Trans-Pacific Partnership

Agreement causes tension and shows U.S. flaunting power

Tiffany Saez
Production Editor

Often referred to as “NAFTA on steroids,” the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)—a free trade agreement currently being negotiated between the US and 11 other countries—reflects the US latest effort to flex its economic and military muscle over the Asia-Pacific region.

While much of the public remains passive and unaware of the TPP and its consequences, the proposed deal embodies the dawn of a new era driven by multinational interests—something that should alarm our citizens.

According to TPP draft texts released by the website WikiLeaks, the trade agreement aims to strengthen corporations by raising those status to that of government institutions.

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‘Gunslinger’ Shoots Blanks
Student film about an aspiring football player falls short

Jonathan Molina
Entertainment editor

For viewers, student films have a certain appeal to them that draw in viewers with the allure of raw talent that bloomed in front of their very eyes. For Aaron Dobson and his “short” (40 minute) film Gunslinger, the potential talent that was meant to be completely overshadowed by its technicality, continuity and casting issues that end up being the main focus and left me thinking, “Why?”

Christopher Friedel takes on the role of Derek, a pain­fully average looking male who aspires in achieving the lofty goal of becoming a NCAA Division I college football player.

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Hometown Teams Hits the Heart

Renowned museum exhibit comes to Montclair

Jayna Gugliucci
Assistant News Editor

With the Super Bowl taking place in the Meadowlands, there could not have been a better time for the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center to share its home with a new exhibit. Traveling from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., “Hometown Teams” showcases the impact of sports on the American lifestyle and culture.

According to curator Bill Santelli, the exhibit displays “few aspects of American

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In Memoriam: John J. Cali

Ethan Fri

John J. Cali, who donated both his nameplate and $5 million to establish the new School of Music at Montclair State University, passed away on Feb. 1.

A soprano-player-turned-real estate developer, Cali worked to spread his love of music to future generations. In a campus-wide email, President Susan Cole expressed Cali’s value to the campus and to the students themselves, saying, “He frequently came to student performances and he was immediately proud of our students. Students, faculty and others who had the chance to know him could not help but return his affection and respect. John was a wise and intelligent man, always gracious in his manner, welcoming in his home and un­failingly generous and kind to others.” The Cali School of Music remains the only university music school in New Jersey.

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Spotlight Shines on Hangtag Theft

Jayna Gugliucci
Assistant News Editor

Though the theft of parking hangtags has decreased significantly over the last few years, the prominence of such a crime has not disappeared completely. With seven hangtags stolen from campus parking garages since the beginning of the school year, the issue has remained in the spotlight and will only continue to do so as steps are not taken to prevent theft.

In accordance with the thefts, both Parking Services and the University Police are determined to bring an end to the crimes for good. To do so, all report­ed thefts of hangtags are flagged within Parking Services’ system. When utilized again, the stolen hangtag will generate a flag within the system.

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Higher Education for a Lower Cost, the way it should be.
Recently, Sen. Marco Rubio had addressed an education forum at Miami Dade College.

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Red Hawks Win Back to Back Games

The Montclair State womens basketball team is building up another win streak.
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.

On Feb. 3
Non-student Everton Halauza, 34, of Woodside, N.Y. was arrested and charged with criminal mischief, defiant trespassing, an act of domestic violence, two counts for possession of marijuana and ecstasy and his involvement in removing air from tires in Lot 45. Halauza is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

On Jan. 31
Non-student Andrew Masco, 18, of Holmdel, N.J. was arrested and charged with his involvement in the same incident. Both parties are scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Pelican Police Report

On Jan. 31
Non-student Frank DeLuica, 18, of Holmdel, N.J. was arrested and charged for his involvement in damaging the third floor hallway of Gordon Hall. On Feb. 1, non-student Andrew Masco, 18, of Holmdel, N.J. was arrested and charged with his involvement in the same incident. Both parties are scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

On Feb. 7
A staff member of Sam’s Place reported that their wallet was removed from an unlocked locker within the Employees Only area. This case is under investigation. (building #58)
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Andrew Osolin Staff Writer

Heather Kopsco, a gradu- ate student at MSU, has been studying the role of birds in the spread of Lyme disease. While they have been known to spread ticks which carry the disease, Kopsco’s research focuses on the possibility that birds can actually become infected with Borrelia burg- dorfii, the bacterium that causes Lyme disease. After earning her B.A. in English at Rutgers in 2008, Kopsco received her B.A. in biology here at MSU.

