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Deanna Rosa
Editor-in-Chief

Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber was officially announced as Montclair State University’s 2016 Commencement speaker, a piece of information that graduating students have been anticipating for months.

Garber, a long-time resident of Montclair who has ranked in SportsBusiness Journal’s 50 Most Influential People in Sports for the past 10 years and was recently admitted into the 2016 U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame class, will not only send off the graduating women with his speech on the stage of the Prudential Center in Newark on May 25, but will also receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Montclair State at the ceremony.

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For example, in 2010, the New York Red Bulls moved to a new $200 million arena in the Bronx, with plans to move to Yogi Berra Stadium on Friday, April 30. The event was attended by thousands of students donning purple T-shirts and bandanas headed to Yogi Berra Stadium on Friday, April 30. The event was held in conjunction with universities and organizations across the country, as well as around the world with the aim of taking a stance against cancer.

According to the organization’s website, Relay for Life began in May 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt “walked and ran” for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington, ultimately raising $27,000 to help the American Cancer Society fight the nation’s biggest health concern—cancer.

The following year, 340 supporters joined him—a number that has only increased as the event has continued to raise money to help the cause. This year, nearly 20,000 community fundraising events in which teams of participants camp around a track—until 2 a.m. Because members of each team take turns walking around the track, there is always a constant motion at the event.

Beginning at 2 p.m., the event was one in which participants were able to celebrate those who have overcome the disease, remember those lost to the disease, and honor those who have fought or are fighting cancer. At the same time, the event was a way to make a noticeable impact and positive changes for Mother Nature. 

Keep It Green
Dana Jarvis
News Editor

Montclair State University’s graduating class will be sporting environmentally friendly attire this year at graduation. The material used to make the caps and gowns is completely recyclable and the company that makes them even ships the product in packaging that can be reused and reused.

Graduating English major Jessica Hempel described how she feels about the changes reflecting Garber’s influence are visible in New Jersey and New York. For example, in 2010, the New York Red Bulls moved to a new $200 million arena in Harrison, New Jersey, which is only one of the 15 soccer-specific stadiums which Garber has established in the U.S. and Canada. Additionally, in 2015, the first MLS club in New York was established under Garber’s leadership. “I think it’s very interesting to choose a figure like that, especially a sports figure,” said Kareem Yaghnam, a sophomore communication major who is looking forward to closing up his undergradu- ate career in just a few weeks. “I don’t think we’re a huge MLS guy, so I wouldn’t expect them to pick the commissioner for this recognition,” said President Susan A. Cole in the university’s press release about the speaker. “Our region has felt the positive economic and so- cietal effects of the advancements made by our Major League Soccer clubs, and Don’s vision has been at the heart of those developments. I am pleased that Montclair State is able to recognize his impact on the fabric of New Jersey with this honor.

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Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber to Speak at Commencement

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that have the infrastructure to add national Women’s Soccer League (NWSL) teams.” Although he said that he does have an opinion on the issue of equal pay among men and women soccer players, he only commented, “I confess, I’m confident we will come to the right thing. We need to be on the right side of history here.”

In Garber’s 17 years as commiss- ioner of the league, accord- ing to an interview with Sport Illustrated, he plans to add five more by the mid-2020’s, bringing the league total to 28 teams. In the realm of sports media, Garber has overseen significant advancements, includ- ing long-term broadcast agreements with ESPN, FOX Sports and Univision.

Garber also serves as CEO of Soccer United Market- ing (SUM), the primary soccer mar- keting and adver- tising company in North America, and the founder of MLS WORKS, a community outreach initiative which ad- dresses social issues on a na- tional and international level. He has also made a difference locally as a member of the Board of Directors of the FC Harlem Youth Soccer Club Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Hope and He- roes Children’s Cancer Fund at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Regardless of his many ac- complishments, many stu- dents still fail to see the rele- vance of a MLS commissioner at a commencement cere- mony.

