hover boards.

Robert Ferrara, Director of Campus Fire Safety, sent out an email to all students alerting the campus of the change in policy, explaining that the new rule “is in the best interest of the life safety of all college campus students.” Ferrara introduced this topic to Residence Life before winter break, when the media was beginning to bring attention to the potential safety risks of these products. He said that the main issue with the rise in popularity of hover boards is that, because they have been mass-produced and remade by other companies, knock-off brands have not been properly tested.

The use of the popular recreational device known as a hover board has been prohibited in all buildings on Montclair State’s campus as of Jan. 6. This decision has stemmed from news reports about the new technology being a potential fire hazard. Two recent house fires in New Jersey were reportedly caused by faulty battery harnesses in hover boards. Similar incidents have surfaced in the news, creating concern about these electronic devices.

Montclair State has joined surrounding schools like Kean and Rutgers Universities in the decision to ban hover boards.

After a 19-year-old female Montclair State student was hit by a vehicle on Clove Road, the university along with PSE&G worked toward making conditions safer for drivers and pedestrians on that road by adding improved streetlights.

“[The victim] was conscious and alert, but in obvious pain from being struck,” Barrett said.

The victim was then taken to St. Joseph’s Hospital in Paterson for treatment.

“Weather conditions appear to have contributed to this incident,” said Barrett. “Weather Underground, a subsidiary of The Weather Channel, proved streetlights. Just after 9 p.m. on Dec. 14, a 68-year-old man driving south on Clove Road struck a student in the crosswalk in front of Hawk Crossings. The driver remained on the scene after the accident, said Lt. Kerem Barrett, the spokesperson for UPD. UPD first received a report of the incident at 9:16 p.m. and were the first to arrive on scene, where they provided care to the victim prior to EMS taking over.

The Montclarion was not able to gain access to information regarding her current condition.

Montclair State Participates in National MLK Day of Service

Natalie Smyth
Staff Writer

In honor of Monday’s holiday, Montclair State participated in the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service, a nationwide initiative where attendees celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life and legacy by serving the community through various volunteer projects on campus and in neighboring towns.

The event was organized by the Center for Student Involvement, the Volunteer Resource Center and the Office for Service Learning and Community Engagement and provided various community service opportunities. Volunteers and coordinators met at 8 a.m. in the Student Center to register for the day, enjoy a breakfast buffet and listen to a few speakers as an introduction to the event before heading out to serve the community.

Montclair State, A Brighter Future

Alan Rickman (1946-2016)

In Memoriam:

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New Food Venue Opens in CELS

The Rift Zone, now open in CELS, offers on-the-go snacks and coffee for students and faculty.

“Please come and visit us. It’s a new convenience for students who frequent the CELS building! This place is very convenient because we had to go to the Student Center or Au Bon Pain if we wanted to get something, but now we can go here to get our coffee or snacks.”

Jessica Baker, Assistant News Editor

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Pelican Police Report

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Machuga Heights: Students Megan Holohock, 18, and Norrallene Nairutral, 19, both of Caldwell, N.J. were charged with underage consumption of alcohol.

Friday, Dec. 11
Machuga Heights: Student John Childress, 19, of Micke- lson, N.J. was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Tuesday, Dec. 15
Machuga Heights: Student John Childress, 19, of Mick- lson, N.J. was arrested and charged with underage consump- tion of alcohol. Childress is set to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Saturday, Dec. 19
Lot 22: Non-student Ruben Narcisse, 24, of Or- ange, N.J. was arrested and charged with driving on a suspended license and criminal trespassing. Narcisse is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Monday, Jan. 4
Fox Theater: Non-student Isaiah Carter, 22, of Or- ange, N.J. was arrested and charged with burglary, theft and criminal trespassing. Carter is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Wednesday, Jan. 13
College Hall: Non-student Joscelyn Burnett Jr., 41, of Newark, N.J. was arrested and charged with disor- derly conduct and criminal trespassing. Burnett Jr. is scheduled to appear in Montclair Municipal Court.

Saturday, Jan. 16
Route 46: Non-student Kristen Pietrangelo, 46, of Mahwah, N.J. was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. Pietrangelo is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Sunday, Jan. 17
Machuga Heights: Non-student Brandon David- Thompson, 20, of Willing- borow, N.J. was arrested with criminal trespassing. Da- vid-Thompson is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Mu- nicipal Court.

