Loki DeAngelis wakes up at the crack of dawn every day to drive to Montclair State University in hopes of finding a parking spot. The freshman sometimes arrives hours before class in order to secure a spot in one of the heavily crowded campus commuter lots.

While punctuality is an admirable trait, DeAngelis arrives this early just to make sure that there will be a place for him to park and actually attend his course. “On Mondays, I get on campus at 7 a.m. and my first class isn’t even until 1 p.m.,” he said. Stories like DeAngelis’ have become increasingly common for students, faculty and staff at Montclair State, who are spending more time in their cars searching for parking than on the road commuting. Although parking has always been a problem for students, it seems like parking difficulties have reached an all-time high this semester, with a rising student population but little to no change in parking accommodations. Even professors and staff are becoming more and more vocal about the state of parking: “It has occurred to me, on particularly bad parking days, to park on the sidewalk in front of College Hall as a protest,” English professor Laura Jones said. “Hopefully it won’t come to that.”

Increase in Students

To those trying to park at Montclair State, it’s a simple mathematical problem: there are way more drivers than there are parking spots. According to Parking Services, there are 6,297 parking spaces on campus.

For the Fall 2015 semester, these 6,297 spaces, the sum of three parking garages and about three dozen surface lots, serve 20,465 students and 1,787 faculty and staff, said Steve Johnson, Director of Institutional Research for Montclair State.

While not all students commute and not all students commute by car, Montclair State is widely considered a “commuter school,” as 69 percent of undergraduates and 45 percent of freshmen live off campus or commute, according to the Common Data Set for the 2014-2015
Two phishing scams have been sent to students this semester.

**False Email Marks Second Scan this Semester**

The second phishing scan of the semester had Montclair State students wary of their email accounts last Friday. A fraudulent email was sent out to students detailing a job opportunity with a subject line “Bonnie/Montclair Personnel Needed,” to which the students who received the email never applied. On Nov. 20, Jeff Giacobbe, Associate Vice President of Information Technology Security at Montclair State sent out an email notifying all students of the scam.

According to Giacobbe, fraudulent emails are able to “get through” the anti-spam filter by having a “seemingly normal structure.” Emails such as these don’t contain virus-oriented attachments, but the content of the email is what makes it dangerous for students. Something to remember for all students is that legitimate emails sent out through administration and academics within Montclair State will never ask for personal information in an email.

This particular scam detailed an opportunity for college students to make extra cash by keeping record of payments and funds for a company. The emailer identified himself as “Starky Ayahas” from the “University Employment Bureau” and was contacting students through a personal Gmail account. The sender provided students’ information such as bank account numbers, driver’s license copies, phone numbers and resumes. The sender explained that he needed those details in order to start the application process. The account was still “away with manufacturer.”

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academic year. Parking is a pivotal issue for a signiﬁcant portion of the student population and, though the number of parking spaces isn’t increasing, the stu- dent population is.

“For residents wishing to cross the Red Hawk Deck parking lot. Parking Services placed a credit requirement on Red Hawk Deck parking permits for the 2014-2015 aca- demic year, requiring students to bring in more credits or qualify. But measures like these have not been enough to quell student complaints and have often inﬂamed them.

In response to frustrations already experienced during the Fall 2014 semester, President of the Student Government and Student Life said, “I am very happy to work closely with the administration and the students’ experience, that facul- ty and staff experience, we understand that visitors experience. Parking has been an issue on the campus of Montclair State since 1908. I work closely with Parking Services to ﬁnd ways in which to make it easier, ways to make it better.”

As of right now, Penning- ton said, the administration will deﬁne plans for changing parking in the next academic year. She also noted that the ad- ministration’s recognition that changes will be needed due to a discussion that we need to make some changes for non-permits for the next year. Every year, parking plans change. We need to look at what next year will be.

