Professor Aids in Proving Einstein’s Theory

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Contributing Writer

Dr. Marc Favata, a Montclair State physics professor, aided in confirming Albert Einstein’s 1915 Theory of General Relativity when the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) confirmed the detection of gravitational waves on Sept. 14, 2015.

Although the collapsing of two black holes resulting in gravitational waves had been predicted by Einstein’s theory, it had never been observed. This theory has taken decades to prove, with the collaboration of over thousands of people around the world.

Favata is part of the Montclair State LIGO group, which is “focused on improving mathematical models of the gravitational wave signal,” according to a press release from the university. Favata compared the first direct detection of gravitational waves over the Earth to a deaf person hearing for the first time. “It’s opening up a new way to listen to the universe. This is a new way of perception—like listening. It’s the first actual way to listen.”

Favata continued the comparison with an analogy explaining the similarities between gravity waves and sound waves. “They’re not the same as sound waves, but similar. Because their properties are similar, one of the ways we understand gravitational waves and the signal is converting it to sound.”

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The Pelican, was published on Nov. 28, 1928.

The third phishing scam since September bugged Montclair State email accounts last week, now hiding behind the facade of Verizon Wireless. The email prompted students to enter their personal Verizon Wireless account information into a forged website via an embedded link. This personal information was then allegedly used to log into a user’s actual Verizon account.

According to Jeff Giacobbe, Associate Vice President of Technology Services (IT), the site was “quite realistic.” The best method victims of malicious emails can use to detect if a link or website is fraudulent is hovering over the link in the email. By doing so, the URL is shown beside the cursor, and one can tell if it’s fraudulent by examining it closely. “When the pointer is over the link, the email client or web browser should show the actual URL, not the ‘Sign into My Verizon’ text,” warned Giacobbe. “In this case, the actual URL of that link contained the server name ‘servecoe.com’ meaning it was a domain name selected by the scammers. If it were a legitimate URL, the legible ‘URL would have pointed to a verizonwireless.com domain name.”

Following up on how susceptible individuals may be to scams like these is senior public relations major Allison Rotola. “I can see how people fall for scams like this, because they look so real. We receive so many emails from these companies daily that people can get away with stealing it in this way so easily. It’s terrifying.”

Scams like these target .edu email accounts because of the large circulation of emails used by schools throughout the country. Most of the phishing scams that slip through the existing malware filters are distributed to faculty, students and staff alike. “It’s extremely ridiculous that the people behind these scams are specifically targeting college students,” said Jessica Hempl, senior English major, on the most recent scam. “Of all people, Montclair State students have become extremely careless, so we are always a prime target. Advice regarding dishonest websites, ‘Legitimate’ web sites will always use an encrypted ‘https’ address and clicking on the small ‘padlock’ next to an ‘https’ address will show which company or site the page has been registered to.”

Giacobbe alerts the entire campus every time a scam is brought to the attention of the service desk. “I try not to send out an alert for each and every instance of a scam because I know too many messages like that can be as much of a nuisance as the scams themselves,” he said. Anyone who suspects a scam should contact IT. This department is several steps ahead of the scammers they track down.

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Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at 744-5 (4457), all calls are strictly confidential.
Post, public speaking trumps even heights, insects and drowning, as one of the biggest fears for Americans. Community members might be able to attest to this. M. H. McAdie, a sophomore and design major, can attest to the fear. She said of public speaking, “I definitely find that when it comes to actually doing it, I get very nervous, and I get some anxiety, but I don’t let it deter me from doing what I need to do.”

The center offers help for all kinds of public speaking engagements, such as interview and conference presentations and, of course, preparation for speeches to be given in class. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to use this new service and can attend as individuals or as a group. Dr. Marylou Naumoff, Co-ordinator of the Fundamentals of Speech Program, said that Associate Director of the School of Communication and Media Dr. Christine Lemieux had been thinking about developing the center for a while. “I was hired this year as a new faculty [member] and one of my main responsibilities is coordinating the Fundamentals of Speech Program,” she said. Naumoff, “I know coming in that opening the center would be something I would do.” 

“The center is basically to fill in a gap,” Naumoff said, “because students have the writing center to go to if they need help with their written communication, but there is a real lack of aid on campus for students who need help with their verbal communication. That’s what the center is there to help students with.”

Stephanie Ravelo is a freshman paralegal studies major who has yet to take the required Fundamentals of Speech course. “I actually do have a small fear of going up in public and talking,” she said. “I get very nervous. I honestly would definitely use the center for class. It would help me a lot, because I’m terrified of speaking in public.”

