Who is @MontclairProbs? Discovering the Woman Behind the Account

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Whether its trouble finding a parking spot or construction irritations, students at Montclair State always seem to be at war with the university. In turn, @MontclairProbs, an account on Twitter, has become the hub for collecting these issues and displaying them for the campus community to see.

In the past, the Twitter account has played a vital role in bringing various issues across campus to light. Earlier this semester, @MontclairProbs helped The Montclarion break the story of a female student who had been sexually assaulted when the account received a tweet from the student revealing information regarding her case in the form of a text image attached to her tweet. The student also encouraged other victims of sexual violence to be strong and report their own cases as well.

However, despite a massive following and considerable influence in the social media community, @MontclairProbs has remained anonymous until now.

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Montclair State Stands Together Against Sexual Violence

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In the past year, there have been five reported acts of sexual assault at Montclair State University. However, this statistic fails to take into account the number of other instances that could have happened but simply gone unreported.

For this reason, the university provides a comprehensive list of resources across campus and within the surrounding community for victims of sexual violence. These outlets are designed to not only encourage victims to come forward, but also take the steps necessary to ensure both their physical and mental health.

"Though most incidents remain unreported, those who do come forward often seek help by approaching a community leader they trust. While this individual can take the form of a professor, faculty or staff member, the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) at Montclair State often acts as a bridge between these sources following an act of sexual violence."

"Our SART system has been in existence since 2002, way before the campus acknowledged there was a problem of sexual violence on campus," said Dr. Donna Barry, Director of the University Health Center (UHC).

"Through SART, [a victim] can get help from multiple departments across campus because [UHC has] done training with these individuals to know what to do and how to "help," said Barry. "Once they do that, the victim has choices to make. [A victim] can choose any or all of the services available to him/her."

More often than not, the primary choice a victim makes is to speak with the University Police Department. "Direct service can be interpreted differently, but I do believe that explaining options in a clear manner and allowing the victim to make choices is paramount. Ensuring that the proper care is relayed to them is essential to them becoming a survivor of sexual assault."

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Dependent on the specifics of the incident and the wishes of the victim, there are various turns a path to recovery can take. In one of the most commonly recommended steps, representatives at the UHC work toward the treatment of students who have been sexually assaulted. Forensic nurses offer a medical exam to ensure their overall wellness of the victim as well as provide evidence for investigative purposes. While their roles may be slightly different, both UHC as well as Counseling and Psychological Services offer either an advocate or counselor respectively, for a victim's needs. Though this individual may be located within the campus community or outsourced to a nearby facility, the conversations the two representatives have with the victim do remain confidential and help to encourage the victim to become a survivor of sexual assault as well as a survivor of sexual trauma."

"Sexual assault is a violent and traumatic crime," said Barrett. "We must understand that not everyone is comfortable talking to police or University staff and our goal is only to ensure that [affected students] are safe, can feel comfortable and on the road to wellness."
Student Life at Montclair (SLAM) has got you covered for one final festivity before the end of the semester and finals week begins. Ticket sales for the annual Winter Ball go on sale Thursday, Nov. 12 at 8 a.m. and for the first time, ticket sales will be online.

In the past, students have had to line up at the Student Center for hours in order to obtain a ticket to Winter Ball when they go on sale. This year, students will use HawkSync on the Montclair website.

“Online just makes it fair for everyone. The whole waiting up early wasn't ideal for comer[ry],” explains Freshman Film major Jeffrey McLellan.

This year, the theme for Winter Ball will be ‘A Night on Broadway,’ ensuring that the night of Dec. 3, when Winter Ball takes place, will aim to dazzle and entertain. While theatre enthusiasts look forward to the event this year, others who can’t lose for Broadway shows remain skeptical. "Franklin Field is not a stage," Freshman Film major Jeffrey McLellan expressed his doubts about the theme. "It has potential to be really fun, but unless you see people dressed as Frankie Valli, I’m probably going to be disappointed. We’ll see what happens,” added McLellan.

"Theresa Reynolds, a junior Communications major, comments about the theme and predicts that students will use it as an inspiration for that evening’s fashion. "I think it’s cool that the dance is Broadway themed, especially since we are so close to New York City. I bet people will come up with some really creative outfits. There’s a lot to choose from.”

The Winter Ball has been a Montclair State tradition for years, giving students the opportunity to attend one final formal event before buckling down for finals.