“I think it’s a little random for them to choose the head of [Major League Soccer],” said Nalane Mendoca, a freshman psychology major. “We don’t even have a Big Ten soccer team to make it relevant. If you’re into soccer, then cool. You’re going to get a kick out of that, but he’s not even academi- cally known for anything. It’s random.”

“I feel that it should have been somebody that repre- sents academics, maybe a professor,” said Shameza Ra- talon, a senior biology major. Board of Trustees Chairwoman K. Renee Bader said, “We will not tell you—oh, as well as the board of trustees if it’s someone to suit you, —Oh as well as the board of trustees if it’s someone to suit you, but there’s always plan C. D, E, F, children. Compared to Rutgers, they got Obama. How awesome is that?”

Garber said in the press re- lease that he was “honored to receive this very special recognition from Montclair State University.” He contin- ued, “As a Montclair resident and alum, I have witnessed the tremendous growth of the University and the positive impact it is hav- ing on many young people in New Jersey. I am pleased to accept this honor from an insti- tution that is truly committed to providing life-changing educational opportunities for so many students.”


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Monday, May 9
Felicitas School of Busi- ness: A staff member of housekeeping reported an incident of mis- treatment, an act of domestic violence and criminal mis- chief. The investigation is under investigation.

Tuesday, May 10
Gordon Hall: A student re- ported an incident of theft. The investigation is under investiga- tion.

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Monday, May 2
Bobab Hall: Officers: At- gil. Rivers, 19, of Newark, N.J., Timothy Greco, 19, of Newark, N.J., and Tevin Stokes, 20, of Union, N.J., were charged with possession of marijuana. Both parties are scheduled to appear in Clifton City Court.

Friday, May 6
Gibson Hall: Officer Kely Murphy, 19, of Middle- town, Conn., was arrested and charged with posses- sion of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Murphy is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

Thursday, May 5
Bobab Hall: Student: The effects of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Murphy is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

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A Review of Memorable Stories from the 2015-2016 Academic Year

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After the beloved namesake of Montclair State’s Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center passed away at the age of 90 this past September, the campus community, along with his many fans, mourned this great loss. As a resident of Montclair for over 50 years, Yogi Berra’s legacy will live on at the university. Friends, family and fans of the legendary baseball player laid flowers on his statue outside the museum, where a memorial was held within the month following his death. Two months after his death, Berra was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor an American can receive. The Montclair State University community, along with the rest of the globe, was distraught by the news of the terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday, Nov. 13. Thuta Xi held a candlelight vigil in memory of the lives lost in Paris and other cities affected by terrorism and violence. Two Montclair State students were studying abroad in Paris during the attacks, both of which remained safe and unharmed.

In early December, an anonymous vandal drew attention to the woes of the Montclair State art students with chalk graffiti signed “o.h.” on the brick walls of Calcia Hall. With messages like “It’s all here...except a future,” the art program’s advocate decried the failings of the old building as well as the curriculum and administration. “If this...the chalk vandal’s warning that “next time it will be paint” has gone unfulfilled, along with the promises of the university to improve conditions for the art department.

The Center for Clinical Services at Montclair State University opened its doors to the public on Jan. 19. Located next to Lot 60 on Clove Road, the $10 million facility not only provides training for students studying child advocacy, autism and psychology, but also offers clinical and counseling services to the surrounding residents. Through the center, the university has achieved unity with the community by allowing Montclair State students to work hands-on with patients.

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The Montclair Staff wishes you the best in your future endeavors.
The winning team was announced on the final day of the event. The team was called "The Montclair State Entrepreneurship Team," and it consisted of six members: two seniors, two juniors, one sophomore, and one freshman. The team presented a product called "The Trash Bag That Works" which they believed would revolutionize the way people dispose of their trash. They explained that their product was a multilayered trash bag that could hold multiple bags of garbage and would emit a beeping noise every five minutes to indicate that it was full. The team also highlighted the environmental benefits of their product, such as reducing waste and the need for multiple trash bags.

