The facilities staff worked all weekend to ensure that the university operated on a normal schedule Monday.

Complaints Pile with Snow

Deanna Rosa | News Editor

Immediately following Winter Storm Jonas’ weekend barrage of the east coast with record-breaking amounts of snow, Montclair State started the week with a normal schedule on Monday, Jan. 25, despite university and public school closings throughout New Jersey.

While some students were outraged at the university’s decision to remain open in the wake of such a massive snowstorm, Shawn Connolly, Vice President of University Facilities, said that the facilities staff worked tirelessly all weekend to ensure that the campus was safe enough to open on Monday.

“I was on campus most of the weekend and we were confident that we had opened enough walks and roads to safely continue the business of the university,” said Connolly, who is a member of the group that decides the final verdict on closing the university. “Safety is our primary concern when making decisions.”

According to Connolly, the majority of the 128 individuals who received snow days at the university at this time were from New Jersey.

“They will not have to make up any snow days,” Connolly said. “The University has opted to move the Spring Break week to that time, so there will be no need for a make-up day.”

Newman Places Third in National Rankings

Jessica Bacher | Assistant News Editor

Montclair State’s Newman Catholic Center, an organization which has had a presence on campus for over 50 years, was ranked the third best Newman Center by the Best College Reviews website, which took into account factors such as regular mass times, community-building events and a relationship with the local parish in its analysis of Newman Centers across the country.

“We have a lot of everything,” said Father Jim Chern, the organization’s director and chaplain. “We have spiritual activities, mass at the Student Center every Sunday and daily at the Newman Center, weekly Bible studies, lots of community service events, three major events every month and lots of social events.”

The Newman Center currently hosts over 300 members, making it one of the Student Government Association’s largest organizations.

Last May, the Newman Center was named the SGA Class 1 Organization of the Year for both its high activity and membership.

“I realized I had big shoes to fill after we received the SGA award last year,” said Aaron Kurtz, President of Newman and a senior Music Therapy major. “It was really intimidating and put me back into the role of leader. It was a really big honor.”

Best College Reviews ranked Montclair State’s Newman Catholic Center in a national list.
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Phi Alpha Theta Makes History at National Convention

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- Collin Mastrian, Senior History major

PhD student Tony Anagnostopoulos presents his research on Jan. 8, expressed his thoughts on the 2016 PAE Biennial Convention by deeming it a wonderful experience. "As a graduating senior, the conference was an excellent capstone to four years of studying history," Zuccaro said. The opportunity to meet with students who shared similar research interests as well as receiving feedback from experts in the field was an excellent experience.

On Jan 9, Mastrian presented his research. When asked about the event, he said, "The culture which surrounded the conference was by far the most enjoyable aspect of the trip. Being involved in historical discourse with my peers on a variety of subjects was enjoyable, educational and, at times, a very challenging endeavor."

The participants also declared that their participation in the National Convention wouldn’t have been possible without the support of the Montclair State History Department and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. "They really encouraged us to push for this and it’s nice to have the support of your professors and administrators," said Sudol.

Pelican Police Report

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

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Carpare Diwe: A student reported an incident of criminal mischief. This case is under investigation.

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Mallory Hall: A faculty member reported an incident of criminal mischief. This case is under investigation.
In terms of how these reports compare to the years previous, Barrett said, “Comparatively, these numbers remain stagnant year to year, but we can see variations where people are more apt to report incidents and there can even be a decrease in the numbers. The 2014 remained similar to the 2013 and prior years.”

Students Ashley Fleming, Mahlene Cerqua and Michael Benavides were among the students that reported domestic violence.

Cerqua and Fleming felt it was important to have these types of statistics and awareness. “I think that these types of statistics and awareness can give people a better understanding of what is really going on,” Cerqua said. Fleming added, “I think that it’s important for students to understand that these types of incidents do happen and that there are resources available to help them.”