Ravelo said she frequently uses the Writing Center to get a “bit more of a leap ahead” on her writing and she thinks people who use the Public Speaking Center will also be able to get ahead by feeling more comfortable with public speaking and overcoming their fear. “There’s a lot going on at once,” Naumoff said. “Not only do you have to be aware of how you’re sounding and your hand gestures and posture, but you also have the information you have to keep track of and get out in the right order. All of these combined create a lot of anxiety for people.” She thinks public speaking, can be a vulnerable position to be in, which is why many people struggle with it. “I really feel like the best and only way to get over speech anxiety is to actually speak publicly and that’s something we hope to help students with when they come into the center,” Naumoff said. “They’ll have that safe space with a consultant where they can practice and work out the kinks in their delivery so they can feel more confident and better when delivering their speeches.”

Edardo Montoya, a sociology major, said he used to fear speaking publicly, but has been able to overcome it and feels more confident. “The center will hopefully teach [other students] how to get over their anxiety,” he said. “Public speaking was one of my biggest fears. If you’re anxious, then you don’t know how to deal with what you’re talking about and how you’re saying it.”

Naumoff encourages the Montclair State community to use the center to become the best public communicators they can be. “We always have tons of areas for improvement in anything we’re doing for life,” she said. “Students should take advantage of all the services on campus to be the best prepared professional human beings they can be upon graduation. Using the services means you’re smart and motivated. You’re doing yourself a disservice by not taking advantage of the available resources.”

The Public Speaking Resource Center is located in the Montclair Hall and appointments with a speech consultant can be made by calling 973-655-7471 or emailing psr@montclair.edu.

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**Einstein: Detecting Gravity Waves**

“We’re able to observe these colliding black holes and neutron stars in a way that we couldn’t previously observe them before.”

- Dr. Marc Favata, physics professor at Montclair State University

Photo courtesy of Dr. Marc Favata
Donations Stock Food Pantry for Students in Need

Montclair State is taking steps to join over 230 campuses across the country in providing food for students in need through a campus food pantry.

Montclair State food pantry will be located in the first floor of the Student Center, and Associate Dean of Students Fatima deCarvalho anticipates that it will be open for students in April, with full functionality expected in September.

“There are more and more students who are struggling,” said deCarvalho when speaking about the decision to open up the food pantry, a project which has long been in the works. “They come to the Dean of Students office and sometimes they’ll share [with us] that they don’t have food. They don’t have any money for food and this is not new to Montclair State.”

In order to meet the need for food, Student Development and Campus Life made plans to open up the pantry, starting March 28 with asking the community for donations, either in non-perishable food items or in gift cards to grocery stores and other fiscal donations, that can help students who find themselves struggling.

A study done by University of Wisconsin-Madison’s June Goldrich-Rab published in December 2015 found that 20 percent of the 4,000 undergraduates she surveyed were considered as having very low food security and 22 percent had reported skipping or cutting down on the size of their meals because there wasn’t enough money to pay for food. Goldrich-Rab’s research points to the need for basic necessities, including food. With the opening of this pantry, it is my hope that we can come together as a community and help one another without stigma or shame.”

Some organizations have already made plans to hold their own food drives to donate to the food pantry. During Greek Week this spring, Greek Life will collect donations to give to the food pantry so that it can build up its resources before opening, according to deCarvalho. She described the project as a “grassroots” effort, so community donations will be the most important contributions as the pantry is established.

Once the food pantry is open, the program will require students to fill out a first-time application so those who run the program can assess the level of need for the student in question, explained deCarvalho. She noted that, since the pantry will open its doors in April, many students may be low on their meal plans and the pantry can provide them with food to get through the rest of the semester.

Additionally, deCarvalho said that the program will be able to check with Dining Services to verify that a student is low on his or her meal plan before approving an application. For commuter students, deCarvalho said that they are building for honesty from them regarding their financial situations.

Regardless of whether a student lives on or off campus, deCarvalho stressed the importance of providing students who may find themselves temporarily food insecure with the opportunity to receive a consistent source of food from the university community.

“Some students are able to pay for tuition and books, but when that is all paid for, they are left with little or nothing for basic necessities, including food.”

- Sonja Tillman, Program Assistant for Student Life Service Centers

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As a victim of this gloating precipitation, Adarkar pointed out that in addition to their day-to-day responsibilities, to develop NEST’s services.

"We had our first conference call before 3 a.m. [on Tuesday] to begin to assess the conditions on campus," Connolly said, explaining that the staff attempts to predict and evaluate the meeting’s conditions before deciding to close.