The judges were impressed by the team's innovation and their commitment to creating a sustainable product. The team's president, a senior named Emily Wang, stated that they were "proud to be the winners of the Montclair State University Entrepreneurship Challenge." She also expressed gratitude to the faculty and staff who supported their efforts and believed in their vision.

The team received a $10,000 prize for their winning product, "The Trash Bag That Works." They plan to use this prize money to further develop their product and bring it to market. Emily Wang said, "This is just the beginning. We are excited to see what the future holds for The Montclair State Entrepreneurship Team."
Congratulations to the Class of 2016

Whether you have earned your undergraduate or graduate degree, we celebrate your success and achievements. And, we are proud to have been a part of your journey towards this goal.

Wishing you all the best with your future endeavors, the Faculty, Librarian, Professional Staff, Specialists & Adjunct Faculty of Montclair State University.
Delores McMorrin, (Left) and Lorraine Whitaker, (Right), are best friends and co-workers.

Teanna Owens Feature Editor

At 18 years old, best friends Lorraine Whitaker and Delores McMorrin were not yet graduates from West Side High School in Newark. Their paths were crossed in their East Orange, New Jersey, neighborhood on Springfield Avenue. Go dice was a common pastime on the street and led to many conversations about life and their upcoming futures. At the time, Whitaker studied sociology while McMorrin worked at the Student Financial Aid Office at Montclair State University.

Two Best Friends and Legends Retire

by Teanna Owens

For nearly 25 years, McMorrin and Whitaker have been a mainstay in contact with thousands of students. It's go-go-go, they've said, including their monthly meetings with many of their students – connections that often last beyond graduation.

A Closer Look At SGA President: Rahjon White

by Jessica Amato

Rahjon White is graduating this spring as an SGA president for his senior year at Montclair State. The soon-to-be former EOF president and counselor, White has been a Resident Assistant (RA) in Blanton Hall since his sophomore year. He is also the student president of the Student Government Association (SGA), an off day and I became more approachable. He always said, “the people.”

When asked what he has learned from so many students, the senior communication major said he has learned that it’s very easy to meet people as long as you are getting along with them, he said. "I think I’m not a very talkative person at all. That’s why I’m so quiet. I just" mean, “the people.”

Additionally, he has learned that it is the genuine care that they have for their students that often last beyond graduation. Rahjon always has a positive influence on the students and programming and says to go as wide as possible, but to "KIS IT" which stands for keep it simple, said Favato, who will also be graduating this spring with a degree in communication as well.

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THE CARPE DIEM AWARDS

The Carpe Diem Awards are given to graduating seniors who “seized the day” and took full advantage of their time at Montclair State University.

Recipients of the Carpe Diem Award:
- Bushra Ali
- Ryan Gallagher
- Claudia Ko
- AJ Primavera

THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS AWARDS

The Office of the Dean of Students recognizes students for academic excellence, leadership and involvement. One student per class year is recognized and awarded based on their self-nomination and selection by the committee.

Recipients of the Office of the Dean of Students Awards:
- First Year: Heather Francis
- Second Year: Joshua Daniel Bishop-Mbachu
- Junior: Christopher Clement
- Graduating Senior: Garrick Beauliere

THE DISTINGUISHED STUDENT LEADER AWARDS

The Distinguished Student Leader Awards were open to any current Montclair State University student. The purpose is to highlight and acknowledge those students who make meaningful contributions and have a strong impact at the University.

Recipients of the Outstanding Leadership Award:
- Lynka Tanaka
- Cynthia Huasipoma
- Daniel Figueroa

Recipients of the Diversity and Equality Award:
- Kelsea Rowan
- Nelson Rodriguez

Recipients of the Outstanding Community Service Award:
- Seyda Ziladze
- Harold Garcia

Recipients of the Outstanding Mentor Award:
- Alvin Garcia
- Claudia Ko
- Patrick Fullerton

THE PROFESSING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Professing Excellence Awards were open to any Montclair State University professor, both adjunct and full time. The purpose of the Professing Excellence Awards is to highlight and acknowledge those educators who make meaningful contributions to our students’ lives both inside and outside the classroom.

