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Christie Fails to Make a Splash Overseas
Christine Gianakos
Columnist

Looks like New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has traded in his Taylor ham, egg and cheese breakfast sandwich for some tea and crumpets during his scheduled three-day industry-focused business trip to England last weekend.

Christie is popular among Republicans for his tell-it-like-it-is attitude, but has been heavily criticized by those on the left for being uncooperative; some have gone so far as to call him a bully.

This voyage will mark the third international trip during his second term in office after returning from Mexico in September and Canada in December.

These three trips, along with his trip to Israel during his first term, were sponsored by Choose New Jersey with the intentions of fostering global growth in finance and life sciences.

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Commencement 2015 Details Announced
Jaya Gaylord
News Editor

When the traditional venue of Montclair State’s commencement ceremony closed over winter break, there was a sudden uproar among students, alumni and administration concerning the selection of the next stage.

In its statement to the community, Montclair State addressed the sudden change in plans, saying: “Due to circumstances beyond its control, the University unfortunately finds itself in the position of having to secure an alternate location for the 2015 Commencement Ceremony.”

Following suit, University officials worked rather quickly to secure an alternate venue in place of the infamous Izod Center Commencement cont. on Page 3

LGBTQ Center Celebrates Week of Unity

Students commemorate Day of Unity in remembrance of past events.

Michael Klein
Staff Writer

The Day of Unity and, subsequently, Unity Week, is a yearly time of remembrance and reflection on a dark time for the LGBTQ Community of Montclair State.

In February of 2012, a message was left on a bathroom door followed by direct threats towards the LGBTQ Center on Feb. 7. The campus, in an upheaval, wanted to make a statement.

Throughout the campus, however, police forces were prepared for the worst: a squadron of officers on horseback loomed in the grassy area of the quad, groups of police watchers were on the rooftops of buildings and undercover patrolmen wandered the grounds.

Three years later, we continue to commemorate this event for the poignancy of future generations at Montclair State. “We need to have real unity, not just everyone in the same room unity, but collective thoughts, ideas, empathy and understanding for other people. It’s important to emphasize unity for growth and harmony on campus,” explained Sherry Jackson, a graduate assistant from the LGBTQ Center.

The center coordinates events to foster unity, confidence, trust and most importantly, a culture of open communication.

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Four Things Couples Should Do to Deepen Their Connection
Jasmine Thompson
Staff Writer

One of the most beautiful joys about being in a long-term relationship is falling in love with the person who ends up being your best friend. Though perhaps seemingly cliché to those who live outside of this experience, a long-term relationship boasts an extraordinary bond – an understanding, familiar intimacy, trust and most intimate of friendships that can only exist between two people.

Tips for couples come just in time for Valentine’s Day.

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Sunday, Feb. 1
Williams Hall: A student reported a harassment incident from a non-student. At this time, the reporting party declined to pursue charges.

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Pelican Police Report

Providing a well-coordinated and comprehensive response to incidents of intolerance and hate incidents that target students based on gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, religion and national origin.

According to the university’s website, the Taskforce is charged with "prevent and respond to bias incidents on campus while coordinating outreach in the community and the campus to foster an inclusive environment." The Taskforce was established in the wake of the 2010 murder of 18-year-old Travis Alexander, who was found stabbed to death in his home in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Montclair State Police Department is charged with investigating reports of bias incidents, as well as coordinating with the university’s Office of Student Affairs, counseling services and the university’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents should call the police station at 714-3-8477. All calls are strictly confidential.

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NJBIZ: Campus Community Ranks High
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“From the dorms to the library to the cafeteria, the community is always present,” said Anthony Sperone, a junior from West Caldwell.

“There is a real sense of unity here at Montclair State,” said Ryan Bailer, a senior from Plainfield. “It’s like you’re part of a family here. You get to know everyone and you really become one big family.”

The Montclair State University community is ranked number 1 on the NJBIZ Power 100 list, according to the magazine. The list is based on the diversity and influence of the university’s leaders.

“University leadership is a vital component of our Power 50 and Power 100 lists,” said NJBIZ President and CEO Ken O’Donnell.

