SGA E-board Elected
Kristen Byrdingle
Opinion Editor

The Student Government Association elections for the 2015-2016 Executive Board have just concluded and already voters and candidates have noted that the election process has gone more smoothly than in years past.

One of the biggest contributors to the ease of voting and campaigning this year was the use of HawkSync. Candidates were able to post their personal statements, provide brief biographies and describe their platforms. This new method of vot- ing allowed students who may have felt that they were not in- formed enough to vote, to make educated decisions about who will lead the SGA next year, list- ing one of the major issues that students complain about when election time comes around: be- ing uninformed about who the candidates are and what they stand for.

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The Red Hawks finished third in the country after traveling to Grand Rapids, Mich. for the Division III Women’s Final Four.

“I am excited that the players were able to go and I think that they did a really good job,” said female basketball coach, Donald Jones. “I am looking forward to the future of this team and the players’ abilities.”

The Red Hawks opened their season in Florida for the Gene Cusic Classic. Their past game against the Michigan State Spartans was canceled due to weather, but the Red Hawks are expected to begin their season in the upcoming weeks.

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EOF Program Holds Boys to Men Conference
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Throughout the week, Class I organizations of the Student Government Association came together to hold various events in an effort to attract new mem- bers, celebrate their talents and accomplishments, and encourage prospective MSU students what different cultures are all about.

On March 23, Class One Week kicked off with an open house spreading throughout the Class I hallway in the Student Center Annex. Colorful posters and drawings representa- tive of each respective club covered the open doors as the members welcomed newcom- ers into their rooms.

One colorful room full of energy belonged to the Latin American Student Organiza- tion. The club members laughed as they hung out and waited patiently for students to visit so they could share their love of the Latin culture.

“We try to spread Latin cul- ture to everyone and we have awesome food,” said Vice Pres- ident Max Vasquez. “Everyone likes food, right?”

Club members sat around a table, indulging in gourmet tor- tilia chips and salsa, which they even offered to share, while Zabdi Medel, who is in charge of the club’s publicity, hung out on the couch with a guitar on his lap. “It’s not much different from LASO’s weekly Tuesday meet- ings, where they discuss their accomplishments, plan events and, of course, eat, mun- dane and dance around.”

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SGA: Election Results Revealed

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While there were fewer than previous elections because candidates reached out more to members of SGA organizations.

"We actually knew the candidates better," she said. "They actually came around this time to talk to every org. Last year, I only knew one of the people [who] was running. This year, I knew almost everybody who was running. We actually knew what everybody was doing, what they were doing for [what] kind of personality they have."

Members of Hill shared similar opinions about the election. Program Coordinator, Evan Bensen, also found HawkSync an easier voting platform to use. Public Relations representative, Hilary Easting, said, "I liked that they had the candidate’s picture and then a little thing about them."

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Yet, DiGiamo felt that urging the election for HawkSync could act as a learning opportunity for students to acquaint themselves with the interface, an opinion shared by President-Elector Rajhoo White. “I thought it was a good idea to incorporate HawkSync because that’s something that the university is going to be using a lot and they’re going to be pushing a lot of information through HawkSync,” White said. Although the interface is relative newly to students, there were 1,364 students who voted in the election, which is 200 more than last year. In terms of numbers, this election was more successful than last year.

White and Pizzuta also attributed the more relaxed feel around this year’s election to the intense campaign. White commented that this year’s candidates learned from those last year and combined social media with many posts about the election. This year, he claimed that there was still strong social media campaign presence, but candidates toned it down a bit. “It was definitely a more friendly election,” Pizzuta commented. “Last year, almost every other day there was a complaint through the elections commission and this year there was maybe only one complaint. Overall, it was a better election, [which] I still stressed.”

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After the meeting, Stevens said, “He really taught me a lesson about that. Politics in New Jersey has to come back to [being] more focused on the person running for office rather than the party they’re running in with. He did answer my question.”

