Montclair State University students spent $137 million in New Jersey for the 2015 fiscal year as a result of shopping, eating out and purchasing food, in addition to participating in many other forms of commerce, according to a newly released economic impact report.

Student spending alone contributed an additional $31 million in spending.

“Students who rely on the train for their commute to campus would have had no means of transportation other than carpooling or by bus,” NJ Transit planned to increase bus services to compensate for diminished rail service. Montclair State continued to send out alerts via email over the weekend, urging students to walk, bike, bus and carpool to campus, if possible, “to reduce composition.”

Medical Bills Mount as Hit-and-Run Victim’s Condition Plateaus

Deanna Rosa
News Editor

From March 9 after the hit-and-run accident which left Montclair State University student Anna Semioli in a coma, she remains in critical condition with little brain activity, while her family is burdened with the piling medical costs.

Semioli, who was left on the side of Route 46 after being struck just after midnight on Oct. 9, has undergone several surgeries since the accident and is now in the care of Kessler Institute in West Orange. “The tests that they’ve taken and have shown very little brain activity,” said Richard Orsini, a friend of the family who is organizing a fund-raiser to help cover the mounting medical bills.

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N.J. Transit Strike Resolved Without Affecting Commuters

Dana Jarvis
Assistant News Editor

The strike over contract disagreements between NJ Transit and its rail unions was finally diffused this weekend after much anticipation, making Montclair State’s plans to house commuters temporarily during the first few days of the strike unnecessary. NJ.com estimated that, if the strike had taken place, about 65,000 people would’ve had to carpool or take other modes of transportation for generations.

- Montclair State University President

Susan Cole

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Economy: The University’s Impact on New Jersey

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students spend, Montclair State brought in $1.1 billion, a $74.9 million increase from the total impact of 2012. The report also revealed that 79 percent of students receive at least one form of financial aid during their time at Montclair State, either through federal or state aid or scholarships, resulting in a total going toward student education.

Montclair State also boasts significant contributions to the state economy. The school’s financial impact supported 9,300 jobs in the state, up by 2,286 jobs since the report in 2012. Additionally, Montclair State gave back $106 million into local economies by using New Jersey services, up again by over 34 percent from $78.8 million in 2012.

Of 110 million alumni, 79 percent live in New Jersey and about 45 percent live and work in the state, all of whom contribute to the New Jersey economy through their careers, spending and taxes. Both of these numbers are down from the 2012 report, which published that 92 percent of Montclair State alumni live and work in New Jersey. The report includes a message from Montclair State President Susan Cole about the recent impact. Cole said of the economic significance of the university, “This report illustrates the many benefits accrued to New Jersey as a result of the learning and exploration that occurs here at Montclair State. It is an impact that is felt in every county in New Jersey: an investment in social capital that continues to pay dividends for generations to come.”

For the full report, visit www.montclair.edu/impact.
Montclair State Meets Criteria as Hispanic-Serving Institution

Daniel Falkenheim
Assistant Sports Editor

Montclair State University announced on March 8 that it had met the criteria to be recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), making it eligible to apply for the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) program—which provides grants for expanding educational opportunities and attainment of Hispanic students—although the eligibility does not automatically secure grants for Montclair State.

The U.S. Department of Education requires that Hispanic students must comprise 25 percent of enrolled full-time undergraduates to meet the federal definition of an HSI. The distinction of being an HSI is attempting to apply for and be awarded on an annual basis Title V—grants are estimated to be worth between $500,000 and $650,000, according to the Federal Register. The DHSI Program—all known as Title V—are awarded on an annual basis for five years.

"This is a huge thing that is going to affect a lot of people in ways that we may not even see coming just yet," said Max Vasquez, LASO President.

"It's great that we have so many Hispanic students here, but are we really helping them?" said Elena Medina, a Spanish program minor and we students. "But are we really helping them?"

Montclair State is the seventh university in New Jersey to be eligible and could possibly receive part of the less than 5 percent of colleges that receive funding from Title V. Twenty-five New Jersey colleges are eligible to receive grants through the DHSI program.

Semioli: Friends Raise Funds as Medical Bills Pile

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she's looking right through you."

Currently, Semioli is not on life support. She has a feeding tube, and changing the tube was the focus of her most recent surgery. According to Orsini, she cannot speak or walk, and her condition has "plateaud" in recent months. Konder plans to release her on April 5 due to her unchanged condition.

