Don't be a Marine' [... ] But to be honest here, who wins wars?" he said confidently. Besides being in the ROTC program at Seton Hall, Boyle is a Justice Studies major who graduates in May from MSU. When Boyle is on campus, Boyle can't go anywhere without meeting someone he knows. "I guess I like meeting new people, that's the number one thing. I love people. As you can see, I joined the army because I wanted to protect and defend people. I'm very active too," says Boyle. "I sleep on average four hours a night and during the daytime, if I'm not in [class] [... ] I'm at school, meeting people, shaking hands and making connections with people".

Boyle's passion for people and his friendly personality is evident underneath his All-American boy looks. Boyle started out meeting people when he lived in Russ and Blanton during his first two years at Montclair. He joined Newman Catholic and became their president. He has been on the Red Hawk Paintball Team and was part of College Republicans and Young Americans for Liberty for a brief time. He was also featured in the Real Men of MSU calendar in December, which featured men who positively contributed to MSU by taking a stand against violence towards women.

"Matt Boyle is the kind guy that I am proud to call one of my best friends in the whole entire world. He often keeps me in line, and reminds me of who I am and what I stand for," says Jared Shababb, Boyle's friend and SGA legislator and president pro-tempore. Shababb also said, "Boyle is a great guy, and I am so proud of how he chose to serve his country. However, I know that Matt Boyle has also affected my personality for the better. And has taught me to be the best that I could be as a student and friend."
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Sudoku Korner

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Slitherlinks

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Good luck.
The Montclarion is looking for artists who would like to feature their artwork in the Toons section in the upcoming Fall 2010 semester. For more information, contact Robert at msuproduction@gmail.com.
What’s Wrong With This Picture?

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The Benefits of Marijuana are Hard to Ignore

Critically Ill Patients in N.J. Will Finally Have Access to Medical Marijuana

KATIE WINTERS
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

Though the attempt to legalize medical marijuana may have failed, the bill legalizing medical marijuana may have succeeded. The doctors prescribing medical marijuana would be responsible for helping their patients decide the best way to use the prescribed marijuana.

Marijuana was considered a medicinal substance before Janjigian began his crusade against the substance after the failure of prohibition. Since then, American society has viewed marijuana as a dangerous substance in the league of cocaine and heroin, with no real evidence that marijuana is even addictive.

Because of this attitude, the U.S. has been refusing to think of marijuana as a possibly beneficial drug and, as a result, refusing to run clinical trials before banning it to Rhodesia I, the category of drugs that were considered to have harmful possibilities for possession. However, other countries have been much more willing to explore the possible benefits of marijuana.

Clinical trials in the U.K. have found that marijuana can reduce withdrawal in AIDS patients. This is essential in their treatment because many AIDS patients become too weak to fight infection due to the nausea and subsequent weight loss caused by their other medications.

Marijuana can also be used as an alternative to spastics as painkillers. Opium is highly addictive, so this leaves little room for the ancient doctors to prescribe to their patients, even if the amount does not aid the patient of the pain. These spastics are also dangerous because drugs like marijuana can easily kill a patient.

Marijuana is a safe alternative; there have been no documented cases where a marijuana overdose was the cause of death and there is no risk of physical addiction to marijuana.

Marijuana is also the perfect solution to treating glaucoma. Glaucoma is a disease where pressure on the eye causes extreme pain. The drugs that have been created to treat the illness have horrible side effects, such as destruction of the kidneys and liver.

This means that the patient limits either the intake of the drug, or a cure from the pain that length of their life for taking the drugs.

Marijuana, when used as a medicine, does not have to be the same. Many of the main arguments made by those who are opposed to the drug are also against the use of alcohol or as a liquid, as well as vaporized and inhaled drugs.

Doctors prescribing medical marijuana would be responsible for helping their patients decide the best way to use the substance to treat their illness. The legislation of medical marijuana is not the first sign of the apocalypse. The opium trade has long been hiding behind mostly unfounded claims.

This decision will not make the drug any more available to people, especially children.

In the first place, it is already the most prevalent illegal drug in our society and any child who wants it will not have to look too hard for it. Second, the use of medical marijuana is regulation, just as any other prescription drug, and it has been said that New York’s law is the strictest in the country.

The doctors who prescribe it would be responsible for only prescribing in necessary cases or would risk losing their medical license. These doctors are responsible for their patients, and the patients are responsible for only taking the specific dose of marijuana that the doctors have prescribed.

These doctors will limit the number of patients who would be allowed to use the drug for the possible negative side effects of marijuana.