“I hope that students clearly understand that no one is going to be treated as a learning process,” said Pennington. “It is important to note that most of the citations issued by Parking Services are treated as a learning process for both parties,” said Marionella Duce, a Professional Services Specialist with Parking Ser- vices, by email.

In the last four years, there has been just one fare decrease: parking in the Red Hawk Deck for less than 30 minutes is now free, while it used to cost $1.25 in the 2012-2013 academic year.

Yet, it will be hard for students, faculty and visitors to take advantage of this free parking when, as a rising moon noon meal offers declines, the “Red Hawk Deck [is] Full.” Visitors and People with Disabilities

A family member knows, trying to ﬁnd parking in the long run, the hassle of parking may be a deterring factor for speakers to return in the future.

The problem of parking also extends to members of the university with handicaps. Kay Stendel, a prospective student visiting Montclair State University, had a very difﬁcult time trying to ﬁnd a parking spot on campus during her visit.

Stendel, who recently broke his foot, was in a cast much sooner than normal, and was able to ﬁnd a handicap parking per- mit. He said he then had to walk a ﬂight of steps and board a shuttle to take him back to main campus to begin his tour. “A handicap parking spot wouldn’t turn me away from the school, but it got thinking about how services at the school might work,” said Stendel.

Public Transportation

A seemingly logical alter- native to parking would be NJ Transit, which only has a few per- mitting service on weekdays, with some services on weekdays, with some services
“We want to know why her car was outside of Fenwick Hall and she was [walking] a mile up the road.”

-Gina Semioli, sister of the victim

**Mysteries Surrounding Hit-and-Run Victim Remain Unsolved**

Deanna Rosa  News Editor

55 days after the hit-and-run accident which left her family and friends begging for answers, Anna Semioli, a Montclair State University student, is still in a coma at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Paterson and, although the driver who struck her turned himself in, several pieces of the puzzle remain unsolved.

Anna Semioli had been walking near the Valley Road outside of Fenwick Hall and she was [walking] a mile up the road.”

Prosecutors Office at 602-849-1023. The Semioli family is offering a $10,000 reward for “whomever solves this puzzle.”

"Hopefully, the people she was with that night will come forward," said Gina Semioli.

Any court action for the case of Michael Choynowski, the 27-year-old North Arlington resident who took responsibility for the hit-and-run, has been delayed due to the ongoing investigation about the events of the night preceding the accident. The prosecutor has yet to decide whether or not to indict Choynowski, who is facing the charges of "endangering an injury victim" and "dangerous driving." The prosecutor is offering a $10,000 reward for "whomever solves this puzzle." Gina Semioli said regarding the fundraiser, "They raised 20 percent of the night’s profits as well as the $10 per person admission cost as well as an auction and other raffles." The tribe is suing the state to do the right thing.

"This is a civil rights lawsuit. It is illegal for a government to give or take benefits on an individual’s race. We are looking for the state to do the right thing.”

-Greg Werkheiser, Lead Attorney

**Lenni-Lenape Panel Celebrates Native American Heritage**

Jennifer Leon  Contributing Writer

In 2012, New Jersey threatened to rescind the tribal status of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribe Nation. In response, the tribe is suing the state of New Jersey and attorney general John Hoffman.

Mark Clatterbuck, religion professor at Montclair State, said, “The Lenni-Lenape tribe traces its roots in this region back 15,000 to 12,000 years, through 600 generations.”

Clatterbuck said, “It appears that the governor is deferring tribal recognition due to race-based fears that they want to build a casino. But the tribe itself has passed legislation banning casinos, so that’s a false fear.”

During a panel on Wednesdays of December, Reverend Dr. Norwood, Principal Justice of the Tribal Court, said, “by tribal laws are a civil law. We will not profit from any of these tribes.”

Dr. Norwood, said, “American Heritage Celebrates Native American Heritage - Greg Werkheiser, Lead Attorney
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Montclair State Receives Recognition

Jessica Bacher
Staff Writer

Montclair State has received significant amounts of national recognition lately. The university has been awarded with honors and rankings for many of its characteristics, ranging from great academic programs and leadership to its dedication to diversity.