According to the report, Montclair State University President Andrew Matonak is ranked number 24 on the list, while Provost Michael A. Gemini is ranked number 83.

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As the Spring semester is underway, the temperatures are dropping and the snow is only making it a bit harder to fall. Despite the urge to slip on sweats and head out, some students are opting to keep up their fashion game. Check out what students have been wearing in this below freezing weather.

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This outfit is for the girls who want to be classic, fashionable and warm. A cotton dress is the perfect piece to slip on with leggings, even for that 8 a.m. class. In the winter, fleece leggings are best and keep you super warm. Matching scarves and legwarmers are an easy trick to look more put together; it finishes the look off with boots. Finish the look with a few bracelets and maybe even a bobby pin to keep your outfit complete.

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Feature
Student Fashion Alive and Well

Jessica Mahmoud
Staff Writer

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Dress, leg warmers and earrings: Urban Outfitters. Leggings: H&M. Bootie for: Sear’s Kohl’s. Bracelets: Alex and Ani. So, you’ll be an MSU student in the fall. What are you thinking about majoring in and why? “Music therapy. I want to work with special needs. It connects my two passions and I love how music connects with the brain.”


Crop top: Mandee. Kimono: Urban Outfitters. Jeans: Brandy Melville. Bootie: Nordstrom. Necklace and bracelet: gifts. How’d you spend your snow day? “My boyfriend and I went to explore a random monstery in West Paterson with friends. Afterward, we sat on the couch and drank some wine. Today was a bad day, but yesterday was great.”


With so many students around on campus, fashion is a great way to stand out. Now that so many students are in sweatsuits, you’re sure to get noticed if you go for jeans or a dress instead. I hope this gives you some outfit ideas for the cold weather we’re facing. For more pictures like these, check out my blog on Instagram and Facebook @montclair_state_style!

Skirt and top: Forever 21. Cardigan and socks: American Apparel. Shose: Neiman Marcus. Necklace and bracelet: Tory Burch. Glasses: Ray-Bans. Winter storm Juno gave us our first snow day. How did you spend it? “I spent it sleeping and doing homework. I like to plan my outfits out, so I picked them out and modeled them. This was definitely a planned outfit. For some girls, it depends how they feel, but for me, once it’s planned I wear it.”

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Four Things to Deepen Your Connection

Jazmine Thompson
Staff Writer

1. Listen.

Part of the reason that couples establish such an intimate bond in the first place is because they are forced to start off as strangers. Being strangers obliges each person to get to know the other and questions about who that person is and to listen.

As time wears on, couples come to know each other as well that often they forget that it is just as important to listen to their significant others three years into their relationship as it was on the first date.

According to psychologist Margarita Tartakovsky’s article “Attention Couples: Becoming a Skilled Listener and Effective Speaker,” “Listening isn’t an innate ability, all people possess; it’s a skill we need to cultivate. And it’s a critical one for couples.”

It is a basic psychosocial need of all humankind to be heard, understood and acknowledged, and making the choice to actively dedicate 50 percent attention to listening to one’s partner free of distractions (yes, that means texting) to one’s partner facilitates successful communication and fulfills a basic human requisite to be recognized.

2. Encourage.

Psychology Today writer Willow Lawson states in her article “Praise: Encouraging Signs,” that “The way we respond to our mate’s good fortune is a strong predictor of relationship ... satisfaction”.

Now that you know to engage in active listening with your partner, respond to your partner’s words with gentle encouragement.

Employ patience to listen to everything your partner fides in you in such a way that you understand those words and thoughts as if they were your own. Try to personally relate to your partner’s experience and verbally express your understanding of it; then, offer kind and positive words that reassure your partner of his or her strengths, nurture any doubts your partner may be battling and inspire your partner to look ahead and continue to move positively forward to his or her whole potential.

3. Forgive.

When we are in love, we often look to our significant others and have the tendency to hold the person who makes up the other half of ourselves we never fully realized was incomplete. “You are perfect for me,” we often exclaim, unaware of how often our unconscious minds only comprehend the words “you are perfect.”

From this mindset, a pressure within both persons of a relationship to attain a level of flawless adoration that is beyond the capacity of the human species.

