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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Photo courtesy of Hannah Lindeblad

University Facilities Team Combats Effects of Winter Weather

Deanna Rosa
News Editor

The onslaught of harsh weather conditions—below-zero temperatures, snow, sleet and rain—had University Facilities working to combat some of the negative effects on campus over the past few weeks, including frozen pipes and icy roads.

Professor Aditya Adarkar, who had some flooding in his Dickson Hall office Sunday afternoon, said that he didn’t know how much water had accumulated, because, by the time he arrived there that night, it had already been cleaned up.

“The response was an admirable example of the great work of the maintenance crew and the community coming together,” said Shawn Connolly, Vice President of University Facilities. “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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Third Fraudulent Email
This Year Hits Inboxes

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Montclair State is attempting to combat one of the most common fears in America: public speaking.

On Feb. 1, the Public Speaking Resource Center at Montclair State became a reality, giving Resource Center at Montclair State a Public Speaking Center that Associate Director of the School of Communication and Media Dr. Christine Lemmon had been working 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,” 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 Ravello is a communications major who has yet to take the required Fundamentals of Speech course.

“I actually do have a small fear of going up in public,” she said. “I get very nervous. I honestly would definitely use the center for class. It would help me a lot, because I’m terrible of speaking in public.”

Ravello 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.”

- Dr. Marylou Naumoff, Coordinator of the Fundamentals of Speech Program

Post, public speaking trumps even heights, insects and disease, as one of the biggest fears for Americans. Countertop McArdle, a sophomore health and design major, can attest to the Post’s findings. She said of public speaking, “I definitely find it when that occurs to actually do 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 interviewing 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.

“We’re able to observe those 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

The members had unexpected revisions of the proposed revision of Student Rights within the Instructional Context is still under discussion. The list of rights will go back to the Academic Affairs Council and will be submitted as a clean bill at the next University Senate meeting.

Capt. Kieran Barrett of the University Police Department (UPD), attended the meeting, where he discussed several emergency protocols and steps UPD is taking to make the campus safer environment. Barrett also discussed that several officers will be engaging in bicycle training over the summer. The focus was on all effort to further engage the campus community and expand community policing efforts.

All students are encouraged to attend these meetings and discuss the proposed changes of student rights. Email studentrights@montclair.edu with any suggestions or concerns about the proposed changes.
Donations Stock Food Pantry for Students in Need

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Editor-in-Chief

Montclair State is taking steps to join over 280 campuses across the country in providing food for students in need through a campus food pantry. The 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 work. ‘They come to the pantry will be located just 12.3 miles away from Montclair State in Norwalk.”

Sonja Tillman, the program assistant for Student Life Service Centers who is on the team to make the food pantry a reality, spoke about some of the financial obstacles which can lead students to food insecurity: “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.”

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 at Montclair State 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 it 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 hoping 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.

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“We don’t want to deprive people who are struggling today. You know, they didn’t get a check or their situation is temporary.”

Eventually, the food pantry hopes to expand to provide food for staff and faculty in need, although at the beginning, it will only be available for student use, according to deCarvalho. They also hope to enter fiscal sponsorships to help provide resources to students. For now, organizations are looking to the university community to give back so that they can offer food options to students in need.

“As Red Hawks, we need to be there to support and help one another,” said deCarvalho. “Whatever [students] donate is to help one of their fellow classmates—someone they live with. We have a responsibility to help one another. Why not start here at home?”

Montclair State’s food pantry will open in April.
and in with the New

NEST: Out with the Old

Dr. Karen Pennington, Vice President of Student Life and Campus Development, said the One Montclair project, “NEST: Out with the Old,” that is being developed through proved administrative services webpage. Adarkar said, explaining that the staff attempts to predict and evaluate the meeting's conditions before deciding to close.

"The goal of this project is to help us work better and smarter as we provide more efficient and practical services to our services."

- Dr. Karen Pennington, Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life

Weather: Rain, Snow and Ice

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

"I’m humble. 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 being able to count the things that I publish."  
- Dr. Laura Nicosia

"She’s never said, ‘I’ve published 15 books’ or anything like that, but she talks about being a mom. 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

"That was amazingly fun," she exclaimed, leaning back in her chair and throwing her hands into the air. "We had lightsaber battles going on on stage and it was good."  
It is this enthusiasm for her content area as well as her bright, open personality that make her a standout among students and colleagues alike.

Claire Davanzo, Nicosia’s graduate assistant, said, “She is very well-liked, which makes her a special person as well as a special educator. She loves her students just as much as she loves the field she is in.”

When asked what her biggest professional accomplishment is, she looked off into the distance with a contented smile on her face and explained that there is a moment that happens in classes when students realize they have created something special. “That’s the mo..."
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 facets throughout the community and consists of 38 organizations made up of six colonies and 32 charted 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 1906 members, and it’s because we provide a diverse community with so many different options of organizations to join.”

