Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber to Speak at Commencement

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Editor-in-Chief

Major League Soccer (MLS) 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 seniors 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 commencement.

Since 1999 when he assumed his role as MLS commissioner, Garber has been a leader in the growth of the league, both on a local and an international level.

Being a resident of Montclair for over 20 years, his impact lies close to home for many students at Montclair State, as several of 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 Jersey City, 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.

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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 players, he only commented, “I’m confident we will make the right thing. We need to be on the right side of history here.”

In Garber’s 17 years as commis-
sioner of the league, Accord-
ing to an interview with Sport Illustrated, he plans to add five more by the mid-2020s, bringing the league total to 28 teams. In the realm of sports media, Garber has over significant advancements, in-
cluding long-form broadcast agreements with ESPN, Fox Sports and Unin

Garber also serves as CEO of Soccer United Market-
ing (SUM), the primary soccer mar-
ting and advertising 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. The club is a founding member of the Hope and He-

Relay for Life: Annual Event at Yogi Berra Stadium a Success
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tending the event, said, “Can-
cer is a fight that affects so many. To be able to fight back and provide support with others is incredible.”

-Catherine Belsky, Sophomore English major who at-

ted to provide life-changing support for cancer patients.”

Pelican Police Report

Sunday, May 1
Bobbi Hall: Freshman, As-
erg Revels, 19, of Newark, N.J., Timothy Genna, 19, of Newark, N.J., Isaiah Pugay,
ro, 18, of Newark, N.J. and Wesley Noebe, 16, of East Orange, N.J. were charged with underage possession of alcohol. All parties are scheduled to appear in Clif-

ton City Court.

Monday, May 2
Student Center: A student reported this to be a true event of this time. The case is under in-
vestigation.

Friday, May 6
Gibson Home: Sophomore, Kyle Murphy, 19, of Middle-
town, N.J. was arrested and charged with pos-
session of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Murphy is scheduled to appear in Lit-
lawn Municipal Court.

Sunday, May 7
Fenwick Hall: A student re-
ported an incident of ha-

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Whoever has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at (973) 655-9100.
All calls are strictly confidential.
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 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.

After a pedestrian was struck on Clove Road in 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…expect a future," the art program’s advocate decried the failings of the old building as well as the curriculum and administration. So far, the chalk vandalism warning that "next time it will be paint" has gone unfulfilled, along with the promises of the university and administration. So far, the chalk vandal’s warning that "next time it will be paint" has gone unfulfilled, along with the promises of the university and administration. So far, the chalk vandal’s warning that "next time it will be paint" has gone unfulfilled, along with the promises of the university and administration. So far, the chalk vandal’s warning that "next time it will be paint" has gone unfulfilled, along with the promises of the university and administration.

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The Feliciano School of Business opened its 3D printing lab on Feb. 18. The Making and Innovating for X (MIX) Lab, which holds 35 3D printers, is the ninth innovation center in the world which has those printing capabilities. Each week since the grand opening, it is open between 9 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday for students in the 3D printing and those who are taking 3D printing and design classes.

Montclair State University was recognized as a Doctoral Research University, a promotion from its previous Master’s 1 classification, by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education on Jan. 31. Thanks to an increase in the number of doctoral students and the amount of federal research funding, Montclair State is now one of three institutions in New Jersey with this classification.

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The Center for Clinical Services at Montclair State University opened its doors to the public on Jan. 19. Located next to Let t’El 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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Entrepreneur Pitch Contest Students Share Success Stories

Nicholas Da Silva
Staff Writer

Some of Montclair State University’s hardest working students were celebrated at the third annual TeleBrands Innovators Day for aspiring Entrepreneurs — held on May 4 in the Conference Center at University Hall.

The event, which took place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., had 16 teams of students who have completed the nine-credit Entrepreneurship series (150, 250 and 302) students competing for the opportunity to win a $10,000 prize by presenting the best sales pitch to two different judges. Jason Frasca, an Entrepreneurship instructor at Montclair State, praised the students for their hard work and effort into coming up with what he believed to be the most fantastic Mind the Value Producing (MVP) project. Frasca discussed his belief that hard work always pays off as a vital means of getting students the experience of a simulated business problem.

“Many students show us just to justify the legitimacy of their jumpstart,” Frasca said. “They are from all different programs trying to jump-start their business ideas.”

The contest began with all 16 teams having to give their sales pitch to the judges that were assigned for the Preliminary Round. Two judges were co-owners and presidents of SCF Solutions for Growth: Rachel Braun, Schaff Venture Capital and a sociologist; Andrew Kangam, ulabheTechs Inc. co-founder and serial entrepreneur; and Mokish M. Patel, KronosBank/Kamptech and JuiceTank founder.

