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Crash Halts Boonton Line

On Main Street in Montclair, a tractor trailer was hit by a train on the Montclair-Boonton Line. Approximately a dozen people were injured when a NJ Transit train on the Montclair-Boonton Line hit a paint truck at the Main Street and Fairfield Avenue crossing on Wednesday morning. According to Nancy Snyder, a New Jersey Transit spokesman, the train struck a tractor-trailer carrying paint at approximately 8:15 a.m. 71 passengers were on board at the time of the crash on the commuter train. Visibility was limited this morning due to the thick fog. According to people on the scene, there is yellow and white paint splattered.

Jersey's First Hackathon Wows Judges

University Hall was filled with anticipation as the judges and various school officials awaited presentations from the teams of Hack Jersey, New Jersey's first Hackathon, which was broadcast live from Room 1070 on YouTube.

The purpose of the hackathon was to build capacity for news development and display the rising need for news applications on smartphones and tablets. The Star Ledger, NJ.com, The Bergen Record, NJPR and O'Reilly Media were some of the many sponsors that were quick to jump on the hackathon project. The incidents occurred throughout the day on Jan. 24, beginning at 6:34 a.m. in Blanton Hall, 2:05 p.m. in Science Hall and 4:39 p.m. at Freeman Hall. The leak in Science Hall.

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Staff Writer

Students waited outside of Life Hall on Friday afternoon when a small fire broke out inside the building.

Dana Seth
Staff Writer

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Chris Ackerman, who works on Partner Platforms for Facebook, Emily Bell, professor of professional practice at Columbia’s Graduate School of Journalism, Aaron Price, who runs Craftermania and an organizer of New Jersey Tech Meet Up, Jim Shacter, vice president of WNYC and Jonathan Soo, web developer for NJ Spotlight.

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On Jan. 24: A staff member of I.T. reported the theft of a loaned laptop from University Hall. This matter is under investigation. (building #37)

On Jan. 27: Marc Seemon, 24, of Oak Ridge, was arrested for DWI while on Clove Road. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (near building #52)

On Jan. 28: A member of the Muslim Student Organization reported an act of criminal mischief to their bulletin board. This matter is under investigation. (building #40)

On Jan. 29: A female student reported the theft of her unsecured iPod from a treadmill inside of the Student Recreation Center. This matter is under investigation. (building #57)

On Jan. 29: Daniel Valles, 19, of Carteret, was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia while in Gordon Hall. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court. (building #59)

On Jan. 29: Austin Robinson, 18, of West Orange, was arrested for theft of an iPhone 4. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.
Sick Hawks Can’t Fly

Catherine Ruiz

Many students have found themselves falling victim to the flu virus this season. According to ABC News, this flu season has seen almost 28 times more cases of the flu than last year. With the number of students and faculty getting sick, there are ways for Red Hawks to ensure that they stay healthy during the semester.

The University Health Center is still offering flu vaccinations. According to Donna Barry, Associate Director of the University Health Center, getting the vaccination is the number one way to protect against the flu virus.

“The components in the flu vaccine train your immune system to react and build up antibodies against influenza,” said Barry. “The shot takes about two weeks before it is fully effective against the flu.”

Many students believe that since the flu season has already begun, it is too late to get the vaccination. However, since the season lasts until approximately March, there is still time for students to receive the shot and avoid falling victim to the flu. Although they cannot release exact numbers, the University Health Center has said that this year, they have vaccinated more students than in previous years.

The flu situation is manageable at the University Health Center to both students and faculty.

The flu virus is a bit stronger than in previous years. "This year, flu began spreading rapidly throughout the country and rates increased quickly," said Barry. "The level of flu in our area is very high based on the measurements used by our Health Center."

Sick students are encouraged to stay home and avoid contact with others. Students waiting outside Life Hall in the cold weather were allowed back to be treated for smoke inhalation. Who extinguished the flame had caused by the fire and no student injuries were determined if this played a role in the crash of the train into the street, or if the conductor’s vision was impaired in any way due to fog.