Other MSU students were ex- cited about being able to meet this town hall meeting and hear from the governor. One student said that he was excited to have the Kristen Bunk, the SGA Presi- dent, said, “I felt the transpar- ency; him being able to talk to all the students that he presented in 22 minutes and have been great in terms of things across the country that have been great in terms of bringing greater awareness to it,” said Christie.

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As we say goodbye to the first half of the spring semester, the sun is finally shining. Bright florals and fun dresses are starting to be worn and fashion is starting to be something people are considering rather than throwing on the warmest thing in their closet. Now that Spring is here, people are starting to get back to wearing fun outfits, rather than just sweats and a t-shirt. It’s great to look around on campus and see all the diverse looks and styles being flaunted. I hope this helps you out with your spring fashion, and inspires you to try some of these awesome looks.

Clothes and shoes: Forever 21
This is the 2015 Safe[er] Space Conference. How do you think this benefits the campus? It brings educational opportunities to new things people have never heard of before. Plus, it’s all day, so we cover a lot of different topics. It brings awareness and provides resources since a lot of organizations are involved.

Cotton dresses are often as soft as nightgowns, making them perfect to throw on before class. Now that the sun is coming out and the snow is melting, bright colors are becoming more acceptable and popular. If your dress is a solid color, try adding a fun scarf or even a scarf for a fun contrast. Since we haven’t reached high temperatures just yet, a cardigan and tights is best to pair with a dress. Finally, flats can be added to the mix if it’s a sunny day.

T-shirt dresses are possibly the most comfortable and trendy piece out there. They’re great because there are so many different variations. A great place to look is thrift stores or in the men’s sections of any clothing store. Pairing them with high socks is a way to make it a little more appropriate, and a way to stay warm. T-shirt dresses can really have an edgy look, so combat boots finish off the look perfectly.

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Jacket, beanie, and scarf: H&M
Jeans: Cotton On
Shoes: Steve Madden
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Top and sock: Urban Outfitters
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Both tops: Hot Topic
Jeans: Forever 21
Shirt and pants: H&M
Hat: City Hunter
Shoe: Goodwill
What’s your zodiac sign and do you believe in horoscopes? Why or why not? "I’m a Taurus and not too much. But I did read it and the description describes me perfectly. I haven’t really thought about it enough."

If you’re big on beansies, try matching a colored one with your jeans. It gives a cool matching top-to-bottom look that is definitely noticed. Try not to be too colorful on top, but go for a black-and-white classic look. This will make the matching colors pop more. Try a blazer with your jeans to look more put together if you’re trying to up your fashion game. Sunglasses finish off the look in style.

For more fashion inspiration, check out@montclair_state_style!
Montclair State Dietetic Organization

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MSDO stands for the Montclair State Dietetic Organization, a Class II organization of the SGA. This is a fantastic organization that is not only for nutrition majors but for the benefit of everyone. All MSDO meetings and events are open to the entire campus community and offer great tips and information on leading a healthy lifestyle and eating better, plus a lot of free food. Whether it’s through a meeting, an event or online, you can find some aspect of MSDO that can help you learn more about eating better.

Meetings: MSDO meets every Wednesday in University 2046 at 3 p.m. These meetings are great, especially for nutrition majors. They have lots of guest speakers who work in the nutrition field who talk about their job and how they got to where they are, perfect for anyone graduating soon or who is interested in joining the nutrition program. Meetings also include letting people know about opportunities to volunteer in the nutrition field, which is an excellent resume builder.

