Raising Disability Awareness on Campus
Denaee Rose Assistant News Editor

On a campus that prides itself on diversity and inclusion, addressing the lack of awareness and availability of services provided for students with disabilities has become a major concern among the Montclair State community.

Students with disabilities have finally decided to speak up and the resulting social media campaign petitioning these deficiencies on campus is quickly gaining speed, grabbing the attention of several local media outlets.

Matthew Flanagan, a second-year graduate student with Guillain-Barré syndrome, has experienced first-hand the difficulties of navigating around campus with a disability. “The aisles, entrances, the accessible ramp heading up to Kassew [Theater] floods out every day it rains,” said Flanagan, “This happens, maintenance blocks the entrance. Last week, instead of walking the heating up a few other students.

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Students Present at Annual Symposium

Natalie Smyth Staff Writer

This year, Montclair State University held its ninth annual Student Research Symposium, where undergraduate and graduate students had the opportunity to present their own research to their fellow students, faculty and other members of the academic community.

The symposium gives students a venue to share and expand their own research while also exploring other students’ research in a wide span of topics. The event was focused on the use of interdisciplinary research in order to highlight the importance of exploring issues from various perspectives rather than just using your own individual view. The day showed how collaboration can lead to more diverse and innovative results than one perspective does.

According to the University website, “The Symposium aims to promote interdisciplin ary research and collaboration in the hope of instilling in our students the importance of exploring issues from multiple perspectives.” In essence, the event strives to spark an impetus for post-grad dialogue.

The symposium was divided into three different categories, including oral presentations, poster-based presentations and multimedia presentations.

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Honors Requirements for Commencement to Change

Kristen Bryfogle Opinion Editor

Starting this August, Montclair State University will raise its standards for graduation honors, leaving many students questioning the feasibility of their academic goals and the responsibility that the university has to inform students of major changes in academic policy.

Valid as of August 2015, the grade point average requirement for Latin honors will change from a minimum 3.45 to 3.7 in order to graduate with cum laude; from 3.65 to 3.8 for magna cum laude and from 3.85 to 3.9 for summa cum laude.

Both the University Senate and Provost William Gengelich approved the new standards in 2011, according to Gingerich. He said that the Senate formed these guidelines by researching what other institutions similar to Montclair State used as requirements for Latin honors. The University Senate chose to update the requirements for Latin honors.

Starting this August 2015 to ensure that students on a four-year graduation path would be grandfathered in to the new policy, Gingerich said.

Yet, many students who cut-off were not aware of this policy change and the decision-making process behind it. According to a survey, The Montclarion conducted, 52.2 percent of students did not know about the change in honors before taking the survey.

Many students were upset about the changes made and the lack of student awareness about them. Catie Kunkel, a junior Health and Physical Education major, mentioned the topic to President Susan Cole in an open-forum style meeting with the Student Government Association last month. “I was confused about why this was never brought to anyone’s attention,” Kunkel said.

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Students Speak Out at Tuition Hearing

Natalie Smyth Staff Writer

In a last minute notice sent the day before, the University notified students about the date and time of the 2015-2016 Tuition Hearing. Because of this delayed announcement, the Board of Trustees decided to schedule a special meeting to allow students who missed the first meeting to make their voices heard and have any relevant questions answered.

The Board of Trustees sets the yearly tuition rate every July after the state budget is officially adopted in June. The Board holds this meeting open to all students every April to hear what the students have to say about rising costs of tuition, what their financial needs are and how the campus community can balance necessary price increases along with the need to keep college affordable.

The meeting took place on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 2 p.m. in the Student Center, President, with Crystal Dwyer.

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Greek Life connects with Community

Megan Spinelli Staff Writer

Greek Life at Montclair State is making itself known all week with the annual year-end celebration and competition. Posters with pictures from Dona the Explorer, Spongebob SquarePants, All That and other television shows accompanied by the usual Greek letters line the Student Center walls as evidence of the Greek Week activities spanning from Sunday, April 20 to Saturday, May 2.

Throughout the week, members of the Greek organizations will be competing for the title of Greek Week Champions in events aligned with the television show theme. Although the members of the Greek community are the ones participating, the student body is welcome to watch the festivities.

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**Student Chosen to Study Abroad in Bangladesh**

Samantha Martinez was awarded the Critical Language Scholarship.

“Being surrounded by millions of people, whom live in poverty, each day is going to be a much different experience than what I am used to, but I am hoping that it will open my eyes to issues that people are forced to confront in countries around the world.”