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Train

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Hack 2013 Winners:

Best Project for Dealing with Sandy: Hack Sandy NJ.

Best Design App: Cost of Medical Care in NJ.

Best Story: The Feed; Team Pancakes.

People’s Choice Award: Because of Us.

Overall Winner: Crash Data NJ.

The Redeye Award was awarded to people who stayed the whole night.

Pelican Report from Around the World

- Yesterday, Toyota announced it was recalling more than 1 million vehicles sold in the United States due to faulty airbags and windshield wipers.

- Three people have now been arrested in connection with the deadly nightclub fire in Brazil, one of them the owner of the nightclub, Elissandro Sphor. Sphor was arrested at a hospital in Cruz Alta, Brazil.

- On Monday, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands announced that she is to abdicate her throne on April 30. It will mark 33 years to the day that she took over after her mother.

- The United States has signed a deal with the central African nation of Niger to host American troops and surveillance drones to keep tabs on Islamic militants in the region.

- Yesterday, heavy flooding in Australia caused by torrential rains forced mass evacuations from towns along the country’s eastern coast, with critical patients and newborns from one hospital being airlifted to safety.

- Italian search teams have found debris that could belong to a U.S. fighter jet that went missing on Tuesday. Controllers lost contact with the F-16 around 8 p.m. Monday while the jet was on a training flight.

Information from cnn.com.

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A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous — Coco Chanel
Clean water seems to be an active movement and a popular, important issue facing the world. Although headlines and programs urge you to provide your services for underdeveloped countries, I urge you to look at your own water. U.S. citizens that are naïve enough to believe that their drinking water is safe just because it is legal have another thing coming. Legal does not mean safe, but it does provide a free road for your local water supplier to not abide by the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) guidelines. This means that your water may have more or less chemicals than it should.

Have you smelled your tap water lately? I remember as a child I would drink only tap water. It was easy and convenient as long as I could reach the sink. Those days are far gone and now I find tap water suspicious and smelly. The smell of chlorine and the accompanying chemicals in tap water unsettling, but the truth is that these chemicals are needed to clean the water. Although the earth is 70 percent water, the ocean accounts for about 97 percent of that total. The water that humans interact with is freshwater, only 2.5 percent of the earth’s water supply. Pollution from factories and other sources makes its way into our drinking water, both directly and indirectly causing contamination.

The EPA plays a huge part setting guidelines and standards for state governments to enforce their statewide water suppliers. The agency has the obligation to keep the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act alive. Unfortunately, the EPA has not updated their standards for over 15 years—until last month, when the EPA finally pushed out new regulations for states to follow. Still, the question remains: will these states push the new guidelines? I sure hope so, especially since super-storm Sandy hit the east coast.

In 2006, New Jersey American Water, which serves most of Union County, had 5 contaminants below the legal limit including Arsenic and Radium. Two contaminants, Radon and Uranium, were above the legal limit. The Newark Water Department, which serves Essex County, also had 5 contaminants below the legal limit including Lead and Uranium. However, Haloacetic acids were the only contaminants above the legal limit. Most of these contaminants can lead to cancer, illness, upset stomach and tooth decay.

In California, an incident occurred when chemicals in a local reservoir were exposed to sunlight, converting to cancer-causing chemicals. To prevent further contamination, black plastic balls were used to block the sunlight. The most shocking part of the article is the response from the surrounding homeowners who were upset that the black balls made the reservoir look unattractive. Their response came from their belief that the water was safe because it was legal.

If you ever feel suspicious about your tap water not being safe for drinking or for any use, there are ways to clean it. Of course, boiling is the best way, but make sure when boiling that the heat stays on for a few extra minutes after the water starts to boil. Bleach is also an alternative. Put in 8 drops (16 drops if water is cloudy), mix, then wait about a half-hour before putting the water to use.

