Spring Week Comes to Campus

Montclair State students celebrate warmer weather on campus.

Photo courtesy of Cindy Monroe.

East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania the year before, Montclair State hosted the conference with a strong emphasis on educational fitness conferences. The conference, which was hosted by the Institute for the Humanities and Humanities, is now offering a four-course graduate certificate in Educational Assessment both in New Jersey and at the master’s level. Undergraduate Second Year Education majors are only required to take a one-credit module on classroom assessment and at the master’s level they are only required to take a single three-credit course on this increasingly-relevant topic. Dr. Fries stated, “Most teachers are offered limited preparation in educational assessment, yet are expected to enact high-level classroom assessments and use state and district level assessment data to inform their practice. Given the current political climate around assessment both in New Jersey and the United States as a whole, students are inundated with assessment information and need little to help them make informed decisions.”

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\"Why Learn?\”

Coming to Montclair State

Jaye Giangiacomo

News Editor

Throughout the course of an undergraduate’s college career, it can often become difficult to determine the reason as to why one chooses to come to a university in the first place. Frequent debates on the topic, for instance, is why students should take classes which are not mandatory. Why does one choose to come to a university in the first place? Frequent debates on the topic, for instance, is why students should take classes which are not mandatory. The answer is that a student has committed to learning, but exactly what is it they are learning, and awkward moments of self-discovery.”

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Students participate in physical fitness seminars and activities at the weekend’s expo.

Natalie Smyth

Staff Writer

Last weekend, students and professionals from different parts of the Northeast came to Montclair State University to participate in a weekend of educational seminars, professional development and networking opportunities. Montclair State hosted the Annual Northeastern Expo, an educational fitness conference designed to engage students in the topic of student development. The conference, which was hosted by Rowan University last year and East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania the year before, gave aspiring fitness professionals an opportunity to learn from leaders in their field, share their ideas with peers and meet potential future employers.

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Greek Week: Annual Year-End Celebration

Campus Greek Life prepares for a fun-filled week of activities and events to close out the spring semester.
Greek Week: Annual Year-End Celebration

The Greek community prepares for a week full of events.

Alison Facenda
Contributing Writer

Greek Week, a fun-filled week of games, activities and events organized by the Greek community on campus, is quickly approaching.

The week for the Greeks will begin on April 27 and end on May 1 with Relay for Life.

Emily Cordero, the advisor for the entire Greek community, has experienced several Greek weeks of her own as an alumnus of Zeta Tau Alpha at Sacred Heart University. This prepared her for planning this year’s Greek Week alongside the assistant director of Greek Life and activities, Tiffany Staub.

“Steak is a sophisticated sister of Sigma Sigma Sigma and has worked closely with Cordero to make the upcoming week Greek week a success. I meet with Emily every Monday morning to go over new tasks that need to be completed,” said Steak.

“We also have spent numerous hours brainstorming ideas that can benefit this year’s Greek Week.”

Greek Week is an annual event that occurs in the spring semester and is open to anyone to come and watch the various events that take place. “It’s so much fun and I think the Greek community to get together and socialize but to also have that healthy competition,” said Cordero.

“It’s a privilege for Greeks to spend time with their brothers and sisters and the rest of the community.”

-Emily Cordero, Greek Community Advisor

Monday, April 13
Schmitt Hall: A student reported an incident of theft. This case is under investigation.

Tuesday, April 14
Schmitt Hall: A student reported an incident of theft. This case is under investigation.

Wednesday, April 15
Schmitt Hall: A student reported an incident of theft. This case is under investigation.

Wednesday, April 15
A student reported an incident of theft by deception while on campus. This case is under investigation.

Thursday, April 16
Blanton Hall: Two students reported an incident of harassment from a non-student party. At this time, the reporting parties declined to pursue charges.

Thursday, April 16
Sinatra Hall: A student reported an incident of harassment from another student. At this time, the reporting student declined to pursue charges.

Friday, April 17
University Hall: A student reported an incident of sexual contact. At this time, the reporting student declined to pursue charges.

Friday, April 17
Lot 60: Student Jonathan David 16, of North Arlington, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. This case is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal court.

Saturday, April 18
The Village: A student reported an incident of criminal mischief. The case is under investigation.

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Any person who has information regarding these incidents is urged to contact the police station at TIPS (8477).