-Samantha Martinez 
Critical Language Scholarship Recipient

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**Pelican Police Report**

Saturday, April 18
Lot 60 Student Tether Law, 19, was arrested and charged with forgery for signature in an incident. The student is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Tuesday, April 21
Bash Bahar Non-student, 20, of Stirling, N.J. was arrested and charged with domestic violence. Rodriguez is scheduled to appear in Clifton Municipal Court.

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Einstein Hall: Student Donte Goldens, 19, of West Orange, N.J. was charged with default tenant. Goldens is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Wednesday, April 22
Webster Road: A student reported an incident of cyber harassment while on campus. This case is under investigation.

Thursday, April 23
CarPac: Diom- Non-student Vadchenko, 19, of Newark, N.J. and student Fabish Romano, 19, of Fanwood, N.J. were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Furthermore, Toussaint was charged with crimi- nal trespassing. Both parties are scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Friday, April 24
Gibson Hall: Students Sarah Kuehn, 21, and Valerie Lanza, 18, of Middle- town, N.J. were arrested and charged for possession of marijuana and the use of drug paraphernalia. Both part- ners were scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Friday, April 24
Lot 19: Non-student Najeer Poonj, 18, of Long Branch, N.J. was arrested and charged with pos- session of marijuana. Poonj is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Saturday, April 25
Blanton Hall: A student report- ed an attempted sexual assault. At this time, the reporting party does not wish to pursue charges.
Students work hard to keep up on classes and improve their GPAs. "Students work hard to keep up on classes and improve their GPAs. Gingerich said, "We talk about it - the new standards to grade in - distributed the reasoning behind [that] fair?" Johnson asked. "To these new standards. "For [the to voice their resistance to changes. She started a petition, express her discontent over the major, took to the Internet to Psychology and Justice Studies

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Many categories had research from a wide variety of different fields from pedagogy to science, and biology to chemistry, and included a wide variety of practical research projects, allowing for students to gain authoral academic backgrounds to take part.

According to Dr. Willard Gingerich, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, "Even more satisfying and rewarding is the challenge of tackling a problem with a toolbox of multiple methodologies, with an interdisciplinary approach, either by mastering yourself or by combining several disciplines yourself or by combining your own skills and efforts with other disciplines."

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Demos were forced to walk up the hill from Red Hawk [Park- ing Dec.] - which would seem like nothing until you realize we can easily walk 100 feet at a time with our walkers when wearing backpacks."

After a fellow disabled student fell while trying to navigate a knobby sidewalk, New Student Orientation Advisor March, Flanagan decided that it was time for change. In response, he launched the movement known as #makeMSUaccessible. In a few short months, the petition has acquired over 80 signatures, as well as the support of the Chris-

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School of Communication Welcomes Kurt Anderson

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Moderated by Merrill Brown, the founder of MSNBC.com and director of MSU’s School of Communication and Media, Anderson’s lecture involved a wide range of topics such as the future of journalism, the effect of technology on society and the peculiarities of the present generation.

Anderson, a New York Times best-selling author, expressed his concerns regarding the lack of consensus in the present generation about public issues compared to those in past decades. He said that we are living in a society where the rich are only getting richer while the poor are getting poorer and that public media has a role in providing “checks and balances” to the control and influence bigger media corporations have.

In reference to the evolving digital world, Anderson said, “It’s the best of times and it’s the worst of times.” While Anderson admits that it is a benefit to have Facebook friends and Twitter followers share information easily that he might never have heard or read before, he also said that technology has created such extreme polarization in public opinion that it may never be able to bounce back again.

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In terms of advice for new journalists, Anderson offered a few words of wisdom to a journalism class before the lecture. “Go for what excites you,” he said. “You’re not on a ‘no-exit car’ for the rest of your life.” He says that the amateur spirit of doing things that you are genuinely passionate and excited about is far too undervalued.

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Every student who attended the meeting had the opportunity to speak to Cole and the Board; after the meeting, they could speak to representatives from different departments about how to manage the possible tuition increase for the next academic year.

Rebecca Klein, a sophomore General Humanities major, attended the hearing for the first time this year because of her serious financial concerns. According to Klein, “I came to the meeting because I could barely afford to stay in school this year. I have a job but I don’t get paid enough to fund even half tuition and my mom doesn’t have any money to help. If tuition rates go up, I may have to drop out before graduation just because I don’t have enough money to pay for school.”