"The temperatures did not rise fast enough, however, and President Cole made the right choice to delay the opening," said Connolly. "As always, President Cole is extremely sensitive to issues surrounding safety." Due to the dangerous conditions, the university had a delayed opening on Tuesday, Feb. 16. All classes scheduled before 11 a.m. were cancelled, and the campus reopened on Tuesday afternoon to temperatures in the 30s and pouring rain.

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Dr. Laura Nicosia engages her students in her literature class.

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Her husband, Jim, agrees. “Very few people know what goes into running the teacher education program. She’s a perfectionist who doesn’t need to be,” he said.

According to Nicosia, however, all of her hard work is worth the effort because she gets to do what she loves. “I get to touch lives every day,” she said. “I call myself a teacher. I don’t profess in class so much as I teach. I like to stimulate conversations. If students leave my class having found a book or a test that they touch, that changes their lives, that is the most successful thing to me,” she added.

She emphasized the importance of her work with students while downplaying her other accomplishments, including being the past-president of the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English and an active participant in the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents.

“I’m humble,” she offered, her voice cracking and a deep blush spreading over her cheeks. “I’m just grateful. I’m a grateful person, and I’m very blessed to do what I do and that people care about me is something that means more to me than people who lives in Montclair and acts as her mentor in all things young-adult literature.

She’s a very passionate, intelligent teacher and you see that immediately when she steps into the room. You don’t find that with everyone.”

- Kristen Martinelli, Junior

“Something special. ‘That’s the moment when they realize they have created something special. ‘That’s the moment when I publish.’”

- Dr. Laura Nicosia

“I have 25 minutes? Cool, we can teach the world in that time!”

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Montclair State English Professor Makes Lasting Impressions

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The Student Recreation Center is the hot spot for students at Montclair State, which is not surprising because of all the opportunities the Rec Center has to offer its visitors. However, nutrition is extremely important, because it goes hand-in-hand with physical activity. So, in order to make our workouts really worth it, we need to replenish our bodies with the right foods.

Three things that we should be looking at when thinking about our post-workout meals are:

1. Water: Our bodies lose water in many ways and sweat is one of them. Thus, it is important to rehydrate after an intense workout. It will also help if you are trying to lose weight.

2. Protein: After spending an hour at the gym lifting weights or on the elliptical, it is important to “seal in” your muscles. Eating foods high in protein will help you do that as protein helps build strong bones, skin and, one of our favorites, muscle.

3. Carbohydrates: We’ve all heard before that people try to stay away from carbs because they’re afraid they will add on the pounds. Contrary to popular belief, not all carbohydrates are bad. Carbohydrates come in the form of sugars, starches and fibers. We just have to make sure we are eating the right ones because the good ones provide us with energy. Energy is definitely needed after our workouts, because we release so much, and it is important to replace that energy so that we can continue through our daily tasks even after an hour at the gym.

Some foods that target these groups are: fruits, vegetables, whole grains, eggs, lean chicken, fish and beans. Lucky for us at Montclair State, we have access to all of these foods. Hit up Sam’s Place and get a veggie omelet or a tuna fish sandwich on whole wheat bread. Want a sweet treat? Grab some fresh fruit at Freeman Dining Hall or in the Student Center Cafeteria. Want to catch up on your greens? You can choose from one of the many salads offered at 2.Mato, make your own at Sam’s Place or even Freeman Dining Hall. The options are endless at Montclair State. After your next workout, remember to refuel your body.
Montclair State Greek Life is made up of many different faces throughout the community and consists of 38 organizations made up of six colonies and 32 charterd organizations under the Student Government Association (SGA).

The Greek community now stands with over 900 members and has doubled its size since Spring 2012, when they had a total of 420 active members and no new colonies on campus.

With the introduction of these new organizations, Greek Life has opened its doors for individuals who had never seen themselves in a Greek organization. These individuals can finally feel like they have found their home on campus.

Emily Cordero, the Coordinator for Greek Life, said, "From Fall 2015 to Spring 2015 alone, we doubled our Greek community, going from 900 members to 956 members, and it's because we provide a diverse community with so many different options of organizations to join."

The Greek community truly does provide a diverse range of options for students looking to join Greek Life. Made up of six different councils, the Greeks have an organization for everyone, including multicultural, national, local and LGBTQ-inclusive organizations.

The introduction of these new organizations on campus and the adoption of different recruitment practices is really what led the Greek Community toward the rapid growth they have recently seen.