“...to forgive, div- ine” you must realize that your partner is imperfect. They will have rough days at work, be agitated and irritable, forget something you told them three times over, be unromantic, forget to call, laugh at the wrong time and forget to take out the trash.

Be real with yourself and be reminded that your relationship will be filled with trying and sometimes outright irritating occurrences due to the imperfection of both of you. The lesson is that “Long-lasting relationships won’t be free of speed bumps, but when we anticipate imperfection and find healthy ways to hang in there,” when we forgive, “we can keep our passion, excitement and love alive,” stated Dr. Lisa Firestone in her article “How to Achieve the Perfect Imperfect Relationship.”

4. Remember.

Relationships naturally evolve as time goes on. The feelings of newness and blind, passionate adventure that are present at the beginning of a relationship often transform after a period of time into a comfortable intimacy that can be present only after two people have given each other all of themselves and after two people have shared with each other the intricacies of their complete selves. This stage of a relationship is a glorious one that many feel grateful to have obtained.

However, there are sometimes feelings of “stalemate,” “flatness” or “disconnect” that also arise from this secure stage of familiarity. What helps is actively remembering your own love story — sitting down with your partner and recalling the foundations of your relationship, how it all began.

Remembering your love story can help bring down any wall might be causing disconnection between you and your partner says psychologist Barbara Markway in her article “16 Questions That Can Revive Your Relationship.”

Remember and share things such as how you both met, what first attracted you to your partner, what your first date was and when you first knew that you were in love with your partner. “It’s easy to forget how hard you worked to build your relationship in the first place,” said Dr. Markway. “It may seem like it happened magically, but it didn’t; you created the magic, detail by detail. You formed the special bond by paying attention to each other with the intense focus that characterizes falling in love.”
Many people hold a resolution of getting healthy which might be hard to keep up with come the second month of the year. Whether it is to lose weight, get stronger or simply to feel better, most people have a plan to make this year healthier than the last one. The easiest way to get big changes is to start with small ones. By implementing one change at a time slowly, the new habits are more likely to stick around once the excitement of the New Year is long gone. Eating healthier may seem like a vast goal, but there are small changes you can do starting with your dinner tonight to make your plate a bit better for your health.

Thinking About Portion Size

The “Choose My Plate” diagram clearly explains how to set up your plate. Thinking in these terms can help you control portion sizes as well as ensure you are getting a lot of nutrient-dense meals. One half of your plate should be fruit and non-starchy vegetables; one quarter should be grains and one quarter should be protein. By making sure your plate is always half full with produce, you will be guaranteed to get a great dose of vitamins and fiber with every meal. Just make sure that if you are having a starchy vegetable, such as a baked potato or corn, it goes in the grains section of your plate.

Thinking About Protein

When it comes to the protein section of your plate, try to have variety in what you eat here, making sure to have lean proteins most of the time. Lean proteins include chicken, turkey, beans, tofu or lean beef or pork. Lean proteins limit the amount of saturated fat, something that can be high in animal products, while still providing a great source of protein. Try to have seafood in this section a couple of times a week as well because that gives you the added bonus of omega fatty acids.

Thinking About Drinks

Along with what we eat, what we drink is just as important when looking at a healthy meal. A small change that can be easily made is to switch to low fat or fat free dairy products. Switching to one percent milk from whole milk, for example, will reduce the amount of fat and calories noticeably without changing the amount of protein or calcium, two of the main reasons we try to include dairy in our diet. Although milk is important, it is not the only thing we should drink to stay hydrated. Water is our best option and should be included with every meal. Try to drink most of a glass before starting your meal and make sure to frequently stop eating to drink more. This will help you to feel fuller faster and will keep you hydrated.