According to Orsini, her mother has not left her bedside, and she often lets Tom Semioli leave work early to be with his daughter.

Orsini approached Cedar Grove UNICO, an Italian-American service organization, earlier this year with plans for a 50/50 raffle as a fundraiser for the Semioli family. “[UNICO] just couldn’t help me enough,” he said. “They were very open to helping with whatever we wanted to do.”

The raffle’s 300 tickets, priced at $50 apiece, sold out in a week and a half according to Orsini, who credited their success to the reach of shares on social media. He said that he still receives inquiries about tickets from individuals who, after discovering that tickets are no longer available, often email him or call Semioli at Montclair State.

Orsini approached the university’s Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life, and Cava MaryAnn Re, director of the Cowen Institute at Montclair State, met with Orsini this past December to discuss the Semioli’s financial situation in the wake of the accident. After consulting with the buyer’s office, the university agreed to reimburse Anna’s tuition payment for the fall 2015 semester, since she was unable to complete it.

According to Orsini, Pennington and Re discussed holding a fundraiser for Semioli at Montclair State College after the winter break, but he has not followed up with them since the original meeting. They planned to sell buttons or ribbons to students and give all the profits to the Semioli family.

"When I got the phone call [about the accident], I was just heartbroken," said Orsini, who got choked up when talking about Anna’s condition. "A 22-year-old shouldn’t be going through something like this.

Anyone interested in donating to the fundraiser can reach Anna at carlissau.edu.

For more coverage of news on campus, check out our website themontclarion.org

Transit: University Housing Arrangements Not Needed

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Students who needed such accommodations could contact Residences Life via email on a first-come, first-served basis. The on-campus housing would be free of charge for the week until March 20, with any stay extended after that time charged to the student’s account.

Kyle Saud, Housing Arrangements Coordinator, asked students who had vacancies in their dorm rooms or suites to keep the areas clean and ready for new occupants in an email on Thursday. "We are preparing for a potentially high demand for on-campus housing,” Saud wrote. "In anticipation, we ask all students with a vacancy in their room to be prepared to accept a new roommate.”

Had the strike occurred, there would have been the possibility of a change to the flow and environment on campus, which would have impacted the daily way of life for many members of the campus community. John Delate, director of Residential Life, said that the university is grateful that the strike has been averted.

The strike of the 10,000 state employees of NJ Transit asking for higher wages and better rates on health insurance premiums.

Union spokesperson Stephen Barkert said that the settlement on Friday evening, “Thankfully for the commuters of NJ Transit, the crisis is averted.” he said, according to “ABC News”.

Details of the agreements between the two parties will not be released until the union members vote on the proposals. However, Governor Chris Christie commented on the Christie explained the deal in a press conference, describing it as “fair” and “reasonable.”
**Out-of-State Students Explain Why ‘It’s All Here’**

Alexandra Clark | Staff Writer

When Becca Schmitt, a junior business management major from Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, first started applying to colleges, she decided that she wanted to go to a school out of state and somewhere different than where others were attending. Montclair State University seemed to be the perfect distance at only two and a half hours away. Schmitt, like other out-of-state students on campus, has slowly become used to being one of the few scattered out-of-state students among New Jersey natives.

Out-of-state students are virtually nonexistent at Montclair State, but these students use their newfound independence to make the university their new home. They’ve gotten used to staying on campus on the weekends, making friends from the ground up and answering the question, “What are you doing here?”

According to the Office of Institutional Research at Montclair State, 5.8 percent of students enrolled at Montclair State are from out of state, which equals about 1,180 people among the more than 20,000 students currently attending the university.

The out-of-state students lack the comfort and familiarity of New Jersey residents, unknown to the in-state majority that these students had to give up without running around every corner and hailing a shore-bound taxi for gas. Meanwhile, Schmitt grew up surrounded by expensive fields and mushroom farms.

“When I tell people I’m from Pennsylvania, it’s an ordeal,” said Schmitt. “People are just so shocked and confused as to why I came here, and I don’t get it. It’s such an amazing school.”

“I’m such a homebody, so being here made me go out of my comfort zone. It’s made me stronger,” Schmitt said.

Jordanna Maziarz, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, said that over the years, the university has found new ways to improve the recruitment process of sending representatives to high schools in different states. “We’ve added more places this year,” Maziarz said, including visits to Washington D.C. and “expanding and refocusing in bigger territories” like Pennsylvania and New York.