Never hesitate to contact your water company to make sure your water is not just legal, but safe.
American tradition is synonymous with misogyny. The classical notion on men paying for the first date and subsequent dates implies that males are in control of the relationship with their supposed fiscal superiority. As modern-day feminists claim for the same rights as men and cachew the traditions that have been passed down from generation-to-generation, they fail to realize the intrinsic nature of relationships between man and woman. At the most primal level, the male displays dominance and that dominance manifests at the beginning with the male paying for the date. Individuals who claim that women should pay for the date or that it should be split “dutch” are attempting to subvert the classic image of a male into a form that does not have a discernable social difference. Feminists strive to achieve equality in social and professional environments.

Equality, however, are the privileges and responsibilities that males have always had. We as men lose more and more of our identity to progressive views every day. We have lost the image of the “classic male,” the breadwinners who wear suits and provide.

We as males are past the debacle that was “metrosexual-ity.” We are slowly regaining our image as the classic American male. So ladies, let us pay for the first date and every date after that. It’s a male thing.

To group a certain gender into role-specific categories is a far-too-common practice in contemporary culture. I do not believe that one specific person should be responsible for flipping the cost of the entire date. Sure, it would be a nice gesture for a guy to buy me a drink or two, but I don’t expect anyone to pay for an entire meal or film, or both combined.

As up and coming ladies, our mothers tell us that the man should pay for the meal. However, I do not, nor have ever, expected a man to pay $50 or more to hang out with me. Now that I phrased it that way, it seems vaguely like prostitution.

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Going Green
Easy Ways to Eat More Fruits and Vegetables
Dana Baardsen
Contributing Writer

With flu season in full swing and many beginning to think about slimming down and toning up for spring break, here are some fun tips to make sure you’re getting your daily dose of fruits and vegetables.

Ditch the Oasis
Canned veggies may be high in sodium and lack flavor. Fresh vegetables tend to be naturally sweeter, more crisp and much more enjoyable to eat.

Sunshine Salad
Add chopped carrots and lemon zest to orange Jell-O mix. Serve chilled.

Mash It Up
Cauliflower is high in vitamin C and contains phosphorous and potassium. Blend into mashed potatoes and you’ve just packed your starch with some extra nutrients.

Roll It Up
Serve bowls of taco-night-fixin’s sans the taco shells. Instead, offer a plate of large Romaine lettuce leaves. Roll the standard taco ingredients into a healthier alternative.

Put It in a Pop
Purchase some ice-pop molds and fill with yogurt and fresh fruits. Serve for a yummy vitamin-packed dessert.

Freeze Em
Stick a bunch of grapes in the freezer and watch the new version of hard candy slowly disappear.

Chips Anyone?
Instead of ripping open a bag of greasy potato chips, make your own. Try kale chips by lightly salting and drizzling olive oil over fresh kale and bake at a low temperature until crispy.

Juice It
Juicing is a great way to reap all of the nutritional benefits of fresh greens while drinking something that tastes like sweet apples. Fruit flavors will overpower any bitter vegetable taste. Green monster juice, anyone?

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Despite all our rage, we're all just some rats in a maze. With all the construction going on around campus, many of us feel the same way. Some of the best routes to our classes are blocked off due to the installment of our new heating and cooling systems, but will it all be worth it in the end?

Montclair State University is well known for its constant "campus improvement" projects. Besides the frustration of the constant detours, there are many more complaints about the non-stop construction. One of the biggest problems with the construction is the clean-up efforts. The university has been considerate with the division of the construction, only working in smaller chunks of the campus, which is a better alternative than completely destroying all of the school's grounds. Many of the areas that have re-opened are in shambles. Workers have been lazy with the restoration of the roads. In short, our roads have more holes than Swiss cheese.

The university could have expected us to be upset with the conservation of rain water. The lack of professionalism and busi- ness is really off-putting and disappointing.

It began to have students question the new installment. Is all this construction worth this? It has become a real inconvenience this school year. The construction began June 4 and is predicted to be an 18-month endeavor.