Marissa Gally, the President of Theta Kappa Chi's sorority, is one of the Greek leaders on campus who has seen the community grow rapidly within her years at Montclair State. She joined as a freshman and has seen the many ups and downs the Greek community has been through, making her proud to see how far they have come in just the past few years.

When asked how she felt about the growth of a community she feels so passionate about, she said, "It's incredible to see how much the Greek community has expanded in the past three years. It's great to see so many students joining this diverse and flourishing community and watching it continue to grow is one of the most rewarding experiences as an organization president."

With their desire and success of welcoming more students into Greek Life, members of the Greek community at Montclair State have begun to make a name for themselves, becoming more involved and visible on campus. Wherever you go, it is easy to find a Montclair State Greek walking around representing their community in their respective letters.

When asked what she hopes will come out of the ever-continuing growth of the community, Cordero said, "I want people to want to come to Montclair State because of the Greek community we have built here."

The Greek community is growing each semester, welcoming hundreds of new students who are excited to become involved in organizations that have been on campus for so long or those that have just been chartered.

The Greeks are truly looking to provide a place for any student who wants to become involved in their community, and this is seen through the continuous efforts to welcome new organizations with open arms.
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35589, BARBET, MONTCLAIR

Seeking a part-time babysitter on Tuesdays from 2 – 5:30 pm and Wednesdays from 3 – 5:30 pm to watch our 4 year-old daughter. Safe driver, light homework help, picking up at school, and transport to gymnastics for our 12 year-old daughter. Until end of February, position would entail being available Monday – Friday from 5 – 9:30 pm. Must have your own car to do afterschool driving and go to gymnastics. Email: barrette3966@gmail.com or call (973) 613-1140.

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Seeking an energetic, caring, reliable babysitter for my 4 year-old son and 2 year-old daughter. Must be available Monday – Friday from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm. Must have reliable transportation and be available to travel twice a week. Schedule: Monday/Friday is open. Please call (973) 756-0712 or Email: jamie@truefamily1.com.

NANNY, POMPTON PLAINS

Wanted: Part-time Nanny for my 3 year-old son for about 10 hours/week. Includes picking up from school, playdates, preparing dinner, helping with homework. Must have experience. Available Monday through Friday. Email:123babygrid@gmail.com or call 973-920-3126.

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Seeking a part-time babysitter on Wednesdays from 6 – 9 pm and Thursdays from 4 – 7 pm to watch our 4 year-old daughter. Must have reliable transportation. Must be available Monday – Wednesday. Email: jessie@truefamily1.com or call (973) 756-0712.

BABYSITTER, MONTCLAIR

Seeking a babysitter for two fun boys, ages 2 & 5 (both very active). Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 12 – 6 pm. Must be able to drive. Email: timothy@truefamily1.com or call (973) 756-0712.

BABYSITTER, BLOOMFIELD

Seeking a reliable, patient, & engaging babysitter to stay at our house for our 4 & 5 year-old boys weekdays from 6 – 10 pm. Must be able to drive (we are only minutes from campus!). Will need someone to care for kids during school hours. Must be responsible & have desired personality traits. Starting at $30-$40.00/hr. Email: cseesanchez303@yahoo.com or call / text: (201) 988-3765.

CHILD, BLOOMFIELD

Recently moved to Montclair family seeking responsible & kind babysitter for 3 year-old son and 1 year-old daughter. Must be available Monday – Friday from 7 am – 6 pm. Email: tpugnose@gmail.com or call/text: 973-904-3691.

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Goodbye WESS, Hello NEST

Finally, Montclair State is saying goodbye to WESS, the current data management system. This change comes not a day too soon, as students have grown increasingly fed up with the outdated service. Years ago, Montclair State introduced WESS as an online system that would give “students a convenient method of registering, accessing their schedules, grades and financial accounts,” according to the Montclair State website. However, WESS has been less than convenient for its everyday users.

Currently, according to the university, “WESS is generally available Monday [through] Friday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday [and] Sunday noon to 6 p.m.,” but these times are very limiting to students who have classes or jobs at all hours of the day. Even during many of these hours, students can try to log in with little success due to maintenance. While some of this is regularly scheduled, much of the maintenance is done without students being notified.

These problems are not the only ones as, once students are logged in, their session often quickly times out, which requires them to sign in yet again. Going from tab to tab on the browser could cause WESS to time out and any information not submitted to have to be input again. This is clearly irritating students, especially when paying bills, which leaves many students wondering what their tuition is really going towards in the first place.

Unfortunately, situations like this would always be more present during registration week. The server would constantly fail to withstand the use of thousands of students, even though registration is a planned event that happens every single semester.