Serenna Anan, a sophomore from Littleton, New Hampshire, recalls an interesting experience in class when the professor went around the room and asked everyone where they were from. “I said, ‘I’m from New Hampshire,’ and my professor started to ask me where in the state I was from, and then he said, ‘Nevermind.’ I don’t know New Hampshire.

Anan is a transfer student originally from Florida, so the six-hour drive from Littleton to Montclair State is a breeze in comparison to the commute to Florida. Her family nearby in Fort Myers made the adjustment easier for her, too.

Out-of-state students develop certain skills like being able to explain accurately where their school is located and their major sites. “I’ll always go off of Boston and say I’m three and a half hours north of that. You gotta pick and choose,” Anan said.

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There are also a lot of perks to being an out-of-state student, including getting sent care packages for holidays, birthdays or just when parents are thinking of you. “I love them,” said Schmitt. “They make your day when I get them. And, it makes it more special, since I don’t go home as often. It’s a little bit of home.”

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The ancient practice of yoga and meditation are powerful transformational tools, and they’re being offered at Montclair State University.

The Mind, Body, Being program that will be on campus delves into a deeper understanding of how yogic techniques can truly help overcome daily body image struggles. It will be a seven-week series that weaves various styles of yoga along with the importance of meditation and community. Members will learn crucial skills for self-relaxation, mind-body connection, strength and optimal well-being.

The goal will be developing a compassionate relationship with food, body and one’s self. The program begins Mar. 17 and will be led by a bright group of expert professionals, who are all avid yoga practitioners.

Lisa Westreich of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) works as a referral coordinator and case manager as well as a social worker. She is in charge of leading the program and many others. Dr. Jude Uy, a clinical psychologist at CAPS, is partnering with Westreich in guiding the group as well.

Yoga is geared toward body awareness, which is created through the focus of breath known as pranayama. Cultivating a strong connection with the breath can result in a clear mind, a better understanding of oneself and optimal strength.

“Yoga is bringing together the mind, the body and the spirit. It’s not just about the asanas, which are the physical postures,” said Uy.

By learning and practicing techniques that are taught in Mind, Body, Being, students will have the proper tools to positively transform themselves from the inside out.

Kristine DeJesus is a psychologist and coordinator of the Alcohol and Drugs program at CAPS. She will be in the program guiding the participants to a better understanding of themselves, thinking positively and the importance of self-love.

“For me, yoga is about just being all of who I am. It’s about being fully in my body,” described DeJesus. “Doing yoga, you learn about the amazing breath and depth of your body. It’s such a powerful and affirming experience.”

Mind, Body, Being
Yoga and Meditation Program at Montclair State
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First Generation College Student a Trail Blazer

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What's Up With Your Breakfast?

Jennifer Okorie Contributing Writer

Breakfast is hands-down the most important meal of the day. Getting your nutrients in at the start of your day is vital if you want it to be a productive one.

As college students, we need to be attentive and alert throughout our day, with classes, work, extracurricular activities and so much more. There are many different types of college students out there: the busy bee that is always on the run, the ones that have all the time in the world and enjoy sitting down for a leisurely breakfast and those that are a little bit of both. Don't fret—if you're reading this article, we've got tips for all of you.

For the busy bees out there:

Some quick and easy breakfast options include going to one of the dining halls and eating a bowl of cereal, because there aren't really ever lines at the cereal bar and you can be out within 10 minutes. If that is still too much time out of your day, grab a piece of whole wheat toast, spread some jam on it, and you are out the door, but don't forget to grab one or two pieces of fruit before you leave.

For the sit-down folks:

Omelets are probably the go-to meal if you're hitting Sam's Place. You have a choice of whole eggs or egg whites, and to make this deal that much better, they have a long list of add-ons, ranging from spinach and onions to ham and bacon. You can get pancakes or French toast at Freeman Dining Hall as well. Students have the option of getting a bowl of fresh cut fruit or grabbing an apple, banana or orange too.

A West Coast Native Creates A Family At Montclair State

Victoria Testa Contributing Writer

During the summer of 2013, Jaden Jackson boarded a non-stop, New York-bound plane in Portland, Oregon. After a long night of travel, the plane touched down just as the bright sun was rising over the ocean—the sheerect-colored sunrise in the distance was the first he'd ever seen.