Similarly, the location of the Winter Ball is always secret and this year, students are yet again, questioning where the dance will be held. "I hear that Winter Ball is always in a really cool place,” said Joe Pennar, an undeclared freshman. “Montclair has a lot of options, so who knows where it will be?" "The secret location is half the reason I want to go,” said Andrew Deltonio, a Computer Science major. “It adds a lot of suspense to the whole thing. The location is kept secret to ensure students use the transport provided, keeping students safe on the big night.

The price for Montclair State students is free, while the guest price is $60. Students must purchase their tickets with Red Hawk Dollars and must have a sufficient amount of Red Hawk Dollars in their accounts for 48 hours after tickets are purchased. If needed, students can add Red Hawk Dollars to their account online on the school’s website.

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The other two panelists, Paul Kerr, an analyst in non-proliferation at the Congressional Research Service, and Miles Pomper, a director fellow from the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, focused on the talk on the Iran nuclear deal as well as some of the similarities and differences between Iran and North Korea as well as which of their nuclear weapons capabilities. These two panels said that, so far, it seems that Iran has complied to its part of the deal by providing the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) with answers to the questions that were posed about their nuclear program. The U.S. is now ready to lift some of the lighter sanctions imposed on Iranian trade.

Pomper said that the U.S. doesn’t have a history of leverage over North Korea because they aren’t as integrated with their economy. Also, the North Korean population has close to no knowledge of the Western world and, partly because of propaganda, doesn’t want to have a relationship. On the other hand, the only obstacle preventing the U.S. from doing business in Iran are sanctions and the vast majority of Iranians know, either directly or indirectly, a lot about the Western world and want to be a part of it.

Alana North Korea is known to have six nuclear weapons only for war, while Iran is known to have the capability to enrich uranium to a high level, but hasn’t developed any nuclear weapons.

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the course sections fill up too quickly.

Luisa Villar, an undeclared sophomore, is registering for General Education classes for the Spring 2016 semester. She said she was interested in registering for a class to meet her general education requirements but also get credit for something she enjoys.

“I’ve always been interested in public relations, which is a really diverse field,” said Villar. “I love to see that my account can make such a difference.”

“The students [had] really diverse needs, so it was fun to see them tackling what their place in the entertainment or arts industry in general might be.” - Allison Cohen, Literary Agent at Gersh
What Veterans Day Means to These Montclair State Vets

Students in professor Thomas Franklin’s Multimedia News Production and Media Tech Toolkits classes produced a series of video profiles on U.S. Military Veterans within the Montclair State University community in recognition of Veterans Day. The project was made with special cooperation from the Montclair State University Student Veterans Association, which operates as a “home base” for veteran/military students and works to assist members with the transition to college life. To see the full videos of these students and staff members reflecting on their service and what Veterans Day means to them, visit our website.

Franklin Montano, a senior at Montclair State University and current president of Montclair State’s Student Veteran Association, is a U.S. Army Veteran. After serving in Afghanistan, Montano says he has struggled to become readjusted to civilian life. But with courage, time and the help of Montclair State’s student body and faculty, he has reintegrated successfully. His philosophy is to put his best foot forward and give his best.

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Joe Subia, a Montclair State senior, says his service in the United States Navy changed him as a person. After enlisting roughly 10 years ago, he says that he is deeply affected by the amount of veteran suicides that take place each day. His goal is to help at least one person every day and he hopes that future vets learn that nothing is going to come easy, but it will be worth it.

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Veteran Joe Longo’s seven-year tenure with the Marines was met with many hardships, like in 2011, when he found out a fellow army man and close friend of his died while he was touring in Afghanistan. Even as a 28-year-old sophomore at Montclair State University, Longo admits that he still has difficulties adjusting to everyday life on a college campus or even just a life without his brothers-in-arms standing by his side.

“Being a Marine is the total encompassment of pride, loyalty, honor, courage and commitment.”

U.S. Army National Guardsman Nick Hussey says he joined the military following the death of a half-brother, whom he never met, in Afghanistan.

“After that event occurred in 2010 I realized this is what I really wanted to do.”

Staff Sgt. Alexander Gould served two terms in the U.S. Army for a total of eight years. Currently enrolled at Montclair State University, Gould is studying for his Master’s in psychology. He hopes to work with the government or find employment for former military personnel.

“I see the number of homeless veterans. I see the number of veteran suicides a day. I worry one day that I’m gonna get text message or phone call like, ‘Hey, this guy didn’t make it.’”

Montclair State professor Harry Haines reflects on his unique military experience during the Vietnam War and what Veteran’s Day means to him. After being drafted, Haines took part in the anti-war movement that helped end the Vietnam War.