Kopsco’s interest in Lyme disease started when she contracted it herself in 2011. Her symptoms included “in- credible fatigue and hor- rible joint and muscle pain,” as quoted on the Montclair State University website. She contracted the disease again last summer while do-

Weekend Update

Saturday (12 p.m.-5 p.m.), Sunday (12-5 p.m.), Monday-Thursday (10 a.m.-5 p.m.).

The Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street boasts the interactive exhibit aimed to illustrate the “cult of sports” begins in our hometowns—on the sandlot, at the local ball field, even in the street.” From the long nights out on the corner with friends to the professional games played before crowds in multiple languages, MSU students are able to participate in the public school system. This way, future generations can be empowered to make a difference and bring such a treasured experience to the heart of Montclair State.

Part of a partnership be- tween the Smithsonian and the New Jersey Council for Humanities, the museum will be hosting a series of programs connected to “Homegrown” throughout the spring semester.
Hangtags are continually monitored by Parking Services to ensure that only authorized vehicles are parked in campus lots. If a hangtag is reported stolen, Parking Services will take immediate action to alert University Police of the violation.

When a hangtag is reported stolen, Parking Services contacts University Police to investigate the incident. If the investigation reveals that a hangtag has been stolen, Parking Services will take additional measures to prevent the same from happening again. These measures may include increasing security patrols in the area where the theft occurred, installing surveillance cameras, or increasing the number of security officers on duty.

In addition, Parking Services will work with University Police to identify and arrest the individuals responsible for the theft. This may involve tracking down witnesses, analyzing surveillance footage, or interviewing suspects.

Once a hangtag is reported stolen, Parking Services and University Police will work together to ensure that the perpetrator is identified and prosecuted. This may involve conducting interviews, collecting evidence, or presenting the case to the prosecutor's office.

Parking Services and University Police are committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all members of the Montclair State community. By working together, we can prevent hangtag theft and other forms of vandalism, and ensure that our campus remains a safe and welcoming place for all.
Deanna Massa  
Staff Writer

Coco Chanel is one of the fashion industry’s most influential women, impacting the industry with her everlasting concept of the “little black dress.” It was revolutionary then and is timeless now, as the dress serves as a staple piece in every fashionista’s wardrobe.

Born Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel on Aug. 19, 1883, her birthplace of Sau-mur, France became identified with the infamous fashion designer and founder of the Chanel brand. She later gained the nickname Coco from local soldiers who would frequent at cafes and concert halls where Chanel sang. She learned the trade of a seamstress at the young age of six when she was sent to the orphanage of the Catholic monastery of Aubazine. When she turned 18 years old, Chanel left the orphanage and took a job for a local tailor.

During World War I, Chanel moved to Deauville, France and became the mistress of a Etienne Balsan, a rich ex-military officer and textile heir. This gave Chanel the perfect opportunity to practice the art of designing. She began creating and designing hats, which then turned into something more commercial. She eventually met Arthur Edward Capel, a wealthy friend of Balsan who she later dated for about nine years, even while Capel married someone else.

Through the connections of these two men, Chanel was able to jump-start her brand and launch her first boutique shops. The 1920s brought her much fame, as she was the first designer to create garments with a loose-fitting silhouette made out of jersey. Her dresses became very popular with clients because women were seeking garments without the usual corset restriction, as it seemed impractical post-war. The 1920s also housed the opening of Chanel’s headquarters in Paris.

At this time, the Chanel brand became a force to reckon with and Coco Chanel became a style icon herself. Her short bob haircut and modern style was cutting edge, having women idolize Chanel in all her beauty. In 1922, she launched her first fragrance Chanel No. 5, the most timeless scent that is still internationally popular. She launched her first cardigan jacket, which became a signature garment for the brand, as well as the little black dress.

During World War II, Chanel served as a nurse and had an affair with a Nazi officer. This diminished her popularity quite a bit, therefore moving to Switzerland to avoid any controversy. Shortly after, Chanel adopted Dior’s now infamous New Look. She expanded her brand and launched pea coats and bell-bottom jeans for women. Today, Chanel’s product selection includes jewelry, shoes, headwear, all types of clothing, childrenswear, sportswear and even athletic equipment.