With nothing but a brown suitcase wrapped in a rainbow strap with metallic beads and $200 worth of cash in his pocket, Jackson made his way to the small room he rented in Vernon, New Jersey through stifling summer temperatures. Six days later, Jackson secured much-needed employment at a nearby Italian restaurant. He began his freshman year at Montclair State University in September that year.

That summer marked a period of "firsts" for Jackson. In a short amount of time, he had to learn to support himself, navigate public transit and attend school on a campus nearly the same size as his hometown. "It was very overwhelming. There were so many people and so many different cultures and so much to see and do and take in. I was blown away," Jackson said, dropping his arm across the back of a booth in Blanton Hall and speaking slowly, as if to savor the memories.

Now, three years after that momentous plane ride east, Jackson has created a life and a name for himself at Montclair State despite enduring long periods of homesickness, financial hardship and lacking a definite plan for his future.

He helped establish and lead a new fraternity, Alpha Chi Rho, which has grown to 31 members and boasts inclusiveness as what sets them apart. The young organization received the 2015 "Outstanding Student Organization" award from Montclair State’s LRC/TQ Center.

Juan Santana, Vice President of Alpha Chi Rho believes Jackson has been an important influence in their success. "We had so many different challenges that we had to take on. We made mistakes, but we’ve accomplished so much as an organization.

Jackson’s newfound determination and passion is admired among other members as well as his large group of friends. "We all have our flaws, and I think for what he’s been given, he’s definitely done the best job that he could do," said member Alex Fromosky, 20. Nana Forbes, a member of Theta Kappa Chi, said, "[He’s] inspiring. I can’t imagine going across the country and leaving everything behind."

In high school, Jackson had no immediate plans for college. His family had moved during the summer of 2013, Jaden Jackson boarded a non-stop, New York-bound plane in Portland, Oregon. The two-day excursion was interrupted by Hurricane Sandy, which proved to be a blessing in disguise when he visited Montclair State’s campus on a whim and felt an instant connection.

"I remember walking around campus and the wind was blowing, it was pouring down rain and there were garbage cans and trees flying around, but I loved it. I just knew that this was where I wanted to start my life," Jackson said. Sure enough, Jackson gathered his courage and made the move to New Jersey that summer.

While lounging in Blanton Hall, wearing a grey Alpha Chi Rho sweatshirt and casually talking on his American Flag-themed smartphone, Jackson admitted that it was challenging working full-time, taking 18 credits and being far from family.

"It was difficult. I’m not going to lie. I made a lot of great friends, but I was still trying to figure out who I was and what I wanted to do," he said.

Jackson left behind his mother, Mary Hale; sister Azalea, now 15; and brother Dre, now 14, when he relocated to the East Coast. "That’s really been the hardest part," he said, frowned, "I wake up every morning, and I miss them like crazy."

Looking forward, Jackson intends to continue on to law school and is excited for the future of Alpha Chi Rho.

Despite all the challenges he has faced, when he looks back to all his "firsts," from his first sunrise and snowfall to his first leadership position, Jackson smiled and said, "It’s truly worth it in every way."
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Earlier this year, economic consulting firm Econsult Solutions, Inc. (“ESI”) found Montclair State University to be a major contributor to the well-being of the New Jersey state economy in the fiscal year 2015. The university’s contributions amount to over $1 billion.

Clearly, an extra $1 billion flowing through the Garden State can only be aid in the growth of an economically healthy state. As Montclair State’s impact continues to grow, positive changes are already evident right at home.

In just a short stroll around campus, people can be seen landscaping the spring flowers, constructing the new School of Communication and Media and molding the minds of the future. These familiar faces of faculty and staff are vital to Montclair State, as these employees continue to help the university run effectively and efficiently each day. ESI found that Montclair State currently supports 9,300 jobs, which amounted to $256 million in wages and benefits in 2015.

Through the increase in employment opportunities from Montclair State, more people can now better provide for their families, and this comes to New Jersey at a critical time, because, just a few months ago, NJ.com reported there are a “record number of New Jersey residents living in poverty.” Montclair State is beginning to make a small dent in New Jersey poverty levels by offering such a wide array of opportunities for employment. In the future, it can only be suspected that more job opportunities will begin to appear, as Montclair State’s student population continues to grow as it has in past years.