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Getting out of work at 5 p.m., Alexis Maciejunes only had a few minutes to go home and check on her mother before speeding to school to make it to her last class before she retired.

Having to worry about not being able to support her family, and her mother’s health, was tough for anyone. Maciejunes was forced to juggle going to school, working, and being the sole caretaker of her sick mother, all while trying to live a normal, healthy life. “I was a sophomore in college,” Maciejunes said. “I just barely made my whole pretty world perfectly normal. Maciejunes was only 19 when her mother was diagnosed with leukemia. She was diagnosed with leukemia again at the age of 30, and while that was a difficult time, she was able to stay in school and take care of her mother.

After her mother’s death, she decided to follow her dream of teaching. “I was a college dropout, I realized after her head stopped spinning that seeing the success of the legal system is what led to her becoming a lawyer. Brown claimed that seeing that injustice and an- other that she enjoyed.

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Finals Fashion

Jessica Mahmoud
Staff Writer

Top, tights and headband: Forever 21
Skirt: Cotton On
Boots: Traffic

Some people might say that tights are not that comfortable, but it’s really all a matter of preference. I have high hopes that soon tights won’t even be necessary with the weather getting warmer. Skater skirts and basic tops are super comfortable for sitting through exams or for those long study sessions in the library.

Dress and socks: Victoria’s Secret
Jacket: Old Navy
Shoes: Converse

Cotton dresses like this one are perfect for finals because they are easy to throw on and super-comfortable, but still fashionable. A simple one like this paired with fun socks, a light jacket and Converse is perfect for spring. It’s simple but still stylish. If you’re not into denim jackets, opt for a light cardigan to stay comfortable.

Tank and tights: Target
White kimono: T.J. Maxx
Hood: boutique in Soho
Boots: Forever 21

Pants are definitely still an option for finals week and are probably preferred over skirts and dresses. Statement pieces like this kimono and hood are a great way to amp up a simple outfit. They are both unique and easy to throw on on your way out the door to your exam. Combat boots or even heels finish off the look.

Dress: Forever 21
Sweater: England
Tights: Target
Shoes: Kohl’s
Sunglasses: Urban Outfitters

Despite having tights, this outfit is very comfortable. Hopefully sweaters will be put away soon, but layering them over dresses is a great way to stay warm in chilly spring weather. This outfit would also look great with knee socks. All the cotton pieces are cozy and soft, making them similar to lounge wear, which is ideal for finals week.

This is the last issue of The Montclarion before this year’s graduation issue, which means one thing: Finals are right around the corner. While there is still some time left to relax before we all sit down for exams, this is the time people tend to opt for sweatpants. But there are other options to stay comfortable in these stressful times. I hope this gives you some inspiration, and best of luck on your exams!

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Opinion

Save the Swipes

At the end of each semester, there is a mad rush to the dining halls and retail eateries to use every last swipe and flex dollars before they expire. Any meal plan swipes and flex dollars that are left behind at the end of the spring semester do not carry over to the new school year, causing many students to lose a lot of the money that they invested in their meal plans. With finances so tight for students, who often work several jobs and take out loans to cover tuition and books, any penny saved is very least, allowing them to be carried over from semester to semester and year to year.

Unlike Red Hawk Dollars, the meal swipes featured in the mandatory resident meal plans that promise unlimited meal swipes. For resident students who have more than 30 credits, there is a larger array of meal plans available to them each semester, students lose all of their remaining prepaid meal swipes. At $6.20 a swipe, the amount of money students lose at the end of the semester quickly adds up. Consequently, on-campus eateries become overcrowded as students try to buy enough food so that they do not lose their money in swipes. Some students have so many blocks and flex dollars left over at the end of the semester that they often donate food that they obtain through swipes to the less fortunate through the “Red Hawk Gives Back” program. We think it’s great that Montclair State would allow students who are residing on campus for the first time the opportunity to feel a lot of frustration on the behalf of students. It would give students who are on campus for the first time the opportunity to feel and see the right meal plan for them. Instead of buying an overwhelming amount of swipes that will later prove to be useless, students would be able to save them for a later occasion.

Residents would rather save their meal swipes at the end of the semester, knowing they will roll over to the next semester, than ending the semester with massive amounts of food just because all of their precious swipes will soon be gone.

Allowing meal swipes to carry over from semester to semester or year to year may prevent waste and students would much rather prefer to save their meal swipes and their money. With tuition increasing every year, saving meal swipes would be able to save money, waste, and a lot of frustration on the behalf of the students.