Through media and advertising, the Chanel brand hit the United States full force. Hollywood began to adopt Chanel’s designs in film. Stars such as Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly were dedicated clients of the brand and were seen in Chanel both on screen and in their daily lives. In 1971, Chanel passed away at the age of 87 in her apartment at The Hotel Ritz in Paris. She worked hard to complete her latest, and last, couture collection which was introduced two weeks after her death. Her stayed true to her style even in her last moments and sported the Chanel brand gracefully. She impacted the fashion industry, is a style icon and will forever be one of the most influential designers.
Date Night Dishes for a Heart Healthy Valentine’s Day

Not only is date night less expensive if you stay in and cook at home, but it can also be much more fun and healthy. Research has shown that cooking together can help couples de-stress, which is one of the most important things that you can do to control your cardiovascular health. Just as important is what you put in your body: nutritious food. Here are some tips to make your Valentine’s Day meal delicious and nutritious.

Start with a salad.

Now you might be wondering: what’s sexy about eating a salad? Well, this salad is sure to keep yours and your partner’s heart strong since it’s not just any old salad. Loaded with lots of different flavors, textures and aromas, a sweet surprise, this is sure to delight the taste buds. Fill a bowl with fresh spinach, tosa in some sliced avocado, strawberries and walnuts. Shake up some olive oil and vinegar to drizzle over the top for an extra boost of heart-healthy oils.

Here is the heart-conscious nutrient breakdown:
- Spinach - Folate for heart health, B-complex vitamins, magnesium, potassium, calcium, fiber
- Avocado - Heart-healthy monounsaturated fats, potassium
- Strawberries - Vitamin C, antioxidants
- Walnuts - Plant omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin E, magnesium, folate, fiber, heart- favorable mono- and polyunsaturated fats; phytosterols

Eat heart healthy pasta.

Pasta is also a fun dish to make with another person. When you often order pasta at a restaurant, the portion sizes are enough to feed a whole family and there is usually an unnecessary amount of added salt, oil or butter and calories. When you make your own, however, pasta can be a perfectly nutritious meal that is ideal for a romantic evening. The ingredients can be completely personalized, but here are some ideas for great heart-healthy pasta:
- Garlic, olive oil, cherry tomatoes, spinach and basil.

Make homemade pizza.

Making healthy pizza is, by far, one of my favorite food activities to do with both my boyfriend and my girlfriends. Whether you spend this evening with friends or a significant other, have some fun making your own personal pizzas. The first step in making pizza healthy is to begin with whole-wheat crust. I promise you will not regret it. The American Heart Association states that a diet rich in whole grains can help prevent stroke and reduce and decrease blood cholesterol. As for the pizza sauce, look for labels that advertise “heart healthy” or check the sodium content because the lower, the better. The best label that I have seen contains about 200 mg of sodium per serving. Whichever sauce you end up with, it is sure to have a hefty amount of lycopene, a healthy antioxidant.

Finally, load on the vegetables! Spinach is a must for its heart health benefits and mild flavor and red bell peppers provide a crunchy of vitamin A and fiber. My favorite combination consists of any of the following: spinach, broccoli, bell peppers, zucchini, onion, mushrooms and banana peppers. Any vegetable is a good choice, so get creative.

Even better than a box of chocolates...

End the evening with a sweet treat for your partner’s taste buds and heart. Heat up chunks of chocolate that have at least 70 percent cacao to get the health benefits of chocolate. You can do this in the top of a double boiler or place the chocolate in a heat proof bowl over a saucepan of boiling (watch and stir often). Drizzle over chunks of fruit, or in a fondue style, dip the fruit into the chocolate. The following fruits pair well with dark chocolate:
- Banana - Heart healthy potassium
- Mango - Full of filling fiber
- Strawberries - Immunity-boosting vitamin C
- Pineapple - Manganese, vitamin C and fiber
- Kiwi - Nutrient-packed fruit full of vitamin C, zinc and fiber
- Angel food cake - This light cake is virtually fat-free and is a fun option to alternate with fruit

If you are of age, go ahead and enjoy a glass of red wine while making your date night meal. Choosing this beverage over another alcoholic drink can do more than just set the mood. Antioxidant flavoured compounds found in red grapes have been shown to have a positive effect on blood cholesterol by decreasing the bad and increasing the good. An added benefit is a compound in red wine called resveratrol. In moderation, this compound protects the health of blood vessels, reduces incidence of blood clots and may inhibit cancer cell growth.

Drink red wine in moderation.

Here are some alcoholic beverages that you can opt for in moderation:
- Angel food cake - Full of filling fiber
- Moose and broccoli pasta.
- Salad in a light vinaigrette or can alone to eat more chocolate later.

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What is Valentine’s Day?

HE SAID

Valentine’s Day is a tough holiday to pinpoint. Everyone has varying opinions and motives for what they should be doing. Some guys feel that this day should end in sex; otherwise they’ve somehow “failed.” Some guys feel that they have to go out of the way to do something nice for their girlfriend in order to appease them.