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LGBTQ Center: GaYme Night Friday, Feb. 6 6:00 P.M., SC 419

MSU Smile Station: Bake for a Smile Friday, Feb. 6 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., PA Lobby

SMILE: Who Needs a Valentine Anyway Tuesday, Feb. 10 5:00 P.M., SC 419

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16. Nerfherder
19. Lando Calrissian
21. Natalie Portman
22. John Williams
24. Jabba the Hutt
25. Alderaan
26. Jar Jar Binks
27. Hibernation Sickness
29. Count Dooku
30. George Lucas

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1. C3PO
2. Luke Skywalker
3. Ewoks
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6. Wookis
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Snow Removal Slipping Up

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f you’re looking to get from the NJ Transit Deck to the Heights via the back path, you might be better off wearing ice skates rather than your everyday footwear. The area has become an ice field along with many other places on the Montclair State University campus due to improper preparation and care during the snowstorm that occurred from Sunday night to Monday afternoon.

Although the weather brought on a delayed opening, several parking lots, sidewalks and stairways were not cleared of the snow by the time that the campus reopened at 10:30 a.m. of the snow by the time that the campus reopened at 10:30 a.m.

Students often complain when it snows; the conditions of the towns around campus always vary, making it difficult for some commuters to reach school while others have no problems whatsoever. The administration always emphasizes that one’s safety and health is more important than attending class, yet what are we supposed to do if the actual conditions of the campus, not the highways are the conditions on campus constant every day. So why are the icy sidewalks and drive on the weekend, when foot traffic is a lot lighter on campus. There is really no excuse for insufficient salting when students and staff pass by salt supplies every day. Why are the icy conditions on campus constant—ly a problem?

We have also noticed that it takes a long time for the plowing and shoveling to begin once it starts snowing. We understand that the university does not want to spend time and energy shoveling snow only to have to shovel more three hours later because it is still snowing, but letting the snow pile high before starting to remove it only causes the process of clearing it away, carried out by the grounds staff and student employees, to take twice as long.

Giving students an opportunity to make extra cash by shoveling snow is a nice idea, but in reality, Montclair State University could be using the money they spend to pay students and staff to hire a professional snow removal company that can get the job done in a fraction of the time by professional equipment, as most commercial locations do.

The university’s attempts to cut corners when it comes to snow removal have caused several inconveniences and even injuries for students. If we’re required to come to campus to attend class or work at our on-campus jobs, then we shouldn’t feel like we’re putting ourselves in unsafe conditions.

In situations such as Monday’s delay, the campus should amend its opening time until it is certain that the university will be prepared for students to come to campus. If not, students might want to channel their inner Michelle Kwan in order to avoid the wintertime slip’n’slide that is Montclair State University.

Question of the Week:

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-Marlene Campana, Psychology, Freshman

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-Daniel Okechokwu, Business, Freshman

“I think yes and no. It depends on how graphic and if it would be provoking to others, I would want to be informed on certain things, though.”

-Tiffany DaSilva, CJC, Freshman

“Should news networks show graphic images and videos to their viewers?”

Thumbs Up

Doc Severinsen, original bandleader of The Tonight Show, plays with The Roots

New England Patriots win Super Bowl

Thumbs Down

Dangerous weather conditions without school cancellation

Long waits for shuttle

New England Patriots win Super Bowl

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Put Your Paws Together for the Puppy Bowl

Before the game and the half-time show, check out cuteness for a cause.

EMILY ROVNER

ASST. OPINION EDITOR

Animal Planet

Having already run for the office of governor in 2009, he is quick to reiterate that he isn’t running for the presidency. Of the 44 presidential candidates, of New Jersey, he is only the third to have won without winning the popular vote. Since 2004, the Puppy Bowl has been a part of more and more fans’ pre-game ritual, I believe the governor will find it worthwhile enough that his trips across the pond may highlight his drive and determination, but I do not believe he will ever be a bone collector or bony accomplisher character.

Nevertheless, I suspect the governor will return to the comfort of his employer-service-oriented roles that he has no time for to return to what he knows best: politics. And Obama?

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Many would say that performing Shakespeare’s “Titus Andronicus” is a risk; Samiul Johnson and T.S. Elst are just a few of the intellectual minds who have condemned the bard’s earliest tragedy. More recently, Harold Bloom claimed that there was “no intrinsic value” in the play for students who have not been seen as just a step above the barbaric Elizabethan entertainments of beheading and public executions. With such a reputation working against it, it seems difficult that such a play could succeed and yet, the New York Shakespeare Exchange’s 2015 production elevates the play from its position as a vulgar atrocity into an intriguing dramatic presentation that brings the issues of revenge, human suffering and piety into the spotlight.