Question of the Week:
How do you plan on preventing stress during the upcoming finals week?

“I am going to focus on one class at a time and try to not cram all my studying into one day.”
Jack Huang, Freshman, Geoscience

“I have no plans for that. It is inevitable.”
Clarissa Pascual, Freshman, History

“Just focusing on graduation and all the good things that are going to happen after graduation.”
Angelina Barkho, Senior, Finance

“Since I only have 2 exams, I plan to divide my days and materials in order to reduce my stress.”
Dionne Ubungen, Sophomore, Biology

Thumbs Up

Players’ Rent
Student Research Symposium

Last week of classes

Thumbs Down

Nepal earthquake
Baltimore riots
Finals week

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Trans-Pacific Problems

Trans-Pacific Partnership leave many unsure of what the US is getting into

The Trans-Pacific Partnership was an agreement between the United States and 11 other countries that aimed to reduce trade barriers and create a free trade area in the Pacific Rim. However, the process of negotiating the agreement has been controversial, with critics arguing that it favors large corporations and undermines democratic processes.

A scene from a fraternity house

The Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, located at the University of Georgia, was involved in a controversy over alleged inappropriate behavior by its members. The fraternity was criticized for hosting a party in 2007 where members were reported to have urinated on the Vietnam veterans' memorial.

The following statement excerpted from the University of Florida's Zeta Beta Tau fraternity's Facebook page.

"The Zeta Beta Tau fraternity at the University of Georgia in Athens had become the focal point of a controversy over alleged inappropriate behavior by its members. The fraternity was criticized for hosting a party in 2007 where members were reported to have urinated on the Vietnam veterans' memorial.

The fraternity's fraternity members have been accused of various offenses, including spitting on their fellow fraternity members, spitting on comments about their wives, and even urinating off the property. People have been urinating off the property, and the fraternity is doing to the veterans. This is a serious accusation against the fraternity members, and it is something that needs to be investigated.

The fraternity has apologized to the families of the veterans, and the university is investigating the incident. The university is taking the matter seriously, and it is important that the fraternity members take responsibility for their actions.

The fraternity is also facing legal action. Some families of the veterans have filed lawsuits against the fraternity, and it is possible that the fraternity could face fines and other penalties.

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Student Artist Highlight

Filmmaker Milos Blazin

What is your biggest motivation?

I’m going to assume you are referring to the motivation for my field of study. It would be the thrill of making something new, making art and, at the same time, reaching a vast amount of people. That is partly why I came to America, too, to see and learn what is the filmmaking process in a leading country when film is concerned.

How has Montclair State University fostered you as an artist?

It gave me the opportunity to meet some wonderful new people and get to know how they approach to the craft of making movies, I have to say, on a far better level than in my country. But, of course, the financial standing of the university has a lot to do with it. Nevertheless, kids really take their filmmaking major seriously here and know a lot. I’m glad I witnessed that and will be bringing home some fresh opinions. Also, equipment enabled me to make visually high-quality material.

Who are your biggest supporters?

That would be my international student friends (we all live together on two floors) and my professors. Whenever I need help from friends, they are gladly offering it and this means a lot because, as a student from abroad, I don’t have many resources available to me. Professors are highly interactive, answer all questions, give letters of recommendations, stay in touch with us and help in whatever way they can.

Who are your biggest inspirations?

There are a lot, but the most recent ones from my experience here are debut producers and directors that all have the same message: No matter what, just keep making movies, shows and audio-visual content in general. They are true inspirations to us as young filmmakers. Also, I find the idea of telling people my opinion through making moving pictures very interesting.

What’s your latest project?

My latest project was making a promo video for a musical trio called BAH. They are going to use it to apply to some classical music festivals. Since we had only one day to make it, by the circumstances, I’m very happy how it turned out. They are amazing musicians. Search “BAH Trio- Neue Musik goes public”; if you like it, click like, because the competition is still on.
Euripides’ Play Revels Across Campus

Successful performances despite low budget

Zachary Case
Asst. Copy Editor

The Department of Classics and General Humanities/College of Humanities and Social Sciences-sponsored performance of Euripides’ Bacchae was performed in the Kasser Amphitheater on April 23 and 24. The arrival of rain resulted in the cancel-lation of the performance on April 22, but the actors pressed on despite the unexpected snow on Thursday and the sub-optimal temperature on Fri-day.

