Registration Address Mix-ups Prohibit Students from Voting in Campus Polling Booths

Deanna Rosa
Editor-in-Chief

Amid Tuesday’s controversial election in which Donald Trump emerged as President-elect, Montclair State University students voted on campus in numbers that Residence Life Director John Delate termed a “good turnout,” however, some students faced unexpected registration mix-ups that prevented them from voting in the polls.

According to Delate, a spokesperson for the New Jersey Department of State, they received a large influx of students experiencing registration issues at the polls, and Delate himself confirmed that they had been working closely with the county commissioner of registration office to be verified and counted separately.

“The only head office to register at the polls was to report any issues with the registration process,” Delate said.

“Should you be unable to vote in the booths because they were not registered under their campus address, these students claimed to have submitted their change of address forms, and some accused their resident advisors (RAs) of failing to send the forms in.”

“I’ve only heard cases of one or two [students] having address issues,” said Matthew Borsque, coordinator for the Office of Civic and Voter Registration. “It’s rare when they filled the registration forms, and the thing is, they have their home address but they don’t have the school address.

He explained that his department compiled an instruction manual which they distributed it to the RA of each residence hall, who then distributed it to the community director (CD) of each residence hall, who then distributed it to the RA of each floor. The manual “extensively” outlined, according to Borsque, the process of registering residents to vote on campus.

“I’m kind of this trickled down deal,” Borsque said.

Alex Gamboa, a resident at The Village and the Montclarion’s Photography Editor, said that he had to fill out a provisional ballot instead of voting in the booth because his change of address was never submitted. His RA declined to comment.

“We did not hear of any issues at the polls,” Delate responded when asked about the difficulties some students experienced. “All voter registration forms were mailed in by the University, so I am unaware of any issues.”

Alex Arrabito contributed to reporting this story.
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Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at T-H-8-3 (1477). All calls are strictly confidential.
The Montclair State Animal Activists organization became official this semester, but has already managed to tackle the obstacles facing vegans and vegetarians on campus and urged students to send the Missed Meetings POL.

The members met with the executive chef and other staff in Montclair State Dining Services, and they were able to convince the chef to assemble Meatless Monday stations in the center of the campus in Webster Hall.

Nov. 2, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m

The Montclair Animal Activist Organization spoke about their organization of World Vegan Month. The room was filled with many students interested in health, nutrition, and veganism.

The guest speakers brought up global issues, such as deforestation, poverty, and animal suffering.

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The Day After the 45th Presidential Election
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Contributing Writers

“ I think that there is too much negativity about the outcome, the people need to think about not being so rude to each other because you can’t really rely on the candidate to fix all your problems. You can only change your actions and try to influence how other individuals feel.”

Megan Lubrecht
Junior, sociology major

“In a way I feel like I saw it coming because of the kind of person he is. He wants to make himself known, I feel like people got that and I feel like most of them went toward that.”

Miguel Hernandez
Junior, business marketing major

“I’m ready for The Purge honestly. And, a party boat back to my country.”

Frankie Kisly
Junior, marketing major

“I just don’t believe our vote really matters. I do not really like any of the candidates personally, that’s why I decided not to vote.”

Salman Anjun
Freshman, political science major

“I was nervous, you know. Not exactly thrilled about it. I was hoping for a different outcome, either a third party or Hillary, I didn’t want him to win. I found out this morning.”

Kenya Williams
Junior, drawing major

“I don’t like him, but I don’t like Hillary. But I voted for Hillary so I’m a little upset, but I’ll get over it within the next day. He might do a good job, but I don’t think he will. He might surprise me.”

Salman Anjun
Freshman, political science major

“I cannot believe that America is so ridiculously stupid and has chosen to have a President as Donald Trump, after everything that this country has been through.”

Dana Desimone
Sophomore, psychology major

Axel Tattegrain
Sophomore, justice studies major

“I’m really surprised actually, I don’t think anybody expected it, not even people who really supported Trump. There was clearly people who weren’t too vocal about it, it’s surprising.”