The NYSE’s production does the job to the play’s reputation as the bloodiest of Shakespeare’s works; you will be sure to see blood splatter all over the stage, shooting out of characters’ necks, dripping from their shoulders, and leaking from their severed appendages and the wounds in their bosoms. But if you look past the blood, “Titus Andronicus” offers a look into the human limits of morality, aided by the astounding ability of the actors to portray grief and emotional weight in the audience through their own seemingly bottomless capacity for despair. At one point, Titus, played by Brendan Averett, ponders the ground with his fists as he vehemently and desperately calls for his sons’ pardon, actually sobbing out his soliloquy. At this point, you are totally engrossed in Titus’s display of emotion, truly understanding the conditions for a successful tragic experience on others. You feel for Lavinia, played by Kate Lydic, as Terez’s sons viciously rape and mutilate her; you also experience pity for Aaron the Moor, played by Warren Jackson, when he must saw off his child by murder, his only crime being his black skin.

Although the tragic element of Titus has often been accused of being too over-the-top and grotesque that they appear comical to the audience, in this case the sadness was largely realistic, though a few laughs escaped when Lavinia carried her father’s severed hand onstage in her mouth.

With all this being said, there were some moments that failed to satisfy completely. The character of the Clown, played by Kerry Kasprzyk, created some confusion as she took on many misleading and nonsensical parts, often introduced by a casual costume change. It was not always clear which character she was portraying. The same can be said for Sean Hinkle, who played Bassianus, killed in the first act, only to rise from the dead and play Young Lucius in the second act without explanation (although this may be due to the fact that a medical emergency caused understudies to take on new roles at the last minute).

Of course, none of these contributing abilities of the actors, perhaps the multiple casting could be made easier with more rehearsal time, but this method of casting allowed the actors to portray grief and emotional weight and the stage, featuring an illuminated target at its center, reminiscent of a sideshow, acted with throwing knives and blindfolds, conveyed the importance of blind fate in Titus’ violence, portrayed as somehow also by the carrion music that resounded between scenes in the second act.

It is a relatively rare opportunity to see “Titus Andronicus” performed, due to its negative reputation and it is most certainly rare to see a performance of Titus as that is special as moving as the New York Shakespeare Exchange’s production, especially at as reasonable a price and intimate a location. Don’t miss your opportunity to check out one of Shakespeare’s old, yet, most surprisingly, most entertaining plays.

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Kristin Bryfogle
Opinion Editor

“Galavant” Proves a True Four-Week Extravaganza

Note: Spoiler alert for this article.

With high hopes for its new mini-series, ABC’s Galavant took to the stage with as much grace as a “four-week comedy extravaganza” possibly could... most rigorously good-looking lead roles, musical numbers sure to please and a finale viewers were certainly not expecting.

Wrapping the introduction into one cleverly-written season closer, the spirits were set high as the music faded into the backdrop. As the actors began their dialogue, as in any melodrama, the song told of a fearless knight by the name of Galavant who was rushed to rescue his true love, Madalena, who was suddenly snatched out of his life by a nearby ruler, King Richard.

Richard’s horned-conquering of her noble kingdom that Galavant decides to again take to his feet. A few musical numbers later, the band heads off towards the kingdom on a “hero’s journey” to win back the heart of Galavant’s dear Madalena — or, he believes.

Each episode more extravagant than the last, the series is filled with unexpected twists and turns not even the heroic Galavant could foresee. Perfectly portrayed by Joshua Sasse, the knight with “square jaw and perfect hair” brought a perfect line of dialogue, “I am the Mysterious Man of Mystery.”

As a parody of the traditional “true adventure” of the great King Richard to the witch-like aura the “fair maiden” Madalena shows, it appears as though the roles serve to create a parody of the traditional storyline commonly known by viewers. However, one action was eliminated from the script, the line would lose both its charm and rhythm as the characters fall out of sync with the magic behind the world they have worked so hard to create.