Events: MSDO hosts many events each semester, from healthy bake sales in Dickson to healthy bake sales in the Student Center giving away information and free samples. On March 31, there will be a healthy chef competition in Machuga Heights. On April 9, there will be a DIY Trail Mix bar in the Rathskeller. On Wednesday, April 22, there will be a mini-farmer’s market in Room 2046 in University Hall from 3-4 p.m. On March 26, there will be a spinach table in the Student Center giving away information and free samples. On March 31, there will be a healthy chef competition in Machuga Heights. On April 9, there will be a DIY Trail Mix bar in the Rathskeller. On Wednesday, April 22, there will be a mini-farmer’s market in Room 2046 in University Hall from 3-4 p.m. On March 26, there will be a spinach table in the Student Center giving away information and free samples. On March 31, there will be a healthy chef competition in Machuga Heights. On April 9, there will be a DIY Trail Mix bar in the Rathskeller. On Wednesday, April 22, there will be a mini-farmer’s market in Room 2046 in University Hall from 3-4 p.m. On March 26, there will be a spinach table in the Student Center giving away information and free samples. On March 31, there will be a healthy chef competition in Machuga Heights.

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Eggs are Egg-cellent for You
Not just a breakfast item anymore

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Staff Writer

With Easter Sunday on April 5 and Passover begins the night of April 3, eggs have suddenly exploded in popularity. Eggs are a centerpiece on holiday tables for both Jews and Christians. A hard-boiled egg is traditionally dipped in salt water at the start of the Passover Seder meal to commemorate the offering brought in the days of the Holy Temple. For Christians, hard-boiled colored eggs on Easter are often used to symbolize fertility, rebirth and the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb, as the egg represents the shape of a stone tomb. Below are various ways to appreciate this symbolic and nourishing food not only during Easter and Passover, but year-round.

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How many ways can eggs be prepared? Scrambled, fried, soft-boiled, hard-boiled, poached, omelet-style, deviled; common variations of eggs are often served at your favorite Jersey diner.

Eggs are a versatile addition to a wide variety of foods, including bacon, peppers, sausage, steak, ham, pancakes, waffles and potatoes. Bodybuilders and other athletes rely on eggs for an inexpensive yet primary protein source for maintaining and building muscle following weight training sessions.

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Eggs are not only a great protein source; they also contain vitamins B and D, as well as minerals iodine, selenium and iron. The antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin in egg yolks promote eye health.

For chefs and bakers, eggs are a daily necessity in the preparation of many entrees (meat and fish coatings, noodles, pastas) and desserts (puddings, custards, cakes.)

Eggs are a quick and portable snack. Make hard-boiled eggs in advance, refrigerate and use as a convenient and portable snack accompanied with fruit, veggies, cheese, nuts or whole-grain bread. You can also chop hard-boiled eggs in a salad for a nutritious meal.

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An interview with Blogger Kelly Potts

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Kelly Potts is a senior and member of the Sigma Delta Tau sorority at Montclair State University. She started off her sophomore year by creating a new outlet for her writing skills to flourish and the results have been remarkable.

Potts’ website, kaptivatingthoughts.wordpress.com (previously “College Thrive”) has taken off within the campus community and has gained over 18,500 views since she began the website a year and a half ago. Potts had always known she wanted to go into journalism even from a young age and has had the support of friends and family to help her blog reach thousands of views.

Potts’ highest viewed post was “The Six Friends to Keep Forever,” which received over 6,500 views alone and 2,100 views the initial day she posted it.

Lexi Keresztes, one of Potts’ sorority sisters and close friends, stated, “When I see a post that relates to me, I read it through more thoroughly. This was one of my favorite posts she’s ever made.”

This post was only the beginning for Potts, leading her to receive a coveted internship at Women’s Day magazine at the Hearst Tower in New York.

Potts is a native to Hamilton, N.J. and began her career at Montclair State University as an English major looking to go into the journalism route, a field she had always been born in love with. Throughout her college career, which will be bittersweetly ending in the spring, has been filled with countless, once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. From starting her own personal lifestyle blog and then graduating to a sought-after internship with Women’s Day, Potts has had amazing opportunities to grow through college and to thrive as well.

