Montclair State received only a few inches of snow and remained closed Monday as well as Tuesday.

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Blizzard 2015 Falls

Short of Predictions

Nicholas Da Silva
Staff Writer

With such a mild beach-going season gracing the Jersey Shore this past summer, rumors flew concerning the weather for the upcoming winter, which would not be so forgiving.

As expected, the past few months have brought a series of unprecedented weather patterns breaking past records and setting new ones; in the middle of a season known for its chills, the Northeast experienced days where the temperature settled at a comfortable 60 degrees.

However, in the last two weeks, the weather pattern has changed drastically - taking not only the university, but the state by surprise.

While winter break brought a series of teeth-chattering temperatures, the true storm did not begin until this semester’s first Sunday of February was coming up - February 1, 2015.

In the Northeast, the temperature dropped drastically allowing visibility to drop. It was an interesting sight, the Brooklyn Bridge was completely hidden behind the fog.

New England Patriots caught in controversy
days before the SuperBowl.

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Staff Writer

Few events, if any, are as eagerly awaited each year as the Super Bowl. It’s got something for everyone; football for sports fans, movie trailers for film fans, grandiose product advertisements for general consumers – you couldn’t ask for more!

This year’s Super Bowl, the 49th Super Bowl to be exact, will see the New England Patriots face off against the Seattle Seahawks for the biggest prize in American gridiron football. Given that the Patriots gained their spot in Super Bowl XLIX by winning the AFC championship game, rumors have been circulating that footballs used in the game were not properly inflated.

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Students return to a snow covered campus on Wednesday morning.

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Sandra Haid: Students reported an incident of harassment with bias against an Asian student. At the time of the reporting parties declined to pursue charges.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Safia Alladine: A non-student reported a theft. This case is under investigation.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Rafael Lopez: Student Michael Moore was arrested and charged with possession and drug paraphernalia.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Brian Palmer: A non-student was reported to be in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Friday, Jan. 23

Cregnan Mathur: Student Laith Aquil was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The case is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Bainbridge Island: A resident lost a wallet.

Sunday, Jan. 25

Crown Heights: A student was reported to be in Little Falls Municipal Court.
Community: Center Earns High Recognition
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Under the leadership of Bryan Mundock, Montclair State’s Service-Learning Program is primarily responsible for the campus’s eligibility for classification by the Carnegie Foundation. For over 15 years this program has provided opportunities for students to engage in community service through partnerships with various non-profit organizations and civic improvement.

Because of its enormous success, the Service-Learning Program will be renamed and redefined as the Center for Community Engagement. According to Murdock, “The new Center for Community Engagement will create a structural framework that enhances communication and shares resources and knowledge among all those involved with the many positive community and civic engagement contributions the University makes to the region and state.”

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Dollars: Campus Cash Revamped for Spring Semester
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Red Hawk Dollars are on a pre-paid debit account connect- ed with students’ MSU ID card which provides an easy and convenient alternative to cash. Students can deposit funds into a Red Hawk Dollars account at the Online Card Office or the Red Hawk Dollars app using a credit card, the Bursar’s office using cash and check payments or a WISU account using an account credit transfer form.

The account holder then only has to swipe their MSU ID card at any available location to begin using it. Any unused Red Hawk Dol- lars will carry over to the next semester as long as the indi- vidual remains a student of the university. Flex Dollars, in con- trast, expire at the end of each academic year – usually sending students into a frenzy trying to purchase various items the uni- versity places on sale for several weeks.

“...the upcoming change to the Service-Learning Program will surely ease the lives of students while offering a better outlet for excess financial aid funds. However, only time will tell whether the plan will succeed in its endeavors and whether Red Hawk Dollars will become as popular as dining services’ beloved Flexes.”

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While some students have been eager to begin utilizing the new system, others have not been as moved by the upcoming features of their Red Hawk Dollars.

“I think it’s a good idea,” said Nicole Benetti, a sopho- more Mathematics major. “It’s a faster way to get your finan- cial aid money into Red Hawk Dollars; and, in most cases, you’re using that extra money for books or food for school.”

With students now able to receive their financial aid in Red Hawk Dollars, students will be able to put their funds to good use instead of in anoth- er account - rendering it much harder to control the flow of money.

“The new system, you don’t have to shell out your own money and figure out how you’re going to pay for books until your financial aid comes.”