However, most guys feel that it is just another day and that if their partner wants to spend time with them due to a socially constructed holiday, then they will. A lot of guys don’t like Valentine’s Day because it seems to be a day focused around women and making them feel good. Some guys use the holiday as a moment to think and celebrate themselves for who they are, single guys living their lives. Other guys are tired of people talking about their relationship status publicly, as it feels like an excuse for people to complain about how single or taken they are. Some men instead take the chance to go out and let all the women in their life know how special they are by buying them all roses. The consensus seems to be that most men find it just be a day that is unremarkably different from any other. Some guys have even gone as far as to say they’d rather have a second Christmas, because at least they can feel that they can also benefit from the holiday as well.

SHE SAID

Valentine’s Day seems to be, first and foremost, an excuse to be extra sappy in public and not feel bad about it. Some ladies also find that it doesn’t really matter what you do with your partner as long as you do it together.

The gifts and other material parts of the holiday are nice, but most can agree that they aren’t essential in order to enjoy the holiday. It seems to be that Valentine’s Day has moved to become an overly commercialized holiday which is moved to push flowers and cheap chocolate onto all the females of the world, perfectly encompassing the corporate shill of “buy our products to find love.”

Women and especially men need to understand that those gifts and chocolates while nice, don’t save or sustain a relationship. Having men feel socially obligated to buy stuff shows that the holiday is slowly shifting from a holiday based around love to corporate greed. Men should buy women gifts on any day and shouldn’t feel that pressured to a gift because the retail chains and supermarkets influenced them.

That being said, it is odd for a woman to celebrate a holiday which has its origins in whipping women in exchange for fertility. That to be perfectly honest, makes the holiday just that much more confusing and almost ironic that it is now celebrated based on “love.” Even after all that, Valentine’s Day can be a day to strengthen a couple’s love by having them remember and recount old feelings for one another, that they might have forgotten in the monotonous grind that is life.

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If you could change one thing about higher education, what would it be and why?

Kaita Manix
Junior
English

"I would change higher education by getting rid of the gen-
eral education requirements. It lowers what a student’s drive to do well. Half of the general education classes people have no interest in, so I think it overall lowers what they learn in college."

Kyle Kowal
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Joseph Stanley Korp
Senior
Communications and Media Arts

"I think it would definitely be what everybody wants—the tuition cost—because it’s too expen-
sive, and I feel that people need to save their money on better things, too."

Amara Higgins
Junior
Business

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vanced scholarships to college students. I feel that there can be other scholar-
ship, which are available, like grants that you can apply for online and have no idea about them and everyone else has no idea about them. But I feel that these kinds of awards are very beneficial toward college students. They should have more scholarships available and inform more students about them."

Emily Chen
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Paul McCartney's new album shows the pop-rock icon exploring the American songbook. Some of the standouts include "My Valentine," "The Glory of Love" and "We Three." Though McCartney struggles with the essence of 1940s jazz, his voice is still strong and his interpretations are lively.

**BEST COAST**

This song is from the newest album of the indie rock band Best Coast. If you are experiencing heartburn over a recent breakup, this would be the perfect song to remind you of the good times you had with that person. However, don't listen to it excessively, because it could evoke some unpleasant memories as well.

**VARIOUS ARTISTS**

FROZEN SOUNDTRACK

Instantly becoming a worldwide phenomenon, Disney's Frozen continues to hold its place in the spotlight with its soundtrack. Featuring heartfelt, Disney-esque tracks sung by Broadway's Idina Menzel and the lovely Kristin Bell, each song will easily dance its way into the hearts of listeners of all ages.

**JIMMY FALLON**

The time has come for Jay Leno to say goodbye to the millions of people that have watched his program over the last 23 years. In what was a heartbreaking moment for several viewers, Leno shared personal anecdotes and loving thank-yous to all of the people that have contributed to his late night career. Leno's spot is in talks to be taken by none other than Jimmy Fallon, whose spot Seth Meyers is taking over. The talk show scene is certainly expecting a huge shift in what is a new era of late night television.

The Winter Olympics are with us again, which allows us to take that trip down Olympic memory lane. One of those priceless moments in the competition’s history was that of Australian Steven Bradbury at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Competing in the 1,000 meter speed skating race, Bradbury’s competitors were neck and neck for the gold, maneuvering in and out of each other’s way so that anyone could have won, except Bradbury, who was dead last. In a shocking but awesome turn of events, Bradbury had what was the luckiest break.