The Greek community truly provides 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.

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.
AFTER SCHOOL HELP, LINCOLN PARK

Heavier cleaning may be occasionally required as well as helping our 2 boys (ages 9 and 7) with homework. Duties include preparing & doing dinner, helping with light housework, packing lunches for school & homework assistance. $15.00/hr. Please contact Laura@Caucusnj.org.

TYPON ART MONTCLAIR  (Email: typonart.org)

The mission of TYPON ART MONTCLAIR is to create an inclusive environment for artists to provide opportunities to share their unique visions with a broad audience. Over the past 4 years, the TYPON staff has created a program that includes weekly classes to introduce students to the elements of art and provides them the opportunity to walk away with something they can be proud of. If you are interested in being a part of this unique program, please contact Kelly at kelly@typonart.org. 

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AQUARIST / AQUACULTURIST, CLIFTON

Seeking an aquarist for our marine and saltwater tanks. Responsibilities include feeding, cleaning, monitoring, and maintaining water quality in our tanks. This position requires strong computer skills, experience with various invertebrates, and a passion for marine life. A Bachelor's degree in marine biology or a related field is preferred but not required. Must be available at least 20 hours per week. Experience in the aquarium industry is a plus. Previous experience in the field is ideal.

Babysitter, Bloomfield

Seeking a babysitter for two fun boys, ages 2 & 5. Please contact me by email or phone at your earliest convenience. Duties include school pick-up, light snacks, homework assist, drivin

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TUTOR/CAREGIVER, MONTCLAIR

MSU School Counseling Center is looking for a Part-time/Full-time tutor/caregiver who has a strong passion for working with children and helping them reach their academic potential. We are seeking a tutor/caregiver who is able to work after school hours. Dedication, reliability, and ability to work independently are essential requirements. Knowledge of Montclair is a plus.

Help Wanted

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Seeking a part-time babysitter on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3-7pm to keep our son company while we work. Duties include helping him with his homework, preparing a light snack, keeping him entertained, and being there for him. The rate is negotiable but please be serious. Email: taseymom@gmail.com

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inally, 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 those times are very limiting to students who have classes or jobs at all hours of the day. Even during many of those 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.

Goodbye WESS, Hello NEST

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.

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
Kayne West in debt
Paul McCartney not admitted to Tyga’s Grammy party

Campus Voices:
How do you feel about NEST?

“As long as it’s easier than the WESS, then yeah, WESS could use an update.”
- Marcel Arno
Sophomore, Business

“I just hope it’s organized in an easier way, although WESS is self explanatory.”
- Marlene Cerqueira
Sophomore, Psychology

“I have never heard about this, but the idea sounds good. Since there are so many problems with the online stuff already, now if one thing goes wrong, it is going to shut down everything. I like the practicality of having everything in one place, but I don’t think it’s good to have everything in one place.”
- Quinn Croland
Second Year Graduate, Graduate Program MAT

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“I feel like it should stay separate. If I need to get something for my classes from Canvas and 500 other students are registering, that’s going to be the worst thing ever.”
- June Isip
Sophomore, Biology

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“Every student I spoke to yesterday about NEST was completely aware of its existence.”
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A parent hopes to teach their child about the importance of looking beyond what they are taught and learning the lesson the hard way.

On Monday, Feb. 8, Joshua James was arrested and charged with pos-

ing and em-

tually tossing a live alligator at a 7-Eleven gas station. The back-and-for-

th, coordination with the authorities, is a point of contention. While Joshua James has ad-

essed to the crime and apologized, his mother is not happy with the outcome. Linda James, the mother of 23-year-old Joshua James, responded by saying, "I am very sorry for what I did," he said. "Being stu-

id is not what I intended to do.

"I am going to take responsibility for the mistakes I have made, and I am going to learn from them."

Those in the middle of polarized politics may find a solution outside of the norm. When caught, Joshua James, who was a prankster, will have to learn this lesson the hard way.

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Is Fiscally Conservative, Yet Socially Liberal Even Possible?

To self-identify as one, how-

ever, it is utterly impossible un-

less you are to consider its real

implications. First of all, the basic differen-

ces between liberalism and conser-

vatism must be established. The liberal government, particularly the presiden-

tial, as well as the majority of liberal
governments, have been known to have firm control and firm policies in order to control the behavior of the people. The conservative government, however, has been known to have more lenient policies and to let the people be as they want to be, as long as they stay in the bounds of the law. Overall, both the liberal and the conservative government have their pros and cons, and it is up to the individual to decide which one they believe in the most.