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Stay Fashionable and Cozy This Fall
Find out what students are wearing to show their fashion while staying warm

Jessica Mahmoud
Staff Writer

With the spring semester starting, you're probably still getting used to the responsibilities that are associated with being back at school. As a result, fashion may take a back seat to school work. But don't fall into the trap! There's no need to sacrifice looking nice due to weather and says. Here are some easy fashion tips to help you out, courtesy of fellow MSU students.

A quick accessory that can easily spice up an outfit is a scarf. Everyone knows about the infinity scarves. Everyone can agree that any outfit can be instantly upgraded just by adding a scarf. However, a cute and versatile way to wear them is just letting them hang. I also love when the outfit is monochromatic or all one color. That is another idea for a quick and fashionable look.

If you're an avid gym-goer, you're probably faced with the decision of whether to wear your workout gear to class. This can be a dilemma for commuters who cannot go to a dorm to change. Luckily, there are many cute workout clothes and ways to incorporate them into outfits. Mesh leggings are meant for the gym, but are also a great edgy piece to pair with a leather jacket and combat boots. Accessories like scarves and beanies will keep you warmer if your gear is not thermal or thick. Most people know about the trend of mixing patterns, but it doesn't have to be done mixing tops and bottoms; you can create an outfit the same way a scarf can. The cool thing about backpacks is that rather than going for a Victoria's Secret one, you can decorate it. Pins, studs, fabric - the possibilities are endless. If you have some time before schoolwork piles up, try picking up a plain one and decorating it to express your likes. They're definitely a great conversation starter!

For the guys who are looking to up their fashion game this semester, why not try a suit and tie look? Rather than opting for a t-shirt and sweater, dig out the blazer and dress shirt from your last formal event. Ties and bowties are also a great way to personalize your look and definitely show that time went into your look; they're also a way to mix prints, just like the trend that girls go for. Finish the look with a vintage hat for shoes, mix it up with sneakers.

Winter accessories like beanies and scarves are definitely just as great for guys as they are for girls. They are quick pieces to add on to make outfits more unique. Adding them to a sweater and jeans shows that thought was put into an outfit and you didn't just walk out of bed; also, they keep you warm. Finish the look with socks and Oxford for an impressive winter ensemble.

As the snow falls and the spring semester starts up, cold weather and less free time may make you put less thought into what you wear to class; however, it certainly does not have to be that way. I hope this gave you some outfit ideas and inspired you to try out some new looks. For more inspiration from your peers, check out more photos on my blog @ montclair_state_style!

Top: Forever 21
Skirt, scarf and cardigan: Express
Cuff: Tom Holmes
Studs: Zara
Boots: Dolce Vita

Winter break rating? "8, only because I feel like I could have done more if I got around to it!"

Jacket: Gili (brand)
Leggings: Lululemon
Shoes: Steve Madden

"Last shopping trip? "On Monday I went to JCPenney to get an outfit for a wedding I'm going to. It's a really easy black jumper that makes me look nice and long."

Top: H&M
Jeans: True Religion
Beanie: Noff
Studs: Payless
Shoes: Journeys
Backpack: JCPenney (Decorated with pins, 90% from the LGBTQ Center)

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Shirt: Target
Blazer: JCPenney
Jeans and bowtie (long tie tied into bow)
Hat: H&M
Shoes: Payless

Resolution or goals? "I told myself I'd be true to my likes and dislikes and really voice them, and act accordingly."

Sweater: Banana Republic
Jeannie Cotton On
Hat and scarf: H&M
Studs: Uniqlo
Shoes: Steve Madden

"The first week of the Spring 2015 is about over. On a scale of awful to awesome, how did it go for you? "Awesome because I have free time so I'm able to do extra curricular activities. I want to record albums and try out for all the places. It's my last semester so I really am ready to finish."

Photos courtesy of Jessica Mahmoud

Since this is a fashion article, what was the last time you went shopping, where, and what did you buy? "Last week I bought a creme colored fur vest at Sweet 21. It's a cute little boutique in Ridgewood. There's so many nice things."

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‘Super’ Super Bowl Foods and Beverages to Keep You in the Game Year-Round

James Carpenter
Contributing Writer

With many MSU students and campus staffers hosting or attending Super Bowl parties this Sunday, Feb. 1, the following foods and beverages can help provide a mighty defense versus dreaded opponents: seasonal cold or flu germs that keep you out of games, the classroom or the office.