Willard Gingerich, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, said rankings are important marketing notice to many readers and families pay attention to. “We have gone up considerably from last year. We went from number 50 to 34 for regional universities in the North,” he said about U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” list for 2016. “That is a pretty significant jump in one year.”

Montclair State ranks high in many categories taken into account by U.S. News & World Report. In terms of class size, a large percentage have 20 students or less. The School of Business – a number Cant said, “We have expanded and are accredited. Less than a quarter of institutions do not consider this indicator. That’s why a lot of schools don’t give credit to this ranking, but many parents and students do pay attention to it, which is why it is important,” Gingerich said.

Montclair State’s programs are also consistent. “A lot of universities do not consider this factor,” Gingerich said. “A lot of universities do not consider the weighting for the rank on reputation, which is simply the impressiveness reviews have of the school.

“Any school in the process of transforming itself and becoming academically competitive can be put into a tier,” he explained. “It is very valid, actually.”

Montclair State is also holding its own in its 2016 Princeton Review list, “The Best 295 Business Schools.”

“We have a comprehensive business school in the second largest university in New Jersey,” said Gregory Cant, Dean of the School of Business. Currently, there are just under 10,000 students in the School of Business – a number Cant expects will be exceeded next year.

“Student numbers began expanding about five years ago and have nearly doubled. The attraction of our programs at the undergraduate level has exploded and graduate programs have also been a big story,” he said. “The School of Business boasts a full range of undergraduate offerings, along with many graduate programs, including the MBA and several certificates, which are some of the reasons the school has received recognition. ‘We have everything you would expect from high quality programs,’ said Cant. ‘We have expanded and are accredited.”

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Nicole McClelland must take control of her daily life and eating habits.

Gentle Sarge
Contributing Writer

Nicole McClelland stands with her head tilted back, mouth slightly open, silently reciting her limited options on the menu in the Rathskeller on a cold mid-November evening. “Can I have a slice of plain pizza?” she asked the cashier after a few minutes.

When her pizza’s ready, McClelland takes her plate back to a table to sit with her friend since freshman year, Audeny Anan. She then uses her fork and skillfully peel off the cheese from the top of the pizza slice, folds the pizza in half and eats it. McClelland takes the cheese off her pizza not because she’s lactose intolerant, but rather to make sure she doesn’t go over her daily point count. “This pizza is seven points,” she said. “I’ve only had seven other points today, so this would make it make it 14.”

The other seven points were three Special K bars and four pretzels. Nicole can only eat 31 points at the end of every day, since he eats more.

When she goes out with friends, depending on where they go, she usually orders a salad with French fries or pizza with no cheese. “On the positive side, she’s a cheap date,” said Clark.

McClelland plans to start a family of her own in the future, her child will be a carrier of the PKU gene, but it is not definite that he or she would also have the genetic condition.

McClelland sums up her experience with this condition as “challenging, but in a good way.” Though many people would think she would be craving a cheeseburger, she doesn’t really know how it tastes, like other foods such as steak, cheesecake or hotdogs, so she has no urge for it.

Her brother’s advice to her is, “Do what you want to do and don’t let [PKU] control you.” McClelland has taken these words to heart as she continues to monitor her daily points and blood sugar levels.

“If I am very important that I hit 31 points at the end of every day,” McClelland said. “I can’t be over those points, but being under is just as bad.” Going under her daily points would cause her body to start breaking down her muscles, since it wouldn’t have enough protein to satisfy its needs.

For breakfast, McClelland usually has Cinnamon Toast Crunch in a standard cereal bowl but she puts the flakes just cover the bottom of the bowl. For lunch, she has a salad with lettuce, carrots and cucumbers and French fries or pizza with-out the cheese. For dinner, she has her special low-protein pasta with regular sauce. Fruits and vegetables are usually a good go-to since they have little or no protein.