Monday, Jan. 18
Machuga Heights: Students Amanda Bradley, 20, of N.J. and Robert Kearney Jr., 19, of Plainfield, N.J. were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Both defendants are set to ap- pear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at 944-PAP (7277).

All calls are strictly confidential.
MLK: MSU Serves the Community

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-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Several locations.
The day’s opening remarks were given by Alex Finley, the Service-Learning Coordinator, and Adam Janack, the Volunteer Resource Coordinator. The goal of the Volunteer Resource Center (VRC) is to aid members of the Montclair State Community to “create a lasting, productive and meaningful connection through community service.” Through its resources, the VRC is able to carry on the Red Hat Foundation’s tradition of community service and giving back,” according to Hawkscyn.

Along with Finley and Janack, attendees listened to a short speech by guest speaker Mayor Lester Taylor III of East Orange, N.J. in which he said, “I am proud to return to my Alma Mater, Montclair State University, as guest speaker for their Dr. [Martin Luther King, Jr.] Event. In the words of Dr. King, “Intelligence plus character: that is the true goal of education.”

The volunteers consisted of other members of the local community. The volunteers were organized into the various service groups and those doing off-duty work in the community, handing out information packets and talking to as many residents as possible, while members of the fire department installed smoke detectors in homes that needed them. Other service projects included socializing with senior citizens at Canterbury Village in West Orange, packaging medical supplies for those in need at MedShare in Secaucus, and providing free senior citizens residing in Gates Manor in Montclair and making sandwiches for Montclair Emergency Services for the homeless in West Orange.
The Martin Luther King Day of Service is a way to unite Americans around the country through the spirit of King’s legacy and teachings in order to strengthen local communities and create respect for other people.

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Professor Receives Research Grant

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PSEG: Addressing Pedestrian Safety on Clove Road

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“it was pretty dark out there in front of Hawk Crossings,” said student Victoria Quinby. “It’s a good idea that they installed brighter lights and I think having them could prevent other incidents, but we have to be more aware and slow down because Clove Road is a busy pedestrian area and a lot of times people are going too fast.”

Barrett recommends that drivers who often travel on the campus road be cognizant of crosswalks, stop signs, traffic lights and speed limit posted.

By doing so prior to adverse conditions, Barrett said that drivers may use good judgment when poor visibility exists.

“The Montclair State University, Montclair, N.J. is ready to begin research for the Department of Modern Humanities this past December, Professor Elizabeth Emery, after being named to a mentorship in the Age of Male Collecting, is an American art historian who specializes in collectors who started buying the thousands of tiny works of Asian art at Paris de-
Banned: Hover Boards Deemed a Fire Hazard

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University Senate Briefing
Wednesday, January 20

Daniel Falkenheim
Assistant Sports Editor

The Academic Affairs Council provided a draft of new enumerated student rights at the University Senate meeting on Jan. 20. The draft encourages teachers to consider the cost of textbooks as well as ensuring students can communicate with professors during office hours.

The Academic Affairs Council also announced that undergraduate enrollment increased by 424 students from this time last year.

Additionally, Montclair State University is moving to be classified as a doctoral institution. Currently, Montclair State is classified as a master’s institution and the move would enhance the credibility of faculty applying for grants.

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ed or manufactured. “The cheaper models have issues in how they are constructed,” Ferrara said. “At this time, [Fire Safety] has no way of telling the difference between an original or imitation unit.”

Ferrara believes that the possibility of personal injury or damage to buildings is high.

The New Jersey College and University Fire Professionals Association has been in contact with the NJ Division of Fire Safety, which is looking into taking action on placing a statewide ban on these electronic devices.

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Can Canvas Help You Find That Special Someone?

At the beginning of the Fall semester, Montclair State junior Tori Sabba tweeted, “When you can use the Canvas roster to creep on people in your class. But if they play nice, you can creep on you too.” MontclairProbs, a popular Twitter account documenting the struggles of students at the university, later retweeted her tweet. It received 11 retweets and two responses, gaining popularity in the Montclair State social media community.