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Students Give Unfiltered Feedback

“I was really disappointed, I didn’t expect that to happen after what he said and what he did this past year. I just started crying. You think about the future and when I grow up, how are we going to explain this to our children?”

Kevin Zheng
Sophomore, accounting major

“My heart hurts for people who really didn’t want Trump to win. I’m just trying to stay positive and not be a sore loser.”

Monique Melbin
Senior business major

“I strongly disagree with the decision that was made. I was really not for Trump at all, so I don’t think that this was the best decision that America could have made. I have no words, I was just really against this.”

Tooba Ahmad
Sophomore, information technology major

“I feel like it was an atrocity to be honest. I just think that it’s not a good look for America to be honest. It was either Hillary or Trump so it wasn’t really a good decision… It wasn’t a good choice either way. So, it is what it is, we got four years with him.”

Amanda Tarantino
Junior, business major

“I couldn’t be happier. I didn’t really think initially that it would go anywhere, but as the election itself progressed, I had newfound faith. As I was watching all the electoral votes come in, I was like, ok, he has it in the bag.”

Kahlel Kirkland
Junior, hospitality management major, entrepreneurship minor

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Melissa Haag
Freshman, english major

“I was surprised. To be honest, I didn’t want to vote for either of them. I guess we’ll just have to see what happens.”

Kris Hatfield
Freshman, family and child studies major

“My sister and I, we were really devastated and not really accepting it. We have to accept it but we don’t want to call him our president. We won’t probably ever refer to him as that.”

Syndee Laks
Junior, sociology major

“I’m personally a Trump supporter so I was happy with the results. Before the race started I didn’t expect it, but as the electoral votes were coming in, and Trump was winning, then I was like, wow, maybe this had like a turn and Trump will win.”

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Human Hungry Hungry Hippos

On Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m., the Student Recreation Center hosted a life size board game event—Human Hungry Hungry Hippos. It was hosted by the campus recreation president Stephen Blazejewski. The event consisted of a pair of MSU students trying to collect as many balls as they could and beat their opponents. There were various prizes, from shirts to a television. It was an exciting event to take part in as well as watch.

During any breaks, the crowd was asked to join in on a dance, or even a side game trying to knock down cups. Everyone was excited to be out and about. The event had snacks and refreshments in every corner, as well as a DJ to keep the beat up. It was definitely a successful night.
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As human beings, the exercise of love and care should extend beyond one's comfort zone. That is what makes us vibrant citizens within the communities we inhabit, because when affection is at equilibrium outside of your home, it encourages you to share memories with other people, in addition to your family and your inner circle of friends. One place in Montclair that has given me this expression of comfort and acceptance is The Montclair Char-Broil, also known to many as simply "Montclair Diner." Think Pops Barber shop in "Luke Cage" or the Central Park coffeehouse from "T.R.I.L.E.N.D.S." Montclair Diner serves as the diner where you get delightful meals for prices that will certainly surprise you once you get the tab. Combined with the cordial demeanor everyone commits to in the diner, it would be propos- terous to believe you could find a better place in Montclair to relax and eat than here.

On a typical day like today, you are greeted by Gus Makris, the owner of Montclair Diner. He is the father of the establish- ment. I know he is reading this right now so I won't tell ev- eryone that he told me he's 76 years of age now. Oops. Did I do that?

Regardless of the number, Gus displayed his family at- titude towards me ever since I can remember. Every time I go there now, I am greeted with a powerful Greek handshake and the best chicken noodle soup, on the house.

I can't even call the servers, "servers." They are more like my caretakers who grace me with the lovely meals that per- manently caress the crevices of my hy- pothalamus. Today, my hypo- thalamus cried for some fresh apple pancakes, butter-caressed what tast, beautifully mashed home fries and last, but not least, a gratifying cheddar-filled omelette. Also, if you know anything about me or if you are still reading my reviews since the first one (thank you, thank you), you will know that the one thing that must always greet my taste buds before any meal is the most important part of any meal in the world: water. Since Montclair Diner is the best restaurant/diner in Montclair, you should also know that the water was on my table within a minute. Yes, one minute.