When McClelland was younger, she felt embarrassed to have this condition, since no other kid she knew had it. For school lunch, she would usually carry a jelly sandwich made on a special low-protein bread that was an unpleasant gray color. “I hated explaining to other kids why I couldn’t eat regular bread, mainly because I didn’t fully understand it myself,” said McClelland. “So, I would always say quick rues are like, ‘I can’t eat bread,’ or ‘I can’t eat cheese’.”

Ten years old, she and the rest of her family began giving talks to UMDNJ and Princeton University pre-med students on PKU and how they do with it. “The professor asked her one question and she just started tearing so bad,” said McClelland’s brother, laughing while recalling that first presentation. “I was shy, but I wasn’t too bad. Eleven years later, backed with experience and more confidence, McClelland and her family still give talks to students. At the same time, explaining her condition to others is not as embarrassing, as she has grown up to many of her college friends.

“I literally thought she was dying,” said her boyfriend, Tyler Clark, 21, a senior at Montclair State, remembering the first time McClelland explained her condition to him. “But I realized her entire life, she’s been forced to eat this way, so it’s nothing new to her and she’s used to it.”

Her friend, Gene Washington, a senior at Montclair State, recalls trying McClelland’s daily formula. “Everyone has tasted it. It’s disgusting, I don’t know how she drinks it every day.”

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“Maybe when I’m 99, I’ll just eat anything I want,” she said, “but, for now, I’m going to stick to my diet.”
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It's that time of the year. Students are finally being forced to confront the essay they were assigned on the first day of class. Groups are finally meeting up to practice for their presentations and study groups are forming, all in preparation for the end of the semester. However, the semester would not be able to come to a close without finals. As if finals were not difficult enough, Montclair State has sought to make them even more difficult for the student population by eliminating the reading day and creating a complex, confusing and problematic finals schedule.

It comes as no surprise that students need an ample amount of time to devote to their finals. However, this year, Montclair State did not equip students with a reading day for the Fall semester.

By providing the university a reading day, both professors and students have time to prepare for the upcoming week of finals. This day is crucial for the entire community to get in a final push when it comes to studying and grading and also allows students a chance to relieve the stress they have built up over prior weeks. This day, included in the spring semester each year, has proven itself a great advantage to both students and faculty.

With the university calendar set up as it is, many students will be unable to find time to study. Due to the cost of attending Montclair State, many students are forced to work during the weekend in order to stay in school, pay for groceries and pay back their student loans. This puts many at a significant disadvantage.

In the height of the holiday season, many students work extended hours, which can put a tremendous amount of pressure and stress upon them. They may find it extremely challenging to find time to study. When the university provides these students with a reading day, the administration is really giving them a chance to do the studying they may have been unable to do previously. Regardless of one’s ability to study, everyone needs to take finals. While it seems routine, many students have quickly found that the current finals schedule is problematic. The document itself is fairly complex and confusing to new students and professors. Yet, after taking a second look, some students have realized that they have two finals at the same time. For example, on Monday, Dec. 14, the first day of finals, classes that have their final at 8 a.m. on Monday are scheduled to take their final at 8 a.m., but the schedule does not make considerations for students who have class on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and on Thursday at the same time.

With the current schedule, these finals happen simultaneously. Obviously, students cannot be in two places at once, so they are forced to work out other arrangements with their professors, adding to their already-mounting levels of stress.

All these problems could be avoided if finals were held during the time that classes are normally scheduled to take place. If professors are able to design tests that take two hours to complete, they can surely create tests that take 45 minutes to complete in order to fit into a familiar schedule. Doing so would definitely help professors and students, as their entire week’s schedule would not be out of whack.

In the future, it is important to consider a reading day and using a simple and familiar finals schedule when making the university calendar. This has the ability to benefit the entire community and provide a happier and less stressful end to the semester.

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**Question of the Week:** What advice would you give freshmen regarding finals?