Sabba was referring to Canvas, the online interface Montclair State uses to organize class information. Professors use Canvas to give assignments and assessments to students, make class announcements, grade online and post any necessary files that students need for the class. Students also use Canvas to interact with professors and classmates, submit assignments online, and find out more about their classmates on other social media platforms by knowing their names via any association in or out of the class,

Jennifer Leon
Staff Writer

Canvas lists the names of classmates in a roster feature, making it easier for students to make connections online. "I went on Canvas to get his first and last name and seconds later, I found him on Instagram.” said Sabba, giggling as she refreshed her Instagram feed. "I heard he showed up on the 'who to follow' section on Instagram,” said Sabba, giggling as she refreshed her Instagram feed.

Despite the lighthearted feel, Sabba shook off the laughter, put on a more serious tone and said, "I don't think about it, it must have been because of Canvas.”

Mark Clatterbuck, a religion professor at Montclair State, says this is Montclair’s second year using Canvas. "I haven’t explored Canvas as much as I should. In class, I tell students to use it to contact each other for projects. There is a field project in my Introduction to Religion course. Students who are interested in meeting can use Canvas to contact each other.” be said. Like Quarzo, Canvas for Clatterbuck is a place to connect for professional, not personal purposes. "With personal information available to any classmate with internet access, students may want to know if there is any way they can change their privacy settings to prevent this “Canvas creeping” from happening. Canas is for school purposes. Plus, I’m not too big on the whole social media thing,” he said. "Last year, a girl in my class added everyone on Facebook. We didn’t know how she found us all. But, now that I think about it, it must have been because of Canvas.”

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The class roster including student names is fed to Canvas from the Student Information System. “We have received no reports or complaints from students regarding privacy concerns associated with Canvas. Students could find their classmates on other social media platforms by knowing their names via any association in or out of class,” said Fleming.

Both Fleming and Sun confirm that students could also see the class roster on Blackboard, the previous learning management platform. “Students were invited to participate in the review process and 86 percent of student reviewers and 86 percent of faculty and staff reviewers in the work group chose Canvas [over Blackboard] as their preferred alternative,” said Fleming.

“Increased student interaction is a recommended component of learning. Students can learn more by engaging more in the class and they can learn a lot from one another as well as from the instructor,” said Sun.
How to Make Your H₂O Fun

Jennifer Okorie
Contributing Writer

It’s a New Year and resolutions are continuously being made. Some resolutions include exploring more, getting straight As or even saving more money. While these are all great, we can’t forget about what is going into our bodies.

Drinks such as soda, juice and coffee are high in sugar and calories and can often lead to weight gain. Water is vital to our health. While water is nutritious, some may not like it due to its simplicity. I’ve heard it all before: “Water is boring.” “Water doesn’t have any taste.” The list goes on and on. I have a solution to these complaints: drink fruit-infused water.

Almost any fruit can work and, lucky for us, students on the Montclair State campus have access to a variety of fruit on campus. Students can get fruit from the Sam’s Place and Freeman dining halls, Which Wich and so many more venues on campus. You can simply bring in a reusable water bottle (which helps the environment), fill it up with some water, put a few pieces of fruit in it and you’re good to go.

You’re probably wondering what the benefits to drinking more water are. Some major benefits of drinking more water include:

1. Water can help control your calorie intake. It is sometimes hard to figure out when you are hungry or thirsty because both feelings are similar. The next time that you feel that you are hungry, try drinking some water, wait about 25 minutes and see if the feeling of hunger goes away.

2. Water helps promote healthy skin. Our body is about 60 percent water, but that doesn’t mean that we don’t have to drink any. Water is very important to drink if we want to achieve a clear, wrinkle-free face.

3. Water can give you energy for days. Sure, you may think caffeine is the way to go, but I think otherwise. Water gives us so much energy because when we are hydrated, we are energized and ready to take on the day.

If you decide to try out fruit infused water, after you finish your water, you can eat the fruit, too. Fruits have so many nutrients like vitamin C and vitamin A, so you can’t go wrong by doing so.

With all this being said, let’s cut out the sodas, juices and coffee drinks and simply drink more water.

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Contributing Writer

Fruit combined with water.

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As students and faculty faithfully return to Montclair State for another semester, many are noticing that the university is looking a bit brighter. With Clove Road’s shiny new lighting additions, Montclair State is more radiant than ever.