Besides frequently washing hands, exercising, spending at least 30 minutes daily outdoors in fresh air (away from indoor environments where germs thrive) and regularly getting sufficient sleep (between 7-9 hours nightly), below are some healthy party food and beverage suggestions not only for Super Bowl Sunday, but throughout the year as a “prevent defense” against the cold and flu. If you do catch a cold or flu, eat these foods and beverages that can help defeat symptoms sooner rather than later.

Tackle Cold and Flu Symptoms with These Tasty Seasonings

Red pepper flakes, dried oregano, fresh basil, parsley, crushed onions and garlic. Sprinkle these seasonings atop pizza, pasta, salads, chicken, chili or stew to not only add zest to these foods, but also “tackle” cold and flu symptoms! Each seasoning has wondrous disease-fighting natural compounds known as phytochemicals.

Powerful Dips

Spicy salsa. Salsa ingredients vitamin C-rich tomatoes and spicy hot peppers (and chopped onions and garlic as previously mentioned) help un-“block” cold-related stuffy noses and loosen chest congestion.

Spicy hot mustard. Dipping your chicken wings in spicy hot mustard will clear out nasal passages faster than a linebacker clears the way for a running back! Various mustards also contain turmeric, a powerful disease-fighting and preventative compound.

Yogurt dip. Making a dip from plain sugar-free yogurt containing active yogurt cultures (probiotics) promotes digestive and immune system health for preventing and intercepting cold and flu germs before they attack. Fortify your immune system even more by substituting potent veggie play-ers (carrots, celery, peppers or broccoli florets) instead of chips in the yogurt dip. Have nausea or an upset stomach from the flu? Adding chopped ginger in yogurt is excellent for soothing stomach and digestive issues.

Guacamole. The mashed avocado has healthy fats for heart health and also for boosting the immune system.

Dominated Beverages

Water. Make water your primary bever-age at the Super Bowl party—and everyday—for adequate hydration (especially when spending time in overheated rooms during the winter), enhancing energy and keeping germs at bay. Water helps keep your throat moist; dry throat is a magnet for germs. Flavoring water with a vitamin C-rich lemon or lime slice is another “offensive weapon” against cold and flu symptoms.

Black and green tea, coffee and clear soups. Besides water, hot beverages such as black and green tea, coffee and clear soups help relieve sinus and respiratory congestion, making breathing easier. Black and green tea contain disease-fighting anti-oxidants to support the immune system. A dry throat is often the initial symptom of a cold or flu and a time-honored sore throat remedy is mixture lemon juice and honey in tea for quick relief.

Strong Sideline Food Players

Pickles, sauerkraut and horseradish. Like yogurt, pickles and sau-erkraut are also probiotic for the intestinal tract optimally supporting the immune system. Adding a spicy mineral and antioxidant-rich horseradish to a yogurt dip or as a condiment for meat is another health booster and a great an-ti-cold/anti-flu “strategy.”

Hard-boiled eggs. High in protein, eggs also contain the widely-publicized super-vitamin D, a terrific de-fense against illnesses such as colds and flu.

Fresh fruits. The adage “An apple a day keeps the doctor away” is a tried and true “touchdown” statement. Be sure vitamin and mineral-rich fruits such as apples, strawberries, grapes and oranges are on the menu at your Super Bowl party “food team,” but are consumed daily for overwhelming protection against illness.

Dark chocolate. Annoying dry or ticklish cough? Consuming some dark chocolate helps beat a cough. Dark chocolate also contains disease-fighting antioxidants. Studies show consuming dark chocolate in moderation helps lower blood pressure and re-duces heart disease.

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The first Sunday of February is coming up and bringing one of the most anticipated televised events of the year with it. Although Super Bowl Sunday has always been known for the football, there are also other forms of entertainment that allow those who don’t enjoy football to still have a good time while watching the big game. There’s the smorgasbord of heroes and heroines, the half-time show performance, this year provided by Katy Perry and, of course, the famous and at times infamous Super Bowl commercials.

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People say to never speak of politics at the dinner table. In the past, this has been easy to do because political coverage seemed complex and difficult to understand.

However, we are not living in the past anymore. These days, political coverage has been simplified and people can get their news on as little as 140 characters.

As part of an age group that is growing up and learning more each day, we need to start to take interest in American and World politics.