- “I would say to stay calm and just focus on passing and have no worries. Make sure to relieve any stress prior to finals so you can walk in stress-free.”
  - Brian Villaplana, Junior, Physical Education

- “Get extra help. Go see your professor during their office hours and don’t procrastinate. All the things they tell you to do, do.”
  - Diana Masino, Junior, Dietetics

- “You need to sleep seven-to-eight hours because studying all night isn’t good for you and make sure you get a good breakfast.”
  - Melanie Bergstrom, Junior, Nutrition

- “I would say they should go over their notes and past quizzes and stuff like that and they should be fine.”
  - Alejandro Angeles, Sophomore, Information Technology

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**Thumbs Up**

Winter break

Nuns disguise themselves as prostitutes to save sex slaves

The Force Awakens upcoming debut

**Thumbs Down**

Finals

Kean University threatens from Black Lives Matter protestor

Donald Trump mimics disabled NYT reporter
Early National Polls Don't Matter

Presidential predictions mean nothing at this point in the race

Donald Trump losing ground in the polls. Numerous candidates either be the flavor of the month or pronounced dead and buried based on early polls. This isn't a popular position to be based on who's polling where, but rather on looking for trends in the polls. Putting aside my own beliefs, editorial opinion, and national polls, but it is unwise to say that the polls are completely useless. For one, the polling numbers can change around even through multiple twists and turns like the Trump saga, the immigration debate and more recently the Paris attacks. The numbers for Rubio and Cruz might not be this month's "hot" candidate, they are in the best position to make a late push and win the Republican nomination.

For Rubio, he can appeal to voters on the basis that he is a fresh face, Latino, pro-lifer and conservative. He can move the country forward. For Cruz, he can prove to voters that he is vehemently anti-abortion and is the only candidate to fight for Republican votes. However, they haven't made much progress and need to appeal to voters now. In this stage of the election, it is easy for voters to lose sight of what they want and not what candidates want. The past year behind them and move on to the next. Yet, I can't help but wonder why you haven't dealt until next year for things to get better in your life and in the world.

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"Breaking Bad" Cinematographer to Speak at Annual 'Behind the Screen' Program

The Montclair Film Festival (MFF) and The Film Institute at Montclair State have collaborated once again to give Montclair State University students the opportunity to learn from film and television professionals at the annual Behind The Screen (BTS) program on Dec. 6. The program invites students to participate in filmmaking workshops and panels.

At this year’s BTS, one of the speakers will be Michael Slovis, the cinematographer of most episodes of Breaking Bad. Slovis will be discussing his work as a cinematographer and how the composition of every shot in Breaking Bad that he directed had specific reasons, thought and detail behind them.

Other guest speakers on Sunday will include Joel Stillerman, executive and Development for Amazon’s new docu-series producer and show runner for Tom Hanks, executive producer and show runner for Syriana. The program will be discussing his work on Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, Syriana, Life of Pi, Rachel Getting Married and Godfath Park and Tom Hall, executive director of the MFF.

Slovis, who has played an instrumental role in bringing The Hiding Dog to AMC and making it one of the biggest shows ever on TV, will be talking about the development of the show. He will be discussing the process of how the narratives, stories and characters of The Hiding Dog comic book shifted, evolved and changed to then become a TV show. A TV show has different needs than a comic book and not all characters and certain story points make it to the show, Slovis explained. “That’s a process a lot of students don’t know about. This is a conversation to unpack and explore a little more why these choices were made and [to tackle the question] What are the needs of television versus the needs of a readership?” she said.

Another new aspect of BTS is the incorporation of student voices, along with a professional moderator. Slovis also lined up two senior film students for each panel to interview the student on stage. Slovis decided to have more students involved because they “have more questions that may not be apparent to adults and older people like us. Also, sometimes in the QA’s they don’t always get enough time to discuss their questions or bring out aspects of a conversation,” said Slovis.