While jobs are helping these families who may be in need, students are creating their own impact in Montclair and the surrounding towns. ESI found that students at Montclair State “stimulate state and local economies with [their] direct spending of $168 million per year at off-campus restaurants, shops and other venues.” Clearly, students are not as poor as they portray themselves to be. In fact, student spending has supported “more than 700 jobs and $30 million in earnings within the state.”

Montclair State is not the only one supporting job growth around here — students are, too. This is great for students who live in the area and are looking for part-time or even full-time jobs. By supporting businesses in the area, more jobs can be created, which will hopefully be filled by more students who could definitely use some extra money.

All in all, students are finally equipped with some spending money in their pockets, and Montclair State is trying to keep it there. While Montclair State is one of the more affordable institutions of higher education in the state, many students still complain about how much it costs. Admittedly, many of the fees Montclair State charges students are excessive, but even if Montclair State was free, students would still find a way to complain about the cost. ESI’s report found that Montclair State provides students with “more than $195 million in total scholarships” along with “other financial aid.” This has helped a large amount of students who come from low-income homes afford to attend college and go on to earn their degrees.

Even though many people feel like they need a degree to understand economics, Montclair State has made it apparent that New Jersey’s economy is moving in the right direction due to its report. Montclair State is impacting the economy in a positive manner and, with steady growth, the university will prove New Jersey has a bright future ahead.

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**“Sausage Party” trailer**

New Jersey Transit strike did not occur

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**Thumbs Down**

**Violence at Trump Rally**

North Korea sentences American student to 15 years of hard labor

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**CAMPUS VOICES:**

**It’s March Madness. What team are you rooting for and why?**

- **Johnny Castillo**
  Filmmaking, Freshman

  “Wichita State Shockers. I like them. They are always one of those team busters. They are the underdogs, and they always make it far for [those] little schools that [go] against these big powerhouses. They always make a splash going into the Sweet Sixteen or the Elite Eight as they have in the last couple of years.”

- **Christian Manning**
  Engineering, Sophomore

  “That’s hard. There is no one team. Kansas, I think, because they seem like the people who aren’t supported to win, but they are still really good. I think the whole team overall is really good, and I think they should win outright this year.”

- **Joe Schmitz**
  Accounting, Junior

  “I am a basketball fan, but I am not really rooting for a particular team right now. I’m just watching to see how the events unfold, so I’ll just be following to see who makes it all the way.”

- **Leonard Hughes**
  English, Senior

  “I am always cheering for Kentucky because my cousin, Isaiah Briscoe, plays for them.”

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Attending classes that are crowded and large by nature provides these benefits:

- Improved opportunity for student-provided feedback and interaction with professors.
- Greater opportunity for networking.
- Improved scheduling flexibility.

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Theater Students Widen Horizons to Santiago, Chile

Theadora LeClerq

Ten theater students took their education at Montclair State and extended it to Santiago, Chile over spring break. Thanks to cooperation between the Department of Theater and Dance and the Global Education Center, a hundred of students enjoyed an adventure to South America for their midterm reprieve. In an intense week that combined sightseeing and theater workshops, a rare and valuable collaboration took place between Montclair State University and Universidade del Mayor.

Hiking up the tallest mountain in the city, Cerro San Cristobal, exploring the Pre-Columbian Indian Art Museums as well as seeing the Santiago Cathedral were all part of the immersive experience that Montclair State students received during their trip. A full day excursion to Isla Negra, the coastal area in which Pablo Neruda stayed was also part of the trip. Neruda, the Nobel Prize winning Chilean poet, maintained an eccentric collection of art and furniture that stunned many on the trip. Angelica Urbina, sophomore BFA acting major, found this experience to be her favorite. “Looking at all of the beautiful stones that made up Isla Negra and realizing that nature was so amazing was my favorite experience. It was such a humbling moment that many people don’t ever experience from living in the concrete jungle.” The tropical climate made the stay very enjoyable.

In addition to this, four days of concentrated theater work were interspersed throughout the week. Students were test- ed emotionally, mentally and physically while they engaged in Chilean theater and were also studying theater in Santiago. Not only did they collaborate in some work, but vocal, acting and movement training was also completed in an integrated and immersive setting.

Kacie Layne, a senior BFA acting major, said, “I genuinely felt so connected with everyone at the Mayor. We immediately became one another where we were able to take one another in only us- ing our eyes. It showed me the power of silence and eye con- tact that opened me up as an actor. The students there value human-to-human connection and enjoy a quality of living that people in the United States don’t generally have.” Many of the Montclair State students found themselves establishing meaningful relationships with the students at the Mayor that may last a long time.

