**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.”

In gravitational waves, the mass distorts both time and space. When the object accelerates, ripples are created in space-time. Those ripples are gravitational waves. Since the waves are extremely weak and difficult to discover, the collapsing of two black holes is an essential way to detect them.

The work that we do here really involves modeling what the signal will look like for different kinds of binary systems and trying to model some new effects that you might be able to measure if you have a good signal,” Favata said.

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**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 days, including frozen pipes and icy roads.

Professor Aditya Adarkar, who had some flooding in his Dickeson 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 Adarkar.

Sharon Connolly, Vice President of University Facilities, said that the flooding was caused by a sprinkler head exploding on the first floor. The sliding doors at the building’s entrance had not closed, and that four-inch gap between doors during the weekend’s negative temperatures was enough to freeze the pipe and break the sprinkler head. “Water poured into the first floor and into the elevator pit,” said Connolly. “Facilities staff, as a precaution, secured the elevators until the water could be removed.”

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**NEST to Replace WESS**

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News Editor

As part of the One Montclair Project to upgrade the functionality and efficiency of campus technology, Montclair State today launched NEST, the new hub for all student services, after nearly two years of research and development.

NEST, which is an acronym for Network Engagement and Student/Staff Transactions, has been called “the new WESS.” However, Cindy Meneghin, Director of Student Communications and Campus Life, said that its functions will far surpass the antiquated portal used mainly for class registration and account balance payment.

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Pelican Police Report

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University Senate Briefing

Wednesday, February 17

Dan Falkenheim

Assistant Sports Editor

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Montclair State is taking steps to join over 200 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 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 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 funky Goldrick-Rab published in December 2015 found that 20 percent of the 6000 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. Goldrick-Rab’s research has long been in the public eye.

“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. 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 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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**Donations Stock Food Pantry for Students in Need**

Kristen Bryfogle
Editor-in-Chief

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can manage their academic and professional life, eventually offering these services through a smartphone app.

Ultimately, students will not only be able to register for classes and pay their account balances, but also access their Montclair Gmail account, Canvas, HawkSync and the

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

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According to Connolly, "We did several other breaks. However, the facilities staff did an amazing job as usual minimizing the effects to the campus." In the wake of the weekend’s issues, Connolly described Monday’s snow storm as a ‘tricky’ one. Although there was minimal accumulation and the flurries gradually dissipated, some students had difficulty walking around campus in the icy conditions Monday night. "I was walking back from class and the sidewalks were slippery," said Jason Graubard, a junior business major. "I spoke to a girl on the shuttle who fell twice and she got a concussion."

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- 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.”

- Kristin Martinelli, Junior

who lives in Montclair and acts as her mentor in all things young adult literature.

“It is because of him that I’ve met numerous authors, and that started me on my relationship to local and national authors and [gave] me the opportunity to introduce these authors to my students,” she explained.

Nicosia travels frequently, corresponding with many authors and speaking at conferences throughout the country. She recently attended an Assembly on Literature for Adolescents conference regarding “Star Wars” literature. Nicosia, “That was amazingly fun,” she exclaimed, leaning back in her chair and throwing her hands into the air. “We had light saber battles going 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 Davaros, Nicosia’s graduate assistant said, “She is very well spoken, 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...” she sighed. “That’s more important to me than getting an article out. It may not get me promoted because the world values the coins of the realm, which is publish or perish, but, for me, it’s that moment. Whether or not it’s an accomplishment that the world acknowledges, I don’t care.”

Perhaps Nicosia’s personality and enthusiasm for her vocation is best captured in the statement which she exclaimed during her Monday class: “We have 25 minutes! Cool, we can teach the world in that time!”

Montclair State English Professor Makes Lasting Impressions

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

Eating foods high in protein will help you do that as protein helps build strong bones, skin and, one of our favorites, muscle. 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 chartered 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 500 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 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 local 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 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 continual efforts to welcome new organizations with open arms.
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Thermoglass, located at 140 Orange Ave., is looking for an active, responsible person for our 2-3 days/week after-school and 1 day/week on Saturdays to help care for my 4 month-old baby girl. Need someone to help me get her ready for bed and to put her to sleep. She is a calm baby, and I feel confident we can work together.

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Ask Marley, 56 Mountain Ave., is looking for a part-time (10-15 hrs/week) companion for female dog with health problems. She needs daily assistance with medication, in and out for exercise, and attention. $20.00/hr. Send resume and 3 references to: Amy C. Marley, 56 Mountain Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042.

9/11 Charity Benefit, 130 Orange Ave., is seeking a part-time volunteer to help with the event on September 11th. Hours are from 9:00am to 9:00pm. For more information, please contact the event organizer at 973-400-7799.

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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.

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

"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
Those in the middle of polarized politics may find a solution outside of the norm where intersex surgeries were once performed. According to doctors at John Hopkins University, typical definition of a male or female is not binary and some people are neither.

Linda James, the mother of 23-year-old Joshua James, has learned this lesson the hard way.

On Monday, Feb. 8, Joshua James was arrested and accused of allegedly tossing a live alligator through a window of a 7-Eleven gas station in West Palm Beach. James was arrested for allegedly committing a crime four months prior in early October and is only one of several incidents of intersex surgeries that makes him, as such a bank card at a 7-Eleven gas station before going to the Wendy’s.