Benavides agreed that domestic violence is a serious issue and that it is always important to stay aware of what is happening on campus. “It’s always good to know what’s around and what could happen to you when you’re on campus,” Benavides said. A freshman business major, Benavides said, “I think that being aware and taking precautions is important.”

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CEO Craig Dubitsky Talks Entrepreneurship

Natalie Smyth | Staff Writer

Montclair State’s Feliciano School of Business played host to an event with Craig Dubitsky, founder and CEO of Hello Dental products on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Dubitsky talked to those in attendance about his experiences as a successful business owner and the tips he has learned throughout his career.

Why Hello Dental?

Dubitsky said, “I came because I have been working with entrepreneurs for two and a half years before starting my current job at a venture capital firm and it’s always interesting to go to events like this where real life, real world entrepreneurs can share their stories and help inspire creativity.”

Hello Dental was co-sponsored by the Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship, Residence Life and had different instructive and engaging activities. The event started with pizza and networking, followed by Dubitsky’s presentation. Afterwards, students were given the opportunity to pitch their entrepreneurial ideas and receive feedback back from Dubitsky before a 45-minute question-and-answer session to end the event.

After talking to groups of students, mingling and eating pizza at the start of the event, it was clear that the fact that the event was required as part of one of the business courses at the School of Business had a big impact on the number of students in attendance.

However, while some students did attend, Dubitsky noted that the event was a positive experience. He said, “I think that during the event there was a pose of fulfilling this requirement, for many students, it was a positive experience.”

Dubitsky is a businessman and entrepreneur. He said, “It’s important for business owners and entrepreneurs to understand that entrepreneurs are people of all ages, all successful, and I think that hearing this is important.”

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pressures on me. When I heard about this ranking article, I nearly had a heart attack. It was awesome and what this really was hit me. I’m always looking and looking at the negative to see what I can improve. It’s really hard to let go and forget about the positive impact I’ve made since I came here.”

Catie Kunkel, a senior physical education major, said she has been involved in the organization since her freshman year and continues to volunteer to attend mass. The welcoming environment had her hooked. She said that she could not picture what her college experience would have been like without it.

“Just that makes it what it is and I love it all”
When asked what makes Montclair State’s Newman Center special to him, Jeff Bialk, a junior geography and Carman major, said, “They provide you with community and friendship and the opportunity to do fun things. They make being Catholic in a university setting cool and that’s great.”

Being a member of the SGA and having the ability to reach out to other groups and students as well as co-spon- sor events with them is part of what truly makes the orga- nization special and different from other Newman Centers, according to Mariama Roldan, a junior psychology major and a missionary working with the organization.

“The students have really taken ownership and made the Newman Center their own,” said Carman. “This ranking is such a home run and a beneficial aution because it wasn’t like we applied. We didn’t. We don’t do it for the recognition but this kind of things are bonuses and celebrating all the work the students do and continue to do in the futu”

Orgs Help Campus Remember Holocaust Victims

Kristen Bryfogle
Editor-in-Chief

Montclair State students, faculty and staff observed International Holocaust Remembrance Day this week, paying tribute to those who lost their lives during the Holocaust. The event, which started at 9 a.m. on campus from 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29, is held in honor of the victims of the Holocaust and those who lost their lives to the Nazis.

Students posted the names of lives lost during the Holocaust.

“[At] this table, students could learn more about the Holocaust through the individual panels occurring on the day as well as the informational posters outlining major historical events contributing to the Holocaust which hung behind the table. In addition to these educational resources, students could write a message of hope or the name of someone who perished in the Holocaust on a Post-It note. The Holocaust Memorial Museum compiled the list of names that these organizations used.”

“If you want to stop by and write a message of hope or the name of someone’s name that you have a list of, you can just post it on the wall,” said Justin DeCicco, a member of Theta Delta Sigma. “[We’re doing this] to always remember those who passed and so that no community or society ever allows this to happen again.”