Buck 22 - Achy Breaky 2 ft. Billy Ray Cyrus

Billy Ray Cyrus is finessing his way back into the hearts of millions with the remix of his early 90s hit, "Achy Breaky Heart." This remix features Buck 22 and cannot really be taken as much other than a gimmick. A pertinent question for the artist would be, "Who is this song for?" Country listeners don't want this and rap listeners certainly don't want this. The last half of the beloved daddy-daughter country duo has plunged into the hyper-sexualized video-sphere, joining his kid, Miley.
The Gunslinger

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The opening scene dictated my general attitude towards the movie with questions of casting arising by wondering why a more appropriate actor wasn’t in the frame. For whatever reason, the actor in the scene is the one who carries the story, the one who conveys the emotions, the one who captivates hearts for better or worse. However, with the placement of Friedel in The Gunslinger, I wasn’t able to connect with the story because it just seemed too out of place. In addition to Friedel, the other actors created a mish-mash of personalities that were portrays either not enough or way too much.

As the movie progresses, the introduction of Derek, played by Lee Otear, creates one of many scenes where I would have stopped the DVD and walked away to regain my composure. This aforementioned scene establishes the dynamic between the Friedel and Otear’s characters in a way that gender stereotypes would either portray one of the characters as manipulative and sexually deviant or silly, aloof and humorous. Besides catering to stereotypes and preconceived notions, the dialogue between the two seemed forced at times that made me wonder if it was possible to move up my wisdom teeth surgery.

Within The Gunslinger, there was small continuity errors scattered throughout in transition scenes and Oter’s hair had weeks of natural color peeking through the bleached strands on her head that grew within a span of hours in the movie. Also, the camera focus issues that become the most obvious in the construction interview scenes. Hopefully, Dobson wrote the Gunslinger with the intention of creating a flick thatbreathing that kind of notoriety.

Bringing up a breath of relief once the credits rolled, I realized that there were glimpses of talent throughout The Gunslinger. As a director, Dobson created the framework for a good, albeit cliché, story that simply wasn’t executed to the standards that would have been deserved a good student film. Had the plot of the story better suited Friedel’s character by possibly having him try out for a defensive position instead of a quarterback, The Gunslinger would have had a better chance at creating a believable story. However, with a three-step drop that made Tim Tebow look like Peyton Manning, Friedel just didn’t create that sense of believability.

They said the Gunslinger is destined to be that film that he will pull out years from now and be proud of for how he has come.

Jonathan Michael Molina
Entertainment Editor

‘Montclarion’ Sits Down with Kris Allen

Victoria Noll
Staff Writer

Aside from winning the eighth season of American Idol, Kris Allen has number-one singles and has been nominated for People’s Choice Awards and Teen Choice Awards. He’s currently in the middle of recording his latest album. Allen spoke with me about touring, his writing process and what his goals are with this new album.

When can we expect this new album to drop?

I’ve been working on it in Nashville, which is new for me because I made both of my last records in L.A., so this one is definitely different and I wrote the songs mostly here in Nashville and at my home in Arkansas. I definitely think a lot of people are going to be saying it’s a country record. It is absolutely not a country record. It’s like I write songs with people in a room and you start from complete scratch. These songs definitely feel more personal because of that, because over the last year or so, it just comes from me personally, which is a good thing. I think most people want to hear that. They want to hear your personal experiences in song.

Do you keep in touch with your Idol friends?

Until now we’ve only done a couple things together, but I’m hoping we can try and do more. We should try and get down to L.A. and try and go for it again. We definitely plan on doing that. I think we all really want to do that. We’re all still very close but we’re all very busy right now. I think we’re all just trying to keep busy right now and do what we can do and when we can do it. I think none of us have really had a lot of free time to do whatever we want to do, but we’re all still very close.

Do you have any goals for this album?

No matter what it is, my goal is to make good music and for people to be able to connect with it. I would hope that it’s a lot of people. I hope more and more people connect to my music and this new record and I think it’s going to have a lot of people who are going to like it, and it’s a good thing. I think it’s a good thing for being yourself.

What was your writing process like for this album? Was it different from some of your previous albums?

Yes! I feel 98 percent of the songs came from whether I wrote the song myself or I just came up with the initial ideas instrumentally and melodically. And I can’t say that’s happened on my last two records. It’s like I write songs with people in a room and you start from complete scratch. These songs definitely feel more personal because of that, because over the last year or so, it just comes from me personally, which is a good thing. I think most people want to hear that. They want to hear your personal experiences in song.

You’re going on tour soon! Any specific stops you’re looking forward to? Can you tell us a little bit about the tour?