Recipients of the Outstanding Dedication to Student Education Award:
- Dr. Shannon Harry Walsh - Gender, Sexuality, Women’s Studies
- Dr. Steven Tolman - Educational Leadership

Recipients of the Lifelong Impact on Alumni Award:
- Dr. Marilyn Tayler - Political Science and Law
- Dr. Joseph Oluwole - Counseling and Educational Leadership

Recipients of the Meaningful Impact Award:
- Dr. Carrie Hamilton - Art History
- Anabella Poland - Communication and Media

Recipients of the Excellence Through Mentoring Award:
- Dr. Laura Lakusta - Psychology
- Tara George - Communication and Media

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Red Hawk Statue: Students’ Responses Fly High

Earlier this year, the Student Government Association (SGA) at Montclair State University announced its plan to install a Red Hawk statue on campus. The announcement was quickly met with negative responses as the students of Montclair State took to social media to express their disgust toward the SGA and university for supporting the creation of the statue.

Months after the controversy had blown over, the Red Hawk statue had its grand unveiling on Oct. 2, just prior to the kickoff of this year’s homecoming festivities. Students, faculty and alumni flocked to the Red Hawk statue during the week-end to take a peak at the newest addition to Montclair State’s campus.

This time, many members of the student body had a different reaction to the Red Hawk statue. Instead of the hatred they had previously expressed, several students welcomed the statue with open arms. To everyone’s surprise, the Red Hawk statue is a beautiful representation of Montclair State. The artist rendering of the statue provided by Haim Lion Sculpture Studio misled students into thinking that the statue would become a campus eyesore.

Now, students are able to see that it is not the obnoxious chicken statue they had previously feared it would be. Since its debut, many students have expressed nothing but admiration for the newest addition to campus.

For the entirety of the homecoming weekend, students continued to take their Instagram-worthy selfies with the 12-foot bird. Students have even been seen climbing on the Red Hawk in order to get a perfect angle. Although students are still not thrilled over the $220,000 price tag that came with the statue, they have become much more forgiving. Prior to installation, students could not believe that $10,000 of their SGA fees would be used toward the creation of the statue, but now confess that they could not be more pleased with the statue.

Yet, the new statue is so much more than its appearance. The statue embodies the fighting spirit of the students at Montclair State. It will continue to represent the determination and intelligence of all the students at the university. The Red Hawk statue will forever be a testament to the students at Montclair State and their need for excellence in all aspects of life.

While the homecoming game was a great victory for Montclair State, it is obvious that the true star of the 2015 Homecoming Weekend was the Red Hawk statue. With these good looks, it is likely that the Red Hawk statue will quickly become a favorite at Montclair State University.

Goodbye WESS, Hello NEST

Finally, Montclair State University 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 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 these hours, students often 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. 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 has to be inputted again. This is clearly irritating to 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 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 not just 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 be-all and end-all for the Montclair State community. It will house Montclair State email, Canvas, Hawkeye and various other resources that students frequently use, 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. Additionally, 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.
Congratulations Class of 2016

VOCES:

What advice would you give to incoming Freshmen?

"Research every aspect of television. Learn about how television acquires television programming. There might be other areas of life that you get stuck in that you might suit you."  
- Alexandra Guilloty  
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- Kaja Nelson  
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FORMER CHIEF COPY EDITOR

In September of 2014, I walked into The Montclarion office early in the afternoon. As a student at Montclair State University, I did not know what position I wanted to take at the time, so I asked my editor-in-chief, Catherine Baxter, to place me wherever she needed me. I was glad to be starting out. I positively dreaded my first year. I walked into a situation without really knowing what it was or what it would require of me, determined to get involved, make a difference and fake it until I made it.

Looking back on where I started to where I am now, I hope I can say that I have successfully “made it.” I’ve learned a lot about the ins-and-outs of journalism during my time working for the newspaper, told a lot of stories as a writer and overseen a lot of firsts in our publication during my time as chief; the establishing of our first social media team, the creation of our first fully-updated website, the publishing of our first award-winning articles since 2009.