All calls are strictly confidential.
In addition to having such a broad spectrum of viewpoints from participants, the networking those in attendance could hope to learn philosophical insight into their own drives as well as paths of life; in other words, the reasons behind their choice of education and how it will influence their options in the future. More so than before, the idea of the “1000 problems” behind learning has itself made in its way into the spotlight and will assert them as a viable nuanced value in the average collegiate lifestyle. “It’s an especially important topic of discussion in today’s society since more people than ever are working as an entrepreneur or feeling obligated to prolong their education and take it to higher levels,” said Larson.

Larson wishes for the success of similar events in the past, the Institute for Classical and General Humanities, to attract the same amount of attendees as well as invigorating discussions and wait eagerly in anticipation of the event. “Both of the previous iterations of this event have sparked wonderful discussions among the attendees,” said Larson. “Let’s hope for the same once again.”

“Why Learn…” will be held on Thursday, March 5th from 4 p.m. in Brand Hall within Dickson Hall.

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Spring Styles

Jessica Mahmoud
Staff Writer

Shirt: Brandy Melville
Shorts: thrifted
Belt: H&M
Tights: Forever 21
Boots: Doc Martens

Tights and shorts will forever be the epitome of any style. The look is versatile. Since it can still be a little chilly as we head into spring, thin tights are perfect. They come in so many different patterns and colors that are great to pair with fun crop tops and maybe a light cardigan. Finish the look with your favorite combat boots.

Top: Pacsun
Pants: Urban Outfitters
Shoes: Arizona Birkenstocks
Sunglasses: American Eagle

Fun, printed pants like these are often seen as bohemian for their flowy, goddess-like appearance. They are often high-waisted and paired with crop tops. They’re perfect for staying cool as the temperatures rise. If you pair them with a short sleeve top, try opting for a long, flowing cardigan to layer over to enhance the Bohemian style. Finish the look off with sandals and sunglasses.

Top, skirt and belt: Francesca’s
Shoes and hat: Target

Another style to try out is vintage. Try checking out your parents’ or grandparents’ old things or venture out to a thrift store for some one-of-a-kind pieces. These ones, like a hat and skirt, give a vintage look, especially with the belt added. Other ideas could be old heels, unique jackets and fun headbands.

Dress: Forever 21
Jacket: Mom’s
Sock: The Paper Stone
Boots: DSW
Watch: Charming Charlie
Bracelet: Alex and Ani
Backpack: Amazon

With the sun out and the temperatures rising, it’s becoming okay to skip the tights and just throw on a dress. Bright colors like this shade of orange are beautiful for this time of year. If it is a little chilly, instead of covering your legs in tights, opt for knee-high boots and a denim jacket. The boots will add even more style to your look and denim jackets are always trendy.

T-Shirt: Wet Seal
Skirt and shoes: Goodwill
Jacket: Arizona Jeans

I would describe “classic” as fun pieces that were just meant to go together. While it’s not always as unique as the others, it’s definitely a look to try out once in a while. An example would be a patterned piece, like this floral skirt paired with more neutrals like a white top. Classic looks definitely make you look more put together while still looking fashionable and trendy as we head into the summer.
Spotlight: Jacqueline Mroz

Jacqueline Mroz is an adjunct professor here at Montclair State who is bringing real journalism career into the classroom. She has worked with everything from newspaper to radio and is even planning on writing a book. Mroz is a prime example of why adjuncts are so valuable to students, especially as some of us prepare to go out into the “real world.”

Mroz always liked writing when she was in high school and she was a big reader, so when she was in high school she had a lot of interest. Times wrote for the magazine. In addition, she teaches writing for her college newspaper there. About a year later, her story began to take some adventurous turns. After working in Boston, Mroz decided she wanted to live abroad. “I just quit my job, got a waitress job, saved some money and moved to Argentina,” she said.

Like family, being from Argentina, made it possible for her to live with some family friends while working at an English newspaper down there. While in Argentina Mroz was able to brush up on her Spanish as well as meet her husband. The couple then moved to London in 1992 when her husband was offered a job there. Mroz began working for the BBC World service as a radio journalist. “Radio was fun,” she said. “It was interesting because it was so different.” Today, Mroz is a freelance writer for the New York Times as well as New Jersey Monthly magazine. In addition, she teaches at MSU and recently got a book deal because of a great story she wrote for the Times that sparked a lot of interest.

The story is about an anonymous sperm donor who fathered 150 children and a mother who took her kids on a cross-country road trip to meet as many of their half-siblings as possible. “I like writing about people and their stories,” said Mroz. “I just think people are so interesting.”