In addition to the personal messages and contributions that passersby left, the organization. “This list does not even begin to contain all the names of those who have perished in the Holocaust,” said a posting by the event’s organizers on the Student Center window.

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The postings continued to say that, although the list was not complete, the organizers hoped that the display “may recall a thoughtful moment within you during this day of remembrance.”

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STUDY ABROAD FAIR

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: Student Center Ballrooms

DID YOU KNOW?

- Montclair state offers academic programs in more than 60 countries
- Semester, Academic year, summer and short term programs available
- Financial Aid is available (grants, loans and scholarships)
- Many classes are available in English
- Employers value international experience and it's a resume booster
- Most majors can find courses abroad without delaying graduation
- Studying abroad is an opportunity of a lifetime!

Study Abroad Special Sessions
February 11, 2016
Cohen Lounge, Dickson Hall

12:00 pm Exchange Program Information Session
Learn about the opportunity to study abroad in several different countries as an exchange student which allows you to pay the same tuition and fees as you would at MSU and use federal, state and institutional financial aid.

1:00 pm Budgeting for Study Abroad
Think studying abroad is too expensive for you? Learn how to budget and prepare to study abroad, differences in program costs, costs of living and scholarships available.

2:00 pm Applying for a Gilman Scholarship (for PELL Grant Recipients)
PELL Grant recipients are eligible to apply for Gilman Scholarship to help fund summer, semester and academic study abroad programs. You will learn how to make your application as competitive as possible.

3:00 pm Information Session: Faculty-Led Short-Term Study Abroad Programs
This information session will highlight the short-term summer 2016 faculty led study abroad programs in Florence, Nice, Madrid, Croatia and Genzano.

Weekly Study Abroad Information Sessions – Student Center Room 425

Attend one of our weekly general information sessions which cover the basics of preparing to study abroad and learn more about the programs abroad, scholarships available and how financial aid and course selection work. All are welcome. No RSVP necessary – just walk-in.

WE’VE MOVED! The Global Education Center is now located in Student Center Annex Room 207

Contact us: http://www.montclair.edu/global-education/study-abroad/outgoing-students/

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Vitamin D: The Sunshine Vitamin

Jaimee Laurie
Staff Writer

Montclair State University Greek Life started the semester off with a bang by having their annual Greek Organization Fair on Jan 25.

Over the past year, the Greek community at Montclair State has grown immensely in size, nearly doubling their overall number and reaching over 900 members total.

Emily Condore, Coordinator for Greek Life, said, “This semester, we are looking to be as successful as possible and have as many individuals find their home in Greek Life as we can. Our community doubled in size last spring and I would love to do it again.”

Michael Ladines, Director of Greek Affairs at Montclair State, said in regard to the night of events, “I think it was a very successful night. It is always a great feeling to see people lining up at the door to meet our 35 organizations.”

Over 200 students came to the Student Center Ballrooms to meet all the Greek organizations, in hopes of finding the organization that would be the best fit for them.

“It was a great turnout for a Monday night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.,” Condero said. “Due to room booking conflicts, we were unable to hold the event on a Wednesday during common hours as we usually do, so this was something new for us. It ended up working out great and I was very surprised and happy with the turnout.”

With such a large turnout at their Greek Organization Fair, the community is looking forward to a semester of growth and success.

“A lot of people came out with interest in all different councils. We are hoping to grow our community and strengthen this semester,” said Ladines.

New Semester, New Interest

Ayla Gentiletti
Contributing Writer

Vitamin D, also known as “the sunshine vitamin,” is essential for a healthy body. Vitamin D maintains strong bones by helping the body absorb calcium and phosphorus and helps regulate blood pressure. Recent claims have been made that vitamin D can also help protect against certain cancers and other chronic conditions.

Vitamin D is unique compared to other vitamins because our skin has the ability to make it from the sun. A 15-minute sun exposure to the face and arms about three times a week is generally recommended to produce the vitamin D needed in the body.