The idea behind the groups varied from diapers that neutralized the odor of cancer patients to the idea of a dating website that neutralized the odor of fetuses. The groups were asked to choose two judges and perform their pitch presentations again, this time to a different group of judges. After all six pitches were presented, the judges left to deliberate which team would be the winner of the $10,000. When talking about his feelings while announcing the final results, Frasca, along with fellow professor Dana LaCondre, presented the winners as they were given the award by previous winners.

The Promise Prize was Stanley Fils, a psychology major, the winner of the 2016 Prom- ise Prize. It is given to a student who has showcased outstanding academic achievement or a significant initiative for what they want to do. The Promise Prize is a tribute to Marie Nesbitt, the grandmother of the Create Transform Foundation’s founder, Vikki Pryor. The winner of the 2016 Prom- ise Prize was Stanley Fils, a Montclair State graduate who is now pursuing his MBA de- gree at the college. He was given the award by previous recipient Dana LaCondre and CCTF Founder Pryor.

Frasca and fellow professor Alex Gamboa discuss the idea of the first team, Layrd, a multi-layered garbage bag that can provide people with multiple bags of garbage through just one bag. Layrd garbage bag works by applying the bag to a trash can, nip one lever off the bag and it serves as a garbage bag itself.

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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
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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. 

At 18 years old, best friends Lorraine Whitaker and Delores McMorrin were unexpect- edly sent from home after hearing that the news of the city that was Newark was in an upsurge. On that day in July, the two young women left their summer jobs at Cleveland Elementary School and headed home - where they would be forced to stay during the next couple of days. Just blocks away, fighting, looting and arson had begun to take over New Jersey's largest city, in the historic event known as the 1967 Newark Riots.

"We were walking in the playground and our di- rector said that he heard that people were fighting down the street," said Whitaker. "He told us "you girls go home because something is starting down on Springfield Avenue. Go di- rectly home," he said, "because police are already there.""

At the time, Whitaker and McMorrin had just recent- ly graduated from high school and McMorrin went to Newark, New Jersey, the best school for them because it was close to where they grew up. It was common for young people to get out of college in fact, because college was not an ex- pectation, it was common for people to straight out to work after graduating from high school, which is exactly what McMorrin did before she heard the news.

"I want to work for Bell Telephone Company," said McMorrin. "My mother was a sin- gle mom raising five children on her own, she didn’t know nothing about college. All she wanted me to do was graduate high school.

Throughout their years as counselors, their friends have been provided with many opportunities to per- form - helping students in the same way that they were good students when they were in the big- gest of the first EOF class. As counselors who are required to have monthly meetings with each student on their caseload, they were both able to lend with many of their students.

Bom and raised in Newark, New Jersey, the best students White said, he was always a good student. So, when he was old enough to start college, he started looking at the audience and said, "I really need you." he said.

Before being appointed president for his senior year, White had held numerous SGA positions during his time at Montclair State. His previous position included being a legis- lator, treasurer for the program- matics department.

When asked what he learned from so many years working with McMorrin, White said, "I think the biggest thing that he has learned is that he has to keep it simple," he said.

When the two friends met, they said the most important thing is to keep it simple. They related to college in the same way that college was not an expectation. "I didn’t even know of Upsala College," said McMorrin.

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Every morning at 8 a.m., a slow, mechanical bell tolls from the peak of College Hall, a burgundy tower with a minty cap, a staple on Montclair State’s campus. The carillon plays the university’s alma mater every day at noon, and Westminster chimes every 30 minutes. During sports games, the speakers sound the fight song, and, on special occasions such as 9/11, other tunes are played.

The vision of the bell tower remains an important symbol of Montclair State’s remarkable past. Our yearbook La Campana — Spanish for “the bell” — was named after the College Hall bell tower in the 1930s. The red silhouettes of a bell remains on our coat of arms. In University Hall, many of us have a daily routine of checking the image of the bell tower — a picture that has consistently appeared hand-in-hand with the school’s name since its inception.

When the bell tower was last repaired in the fall of 2014, students and faculty seemed to be cheering for its return. Besides the fact that the bell provides a resource that can quickly alert students and faculty to events in all parts of campus using strategically placed speakers, they do sound tests every two years and summer to ensure that all areas of campus will be able to hear the chimes, music and announcements from the bell tower no matter what season.