She especially enjoys writing about writers and has done profile stories on Mary Higgins Clark and Harlan Coben. “I just think it’s so interesting to figure out where they get their inspiration from,” she said. Although Mroz agrees that being a freelance writer poses a lot of challenges when it comes to getting stories published and staying on top of editors to get back to her, it also gives her a lot of freedom. This is essential to her since she has to balance her busy career while also raising her three sons.

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With more than 11 million users, Shopkick is the most used shopping app. Earning rewards is as easy as walking into any store partnered with Shopkick; partnered stores include Target, Macy’s, Best Buy, American Eagle, Aerie and Sports Authority, among others.

Each time a user walks into a participating store and her Shopkick app is open, she automatically earns “kicks,” the Shopkick term for points. As a user generates more kicks, the kicks add up towards redeeming a gift card of her choice. Gift cards are available from all participating stores.

Shopkick does not require users to connect their credit card to their account, which is a secure indication that this app is not a scam. While connecting a credit card is not required, there is an option to connect, which allows users to earn kicks for each dollar spent in participating stores.

At some stores, such as Walmart and Target, there is also an option to earn kicks by scanning featured items. Each week, the store chooses to advertise new products through Shopkick. All the Shopkick user has to do is find the promoted item, scan its bar code and answer a five-question survey.

To make an account, it is as easy as downloading the app to your smartphone or tablet and connecting it to your Facebook account. Once connected through Facebook, users are encouraged to connect with friends. Users earn 500 kicks for each friend they suggest the app to.

Earning money has never been so easy thanks to Shopkick. Kicks add up rather quickly for committed users and there is no limit to the amount of gift cards to redeem.
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High school is not a pleasant time. It was filled with terrible fashion choices, hateful comments from classmates and awkward moments of self-discovery. Although everyone believes their high school experience was worse than the next, it is the McGuffey High School students who have truly had the worst high school experience.

On April 15, McGuffey High School in Claysville, Pa., was a safe and supportive educational institution. The school’s Gay-Straight Alliance, organized a “Day of Silence,” a day which was not offensive to the McGuffey High School for the obvious reason; it was repulsive. The school’s superintendent, Eric Kolat, said that the school “ensure[s] that all children can be in school where they feel safe. They did not feel safe. They did not feel like they could learn. They did not feel like they could grow. They did not feel like they could be in a school where they feel like they can grow and learn in a safe, supportive environment free from discrimination.”

Yet, that is not what occurred on April 16 at McGuffey High School. Students at the high school did not feel like they could grow. They did not feel like they could learn. They did not feel safe. They did not feel supported.

Students were discriminated against. They were personally targeted for either supporting or being part of the LGBTQ community. The anti-gay day was a planned attack on the LGBTQ community and its supporters that should never have occurred.

Although students need to be able to share their ideas and beliefs with the rest of the student body, it should have never been done in this manner. The Day of Silence was a peaceful event and did not force itself onto people who did not agree with it. The event focused on promoting an understanding among students. The anti-gay day was forced onto students who did not wish to engage in an event where Bible verses were placed on people’s lockers. Also, students were harassed and bullied by the message of the event. This anti-gay day advocated an agenda of hate toward those who make up the LGBTQ community. Instead of encouraging the school to be a safe space for all, students were physically beaten due to their beliefs. Students not only deserve to be in school where they feel they can grow and learn in a supportive environment without discrimination, but they must be in a school that provides such an environment.

High school is a hard enough time for teens. They need to be in an atmosphere that lets them be who they are.
Christie Feeds Voters Social Security Reform

Governor needs more than social security reform to win presidential election

If Christie is looking to re-form social security and reign back entitlements, then he is missing the point entirely. On his first point, raising the retirement age, he argued that this is a good way to cut spending. However, it does not even go so far as to hold the current retirement age. According to the Social Security Administration, the average retirement age for those who have over $200,000 a year in income is 65 has stagnated for the bottom 60%...
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Since 2008, Marvel Studios has shown time and again that putting popular comic book properties on a risky project can deliver in spades. With films like Iron Man, Thor and Captain America: The First Avenger, Marvel Studios showed that B-level superheroines could produce critically and commercially successful movies as long as the movies had a sense of fun and loyalty to their source material.

With The Avengers, many people doubted that a multi-superhero crossover movie would be a success, with some even feeling it would be downright catastrophic for all involved. However, it went on to become one of the most critically acclaimed films of 2012, as well as one of the highest grossing movies of all time.