“Any post of Kelly’s that I read I find extremely enjoyable, said Victoria Pignataz, a sorority sister who has inspired some of Potts’ posts. “She has a way of connecting with her targeted readers that is so amazing to me. When reading articles that have to do with me or are based off of our friendship, I feel flattered. It makes me happy that Kelly likes to share our friendship and our experiences with her readers.”

Potts finally knew she had made it as a lifestyle blogger when her post titled “The Six Friends to Keep Forever” had gotten over 3,000 views alone. And said “As the day went on, the views kept getting higher and higher and it was being viewed not only in the United States but from other countries.”

To this day, Potts is very proud of this particular post because it was her most well-received post and is still being shared on social media.

Potts was inspired by the movie, 13 Going on 30, featuring Jennifer Garner, who gets her wish to be 30 years old and scores a job at a popular women’s magazine. The most famous line from the movie, “Thirty, flirty and thriving,” was what inspired the original title of her blog, “College Thrive.”

Potts worked for Women’s Day during her Fall 2014 semester and was introduced to the world of magazines and focused on the online portion of the text. She had the opportunity to interview Paula Lien, a former Food Network star who lost her job due to inappropriate comments, and learned the importance of how to get the information needed for a story without bringing up sore subjects. “I learned a lot from doing that article, said Potts. “I realized you have to be super prepared in what to ask and confidently talk and get the information you want.”

Potts recently changed the title of her blog from “College Thrive” to “Kaptivating Thoughts” to reflect the new change in her life and her moving on from college. Since Potts will be graduating in May, she thought it was appropriate to change the title of her blog to fit her change in lifestyle. “The ‘Kap’ in ‘Kaptivating’ are actually my initials and I liked the way the title sounded, so I decided to change it twice, in a few months, I won’t be a college student anymore,” said Potts.

She hopes to follow her dreams of working at Cosmopolitan or Seventeen and to continue updating her blog as she adjusts and changes with it. “Go for what you want to write and don’t worry about how others will judge it,” she said. “I still to this day feel weird making posts, wondering what others will think, but I’ve learned to be proud of my work and to better myself as a writer because of it.”

Potts now plans on attending graduate school to better herself as a writer. “I will always wanted to prove people wrong.”
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Not the Bash We Expected

Each year, incoming freshmen are bombarded with essential lessons in campus safety, but unfortunately, these lessons were entirely disregarded when students rushed to obtain Spring Bash tickets.

Unlike previous years, the Student Government Association actually strictly enforced their policy for students seeking Spring Bash tickets to not line up outside the Commuter Lounge until 7 a.m. As a result, hundreds of eager students roamed around the Student Lounge until 7 a.m. As a result, there had been difficulty exiting the building during the Spring Bash ticket sales. Although the SGA’s call for students to line up after 7 a.m. could work next year if there are more precautions in place, it does not seem likely that a 7 a.m. line-up is a viable option.

For the future, students have expressed a need for an online system for Spring Bash ticket distribution. Students could apply online to receive tickets and a raffle could decide who receives tickets. This would definitely ensure that this year’s safety fiasco would never occur again.

Students would not be required to stand on a line for hours without the guarantee of receiving tickets. Also, people cutting the line would no longer be a concern like it has been in past years. This distribution method seems to be a fast and easy way for student to obtain Spring Bash tickets.

Spring Bash is a perfect way for students to relieve stress and have a good time, but it is not great enough for someone to put their safety at risk. The outcome of this year’s Spring Bash ticket distribution was a poor showing for Montclair State University and its community of students.

Due to the problems that occurred this year, one can only hope that student safety will be at the forefront of the Spring Bash organizers’ minds as next year’s Spring Bash is planned.

Thumbs Up

Tom Hanks reenacts almost every movie he’s starred in eight minutes

Women’s basketball finishes third in NCAA Final Four

Thumbs Down

Zayn Malik leaves One Direction

Plane crash in French Alps

Seven children die in Brooklyn house fire

Question of the Week:
Do you believe a college should force students to attend assemblies and impose fines on those who do not attend?