All of this wouldn’t have been possible without our amazing editorial staff, writers and, of course, our advisor, Tara George, who has given an immeasurable amount of help and support to the paper in the first year that she has been its advisor. These people are all rock stars on a daily basis, and I can’t thank them enough for the work that they do to ensure that the newspaper continues to be published and to explore interesting and important topics.

Leaving The Montclarion after four years of service is obviously sad for me, but in my final goodbye to the publication which has greatly sculpted my life at Montclair State and who I am as a person, I would like to celebrate my time on its masthead and thank it for fostering my personal growth. Without it, I certainly wouldn’t be who I am today, and I wouldn’t have nearly as many friends and supporters behind me as I move on to life after graduation.

I also want to leave a few words of advice for those who will be working to make The Montclarion even better next year. Be bold. Tackle topics that are important to Montclair State in your reporting, Editor, be meticulous, at times annoying. Double-check your facts. Read and write as much as possible. Take advantage of the many opportunities that the university offers, both inside and outside of involvement with The Montclarion. Don’t be afraid, and above all, use your voice. It’s there for a reason.

Here’s to a successful year of reporting. Montclair State University’s news and to many more. My time at The Montclarion is over, but I know the paper is in good hands and can’t wait to see what stories it will offer in the future.

Kristen Brygilo, a Classics and English major, has been part of The Montclarion for four years and is graduating with the Class of 2016.

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Montclair State Student Films Sweep Awards at Montclair Film Festival

Kella Montes de Oca
Staff Writer

“We’ll be taking you to Shanghai, to Manhattan, to somewhere—somewhere you’ve never been before.”

Those were the words that preceded the screening of the New Visions 2016 student films at the Montclair Film Festival. Groups of friends and families flocked to the Clarridge Cinema to watch Montclair State University students’ work.

In the lobby, parents’ faces were glowing in anticipation to watch the fruits of their children’s labor and tuition money on the big screen. In the theater, they laughed, cried and passionately watched the art pieces. Wil Exavier, whose award-winning short film, “Victim,” was included in the showcase, winning short film, “Victim,” on the big screen. In the theater, he faced the challenge of writing a screenplay, and audience response was the force that pushed Exavier while in production.

“I love reactions,” he said. “I love going to the movies with people to see how they feel in comparison to how I feel.”

Exavier’s short film was one of two dramas that night that highlight the process of stop-motion animation for “Superbad.” Meanwhile, Bryan Scotter suffered through the tedious process of stop-motion animation for “Superbad.”

In the same time, other artists, like Alexander Winchell, discovered the cultural differences in filmmaking while shooting his film, “Runaway,” in China. There were a lot of bands on deck, creatively, Winchell said of his collaboration with the Shanghai Theater Company.

A recent Montclair State graduate, Winchell is working on another project that he described as a film noir coming-of-age story set at the Holy Shoe. However, he’s got the only one that was able to turn his passion into a career after film. “Mic Dreams,” a documentary about New Jersey-based rapper Freddy Stone, 2015 graduate Sean Balchin found his video as an editor and photographer for the hip-hop-centric music magazine, The Fader.

Peter Chapman also showcased his experimental film, “The Strings of Things,” which was one of his first projects as an Montclair State student after four years of professional freelance work.

Similarly, rising graduates like Brittany Briggs, director of the satirically sacrilegious “Making It to Mass,” are already building their portfolios by working on web content, music videos and other short films.

Despite student films’ notorious reputation for being infallible, the students’ shorts received glowing reviews from attendees.

“I definitely liked it more than I thought I would,” one audience member said. “I see a lot of promise in these shorts.”

That night, the audience watched wondrously at the screening visuals of Nick Capra’s “Lux.” At the same time, they laughed at the bizarre humor of Jahni Rios-Rhodes’ western/comedy hybrid, “Fistful of Candy.”