These people have terminal diseases and are looking for comfort to continue living for as long as possible. This is necessary. This drug has been known as useful for many years, but those who really needed marijuana for medical purposes have not been able to get a prescription for it because they were afraid of the penalties associated with using it.

Patients were in danger of legal prosecution for using marijuana for the last few months. He seems to have a share disregard for the people whose lives have been turned upside down because he does not see the potential for good even. He is still in a recession, and Christie continues to jeopardize the one thing that might save New Jersey’s economy — knowledge.

I have always believed that teachers are an integral part of society. They shape politicians, world leaders, doctors, lawyers, scientists, researchers, psychologists, you get the picture. Without them, the world would be lacking. Most people are uninformed. Education is the last place that should suffer budget cuts. Christie has ignored the fact that the state has consistently shorted college improvement or expansion.

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I've said this countless times before — a college degree is a necessity. How does Christie expect economic stimulation when he is actively preventing young adults from affording higher education?

Committee Invites Marijuana Rights Supporters...
MOVIES IN MAY

WHEN FINALS ARE OVER, THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO RELAX THAN TO WATCH A GOOD MOVIE. HERE ARE SOME TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR.

The super hero action thriller returns to theaters May 7

A documentary about scandal and corruption comes to theaters May 7

This classic redone comes to the big screen May 14

The inspiring story of romance and independence comes to theaters May 14

The girls are back again and will hit the big screen May 27

This documentary of Doctors Without Borders hits the theaters May 28

Keep an eye out for more flicks. Try something new like going to a drive-in theater for a totally different experience!

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These three influential buildings have made both the town of Montclair and MSU a hub for the performing arts. Students of all ages have a variety of places to learn and grow as performing artists. Montclair is known as a place "where the city meets the suburbs." Now, it’s where Broadway meets the suburbs.

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It was a tough year. Trying to get through with nothing more than some scratches and bruises here and there. Being literally thrown into the position of Arts and Entertainment Editor at the Montclarion late last summer, I am proud to say that I made it through with nothing more than some scratches and bruises here and there. I am currently looking for more writers and an assistant for the upcoming Fall semester.

Writing for the Arts & Entertainment Section
Writing for the Arts & Entertainment section is a great way to open doors to other opportunities. If you are a new student, have a passion you would like to share with the rest of campus if you are a new student, some cold pizza than you will have for the rest of your life...

Writing for the Arts & Entertainment section is a great way to open doors on campus. Sometimes, depending on the event, you will also be responsible for capturing pictures, or other forms of media, to go with the article both in the print and online issues. Not all events or topics covered need to be on campus.

Local happenings in surrounding towns, even in New York City, can be covered as well.

Assistant Editor for the Arts & Entertainment Section
Assistant Editors are responsible for writing at least one article a week for the section. They are also responsible for being present for most of production night on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The position is highly regarded and can often lead to a full-time editorial board position. Working for the Arts & Entertainment section is work, but so much fun. As stated previously, you get invited to cover concerts, plays, movies, gallery openings, poetry readings and even fashion shows. I can also constantly getting free CDs in the mail with press releases to cover a huge part of my college career.

If you are interested in working for the Arts and Entertainment section please contact me at msuartsgmail.com. If you have any questions about the positions or want to learn more, please contact me.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the readers and wish everyone a happy and healthy summer!
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Senior Taylor Bonner was named Outstanding Male Athlete by the Collegiate Athletic Administrators of New Jersey (CAANJ) in Division III for the 2008-2009 school year. Bonner was presented the award by the CAANJ at a luncheon in Somers, NJ for his achievements in lacrosse and football.

Bonner was shocked when he was informed that he had won the award. He did not think that it was such a big moment for him, until he found out that it was a very prestigious award.

“Our school put in my name, and all the coaches and athletic directors across New Jersey voted, and I won,” said Bonner. “I was happy to receive such a high award, because I didn’t think it was so big.”

Bonner was also named Male Athlete of the 2008-2009 Academic Year at Montclair State last May for maintaining a 3.585 grade point average and possessing strong leadership skills on and off the fields of lacrosse and football.

Last spring, he received local media coverage for helping to save an 11-year-old girl from her burning home.

Last fall, Bonner joined the Montclair State football team for his first season since playing in high school. It was difficult for him to stay away from football his first two years here, though. He was already on the lacrosse team and did not want to risk getting injured playing football. But he trusted his instincts, and tried out for the team anyway.