Finding such strong relationships in a foreign environment was a huge task to bestow upon these students, but this group of 10 made the most of their full-day experience. Rebecca DeBonis, a junior BFA acting major, felt that the program opened her up as well as an actor and a human being. “Seeing a part of the world that I never thought I would experience made me see my life differ- ently, in a more wholesome and gracious way. The gratitude I have for being a part of this journey goes beyond words, and my hope is that more stu- dents get to experience the humanity and passion of the cul- ture in Santiago.” Katherine Waitsenrath, a sopho- more stage management major, said, “By far, my favorite mem- ory was walking into Universi- dad del Mayor in the morning and everyone coming up to say hello. It’s a small moment, but it captures the openness and the welcoming nature of the stu- dents there. I felt enveloped in the culture and felt at home in a place so far from home.”

The students on this trip were able to discover theater in a school setting, but were also exposed to the professional theater scene of Santiago. “Ellos” at the Teatro Azaraz was a social commentary on the Chilean fos- ter care system and inspired an emotional reaction from several of the students. Teatro Azaraz is a venue for new generations of theater in the city. “Class” a play by award- winning Chilean playwright Guillermo Calderon, was also on the itinerary at Teatro Mori.

This show was followed by a question-and-answer session with the renowned writer him- self. Students, Noah Safder- er and Julian Morales, had the opportunity to speak to him in person.

Lastly, at the renowned cul- tural arts center known as the GAM, students were able to see the hard-fighting and emotional rollercoaster that was “Flowers for Algernon” – a production which won Best New Play in the city.

This program is brand new, and theater professors Debbie Saizroe and Heather Benton have been working for years to make this act exchange a reality.

Saizroe said, “This bilingual, bicultural acting exchange that we’ve been developing over the past four years surpassed all of my expectations. It was so inspiring to watch the 10 Mont- clar State students and 11 U Majesty students collaborating on acting scenes in English and Spanish, dancing the cumbia and spending loads of free time to- gether. The students from both universities demonstrated such generosity, courage and kind- ness... and it really blossomed among the young fans and the global citizens.

This is truly global diplomacy.”

After the first run of this program, it is hopeful that it is con- tinued in coming years. For all of the students involved, this acting exchange was some- thing they will never forget.
The performances from the cast were outstanding. Win- stead was truly great in her load- bearing role — this is probably the best performance that I've seen from her. Her character is very smart and is able to figure out things pretty quickly, and the audi- ence feels it means. It’s a true page-turner. He was excited by the lack of backstory and said he would rather define characters by their actions rather than their dialog.

Edgerton also praised the newest film, “Midnight Spe-
cial” is weirdly beautiful. The beauty of “Midnight Spe-
"10 Cloverfield Lane" follows the story of Michelle (Mary Edgerton) who gets into a car accident and is res-
cued by Howard (John Goodman) who tells her that she
is in the underground bomb shelter and tells her that she
on Earth.” The performances from the cast were outstanding. Winstead was truly great in her lead role. But it's not just Winstead; the entire cast is top-notch. The chemistry between the characters is palpable, and it's truly a joy to watch them interact. The pace of the film is perfect, building tension and excitement throughout. The writing is sharp, with witty dialogue and clever references that add to the overall enjoyment of the film. Overall, “10 Cloverfield Lane” is a must-see film that delivers on its promise of mystery and suspense.
Five women artists spoke about their roles in the film industry for this week’s Film Forum at Montclair State University.

The Real Women of Film panel took place on Tuesday, March 16, featuring guests writer/director Deborah Goodwin, editor Carla Gutierrez, producer/director/writer Deborah Goodwin, editor Carla Gutierrez, and documentary producer/director Chiemi Karasawa and photography director Cybel Martin.

Each of the five women spoke about their professional careers and the journeys that they had towards their careers. They also showed clips from their films and explained aspects of filmmaking from an insider’s perspective.

One of the things the women talked about were the obstacles of filmmaking. Two of the obstacles were getting a budget and trying to find a budget that makes them. Kampmeier, in particular, had trouble getting a budget for her movie, and most of the money that went into her film was raised from her own efforts.

All of the panelists had trouble finding a budget, but they ended up finding a way to invest in the movies they made. Another obstacle was finding a good mentor. Some of the panelists had good mentors that helped them, while others did not have a mentor. However, even the ones that didn’t have a mentor encouraged everyone to follow their passions, whether mentors are involved or not.