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While every song on the album is a Home Run

Ten Reynolds
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Formed on the streets of Philadelphia at Drexel University, Modern Baseball has recently taken the world by storm. Their rise to popularity in the pop punk scene seems almost unparalleled, having become an iconic band to many fans in just over two years.

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When Modern Baseball re-released their sophomore full-length, “You’re Gonna Miss Us Next” in 2014, many fans and critics thought the band could not get much better. The album was brimming with ironic and cynical lyrics paired with undeniably catchy hooks, the perfect blend for any pop punk band. But since the release, Modern Baseball has matured not just musically, but as people. With that comes the new installment into their musical discography: “Holy Ghost.”

The album, which is written in two parts, details the emotional turmoil the two lyricists of the band experienced since the last record was released. Jake Ewald, who wrote Side A of the album, gets back in touch with religion. Brendan Lukens, who takes Side B, wrote songs documenting his battles with bipolar disorder as well as finally being able to seek the help he needed.

Both halves of the album seem to flow together in a beautiful way, transitioning in a song titled “Coding These in Lukens’ where Ewald sings the first half and Lukens finishes the piece. Unlike their previous albums, Modern Baseball decided to ditch the quirky, cynical lyrics and instead provided emotional, heavy and haunting music.

The album begins with the lyric, “He’s been haunting my dreams at night; I’ve been bleeding from tripping in the dark,” trying to turn on the light. Not only have the lyrics of the band taken a more mature tone, but the instruments follow suit. The music on “Holy Ghost” is much heavier than seen on previous albums, full of pounding drums and angry vocals.

While every song on the album could be considered a stand out, “Wedding Singer,” “Hiding,” and “Just Another Face” seem to be the tracks that have fans and critics most excited.

“Wedding Singer” was the first song of the album to have a music video, a tragic story about a man at a funeral who is having a mental breakdown as the band plays the soundtrack to his life in his head. The upbeat track takes the listener by surprise in a relatively heavy album otherwise.

“Hiding” is the acoustic hidden gem on the album. If the band was bigger, there is no doubt the song would be on the soundtrack of the next feel-good indie movie. “Hiding” lets out Ewald’s self-reflection perfectly in the lines “Still some nights I find The ideas that bring me root” Are the ones that used to pour and pour and keep me up/ Swinging open doors I seemed I’d shut.”

The album ends with the song “Just Another Face,” which reminds the listener why they started listening to Modern Baseball in the first place. While the song begins with self-deprecating lyrics, it ends on a note of hope and redemption as the instruments behind Lukens’ voice wail almost as powerfully as he does.

Listening to “Holy Ghost” is almost like going through an emotional journey full of loss, self-reflection and ambition alongside the band. “Holy Ghost” was definitely an excellent trip, and I cannot wait to see where Modern Baseball takes us next.
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Video Production Club Releases Season Finale of ‘The Reel Crew’

Samantha King
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Montclair State University’s Video Production Club released the season finale to their original web series, ‘The Reel Crew’, wishing a final farewell to the graduating seniors on Sunday night. Specifically mentioned in the episode were Nick Quiles, Greg Buracker and Jake Shapiro, three of the club’s founding members.

The second season, which is the most recent, introduced a serial plotline following a hypothetical “turf war” between the Video Production Club and their enemies in the Photography Club.

New characters and love stories were introduced, which engaged viewers to both subscribe and follow the series.

A third season is lined up for the Fall 2016 semester. It will be interesting to follow how the series changes without the presence of the seniors who will have since graduated.

The first season consisted of four episodes and was a trial to see exactly how the series would work. The quality of content has dramatically improved since then.

The Reel Crew was created by sophomore film major John Salimbene in the spring of 2015. Inspired by NBC’s “The Office,” Salimbene wanted to have a creative way to broadcast the personalities of the Video Production Club members.

Salimbene, along with the club’s Video Coordinator, Paula Tao, work together as producers while also starring in the series.

The series is entirely written, shot, produced and edited in a collaborative effort by members of the club. With content idea meetings to create scripts and explore upcoming episode ideas, there is an opportunity for anyone interested to contribute to the series to do so. Episodes are shot primarily in Morehead 204 on Wednesday afternoons.