The final experiments of Marvel Studios were set in 2014 when Cuaron’s of the Galaxy showed that a movie starring a talking raccoon and a walking tree could be more successful than films from established blockbuster franchises.

As a result of previous successes, it provoked no surprise when Netflix announced in late 2013 that they had made a deal with Netflix to produce four television series for some of their lesser known superheroines: Daredevil, Jessica Jones, Iron Fist and Luke Cage.

The plan for these four television shows was to create a spin-off Netflix series called The Defenders, which would essentially be a TV version of The Avengers.

The first entry in the ambitious new project, Daredevil, was just released on Netflix last week. Daredevil is simply fantastic and is the latest home run for Marvel Studios.

The season focuses on Matt Murdock (Charlie Cox), a lawyer who was blinded as a child and later becomes a crime-fighting vigilante to help free New York from the corruption that has all but consumed it. Lawyer by day, masked avenger by night, his allies stem from both of his identities, although most of them are unaware that Murdock is the man he is referred to as “The Devil From Hell’s Kitchen.”

As a lawyer, he is aided by his long-time friend and law partner Foggy Nelson (Elden Henson) and Karen Page (Deborah Ann Woll), a young woman who joins Murdock and Nelson’s new newly established law firm after they take up her case in the pilot episode.

When under the mask, Murdock finds help through a struggling nurse named Clair Temple (Rosalio Dawson) and an investigative journalist for the New York Bulletin named Ben Urich (Vondie Curtis-Hall). Certain episodes of the series provide us with flashbacks that show Murdock being raised by his father William Fisk (Vincent D’Onofrio), a certain comic book fans know better by the name of Kingpin. The struggles and development of Murdock and Fisk intertwine throughout the season and by season’s end, the pieces are put in place to make that the two bitter enemies battling for the soul of Hell’s Kitchen.

The biggest strength of Daredevil is its excellent storytelling and character development that is on display throughout all 13 episodes of this first season. This is easily the darkest and most violent piece of the Marvel Universe to date, feeling far more in the tone of something like Batman Begins than The Avengers.

In spite of this, the show is a passionate parade of brooding, as it still manages to maintain the sense of fun and humor that has helped make all of the Marvel movies accessible and successful.

Daredevil exists in an already established Marvel Universe, but the show puts that universe in the far background in order to make this series capable of standing on its own rather than just feeling like a teaser for future outings with other Marvel characters. What the show does instead is take its time to not only establish its own environment, but properly develop and flesh out all of our protagonists as well as the primary antagonist.

As a result, the protagonists are relatable and are easy to get emotionally invested in, while Fisk is a sadistic but complex and three-dimensional villain. The twists and turns in the narrative keep things from getting mundane and the show properly builds the overarching storyline of the season to a very tense and very satisfying conclusion.

The cast all across the board is uniformly excellent, with the stand-outs being Cox and D’Onofrio. Nobody is hampering it up or chewing the scenery; instead, all the actors bring real gravitas and pathos to their characters.

The direction is also stellar, managing to ground this superhero in a manner that makes this feel more like a crime drama than it does a Marvel comic book adventure. All of the action sequences are clearly shot and coherently edited so that you can properly see all of the well-choreographed moments, especially one incredible hallway fight sequence that was done in one shot. There are also some very subtle nods to the Marvel universe that will make the die-hard fans happy but not distract or confuse the casual viewer.

Simply put, Daredevil is impressive television on both a technical and storytelling level that manages to blend drama and emotion with thrilling action. This is a great season of television that makes very few missteps along the way, but those missteps should be addressed.

One misstep is the fact that while the main villain of this season is well fleshed out, the remainder of the side villains come off as pretty generic corporate bad guys whom we do not really get much depth out of besides the basic desire for power. Also, there is a conflict that was introduced in the final leg of the season that seems interesting in concept, but was executed in a manner that makes the whole thing feel like it is being controlled for the sake of killing some time before the big finale.

Yet, the rest of the season is so fantastic that any gripe with it are minor. Daredevil exceeds Marvel’s other TV efforts, Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. and Agent Carter, by a huge distance, easily becoming the studio’s finest TV show to date.

This new show ultimately serves as a reminder of just how far Marvel Entertainment empires is expanding and with Avengers: Age Of Ultron hitting theaters in less than two months, it shows no signs of slowing down any time soon.

As long as they keep producing high quality entertainment like Daredevil, Marvel Studios will continue its stance as the finest outfit for superhero entertainment in Hollywood right now.