Recently, the White House staff attempted to make President Obama’s 2015 State of the Union a trending topic on Twitter with the hashtag #SOTU. Various other hashtags were created in relation to #SOTU to represent each of President Obama’s proposals. Days prior to Obama’s speech, the White House tweeted that this State of the Union was going to be the first premeditated Twitter State of the Union.

It was a success, according to USA Today. “2.6 million #SOTU tweets were posted [Tuesday] night and 3.7 million Facebook users had 13.8 million interactions.” By having the first premeditated Twitter State of the Union, the White House has officially moved further into an age of social media.

Of course, the negotiations will not be a walk in the park; however, the creditors need to give Greece a chance. If politicians and policies are there to serve all their citizens, then the European Union needs to take the risk.

### Hope For Greece Has Finally Arrived

Greeks elect leftist party on anti-austerity campaign, looking for change

In the past couple of years, the Greek government led by Antonis Samaras has been accumulating massive amounts of debt by spending more than the government could afford.

Greece was on the verge of bankruptcy when the leaders of the European Union stepped in to their “rescue.” They said that in exchange for several bailouts totaling more than 200 billion euros, which Greece’s government will be receiving to save their country from bankruptcy, they have to instate major cuts on public investments and social institutions.

Meanwhile, many citizens of Greece have been suffering, more than 25 percent of the total population is unemployed. The unemployment rate for young people between the ages of 20-30 is over 60 percent.

However, last Sunday, the citizens of Greece have finally voted for a change of course. The leftist party Syriza, led by Alexis Tsipras, has taken over.

They ended up forming a coalition with the Independent Greeks that is also supporting the debt cut route.

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As the generation who grew up with computers in our back pockets, we should never feel uninformed: if college students realize that politics can be interesting and do not have to be as boring as CSFAN, we can be a much more politically involved group. We can be a group that has the ability to talk about politics at the dinner table.
Fun at Sundance 2015

As award season is winding down, it seems the most logical thing to do is to check out what films may be worthy contenders for next year. The way to do this is to check out what has been premiering at the Sundance Film Festival. Sundance is one of the largest film festivals in the United States, it is held every January in Park City, Utah and is where stars and filmmakers from around the world showcase their latest work.

Sundance is a place where films such as Little Miss Sunshine, Precious and Napoleon Dynamite were all premiered for the first time. Even Jennifer Lawrence got her first major break at Sundance when her film Winter’s Bone premiered for the first time. While she received her first major break at Sundance, many of the most beloved and critically acclaimed films get to shine and be marketed for mass appeal. If it weren’t for Sundance, many of the most beloved and critically acclaimed films may not have gotten the chance that they deserve.

This year, plenty of films have been generating a huge buzz for their innovative story telling and acting. Three films have been bought by major distributors for theatrical release later this year. One of them is the comedy The Bronze, which features Big Bang Theory star Melissa Rauch as a tough former gymnast training a 9-year-old aspiring Olympian. Another film that was sold is The End of the Tour, which is a true story that stars Jason Segel as author David Foster Wallace and Jesse Eisenberg as a reporter from Interview magazine who was sent to interview Wallace for over five days at the peak of his fame.

While distributors may not have picked up many films yet, they are still stirring great interest. One film that people are noticing is one in which comedian Sarah Silverman is testing out her dramatic acting skills in I Smile Back. Silverman plays a drug addicted manic-depressive mom living life in suburbia. There has also been much hype over the post apocalyptic world film called Z, for Zalatoris, which stars Chris Pine, Chloe Grace Moretz and Margot Robbie.

A film that many music lovers will surely be able to look forward to is Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck. This film produced by Cobain’s daughter Francis Bean will showcase her famous father in a different light. The film promises to display the rock icon’s paintings and poetry and will feature exclusive interviews to those who were close to him.

Recently, films weren’t the only aspect of Sundance that people looked forward to. This year, a panel called The Power of Story: Sponsors, Ladies brought together some of the foremost ladies in Hollywood. Mindy Kaling, Lena Dunham, Kristen Wiig and Aziz Ansari came together to talk about the work they have each individually done and their experiences being in Hollywood. Another highlight from this year were performances by Iggy Azalea, Diplo and Skrillex, braving the cold to take the stage.