The series can be found on Montclair State Video Production Club’s YouTube page as well as on their Facebook page.

The Video Production Club said goodbye to founding members in the season finale of the ‘The Reel Crew.’

Members of the Video Production Club getting ready to film.

Photo courtesy of Collin Borow
‘Captain America: Civil War’ Reinvigorates the Superhero Genre

Julia Siegel
Staff Writer

The summer movie season is officially here, with the release of Marvel’s latest superhero epic, ‘Captain America: Civil War’ (CACW). After being heavily criticized for “Avengers: Age of Ultron” (Steve Rogers) and “Avengers: Infinity War, Part 1,” the MCU needed a great addition to the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU).

CACW, instead of having meager cameos. They fit in well with the other characters and will be a great addition to the MCU.

One of the best parts of the film is that Disney has saved Spider-Man from the terrors of Sony. Spider-Man is a quirky teenage Peter Parker, who is just getting to test the potential of his powers. He is still unsure of himself and doesn’t know how to fight.

The film is about the struggle between Captain America and Iron Man, which led to great setups for the future. Two newcomers, Spider-Man and the Black Panther, have a significant amount of screen time. They both picked up the slack for the missing Thor and Hulk characters, but neither was necessary for this story.

It was impressive that Spider-Man and the Black Panther are not the only heroes. The Avengers are given some new key players for Phase Three. These were done very well, which led to great settings for the future.

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The film truly embraces its title, as it is a civil war through-out its entirety. The rifts between the characters feel natural and unified, since most of the characters have previous history with each other. Power struggles between Captain America (Steve Rogers) and Iron Man (Tony Stark) have been occurring since the first Avengers film. This new story is perfectly timed by being sandwiched between “Avengers: Age of Ultron” and “Avengers: Infinity War, Part 1.”

Most of CACW acts as a miniature Avengers film, but the key difference is who the villains are. The Avengers typically come together to fight aliens or powerful robots that are trying to rule the Earth. But, CACW doesn’t have this typical Villain-hungry robots that are trying to rule the Earth. But, CACW doesn’t have this typical Villain... - instead, the villains are the Avengers themselves. Each side of the issue believes they are fighting for the proper cause, which makes them look like villains to the other side. The lack of a big, bad villain is perfect and essential to CACW because it isn’t necessary to have the Avengers fight themselves and others at the same time.

There are some sub-plots that involve minor villains, but they aren’t the driving force of the film.

Overall, CACW is absolutely incredible and a 140-minute ride of pure exhilaration that is fun to watch. It sets the standard even higher for all the upcoming Marvel films, as the insane fights, match-ups and well-timed humor combine for success. CACW is the perfect way to kick off the summer movie season.
Winning Gold

Montclair State Football: The Process of Revival

The Red Hawks came out victorious in their 2015 Homecoming game.

Brian Scully won two gold medals during her career with the U.S. National Women’s Soccer Team.

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**NEW YEAR’S DAY EGG ROLL AT MONTCLAIR STATE:**

A New Year’s Day tradition continued with 200 attendees in attendance at the annual egg roll, which was hosted at Montclair State University on the first day of the year.

**BRAYAN SCULLY:**

It was a scoreless tie in the first half for the Montclair State University women’s basketball team against the University of Southern Maine. However, the Red Hawks pulled away in the second half to win 79-64.

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S HOCKEY TEAM:**

The Montclair State University women’s hockey team won their first game of the season against the University of Rhode Island with a score of 3-2.

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY MEN’S HOCKEY TEAM:**

The Montclair State University men’s hockey team lost their second game of the season against the University of Delaware with a score of 2-1.

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S WATER POLO TEAM:**

The Montclair State University women’s water polo team won their first game of the season against the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia with a score of 14-8.

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY MEN’S WATER POLO TEAM:**

The Montclair State University men’s water polo team lost their first game of the season against the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia with a score of 12-9.