The platform of WESS is also not very user-friendly. Many students have trouble navigating through extraneous tabs to get one small piece of information. Luckily, students are finally kicking WESS to the corner as NEST makes its way into our lives. NEST will take the place of WESS, but do so much more. Montclair State’s new program will be “where Montclair State University students, faculty and staff will access self-service tools and software, such as course registration, making tuition and fee payments, checking financial aid information, filling out timecards and so much more,” according to Montclair State’s informational page about NEST for students.

NEST is said to be the end-all-be-all for the Montclair State community. It will house Montclair State email, Canvas, HawkSync and various other resources that students frequent, which will all be accessible with one login. This is a remarkable difference considering students had troubles just trying to log in to WESS. NEST will roll out in small chunks, which will be helpful to students and faculty who, in the past, had a hard time using WESS. However, NEST will supposedly be more user-friendly.

These changes come as a big surprise to many students who were completely unaware of NEST’s existence. We are hopeful that NEST will be all that WESS was not.

Melina Vallarese | The Montclarion

Thumbs Up

Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio Spanish-off

New York Fashion Week

Kendrick Lamar’s Grammy performance

Thumbs Down

Political parties disagreements over judicial nominations

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**Do You Want Some Fries with That Gator?**

Arrest for alligator incident leads to mother picking up the pieces

When interviewed by WPTV, Linda James told the news station that her son was angry and confused as to how he found out what the consequences were. When Joshua James has admitted his mistake and is now trying to let him off the hook.

The situation that Joshua James faces could possibly be facing his mother was aware of his antics, thinking she was being hospitalized for his actions in an incident with an alligator. When trying to blow a clown, when trying to blow a clown, and the alligator was returned to do so. With the slightest and does not warrant a level of safety to preserve that it was just a stupid prank, Linda James should have considered all the possible consequences before committing such actions.

The Libertarian is an interesting example of how one might be able to exist on both sides of the political spectrum. They advocate for personal freedom, equality, free market and laissez-faire economics. However, this can be misinterpreted by some in a sense that, while you care about the broader social problems affecting Americans, you do not want to support or fund them.

Those in the middle of polarized politics may find a solution outside of the norm.
THE WORLD WITHOUT NEWS WOULD BE...

Photo courtesy of wikipedia.org.
The Grammy Awards is the largest ceremony of the year for music fans across the world. The event aired live and CBS kept viewers up to speed from the red carpet to the inside of the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California. The show presented us with not only today’s fashion trends, but most importantly, it presented the awards to the best recordings and art- ists of this year.

With nominees such as Taylor Swift, The Weeknd, Bruno Mars and many more, the show kept viewers up to speed from opening performance by Swift, to the best recordings and artists, to the opening presentation of the night. Collaborating on both of their hit songs and performing marvel- ously really made a huge im- pact as newcomers.

Golden Globe Award winner Lizzo, was named Song of the Year for "Truth Hurts," which is from her album "Cuz I Love You." She thanked everyone that made his win a dream come true.

The highlight of the night was Take That's "What About Us?" performed by none other than Stevie Wonder. He opened the enve- lope, rubbed his fingers against the brail and announced the man he told his kids would win: Ed Sheeran.

Shortly after, the internationally acclaimed cast of Broadway smash "Hamilton" performed in a televised performance for the very first time. Following the routine, they took the Gram- my home for Best Theatrical Performance. Actor Lin-Manuel Miranda stayed in character as he rapped his speech and thanked everyone that made his dream come true.

One of the most highly anticipated performances of the night, Adele, performed her song "All I Ask" and persevered through audio difficulties. After the performance, the audience broadly spread through social media, with users criticizing the mis- take the technical directors had made.

Trainer later won the award for Best New Artist. Although nominee Bay's "Adele's" in my opinion, I still believe Bay and Kelly were among the best performances of the night. Coll- aborating on both of their hit songs and performing marvel- ously really made a huge im- pact as newcomers.

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Taylor Swift's album "1989" was named Album of the Year.

Neil Diamond was led by Julie Fleming, the Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement (CSI). CSI is responsible for provid- ing students with these theatri- cal experiences by scheduling a tour of the trips every se- mester.

"The Color Purple" is a pow- erful based on the novel of the same name by Alice Walker. The story takes place in Georgia between 1909 and 1949 and centers around a poor, uned- ucated African-American girl. At age 14, she marries a man who abuses, rape and sexism while...
“Deadpool,” one of the most anticipated movies of the year, finally hit theaters last weekend. The first of many comic book movies of 2016 to be released, the film really set the bar high. "Deadpool" follows the story of Wade Wilson, an average man who is diagnosed with cancer in his liver, lungs, brain and prostate. When Wilson is recruited by people who promise not only to cure his cancer, but to give him superhero abilities, he reluctantly agrees. However, after quickly being betrayed and seeing all of his plans turn out wrong, Wilson seeks revenge as the titular anti-hero, Deadpool.