“I take great pride in the fact that I served my country by doing what I could to bring the Vietnam War to an end while I was in uniform.”

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Winter Blues and Seasonal Affective Disorder

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This month, the weather in the eastern half of the United States will be warmer than your average November temperatures, based on information from weather.com. This is good news for those who are not yet ready for colder weather. November, the temperature will typically range from 71 degrees to 52 degrees Fahrenheit and the temperatures will be colder towards the end of the month, decreasing even more in December and January.

In preparing for this winter, it is interesting to know and understand how students react to the change of weather and how it can affect their mood — whether they feel interrupted or excited — and also to find out some information about some psychological conditions that can happen during the winter months.

Looking for a Monroe State student opinion, I met with Brandon and Khalid, both freshman at the university. Brandon, who comes from Ohio, feels less than his at home state, Khalid, a New Yorker, has a different experience in facing the winter. However, both of them agree that cold weather can have a negative impact on a person's mood or at least make a person want to stay home, as many people have been doing. This is often the case for students, who live only temporarily in New Jersey. This is especially useful for international students, who live only temporarily in New Jersey. This is an opportunity to experience sledding, snowboarding, skiing, ice-skating and more.

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Based on my interview with Lisa Westerich, L.C.C.S.W., a Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) staff member, cold weather definitely influences human psychology and behavior. However, it will make a different impact on each person, as everyone has his or her way of coping with the cold. It is important to go exercise and other feel comfortable just staying at home. These variances are normal and you can do what you feel comfortable with. However, Westerich suggests some tips to face this cold weather. First, though it feels comfortable just staying in bed, you need to wake up and do something to start the day. Even a tiny action that you do can make you feel ready for a cold day.

Second, try using a sunlight box or lamp which can help you deal with the lack of natural sunlight outdoors. Third, try to find ways to enjoy the seasons, which is especially useful for international students, who only temporarily in New Jersey. This is an opportunity to experience sledding, snowboarding, skiing, ice-skating and more.

Lastly, if you feel the situation is getting worse, you need to look for help. You can go to CAPS where there are professionals who can identify your problem as well as give you advise and grow and raise even more money each year than we did the three years prior. Most important- ly, I hope people keep wanting to come out and participate and support the event," said Tillie. "One of the most important parts of the event is actually what the audience takes away educationally from the orga- nization's philanthropy: work and the cause they fundraised for. "Planning the event in al- most like teaching. When you teach people, you un- derstand it a little better," (Planning it) taught me in a dif- ferent way and I realized how great our philanthropy is: it's not just frat brothers competing against each other or raffling off baskets, it has a bigger pur- pose," said Tillie.
Double Majoring Made Easy

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According to the U.S. Department of Education, the number of college students double-majoring increased by 96 percent between the years 2000 and 2008. While that number only accounted for 53 percent of undergraduate students in 2008, since then, the number has increased to 40 percent of undergraduates pursuing double majors at the university.

Since then, the numbers have risen, with more and more students coming into college with multiple interests or wanting to have an edge in a job market that is becoming increasingly interdisciplinary.

However, keeping up with such an endeavor as having two majors can be taxing on your time, leaving you with no choice but to grab lunch or dinner on-the-go. It may seem impossible, but you can eat at most restaurants without sabotaging your goals. In fact, without the two majors, you might see the work and dedication you have put into having majors in similar fields, like biology and chemistry, or overlapping two fields to gain a broader depth and understanding of a particular field by standing on the shoulders of your majors in similar fields.

When eating at Italian restaurants, limit yourself to only one piece of bread and ask for breadsticks. Stick to a tomato-based sauce instead of a creamy one to save calories and fat. If you want to indulge on a favorite dessert, keep it small. You can enter the work force.

Another drawback is having two majors that aren’t well aligned, meaning you could be used toward an internship for one of your majors or the major that you want to focus on more. In turn, you are deprived of a chance at high-paying jobs in your major field of interest. Another possible that you would still enjoy is having majors in similar fields, like having majors in similar fields, like biology and chemistry, or overlapping two fields to gain a broader depth and understanding of a particular field.

Time management is not just planning for your meal at the restaurant, which means it is a processed item packed with sodium. Fat lends to flavor and make it unhealthy.

Knowing what is in food before going to a restaurant is the key to making an informed choice about what you are going to eat. Also, all-chip restaurants have their complete nutrition information online, but they usually come in huge charts that may be hard to decipher. Take a deep breath and focus on the key aspects of restaurant food that tend to make it unhealthy.