The women also talked about seeing movies in the theater versus on the Internet. It is no secret that people stream movies on the Internet, and of course that affects film studios’ ability to make money from films and pay filmmakers. When the panelists asked the audience how many people still see movies in the theater, less than half of the audience raised their hands.

Kampmeier expressed her feelings about seeing a movie in the theater. “It’s lovely to see a movie in the theater,” she said. “It’s a mythological and epic.”

The panelists talked about the editing and cinematography process as well. Gutierrez talked about her editing career and the movies that she has edited in the past. She said that editing is quite a lot of work, whether it’s editing a five-minute video or a video that is an hour and a half long. She also said that, even though a five-minute video or a video that is an hour and a half long, you have to love it in order to do it. She said all movies and videos should have a strong structure. “Even though editing and cinematography are very important, each movie should have a strong beginning, middle and end,” Gutierrez said.

The panelists also talked about what inspired them to be filmmakers. Some of them had the passion since they were about 12. Others made the movement from producing to directing. This was the case with Karasawa, who studied filmmaking in college. When she took classes, she realized that was her passion. “With incorporating the visuals, music and storytelling, it was a great way to communicate with the audience,” said Karasawa.

The panelists talked about how women should be more vocal and present in filmmaking as well. They talked about steps that can be taken to bring women’s stories to the screen. All of the panelists shared their stories of how the path of getting into filmmaking was difficult, but they shared one thing in common. No matter what was standing in their way, they did what they needed to do.

Kampmeier said that women need to share their stories and need to put themselves out there more as well. “If 4 percent of women are telling stories, and 96 percent of men are, it is a chronic dysfunction.”

After discussing these issues, attendees saw clips of the films. Panelists finished the event by speaking about films they were going to do in the future. One of the films is set to play at Montclair State.

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Men’s Lacrosse Continues to Struggle
Montclair State drops three straight games over spring break

Sigh of Relief for Austin Minton
Sophomore preparing for easy transition to starting pitcher

Thomas Formoso
Sports Editor

Despite most Montclair State students finding it a time to let their hair down in spring break, mentally and physically hitting the reset button, the Red Hawks continued in action with three more non-conference games in the early stages of the season. The team began in Rochester, New York on March 5 when Montclair State faced third-ranked Rochester Institute of Technology at RIT Turf Field.

The Red Hawks found themselves down rather quickly after RIT jumped out to a 3-0 lead and scored 6 of the first 7 goals in the game. At halftime, RIT held a commanding 6-1 lead in front of a home crowd.

The second half started in Montclair State’s favor. A pair of goals from senior midfielder Zach Schnick and senior attacker Brett Mangas cut the lead to 6-3 with 11:25 remaining in the third quarter. Rochester, however, closed out the game with 5 out of the last 6 goals in the contest to bring the game to an 11-4 final score.

The Red Hawks returned home for a March 9 contest against Ursinus College at Sprague Field.

The game featured extremely streaky scoring, with both sides going on multiple runs of two or more unanswered goals. After Ursinus grabbed the opening two goals, junior attacker Brady Walitzer and Mangas tied up the game with 8:04 remaining in the first half. Ursinus would score the next two goals to take a 4-2 lead at the end of the first half.

The third quarter opened with goals from Schnick, Walitzer and senior attacker Alex Hahn and gave the Red Hawks their first lead of the game at 5.4. Ursinus then scored 8 of the last 10 goals to give the Red Hawks a 12-7 loss — their fourth loss of the season.

The final match to take place over spring break was played in Baltimore, Maryland in a neutral-venue game at Sen. Bonvegna Field to take on Denison University on March 12. Senior attacker Don Finn scored 4 goals, including the goal that brought Montclair State within one goal with two and a half minutes remaining. Ultimately, it was not enough, as Montclair State dropped their third straight game and fell overall, 10-9.

Montclair State is 2-5 and will cap off a two-game homestand against Union College on March 19 at noon at Sprague Field.

Emma Cima
Assistant Sports Editor

Some athletes listen to a certain song, some throw a ball with a specific teammate every time, while others — like Austin Minton — have a very different pre-game ritual. Before every game, Minton is on the couch in the locker room with his headphones in his ears putting a pile of shuffled cards numbered one to 99 back into numerical order. As one of the Red Hawks’ best relief pitchers last season, Minton, a sophomore and undeclared major, will be making the transition to starter for the 2016 season.