Slovis has selected the student moderators based on their interest levels. “I have targeted students who strive to be like guest speaker,” said Slovis. For example, she gave the opportunity to students who strive to be cinematographers like Slovis. There are also students who we know want to be producers.

Slovis hopes that new students in particular will get a clear understanding of the depths of the crafts of the guests, how much work it is and how much they are involved they are in what they do. It often happens that students compose a shot because it looks cool, but there are many other layers to how films are made, Slovis explained. “Every picture has to tell the story [as well as every] sound, effect, the acting and writing and it all comes together to communicate an idea, to create an emotional reaction in the audience, “Slovis said that part of being in film school is to learn how that happens and have the opportunity to ask professionals, “I want to be like you. How can I do that?”

The panels will be shot by students as well. Each conversation will be released as a podcast and will subsequently be transcribed.

Jake Shapiro, a senior film-making major, will be shooting the Slovis panel and will act as one of the student moderators as well. “I’m incredibly excited,” he said.

As part of his preparation, Shapiro has done independent research so that he’ll be able to formulate questions on the day of the event. “[Michael Slovis] is a member of the American Society of Cinematographers, which is something 1 aspire to become,” said Shapiro.

BTS will be taking place on Sunday, Dec 6th in University Hall room 1070 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Free breakfast will be served before the event. To register, visit the official website.

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The Peanuts Movie  
Opening Date: Nov. 6, 2015  
Domestic Total as of Dec. 1, 2015:  
$117,440,327

The Good Dinosaur  
Opening Date: Nov. 25, 2015  
Domestic Total as of Dec. 1, 2015:  
$58,392,056

For the past three weeks, The Peanuts Movie has had a near-monopoly on the in-theater family movie market. Its first and only contender was released for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Disney Pixar’s The Good Dinosaur, which proved to be a good choice for families this weekend, as it was the second-highest grossing film. However, which film is the better choice for families to go see? Which has the superior animation? This has been a question raised for many, many years.

First off, the animation in each film is very different. The Peanuts Movie boasts a modern yet nostalgic animation style. The film uses the modern 3D-style of computer animation to make the characters and backgrounds appear as a comic strip come to life, adding to the feeling of nostalgia. Since the Peanuts characters were first seen in a comic strip, it is only fitting to give the new film the same treatment. The animation includes speech bubbles with graphics that look hand-drawn. There are also the familiar comic graphics that indicate movement and action.

Meanwhile, The Good Dinosaur only uses the modern approach to animation, which is Pixar’s forte. Since Pixar’s inception, the company has been pushing the limit of computer animation to seem to be real. Their animation gets better with each new film they release, with The Good Dinosaur being the best yet. The animation is compelling because the landscapes appear as real places that were filmed beforehand and had characters added in with CGI. I was so blown away with the scenery that I wanted to jump out of my seat and run straight to the nearest theater that was filming the before shots. The animation includes speech bubbles with graphics that indicate movement and action.

At the same time, the stories of each film differ and cater more to adults. The Peanuts Movie follows the beloved original characters in a new adventure. Charlie Brown wants to impress the new girl in class while Snoopy and Woodstock are up to their usual antics pretending to fight the Red Baron. The story is very easy to follow, which is great for children. The adults get to enjoy the humor of the dialogue and the throwbacks to each of the previous Peanuts television specials. The film is a light-hearted, family comedy that is easy to enjoy.

However, The Good Dinosaur is the exact opposite. It is one of the few Pixar films to be a drama instead of a comedy. The story follows young dinosaur Arlo as he tries to find his way back home after getting lost in a storm. The story is more complex and very emotional, which is typical for Pixar. Atypically, there is not a lot of dialogue and the film relies heavily on the actions of the characters to tell the story. The Good Dinosaur is quite similar to The Lion King, but The Peanuts Movie has the edge on an easily understood story.

Finally, the messages in each film have similarities. Charlie Brown’s personal journey is meant to show both adults and children that they should accept everyone for who they are and that everyone is special in their own way. The message is transparent and should easily be received by children.