Overall, though the series featured a multitude of characters, no one role was unimportant or uncalled for musical numbers, the story was fantastic in its entirety as the characters took to the stage. With the help of various guest stars and comedic side-trips, the chemistry of the characters got better that of any other in a true “four-week comedy extravaganza.” Yet, although truly unexpected in its entirety, the first season of “Galavant” proved that anything can be made entertaining as well as those of us who wish to tune into a tale proving itself to be genuinely extravagant.

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The Best Music for the Worst Weather

Dania Felix
Contributing Writer

Whether or not you enjoy frigid days and glacial nights, there is never music in every genre for the 2015 inhabitant to look out for. From Röyksopp to the deepest underground indie, you can find music: blossoming into the new year even though it has only been a month.

If you enjoy listening to the wonderfully high falsetto voice of a Liver lover, you will enjoy this artist. Daniel Wilson is a self-made musician hailing from Michigan who got his roots from his church choir. His sound is a synthesis of electric and synth-driven; something you would want to fall asleep to. If you are looking for an album to grab a book, cuddle up and drink a cup of tea with, definitely listen to his album Young Rubbish.

Eighth-year-old Ella Harrison is a cutie from Tetten, UK who doubles as a singer and songwriter. She was a finalist in the ninth season of The X Factor of the UK version of the American TV program. She was a finalist in the ninth season of The X Factor of the UK version of the American TV program. She was a finalist in the ninth season of The X Factor of the UK version of the American TV program. She was a finalist in the ninth season of The X Factor of the UK version of the American TV program. She was a finalist in the ninth season of The X Factor of the UK version of the American TV program.

Dania Felix is a music and arts enthusiast. Her hobbies include writing, painting, and playing the piano. She is currently a junior majoring in Music Business at Montclair State University. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She is also an avid reader and loves to explore new books and genres. She is looking forward to a bright future in the music and entertainment industry and hopes to make a positive impact on the world through her passion for music and art.
Student Artist Highlight

featuring Graphic Designer and Visual Artist Liam Eisenberg

What is your biggest motivation?
My drive comes from wanting to express my life experiences through visual art.

How has Montclair State University fostered you as an artist?
During a time I thought I was done with school, Montclair State showed me I had a lot to learn.

Who are your biggest inspirations?
Arnold Schwarzenegger, John Lennon, Tupac Shakur, my parents and Jay Z.

What’s your latest project?

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— Sheryl Sandberg, COO, Facebook

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Red Hawk Round Up

Women’s Basketball
A 72-39 victory over Ramapo on Jan. 31 brought the women’s basketball team to five straight victories.

Four players on the team put up double figures in the contest, including Sage Bennett, Melissa Tobias, Janitza Aquino and Katie Sire. The Red Hawks travel to Rutgers-Camden on Feb. 7.

Men’s Basketball
The Red Hawks fell to six straight losses last week when they were defeated by Ramapo 98-84.

Red Hawks Lavrone Green and Erick Loften-Harris each put up doubles in the match. Green, only a freshman for MSU, ended the night with 16 points with Loften-Harris right behind him with 13.

Jenna Bussiere
Assistant Sports Editor

Indoor Track and Field
Track and Field competed in the Wesleyan Invitation on Jan. 31 where the men’s team took home two first place wins in the 4x400 and 4x800.

Jonathan Feigin finished with three individual top five placements while Daniel Barreto finished with two.

Swimming and Diving
Both the men’s and women’s swimming and diving were victorious against William Patterson at their last dual meet of the season.

The men’s squad defeated the pioneers 175-118 and the women’s team recorded a 152-120 win.

The Swimming and Diving team will not take to the pool again until Feb. 20 for the Metropolitan Swimming and Diving Championship.