Conservatism, on the other hand, believes that the control of the larger, federal government should be constrained, and the decision-making power should be left to the people and state governments. They em-

phasize personal responsibility, and fear, fiscally conserva-

tive economy with lower taxes and deregulated markets. They believe in a strong government as well as individual freedoms in order to pursue their own needs and desires. The problem with both the liberal and the conservative government is that they are both too extreme and that they are not able to exist on both sides of the political spectrum. While the liberal government believes in the greater role of the federal government in solving social issues, the conservative government believes in the lesser role of the federal government in solving social issues. The liberal government believes in a greater role of the federal government in solving social issues, while the conservative government believes in a lesser role of the federal government in solving social issues. This is because they are often stigma-

ized for their actions in an in-

sane way, and there is a point in which all participants get a fair and just outcome. In this situation, Joshua James would have to deal with the consequences of his actions, and he would have to face the consequences of his actions.

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INTERSEX YOUTH: CHANGE IS NOT ALWAYS A GOOD THING

Parents and doctors have no idea about an intersex child's body

A n intersex child is born with

cross-

sex genitalia that is some-

times classified as male and other times classified as female. According to doctors at John Hopkins Hospital, which is where intersex surgery—primarily developed, ambiguous genitalia themselves do not present any pain or harm to

one's health. However, in our society, many intersex individuals are looked at as a prob-

lem, and this causes many issues with their bodies and their identity. Many doctors feel is that they are not always able to understand or support their needs, as well as their safety. They often are neglected by the medical community and are not always able to receive the care they need. Some parents opt to undergo surgery to correct their child's appearance, but this is not always the best option. If the surgery is not done properly, it can cause severe side effects or even death. Some parents are not aware of this risk, but it is important to understand that this type of surgery can be dangerous and should be avoided if possible.

There is a belief that intersex surgery can be performed during the child's infancy, as this is seen as the most opportune time. However, this is not always the case, as many intersex individuals are not born with obvious genitalia. In some cases, the surgery is performed when the child is older, as this is when they are able to understand the risks and benefits of the procedure.

There are many different types of surgery that can be performed, and each one has its own set of risks and benefits. Some surgeries are performed to change the appearance of the child's genitalia, while others are performed to address medical issues. Some surgeries are performed to remove the child's reproductive organs, while others are performed to preserve them.

There is a need for more research and education on intersex issues, as well as support and understanding for intersex individuals. It is important to remember that each individual's body is unique, and they should be treated as such. They should not be subjected to unnecessary surgery or other medical interventions, as this can cause harm and pain. It is important to respect and support intersex individuals, and to provide them with the care and resources they need to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.
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THE WORLD WITHOUT NEWS WOULD BE...
2016’s Biggest Night in Music Plays Out Perfectly

Brian Infantas
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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 artists of the year.

With nominees such as Taylor Swift, The Weeknd, Bruno Mars and Adele, the show also presented underdog artists such as James Bay and Tori Kelly for Best New Artist. The highly anticipated event was hosted by none other than the legendary LL Cool J himself, who has now hosted the Grammys for five years in a row.

The show began with an opening performance by Swift who sang her new hit “Out of the Woods,” which is from her album “1989.” After her performance, the first award was presented for Best Rap Album for which Ty Dolla $ign’s “ Bundy” took home the gold.

In following, The Weeknd, who was also nominated for a Grammy, performed his hit “Can’t Feel My Face.” To top it all off, he closed the performance with an a cappella version of “The Hills.”

One of the highlights of the show was the tribute to Lionel Richie, the legendary R&B singer. Performing all his greatest hits were John Legend, Demi Lovato, Luke Bryan, Megan Trainor and the homie himself, who concluded his own tribute. This was an outstanding performance, because it demonstrated the respect Richie has earned from the entire music industry. Throughout the show, rap, rap, rap and pop all began singing along to his music in the audience and at home.

Later in the night, Ed Sheeran won Song of the Year for “Thinking Out Loud,” but the man that presented his award was none other than Stevie Wonder. He opened the envelope, rubbed his fingers against the braille and announced the man he told his kids would win—Ed Sheeran.

Shortly after, the critically acclaimed cast of Broadway smash “ Hamilton” performed in a televised performance for the very first time. Following the routine, they took the Grammy 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 performers of the night, Adele, performed her song “All I Ask” and persevered through audio difficulties. After the performance, the audience really spread through social media, with users criticizing the mistake the technical directors had made.

Trainor later won the award for Best New Artist. Although nominee Bay didn’t win, in my opinion, I still believe Bay and Kelly were some of the best performances of the night. Collaborating on both of their hit singles and performing marvelously really made a huge impact as newcomers.

Golden Globe Award winner Lin-Manuel Miranda paid a special tribute to David Bowie as well. In the performance, she wore an outfit similar to what Bowie himself was known to wear, painted her face and sang most of his greatest hits. For a split second, you thought you saw Bowie performing onstage.