Others continue to appreciate its home on campus. “I’ve heard it when I walk on campus, especially around noon,” said Sarah Vasquez, a junior English major. “The fact that people don’t know about [the bell] is surprising,” Vasquez said as the shock registered on her face. “I think it’s always important to reflect on our history and keep the good aspects of it,” said Pennington. “As people, we often get so caught up in what we’re dealing with today and the things around us. I very much enjoy hearing the bells chime every day, [because] they give the campus a very traditional feel and sound.”
The Montclair State University
Campus Community Awards

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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Study Abroad Student Says ‘C’est La Vie’ About Terrorism in Paris

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At 6 years old, Ryan Fleischer had been unquestionably pulled out of his first-grade math class after hearing news of the hijacked planes crashing into the Twin Towers in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. That day, he sat outside of his home in Brooklyn Heights, watching from across the street as the One World Trade Center crumbled. Visual scenes of scattered debris and toppling buildings are a memory that will forever be etched in the arches of his mind.

“At that time, I was very distraught about it, but growing up in a post-9/11 world, I just see that anything like that is possible,” Fleischer explained with a calmness that had obviously developed in the years that elapsed since that day. “There’s evil out there that’s possible, and it’s in our best fa-

Nearly 15 years later, Fleisch-
er, a senior humanities major at Montclair State University, found himself watching the France versus Germany soc-
cer match while digesting a possible, and it’s in our best fa-

Fleischer found the message stating that it was “probably

We passed the Étoile Tower. We passed the Troubadour. We passed the Notre Dame—“all of those spots were completely dead,” he said, inadvertently using a morbid pun to describe the typically crowded landmarks. “I remember taking the subway that Saturday. The typical weekend, it’s packed no matter what time of day it is. There was like one or two peo-

“The attacks were on lockdown in their homes. “After knowing that the thought never crossed his

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Among the messages was one from Domenica Domin-
guez, the Director of Study

Once President François Hol-
lande declared a state of emer-

gency and closed off the French

Fleischer described Paris as a very safe city. It’s
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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 Hammond Sculpture Studio mailed 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 $20,000 price tag that came with the statue, they have become much more forgiving. Prior to installation, students could not believe that $100,000 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] Friday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday [and] Sunday noon to 6 p.m.,” but those times are very limiting to students who have classes or jobs at all hours of the day. Even during many of those hours, students 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 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 fees 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, HawkSync and various other resources that students frequently use, which will all be accessible with one login. This is a remarkable difference considering students had trouble 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.
Our Last Goodbye to The Montclarion

Graduating students look back on their time as Montclarion staff

I started at The Montclarion in the typical college freshman fashion – stumbling 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 for 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 malicious, at times annoying. Double check. Savor for creativity. 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 a reason 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 Bryfogle, 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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- Kaja Nelson
  Senior, Theatre

“Know what your major is and make sure that you’re taking the right classes. Research and work alongside your advisor to determine the right path to graduation.”

- Jose Cortez
  Senior, Television and Digital Media

“Read as much as you can in your free time. The stuff the professors give is good, but there’s always more to know, so build your knowledge base on top of that which is given.”

- Andrew House
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Montclair State Student Films Sweep Awards at Montclair Film Festival

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“We’ll be taking you to Shanghai, to Manhattan, to... 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 amassed at the Claridge Cinemas 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.

Weixler, whose award-winning short film, “Victim,” was included in the showcase, winning short film, “Victim,” 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 satirical 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 in-sufferable, 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 wordlessly at the stunning visuals of Nick Cap- no’s “Lion.” At the same time, they laughed at the bizarre No- mor of Jabri Rios-Rhodes’ western/comedy hybrid, “Fusil of Candi.”

Regardless of genre, these nine film students were given the opportunity to share their narratives beyond the Montclair State campus. Each film evoked a visceral reaction from the audience or perhaps encouraged them to look introspectively and take a much deeper message from their work.

Many of these students’ projects and some of the New Vi- sions 2016 films can be found on their personal Vimeo accounts. Especially for young filmmakers who are just getting started in the industry, a little support could take their creations even further than Montclair.

Modern Baseball’s New Album is a Home Run

Tess Reynolds
Assistant Entertainment Editor

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

When Modern Baseball re- leased their sophomore full-length, “You’ve Gonna Miss It All” 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 unde- rtable catchiness, 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 emo- tional turmoil of two lyrical characters at the band experimented since the last record was released.

Jake Ewals, who wrote Side A of the album, sang about ex- periencing the loss of his grand- father, getting back up to music with his family and, more im- portantly, getting back in touch with religion.

Brendan Lukens, who takes Side B, wrote songs documenting his battle with bi- polar disorder as well as finally being able to seek the help he knew he needed.

Both halves of the album seem to flow together in a beautiful way, transitioning in a song ti- tled “Coding These in Lukens” where Ewals sings the first half and Lukens finishes the piece.