As the water lubricated the nook and crannies of my body like a new oil change for an en- gine, the food came out, within four minutes of the water deliv- ery. To my surprise, the apple pancakes came with warm, caramelized apples slathered in be- tween three large flapjack-like pancakes, almost like a bur-rito. Cinnamon was handed to me by the lovely waitress as she smiled, encouraging me to saturate my pancakes with the saddle brown spice. After the sugar, spice and everything was added to the pancakes, I did a womp/womp off treatment with my good ol' pal Land O Lakes diner butter, right on the deco- rated pancakes. The wheat toast sat in be- tween the pancakes and the omelette like a good boy, but- toned up and ready for my at- tention. It wouldn't get it until the end of my meal, but more on that later. For now, the apple pancakes and cheddar omelette were at the center of attention. The apple pancakes excelled charmingly within my mouth. The omelette did as well. I felt a sense of care and adoration for the preparation of the omelette because of how the cheddar ooze out of the whisked, fried egg mixture. It didn't feel like Kraft's cheddar cheese singles.

Fifteen minutes later, I was seeing stars. My stomach was full and the wheat hadn't been touched yet. The omelette was 90 percent finished, as well as the apple pancakes. I couldn't touch my eating utensils any longer. Just for the sake of re- specting the wheat toast, I picked up a piece of the trian- gular-shaped grain and gave it the attention it needed, a nice, flower-shaped bite. I couldn't even finish the rest. I was de- feated.

Now, with three apple pan- cakes, two wheat toast pieces and a full omelette, you would think the price would amount to $25, possibly $35 if you were in the city. Well, I received the tab and it was only $13. Amaz- ingn't even beat that. With unbeatable prices and a family atmosphere too pleas- ing to pass on, if you don't get your behind to Montclair Diner right now, you are losing by the second.
Veteran's Week Brings Suicide Prevention Workshop

A Suicide Prevention Workshop was led by Dr. Jude Uy on Tuesday Nov. 8 to a group of 14 students as part of Veteran's Week.

Dr. Uy is a psychologist for Montclair State's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). According to Dr. Uy, suicide is ranked as the second leading cause of death for college students, and more than 1,110 college students kill themselves every year.

One of the most staggering facts revealed through Uy's presentation was when he displayed a group of 15 students on the screen. He originally asked the room of students to pick which three they thought had committed suicide and then revealed that all of the students, ranging from 13 to 19 years old, committed suicide at their respective ages.

“Suicide doesn’t discriminate,” Uy said, adding that no one can know exactly what’s going on with a person until you talk to them.

Babee Garcia, secretary of Montclair State’s Veteran’s Association and a staff writer for The Montclarion, expressed her appreciation for everyone who came to the workshop and said the seriousness of suicide “goes beyond the military.” Garcia is a current Montclair student and has served in the Marine Corps.

According to Uy, 80 percent of students who commit suicide don’t seek help. If they do decide to talk to someone, Uy said students who go through a crisis are more likely to go to a peer for advice instead of an administrator or professor.

It’s vital for those thinking about suicide to feel like they are being heard and understood by those they decide to open up to, according to Uy. The biggest mistake that could be made is for someone to minimize the problem and disregard a person’s feelings of committing suicide.

Luckily for Montclair State students, they can seek help at CAPS in Russ Hall for free and confidential counseling services. Students can also download the “Just in Case” app associated with CAPS for more information.

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Dr. Jude Uy, psychologist at CAPS
Dr. Rikki Abzug, Professor of Management, discusses the China Immersion Trip with MBA students.

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On election night, Montclair State students and the rest of America eagerly sat at the edge of their seats as Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton lost state after state to her opponent Donald Trump. Election results continued to roll until the wee hours of the morning, when it was ultimately Trump who went from presidential candidate to our president-elect. This surprise victory came as an upset to a majority of young Americans hours before the official election results were announced. Like it or not, the American people have spoken and Trump will become the 45th President of the United States of America, and that is something we as Americans must accept.