Despite petitions from parents to change the film’s R rating, Twentieth Century Fox decided to keep the rating—which really benefited the movie in the best way.

As someone who was incredibly excited for "Deadpool," words cannot describe how overjoyed I was when I left the theater. The film was phenomenal and it exceeded every expectation that I had set. Though I still cannot decide if it is the best movie about a Marvel character to date, it is absolutely up there. Just from the opening credits, I knew that I was in for a non-stop, entertaining ride.

To begin with, the performances from the entire cast were fantastic. Ryan Reynolds was born to play Deadpool—he honestly owns the role. Deadpool is a very sarcastic, hilarious and loud-mouthed anti-hero who is actually very likeable, and Reynolds plays the character to perfection. In fact, he gave the best performance in the movie by far. Deadpool’s best friend Weasel, who is played by T.J Miller, also provided a huge amount of laughs throughout the movie. In each scene they were in together, Deadpool and Weasel exchange very clever dialogue, and, overall, everyone from the cast did a terrific job.

At the same time, the humor in this movie genuinely works, despite the fact that most of it happens to be crude and twisted. Deadpool constantly breaks the fourth wall and tells the audience what he’s thinking and also makes references to other movies. Because the humor works, “Deadpool” is honestly one of the funniest movies I’ve seen in years. None of the jokes ever felt forced—it was all natural and the audience in my theater was laughing throughout the whole movie.

Apart from the humor, another element that was outstanding in the movie was the action, which was shot really well—no shaky cam or constant edits were present. “Deadpool” also has excellent pacing and can say without hesitation that it is one of the most entertaining movies I have ever seen.

It is advised that younger children should not see the movie, because it is extremely violent and has some graphic scenes. In fact, “Deadpool” is a movie that is made for adults and the movie itself is very self-aware of how crude it is. Though the crude humor and violent content may turn some people off, if you are someone who is not affected by this at all, then I would highly recommend seeing it.

“Deadpool” is one of the best movies of the year so far, and, even if you are not a fan of the comic book character, you should still head to theaters to see it because it honestly is a terrific movie.

Diego Coya
Contributing Writer

“In America, the President reigns for four years, but Journalism governs forever.” – Oscar Wilde

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It has been 15 years since the original “Zoolander” was released and, while there has been a long-awaited sequel in the works for years, it was definitely not worth the wait. Both the original and “Zoolander 2” are full of stupid, idiotic humor. However, the first was much funnier and had a better story. As someone who enjoyed the first film and is a fan of Ben Stiller as well as Owen Wilson, seeing “Zoolander 2” was a total disappointment.

Following the first five minutes, the entire film was a train wreck. The opening scene was, by far, the funniest part of the film, as it featured a certain pop singer (Justin Bieber) being murdered in the streets of Rome, which is also teased in the trailer. However, after the opening credits were rolled, the film took a total nose-dive as the writing, acting and story itself were all terrible.

First of all, the story does not really have much of a plot nor does it follow one path. In the film, Derek Zoolander (Stiller) and Hansel (Wilson) get back into modeling to help Zoolander reconnect with his estranged son. Soon after, an opposing company tries to take them out of the modeling business for good. Throughout the movie, the story falls flat, with a lot of distractions in the form of celebrity cameos and random breaks in the “action.” Granted, some of the cameos gave a small laugh, but it was not enough to sustain the film as a whole.

At the same time, it appeared as though the script was only partially written until the producers could lock down celebrity cameos and then write the rest around them. In fact, the film was so haphazard that it is hard to imagine that it was written in any other way. By writing for cameos, the story loses focus quickly.

In following, one of the worst parts of the film is Penelope Cruz’s character being over-sexualized. Cruz plays an Interpol officer in the fashion division of the agency, which only leads to many eye rolls, as during every scene that Cruz was in, her costumes were low-cut and tight to add sex appeal. This is standard in films, but it was taken too far, as all her dialogue made her seem both idiotic and sexual. However, it was absolutely ridiculous to perceive Cruz in this film because it had zero relevance to the rest of the film. Every female character in the film was treated in the same terrible way, which did not sit well with me.