Unlike their previous albums, Modern Baseball decided to ditch the quirky, cynical lyr- ics and instead provided emo- tional, heavy and haunting in- strumentation. The album begins with the lyric, “He’s been haunting my dreams at night / I’ve been blooding from tripping in the dark.”

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 al- bum could be considered a stand out, “Wedding Singer,” “Hiding,” and “Just Another Face” seem to be the tracks that have fans and critics most ex- cited.

“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 of his life in his head. The up- beat track takes the listener by surprise in a relatively heavy album otherwise.

“Hiding” is the acoustic hid- den 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 Ewals’ self-reflection perfectly in the lines “Still some nights I find / The ideas that bring me

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Video Production Club Releases Season Finale of ‘The Reel Crew’

Samantha King
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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 Tan, 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.’

Photo courtesy of Collin Borow

The Reel Crew

The Farewell

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Members of the Video Production Club getting ready to film.

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The summer movie season is basically here, with the release of Marvel’s latest superhero epic, “Captain America: Civil War” (CACW). After being heavily criticized for “Avengers: Age of Ultron,” the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) needed to get its act together in a way that would please fans and critics alike. CACW doesn’t disappoint on any level; the fights, stunts, humor and stunning camera work all come together to form the best Marvel movie that Disney has released in a while.

There aren’t enough good things to say about CACW. Everything about this film went right, which is a huge plus for Marvel. The introductions to some new key players for Phase Three were done very well, 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 affected the story and action of the film is action sequences, which is refreshing. Sometimes, it’s hard to sit through a superhero film when the characters only sit around and discuss things (I’m talking to you, “Batman vs. Superman”). These scenes are brilliantly choreographed, with stunts that we can only dream of. The hand-to-hand combat and motorcycle stunts are incredible to watch, with some being jaw-droppingly awesome.

The film truly embraces its title, as it is a civil war through-out its entirety. The rifts between the characters feel natural and unforced, 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 I.”

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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.

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Staff Writer

One of the best parts of the movie season is that Disney has saved Spider-Man from the horror Sony inflicted on the franchise. Disney’s Spider-Man is the classic character from the comic, which fans should embrace immediately. The new 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. CACW helps him to gain some confidence in his abilities, while giving the audience a glimpse of what to expect in the future. Since Spider-Man is a lot younger, his lack of knowledge gives him some funny lines. He definitely adds that classic Marvel humor to the story.

Another great aspect of CACW is the lack of dialogue to pave the way for incredible fight scenes. A vast majority of the film is action sequences, which is refreshing. CACW is an incredibly awesome superhero film when the characters only sit around and discuss things (I’m talking to you, “Batman vs. Superman”). These scenes are brilliantly choreographed, with stunts that we can only dream of. The hand-to-hand combat and motorcycle stunts are incredible to watch, with some being jaw-droppingly awesome.

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From "Atlanta, 20 Years Later," the event promised to share lessons in sports media from the last Summer Olympic Games held in Atlanta. With the key note speaker being Briana Scurry, it held much more than that. Bringing the games back to life was her speech and an image that only its athletes would have had the opportunity to experience.

With her sign constantly in sight, then-partner Scurry was certain that she would be at those Olympic Games — she just wasn’t sure how. At the time, the aspiring athlete had earned spots on her school’s basketball, track and field and soccer teams. While soccer rose to the top of her list, it was not considered an Olympic sport, especially for women.

Regardless of that fact, Scurry continued to pursue her dream and went on to play the sport at University of Massachusetts Amherst where she was recruited as an all-American on the girls’ soccer team. During her time at UMass, one of the most important games of the season, one where scouts from across the country were in attendance, Scurry and her teammates took home the victory.

Still, despite the difficult loss the team had just faced, the young athlete was among the women who asked to attend the sport’s National Camp in 1993. While there, Scurry re- called the way she would constantly be scored on and try even harder the next time.

After attending camp for quite some time, Scorry rose from the fifth-most impressive athlete in the tournament and, in the final 10 minutes of the game, scored the winning goal which put the Americans within two goals and at that point the match that ended 2-1. Following the win of a lifetime, the team went on to play in the 1999 World Cup where Scorry experienced a movement towards rising numbers in attendance for standalone women’s sports.

Towards the top of the hour, Scurry ended by taking a moment to reflect on the past and the promise of the future ahead for women’s sports. That night, women’s soccer’s U.S. performance of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. "The greatest gift is being able to watch the women who were watching me on TV the way I once watched other women on television when I was eight years old."