On Nov. 9, President Obama emphasized to all Americans that “we are all on the same team.” Regardless of party affiliation or feelings on the president-elect, we are all working toward one goal: the betterment of the country. Even though Democrats and Republicans have different ways of achieving those goals, the goals themselves are fundamentally the same. Trump will be the president for the next four years, but the beautiful thing about the electoral system is that the American people have spoken and will have the opportunity to vote again in four more years. When voting in the 2020 presidential election, Americans will have the opportunity to once again choose a candidate who best represents their views and beliefs. While a lot can change in four years, that candidate may be Trump or someone else, and that is all fine as long as Americans make it a point to have their voice heard through voting.

The best way for New Jerseyans to get their voice heard is to ensure they vote in the 2017 gubernatorial elections. Many people are clearly dissatisfied with the current state of affairs in the country and it is no different within the state of New Jersey.

In 2013, current New Jersey Governor Chris Christie won re-election with 64 percent of the vote. Yet, in recent years Governor Christie’s approval rating has dramatically decreased. This may set the stage for a gubernatorial election that comes down to the wire just as this presidential election has. While elections may not always turn out as planned, it is important to continue to place trust in American democracy. Elections are the best way to make our voices heard. On Election Day, the American people made their voices heard by voting for Trump to be the 45th President of the United States, but this is not the last election. Continue to vote and continue to be heard.

Thumbs Up
2016 election is over

Female senators make history

Women place their voting stickers on Susan B. Anthony’s gravestone

Thumbs Down
2016 election

California polling site shooting

New Hampshire takes a long time to report votes

“I think it’s a joke. I can’t believe Americans are that stupid to vote for Trump. I can’t believe he won. I feel unsure now and that people who are white supremacists are going to feel the same way.”

- Diana Alvarez, Psychology Junior

“I don’t want to negate people’s feelings of anxiety, but I don’t think trying to argumentative or divisive is the way to go. I think this is the exact right time for people to come together and realize that there’s way more common ground than we thought.”

- Nikhil Sawhry, Economics and Politics Junior

“I was definitely somewhat heartbroken. I thought the country was a little more ahead than I guess we are. I don’t think it was a good decision and I fear for our future.”

- Sara Saperstein, Music Therapy Junior

“I’m very disappointed and surprised. I think people elected someone who is racist, a bigot, homophobic and ableist and he’s making it okay for people to express those beliefs in a very open way.”

- Lucianne Costanza, Music Therapy Graduate

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What are your feelings on the outcome of the 2016 presidential election?
A Third Party Candidate Allowed Me to Feel at Ease

Why would I vote for Clinton or Trump?

As a citizen of the United States of America, it is my right to vote. It is my right to express my opinion, beliefs and views and have the opportunity to help elect the next President of the United States. Once I turned 18, I didn’t only become an adult, I finally became a registered voter. In my excitement, I, like many other first-time voters, would finally be able to have a say in a presidential election.

The debates between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump were interesting at first, but as the election went on, the feeling of terror crept up behind me as I came to the realization that one of these two candidates would eventually be running our country. This fear did not keep the American people or myself from exercising the right to vote. That is when the search for an alternate candidate began.

In all honesty, I did not believe a third-party candidate would become the next President of the United States. By voting for a third party, it takes away a vote from “the lesser of two evils.” Due to this election, many young people refused to register as a Republican or Democrat, and instead chose to vote independently.

While many independent voters, like myself, believe Trump and Clinton made valid points, I couldn’t picture myself voting for either of them. For many voters, the decision between them was like voting for a loose cannon or a scared dalmatian law. It was almost like opening two doors that lead to the same place. Due to my indecision as a newly-registered voter choosing a political party, I was unable to vote in either primary. When it came down to the two major candidates, many considered abstaining from the election—the belief being that neither of these candidates deserved their vote. However, voting third party allowed for a different choice.

I went for that different choice. Gary Johnson may have gone through the election cycle unnoticed by many Americans, but not by me. Prior to the election, education was key in understanding the views of third party candidates. Remaining educated made me even more confident in my choice to avoid major parties. Gary Johnson’s campaign presented plenty of reasonable solutions to the problems plaguing Americans. He had ideas on immigration, education, the job market and many other important issues.