With the renovation of Blanton Plaza and with Schmitt Hall only being completed last spring, MSU has had no time to recover from the onslaught of construction.

MSU can post all the "Excuse us for our appearance" signs they want, but that doesn't change the fact that our school continues to look unpleasant. We only pray that after the construction is over, our school can go back to looking presentable, but with the way our roads are being paved out, it seems highly unlikely.

Also, the construction of Blanton Plaza was ex- cessively delayed and we can't help but think that the efforts made for this project has gotten in the way of many other campus projects. Moving into Blan- ton was a sheer disappointment when we saw that no effort had been done on it whatsoever.

We are also concerned about the Alumni Greens, which was once the most beautiful place on cam- pus. It was well kept, well maintained, and looked beautiful. MSU with a self-sustaining way of providing energy, there is supposed to provide us with a sustainable way of providing energy, there are still doubts that all that's been done to cam- pus will be worth it.

"I think that while it's good for the environment, it's not good for students. I think that the money should be going towards a big-ger purpose. If we had a say in it, most people knew it was for a heating and cooling system. If we had a say in it, it would have been against the idea. No, I don't think it's worth it at all."
The whole issue sur- rounding the recent "war on drugs" without a doubt, is debatable.

Enforce morality, yet they continue to commit forbidding acts such as drug abuse. Crimes typically involve some kind of force or threat inflicted on a victim. Despite no plausible victim of the action committed, drug abuse is still consid- ered a crime even though it is a communal act.

This means that the action involved takes place upon the consent and approval of the victim. Prohibition contradicts your indi- vidual freedom of doing what you want as long as such actions do not harm the interests of others.

The real problem, I believe, is not the drugs themselves, but the fact that these ad- diicts do will anything they can to obtain their "forbidden fruit."

Now, for instance, is highly addictive, yet we don’t see people knocking down convenience stores to get their hands on Marlboros. On the other hand, become violent and rampant because of the difficulty obtaining to addictive substances.

For the sake of the argument, if drugs were legal, individuals could do what we did to alcohol and tobacco sell and make profit off them. Legalizing and dis- patching drugs would mean having a regu- lated supply of substances.

Through this, users would know what it is that they are buying and how much money they are spending. The Federal Government control what you can eat and drink for lunch. What we consume should be our choices.

This means that the action of drug prohibition. In- cluded control of these substances. Illicit drugs could not have been so publicly available.

It is precisely these bold ar-rons that which until recently gives any American citizen the right to bear arms. That is correct and some Ameri- can citizen. While background checks are now required, the en- forcement of this command is not strict.

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The winds have been working full time, joining the frigid temperatures, snow and ice to make campus more treacherous to navigate and certainly too cold for comfort.

Getting back into the swing of school and work is much harder when the weather is uninviting. It’s days like these when I ask myself, “What can MSU do to provide a more welcoming environment to students?”

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The first time I heard a song by indie rock sister duo Tegan and Sara, I was not impressed. I really couldn’t get into their music because there was never enough of a beat for me to be captivated by the heart of their songs. It’s not that their songs weren’t well written. I just couldn’t get into the instrumentals.

However, I think I have to eat my own words because when I heard their newest album, Heartthrob, I was very impressed.

Released on Monday, Jan. 28, Tegan and Sara’s Heartthrob completely won me over due to its new alternative sound. The album opens up with their featured hit, “Closer.”

I first heard this song on the radio back in September and instantly had it on replay. While lots of artists are selling out and becoming mainstream, Tegan and Sara have evolved over the years and have struck back more powerful than ever.

While “Closer” was definitely the right song to introduce Tegan and Sara’s new sound, I’m happy to say that it’s not the only awe-inspiring label.

If you’re looking for that “love conquers all” message for your significant other, you’ll find it in their song “Love They Say,” which sends out the message that love will always triumph, because “there’s nothing love can’t do.”

If you’re currently going through rough patches in your relationship and are beginning to feel it’s time to let go and walk away, or you’re tired of waiting around for that guy or girl to open his or her eyes, their song “I Was a Fool!” and “How Come You Don’t Want Me?” illustrate both of these scenarios vividly.