The authenticity of the play was one of the most well-done aspects of the performance. Electronics were limited to two speakers and a handful of microphones for amplification of Chorus’ initial announcement and some singing and instrumenta-tion during the chorus sections; sound effects such as the crack of thunder and the crumbling of rock also played through the speakers at key points throughout the performance. The cos-tume design was colorful and well-put together; nothing particularly seemed anachronistic.

The acting was generally well-executed and fitting for the nature of the play; any hamminess that had oc-curred wasn’t particularly out of place considering the nature of Greek the-ater and the need for projection and nobody under-acted or recited lines. Prop failure that occurred when one of the messengers broke her walking stick didn’t provoke any reaction from any of the cast members, including the holder of the stick herself; it is to the actors’ credit to maintain face during an unexpected event such as this.

Immersion into the play was helped by the environment and inter-action with the audience by actors. Di-onysos descended from the top steps of the amphitheater onto the stage at the play’s start and children playing the roles of animal messengers were sent out into the audience to question if they had seen a man slated for execu-tion.

Those who were seated on the steps of the theater had access to in-teresting viewing angles thanks to the curved nature of the steps; I couldn’t see most of the prop built for Pentheus’ remains when they were brought out, so I was left to fill in the blanks as to what the mangled remains of the king looked like instead of seeing that they were just an indiscriminate object wrapped in a shroud, later revealed to me to be a Buzz Lightyear doll.

What worked against the play was its nature as a College of Hu-manities play as opposed to a Players production. The costumes generally looked good, but the props looked a bit cheap and the choreography was a little shaky in the beginning; this is more the result of not having the Student Government Association backing the play than the fault of any students in the production, as Players productions generally have more time and budget put into them beyond the student level.

The singing in the chorus sections was unfortunately off-key at times, although part of the reason for that may be that the music was modal in nature and thus not using the scales most singers use on a regular basis.

Overall, the performance went well considering its small-scale nature; here’s to hoping there will be more performances and exposure of Greek plays at Montclair State, as well as other varieties of shows beyond musicals and Shakespeare produc-tions.
Who Needs Anything Else
With Friends Like These
Local band set to release second single off of debut album

Samantha King
Asst. Entertainment Editor

One of North Jersey’s local bands, With Friends Like These, is set to release their debut album before the end of the year. With their first single “Arcadia” already having over 5,000 plays on YouTube, WFLT is the latest band on the local music scene you need to be looking out for.

Originating in Roxbury, N.J., With Friends Like These is comprised of Phil Cap on vocals and bass, Joe Turpin on guitar and backup vocals, Kate on guitar and Eric Decker on drums and screamed vocals.

Stylistically, WFLT is defining modern standards of committing to a specific genre by embracing a truly unique sound. Although they can broadly be identified as pop punk, WFLT brings more to the table with acoustic crescendos, screaming as complimentary backup vocals and thoughtfully poetic lyrics.

With Friends Like These spent five weeks in Florida recording their first album with Andrew Wade, who has produced for The Ghost Inside, Issues and A Day to Remember.

Their second single, titled “February,” will be released within the next few weeks. “February” opens with acoustics, which was recorded on the same acoustic guitar A Day to Remember uses on their hit “If It Means a Lot to You.” Kate said that “February” is one of his favorite tracks on the new album for many reasons, but most specifically due to the expressive lyrics.

“We wanted to make sure that the lyrics we’re writing aren’t just things you hear all the time. We wanted to write things that matter to us more poetically than just being really straightforward,” said Kate in an interview at a local Starbucks.

Kate explained that having band practice three to four times a week is always a blast for him because he’s playing music that he loves with his best friends.

WFLT has a Twitter account with over 12,000 followers and hilarious tweets. Make sure to check out and follow With Friends Like These on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay up to date with their latest shows and releases.

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THE WORLD WITHOUT NEWS WOULD BE...

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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.

**Baseball**

The Red Hawks ended their season 1-2 this past week and lost to Kean University in the first game in the NJAC Championship. They'll be playing Rutgers-Camden in a consolation game on May 1. The Red Hawks are currently 17-17 on the season.

**Track & Field**

In Ewing, N.J., Robert O'Shaughnessy placed fifth in the hammer throw for men's track and field. For the women's team, Lia Negra placed second in the javelin. The men's and women's teams will be competing in the NJAC Championship this weekend.

**Women's Lacrosse**

The women's lacrosse team ended their season with two wins over Elmira College and Rutgers-Camden to push their record to 10-5. Montclair State will play Rowan University in the NJAC Semifinals on April 29. The Montclarion was unable to acquire the results for the games on April 29 before publication.