On Dec. 14, 2015, Montclair State became aware of a very serious safety concern facing the campus community. That night, the University Police Department received a report that a student crossing Clove Road near Hawk Crossings had been struck by a vehicle. The University Police Department believes bad weather and poor visibility are contributing factors in the accident.

Upon learning about this terrible news, Montclair State jumped into action by reaching out to PSE&G. During winter break, PSE&G installed several new lights on Clove Road in front of Hawk Crossings, an apartment-style residence hall on campus.

The quick response on behalf of the university has ensured that the safety of all members of the campus community is a major priority. The new lights have come as a welcomed change to those returning for the spring semester.

The new lights have increased the safety of both drivers and pedestrians near Hawk Crossings. An apartment-style residence hall on campus.

However, there are other high-traffic areas that require similar attention. Various areas across campus remain dangerous spots for pedestrians. Time and time again, people have expressed their safety concerns when walking from Dinallo Heights to the New Jersey Transit Deck or walking from College Hall to Freeman Hall.

Lighting adjustments need to be made before another individual is injured or other bad situations occur in these dark places. It should not take another injury or incident for the university to take action.

Adding lights in various locations around campus would renew Montclair State’s commitment of safety to both students and staff. Students and staff need to feel safe and comfortable while walking at night on campus. Lighting is a small price for the university to pay to make everyone on campus feel secure.

Thumbs Up

Suicide Squad trailer released

Renovation of Stone Hall

Sarah Palin’s speech

Thumbs Down

Cold weather

Recent celebrity deaths

Oscars controversy

Question of the Week:
What class are you most looking forward to this semester and why?

“I’m most looking forward to Women in Prisons because it sounds like a really interesting topic and like a class about Orange is the New Black.”
- Carolina Mendonca, Senior, Psychology

“I’m looking forward to taking one of my French classes called Medieval French Literature and the works of Harry Potter. We’re going to be making comparisons between medieval stereotypes and the magical aspects of Harry Potter.”
- Dustine Finkel, Junior, French and Spanish

“I’m looking forward to this psychology class called Motivational Interviewing. It’s the first time I’m going to get to use a graduate level class on the studio. I’m actually going to understand what therapy is going to be like when I go to grad school.”
- Deanna Mendez, Senior, Psychology

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Raising admission standards would strengthen the business program

MATH WITH A FAVORITE SUBJECT

Haley Wells, a Business major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.


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Obama’s election and there is no possibility to work together in the future. The far-right began to sprout after 9/11 attacks. They made their voice heard in 2010 when they organized protests in a massive landslide in the 2014 midterms. Now, they are feeling candidates like Donald Trump and Ted Cruz to fight the establishment politicians. They’ve grown louder and more numerous since President Obama’s election and there is no sign of the noise dying down.

We’ve gotten to the point where making enemies of the opposing party is encouraged and rewarded. In the first Dem- ocratic debate, Hillary Clinton said the enemies she was the most proud of making were Repub- licans and she got massive applause. Political opponents are seen as enemies instead of colleagues with whom to work out compromises.

Outside of the political arena, the actual system exacerbates this problem. Con- ternary, or drawing dist- tricts lines to ensure a district has a majority of one party, forces politicians to ap- peal to the extremes of the party to win over the opposing party’s views. Democrats, who have always opposed Republicans’ unwavering support for the party in power, risk losing office in midterm and allow the Republicans they disagree with the most to take office. In order to change the in- stitutional incentives for par-

is in his first year as Assistant Sports Director.
On Jan. 14, it was revealed that actor Alan Rickman had passed away after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. When news broke of Rickman’s passing, many actors who worked with him shared heartfelt comments for their fallen friend and those who loved his movies gave their condolences.

At London’s King’s Cross Railway Station, a location featured in the Harry Potter films in which Rickman starred, the late actor’s fans created a memorial underneath the Platform 9¾ sign. All across social media, many fans of the actor wrote about their sadness over the passing of the beloved star.

Some are likely wondering why many people are shaken over the actor’s passing. He was never a bonafide movie star, he was not the heroic lead of a major tentpole film and he was never nominated for an Academy Award.