“I believe that college should not force students to attend assemblies. As a commuter, it is hard to come to campus on days I do not have class and imposing a fine on top of that is a little harsh.”

- Stephanie Laeie
Junior,
Communication

“I do not think assemblies should be mandatory. You should be encouraged to go to the assembly, but you should not be charged for it if you decide not to go. If you go, great, if you do not go, it should be the student’s choice to attend any assembly or not.”

- Paul Mortier
Freshman,
Undeclared

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Tom Hanks is back

The X-Files is back

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**Internet Explorer’s Death Brings Little Grief**

Microsoft develops a more reputable browser to stay in the competition

The Montclarion

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Microsoft needs something like Project Spartan to show that they are an army that is ready for battle and will not go down without a fight.

If Microsoft’s motives for changing their browser were because of public opinion, then they are merely following the example of their co-founder Bill Gates, who once said, “We all need people who will give us feedback, that is the engine.”

Microsoft detects and utilizes web browsers out of the boxes of cyber history. Internet Explorer has fallen victim to the technet of usage, especially given the public’s displeasure.

A new browser of choice is infamous and second with a distant 22.9 percent. Then-respective rivals AOL and Netscape had shares of 4.8 percent and 3.8 percent respectively. In February 2015, Internet Explorer had the meagre 0.3 percent of all usage, as it is now at a measly eight percent. Google Chrome has been the overwhelming major with 62.5 percent while Firefox ranked second with a distant 22.9 percent.

Microsoft’s move is an important issue to be discussed in our culture is to stop buying and utilizing web browsers out of the boxes of cyber history. Don’t fall for the tricks and fallacies of advertisements. If you click on these types of articles, as Lewinsky said, “The more clicks, the more advertising dollars.” To make a real change in stopping public shaming, we have to become more conscious of what we do on the Internet and realize that every time we click something, we may be inadvertently funneling money into a fund that only perpetuates cyberbullying and public humiliation.

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Viva La Vulva

The Vagina Monologues’ expose impressive artists

Kristen Bryfogle
Opinion Editor

They’re called The Vagina Monologues, and although they do talk a lot about vaginas, there are many layers beneath this product’s surface that deserve to be explored, both on V-Day and every day throughout the year.

As a first-time spectator to The Vagina Monologues, I came in with no idea what the performance would be like, but Luckily enough, the Vagina Warriors explain what exactly the monologues are and where they came from early on in the show. The monologues were written by Eve Ensler, who based each monologue on interviews with women of different ages and backgrounds about their vaginas. 2015 marks Montclair State University’s 14th year of performing the series.

One of the most exciting things about The Vagina Monologues is how different each woman’s story about her vagina and, by extension, her sexuality and life is. Ensler includes observations from a six-year-old child, a septuagenarian, straight women, lesbians, a sex worker, women who have been sexually assaulted, and a transgender woman.

In many of the monologues, there were moments of shared experience, but also with sadness and pain, showing that one woman and her vagina can undergo a lot in a lifetime, and that a woman’s vagina—like herself—can hold many mysteries about who she is and where she has been.

A few of the monologues really stuck out, although all were wonderfully enjoyable and unashamedly powerful. “Reel Hood” tells the story of a sterile older woman who refers to her hysterectomy as a freedom which she keeps largely boarded up after an embarrassing moment in her youth. This monologue was charming and hilarious at some moments, but poignantly when she describes her hysterectomy and her repressed sexuality.

Another monologue that was completely different was “I Was a Stewart.” It’s the story of a homeless woman who was sexually assaulted at a young age, but later underwent a process of sexual healing after making love with an older woman. The actress who performed this monologue actually had an emotional breakdown on stage while explaining her character’s sexual assault, which deeply affected members of the audience and cast. Her performance was amazing. Each woman watching on a journey of heartbreak, loneliness, and finding happiness and liberated sexuality. Another powerful monologue about sexual assault was “My Vagina Was My Village,” in which women discussed being raped as a tactic of war. Their perceptions of their vaginas as places of passion, life, beauty, and fertility were destroyed when they were viciously violated by invaders, who removed both their vaginas and their peace of mind. The performance of this monologue was also deeply moving and touched on crimes against women throughout the world.