While the focal point of Sundance Film Festival may be about the business side of filmmaking, it is really a place where small, budgeted, independent films get to shine and be marketed for mass appeal. If it weren’t for Sundance, many of the most beloved and critically acclaimed films may not have gotten the chance that they deserve.
Mid-season premieres have been popping up all over the evening lineups, as Reign fans were eager to see if there would be any separations between Mary and Francis’ relationship after Mary decided that they should lead separate lives. In the mid-season finale, Mary was the victim of a sexual assault, which she blamed Francis for since his absence from the castle was the reason she was attacked. The opening credits are filmed from the floor of the bathroom of the Galagher’s house and, in a 24-hour span, you see an older man being dragged out of the bathroom by an adolescent girl, a young adult woman walking in to pee, two young men walking in to pee after one another, a toddler playing with toilet paper with the same adolescent girl, an interstitial couple trying to stop a menstruating, makeup being spilled all over the floor and the infamous ending where there is a couple having sex on the bathroom sink.

The show grabbed my attention by telling the story of a “hood” family in a refreshing and not stereotypical way. The Gallaghers are a dysfunctional family, abandoned by a junkie mother and an alcoholic father. The eldest daughter, Fiona, acquires custody of her five siblings and makes many mistakes that jeopardize not only themselves, but those who surround them. Yet, this show is an example of the perseverance that it takes to remain strong and stay together.

The window that this show creates is a lens into the life of a family that is nuclear, extended and augmented all at once. This is a family with a black adopted young boy, an absent father, no mother ever present and impoverished a different shade than what is usually idealized and scrutinized on a platform for all of the world to see.

Shameless is a brilliant show about survival on all socioeconomic levels.

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#### Swimming and Diving

The Men’s Swimming and Diving team went 1-1 this past week with a non-conference win over Vassar College, 136-128. Later in the week, the team faced Ramapo in an NJAC dual meet and lost 171-91. The men’s team is now 3-9 overall with an NJAC record of 0-3. The women’s team had only one competition this past week. Their dual meet with Ramapo came down to the last race, but Montclair State lost 135-127. The Red Hawks fell to 4-5-1 overall and 1-2 in the NJAC.
Steven Roth
Men’s Swimming and Diving

Roth finished in first place five times, second place once and third place twice as the Red Hawks went 1-1 in their past week of competition.

Current Stats
- Won 200 Backstroke
- Won 200 Butterfly
- Won 100 Butterfly

Who’s Hot This Week
Melissa Tobie
Women’s Basketball

Tobie recorded two double-doubles as the Red Hawks defeated Kean University and TCNJ, going 2-0 on the week.

Current Stats
- 15.3 points per game
- .483 fg percentage
- 9.6 rebounds per game

Cowher
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“You put a helmet on and it takes away the face. You’re a number. You’re part of a team. You’ll not only be defined by the number of times you get knocked down; you’ll also be defined by the number of times you get back up.”

When asked about drafting Ben Roethlisberger in 2004, Cowher said, “I’ve never been around a better athlete. He is one of the most competitive guys I’ve learned to be around and I’m really proud of him.”

Coach also weighed in on other hot-button topics in the NFL this season. Regarding the domestic violence cases from earlier in the season with Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson, the penalties are not high enough and the NFL needs to be held to a higher standard, according to Cowher. “It is a privilege to play in the NFL. It’s not an entitlement.”

Cowher couldn’t finish the night without his thoughts on Super Bowl XLIX.

“But there is something about Seattle. I can’t name a receiver but I think [Pete] Carroll has done an amazing job creating energy and vibe,” Cowher said. “They look like they’re just having fun playing.”

UPCOMING GAMES

Men’s Basketball: 1/31 @ Ramapo,
Women’s Basketball: 1/31 @ Ramapo

Men’s Swimming and Diving: 1/31 @ William Paterson
Women’s Swimming and Diving: 1/31 @ William Paterson

Men’s Track and Field: 1/30-31 @ Armory Invitational
1/31 @ Wesleyan U. Indoor Invitational
Women’s Track and Field: 1/30-31 @ Armory Invitational
1/31 @ Wesleyan U. Indoor Invitational

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INSIDE THE OCTAGON

UFC on Fox 14 Roundup

Thomas Formosa
Sports Editor

The Ultimate Fighting Championship put together its 14th Fox card in its history on Jan. 24. In a packed Tele2 Arena in Stockholm, Sweden, Anthony Johnson turned the right to fight Jon Jones later this year over for the UFC Light Heavyweight Title.