Fat and sodium are two of the biggest culprits on restaurant menus. Even though food may sound fresh, it is often prepackaged and just heated up at the restaurant, which means it is a processed item packed with sodium. Fat lends to flavor and make it unhealthy.

Do not be afraid to ask how the vegetables are prepared. Any type of frying almost destroys the purpose of having them and loads them with butter or cream. Find seasoned, stir-fried or steamed vegetables for your best options. Add on a whole grain such as brown rice and some protein such as chicken or beans. Using these simple guidelines will help you make a decent plate anywhere, even if it is just the best of the worst.

Eating out is not a great way to enjoy company and food and end does not have to be avoided in order to be healthy.
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Sprague Library: Not Always Open For Business

Montclair state University students are used to disappointment. Throughout the years, students have become accustomed to little parking, higher tuition rates, less-than-edible food and, most recently, a closed library.

Currently, Sprague Library is open seven days a week, yet the daily hours vary greatly. Monday through Thursday, the library is open from just 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Fridays, the hours are reduced, leaving the library open from just 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Saturdays, the library is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Sundays, the multimedia services vice at Sprague Library closes at 1 a.m., yet the library stays open until 2 a.m. the next day. Thus, even when the library is open, there is not always someone to help students who may require assistance. The library should not deny students the opportunity to learn just because they were not able to get to the library during the hours of operation.

Also, many students have found the library closing before its official closing time posted in the student handbook. On a recent Friday, a student found the library closing before 5 p.m. The same can be said for the laptop borrowing service located on the lower level of Sprague Library. While the Montclair State website notes that this service is open whenever the library is open, students have found that is not always the case. Instead, they have found themselves out of luck when looking to borrow a laptop from the library.

As an educational institution, Sprague Library is clearly one of the most important buildings on campus. Therefore, it should be open longer to benefit more students. Students need to be able to do their best and, for many, the library offers the environment and resources to do so. In a world full of distractions, Sprague Library provides a great working environment and resources to do school work regardless of what time of day it is. While students are capable of completing school work outside of the library, it nevertheless serves as a great working environment for many.

In a world full of distractions, Sprague Library provides various silent spaces for students to become engrossed in their work without fear of being interrupted. This makes the library the perfect space to work on an English paper or study for a math test. By closing the library at 2 a.m. or earlier, students are forced to go off campus or return to their residence halls, where they may not be able to achieve the same kind of quiet, focused environment that Sprague Library provides. Even with the current hours, students are not always able to get the help they need, as many of the services the library offers close prior to the closing of the actual library. For example, on Mondays, the multimedia service at Sprague Library closes at 8 p.m. yet the library stays open until 2 a.m. the next day.

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Can Ben Carson be an Outsider Candidate Without Trust?  

Media scrutiny over Ben Carson's failed attempts to disguise lies as truth

The doctor is in... damn! The success of the primary work, the campaign launched in January, has triggered key moments to Ben Carson's life, depicted in his memoirs, have been fabricated and emboldened by the presidential hopeful. Carson is currently undergoing scrutiny for stories, including his claims that he attempted to stab someone when he was in high school due to anger issues, that he sheltered white students during the civil rights movement, and that he had a full scholarship to West Point Military Academy. However, he has been found to study medicine. After being tested by the media for accuracy, these biographical claims made by Carson appear to be false.

In the Politico story "Ex-clsusives: Carson's West Point 'scholarship' but never applied," Kyle Chermack interviewed thermo, a spokesman for West Point, to confirm these claims and defend itself to the Council for Scholarship. The story even went on to discuss how Carson for the Council in 2002 for writing a false prediction to try and gain more support. Did Carson really expect the media not to fact check his autobiography? He is a high profile person with no political experience in the lead of the United States. Nothing is left, especially sensationalism. What must be more troubling than his blatant dis- traction of the stories is an implica- tion that he is lying, trying to make his story and his experience with drug addiction in order to gain support. The whole foundation of an outsider candidate is their plat- form of trust. They run on the premise that they are immune to the usual political corruption and thus they will be able to serve the American people and they look forward to the voters running on the outside platform is not a pander from regular political parties, but rather is something that accompanies every elec- tion. Impression management is a manipulation of others' percep- tions toward a person using tac- tics such as picking and choosing what information people will learn about them in an at- tempt to influence their percep- tions. Can Ben Carson's campaign did through these embellished stories. By shaping his personal anecdotes to include only information he

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Cut the Bull About Pitbulls

Negative reputation surrounding lovable breed needs to be adjusted

S o many people are growing up in the United States with pitbulls as their pet. They are a loving and loyal dog and that is why they are a favorite choice of many people. In recent years, however, pitbulls have come under scrutiny and have been labeled as dangerous due to their aggressive nature and décidé that they can be both bulky and strong, but they are also adorable and goofy dogs in the world. However, a pitbull is often mistaken for a dangerous dog because of its size and appearance. Pitbulls are often misunderstood and have been portrayed in a negative light due to incidents involving pitbulls and people.