To be honest, there were too many sexual innuendos throughout the space of the film as well. Most of the script had weird double meanings that should not have been written, as there was simply no point to make creepy, sexual comments in a PG-13 film. The overall problem with “Zoolander 2” is that it was released 15 years too late. This film may have worked if it was released within five years of the original, but the jokes are too old now and the stupid, pointless humor does not work well in many films anymore.

Simply put, the comedy is no longer relevant, making “Zoolander 2” a total miss. It was a waste to make such a ridiculous film that could not possibly be worth the return on investment. It was a mistake to think that celebrity cameos would draw laughs and a crowd, but even the cameos could not save this film. In short, do not bother wasting your money to see this in theaters. Do not even waste time with the film on Netflix. It’s only worth watching out of boredom when it goes on cable.
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Women’s Basketball
Top Six Qualify for NJAC Tournament — Top Two Receive First-Round Bye

1. Rowan - 14-3 (20-4)
2. Stockton - 14-3 (20-4)
3. Montclair State - 14-3 (18-6)
4. Kean - 10-7 (15-9)
5. William Paterson - 10-7 (14-9)
6. Rutgers-Newark - 8-9 (12-12)
7. Rutgers-Camden - 3-14 (12-17)
8. Ramapo - 3-14 (5-19)
9. New Jersey City - 0-17 (1-22)

Next game:
NJAC Semifinals
Feb. 23

Men’s Basketball
Top Six Qualify for NJAC Tournament — Top Two Receive First-Round Bye

1. New Jersey City - 14-3 (17-7)
2. Rutgers-Newark - 13-4 (18-6)
3. Stockton - 13-4 (18-6)
4. Ramapo - 12-5 (16-8)
5. The College of New Jersey - 8-9 (13-11)
6. William Paterson - 8-10 (13-12)
7. Montclair State - 7-10 (11-13)
8. Rowan - 6-11 (9-15)
9. Kean - 4-13 (4-19)
10. Rutgers-Camden - 1-16 (3-21)

Season Record:
7-11 (11-14)

Men’s Swimming and Diving — 1st Place Finisher Wins NJAC Title

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Baseball NJAC Preseason Poll

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2. Rutgers-Camden
3. Rowan
4. Ramapo
5. Montclair State
6. The College of New Jersey
7. William Paterson
8. Stockton
9. New Jersey City
10. Rutgers-Newark

Next game:
Season opener: Russian Invitational
Winter Haven, Fla.
March 6 at 9 a.m.
Montclair State vs. Marymount

Women’s Lacrosse

1. Kean - 0-0 (0-0)
2. Montclair State - 0-0 (0-0)
3. Stockton - 0-0 (0-0)
4. Rutgers-Camden - 0-0 (0-0)
5. Mount Saint Mary - 0-0 (0-0)

Next game:
Season opener: Madison, N.J.
Feb. 23 at 4:30 p.m.
Montclair State vs. Drew

Men’s Lacrosse

1. Stockton - 0-0 (0-0)
2. Montclair State - 0-0 (0-0)
3. Mount Saint Mary - 0-0 (0-0)
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Next game:
Season opener: Salisbury, Md.
Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.
Montclair State vs. Salisbury

Current Standings

Men’s and Women’s Indoor Track and Field

Monmouth Winter Open results

Ceelea Graham - 10th in 800m
Robert Kosner - 12th in weight throw
Tracy Jones - 2nd in 400m
Naresh Amkadur - 4th in 400m
12th in 60m
Mohammed Abduljabali - 7th in 100m
Matthew Santangelo - 10th in shot put
Gabrielle Francois
Ceelea Graham
Kaury Bono
Hannah DeMatteo
Hannah DeMatteo - 8th in 400m
Ivani Gourine - 14th in 100m
Katie Knecht - 17th in 1000m

Next event:
NJAC Indoor Championships
Feb. 22
Staten Island, N.Y.

Softball NJAC Preseason Poll

1. Rowan
2. Ramapo
3. The College of New Jersey
4. William Paterson
5. Kean
6. Montclair State
7. Rutgers-Camden
8. Stockton
9. Rutgers-Newark
10. New Jersey City

Next game:
Season opener: Rebel Spring Games
Orlando, Fla.
March 5 at 1:30 p.m.
Montclair State vs. Marietta

Baseball NJAC Preseason Poll

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5. Farmingdale State - 0-0 (0-0)
6. Maritime - 0-0 (0-0)
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Thankful for the Experience

Jacob Reeder has adjusted to life as a student-athlete at Montclair State

Amber Lowry, Contributing Writer
Alex Hand, Staff Writer

The interview with Montclair State baseball player Jacob Reeder is a part of Montclair State You, a student project produced in Professor Thomas Franklin’s TVDM 441 class. Montclair State You presents an inside look into the diverse faces of student life at the university.