When interviewed by WPTV, Linda James told the news station why it was that he is now in jail. "I’m sorry for doing that. You do not even have to stop and ask why it is that I turned my head direction to an alligator," the clown. When trying to blow a hook.

James was arrested for allegedly tossing an alligator and throw it through a drive-through window. In that situation, not only has the alligator been put in danger, but the people who work at the drive-through window have been put in harm’s way as well.

Imagine if the alligator had longed onto one of the employés and bitten one of them. That person would now have to go to the hospital and be treated for serious injuries because some surgeries can lead to a deadly cause of death. That person would not want to face the consequences when they come to understand that, when a child grows up, that child will have to face the consequences when the time comes to add surgery to the Wendy’s menu.

Yet, as mentioned before, even though Linda James was acknowledging that he made a mistake and now realizes that what he did was wrong, Linda James is probably scared that her son will face jail time, but she, like all parents, must understand that, when a child grows up, that child will have to face the consequences when the time comes to add surgery to the Wendy’s menu.

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The World Without News Would Be...
16th's Biggest Night in Music Plays Out Perfectly

Brian Infantes
Contributing Writer

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With nominees such as Taylor Swift, Bruno Mars and many more, the show was the highlight of the year. The Grammy Awards is the largest ceremony of the year with an audience of music fans across the world. Lovers of music and music industry will give the other nominees and winners our gratitude during the ceremony. So, we should all give the other nominees and winners our gratitude for the music they allow us to enjoy everyday.

The show began with an opening performance by Swift who sang her new hit “Out of the Woods,” which Kendrick Lamar’s “To Pimp a Butterfly” took home the same award. 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 was full of surprises, one of the highlights of the night was when Jennifer Hudson made her Broadway debut playing Shug Avery. Jennifer Hudson made her Broadway debut as Shug Avery, a blues singer who befriends Celie and helps her to become more assertive and independent. Hudson’s upbeat song, “Push Da Button,” was beautifully staged to demonstrate the respect the audience and at home. In that moment, there were outstanding encouragement from fellow audience members and the song was concluded by a burst of encouragement from the audience.

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“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.
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. 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 way 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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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
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8. Rowan - 6-11 (9-15)
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10. Rutgers-Camden - 1-16 (3-21)

Season Record:
- 7-11 (11-14)

### 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 (4-5)
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 and Women's Indoor Track and Field
Monmouth Winter Open results

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- NJAC Indoor Championships
  - Feb. 22
  - Staten Island, N.Y.

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Next game:
- Season opener:
  - Rebel Spring Games
    - Orlando, Fla.
    - March 5 at 1:30 p.m.

### Baseball — NJAC Preseason Poll

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Next game:
- Season opener:
  - Kusmatt Invitational Winter Haven, Fla.
  - March 6 at 9 a.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

1. Kean - 0-0 (0-0)
2. Montclair State - 0-0 (0-0)
3. Ramapo - 0-0 (0-0)
4. Stockton - 0-0 (0-0)
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6. Maritime - 0-0 (0-0)
7. Mount Saint Vincent - 0-0 (0-0)

Next game:
- Season opener:
  - Salisbury, Md.
  - Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.

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3. Montclair State - 2-2 (9-3)
4. Ramapo - 1-3 (5-3)
5. William Paterson - 0-4 (10-6)

* - Clinched Title

Next event:
- Metropolitan Championships
  - Feb. 19 - 21
  - New Brunswick, N.J.
Thankful for the Experience

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

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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.”

For the full Montclair State You project, please visit montclairstatenews.com.
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**Onto the NJAC Tournament**

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The Red Hawks earned a first-round bye in the NJAC Tournament with their 59-53 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 first-round bye in the NJAC Tournament. "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 the Red Hawks couldn’t play their dominant first quarter into a game-breaking second quarter. Their offense came to a screeching halt as only shot 16.8 percent from the field. Montclair State’s defense let up as well, but they were still able to take a 26-15 heading to halftime.

The second half was a back-and-forth contest, but Stockton University could never overtake the lead. "Our offensive boards were huge," Cunningham said after the game. "Sage [Bennett] and Zowy [Curts] had five. We did a phenomenal job. We made it a focus and they really did a good job."

The Red Hawks’ effort on the offensive boards led to 15 second-chance points. The Ospreys cut the lead down to 6 points, 12 rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Junior Zowy Curtis contributed 13 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore Kate Tobie acted as a floor general and defensive stopper by providing 6 points, 8 assists and 4 steals.

“I thought we played amazing.” Head Coach Karin Harvey said after the game. “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.”

The Red Hawks are playing their best basketball heading into the NJAC Tournament. Their offense sometimes slows down and becomes inefficient, like it did in the second quarter against Stockton University, but it’s much more fluid than it was at the beginning of the season. Montclair State’s set plays didn’t create much in their first few games, but now every play is run with a purpose and the ball moves more freely on offense.

The women’s basketball team will need to combine their 3-point shooting with staunch defense if they want to make a serious run in the NJAC Tournament. Every 3-pointer Montclair State makes clearly energizes the team and it’s saved them on multiple occasions when games hung in the balance. The whole, however, Montclair State is in a much better position than they were just a month ago.

The Red Hawks’ next game will be the semifinals of the NJAC Tournament and will be hosted at Ramapo Athletic Center on Feb. 23. Montclair State will play the winner of Stockton University and Kean University.

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