“It’s been playing [football] my whole life,” said Bonner. “When I got here, I played lacrosse, and when I went to the football games here at Montclair State, I always had the itch to play. So, in the spring of 2008 I tried out, and made the team.” When he joined the team, he was a reserve defensive back throughout the season. He made a great impact on the special teams unit, which was one of the best in the New Jersey Athletics Conference.

The following spring, Bonner was a star midfielder for the Men’s Lacrosse team here at Montclair State, that recorded the best season in the history of the program. He appeared and started in all 18 games, and finished second on the team with 32 goals and third in scoring with 44 points.

When the Red Hawks played Kean for the conference title, Bonner described that game as his favorite moment in his athletic career.

“It was back and forth, and at the last second when the game was over, everyone went on to the field and celebrated and jumped on everyone’s back,” said Bonner. “It was a great moment for me.”

It was also the first time Montclair went to the Division III NCAA championship.

But it hasn’t always been smooth sailing for Bonner here at Montclair State. Not only does he play for two teams, he also took 18 credits last semester.

“Last semester was really difficult,” said Bonner. “So I took 12 credits this semester just to take some stress off me. But, it’s still difficult to play for two teams and maintain an academic schedule.” He is majoring in health education with a concentration in public health, and will be going for his masters in epidemiology after he graduates in the spring.

Bonner also works at a local lacrosse store, in Montclair, which sells lacrosse equipment to people of all ages interested in the sport.

“It’s great because you can help out kids that are starting out [playing lacrosse],” said Bonner. The store and Bonner were also involved for raising money in the “Lax for Autism” campaign that raised several hundred dollars at last April’s lacrosse contest against Kean University.

For now though, Bonner is here to enjoy the ride for his last school year at Montclair State. He is using it for motivation before every game he plays on the grid-iron and on the field. “There’s not too much time left to compete on a high level,” said Bonner. “So say your prayers, and go for it.”
There was buzz around the Panzer Athletic Center on Feb. 3. The Scarlet Raiders of Rutgers-Newark were coming to play the Women’s Basketball team. With a win, Montclair State would just about clinch a berth in the conference tournament. Much of the discussion, however, was about one specific player. Catherine Cristino was five points shy of one thousand in her college career. “People kept telling me that I needed a lay-up and a three-pointer,” said the senior forward. “That’s exactly what happened.” Cristino accomplished the lay-up part 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.

Described by teammates as modest, Cristino was unsure how to deal with the moment of becoming just the 15th woman in MSU history to achieve the feat. “She just kept telling us how embarrassed she was about it,” said teammate Kara Burnham. “I think we were more excited about it than she was.” Burnham is also Cristino’s roommate and best friend. Coupled with fellow senior Jackie Berry, the trio has been very close in their four-year stint at Montclair State. “All three of us are so close,” Burnham said. “I think it shows on the court.”

The Colt's Neck High School star chose Montclair State over scholarship offers from some small-name Division I schools. “I enjoyed the environment around here,” Cristino said. “I wasn’t really interested in those other places.” Cristino's 21 blocks this season give her 116 in her career, surpassing former teammates and protégés Ferin Catlett and Stephanie Machin, who were both seniors when Cristino was just a freshman.

“They both made me into a better player,” Cristino said. “I became stronger. I didn’t like to get hit, and 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 goals made.

While her 1,088 points places her in 13th place presently, Cristino currently stands as the schools 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.”

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 Bluejewski’s 3,109 points, but in the words of her teammate Burnham, “She’s up there.”

Cristino Cements Her Name in MSU History

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

Graduating senior Catherine Cristino scored her 1,000th points in a game versus Rutgers-Newark this past February.

To the Class of 2010

Congratulations!

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
Women’s Lacrosse Wins Skyline Championship, Loses in First Round of NCAAs

Nelson DePoequale
Editor-in-Chief

After defeating Ramapo College in the Skyline Conference Championship match, the Red Hawks Women’s Lacrosse season comes to an unfortunate end against Stevens.

In the first round of the NCAA Division III National Tournament, the Red Hawks fell to Stevens in a 15-12 loss on Wednesday, May 12. Although the season ended earlier than the squad would have liked, this year’s Women’s Lacrosse team had a lot to offer.

After a 1-3 start to the season, dropping games to Yeshiva (6-7), Stevens (17-10) and FIU-Behrend (6-6), the Red Hawks went on to win 11 of their next 12 games, including a seven-game winning streak. In that stretch, Women’s Lacrosse went undefeated in Skyline Conference matches up to 8-0.