However, my personal favorite, “I’m Not Your Hero,” is about not losing hope or getting discouraged, becoming your own person and ridding yourself of other people’s opinions and expectations.

I think this is a song that anyone who listens to can relate to in his or her own way. The regular version of Heartthrob contains 10 tracks while the deluxe version contains two bonus tracks “Guilty As Charged” and “I Run Empty,” as well as the official music videos for “Closer.”

The band then went on hiatus for some time, allowing the members to work on their 20th anniversary in 2012. To celebrate this achievement, the band decided to go on a world tour, having stopped at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Like in Baltimore, L’Arc en Ciel is the first Japanese band to headline the arena, creating even more profound history for the band. The band is not disbanded but is currently facing another hiatus period. What to expect from them is not entirely predictable, but their return is very much anticipated on an international basis.
A$AP Rocky, born Rakim Mayers, rose to fame and a $3 million deal with RCA Records all thanks to YouTube. Despite his second single, “F***ing Problem” being certified gold and reaching the Top 5 on the Billboard charts, he’s also making quite a name for himself in the fashion world.

While most Red Hawks were moving back onto campus and preparing for the first day of classes, A$AP accompanied rap industry vets Kanye West and Pharrell Williams to Paris Fashion Week, where he made blog headlines everywhere by sporting designer Shaun Samson from head to toe.

“With clothes, I like mixing what different designers do until it becomes a personal expression of how I feel that day,” he told GQ in a recent interview.

The Internet has been on fire recently with people saying that his flashy, high fashion threads might be taking away from his Harlem-based rap mentality too early on in his career. For now, it seems like he’s having no problem balancing sold-out, 5,000 seaters every night and taking private jets during the day to cause trouble with his new partner in crime, designer Jeremy Scott. When asked about his new fashion sense, he replied, “I’m going to be a fashion icon in a minute.”

Some dreams are universal: hitting a walkover at the Open, winning the World Series with a Grand Slam in the bottom of the ninth inning, finding out that you have MS is not one of them.

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Groundhogs Day Playlist
Songs that make you want to burrow and plow!

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   Jonathan Molina, Assistant Arts Editor

2. “Push It” – Salt-N-Pepa
   Rashard Bradshaw, Arts Editor

3. “Dig It” – Cast of Hales
   Nick Verhagen, Sports Editor

4. “Better Dig Two” – The Band Perry
   Jessica Czarnogursky, Feature Editor

5. “Amish Paradise” – Weird Al Yankovich
   Kristen Bryfogle, Assistant Opinion Editor

6. “Pokey” – Frightened Rabbit
   Lindsay Rassmann, Managing Editor

7. “Gold Digger” – Kanye West
   Catherine Baxter, News Editor

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Le1f returns with the ethereal Fly Zone

Rashard Brabham
Arts Editor

The year 2012 strangely evolved into the year of the openly gay MC with the presence of heavy hitters Le1f and Mykki Blanco. The two gained some major international traction with their original blend of rap music infused with various styles of dance and underground gay culture.

The wave of openly gay artists is also pushed by the current New Orleans “easy-beat” trend, an infectious rump-shaking genre of music that has been spreading across the country, thanks to the artists like Big Freedia and Nicky Da B.

These artists were stressing the boundaries that have confined urban music and its heteronormative constraints. While many media outlets were quick to introduce the pack under the umbrella term “queer hip-hop,” many have shaken the brand and proved that their sexuality isn’t the driving force behind their distinct lyricism.

One example is Le1f, with the release of Fly Zone. His unique blend of aquatic drips and crashing waves is making him one of the most promising and moody artists.

Fly Zone is a 13 track trip into the outer limits of the stratosphere. A mix of hardcore trap instrumentals and Le1f’s distinct vocals can be as light as a cloud on tracks like “Beecy” or sharp as a razor on “Airbending” where he spews, “I am whatever you say I am, stop worrying about how gay I am.” The single “Coins” is an aggressive modern sonnet confessing his love of currency. His punchy flow is poured over the ringing of cash registers and the flipping of coins.