Arlo’s journey has the same message, but the story is more about survival and not giving up. The real message is that everyone can overcome their fears to find their inner courage. This message is more than likely lost on any child watching the film. The message is complex and is harder for children to identify with due to the lack of dialogue. The weird part is that it felt like the message was supposed to enlighten children, but film is more adult-friendly.

Overall, the better family film is definitely The Peanuts Movie. It has something for all ages to enjoy and is slightly more entertaining. The Good Dinosaur is certainly not the best Pixar film, but if you enjoy an animated feature with a bit more depth, then this is the film for you. Both films are very good in their own ways, which makes both very recommendable.

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**Songs that Keep You Sane**

*“You Can’t Stop Me” by Andy Mineo*
*Shakeema Edwards, Assistant Copy Editor*

*“I Will Survive” by Gloria Gayner*
*Dana Jarvis, Assistant News Editor*

*“Pon Pon Pon” by Kyary Pamyu Pamyu*
*Kristen Bryfogle, Editor-in-Chief*

*“Saved” by TyDolla Sign & Pardraigh Gonzalez, Feature Editor*

*“Three Little Birds” by Bob Marley*
*Daniel Falkenheim, Assistant Sports Editor*

*“Here Comes the Sun” by Nina Simone*
*Theadora LeCour, Entertainment Editor*

*“Always Look on the Bright Side of Life” by Monty Python & The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra*
*Kevin Saxe, Assistant Production Editor*

*“Don’t Stop Me Now” by Queen*
*Awie Bahrami, Entertainment Editor*
Red Hawk Roundup

Upcoming Games

Dec. 5
Swimming and Diving: Montclair State vs. Misericordia University
1 p.m.
Panzer Athletic Pool

Dec. 5
Women's Basketball: Montclair State vs. Ramapo College
1 p.m.
Mahwah, N.J.

Dec. 5
Men's Basketball: Montclair State vs. Ramapo College
3 p.m.
Mahwah, N.J.

Dec. 7
Indoor Track and Field: FDU Knights' Classic in Teaneck
TBA
Teaneck, N.J.

WHO’S HOT THIS WEEK

Kayla Ceballos
Women’s Basketball

Ceballos helped the Red Hawks to two wins over Vassar College and TCNJ, averaging 13.5 points per game. Ceballos is ranked second in the NJAC in three-point shooting percentage with .476.

Brandon Channer
Men’s Basketball

Channer recorded his second double-double, helping the team to their second win of the season. As of Nov. 30, Channer leads the NJAC in scoring with 24 points per game.

Men’s Basketball

The Red Hawks increased their record to 4-0 with wins over The College of New Jersey, Kean University and Hunter College. The team looks to continue their unbeaten season with wins over Rutgers-Newark on Dec. 2 and Ramapo College on Dec. 5.

Indoor Track and Field

The men’s and women’s indoor track and field teams will open their seasons on Dec. 7, when they participate in the FDU Knights’ Classic in Teaneck, N.J.

Swimming and Diving

The men’s team placed seventh at the Franklin and Marshall College Invite, while the women’s team placed 12th on Nov. 20-22. The teams will be back in action against Misericordia University on Dec. 5.

Upcoming Games

Dec. 9
Women's Basketball: Montclair State vs. William Paterson University
6 p.m.
Panzer Athletic Center

Dec. 9
Men’s Basketball: Montclair State vs. William Paterson University
8 p.m.
Panzer Athletic Center

Dec. 11
Indoor Track and Field: Wagner College Shootout
TBA
Staten Island, N.Y.

Dec. 12
Women’s Basketball: Montclair State vs. Stevens Institute of Technology
1 p.m.
Hoboken, N.J.