Closing the 58th Grammy awards was none other than Pitbull, who ended the show with a bang. Who knows what the Grammys will have in store for us next year, but as always, we will be anticipating another exciting night. Although we have over 80 categories, only about 10 are actually handed out during the ceremony. So, we should all give the other nominees and winners our gratitude for the music they allow us to enjoy everyday.

Broadway’s ‘The Color Purple’ Wows Montclair State

Alexandra Clark
Staff Writer

Montclair State students, parents and faculty were left emotionally drained after going to see “The Color Purple” on Broadway on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The story of the musical was told by Julie Fleming, the Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement (CSI). CSI is responsible for providing cultural experiences by scheduling a trip to New York City for any of the trips every semester.

“The Color Purple” is a musical based on the novel of the same name by Alice Walker. The story takes place in Georgia between 1909 and 1949 and concerns a young, uneducated African-American girl. It tells the story of Celie, who does not submit to any man—not even her husband, Harpo. She is definitely seen as the comic relief in a lot of scenes, but that in no way makes her character a joke. Brooks’ blatant delivery of the song, “I’m Here,” brought to life the heart and voice of the character. She is definitely seen as the comic relief in a lot of scenes, but that in no way makes her character a joke. Brooks’ blatant delivery of the song, “I’m Here,” brought to life the heart and voice of the character.

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Jenifer Lewis made her Broadway debut playing Celie. An African-American blues singer who befriends Celie and helps her to become more assertive and independent. Hudson’s upbeat song, “Push Da But- tons,” was beautifully staged to be in a club-like atmosphere and the result was a standing ovation from the audience.

Danielle Brooks delivered a standout performance as Sophia, who doesn’t submit to any man—not even her husband, Harpo. She is definitely seen as the comic relief in a lot of scenes, but that in no way makes her character a joke. Brooks’ blatant delivery of the song, “I’m Here,” brought to life the heart and voice of the character. She is definitely seen as the comic relief in a lot of scenes, but that in no way makes her character a joke. Brooks’ blatant delivery of the song, “I’m Here,” brought to life the heart and voice of the character.

The New York theater scene was in desperate need of “The Color Purple” to come back to Broadway. The show will move with the beautiful music and lyrics as well as the performances by the actors. Even with the serious topics discussed in the show, the music still allows the audience to enjoy everyday.
“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 I 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.
‘Zoolander 2’ is 15 Years Too Late

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 credit sequence 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.

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 mess. 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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Current Standings

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. Ramapo - 3-14 (5-19)
8. New Jersey City - 0-17 (1-22)

Next game:
NJAC Semifinals
Feb. 23

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

1. The College of New Jersey - 4-0 (7-2)*
2. Rowan - 3-1 (6-3)
3. Ramapo - 2-2 (5-3)
4. Montclair State - 1-3 (7-4)
5. William Paterson - 0-4 (10-6)

* - Clinched Title

Next event:
Metropolitan Championships
Feb. 19 - 21
New Brunswick, N.J.

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 and Women’s Indoor Track and Field
Monmouth Winter Open results

Ceeloa Graham - 10th in 800m
Robert Kessler - 12th in weight throw
Trayvon Jones - 2nd in 400m
Raheed Amilcar - 4th in 400m
12th in 60m
Mohammed Abdulbuda - 7th in 100m
Matthew Santiagelo - 10th in shot put
Gabriella Frances
Ceeloa Graham
Kaury Bono
Hannah DeMatteo
Hannah DeMatteo - 8th in 4x300
Imari Gourdine - 14th in 100m
Katie Kreutz - 17th in 100m

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

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

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Next game:
NJAC Semifinals
Feb. 23
New Brunswick, N.J.

Baseball
NJAC Preseason Poll

1. Kean
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: Kean
Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.

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: Montclair State vs. Marietta

Women’s Lacrosse

1. Kean - 0-0 (0-0)
Montclair State - 0-0 (0-0)
Rutgers-Camden - 0-0 (0-0)
Stockton - 0-0 (0-0)

Next game:
Season opener: Montclair State vs. Drew

Men’s Lacrosse

1. Stockton - 0-0 (0-0)
Montclair State - 0-0 (0-0)
Mount Saint Mary - 0-0 (0-0)
Kean - 0-0 (0-0)
Farmington State - 0-0 (0-0)
Maritime - 0-0 (0-0)
Mount Saint Vincent - 0-0 (0-0)

Next game:
Season opener: Montclair State vs. Salisbury
Thankful for the Experience

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

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Alex Hand, Staff Writer

This 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.”

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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

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

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—the 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 State. 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, Kylia Celineau suffered a season-ending ACL injury. 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 riding 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 on that face of the Red Hawks’ 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 weren’t hitting 3-pointers, the women’s basketball team was penetrating the paint and hitting layups with ease. “We stuck to the game plan, our guards helped, and we kept pushing the ball. It’s the best team win we could have possibly had.” - Head Coach Karin Harvey

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