This tour kind of feels like a warm-up for the rest of the year. We are playing through February and we are going to be playing a lot of new songs, which is a huge deal, and we’re gonna get people’s reactions to them. Most of them will hopefully be on the record. It will be good to just play some new stuff for people. I’m just really excited for some new material. In another way, we haven’t played a full band show in a long time and we are actually going out with a full band, which I have recorded, so for the last record, we didn’t get to play any of those songs with a full band, so we’ll get to do that and play some stuff off the last record as well.

You’re in the studio a lot these days. Can you tell us anything about your new album?

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Peak Performances

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MSU Symphony Orchestra
Ken Lam, conductor
Feb. 14 – 7:30 p.m.
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JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
MSU Wind Symphony with the South Brunswick High School Wind Ensemble
Thomas McCauley, conductor
Feb. 15 – 8:00 p.m.
Alexander Kasser Theater

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
An Afternoon of Chamber Music
Feb. 16 – 3:00 p.m.
Alexander Kasser Theater

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE
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As this most years the Mets are preparing for another long season.

Andrew Guadagnino

At the end of the night on Feb. 1, Urijah Faber still has yet to reach his ultimate goal of holding a UFC title.

Faber (30-7, 6-3 UFC) managed to out point the Russian lightweight champ Jamie Varner (23-7, 4-2 UFC) by unanimous decision after three rounds.

Overeem (37-13, 2-2 UFC) was nearly flawless in his victory over Abel Trujillo of the former WEC Lightweight Champion.

At the end of the five-round title match-up, Sambo specialist Mir (16-9, 14-9 MMA) sent the Russian Mirko “Cro Cop” during the second round. From the cage. Mir (16-9, 14-9 MMA) sending him reeling into the ground, taking “The Bully” out of the cage. Mir (16-9, 14-9 MMA) left Varner flat on his back.

Another year, another disappointing finish for the New York Mets in a National League East division that is experiencing a "changing of the guard." Heading into 2014, the Mets fans do have some things to look forward to this season. The organization has young stars that are sure to make a difference.

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Super Bowl XLVIII: A Fan’s Perspective

Joe Stanley Kurp
Staff Writer

For all of us in New York and New Jersey, host- ing Super Bowl XLVIII played in our backyard sure was a once-in-a-lifetime experience we’ll never forget. From all the festivities like concerts, Media Day at the Prudential Center and Super Bowl Boulevard in Times Square to the big game itself at MetLife Stadium, it was sure a memorable experience. Our area not just hosted the first ever Super Bowl in an outdoor cold weather stadium, but also the first Super Bowl where two states and two NFL franchises (the New York Giants and Jets) split hosting duties. Additionally, we backed out weather-wise and had great weather for the game.

Although the experience was memorable for all of us, it was extremely special for me, as I got to witness the majority of the Super Bowl festivities in person. The fun began three days before the game when a few of my friends and I from the student-run organization Rec friends and I from the student-run organization Rec

The only part that I did not enjoy the atmosphere and     for the Super Bowl festivities in New York and New Jersey in person sure was a fascinating once-in-a-lifetime experience. For the hard work that New York and New Jersey put together to make this Super Bowl happen, it sure was worth it. For a Montclair State student, being part of the experience sure was a memorable experience and I hope that New York and New Jersey gets selected to host the NFL’s biggest game again in the near future.

Super Bowl Boulevard

The boulevard sure was a memorable experience, as football fans were enjoying themselves and cherishing the moment. With many activities to choose from, including a viewing of the Vince Lombardi Trophy, the giant roman numerals, the autograph sessions from various NFL players, football-themed activities and merchandise and even the Teabag Run sideline, Super Bowl Boulevard sure had a lot to offer for every NFL fan in the heart of the greatest city in the world.

However, I also had the chance to attend the Super Bowl itself at MetLife Stadium three days later. From the minute I arrived on game day, I found myself in a festive atmosphere I had never seen before at the Meadowlands. All the fans that attended, especially the fans of the participating teams, the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks, sure were in the mood for such a historic game and who would emerge as the champions of the National Football League for the 2013 season.

After making it through security, I checked out Game Day Fan Plaza, a spectacular pregame experience around the stadium grounds where I got to pose with the Lombardi Trophy, enjoy some fun activities and other things that I missed out on at Super Bowl Boulevard. Although the crowds grew quicker as kickoff neared, I was able to take part in the action and sink in the moment while enjoying the pregame festivities.