With production by wild-card Kid and features from Baltimore electro-dance maverick Spank Rock, Kitty Pryde and Philadelphia native Don Jones, Le1f’s Fly Zone is the perfect album to stroll to on a dewy day or anytime payday rears its pretty head. Download the free project via Fader.com.

Le1f takes flight.

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The Walking Dead Is Back:
Television’s biggest show returns

Ken Macri
Staff Writer

The Walking Dead, television's biggest phenomenon, is returning Sunday, Feb. 10th in what is sure to be a blood-soaked second half of Season 3. The midseason finale garnered over 10.5 million viewers, continuing to make The Walking Dead the highest-rated and most viewed basic cable series in history.

The show, based on the graphic novels by Robert Kirkman, follows sheriff Rick Grimes and his band of fellow survivors in a world overrun by zombies. Back in Season 1, Rick woke from a coma and was thrust into the zombie apocalypse that took over Atlanta and the rest of the world – so we think.

Unfortunately for Rick, things still aren’t looking up. In the first half of the current season, Rick lost his wife Lori and now is preparing to face off with the show’s loathsome villain, The Governor, a prominent antagonist in the comic series. Kirkman left us with quite a cliffhanger before the series went its midseason break: The Dixon Brothers prepare to battle ‘till the death, and we were introduced to Tyreese and his group, something fans of the comic series have been desperately waiting for.

It has become quite apparent over its three-season span that The Walking Dead is by far televisions most bloody and violent show, and arguably the most suspenseful as well. I don’t remember any show willing to sever heads and chop off body parts like The Walking Dead does. The best part is every detail is shown off in such a way that, no matter how popular, is implausible and unbelievable.

One thing fans have loved about the show is that Rick’s favorite character could die at any moment, makes every episode of The Walking Dead a must watch for fans. Even when your favorite character could die at any moment, makes every episode of The Walking Dead a must watch and is something no other show is willing to offer or even could offer.

If you’re looking for a quality drama series about flesh-eating zombies and the preservation of humanity, then join the rest of us and tune in at 9 p.m., February 10 on AMC.

Television’s bloodiest series returns!

(Photocourtesy of Dummy Magazine)

WARNING SPOILER ALERT!!
Mens Basketball Wins Two Straight

The Montclair State men’s basketball team broke its three-game losing skid with a back-to-back convincing victories last week over Rutgers-Camden and Seton Hall University.

The Red Hawks fell behind quickly in their home conference game against the Scarlet Raptors of Rutgers-Camden. Fu-eled by junior forward Michael Williams’ 13 points and 10 rebounds, the Montclair State men’s basketball team improved to 7-13 overall, with a 3-7 record in the NJAC.

With the win, the Red Hawks improved to 7-13 overall, 3-7 in the NJAC. The Dolpins fell to 14-4 after the upset de-feat. The Red Hawks will return to action on Wednesday, Jan. 30 when they make the short trek to Mahwah, NJ to take on their 13th-ranked conference rival Ramapo College. Coaches are looking to average their previous home defeats to the Roadrunners on Wednesday, February 1st.

They were able to continue that momentum through the rest of the game and held on for a convincing 76-62 win over their conference foe.

Ciofalo scored a game-high 21 points in the Red Hawks’ win over the Scarlet Raptors. Goldson contributed a double-double with 17 points and 14 rebounds to complete the double-double.

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The Montclair State Red Hawks ice hockey team is back! In the month of January, the team went 3-3-0-1. The game of the month was a win over Rowan University in the Red Hawks’ first outdoor game. All proceeds from the game went to the National MS Society.

The Red Hawks played hard and it was a neck and neck game, but in the end the Red Hawks came out on top with a 6-5 win. The Red Hawks had goals from Sean Mertens, Cody Inglis, Brian Manning and Chris Preziosi for a 4-0 lead.