Professional Standings

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Round 24 - 2/7 - 2/8

Women’s Basketball

14. Sunderland - 23 points
13. Crystal Palace - 23 points
12. Everton - 26 points
11. Newcastle Utd - 30 points
10. Stoke City - 32 points
9. Swansea - 33 points
8. West Ham - 36 points
7. Liverpool - 38 points
6. Tottenham - 40 points
5. Arsenal - 42 points
4. Southampton - 42 points
3. Man. United - 43 points
2. Man. City - 48 points
1. Chelsea - 53 points

Men’s Basketball

14. Verona - 24 points
13. Inter - 26 points
12. Udinese - 28 points
11. Sassuolo - 28 points
10. Torino - 28 points
9. Genoa - 29 points
8. AC Milan - 29 points
7. Palermo - 30 points
6. Fiorentina - 32 points
5. Sampdoria - 34 points
4. Lazio - 34 points
3. Napoli - 39 points
2. Atalanta - 43 points
1. Juventus - 50 points

Professional Standings

NHL Metropolitan

1. N.Y. Islanders - 65 points
2. Pittsburgh - 64 points
3. N.Y. Rangers - 62 points
4. Washington - 62 points
5. Philadelphia - 51 points
6. Columbus - 45 points
7. J.N. Devils - 49 points
8. Carolina - 41 points
9. Ottawa - 20 for the Metropolitan Swimming and Diving Championship.

Next Round

Round 20 - 2/6 - 2/8

1. Bayern Munich - 46 points
2. Wolfsburg - 38 points
3. B. Mon. - 33 points
4. Augsburg - 33 points
5. Leverkusen - 32 points
6. Schalke - 31 points
7. Hoffenheim - 26 pts
8. Hannover - 25 points
9. Entracht - 24 points
10. Koeln - 23 points
11. Bremen - 23 points
12. Mainz - 22 points
13. Hamburger SV - 20 points
14. Paderborn - 19 points

NBA Eastern Conference

1. Philadelphia - 29.5 GB
2. Washington - 9 GB
3. Toronto - 7 GB
4. Chicago - 10 GB
5. Cleveland - 10.5 GB
6. Milwaukee - 13.5 GB
7. Charlotte - 18.5 GB
8. Miami - 18.5 GB
9. Brooklyn - 20 GB
10. Detroit - 21 GB
11. Boston - 22 GB
12. Indiana - 23 GB
13. Orlando - 26 GB
14. Philadelphia - 29.5 GB
15. N.Y. Knicks - 30 GB
Daniel Barreira
Men’s Indoor Track and Field

Barreira finished first place in two of the four events he competed in last week. He ran for first in the 800 meters with a time of 2:01.26 and was the third leg runner MSU’s victory in the 4x800.

WHO’S HOT THIS WEEK

Melissa Tobie
Women’s Basketball

Tobie lead MSU to two NJAC wins last week by recording a total of 35 points, 22 rebounds and six assists. She became the fifth player in MSU basketball history to pass 1,800 points in a career.

CURRENT STATS

15.5 POINTS PER GAME
.489 FG PERCENTAGE
9.7 REBOUNDS PER GAME

CURRENT STATS

- WON 800 METER
- THIRD LEG IN 4X800
- 4TH IN 60 HURDLES

UPCOMING GAMES

Men’s Basketball: 2/7 @ Rutgers-Camden
Women’s Basketball: 2/7 @ Rutgers-Camden

Men’s Track and Field: 2/7 @ Ramapo Indoor Select meet
2/8 @ CTC Indoor Championship
Women’s Track and Field: 2/7 @ Ramapo Indoor Select meet
2/8 @ CTC Indoor Championship

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UFC 183 Fight Card

The Montclarion predicted winners are in bold

Full Fight Results
Middletown - Thiago Santos (10-8) def. Andy Enz (7-3) via TKO in Round 1
Middletown - Ildemar Alcantara (21-7) def. Richard Moreira (7-3) via split decision (29-28 x2, 28-29)
Featherweight - Diego Brandao (18-10) vs. Jimy Hettes (11-2) - Cancelled
Middletown - Rafael Natal (19-6-1) def. Tom Watson (17-8) via unanimous decision (30-27 x2, 30-26)
Catchweight (130 lbs.) - (6) John Lineker (25-7) def. (3) Ian McCall (13-5) via unanimous decision (29-28 x3)
Middletown - Derek Brunson (13-3) def. Ed Herman (22-11, 1 NC) via TKO in Round 1
Women’s Bantamweight - (2) Miesha Tate (16-9) def. (3) Sara McMann (8-2) via majority decision (29-28, 29-27, 28-28)
Welterweight - Thiago Alves (21-9) def. (13) Jordan Mein (29-10) via TKO in Round 2
Middletown - (11) Thales Leites (25-4) def. (13) Tim Boetsch (18-8) via technical submission in Round 2
Lightweight - Al Iaquinta (11-3-1) def. Joe Lauzon (24-10) via TKO in Round 2
Catchweight (180 lbs.) - (3) Tyron Woodley (15-3) vs. (7) Kevin Gastelum (10-1) via split decision (28-29, 28-29, 30-27)
Middleweight - (1) Anderson Silva (34-6) vs. (34-6)* def. Nick Diaz (26-10, 1 NC) via unanimous decision (49-46, 48-46, 48-46)