The sad truth is that Rickman was a great performer who never truly received his due. In every generation, there are always acting gems that fall through the cracks and never get the recognition they deserve. Unfortunately, Rickman was one of those overlooked gems. A prolific talent who could do anything, Rickman was a true star, a man who was never meant to be a movie star, but he was the heroic lead of a major tentpole film and he was never nominated for an Academy Award.

The son of a working-class family, Rickman was born in 1946 in London, England. Rickman always had a passion for acting, but through his early twenties, he pursued a career path as a graphic designer.

In an interview with Time Out in 1986, Rickman told Jane Edwardes the reasoning for this choice was that “Drama school was not considered the sensible thing to do at 18.”

It was not until his late twenties that Rickman pursued his passion of becoming an actor. Over the next decade, Rickman would go on to perform in numerous theatrical productions. His performance in the 1987 Broadway show Les Liaisons Dangereuses earned Rickman both Tony and Drama Desk Award nominations.

In 1988, American audiences saw Rickman for the first time as German terrorist Hans Gruber in the action classic Die Hard. In the film, Rickman takes your standard villain role and makes it something both lifelike and immensely menacing. I severely doubt the villainous character or the movie itself would be as iconic if another actor was cast in the role.

Yet, it was in his most notorious work as potions master Severus Snape in the Harry Potter franchise that Rickman truly demonstrated his ability to balance imposing anger with nuanced emotion. From The Sorcerer’s Stone to The Deathly Hallows Part 2 in 2011, Rickman brought the arc of Snape to life with grace and grit. For this, today’s generation will always remember him.

A cold man with hidden motives and emotional scars is the kind of arc that many actors would falter with by overplaying either the cruel or sympathetic side of the character. Rickman found the perfect balance to make the character’s eight-film arc feel authentic and moving. It is the kind of performance which should lead to an Oscar Nomination for Best Supporting Actor, but did not because the Academy often dismisses blockbuster movies as being merely disposable entertainment.

Though Rickman is no longer with us, he is not truly gone. He lives on in the memories and the stories that people will tell of him for years to come. Like the great artists who inspired him, Rickman is an actor whose formidable presence and memorably ominous voice will inspire many and in turn, help keep his legacy alive forever.

Nicholas Da Silva
Staff Writer

In Memoriam: Alan Rickman
(1946-2016)
On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, two of Hollywood’s most elite members vocalized their intentions to boycott this year’s Oscars due to lack of diversity amongst nominees. The list of candidates was released last Thursday and for the second year in a row, there is a noticeable lack of color.

Critically acclaimed actress Jada Pinkett Smith and award-winning director Spike Lee publicly stated that they will not be attending the award ceremony on Feb. 28. The trending hashtag #OscarsSoWhite has captured the frustration and confusion among film-lovers across the country.

President of the Academy and woman of color Cheryl Boone Isaacs diplomatically stated, “Of course I’m disappointed, but this is not to take away from the other films nominated.”

It’s a little difficult to overlook the lack of diversity among this year’s candidates when thinking about some of the most talked about films of the past year. Creed, Beasts of No Nation, Straight Outta Compton and Concussion won no acknowledgement from the board at the Academy. It is especially disturbing to viewers across the country since it is the second year in a row that talent of color has been completely overlooked.

Pinkett-Smith publicized her stance in a Facebook video that has garnered 10 million views since Monday. In the video, she states, “Today is Martin Luther King’s birthday and I can’t help but ask the question: Is it time that people of color recognize how much power and influence that we have amassed, that we no longer need to ask to be invited anywhere?”

Her husband, Will Smith, was considered a strong Oscar contender for his role in Concussion. However, Smith did not receive a nomination. “Begging for acknowledgement, or even asking, diminishes dignity and diminishes power. And we are a dignified people and we are powerful,” said Pinkett-Smith. “So let’s let the Academy do them, with all grace and love. And let’s do us, differently.”

Lee, director of classic films like Do the Right Thing, also commented on the darker truths of the private film industry on his Instagram. “We cannot support it and [I] mean no disrespect ... But, how is it possible, for the second consecutive year, all 20 contenders under the acting category are white? And let’s not even get into the other branches.”

Last November, Lee received an honorary Oscar at a Hollywood banquet where he stated, “This industry is so far behind sports, it’s ridiculous. It’s easier to be president of the United States as a black person than be head of a [movie] studio. Honest.” The director was invited as a guest on Good Morning America on Tuesday when he said that, on the date of the ceremony, he would be with his wife at the Knicks-Heat game at Madison Square Garden.