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“One of the challenges of directing this piece is that it’s set in 1968, which was a very volatile time in this country,” said Gary John Laffoon, the director of the piece. “There was a lot of unrest and protest by people of that age. The draft was mandatory and the Vietnam War was basically a death sentence. Because if it set in that moment in time, I did not want the audience to come to this show and go, ‘Aren’t they cute? They’re hippies.’ The point of this show is to shock audiences.”

“Shocking the audience is one thing this show doesn’t fail to do,” Reo said. “It may be a bit of a jaw-dropping show. This is a very volatile time in this country.”

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Peak Performances

John J. Cali School of Music

Spring Music Weekend!

Friday, April 24 @ 7:30 p.m.
MSU Wind Symphony and MSU Symphonic Band
*Our Thing*
Thomas McCauley, conductor

Saturday, April 25 @ 8:00 p.m.
MSU Singers and MSU Chorale
*From Darkness - Light*
Heather J. Buchanan, conductor

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Jeffrey Kunkel, director

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Photo provided by Montclair State University/John Peters
Despite their 2-1 loss to D.C. United on Nov. 8, the New York Red Bulls have advanced to the Eastern Conference Finals. Midfielder Péguy Luyindula netted the only Red Bulls’ goal. Luyindula, who scored once in the Red Bulls’ 2-0 win against D.C. United in the first leg of the conference semifinals, sent his side to the conference finals on a 3-2 goal aggregate.

Inside the six-yard box, Luyindula slotted a cross from captain Thierry Henry into the bottom right corner of United’s goal in the 57th minute. D.C. United’s first goal came late in the first half when midfielder Nick Deleon headed a cross from Taylor WomensLacrosse

Robert Kessler
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Barclays Premier League

In a week that began with West Brom, Everton, Stoke City and Leicester coming away from three points and ended with Tottenham taking care of Newcastle United, it was the high-profile clash between Chelsea and Manchester United that took center stage. Both teams have played one less game than the majority of the league and if Chelsea were to take one point, let alone all of them, the title is as good as theirs. Manchester United is firmly holding on to the last Champions League Group Stage position. With Leicester’s win over eight-place Scunthorpe, they now find themselves just two points away from climbing out of the relegation zone. Manchester City kept pace at the top of the table with a win over West Ham and find themselves one point behind Manchester United, while Tottenham taking care of West Brom, Everton, and Stoke City and Leicester coming away with two points away from climbing out of the relegation zone. With Leicester’s firm hold on the last Champions League Group Stage position, Manchester United is firmly holding on to the last Champions League Group Stage position. With Leicester’s win over eight-place Scunthorpe, they now find themselves just two points away from climbing out of the relegation zone.

The race for first will continue as Barcelona faces Espanyol on April 25 at 10 a.m. EST and Real Madrid faces Celta Vigo at 3 p.m. EST on April 26.

Liga BBVA

Barcelona, Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid kept the pace in the top of the Spanish league standings with wins over Valencia (fourth), Malaga (seventh) and Deportivo (18th) respectively. Luckily for Valencia, who sit for Champions League Qualification position, Sevilla drew in their match against Granada (19th) and held a two point lead over the reigning Europa League Champions. After Sevilla, there is a tremendous drop off as Villarreal holds the Europa League Qualification position, 11 points behind Sevilla. Napoli won their game against potential relegation candidate Cagliari to separate themselves from fifth-place Sampdoria, who drew against another relegation candidate in Genoa.

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FA Cup

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Champions League

Defending Champions Bayern Munich (Germany) will face Napoli (Italy) with their backs against the wall after Napoli put up 4 away goal in a 4-1 win in the first leg. Napoli won their only title in 1989, while Wolfsburg has never won.
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**Eagles Sign Tim Tebow**

Tebow also brings more to the table, as he has won 10 playoff games in Denver as well as ro

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**Softball Pushing for the Tournament**

The Montclair State softball team saw its six-game road trip come to an end last week, just when it appeared that the Red Hawks were on the right track. Montclair State is 3-17 over-

Mike Prongay

**Keeping an MSU Legacy Alive**

Men’s lacrosse team honors former coach

Jenna Busnieres

Assistant Sports Editor

Every year, one special athlete on the Montclair State men’s la-

The Red Hawks began their work during the double-

Sophomore outfielder Lauren Guillen went three for three, with four runs scored and two RBIs. Senior captain and infielder

Melany Zeller also had three hits and three runs scored. Powers hit a two-run bomb to keep Montclair State in the game and came out on top in the end 13-

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