I voted for Johnson because with just five percent of votes, history could have been changed by creating a more competitive election. It would change the Americans view of third-party candidates. Voting for the “lesser of two evils” was not an option. Johnson’s campaign was made driven by political insiders, but by everyday Americans. This allowed for 65 percent of Americans not to feel that either party in this election represented them.

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Many New Jersey residents filled their tanks on Monday, November 7, in order to avoid the tax increases the next day. On Tuesday, November 8, residents saw the first Garden State gas tax hike go into effect in over twenty-five years. As a result of this newly-implemented tax hike, New Jersey has gone from having some of the lowest gas prices in the country to being among the highest. With prices as troubling as they are, the tax hike is only piling on to the dismay of New Jersey residents. Many people viewed the low gas prices as one of the primary incentives to travel to New Jersey. Now, these low prices are gone and people are left feeling as if they have been cheated. Yet, there are some silver lining in this situation that many people are missing completely.

In spite of the fact that New Jersey’s tax on gas has increased dramatically, it is still lower than the tax gas in the neighboring states of New York and Pennsylvania. In New York, the tax is about 43 cents per gallon, and Pennsylvania’s gas tax price is even higher at about 51 cents per gallon. By comparison, the new tax price for gas in New Jersey is 37.25 cents per gallon. To whom it comes to traveling among these three northeastern states, New Jersey is still the most preferable option when it comes to purchasing gas.

Going even further, it is important to understand the purpose of this gas tax hike. The hike is based on a deal between New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and lawmakers that will be beneficial to consumers and hopefully improve the roads and bridges throughout our state. New Jersey has a higher sales tax than the majority of the country, so this deal that will decrease the sales tax is beneficial for consumers. Our state is already exempt from sales tax when it comes to unprepared foods, medicine and clothing. This new cut only adds to the list of things we have when dealing with sales tax.

Also, there are some great properties in New Jersey where the expensive price tag leads to an enforcement of the considerable estate tax. Through this hike on gas taxes, the estate tax will decrease and major parties for New Jersey residents to buy some of the finest homes New Jersey has to offer. If things go according to plan, the increased gas tax will ultimately lead to the improvement of roads and bridges all around the state of New Jersey. Damaged roads and bridges are detrimental because they can result in car accidents, and if it is necessary to have higher gas prices to increase road safety and convenience, it looks like a reasonable trade-off.

Now, this deal is not a perfect plan. It will magically fix everything. Yet, it is important to remember that we must always try and understand the intentions of a certain idea and give it a chance before writing it off.

America was built on trying uncertain ideas and giving them a chance to see what would work. Given how far our country has come, we have a pretty good track record with trying uncertain ideas. To be even more positive, residents of New Jersey will still have their gas pumped for them even with the higher tax on gas. So before writing off this plan to dramatically increase the gas tax as a disaster, let’s at least give it a chance and show some optimism in this pessimistic time.

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WMSC Channels Energy into 30+ Hour Live Broadcast

Babee Garcia Staff Writer

WMSC, Montclair State’s campus radio station, celebrated the sixth annual College Radio Day on Nov. 4 with 30 continuous hours of live broadcast.

The concept of College Radio Day was created by Rob Quicke, the general manager of WMSC at William Paterson University, who wanted all listeners and participants in college radio to unite. The mission was intended to raise a greater awareness of how college radio is still alive and kicking. This event featured unsigned, local and independent artists throughout the 30 hours of broadcasting.

“This is a day that all college stations unite and put out their best work to show the rest of the world that there's value in having an on-campus station,” WMSC Station Manager Juan Cortina said. “College radio day has really grown here at Monclair State and at WMSC. I remember back [on] my freshman year when I first joined this day. We typically celebrated by playing music out of the boom box in the quad and handing out CDs.”

The WMSC radio team got together at a Red Hawk Diner and provided a special live broadcast on the sixth annual College Radio Day. Joining the radio team was the WMSC team.