The Montclarion's Opinion Editor, is in her second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

Politicians Prey on Emotion with Anti-Addiction Campaigns 

Talking addiction sob stories will not earn votes in presidential race

Telling a story about addiction to gain support, you are only earning the people's vote through emotional manipula- tion equivalent to the ASP- C's "Arms Of An Ange- l" playing in the background. Discussing their friends' and loved one's struggles with drug ad- diction has actually done noth- ing for Ben, Fiorina or Christie, as they are now fluctuating in the polls and almost guaran- teed to lose in the presidential race. This should be a reminder for politicians that in order to win a election is a cheap manipulation, not a manipulative one. Nicole D. Mclachlan, a Communication and Media Arts major, is in her second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.
Craig Stays Cool in ‘Spectre’

James Bond is back in the latest installment of his saga, Spectre. The follow-up to Skyfall showcases Daniel Craig’s Bond in a continuation of his previous three 007 flicks, but, unfortunately, the story stays true to the standard set by the previous film. With Skyfall being Craig’s best Bond film and arguably one of the best Bond films of all time, the film is underdressed. The film fails as well as live up to the expectations of the viewers. Skyfall set the bar too high with good storytelling, action and characters. While Spectre had the potential to match the mark left by its predecessor, the film falls short for many reasons.

In Spectre, new villain Christoph Waltz had large shoes to fill following Javier Bardem’s villain, Silva, in Skyfall. After winning two Oscars for his roles as villains in Quentin Tarantino’s ‘Inglourious Basterds’ and ‘Shine’, Waltz was the perfect choice to play a Bond villain. However, despite his second billing, Waltz does not have enough scenes to make a huge impact in Spectre. Instead, Waltz’s character was kept a secret until the film was released to keep his origins under wraps. At the same time, the story behind his character makes a lot of sense based on previous Bond films, but was poorly executed. The character’s story should have been more detailed, not just briefly mentioned.

In addition, the overall story and plot of Spectre is interesting and has a nice way of tying up loose ends despite still being structured the same as many previous Bond films, which was slightly disappointing and expected. After 58 movies and 52 years of popularity, the formula needs to be shaken, not stirred. Still, the same action sequences being filmed only slightly differently each time as well as pointless lines of dialogue, cheesy one-liners and repetitive car chases seem old at this point.

Another surprisingly bit of Spectre is that the007 franchise is not entirely a cliché Bond film, as its costume design truly stands out in this installment of the franchise. While the characters in Bond films are typically dapper in a dapper manner, Spectre takes its costumes to a new level in its Day of the Dead sequence. The trailer gives a brief look at Bond’s suit, but the full costume is only shown in the film. Bond wears a black suit that has the white bones of a skull printed on the corresponding body parts. Paired with a black top hat and a creepy white skeleton mask, Bond is the best dressed. The extra’s costumes were just as good, making the scene feel like the middle of the Day of the Dead parade in Mexico City.

In the end, it is understandable why Craig has recently said that he does not want to do another Bond film. Craig, now 47 years old, probably has a harder time getting into the Bond physique needed to portray the role. Having many action sequences in Spectre with Dai Baker’s character of Hinx, Craig may be up to the challenge of producing yet another Bond film.

Overall, Spectre is not a bad film. It is still a highly enjoyable action movie. Though it seems cliché at times, any Bond fan will enjoy it. The ending helps redeem the film and the James Bond saga is definitely at its best, so where will it take us next?
Are scary movies and haunted house rides interchangeable? With four installments, the Paranormal Activity series argues “yes.” If you love paying $15 to be on an 80-minute haunted house ride, then step right up to the new Paranormal Activity movie. Those who prefer smart, tense, well-crafted and genuinely frightening horror films need not apply. The original Paranormal Activity made its theatrical debut in 2007, but it had been screened at film festivals since 2005. The movie attained theatrical release after impressing Dreamworks executives Adam Goodman, Stacey Snider and Steven Spielberg. This arguably led to Dreamworks’ parent company, Paramount Pictures, buying the movie rights and distributing the film. Paranormal Activity received critical praise and made $105 million in terms of worldwide box office. Its box office success was especially remarkable given that the movie was made on a micro-budget of $15,000.