A 12-6 overall record (8-0 Skyline) propelled them to obtain the number one seed in the Skyline Conference Championship. They took home the championship for the fourth time in five years after wins in the Skyline Conference Championship. In the past five years, the Red Hawks have shown their dominance in the Skyline Conference. In the four games against Skyline Conference opponents, the Red Hawks held an astonishing 25-1 record against Skyline Conference opponents.

Next year, the Red Hawks, along with head coach Nicci Pavone, hope to duplicate those results.

Defending champion Stevens was the only upset. She led the team with 46 points and scored 40 goals in 16 games this season. She was six goals shy of matching the career 134-goal mark held by 2005 graduate Maggie Fallon (13 goals) and was only six goals shy of matching the career 134-goal mark held by 2005 graduate Maggie Fallon (13 goals) and Maggie Faller (13 goals) and Meghan Spitzer (13 goals) will also be returning next season. Freshman goalkeeper Tiffani Henderson, who saved 121 goals this season, is also expected to return as a sophomore.

With only three players lost to graduation this year, Montclair State Women’s Lacrosse looks to continue their winning ways in the 2010-2011 season.

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as outgoing seniors Chris Meirko and Ben Weiss, their season climaxed in a tough 14-6 victory over Roan in the NJAC Championship. They would also win an NCAA playoff game, defeating Muhlenberg three times before falling to eventual national champion Mount Union.

MSU field hockey fell short of an NJAC championship every year as a result of MSU’s 13 teams that play at home primarily in the East Coast Athletic Conference. They had the same look and feel as their opponents 13-5 in the tournament. For a team that lost senior top scorer Megan Piatrodi to a knee injury early in the season and was starting a freshman in Megan Holzland, there were a lot of obstacles. Seniors like Megan Walsh and Melissa Burney guided the offense, while senior defenders such as Danielle Altersitz and Rebecca Dobiesz helped out the young Bosland.

Most recently, MSU Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse both won Skyline Championships. For the men, it was their second consecutive championship as they had one of the best seasons in program history. Senior Taylor Berrier and Robert Sinicola were the top two point scorers on the team while other seniors like Patrick Ferry and Andrew Spitzer provided hard nosed defense and goalkeeping.

Women’s lacrosse was able to win its fourth Skyline championship in five years. Senior Lauren Adams was an effective two-way player for the team while senior Morgan MacPhee finished second on the team in scoring. Through the Red Hawks fell short in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, losing to Stevens 15-12.

MSU Athletics also had one other victory, and that was at the pote. Nine of MSU’s 13 teams that play at home saw increases in attendance this season. The biggest winner was football, who managed to draw over 6,000 for the homecoming game this season and nearly doubled its average attendance for the year, drawing close to 3,000 patrons a game. Every team managed to average triple digit attendance unlike last year and ten of 13 teams averaged over 200 people per game.

Interest in MSU sports has never been higher and the talent of the teams is at its highest overall in the last decade. Many seniors will come and go with graduations, but there is still plenty of potential on all of MSU’s teams and the 2010-2011 school year will be one to hear watching for MSU athletics.
MSU Athletics Has Successful Season
School Wins Championships in Five Sports During 2009-10 School Year

Montclair State Football was just one of five different teams that won championships this school year. The others were Men's Soccer, Field Hockey and Men's and Women's Lacrosse.

Mike Monestra
Sports Editor

For Montclair State athletics, the 2009-2010 season may have been the most successful overall on record. The school saw five different teams win NJAC championships and

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Sports Editor

Montclair State Men's Lacrosse was able to clinch a second consecutive Skyline Conference championship on May 1 by knocking off rival Kean 12-8 at Springfield Field. However, their NCAA Playoffs run again ended abruptly, as they were upset 8-6 by Endicott College on May 12, also at Springfield Field. The loss keeps the Red Hawks winless all-time in NCAA playoffs.

However, for a program like Montclair State, Red Hawks Men's Lacrosse, this season was easily the best, at least since the early 90's, and possibly ever.

Coach John Graco took over a program in 2003 that was bare bones. He inherited a team that had been building its way up over half a decade finally came to fruition this season. A talented team out of the Skyline Conference finals get national recognition and won one of the longest winning streaks in recent memory. Not to mention a team that went from losing by 14 in a NCAA playoff game last year to coming within 15 minutes of winning one this year.

This is a team that had a following at MSU and gave fans something to cheer for during the spring season. That alone, should stand as a testament that the 2010 Montclair State Men's Lacrosse season was a success.