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Another unexpected but nonetheless powerful addition was the entrance of men—a tactic of war. There was a lot of sentiment isn’t what Ensler wants to promote. Overall, The Vagina Monologues is a powerful and evocative piece of theater that challenges us to think about our vaginas and therefore ourselves, and how our power to conduct our life and sexuality on our own terms is often jeopardized. Until next year, Viva La Vulva!
If you’ve been following the plot-twist-filled craziness that is *Empire*, you know that the finale was too intense for most of us to handle. There was something captivating about this last two-hour special, perhaps it was the murder, incest or maybe even the surprise pregnancy. Better yet, maybe it was the long-anticipated hair-pulling madness between Cookie and her beloved “Booboo Kitty” Anika. Could it have been that Lucious Lyon managed to make us hate him even more by not having ALS? Unfortu-
ately it was just MG (myasthenia gravis), which is highly treatable. However, even the long-anticipated hair-pulling madness between Cookie and her beloved “Booboo Kitty” Anika managed to actually put their hate for each other in favor of destroying Lucious that influenced this decision. Also, who can tell for sure? All we can do now is wait for the next season to see how the king of the Empire gets out of jail. That’s right, Lucious is in the big house.

Jamal, the gay son who everyone swore Lucious hated, ended up inheriting the company from his father, making his two brothers highly jealous and angry. He now sweats up and down that his father loves all of his children. But perchance it was how abruptly Ver- non died, or just how Cookie and Anika managed to actually put their hate for each other in favour of destroying Lu-
cious that influenced this decision.

Stay tuned people; the next season will be juicier than the first.

**Spoiler Alert**

‘Empire' Season Finale

Dania Felix
Contributing Writer

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Sports

Red Hawk Round Up

Women’s Lacrosse
The Red Hawks will continue their season against Farmingdale State College on Tuesday, March 31 in Farmingdale. Montclair State has been 1-2 on the road this season.

Men’s Lacrosse
Montclair State will be in Cortland, N.Y. to face the SUNY-Cortland Red Dragons on Saturday, March 28. They will then travel to Pomona to take on Stockton University. The Red Hawks are currently 3-1 on the road.

Baseball
The men’s baseball team started their week on March 19 with a doubleheader at Steven’s Institute of Technology, splitting the contests with an 8-4 win and a 3-0 loss. Their game against College of State Island, a doubleheader with Oneonta and contests with Desales University and Neumann University were postponed.

Outdoor Track and Field
The men’s and women’s outdoor track and field team will be competing this upcoming weekend in Chester, Pa. at the Danny Curran Invitational. It will be their first competition of the season.

WHO’S HOT THIS WEEK

Brett Mangan
Men’s Lacrosse
Mangan recorded nine points for the Red Hawks as they split their contests over the weekend. Mangan currently leads the team in goals, assists and points scored.

Melissa Tobie
Women’s Basketball
Tobie became the 15th player in NCAA Division III history to record 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in a career.

CURRENT STATS

GOALS – 12
ASSISTS – 13
SHOTS ON GOAL – 26

CAREER STATS

POINTS – 2041
REBOUNDS – 1003
REBOUNDS PER GAME – 8.3

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Baseball
4/1
vs. Purchase College
Yogi Berra Stadium

Softball
3/26
vs. Centenary College (N.J.)
MSU Softball Stadium

Outdoor Track and Field
3/27-28
Danny Curran Invitational
Chester, Pa.