It only got better when the fans and I arrived at our seats. After navigating through the crazy crowds and catching player warm-ups, the excitement leading up to kickoff built up as we were treated to extraordinary performances from the Rutgers and Syracuse Marching Bands, Queen Latifah and Renee Fleming, as well as witness the player introductions of the Broncos and Seahawks. From the minute the opening kickoff was made, we all knew our dream was a reality: that a Super Bowl was officially being played in New York/New Jersey.

All of us were on the edge of our seats as the Broncos and Seahawks battled for glory. Surprisingly, the Seahawks dominated the game and were up 22-0 at halftime. Although the score was not close at all by halftime, the mood still became electric as Bruno Mars, with a little help from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, put on a sensational halftime show right before our eyes. Along with an LED display created by fans and spectacular fireworks above the stadium, the halftime show sure was an unforgettable moment.

As halftime ended, we all expected a more hard fought half and a possible comeback by Denver. However, Seattle continued to dominate and only allowed one touchdown, eventually winning the game 43-8 and winning their first Super Bowl in their franchise’s 37-year history. As the fireworks shot overhead and the confetti flew throughout the stadium during the presentation of the Lombardi Trophy, Seahawks fans were basking in the glow of their championship. On the other hand, Broncos fans were very disappoint ed that Seattle’s shutout their record-setting offense led by Peyton Manning down the entire game due to the so-called “Legion of Boom,” which featured players like Richard Sherman and eventual Super Bowl MVP Malcolm Smith.

For me, I just enjoyed the atmosphere and was entertained throughout the game. The only part that most fans and I did not like about the experience was the NJ Transit nightmare we went through heading home from the Meadowlands. However, I handled it just fine and was able to make a safe trip home.

Overall, to be part of the Super Bowl festivities in New York and New Jersey in person sure was a fascinating once-in-a-lifetime experience. For the hard work that New York and New Jersey put together to make this Super Bowl happen, it sure was worth it. For a Montclair State student, being part of the experience sure was a memorable experience and I hope that New York and New Jersey gets selected to host the NFL’s biggest game again in the near future.
Mens Basketball Returns to Winning Ways

The Montclair State mens basketball team returned to their winning ways after suffering a four-game losing streak, as they posted two crucial victories over NJAC rivals: a 64-59 win on the road at William Paterson on Jan. 29 and a 69-61 victory at Rutgers-Camden on Feb. 1.

After trailing by three points early in the first half, the Red Hawks took control against William Paterson as they went on two major scoring runs, one of eleven points after trailing by three and a nine-point run to close out the first half. At halftime, Montclair State led 34-23.

In the second half, however, William Paterson stormed back in the first six minutes of the half and tied the game at 38 apiece. Although the second half was a tight affair, Montclair State led 51-47 on a layup by senior forward Ordel Goldson with eight minutes left.

After William Paterson scored the next five points to take a 56-55 lead with 4:05 left in the game, a layup by senior guard Daniel Singleton, a put-back by sophomore forward Kevin McGorry and a key free throw by junior guard James D’Angelo put Montclair State up 60-56 with 34 seconds to go. The Red Hawks then held off a William Paterson comeback and made their free throws when needed to seal the 64-59 win and end their four-game losing streak.

In total, Goldson ended the game with a game-high 27 points and 18 rebounds, posting his seventh double-double with one key play from him being a dunk in the first half. Additionally, McGorry made 14 points and five rebounds from the bench, while Singleton scored 12 points and made six rebounds. Sophomore guard Angel Gonzalez also contributed, as he scored six points and three rebounds.

Three days later, in a rematch from the previous week at Rutgers-Camden, Montclair State was found in yet another tight contest, as they led 28-27 at halftime. The second half was just as tight, as missed shots and turnovers were aplenty. With Montclair State trailing 45-46 with 11:01 left in the game, Goldson hit a jumper that gave Montclair State a 46-45 lead.

The Red Hawks eventually hung onto the lead for the rest of the game, as they went on a nine-point run that gave them a 61-52 lead with 0:54 seconds left in the game. That run was all the team needed to win the game with a final score of 69-61 and earn their payback on Rutgers-Camden from the previous week.

In total, Goldson broke the record from the William Paterson game with 30 points and also recorded six rebounds and two steals. Singleton followed close behind with 13 points, four assists and nine rebounds while junior forward Chris Torres recorded 10 points, six rebounds and an assist.

“We found a way to pick up the intensity in practice and in games,” said D’Angelo. “We need to keep up the hard work in practice and, if we just take it one game at a time from there, anything can be possible.”
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Who’s Hot This Week

Ordel Goldson
Forward — Basketball
Ordel continues to prove that he is a key player in the Red Hawks’ arsenal, posting two double-doubles in his past two games for a combined 28 points and 24 rebounds.