What makes this awards season more interesting is that, although there are no nominees of color, the host of the 2016 Oscars is Chris Rock. Although he has not responded to Pinkett-Smith or Lee directly, Rock referred to the event on Twitter as “The White BET Awards.” Needless to say, those who do choose to tune in to the Oscars at the end of February may be in for a treat, as it will be interesting to see how Rock interprets his role as host.


*SPOILER ALERT*

Fox’s new satirical horror series, Scream Queens, premiered its season finale on Dec. 9 and it was everything any dedicated viewer should have expected.

This mock-horror show wrapped up the season by exposing the last two red devils, which were the perpetrators of dozens of campus-wide murders.

Since the series started, the final two revealed killers were painfully obvious likely because it made me question them, but not suspect them because it was just too obvious. The series finale successfully tied up all of the drama’s loose ends and justice was finally made.

Chanel Oberland, the cruel sorority leader played by Emma Roberts and her two minions were convicted of the murders and sent to spend the remainder of their lives together in an insane asylum. Although Chanel was actually only framed as being the red devil, her character was enticingly evil and deserved to be locked away for eternity.

The series’ success can also be attributed to an amazing cast, starring Emma Roberts, Lea Michele, Abigail Breslin, Keke Palmer and Jamie Lee Curtis. Scream Queens was originally set to air 15 episodes, but that number was later reduced to 13 — likely due to low ratings.

This show’s ironic humor definitely isn’t for everybody, as the characters mock modern themes of young American culture such as sororities, superficial relationships and corruption in education. Scream Queens will thankfully return for a second season, as announced by producers on Jan. 15. There is not a determined start date or confirmed cast, but it’s speculated that cast members from the first season will return for season two.

‘Scream Queens’ Kills Season 1 Finale

Samantha King
Assistant Entertainment Editor

‘13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi’

Diego Coya
Staff Writer

13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers from Bengazi is directed by Michael Bay and is based on the true story of what happened in Benghazi on Sept. 11, 2012.

In the film, an American ambassador is killed and six members of a security team are defending the American diplomatic compound from terrorist attacks. We also get to know who these people are and see their personal lives back at home within the first hour of the film. This two and a half hour film is packed with tension, action and explosions.

When we see the action going on, it makes the audience feel as if we are in Benghazi with the soldiers.

As someone who is not a big fan of Bay, I am happy to report that 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi is one of his best films. Even though it is not a great movie, it is his best in many years.

One of the best things about this movie was the way the action scenes were filmed. Although there is some “shaky cam” present, it goes away after a while. When it goes, the action scenes are filmed really well.

I also thought that there were solid performances from all of the cast, particularly from John Krasinski and James Badge Dale, who played the most interesting characters in the movie by far.

To a certain extent, it was pretty well-paced. As the action scenes were going on, I was entertained throughout. 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers is a little too long, which Bay’s movies tend to be. There are also moments when the movie drags and I found my mind wandering from time to time.

It is worth mentioning that Bay really does not get into any politics in this movie and plenty of people have a huge problem with it. While that may be the case, I never found that Bay disrespected the source material in any way.

Overall, 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi is a solid movie that I would recommend seeing in theaters. As being the first film that I have seen in 2016, I would say that the movie season is off to a good start.

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Charles Cobbertt
Men’s Swimming and Diving

Cobbertt grabbed a pair of first-place finishes against Mount St. Mary College. Cobbertt swam the leadoff leg of the 200 medley relay team and earned first place in the 200 freestyle race in the same meet.

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Upcoming Games

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1 p.m.
Ewing, N.J.

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Men’s Basketball: Montclair State vs. TCNJ
3 p.m.
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Jan. 23
Swimming and Diving: Montclair State vs. Ramapo College
2 p.m.
Mahwah, N.J.

Jan. 27
Women’s Basketball: Montclair State vs. Rutgers-Newark
6 p.m.
Panzer Athletic Center

Jan. 27
Men’s Basketball: Montclair State vs. Rutgers-Newark
8 p.m.
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Jan. 30
Indoor Track and Field: Ramapo College Select Meet
TBA
New York, N.Y.