**Men's Lacrosse**

The men's lacrosse team closed their season with wins over Kean University and College of Mount Saint Vincent to improve their record to 11-5.

The Red Hawks will play Farmingdale State College in the Skyline Conference Semifinal on April 29. The Montclarion was unable to acquire the results for the games on April 29 before publication.

**Baseball**

Reynolds was the lone Montclair State representative in the NJAC All-Conference Team. This is the first time the senior has earned this accolade.

**Who's Hot This Week**

**Tierney Conlon**
Women's Lacrosse

Conlon earned NJAC Player of the Week as she helped the Red Hawks to a pair of wins and MSU’s clinching of the #2 seed in the NJAC Tournament.

**Christopher Reynolds**
Baseball

**Current Stats**

Goals: 29
Assists: 43
Shots on Goal: 41

**Career Stats**

Batting Average: .350
RBI: 60
Games Played: 80

**Upcoming Events**

**Women's Lacrosse**
May 2 - NJAC Championship - TBA

**Outdoor Track and Field**
May 2 - 3 - NJAC Championship
Mahwah, N.J.

**Baseball**
May 1 vs. Rutgers-Camden - 12 p.m.
Union, N.J.

**Men's Lacrosse**
May 2 - Skyline Conference Championship - TBA
UEFA Champions League

The Semifinals of the 2015 UEFA Champions League are now set. With four quarterfinal matches finishing their second legs on April 21 and April 22, it was Real Madrid (Spain), Barcelona (Spain), Bayern Munich (Germany) and Juventus (Italy) that found themselves one step from playing for the Champions League Final in Lisbon.

The battle for Madrid reached its boiling point as Atlético Madrid and Real Madrid met in Real’s stadium after a scoreless first game at Atlético. Arda Turan made a costly mistake, was double-booked and sent off with a red card, which put Atlético in a hole. Mexican international Javier Hernandez scored the winning goal for Real in the 88th to push them to the semifinals.

After scoring the lone goal of the first leg via a penalty shot in Turin, Italy, Juventus traveled to France and shut down Monaco. Juventus continues to roll against Celta Vigo and Espanyol, Barcelona successfully won their midweek clash against lovely Bastia, 6-0. Real Madrid faces Almeria on April 20. The Mostclaviers would be unable to acquire the results for the games on April 29 before publication.

The semifinals will feature Real Madrid vs. Juventus and Barcelona vs. Bayern Munich.

Serrie A TIM

While the Italian league will play a lot of their mid-week fixtures on April 20, Inter and Udinese met on April 28. Inter came away with a 2-1 win after Udinese dug themselves into a deep hole with two red cards over the course of the game. This weekend, Champions League Semifinalists Juventus face Frosinone at a face-off 3-0. Napoli could decide to field a weaker team to keep players rested for their semifinal clash against Real Madrid next Tuesday. Lazio, Roma and Napoli find themselves in a three-way battle for second place with only three points separating them. Second-place Lazio will face 17th-place Atalanta, third-place Roma will face 15th-place Sassuolo and fourth-place Napoli will face 16th-place Empoli. Cismon di Feltre and Parma find themselves in a deep hole as they are in serious danger of being relegated.

European Soccer Roundup

Thomas Formosa
Sports Editor

Barclays Premier League

UEFA Europa League

Italian sides Napoli and Frosinone met in their second leg and Napoli staved off elimination with a 3-2 draw in Italy and a 6-3 aggregate win. Zenit Petersburg (Russia) and Seville drew 2-2 in Russia, but Seville had barked enough goals in the first leg to advance on aggregate 4-3.

On May 7, the first legs of the Semifinals will take place, with the second legs taking place on May 14. Derby will be taking place on Napoli, while Seville was drawn against Frosinone. With the all-important UEFA coefficient, an all-Italian Final in the UEFA Europa League and Juventus’ championship hopes. Milan will look to move out of 18th which is only has a two point lead over Cagliari, Cesena and Parma. With the all-important UEFA coefficient, an all-Italian Final in the UEFA Europa League and Juventus’ championship hopes.