Men’s Lacrosse
4/4
vs. Albright College
Sprague Field

Women’s Lacrosse
4/11
vs. Rowan University
Sprague Field

Who's Hot This Week Current Stats Who's Hot This Week Career Stats Upcoming Home Events
### Professional Standings

#### EPL (England)
1. Chelsea - 67 points
2. Man. City - 61 points
3. Arsenal - 60 points
4. Man. United - 59 points
5. Liverpool - 57 points
6. Southampton - 53 points
7. Tottenham - 53 points
8. Swansea - 43 points
9. West Ham - 42 points
10. Stoke City - 42 points
11. Crystal Palace - 36 points
12. Newcastle Utd. - 33 points
13. Everton - 34 points
14. West Brom - 33 points
15. Hull City - 28 points
16. Aston Villa - 28 points
17. Sunderland - 26 points
18. Burnley - 25 points
19. QPR - 22 points
20. Leicester - 19 points

#### Serie A (Italy)
1. Juventus - 67 points
2. AS Roma - 53 points
3. Lazio - 52 points
4. Sampdoria - 46 points
5. Napoli - 47 points
6. Fiorentina - 46 points
7. Torino - 39 points
8. AC Milan - 38 points
9. Genoa - 37 points
10. Inter - 37 points
11. Palermo - 35 points
12. Udinese - 33 points
13. Empoli - 33 points
14. Sassuolo - 32 points
15. Chiasso - 32 points
16. Verona - 32 points
17. Atalanta - 26 points
18. Cagliari - 21 points
19. Cesena - 21 points
20. Parma - 9 points

#### NHL Metropolitan
1. N.Y. Rangers - 99 points
2. N.Y. Islanders - 93 points
3. Pittsburgh - 91 points
4. Washington - 88 points
5. Philadelphia - 74 points
6. N.J. Devils - 73 points
7. Columbus - 72 points
8. Carolina - 62 points

#### NHL East Wild Card
1. Washington - 88 points
2. Ottawa - 85 points
3. Boston - 84 points
4. Florida - 80 points
5. Philadelphia - 74 points
6. N.J. Devils - 73 points
7. Columbus - 72 points
8. Carolina - 62 points
9. Toronto - 60 points
10. Buffalo - 47 points

#### Bundesliga (Germany)
1. Bayern Munich - 64 points
2. Wolfsburg - 54 points
3. B. Moen. - 47 points
4. Leverkusen - 45 points
5. Schalke - 39 points
6. Augsburg - 38 points
7. Hoffenheim - 37 points
8. Eintracht - 34 points
9. Bremen - 34 points
10. Dortmund - 33 points
11. Mainz - 30 points
12. Koeln - 30 points
13. Chievo - 29 points
14. Hannover - 27 points
15. Freiburg - 25 points
16. Hamburger SV - 25 points
17. VfB Stuttgart - 23 points

#### NBA Eastern Conference
1. Atlanta - 0 GB
2. Cleveland - 8 GB
3. Chicago - 11 GB
4. Toronto - 11.5 GB
5. Washington - 13.5 GB
6. Milwaukee - 18.5 GB
7. Miami - 21GB
8. Boston - 22 GB
9. Charlotte - 22.5 GB
10. Indiana - 23 GB
11. Brooklyn - 23.5 GB
12. Detroit - 26.5 GB
13. Orlando - 32 GB
14. Philadelphia - 36.5 GB
15. N.Y. Knicks - 39.5 GB

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Continuing to Look Forward

Alexander Hand
Sports Editor

Montclair State has been an offensively challenged team this season. After being held to three or fewer runs in their first 13 games, the Red Hawks found themselves with no problems with a team-high 14 runs against George Fox University on Tuesday.

“We have a lot of big bats that are hitting the ball,” head coach Anita Kubiak said. “They need to be aggressive and not try to pull every ball. But when they do hit it, they are hitting it far.”