Women’s Bantamweight - 0-0
Lightweight - 1-0
Catchweight - 0-2
Welterweight - 0-1
Women’s Strawweight - 0-0
Middleweight - 5-1*
Women’s Bantamweight - 1-0
Flyweight - 0-0
Heavyweight - 0-0
Bantamweight - 0-0

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Basket begins their season against Christopher Newport on Feb. 27.

Inside the Octagon

UFC Recap

Thomas Farmaro
Sports Editor

The UFC held the 183rd pay-per-view event this past Saturday on Jan. 31 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and put on a spectacular show. The fight card was loaded with finishes and even a couple of decisions turned out to be highly entertaining. One of the decisions, the highly-anticipated main event between Anderson Silva and Nick Diaz was one of the most entertaining fights in recent memory.

The anticipation was killing most people after both fighters have had extended layoffs in the Octagon. Once the fight began, it was clear what kind of fight this would become. Both Diaz and Silva are famous for talking trash, something that Silva has largely abandoned since being knocked out in 2013 because he was showboating and didn’t respect current champion Chris Weidman. Silva kept the same game plan in this fight and tried to avoid falling into Diaz’s trap. The truly amazing thing was that Diaz was using all of Silva’s old taunts to try and get in the head of “Spider.”

Chris did not fall prey to those taunts and picked apart Diaz like most believed he would. Silva won via unanimous decision, a very dominant one at that, but that’s not to say the fight wasn’t competitive. Diaz being in there like many have failed to do and all mixed martial arts fans will hope to see him back in the Octagon. When the decision was announced, Silva was very emotional and talked about how his son has been telling him to stop fighting. Whether Silva indeed retires or not is debatable, but Anderson will be sitting down with his family and talking about whether it’s time to call it a career.

In the Co-Main Event of the evening, an overweight (by 10 pounds) Kelvin Gastelum put together a disappointing effort to Tyron Woodley in the Split Decision loss. In fact, Woodley was rather unimpressive as well and the fight essentially eliminated two contenders at once. Al Iaquinta defeated the durable Joe Lauzon by way of TKO while Thales Leites and Thiago Alves pulled off impressive wins over their respective opponents.

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The Montclarion UFC Predictions

Heavyweight - 0-0
Light Heavyweight - 0-0
Middleweight - 5-1*
Welterweight - 0-1
Lightweight - 1-0
Featherweight - 0-0

Bantamweight - 0-0
Flyweight - 0-0
Women’s Bantamweight - 1-0
Women’s Strawweight - 0-0
Catchweight - 0-2

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The Montclair State women’s basketball team captured its second straight win of the season last weekend as the Red Hawks captured fifth straight win of the season.

MSU shot 75 percent from the free-throw line while Rutgers-Newark shot 48 percent from the stripe. On Jan. 31, the Red Hawks took on Ramapo in Mahwah, MSU shellacked the Roadrunners 72-59. Bennett paced Montclair State with 13 points. Senior guard Jamitza Aguino and freshman guard/forward Katie Sire added 11 points for the Red Hawks. To fie dropped 10 points and cor- ralled 11 rebounds.

MSU outscored Ramapo in the paint 33-24. Montclair State led the contest by as much as 37 points near the final minute of the second half. This was the second lowest amount of points the Red Hawks have given up in a game this season, as MSU only allowed Ramapo to score 34 points in their game back...