After a round of applause following her presentation, Scorry posed for photographs with some of the athletes of her inspiration — despite the hurdles that stood in her way.

For some, she even pulled out her two gold medals — one from 1996 and the other from 2004, which she allowed them to hold. "Go ahead, put it on — I’m all about equal opportu- nity," said Scorry.
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Mike Olla Injured But Not Defeated
A look into this soccer star’s lifelong career and hopes for the future

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2015-2016 Season Recap

Football
Montclair State finished with a 4-6 record overall, with a 4-5 record in the NJAC. The team ended their season seventh in the conference.

Field Hockey
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.

Indoor Track and Field
Both the men’s and women’s teams ended their seasons with a sixth place win at the NJAC Indoor Championships.

Baseball
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.

Men’s Lacrosse
The Red Hawks finished 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.

Women’s Lacrosse
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.

Volleyball
The team finished with an 18-14 record overall, with a 6-2 record in the NJAC. The team finished second in the NJAC, qualifying for the NJAC Tournament Championship. They made it to the second round where they got knocked out by Stockton University.

Softball
The team finished with a 20-18 record overall, with a 4-14 record in the NJAC. The team ended their season ninth in the conference.

Outdoor Track and Field
Both the men’s and women’s teams ended their seasons with a sixth place win at the NJAC Championships. The teams will compete at the NCAA Division III Championships from May 26 to May 28 in Waverly, Ia.

Cross Country
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.

Men’s Swimming and Diving
The team finished with a 9-4 record overall, with a 2-2 record in the NJAC. They qualified for the Metropolitan Championships where they finished in sixth place out of 16 teams.

Women’s Swimming and Diving
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 5th place out of 16 teams and second out of Division III teams.

Men’s Basketball
The team finished with a 11-14 record overall, with a 7-11 record in the NJAC. The team ended their season seventh in the conference.

Women’s Basketball
The team finished with a 22-7 record overall, with a 15-3 record in the NJAC. The team finished first in the NJAC, going on to claim the title of NJAC champions with their win over Rowan University. The team made it to the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championships, where they lost in the second round to Alright College.

Men’s Soccer
Montclair State finished with a 19-3-1 overall record, with a 8-1-0 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.
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What the Future Holds for Yogi Berra Museum

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Lindsay Berra, granddaughter of Yogi Berra and correspondent for MLB.com, held a press conference at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, located on the Montclair State University campus, at 11 a.m. on Sept. 25.

The 37-year-old spoke about her grandmother’s appreciation of the museum from its origin.

“I always used to say to people how excited he was to have this place,” Berra said. “He knew it would be loved by the community. He loved that it was attached to a university. He had fond memories of the college team practices.”

When Berra was a child, the three-time MVP would jokingly say, “I thought you had to be dead to have your own museum.”

While the family will be having its own private services to honor Yogi Berra, there was a public celebration of the former Yankee’s life at the museum on Oct. 1.

Berra, who wore a gold necklace with a member number eight pendant, cried during the 45-minute press conference when relating her grandmother’s reaction to the demolition of the Yankee Stadium in 2008 and her own reaction to his death.

“My grandmother said, ‘I won’t miss this place because it’s here,’” Berra said while pointing to her heart. “I was feeling like that all day yesterday.”

Beyond holding memorials and celebrating Yogi Berra’s career, the museum provides learning for all ages and reinforces the value of sportsmanship. Berra is proud of her grandmother’s recent death, the museum, and how the museum will move on and continue without its namesake.

Berra, a member of the museum’s board, hopes the institution will be exactly the same, as it “embodies” her grandmother.

“This place is such a testament to who he was with the programs that too,” Berra said. “Teaching kids about teamwork, leadership, respect and treating people with dignity – that is going to happen whether he’s here or not. It doesn’t stop because grandpa’s gone.”

Berra described the museum as her grandmother’s clubhouse of sorts. As he got older, Yogi Berra spent more time at the museum and the staff and surrounding visitors.

“He really did like to pop in on people as they were going through the museum. He would stand behind them and say, ‘look at me driving in that in the picture,’” Berra said.

With the grandson, Yogi Berra’s sons – Tim and Chip – and all of whom also attended the press conference – told stories of the Hall-of-Famer as both a father and grandfather.

“His uniqueness will never be duplicated by another human being,” Dale Berra said. Outside of the press conference, fans filled the museum, viewing display cases after display cases of jerseys, mitts, rings to future memorabilia.

One patron, wrapped beneath his coat to be warm, said, “It’s over” at the end of a short documentary.

“He was a great American. More than just a baseball hero, he was an American hero,” said Vin Talamaio, 24, of Old Bridge, N.J.