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Softball Opens Season in Florida

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Montclair State 10
Bridgewater State 1

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Montclair State 7
Johnson 2

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Wisconsin Lutheran 16
Montclair State 3

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Ohio Wesleyan 9
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Rowan 2

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Montclair State 0

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Dominican 5
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Before the start of the season, the women’s basketball team set their sights on reaching the Final Four. But forward forward six months, and the Red Hawks ended their historic season with a 56-48 victory over Tufts University to secure third place in the NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Championship Tournament.

This marks an end to Janitza Aquino and Melissa Tobie’s stellar basketball career and is also an experience to build on for the team moving forward. Whether it’s an end to a career or the first steps as a new member of the team, this journey to the Final Four is one that the players and coaches will remember for a long time. "It’s been an incredible experience," said Katie Sire, a freshman who started for the third time in this season. "I mean, being a freshman and being able to play in the NCAA Tournament makes it all so crazy. It’s not something a lot of people get to experience."

"I think one thing that is especially great about our program is our character and our mental toughness and I think that’s one thing we need to show tomorrow." - Senior Melissa Tobie

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The Montclarion State women’s basketball team made school history by reaching the Final Four. The Jumbos were defeated by George Fox University by a score of 70-58 on March 20. The Red Hawks made their way through the NCAA Division III tournament, finishing out their home games with a 20-4 record and their season at Montclair State in the Elite Eight.

The Red Hawks jumped out of the gate and played the way they wanted to play at the start of the second half. The team forced multiple turnovers and was able to find some consistency on offense with none of their players in foul trouble.

Montclair State had a 33-31 lead over George Fox after five minutes of the second half; however, Melissa Tobie picked up her third personal foul. Head coach Karin Harvey elected to take Tobie out of the game, but the struggles they had in the first half would return in the second half.

George Fox University went on an 11-0 run and led the Red Hawks 48-34 with 8:29 to go in the second half. Tobie was put back into the game, but both teams were trading baskets without one team taking the lead.

With 4:23 left to play, Janitza Aquino hit a corner-three to bring the score within six. The team and crowd once again had life in them for the first time since the first portion of the second half. The Red Hawks were unable to build on their momentum. They continued trading baskets with George Fox from that point forward and were unable to put the game away, even after a timeout. Montclair State turned the ball over 21 times, which was ultimately their undoing. The Red Hawks would go on to lose the game by the final score of 70-58.

No matter what happened, we made the best of it and it was a great experience," said Katie Sire, along with Kate Tobie, one of two freshmen to start for the Red Hawks this season. This run has been a unique experience for all players involved.

"I have never been to an NCAA Tournament," said junior forward Jasmine Brandon. "The reason why I came to Montclair State is because I wanted to go to one. Getting here has definitely been the best part."

Sophomore guard Zoe Curtis also spoke positively of her experience. "The team chemistry and team bonding, as well as working with the Special Olympics, has all been awesome," said Curtis. The coaches, as well as the players, have enjoyed the opportunity. "I think it’s just the feeling of being here," said sophomore guard Esica Snow, "and always remembering this feeling of accomplishment, I’ll take it and use it for next year." Saturday’s consolation game victory marked the end to a tremendous season for the Red Hawks as a basketball team. This season is one that will stay in the minds of everyone involved with the team and will be a fantastic building block going forward.

“T’ll take another game with these guys any day, for sure.” - Coach Karin Harvey

Montclair State finished strong of the temps. One thing that was not frustrating about Friday’s loss to George Fox University was that Montclair State couldn’t play the style of game that they wanted to play. Instead, the Red Hawks had to try to adjust to the relentless press and it made their offense suffer. On Saturday, the offense was smooth and fluid.

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After the game, Tobie and Aquino were much more satisfied with how their careers ended. Coach Karin Harvey continued to praise her team’s mental toughness following such a disappointing loss and managed to finish the season on a high note. Montclair State will return to New Jersey and will be able to proudly say they won the third best team in the country this season. Melissa and Katie To- be will be able to share great memories from the Final Four and this young team can take this experience and elevate their game even more next season.