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The Kick-off Extravaganza followed at 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 with its on-air pre-show. The WMSC radio team got out CDs. "It is a celebration of a terrific outlet for on-the-job training. I love being on the air and getting to interact with the audience and acting hilarious ad-libbed bits, including her shrieking interjections including her shrieking interjections.

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The first incredible part of this story is that Doss was considered by the commanding officers to be a medic. He decided to enlist in the Army. He felt his way to serve his country was to save lives rather than take them.

The Army eventually allowed Doss to go into battle without a weapon. The members of the platoon felt Doss was a coward, but their thoughts on him changed when he stayed on the battlefield after the Americans retreated to save as many injured soldiers as he could. Since the movie is based on a true story, it’s no surprise that the story is as accurate as possible. The practical effects were exquisite and made the action unsettling with the amount of gore and violence that ensued. Gibson did an excellent job with presenting the story and creating a great film. He is likely to score an Academy Award nomination as well.

One of the surprising elements of the film was Vince Vaughn’s portrayal of the American soldier. Vaughn, known best for his countless comedy works, was fantastic in a very dramatic and serious role. He was a very likeable American soldier and did a great job with being intense. He was even able to add some of his signature comedy to the mix while tormenting some of his privates. It was a great surprise to see Vaughn excel in this type of role.

‘Hacksaw Ridge’ is the first serious Academy Award contender of the season. The presentation, story and writing come together to make a WWII masterpiece. The film is a must-see, if you didn’t mind some gore and intense violence. It’s been a while since a great war film has been released, so “Hacksaw Ridge” is a breath of much-needed fresh air.
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Field Hockey’s Dream of Being Champions are Crushed by TCNJ and St. Joseph’s

The Montclair State Field Hockey season is over. The Red Hawks lost the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Championship Game to The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) this past Saturday, and were unable to defeat Saint Joseph’s College of Maine in the First Round of the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Tournament on Wednesday. "We had a very strong performance," Coach O’Reilly said prior to the game on Wednesday. “We beat two undefeated teams, we beat two regionally ranked teams and we finished the regular season undefeated at home, so to draw a first round home game, you couldn’t ask for anything better for us.” The Red Hawks had to wait for Selection Sunday for an at large bid into the tournament. This came after losing the opportunity for an automatic bid due to their loss in the NJAC Championship. Much to the delight of the team, the Red Hawks were given home field advantage for the first round game against Saint Joseph’s College of Maine at Sprague Field. The first half was scoreless with Montclair maintaining the majority of the possession.

In the second half there was a clear momentum shift to the Saint Joseph’s Monks. The team began to pressure Montclair and force costly turnovers. "You always learn more from losing than from winning in a game.” Senior forward Danielle Battico said. “We learned to play until the last buzzer sounds no matter what the score is at the time. The Red Hawks were also scoreless in their loss against the TCNJ Lions on Saturday. A win would have allowed the team to capture its third ever NJAC Championship. It was a battle of the top two teams in the conference. TCNJ was the top seed, with Montclair State coming into the game as the second seed. The Red Hawks came into the game on Saturday with a six-game winning streak. Montclair had only two shots, with only one shot on goal causing any danger. With 20 minutes remaining in the game, TCNJ’s Cayla Andrews broke the scoreless tie to propel the Lions to the win. “We played our best game ever this season and we just couldn’t get the ball into the cage.” Sophomore forward, Amber Haskell said after Saturday’s game. “It was very frustrating to know that we have worked so hard over the past few months and have prepared for this game so much not to be able to score.” The team has been talking about winning the NJAC Championship all season long. It was one of the team’s highest goals even before the season started. Coach O’Reilly was confident in the capabilities of her team. They’ve battled all season long and were mentally focused coming into the Championship Game. “While we didn’t get the result that we necessarily wanted, I think we made a lot of progress and I think we have a lot to learn from our performance.” O’Reilly said. The Red Hawks will have to wait till next season to put those learning experiences to the test. Montclair went 16-6 overall, including 15-4 in the regular season and 10-1 at home.
The issue of sportsmanship is something that has engulfed the sports world since the first ball was thrown. But, as athletes grow and switch a perspective to the varsity squad, the line where being a good sport and how far you’ll go to win becomes a little fuzzy.