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Swimming and Diving: Montclair State vs. William Paterson University
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Recent Winning Performances

500 Freestyle: 5:24.56
1000 Freestyle: 10:59.47

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200 Freestyle: 1:51.33
100 Backstroke: 58.25

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Brian Goudsward: Broadcasting Phenom in the Booth

Senior continues to make the most of his resources at Montclair State

Daniel Collins
Contributing Writer

The field of sports broadcast better watch out, because Brian Goudsward will be throwing his hat into the ring after this year.

Goudsward is a senior at Montclair State University and his dream is to become a sports broadcaster, particularly as a play-by-play announcer for a major television network, like CBS or FOX, covering baseball or football.

Goudsward said that his interest for sports broadcasting developed after following professional sports over the years and enjoying the atmosphere of the games.

He is currently a sports talk show host on WMSC Radio. His show, Stickin to Sports, airs every Saturday afternoon from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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At the end of the fall 2015 semester, Brian attended the play-by-play calling at the Red Hawks’ home opener against Salisbury University.

"I’ve been working with Brian for about a year and the whole experience has been fantastic," Sam McCluskey, Assistant Sports Director for WMSC said. "Brian is a true professional, he’s a great guy, he cares, he’s very knowledgeable and knows what he is doing. We did football play-by-play for the last two years and he was awesome. Brian takes everything seriously. We love having him around and he’s done great work for us.

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Red Hawks Stumble

After a devastating injury to Kayla Ceballos, the Red Hawks are looking to keep pace in the NJAC.

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Montclair State Fights Forward

Red Hawks keep pace in their tough NJAC schedule

Thomas Formosa

After a strong start to the season, the Montclair State men’s basketball team has struggled to make things click over the winter break. Despite an impressive win over NJAC leader New Jersey City University on Jan. 18, the Red Hawks went 4-4 in their games after Dec. 25. Starting with a 73-58 non-conference win over Farmingdale State, consecutive losses to McDaniel College and Kenyon College, along with an NJAC loss to Rowan University, put Montclair State in a 5-7 hole to start the season.

The Red Hawks went 2-1 in the next three NJAC games, defeating Rutgers-Camden and NJCU, while losing to third place Stockton University. Montclair State’s most recent win came over Washington College on Jan. 18 in Maryland. The game against Washington College was their last non-conference game of the season, as the Red Hawks will fight for positioning in the NJAC Tournament in their remaining nine games this season.

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Montclair State’s offense, however, held its own against Rowan University, the top team in the New Jersey Athletic Conference, but this time it was their defense that let them down. Too often, the team surrendered easy baskets in their 68-64 defeat. By no means did the Red Hawks ever look out-classed, but they didn’t put together a string of strong offensive and defensive possessions necessary to pull away with the victory.

The team was in jeopardy of yet another disappointing loss as they trailed 47-40 heading into the fourth quarter against Rutgers-Camden, but they were able to overcome the Scarlet Regents 54-58 in the final frame and secure a 74-65 victory.

The Red Hawks failed to build on their win and fell 65-54 to Stockton University. The team left little to be desired as they shot a poor 25.7 percent from the field while allowing their opponents to shoot 49 percent from the field.

Montclair State rebounded and put forth their most dominant performance of the season in their 74-25 victory over New Jersey City University. They played smothering defense and NJCU seemed like they were turning the ball over more than they were scoring. The Red Hawks played all 13 of their players and sophomores Erica Snow and Yazmine Lacy contributed the best scoring performances of their careers.

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The Red Hawks hold an 11-5 overall record and currently sit at third in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. Despite their streak of inconsistent play since the loss of Ceballos, Montclair State is still one of the most formidable teams in their conference. Their game against NJCU serves as the perfect blueprint for the team if they want to move back up into national consideration.

Granted, NJCU has an abysmal 1-14 record and will be hard to duplicate their performance against stiffer competition. However, the Red Hawks have started to shift their offensive focus. Head coach Karin Harms very mused sophomore Taylor Harmon into the starting lineup in the last two games, providing the team with two prototypical “biggs” to add a low-post presence. They involved all of their bigs in the offense much more in their game against NJCU and ran multiple plays to get them in the low-post. With the loss of Ceballos, a low-post presence will make it easier for Montclair State’s guards and ensure that their offense won’t live and die by the jump shot.

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