However, in the cold winter months, very few of us are receiving that level of exposure as a result of being bundled up in coats and scarves. Luckily, we can also reach our vitamin D through a variety of healthful foods.

This winter, I encourage you to add some of the following to your diet to ensure a healthy Vitamin D intake.

1. Salmon
   Not only is salmon filled with protein and essential omega-3s, it also packs a vitamin D punch. Just half of a sockeye salmon fillet contains enough vitamin D for the entire day.

2. Tuna
   One serving of light canned tuna contains 35 percent of the daily recommended value of vitamin D. Try a tasty tuna salad on whole grain bread for lunch for both a vitamin D and protein-packed meal.

3. Milk
   Milk and other fortified dairy products (yogurt, cheese — specifically ricotta) offer a fair amount of vitamin D. Just one glass of 1 percent milk offers approximately 35 percent of the daily meal while providing calcium — vitamin D’s partner-in-crime when it comes to maintaining strong bones.

4. Mushrooms
   While it may seem like an unlikely source, one cup of crimini mushrooms contains about 30 percent of your daily vitamin D needs. Although the amount varies across types of mushrooms, adding some to your next stir-fry is a delicious way to add some important nutrition to your diet.

5. Eggs
   Though egg whites are gaining popularity, it is the egg yolk that is packed with important nutrients, including vitamin D. One of the most versatile foods, eggs aren’t just for breakfast. A hardboiled egg to top a salad is a great way to sneak some vitamin D in at lunch.
You may belong to a gym at home or do YouTube workouts in your room, but you can either supplement these workouts or replace them at the Student Recreation Center, which offers many fitness and wellness activities all paid for in your student fees, adding no additional membership costs on top of what you already automatically pay the university each semester.

One of the most overlooked benefits of these fees are the Group Exercise (Group X) classes at the Department of Campus Recreation. Group X classes are taught by students who are certified fitness instructors who have to pass tests in their field of study in order to become instructors. The students who teach Group X classes therefore know what they’re doing and understand how to motivate you, push you without going too far and modify exercises for anyone in the class with injuries or a different skill level.

Often, fitness classes at regular gyms require extra fees on top of the price of a gym membership, but Group X classes are included in the student services fees and thus come at no extra cost. Best of all, you don’t need any experience in the classes that you are taking, since instructors take the time to teach you the basics of each exercise and can modify exercises to accommodate beginners in the class as well as those who are more advanced.

One of the Group X classes that I recently tried was cardio kickboxing, a high-energy cardio class taught by the fitness instructor Jessica. This class is a great way to burn calories and build strength while having fun.

The class started with learning the basic forms of kicks and punches that would be used in the class. Jessica then guided attendees in performing their punches and kicks, synchronized to an upbeat playlist of modern pop music.

The class was obviously quick-moving, since the goal was to work up a sweat and provide attendees with a cardio workout more exciting than running on the treadmill or doing jumping jacks. However, it’s not to say that there are no strength-based activities in the class. Cardio kickboxing includes the squats and lunges typical of a full-body workout and using it regularly can build muscle over time in the arms and legs, since using these body parts to punch and kick builds strength and stamina.

Overall, cardio kickboxing is a way to spice up the color-burning part of your workout while still working to increase your strength and endurance. It is also downright fun because you get to punch and kick the air and feel like a ninja or box- ing master while getting fit at the same time.

Getting in Shape at the Rec

Group X: Cardio Kickboxing

Korean Skin Beauty Routine

You should take care of your skin daily. Here are some of the best Korean Skin Care Regimen for a healthy complexion:

1. Toner
2. Lotion
3. Essence
4. Tonics
5. Eye cream
6. Facial sheet masks
7. Ampoule/Serum
8. Emulsion/ Moisturizer
9. Sunscreen
10. Sleeping Pack

Group X Classes are part of each student’s fees at Montclair State University.