I really enjoyed the original Paranormal Activity, as it was, at the time, a breath of fresh air for horror movies in general. The Unfriended Project did found footage horror first, but Paranormal Activity used the format to put a unique and grounded spin on the tired, haunted house sub-genre. The入围 record sequels in the series were entertaining enough, but they could not capture the uniqueness that made their predecessor so successful. From the fourth installment, the series has only devolved into becoming just as stale and formulaic as any other routine horror films you see in mainstream cinema nowadays. As each installment passed by, it became all the more apparent that the people making these movies were not really interested in doing anything different than what they did in the last time around. This series ultimately falls into that territory of horror franchises like Saw and Scream.

The series to rest turns into the strain and desperation to make the next installment number six for Paranormal Activity. This franchise’s popularity led to the inception of Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension, in which the only thing scary is that people are still going to theaters to see this wreck. This franchise’s popularity led to the inception of Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension, in which the only thing scary is that people are still going to theaters to see this wreck. The filmmakers have removed any remaining sense of tension to the franchise had because we can all see when the demonic force is about to strike. Making matters worse this time around is that someone made the boneheaded decision to have the “paranormal activity” be shown to the audience for the first time in the series. Through doing this, the filmmakers have removed any remaining sense of tension to the franchise, but that movie does not come off as silly as this alleged horror movie does during its mercifully brief runtime. With the filmmakers stories focusing on cultists trying to bring children to an alternate dimension through time travel if am not kidding here, I shook my head at how the simple premise of the original Paranormal Activity had devolved into such convoluted nonsense.

Although the filmmakers claim that The Ghost Dimension will be the final film of the series, I cannot help but feel that we have not seen the end of Paranormal Activity. After all, Hollywood has told us time and time again that certain franchises will come to an end only to see them be extended for more financial profit. Watching this stupid, empty, lifeless excuse for a movie only made me hope that this time, Hollywood is telling us the truth and that the Paranormal Activity franchise is officially over and out.

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‘Paranormal Activity’ Hopefully Ends with ‘Ghost Dimension’
Montclair lost to Rutgers-Camden in a thrilling and frenetic NJAC tournament final, falling 5-4 on penalties after regulation and ended 0-0 in overtime.

The ball seemed destined to stay out of the net, as both teams combined for 45 total shots, while standout freshman Mike Saalfrank had eight saves. Meanwhile, two Camden keepers combined for 14 saves. The Scarlet Raptors of Camden secured an automatic bid into the NCAA men’s soccer tournament, while Montclair State secured a bid Sunday night.

The second half featured end-to-end action from both sides. The Scarlet Raptors’ patience and technique were both impressive. Montclair State looked to use its pace and the wide expanses of MSU field to play on the ball from side to side. The Scarlet Raptors’ patience and technique was both impressive and annoying.

The starting lineup included five freshmen (Rafael Terci, Kevin Simsek, Matt Hendrickson, Mike Saalfrank and Rob Chernez), who appeared to be comfortable with their newfound success on the field. Montclair kicks off Saturday and Sunday against the Red Hawks, which is currently ranked sixth in the nation and no. 1 in the region despite being eliminated from the NCAA tournament. The Pride needed penalties to secure victory in overtime.

Despite the loss in the Final, the Red Hawks are looking for a second chance. A lot of credit is due to the freshmen on the team, which is currently ranked sixth in the nation and no. 1 in the region despite missing All-American Lucas Terzi and centerback Michael Tumelty has shown impressive form and is a star in his young players’ role. Montclair lost to Rutgers-Camden in the first round of the NCAA tournament, but lost 2-0 to Springfield College in the first round of the NCAA tournament at Montclair State Soccer Park.

The Red Hawks have made a name for themselves this season and now enter the NCAA tournament as the no. 8 seed.

Montclair State will go up against Springfield College on Nov. 14. The victor will face the winner of the matchup between Messiah College and College of Staten Island in the second round on Nov. 15. Messiah College, the top seed in the bracket, will be hosting the first two rounds at Shoemaker Field in Grantham, Pa.

Last year, the Red Hawks made it to the third round of the tournament, but lost 2-0 to Lynchburg College, the eventual tournament champion.