However, the Red Hawks saw their lead cut to just one after Rowan scored on three straight shots. Freshman goaltender, Trevor Tironi, was pulled from the game and replaced by junior, Anthony Palmieri, with 14 minutes remaining in the second period. Kevin Tempsick provided the Red Hawks some insurance in the period, scoring a goal off of a Rowan turnover, but Rowan continued to play hard.

Early in the third period, Rowan's hard work paid off and they scored a goal from a point shot that got by senior goaltender, Joe Fede, who played the entire third period. He was solid in-net after giving up the tying goal, and he gave his team an opportunity to get that winning goal, which they would eventually get. Nick Farina, new to the Red Hawks team this semester, scored the game-winning goal and the eventual game winner.

Coach Barone was very pleased with his team’s play and determination to win the game. “Seeing those guys give up their body and blocking shots, in the cold weather, was amazing. It goes to show you how important it was to them to win that game,” coach Barone said.

On Sunday afternoon, the Red Hawks took on Central Connecticut State University in a home match at the Floyd Hall Arena. The opening face-off was at 3 p.m. There was no shortage of offense from the Red Hawks as they took 47 shots throughout the course of the game.

Central Connecticut State University scored first with a goal from Frank Pisano. At the end of the period, however, it was the Red Hawks up on the scoreboard by a score of 2-1. The Red Hawk goals were both scored a man down.

Brandon Person had the first and Nick Lieback the second. The second period started just as the first ended. MSU would score two more shorthanded goals. One was Lieback's second of the game and the other from Christopher Preziosi. Montclair State’s defense and goaltending was strong all day. Before the end of the period, Central Connecticut State University cut the lead to just one with two more goals from Frank Pisano. One was scored on a power play to give Pisano the hat trick.

Just minutes into the third period, Central Connecticut State University was able to tie the score at 4-4. The game remained tied until the final minutes of the period, when the Red Hawks were able to score 3 more goals for insurance. Joseph Fede started in-net for the Red Hawks and stopped 28 of the 32 shots he faced. He finished the contest with a .935 save percentage.

The team is now 9-8-2-1 and will travel to Marist on Saturday, February 2 at 4:15 p.m. The Red Hawks will be looking for a big win to put their record back over the .500 mark.
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#### Game of the Week

**Women’s Basketball** vs. Richard Stockton

February 2, 3 p.m.

The 8th ranked Red Hawks look to extend their winning streak against Stockton. MSU won its last game against the Ospreys 81-46.

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**Who’s Hot This Week**

**Zak Westerberg**

Men’s Swimming and Diving

Westerberg was awarded NJAC Men’s Swimmer of the Week for his performance in Montclair State’s 1-2 run last week. Over the course of the three dual meets, Westerberg won six individual events and one relay.

**Melissa Tobie**

Forward - Basketball

Tobie was named NJAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Week for the third time this season by recording an average of 20.5 points and 5.5 rebounds as the Red Hawks won their 19th and 20th straight games. Tobie currently leads the NJAC in field goal percentage (.533) and is fourth in points per game (14.4)
Super Bowl XLVII Brings New Meaning to ‘Family Feu’ 

Jim and John Harbaugh to be first opposing brothers in NFL history

Ray Lewis, playing in the final game of his career will look to go out on top with his second Super Bowl win.

I'd be lying if I didn't say that I'm a little sad that the New England Patriots didn't make it to Super Bowl XLVII. However, I won't fail a single drug test throughout his 17-year career. I'll give Ray the benefit of the doubt because, quite frankly, I think this was strictly something to distract from the bigger picture and that's Super Bowl XLVII. One last thought about Ray Lewis is that the man is 37 years old and is going to record the most tackles in a single postseason. This, combined with the possibility of ending his career hoisting his second Lombardi trophy, is just sensational.

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In his second year of coaching, Jim Harbaugh looks to make NFL history by leading the 49ers to their sixth Super Bowl win.