CURRENT STATS

POINTS PER GAME: 13.2
REBOUNDS PER GAME: 3.2
ASSISTS PER GAME: 1.0

CURRENT STATS

POINTS PER GAME: 21.0
REBOUNDS PER GAME: 9.3
ASSISTS PER GAME: 2.5
DFS: Chance or Skill?

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the spotlight after receiving backing from major sports networks. There is a certain level of skill that comes with participating in daily fantasy sports. When you enter into a league, which can also be played for as little as 25 cents or even for free, you are given a “salary cap” to work with. In short, this cap prevents the user from stacking their lineup with top players due to the high monetary values that DraftKings assigns to each player. This system pushes variety between users and requires the person selecting their roster to assess matchups, choose players and thus find themselves a good team for a cheaper salary cap hit. Not only does this require the participant to have at least a basic knowledge of the sport and how point values are assigned, but also forces them to consider tactical strategies as to how their roster is selected. Ultimately, it comes down to how the athletes perform in real life. That does add a “chance” factor into the equation, but there are already laws in place that allow DraftKings and FanDuel to operate as they currently are. If it comes down to promoting gambling, that is an entirely separate, but incredibly relevant argument. The small price tags on some leagues could certainly encourage users to spend and spend, or feel like they haven’t spent at all, even though they could have been playing multiple leagues at once. It’s the exact reason as to why online sports betting has met so much resistance in New Jersey. If people really want to gamble as badly, they will go to the Meadowlands Racetrack twice a week and go to Atlantic City or Yonkers or numerous other places to sink their money. To say that DraftKings and FanDuel are the things that are pushing people’s gambling addictions over the edge is a big leap. Running DFS websites is not going to cure someone’s gambling addiction, if they want to gamble that badly, they will find a time and a place to do it. DraftKings and FanDuel are websites that allow sports fans to use their knowledge of their favorite sports and put a little money behind it. It takes a tremendous amount of knowledge and strategy to come away with money when the day ends and it should absolutely be considered a game of skill. If you repeatedly lose, you will either stop playing or start to learn the sport you are betting on. Gambling addictions come down to the individual and one cannot fault an entire company for gambling addictions. Both sites offer plenty of promotions that offer players free entries into leagues and even giving players their money back if they do not cash out that night. Banning DFS websites is not going to work with. In short, this cap works. Gambling addictions come down to the individual and one cannot fault an entire company for gambling addictions. Both sites offer plenty of promotions that offer players free entries into leagues and even giving players their money back if they do not cash out that night. These companies aren’t the evil empires that New York makes them out to be and they deserve to operate in New York and not have to risk legal action because of it.
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The Red Hawks Hit First

Roadblock of the Season

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Fantasy Sports: Game of Skill or Game of Chance?

DraftKings and Fan Duel continue to fight to operate in New York

Thomas Formoso

Sports Editor

There has been an intense debate in the state of New York over whether Daily Fantasy Sports (DFS) companies DraftKings and FanDuel can include customers from New York in their client list. While steps have already been taken to ban the companies from accepting entries from New York, both sides are still engaging in an intense tug-of-war to have their side win.

The main argument against the DFS companies is that they operate as a “game of chance.” While this is a popular opinion among many around the country who oppose daily fantasy sports, New York is also known to have a ban on the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) and mixed martial arts as a whole from holding events in various arenas, including Madison Square Garden, a decision inciting much controversy.

While that ban stems from corruption within the government officials in past terms, the fight against DFS websites is one of the most divisive topics in sports. After all, DraftKings and FanDuel have surged into New York and have already been taken to ban by the state for DFS, which has shown that she can be one of the team’s main scorers, as she scored 18 points in their victory over TCNJ. They have the players to perform at a high level on offense and, again, they still have the entire season to improve their offense.

On a positive note, their defense has been top-notch to start the season and is already causing fits for opponents. Carballos and Siru are currently leading the team in points and Siru also leads the team in rebounds.

The Red Hawks will look forward to putting their last game behind them when they face Rutgers-Newark on Dec. 2 and Ramapo College on Dec. 5.