Melissa Tobie
Forward/Guard — Basketball
In the Red Hawks’ last win, Melissa Tobie scored a season high 32 points while accounting for nine rebounds and two assists.

Red Hawk Round Up

Womens Basketball
As if the womens basketball team wasn’t dominat- ing already, they cemented their role as a force to be reckoned with in their February opener against Rutgers-Camden. The Red Hawks completely trounced the Scarlet Rapi- tors 87-30 behind scoring from Janitza Aquino, Kayla Ceballlos, Melissa Tobie and Nicosia Henry.

Swimming
Both the men and women of MSU swimming ended their season on a high note with a sweep of William Paterson. The women won 167-118 and the men won 162-126 to fin- ish the most successful season in several years. The men team finished their season 8-6 after back-to-back 5-8 seasons and the women continue to grow, finishing 7-4 af- ter finishing their last two seasons 6-5 and 5-6.

Mens Basketball
The mens basketball team is off to a good start, winning two of their first three games this month. Ordel Gold- son continued to prove his worth after record- ing a combined 67 points and 30 rebounds in those three games. With only a few games remaining in the season, the Red Hawks are looking to end strong and finish the sea- son with a .500 confer- ence record.

Track
The track and field teams continue to show promise and strength following the CTC Indoor Track and Field Champion- ships where the men and women finished third and sixth, respectively. The teams are now finishing up preparations for the Molloy College Invita- tional on Thursday, Feb. 14 before ending their regular season with the IC4A Championships.

Who’s Hot This Week

Season Stats
Rebounds - 203
Assists - 13
Points - 319

Game of the Week
Mens and Womens Basketball
Kean University
Feb. 15, 1 p.m.
MSU hosts a doubleheader against Kean, looking to add needed wins to their respective records.

For updates, check out: www.montclairathletics.com and follow @TheMontclarion on Twitter and Instagram
Montclair State women's basketball team is building up another win streak and gained some space in the tightly contested NJAC (New Jersey Athletic Conference) standings. With two wins this past week, the Red Hawks are now 18-2 overall and 12-1 in the league.

MSU is currently ranked #13 in the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association Division III Poll and first in the NJAC.

Montclair State began their schedule on Jan. 29 at William Paterson University in a key NJAC matchup. The Red Hawks routed the Pioneers by a score of 81-60. Junior guard Janitza Aquino led the scoring charge for MSU with 26 points. Senior guard Nicosia Henry recorded a double-double by posting 15 points and 11 rebounds. Junior forward Melissa Tobie chipped in with nine points and a team-high 15 rebounds.

This game was much different for Montclair State than from the first encounter, as they had a substantial 53-20 lead at the end of the first half. The Red Hawks scored 34 of their points in the paint. MSU also controlled the boards, outrebounding the Pioneers 52 to 38.

Aquino broke the Montclair State record for three-pointers in a game by knocking down eight (all in the first half). The previous record was six, which had been held by three previous athletes (Cathy Madalone, Erin Schultz and Jaime Ericson). The Red Hawks never trailed once during the game. This was the fifth time straight that MSU defeated William Paterson.

“It was a tremendous team effort and I was extremely proud of how hard we worked,” said head coach Karin Harvey about the game.

Montclair State then traveled to Rutgers-Camden on Feb. 1 for the team’s second matchup of the season. The Red Hawks destroyed the Scarlet Raptors and won 87-30. Aquino topped the scoring chart with 20 points. Sophomore guard Kayla Coballos contributed 16 points. Tobie and Henry added 14 and 11 points, respectively.

This game was over at the half, as MSU led 55-11. Once again, Montclair State controlled the lane, outscoring Rutgers-Camden 26-4. The Red Hawks converted 26 Scarlet Raptors turnovers into 37 points. MSU held Rutgers-Camden’s reserve players to four points.

Melissa Tobie was selected to the Capital One Academic All-District women’s basketball team. Tobie becomes the second women’s basketball player in school history to receive the accolade. Jamie Ericson was named to the team during the 2010-2011 season.

On Feb. 8, the Red Hawks traveled down to Richard Stockton College to take on the Ospreys where they earned another win by a score of 86-64. Melissa Tobie again had a spectacular outing, scoring 32 of the 86 points and Janitza Aquino scoring 19 points herself.

Coach Harvey thinks her team will be a tough matchup down the stretch for however they encounter. "Things are starting to click for the Red Hawks and if we keep working hard, staying focused and sharing the ball, we are going to be very hard to beat."