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TUTOR/CAREGIVER, MONTCLAIR

Daytime teaching position available for Montclair, NJ. Must be proficient in reading, writing and math. Experience is mandatory. Minimum wage. Email: Myriana@gmail.com or call (973) 743-1246.

BABYSITTER, MONTCLAIR

Needed for 2 small children (ages 2 & 5) in Montclair. Mon-Fri, 8am-3:30pm, $15/hr. Must be punctual, responsible, energetic and have experience with school-aged children. Call (973) 305-5110 or email: clarienst@gmail.com.

JOBSHARING, MONTCLAIR

ANNOUNCING MANAGING EDITOR, MONTCLAIR

We are seeking an experienced and dynamic leader to oversee the editorial and advertising functions of The Montclarion’s widely read weekly newspaper. The ideal candidate will have at least 5 years of experience in editorial and advertising management, a strong track record of success in growing circulation and revenue, and a proven ability to work collaboratively with our sales team and staff. The job will include writing, editing, and managing a team of writers and editors. The candidate must be able to work independently and have strong skills in online and print content creation. The position requires a proven ability to manage and motivate others, as well as experience with online publishing and social media. Email your resume to: montclarion@gmail.com.

ARTIST, MONTCLAIR

UPTOWN ART MONTCLAIR

WE ARE SEEKING 500+ ARTISTS TO SELL THEIR WORK AT THE CNESS & AEBS SHOWS AT THE UPTOWN ART MONTCLAIR ON SATURDAY, NOV 26th, FROM 10 AM TO 3PM. ARTISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEIR OWN INTERIOR ART (20X20) & OUTDOOR ART (30X30). COST IS $25 (MUSIC INCLUDED) FOR 5-ARTISTS. EMAIL UPTOWNARTMONTCLAIR@gmail.com TO ENTER.

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HELP WANTED: COOK/BABYSITTER, MONTCLAIR

LOOKING FOR A COOK/BABYSITTER for two young girls, ages 8 & 10 & an elderly mother (80’s). Occasional babysitting required. Must have clean driving record. Email jennifer.goodwin88@gmail.com.

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HELP WANTED: NANNY, MONTCLAIR

Seeking a caring, responsible, fun and creative nanny to watch over my 2 children (ages 3 and 5) at all times. A baby-sitter is needed to pick up the children from school at 3pm and keep them safe and happy until I arrive at 6pm. Must be punctual and have experience with children. Must have their own transportation. Email: lartigue98@gmail.com or call (973) 548-4594.

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Wi-Fi Remains in Standby

In 1962, The Jetsons predicted a future complete with flying cars and robot maids. Now, it is 2016 and Montclair State’s wireless Internet can barely withstand daily student use. Admittedly, we all thought the future would be much more glamorous.

Instead, students and faculty struggle to maintain their sanity each day as their wireless devices fail, yet again, to connect to the university’s Wi-Fi. These problems have plagued the campus community for far too long and adjustments need to be made, as it is absolutely essential for both students and professors to have access to wireless Internet while on campus.

Today’s college students have used technology and the Internet to enhance their education since the start of elementary school. Now, technology and the Internet are not just tools but also enhancement tools, since they serve as a required aspect of the educational system and have ultimately changed the way in which we learn.

In the classroom, professors often choose to show videos during lectures to bring a topic to life, but at Montclair State, students sometimes do not get the opportunity to watch these videos due to the slow Wi-Fi. In many cases, the class ends up losing valuable instructional time as the professor toys with computer equipment. Class interruptions of this manner occur each and every day and entire classes are starting to miss out on invaluable learning opportunities.

Students are also losing opportunities to participate in peer-to-peer learning when there are Wi-Fi issues within the classroom. Professors commonly assign presentations to encourage peer-to-peer learning. This is problematic when students face Wi-Fi complications, as weak Internet connections can prevent them from accessing their work, if it is saved in an online Dropbox. If a student cannot give their presentation to the class, their grade may end up paying the price.