“I’m a senior at Montclair State University. I play first base. My love began when I was a little kid. And, with my dad, we got into baseball and it became an everyday thing for us. Every day we would hit balls, take ground balls, get hit in the face, get hit in the arm. You know, just lumps and bruises and everything.

“I always wanted to play college ball. Coach recruited me to come here, that’s why I ended up coming here. He said, ‘You’d be a good fit here and we would like you to come here.’ No other schools were looking at me, so I figured why not take it.

[The most difficult aspect of being a student-athlete] is definitely getting things done on time and being organized and planned-out throughout the week because you can get lost in the game. [You can] get wrapped up in all the practices, all the games, all the meetings, and all the lifts. It’s hard to juggle everything at one time, but staying on time, being organized is definitely one of the hardest parts about it.

“Education here is very good. I’m very thankful to have great teachers that got me this far and taught me all that I know right now.

“And, definitely the stadium for sure, because this is one best stadiums in the NJAC, and I’m happy to be able to play on this field every day.”

For the full Montclair State You project, please visit montclairstat eyou.com.

Montclair State
Quotes of the Week

“The idea for the exhibit [‘Now Doing the Talking’] was from watching sports today. It seems every game and every studio show features former athletes, and they are now broadcasting fixtures — Phil Simms, Walt Frazier, Michael Strahan, to name only a few. But it wasn’t always that way. It was the trailblazing work of ex-players — including Phil Rizzuto and Ralph Kiner — who transitioned to the booth, especially in baseball, that paved the way for today’s sports broadcasting world. So the exhibit helps tell their stories and why they became so influential.”

- David Kaplan, Director of Programs at Yogi Berra Museum

When asked if team is tournament-ready, “Yeah! Now we are.”

- Karin Harvey, Montclair State Women’s Basketball Head Coach

“Our press did a great job. We were sharp today and we had our rotations down. We communicated and I thought it did a really good job for us.”

- Courtney Cunningham, Montclair State Women’s Basketball Associate Head Coach following a 59-53 win over Stockton University

The baseball team will begin their season in the beginning of March.
The Red Hawks will receive a first-round bye in the NJAC Tournament.

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The Red Hawks earned a first-round bye in the NJAC Tournament with their 39-35 victory over Stockton University on Feb. 17. Montclair State closed out the regular season on an eight-game winning streak — their longest of the season. The beginning of the season was marked by a dominant four-game winning streak, then the Red Hawks suffered a disappointing loss to Montclair. Montclair State rebounded from their loss with another four consecutive victories and were set to face their first true test of the season in the San Juan Shootout. However, Kayla Ceballos suffered a season-ending ACL injury and the Red Hawks’ season was in jeopardy. After alternating wins and losses over the course of seven games, the Red Hawks put together back-to-back wins against Rutgers-Newark and Ramapo College. Montclair State hasn’t lost a single game since that point and are running their most impressive stretch of the season heading into the NJAC Tournament.

The women’s basketball team entered their game against Stockton University in a three-way tie for first place in the NJAC. Both teams had a first-round bye to play for, but Montclair State came out to play like their season was on the line. The Red Hawks set the court ablaze and outscored the Ospreys 20-4 in the opening quarter. Montclair State utilized their press — which was one of their most effective tools in the beginning of the season — and forced Stockton University into a multitude of mistakes. Stockton University turned the ball over six times and couldn’t get anything going in that face of the Red Hawks’ dominant defense.

“Our press did a great job,” said Associate Head Coach Courtney Cunningham. “We were sharp today and we had our rotations down. We communicated and I thought it did a really good job for us.”

On the other end, it seemed like Montclair State could do no wrong. The Red Hawks nailed four 3-pointers and the ball moved seamlessly around the perimeter. When they couldn’t play their dominant first quarter into a game-breaking second quarter, their offense came to a screeching halt as they only shot 11.8 percent from the field. Montclair State’s defense let up as well, but they still were able to take a 26-15 heading into halftime.

The second half was a back-and-forth contest, but Stockton University could never take the lead. Despite only shooting 33 percent from the field in the third quarter, the Red Hawks prevailed and secured the victory. Montclair State ultimately prevailed and scored the victory.

“We stuck to the game plan, our post players did a tremendous job, our guards helped, and we kept pushing the ball. It’s the best team win we could have possibly had.”

- Head Coach Karin Harvey

Sire has lead the team with 16.5 points per game and 9.6 rebounds per game over the last nine games.