Alexander Gustafsson and Johnson met in the Octagon in the woo hours of the morning in Central Europe due to the fight card meeting prime-time hours on the East Coast. The Swedish crowd was still there in full force to see their favorite fighter and the support was incredible. Unfortunately, the fight did not last long as Johnson knocked Gustafsson down in the first round and pummelled him for a TKO victory. The ref let the fight go much longer than it needed to: eventually, Johnson was officially declared the winner.

Gustafsson was clearly emotions as the fight, as he was nothing short of devastated in the very brief bout. He left that he let down all of his fans in attendance as he has been clamoring for the much-anticipated rematch with Jon Jones. Now, both he and Gustafsson are the man that most recently lost to Jones, have been paired by many for their next fight but it would be an interesting match, as a loss could potentially cost the former for the title.

The UFC might not want to put one of their premier matches off of possibility for the near future due to both men likely drawing a large amount of pay-per-view buys.

There has yet to be an official date set for Jones vs. Johnson, but many have speculated that it could take place in July.

In the Co-Main Event of the evening, Gegard Mousasi and Dan Henderson fought our their strategies as a Middleweight bout. This fight also did not last long as, Mousasi rocked Hen- derson and pounced to earn the TKO victory via punches at 1:10 into the first round. Many, including Henderson, complained of an early stoppage by the ref. Upon viewing the re-play, it was certainly close and it very well could have been one round, but it wasn’t obvious that the fight was stopped early. Additionally, Ryan Bader defeated Phil Davis in a Light Heavyweight contest that was utterly boring. There are people that call dominant ef-forts boring, then there is what transpired in this fight. It was a gloriously gripping match, which wouldn’t be a bad thing if either guy really maintained an advantage or some drama some-what taken down. “Darth” won via split decision (29-28, 28-29, 28-29).

In the opening bout of the main card, Sam Sicilia potentially put Akira Corassani into retirement with a brutal KO in the first round. Corassani’s ca-tar and we need that and I’m really looking forward to seeing her play,” said Melissa. Montclair State’s women’s basketball team is looking like it can repeat what it did last sea-son. As far as these two sisters are concerned, Melissa said, “We’re best friends, so doing anything with the best of our friend is fun and this is the game that we both love and care so much about. As far as Kate’s MSU career is concerned, well I’d have to wait and see, but if she’s anything like her sister, head coach Harri
The Montclair State women’s basketball team put the mincemeat of their last two opponents on their plate, scoring a point total last week by an average of 24.5 points. The Red Hawks are now 17-1 overall and 11-0 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. MSU is ranked #9 in the D3Hoops.com and #12 in the Tu- day Coaches Polls, respectively.

On Jan. 21, Montclair State hosted Kean University at the Panzer Athletic Center. MSU got the upper hand quickly and the Red Hawks defeated the Cougars 78-48. Senior guard and Captain Jessica Aquino led all scorers with 15 points. Ju- nior guard Kayla Cihlbuehler and freshman forward Taylor Harmon each added 12 points to MSU’s cause.

Senior forward guard and Captain Melissa Tobie recorded another double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Freshman guard and forward Kate Sire dropped 11 points as well.

The Montclair State women’s basketball team is coming off of one of their greatest seasons, sporting a record of 26-3. This was largely due to their phenomenal forward Melissa Tobie. She led the team in points at 579, rebounds at 272, assists at 113 and blocks at 77. This superstar athlete and leader started every game last sea- son, which ultimately led to an NJAC Championship as well as an appearance in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division Three Tournament. Looking forward to the 2014-2015 season, what makes it so exciting is that there is a new incoming fresh- man joining the team, the new sister Melissa.

Kate is expected to make a big impact on the court. In her senior season at Roselle Catho- lic High School, she averaged 5.4 points per game as well as 6.5 assists per game, a solid stat line for any point guard at this level.

This is not the first time the team had paired together; during Mel- lisa’s senior year, Kate was a freshman. Speaking on that experience, Melissa said, “It was a good experience. It’s a lot different this year, because this freshman in high school is a lot different than a freshman in college, maturity wise and experience wise... but we always practiced, mucked it out together, we do everything together.”

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Looking forward to the on- coming season, when asked if she felt any pressure to live up to the immense shadow left by her sister, Melissa said, “No, we’re different positions; we do our thing. I think she’ll have a big impa- ct. We lose our starting point guard, I’m not saying that she will start, but she’ll get in there, make her presence known and contribute to the cause with 10 points.

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