If wireless Internet worked correctly, students would be able to participate in peer-to-peer learning and no one would have to be concerned about their grade.

Montclair State’s Wi-Fi short-cuts are seen around campus, but they have become particularly prominent when students are on Canvas, the university’s learning management system. While all classes usually have some degree of Canvas integration, online and hybrid classes are among those that are most affected by the poor Internet conditions on campus. Online and hybrid classes require a stable Wi-Fi connection in order to submit assignments and complete tests and quizzes. Unstable connections have resulted in students losing all their work as well as becoming incapable of posting to discussion boards or submitting assignments on time. When the wireless Internet on campus fails, students are left feeling helpless.

This problem is even hurting students outside of class. Montclair State’s academic policies state, “All Montclair State University students are provided with, and are expected to utilize, a MSU email account.” It is hard to make use of an email account that many students are unable to access while on campus.

Hearing better Wi-Fi on campus would help students stay in contact with their professors and receive important emails in a prompt manner.

Also, the areas in which students find relaxation before or in between classes are not equipped to provide individuals with constant Internet. Students can normally be found in the Harry A. Sprague Library or in the Student Center Annex using their wireless devices to stream Netflix or listen to music. It is imperative that students have a way to relax and reduce stress during their free time. It easily becomes more stressful for individuals when they are unable to partake in those activities when Wi-Fi difficulties stop them.

While Wi-Fi problems have proven to be major inconveniences time and time again, the student body’s and faculty’s cries were finally addressed when Montclair State announced a multimillion dollar network infrastructure upgrade last fall. However, significant improvements in Wi-Fi connectivity have yet to be seen.

Until these problems are thoroughly addressed by Montclair State, students are going to miss out in the physical and virtual classroom as well as in their daily lives. We are not asking for flying cars or robot maids, we just want Wi-Fi that works.
Sanford Larson Can See Towers From Her House

Larson's endorsement of Trump the latest step in duo's political alliance

S amsam has demanded that Obama be impeached for political policies and decisions that he has made during his presidency. When in- terviewed by Fox News in 2014, Larson stated that she felt she owed America a global apology for failing to help McCain win the 2008 election. She continued by slamming Obama for not taking ISIS seriously enough.

One day prior to the Minnesota keynote, Larson made an inconclusively ridiculous statement in which she pinned the blame for the deaths of American soldiers fighting in the war veteran, Track, on Obama's inability to take care of soldiers returning home from war.

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 pollution of Avery’s innocence, however, is not the only reason his conviction has garnered so much attention. The series is subjective in some parts of the audience. The show is an adaptation of Fernando Pessoa’s original text of the same name, starring the British actor Samuel West as Pessoa’s alter ego, with music direction by Alan Pierson. The Book of Disquiet begins with an instrumental ensemble tuning up on stage while an ac- tor, opposite the musicians, sits at a desk, avidly scribbling on a piece of paper. The orchestra and actor are surrounded by hanging, circular screens. As the show begins, a film is projected onto the screens and the orchestra begins playing a haunting piece. For the next 75 minutes, the audience, the show did not dis- appoint. Van der Aa is known for his ability to create breathtaking multimedia productions, using not only live actors but also mu- sic and film to tell a story. 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The Danish Girl is a fairly anticipated independent film being released just in time for the awards season. Featuring last year’s Best Actor Academy Award winner Eddie Redmayne as the lead, The Danish Girl tells the story of Lili Elbe, who was one of the first people to have gender reassignment surgery in the 1920s. The film is directed by Academy Award winning director Tom Hooper. With 63 total awards nominations, The Danish Girl seemed like it had a lot of attention. Unfortunately, the awareness of the film has not translated with audiences. It has only grossed $9.7 million at the domestic box office so far and is only playing in less than 800 theaters. (Take into consideration that Star Wars is currently playing in just shy of 3,400 theaters.) This under-performance is a serious issue that not many people are aware of. Sony hack. The NFL did not want to look bad for the worst part of this magnitude to the big screen. The worst part is that the NFL tried to shut the movie down, which was released in the documents from the Sony hack. The NFL did not want to look bad for their years in denial of this serious brain disease. They used their power to shut down most of the discussion about this film.