There’s no hiding Minton’s passion for the game of baseball. Minton began playing when he was just 4 years old. “It’s the only thing I’ve ever really loved,” he said. “It’s my favorite part of the day. It’s why I get up in the morning.”

Minton learned how to pitch when he was 7 under the guidance of his best friend’s father. However, he did not fall in love with pitching until he was around 17, considering himself “lucky” that he didn’t do more serious injury as so many other players who ended up playing up to a high position their entire career.

Minton feels very confident in his ability to make the transition from reliever to starter for the Montclair State team, explaining that he was a starter when his pitching career began in high school. His plan for this season is to just take each day as it comes, explaining that he had a decent season last year, but he could have always done things better.

This humble attitude is something that Minton has carried throughout his entire life. “Work hard in silence, and let success make the noise,” he said, quoting the popular mantra his father had always told him growing up.

From a team standpoint, Minton explained that they just have to take it one day at a time. From a more personal standpoint, however, Minton said with a laugh, “I want to win more games than I lose.” Minton has high hopes for this upcoming season. In his eyes, the success of the team as a whole is dependent on the team’s ability to work together. However, with a group of guys that has already become so close before the season has even begun, he sees no problems in their future.

As for his future, he has the same dreams as every kid in every sandlot across the country. “I just want to go where my success takes me.”
Current Standings

Women's Basketball

Eliminated in the Second Round of NCAA Division III Tournament

Accolades

Karin Harvey - NJAC Coach of the Year
Katie Sire - D3hoops.com Atlantic Region Second-Team, All-NJAC First Team
Rachel Krauss - All-NJAC Second Team

Baseball

NJAC Standings

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2. The College of New Jersey 0-0 (6-1)
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5. Montclair State 0-0 (6-4)
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8. Rutgers-Camden 0-0 (3-4)
9. Kean 0-0 (5-9)
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Next game:
Montclair State vs. Hunter College MSU Softball Park
March 19 at 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

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The Montclair State women’s lacrosse team lost 13-3 to fifth-ranked Gettysburg College on March 5, but rebounded with wins over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges and Stevens Institute of Technology.

Montclair State trailied 9-0 at the start of the second half, but junior midfielder Francesca Verrone tallied her 8th and 9th goals of the season to cut the deficit to 7. However, Gettysburg halted the Red Hawks’ run by scoring 4 unanswered goals in just over nine minutes. The Bullets outshot Montclair State 33-11 and finished with a 13-3 victory.

The women’s lacrosse team traveled to the West Coast to face off against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges on March 11. The Red Hawks gave up the game’s opening goal, but senior attacker Serena Hitchins scored on a free-position shot to tie the game at 1-1. Montclair State won the ensuing draw, and junior attacker Aviano Papaggio scored a goal less than a minute later.

The two teams traded shots for the rest of the first half, but senior midfielder Kara Crampton scored a goal to put the Red Hawks ahead 3-1 at the end of the half.

Crampton and Verrone helped Montclair State come out strong in the second half by scoring the team’s 4th and 5th goals, respectively. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps scored three minutes later to shrink the Red Hawks’ lead to 3, but Montclair State responded by scoring 3 unanswered goals.

The Red Hawks held a 7-2 lead with 24:26 remaining, but Claremont-Mudd-Scripps came back and started their own run. The Stags and Athenas scored 5 consecutive goals, the last of which was scored with just less than seven minutes remaining to cut the Red Hawks’ lead down to 1.

Junior attacker Lindsay Lare halted Claremont-Mudd-Scripps’ run by scoring a goal on a free-position shot to put the Red Hawks up by 2. Senior attacker Alexa DiPiero scored an insurance goal just over two minutes later, and Montclair State emerged with a 10-9 victory.

Montclair State trailed 9-8 late in their March 16 game against Stevens Institute of Technology, but senior midfielder Kasey Maguire tied the game with just over three minutes remaining. They remained deadlocked into the third overtime, but Maguire scored the game-winning goal and the Red Hawks emerged with a 10-9 victory.

The Red Hawks are now 4-2 and will host their next game against Muhlenberg College on March 19.

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Standing at least a foot behind sophomore forward Katie Sire.

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Pepper came to Montclair The Masters golf tournament.

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