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S SOCCER TEAM:**

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**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY WRESTLING TEAM:**

The Montclair State University wrestling team won their first match of the season against the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia with a score of 34-3.

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S GYMNASIUM TEAM:**

The Montclair State University women’s gymnasium team won their first match of the season against the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia with a score of 30-10.

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY MEN’S GYMNASIUM TEAM:**

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**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL TEAM:**

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**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY TEAM:**

The Montclair State University women’s ice hockey team won their first match of the season against the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia with a score of 4-3.

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY MEN’S ICE HOCKEY TEAM:**

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The Montclair State soccer team was 73 seconds away from extending their six-game undefeated streak to seven. However, before the final whistle could toll, the Montclair team realized that they would now have to face the fact that their six-game winning streak had come to an abrupt end. Assistant Coach Todd Tumelty said, “He’s super athletic. He does a good job for us.”

Olla has been a key player for Montclair State throughout the season. He has scored 19 goals and four assists, despite missing four games due to injury. However, he has managed to score and have a strong impact on his team’s success. His performance has earned him the Gothic Knights 4-0 on Sept. 23. Montclair State defeated the Gothic Knights 4-0 on Sept. 23.

Mike Olla Injured But Not Defeated

Mike Olla’s absence due to an injury has not slowed down the Montclair State soccer team. With Olla on the sidelines, the team has managed to keep winning and maintaining their six-game winning streak. The team is now focused on finding a replacement for Olla and continuing to perform well in the remaining games of the season.
### 2015-2016 Season Recap

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<td><strong>Men's Soccer</strong></td>
<td>Montclair State finished with a 19-3-1 overall record, with a 8-3-0 record in the NJAC. The team ended their season first in the NJAC, but lost in penalty kicks in the NJAC Championship Game. They qualified for the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament but lost in the second round to Tufts University.</td>
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<td><strong>Women's Soccer</strong></td>
<td>Montclair State finished with a 19-3-2 overall record, with a 6-3-2 record record in the NJAC. The team ended their season first in the NJAC but lost in penalty kicks in the NJAC Tournament Championship by Rutgers-Camden. The team went on to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament but lost in the second round to Messiah College.</td>
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<td><strong>Field Hockey</strong></td>
<td>Montclair State finished with a 15-5 overall record, with a 4-2 record in the NJAC. The team finished third in the conference but lost in the NJAC Field Hockey Championship Tournament to Rowan.</td>
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<td><strong>Cross Country</strong></td>
<td>The highlight of the team's season was the Ramapo College XC Invitational. The team finished in third place out of 10 teams. This was the team’s first time competing since 2004.</td>
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<td><strong>Volleyball</strong></td>
<td>The team finished with an 18-14 record overall, with a 6-2 record in the NJAC. The team qualified for the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. They made it to the second round where they got knocked out by Stockton University.</td>
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<td><strong>Men's Swimming and Diving</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Women's Swimming and Diving</strong></td>
<td>Montclair State finished with a 7-4 overall record, with a 1-3 record in the NJAC. The team finished fourth in the conference. They qualified for the Metropolitan Championships where they finished in fifth place out of 16 teams and second out of Division III teams.</td>
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<td>The team finished with a 23-20 record overall, with a 10-8 record in the NJAC. The team ended their season fifth in the conference. They qualified for the NJAC Championship Tournament and lost in the championship game to Ramapo College. This was Montclair State's first conference title game appearance since 2006.</td>
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<td><strong>Men's Lacrosse</strong></td>
<td>The team finished with 12-6 in the 2016 regular season and undefeated in the Skyline Conference at 6-0. Montclair State clinched the regular season and postseason titles and qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament.</td>
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<td><strong>Women's Lacrosse</strong></td>
<td>Montclair State finished their regular season at 12-6 and 4-2 in the NJAC. The Red Hawks finished third in the NJAC and ultimately finished their season with a loss to The College of N.J. in the NJAC Women's Lacrosse Championship after a win over Rowan in the first game.</td>
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