The women currently have a 14-5-2 record and have won four out of their final five games of the season. Freshman goalkeeper Erin Finlayson contributed eight of the team’s 12 shutouts and finished third in the region in shutouts in NJAC. Additionally, sophomore forward Tyler Madison led the team with nine goals and 18 points.

Springfield won their conference tournament in overtime in a row and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Pride needed penalties to secure victory in each of their conference games. They have an 11-5-5 record and ended their regular season on a two-game winning streak.
Melissa Tobie Continues Career as a Red Hawk

Montclair State women’s basketball star returns to team as assistant coach

Sean McDermott

On March 21, former Montclair State University women’s basketball player Melissa Tobie played her final game for the Red Hawks. She was named All-American and was a key player during their Final Four run. Although Tobie will be leaving the team, she says she still plans on being involved in the program.

“Overall, it was an incredible season,” said Tobie. “I am excited for the team to do big things this year. I know everyone is going to miss me, but I am excited to see what this team can achieve.”

Senior guard Kayla Ceballos played alongside Tobie for three seasons and is very thrilled for her to be coaching the team this year. “I am very excited to be coached by Melissa. Obviously I wish she was still on the court with us, [but] I am excited to see what she brings to the table as a coach and to see how she goes about game situations as a coach instead of a player,” Ceballos said.

Ceballos also said she does not expect to be treated much differently by Tobie than she was before. “She will have more to say on plays,” said Ceballos. “I think Melissa will be a great motivator, especially to the freshmen, but I don’t think she will be that different because she has always been a leader to us.” Still, Tobie admits that the transition from player to coach will be different, but it is a challenge that she is ready to take on. “I have always been one of the leaders on the team,” said Tobie. “It is a different type of leadership now. It’s not lead by example. It’s more [about] the lines of ‘lead and instruct.’ It’s a different type of coaching.”

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Red Hawks Look to Pick Up Where They Left Off

Team aims for NJAC Championship after last year’s Final Four Appearance

Daniel Falkenheim

Coming off of their first Final Four appearance in school history, the Montclair State University women’s basketball team will look to recapture their success from last season. The Red Hawks will open their season with a home game against Ithaca College on Nov. 15.

The team enters the season as the no. 12 ranked team in Division III, but much has changed since last season. Former assistant coach Brian Sansevero took the position at a Division I school. The team lost Melissa Tobie, a First Team All-American and Jennita Aquino, who both averaged nearly half of the Red Hawks’ points last season. Tobie has moved into the assistant coaching position that Sansevero left vacated.

Replacing Melissa and Janetta is not something we are going to be doing in one year,” Assistant coach Courtney Cunningham said. “Everyone has elevated their game and stepped up because of the departure of the seniors. Everyone is excited to get back to the program and get their new year started. No one wants to go to the Final Four in one year and then see the progress they’ve made the next year. They’re ready to step up.”

Despite losing their two key players, the team gained invaluable experience during their short season in 2014-15. The team won the NJAC Tournament games as freshmen and should be able to build on that this season.

Head coach Karl Harvey continues to be impressed with the performance of their Final Four runs. “We created a lot of opportunities,” he said. “We’re going to continue to work on how to win. Our players understand the level at which they have to compete and […] and they understand how to win games.”

The Red Hawks will be returning three of their starters – Kate Tobie, fire and Sage Aquino – in addition to all but two of their bench players. Melissa Tobie and Aquino averaged nearly 30 minutes a game each last season, so there will be room for other players to step up in their absence.

The one area the team will need to address is their half-court scoring. As previously mentioned, Melissa Tobie and Aquino accounted for nearly half of the team’s points and shot attempts. When Melissa Tobie got into foul trouble last season, particularly against Steeplechase University and George Fox University, the Red Hawks struggled to find consistent offense. Granted, that was against two top-level teams, but they still have to prove that they can score without Tobie and Aquino this season.

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Whenever the Montclair State volleyball team takes to the court, the team has two backup goalies ready to go. During practice or practice, there is always one player trying to get better with each serve and spike to assist her team to victory. That player is senior Autumn Scholer, the defensive specialist and emergency goalie for the Red Hawks.

According to Brackett, her inspiration to continue to play goal hockey comes from wanting to win, among other things. "It's really just a drive to win," she said. "I wanted to be a good defensive coach in high school and she really pushed me to be a better player. Since then, I just wanted to show that I can play well."

In 2013, Brackett appeared in 29 matches, played in 74 sets and recorded 259 saves during the season. The most remarkable moments in her sophomore career came when she posted 10 assists and contributed to a win over NYU-Poly in the Jay Street Classic on Sept. 14 and had five digs against New Jersey City (NJ) in the Hunter Invitational on Oct. 27.