Fussball-Bundesliga

This week, Bayern Munich dealt with the tough news that they will be without Dutch defender and Arjen Robben, but it won’t affect their Bundesliga title hopes. Munich is currently 15 points ahead of second-place Wolfsburg. Munich has had an other impressive season at 24-4-2 and will face fourth-place Bayer Leverkusen on May 2. The Bundesliga is currently fighting with Borussia Monchengladbach for a Champions League Group Stage position. Monchengladbach will face third-place Werder Berlin. A resurgence by RB Stuttgart has left them just two points out of relegation. The other two relegation teams above them, Hamburger SV and Paderborn, are just a point ahead. Stuttgart has a tough game against 5th-place Paderborn while 17th-place Paderborn will face 14th-place Freiburg. Freiburg finds themselves just two points out of relegation. 16th-place Hamburger will face 13th-place Mainz. Hannover, who is in 15th place, is facing second-place Wolfsburg and are a point only out of relegation. The bottom five teams are about to undergo a lot of shuffling.

Professional Standings

Barclays Premier League
1. Chelsea - 77 points
2. Manchester City - 67 points
3. Arsenal - 67 points
4. Manchester United - 65 points
5. Liverpool - 58 points
6. Tottenham - 58 points
7. Southampton - 57 points
8. Swansea City - 50 points
9. Stoke City - 47 points
10. Everton - 44 points
11. West Ham - 44 points
12. Crystal Palace - 42 points
13. West Brom - 37 points
14. Newcastle United - 35 points
15. Hull City - 34 points
16. Aston Villa - 32 points
17. Leicester - 31 points
18. Sunderland - 30 points
19. QPR - 27 points
20. Burnley - 26 points

Round 35 - 5/2-5/4

Professional Standings

MLS Eastern Conference
1. N.E. Revolution - 14 points
2. D.C. United - 14 points
3. New York Red Bulls - 12 points
4. Columbus Crew - 11 points
5. Chicago Fire - 9 points
6. Orlando City - 8 points
7. Toronto FC - 6 points
8. New York City FC - 6 points
9. Philadelphia Union - 6 points
10. Montreal Impact - 5 points

Western Conference
1. Vancouver Whitecaps - 16 points
2. FC Dallas - 14 points
3. Seattle Sounders - 13 points
4. Los Angeles Galaxy - 12 points
5. Houston Dynamo - 10 points
6. Sporting Kansas City - 10 points
7. San Jose Earthquakes - 9 points
8. Portland Timbers - 9 points
9. Real Salt Lake - 9 points
10. Colorado Rapids - 7 points

Eastern Conference

1. New York Yankees - 0 points
2. Boston Red Sox - 2 points
3. Tampa Bay Rays - 2 points
4. Toronto Blue Jays - 3 points
5. Baltimore Orioles - 3 points

Western Conference

1. Minnesota Wild Chicago Blackhawks
2. Calgary Flames St. Louis Blues
3. San Jose Sharks San Jose Sharks
4. Los Angeles Kings Los Angeles Kings
5. Dallas Stars Dallas Stars

NHL

2015 Stanley Cup Playoffs

Boston Bruins (3) vs. Detroit Red Wings (1)
San Jose Sharks (3) vs. Los Angeles Kings (1)
Chicago Blackhawks (3) vs. St. Louis Blues (2)
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Western Conference Finals

Minnesota Wild Chicago Blackhawks
Calgary Flames St. Louis Blues
San Jose Sharks San Jose Sharks
Los Angeles Kings Los Angeles Kings
Dallas Stars Dallas Stars

NHL

2015 Stanley Cup Playoffs

Eastern Conference

1. New York Mets - 0 GB
2. Atlanta Braves - 4.5 GB
3. Miami Marlins - 6 GB
4. Philadelphia Phillies - 7 GB
5. Washington Nationals - 7 GB

Western Conference

1. Minnesota Wild Chicago Blackhawks
2. St. Louis Blues Chicago Blackhawks
3. Colorado Avalanche Colorado Avalanche
4. Los Angeles Kings Los Angeles Kings
5. San Jose Sharks San Jose Sharks

NBA

2015 NBA Playoffs

Eastern Conference Quarterfinals

Brooklyn Nets (2) vs. Atlanta Hawks (7)
Chicago Bulls (3) vs. Miami Heat (6)
Washington Wizards (4) vs. Toronto Raptors (0)
Chicago Bulls (3) vs. Brooklyn Nets (2)
Brooklyn Nets (2) vs. Milwaukee Bucks (7)

Western Conference Quarterfinals

Golden State Warriors (4) vs. New Orleans Pelicans (1)
Houston Rockets (4) vs. Dallas Mavericks (0)
San Antonio Spurs (4) vs. Los Angeles Clippers (2)
Portland Trail Blazers (1) vs. Memphis Grizzlies (8)
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NBA