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Will Smith gave his best performance of his career as Omalu and certainly deserved to be nominated for an Academy Award. It is a shame that he is not being honored for bringing a story of this magnitude to the big screen. The worst part is that the NFL tried to shut the movie down, which was released in the documents from the Sony hack. The NFL did not want to look bad for their years in denial of this serious brain disease. They used their power to shut down most of the discussion about this film.

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NFL Films Presents ‘America’s Game’ and the Iran Hostage Crisis

NFL adds another powerful story to its collection of quality specials

Daniel Waffenfeld
Staff Writer

Once tensions in Iran reached their breaking point, Iranians climbed the fence to the embassy and stormed the complex.

On Jan. 25, 1981, 52 Americans were released after 444 days in captivity in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran. Now, 35 years later, NFL Films showcased their latest edition of the series The Timeline with the film American Game and the Iran Hostage Crisis.

While the film — which ran just over an hour — documented the political situation surrounding the Iran Hostage Crisis, it focused on the impact of the NFL on the hostages and their families.

From journalist Alex Pacer describing the tapes of the Super Bowl for the hostages to listen to, to the family of one hostage top ping every game for their father for when he was released, there were a lot of sentimental stories in the film.

One can only speculate about what the former hostages actually felt when they saw that bow and watched America’s Game again for the first time after they were released, but one can imagine it was very simi lar to what they felt when they heard on the hand-delivered tapes that the Super Bowl prior to the one in Louisiana was being recorded for them to hear.

Despite a horrific situation that lasted over 400 days, football always remained a crucial part of the lives of the people involved. The NFL had that impact over people back in the 1970s and 1980s and the NFL, and by extension sports in general, built a great impact over people’s lives today. An appreciation for the sport is why fans wear soccer jerseys year-round, cry when their teams lose, go crazy when their team wins or throw a party when the Super Bowl is on.

The Super Bowl has a resounding effect over many people in the country and for the people that are even bigger fans of the sport, it can be the only thing that gets them through rough times in their lives. In this case, it was and would continue to be the only sign of light in a very bleak time for the people that were taken in Iran.

The Broncos and Panthers will meet in Super Bowl 50 on Feb. 7 just before 5:30 p.m.

The Patriots yet again elected to go for it on fourth down and didn’t convert. With one last drive attempt, Brady executed two huge passes to Gromowski to save their season. He needed a touchdown with 22 seconds remaining. In order to go into overtime, the Patriots needed a two-point conversion, but Brady’s pass was deflected by former teammate Aqib Talib and the Broncos won 20-18.

As a result, the Broncos are going back to their second Super Bowl in three years. In the NFC championship, there weren’t many highlights, as the Carolina Panthers dominated the Arizona Cardinals. The Panthers’ defense was explosive and seemed to move the ball flawlessly. Quarterback Cam Newton passed efficiently to many receivers, while running back Jonathan Stewart ran the ball with strength and elusiveness.

The Cardinals’ defense made many mistakes, with poor tackling and awful coverage leaving many receivers wide open. The Panthers’ offense looked the best in this game, but it wasn’t just their offense that made headlines.

Former Cardinal punt returner Ted Ginn Jr. returned the ball with explosive speed and the Arizona special teams couldn’t catch up. Quarterback Carson Palmer had a brutal game getting pressured and rushing his passes time and again. He turned the ball over six times with four interceptions and two fumbles.

The Panthers’ defense looked vulnerable at times, but they still managed to win the game. The Panthers ended up with 49-15 win and are heading back into the Super Bowl to face the Broncos on Feb. 7.
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