In her junior season, Brackett posted 19 assists and recorded six digs against Albertus Magnus on Nov. 13 and served three aces in a 3-0 victory over New Jersey City University on Oct. 10. Brackett also served three aces and had three digs against Ramapo College in the NJAC Tournament First Round match on Nov. 4. From that point on from the time with the Red Hawks, Brackett also expressed how proud she is to represent the University on not just an academic level, but an athletic one as well. "It's an amazing experience. We have a team with the best goalie every single day and represent Montclair State, especially for our school and for our team," said Brackett. "Our team hasn't been recognized around here. We don't even have shirts in the bookstore, we're trying to show that we are a great team."

At home, the Red Hawks won 3-1, but a game which saw a lot of talent on both sides in the waning moments of the game. "It's tough, but we had a power play and we wanted to give us six-on-four a shot," said Brackett of his early departure from the ice. "Obvi-ously, if I'm on the ice, they're not going to score from the oth-er end. At least I hope not."

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Landeka landed NJAC Midfielder of the Year and enters the First Round of the NCAA Tournament with seven goals and four assists.
Ryan Davies’ Grand Finale

It was unusually warm for November and it was a close match as Montclair State University had just squandered a win against Frostburg State University, 35-27.

Senior running back Denzel Nieves moved for 151 yards and two touchdowns while freshman Ryan Daleon kicked two 43-yard field goals. Coupled with the stout performance of the defense, Montclair State has now moved on to a 4-5 record overall.

Montclair State received the opening kickoff and took it 38 yards before having to punt for a Delaware field goal with 10:40 left in the first quarter. Two possessions later, the FSU Bobcats took a Montclair State punt 47 yards and down to the Husky four-yard line. Bobcat quarterback Connor Cox connected with Mylais Burgess and, after a fumbled goal, was passed Montclair State, 6-3.

The Red Hawks responded with a Ryan-Davies to-Aaron Williams 63-yard touchdown bomb that expanded the score up to 10-3. FSU Isaac Robinson was found for a 22-yard that cut the lead to 10-6.

However, after a gadgety 3-yard 3rd-down return combined with a personal foul penalty, Montclair State began their possession at the FSU 14-yard line. Within the following two plays, Nieves curved out to the left side for another Montclair State touchdown, putting their lead up to 16-6.

The defense also prepared, with linebacker Josh Rees hitting a fumble and returning it to the Frostburg 30-yard line. Delon would once again convert the field goal, placing the score at 13-0 with 7:37 left in the half. The Bobcats marched down to the Montclair State 25-yard line, but were met by defensive lineman Josh Brown, who forced a fumble that was recovered by defensive back Rahmain Freeman at the Montclair State 14-yard line.

Montclair State was forced off for a 74-yard run down the right sideline and into the end zone as the Red Hawks jumped up their lead 26-9 with 3:38 left in the fourth quarter. FSU countered with a quick score and a two-point conversion just before halftime, leaving the score at 26-17 heading into the locker room.

With eight minutes left to go in the third quarter, Frostburg narrowed the scoring gap by driving Robinson for a 20-yard score and the Bobcats drove down to the Montclair State one-yard line. After a fourth-down conversion thanks to linebacker Nick Catalano, Billy Shimko ended another FSU drive in the fourth quarter with a pick at the Montclair State 11-yard line. However, Montclair State ended up returning it to Frostburg with a fumble at their own 27-yard line. Again, the Bobcats would be forced to go for it on fourth down and were denied by freshman defensive lineman

Davies also added two interceptions and two touchdown passes. His leadership and performance throughout each season with the Red Hawks has earned him praise among his teamates as well. "It’s been pretty good because we came in at the same time and we played our first game together our sophomore year," said senior co-captain Denzel Nieves. "On defense and on offense, we see every guy grow. We’re the leaders of the team. He’s a three-year starter [and] I’m a four-year starter. He’s been cool playing with him.”

In the 2014 season, Davies finished sixth in the NJAC Total offense with 147 yards per game, ranking fourth in passing yards with 1,333 total yards and 143.5 yards per game.

“When a head coach, I see the development with [Davies] mentally and physically," said Rick Giacometti. “Mentally, he has been able to absorb our system. He’s like another coach for us, he has everything down that we expect him to know. We give him the leeway to make checks on the field so that, if we call a play that doesn’t line up in a situation where that play can’t be good, you’ve got a smart enough to know."