2015 NBA Playoffs

Eastern Conference

1. Brooklyn Nets (2) vs. Atlanta Hawks (7)
2. Chicago Bulls (3) vs. Miami Heat (6)
3. Washington Wizards (4) vs. Toronto Raptors (0)
4. Chicago Bulls (3) vs. Brooklyn Nets (2)
5. Brooklyn Nets (2) vs. Milwaukee Bucks (7)

Western Conference

1. Golden State Warriors (4) vs. New Orleans Pelicans (1)
2. Houston Rockets (4) vs. Dallas Mavericks (0)
3. San Antonio Spurs (4) vs. Los Angeles Clippers (2)
4. Portland Trail Blazers (1) vs. Memphis Grizzlies (8)
5. Portland Trail Blazers (1) vs. Memphis Grizzlies (8)

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STUDY ABROAD

Dispatches from Red Hawks Abroad
Blog

https://blogs.montclair.edu/studyabroad

Our blogspace is updated by students who are studying abroad. You’ll find a nice variety of student viewpoints, majors and destinations and photos from their adventures abroad.

Summer Hours

Our office is open during the summer! Starting in June, our hours are Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm. E-mail Nyieta Charlot, charlotn@mail.montclair.edu to schedule an appointment to begin planning for study abroad programs in spring 2016 and beyond.

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SPORTS WRITER?
Montclair State closed out their regular season last week. Hudgins finished the game with two RBIs and one walk. The Red Hawks never found their groove in the second game and lost 11-5. Powers surrendered 11 runs, 14 hits and one walk. She led the offense with two RBIs and one hit. Luna, Hodgins, infielder Melina Rastenmeyer and outfielder Lauren Gallien each had two hits in the contest. Davidc- son was responsible for Mont- clair State’s other RBI.

The next day, April 25, Montclair State head out to NJAC schools at Keansburg and The College of New Jersey to try and stop their losing streak. Hodgins and Luna each scored a run for MSU.

In the second match, the Montclair State softball team could not put enough consecutive hits together and lost 8-1. Powers was charged with eight runs, 12 hits and three walks. Davidson had a great second game, going 3 for 5 and scored on the Red Hawks’ only run. Powers allowed two more hits in herself in Game 2. Rastenmeyer chases Mont- clair State’s lone RBI. The Red Hawks closed out their season at home on Tuesday, April 28 with a one- game contest against the Def- SALES, Bush, Bulldogs. MSU fought valiantly on their Senior Day, but lost 5-4. Powers allowed six hits and struck out two. Powers’ final record at the end of the season was 11-18. Powers and senior infielder/ captain Melanie Zeller each had one hit and two RBIs. Hodgins and Luna both had solid games with two hits each. Head coach Amita Ku- bic was very reflective on this season. She knows that her team will be better in the future.

"The season has been complica- ted," said Kubic. "A lack of experience and multiple injuries have hampered our abil- ity to put a consistent team onto the softball. I do not think our sub 300 wins record is a lack of effort. I believe it’s a lack of consistency and compentence."

Another spot the Cowboys will look to fill is the inside linebacker. As we’ve seen, Morris Claiborne, their first pick in the 2012 draft at 6th overall, hasn’t quite lived up to his hype and sometimes was worse than injury last fall.

Aldon Smith, San Francisco 49ers, a veteran Cowboys who’s been around since 2008, showed growth and stability in the posi- tion, a solid corner is needed to take this defense to the next level.

Some of the top prospects for Dallas in 2015 include Marcus Peters from Washington, Kevin Johnson out of Wake Forest and Florida State’s P.J. Williams. Also, speculated as one of the biggest targets by Dallas for a corner is former USC defensive back Josh Shaw, the USC defendant who sparked a con- troversy this year lying about why he jumped off a balcony while formulated both of his ankles. I’m not particularly rooting for Shaw to be picked up by the Cowboys, but if his maturity can grow to match his talent, he should make a good fit.

Of course, there are several other areas for concern that the Cowboys may look to fill. They have two free agents at wide rec- eiver, defensive end and maybe they should even bring up a back-up quarterback for Tony Romeo, whose arm and shoulder can’t carry the starting load. The Cowboys made an awes- ome first round pick last year with center Zack Martin, who we went on to all those first round picks. We’ll see how this year’s class lines up. The Cowboys will have some interesting options this coming year. We’ll see how the draft pans-out.