Last week, top athletes from the county’s most competitive sports talked out their opinions on sportsmanship at a Sportsmanship Summit at the Yogi Berra Museum, in partnership with the Parabolic Performance and Rehabilitation Center.

Moderated by WANJ’s Rick Wolff, former New Jersey Devil Captain Bryo Salvador, former United States Women’s National Soccer team member Christie Walsh and New York Giants Linebacker Devon Kennard made their opinions clear.

“To be able to battle through. To be able to battle that we went through. To be able to battle through. To be able to battle that we went through. To be able to battle through.” Harvey said. “We grew so ourselves,” Head Coach Karin Wolff, former New Jersey Devils Captain Bryo Salvador, “I’m going to be honest, I’m trying to change our focus a little bit,” Harvey said. “For Harvey a lot, I was so impressed by the ‘team’s work ethic,’ O’Connell said. But, also the narrow focus of the girls. They know what they’re chasing. They are willing to go through the process to get there.”

“In prior years, the team had a specific goal. The Red Hawks’ goal for the 2014-15 season was to make a Final Four run (they achieved that goal and traveled to Grand Rapids, Mi. for the Final Four) and the goal for the 2015-16 season was to win the NJAC Championship (they achieved that, too).”

“Still, the Red Hawks have a plethora of players that can contribute offensively on a game-by-game basis. Harvey and O’Connell said they were pleased with what they saw in the team’s first scrimmage on Nov. 5, but both pointed out the team’s rebounding and ball handling could be better.

“Projecting ahead, Montclair State will be the team to beat in the NJAC. The team’s roster will have a majority of upperclassmen for the first time in awhile, and the 2016-17 season is set up for the Red Hawks to thrive.” Harvey said. “The Red Hawks’ first game of the 2016-17 season will be at home against Haverford College on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.”

Women’s Basketball Looks to Continue Their Successes this Season

Daniel Falkenheim

Kate Tobie and the Red Hawks have their sights set on another NJAC crown this season...
Montclair State's men's soccer team posed with their new NJAC Championship trophy.

With an NJAC Championship Trophy in hand, Men's Soccer is eager for Another Season

Montclair State Volleyball Lands NJAC Championship Tournament.

The volleyball team hoisted their new NJAC Championship trophy.

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Heeded to the NCAA Tournament

The Montclair State men's soccer team earned an automatic bid to the 2016 NCAA Tournament with a 3-0 win over nationally ranked Rowan University in the New Jersey Athletic Conference Tournament Final. An own goal and tallies from Jake Seuman and Colin Mulligan saw the Red Hawks past the Profs of Glassboro; despite the suspensions of Lucas Terri, Rafael Terri and Michael Cynamon, who all missed the game after picking up red cards in the previous win versus Rutgers-Newark. Despite missing these players, Montclair State put together an excellent team performance to get the win and advance to the national tournament, facing off against Christopher Newport in the First Round at Messiah College in western Pennsylvania.

Montclair State got off to a quick start when a Rowan own goal put the Men's team up 1-0. Winger Steven Zamudio picked the ball up on the left side of the 18 yard box and fired in a dangerous cross towards Jake Seuman, who was lurking from post. Sensing the danger, Rowan defender Brian Dziobak tried to head the ball away, but it found its way into the back of the net past a diving Kyle Dennis. The Red Hawks defended well for the rest of the half, forcing Rowan from several long range shots that did little to trouble goalkeeper Mike Staufrank, who had a strong performance marshalling the 18 yard box against Rowan's patented set-piece based attack. Montclair was able to stifle Rowan until the first half whistle blew.

The second half started similarly to the first, with Rowan having trouble breaking down Montclair State's reworked defense that saw Justin Clancy slide over from right back to center defense, and strong performances from Ian Johnson and Chris Bobey, as well as the ever-present and ever-physical Mike Taranis. 18 minutes into the half, a foul on the Red Hawk's set up a dangerous free kick opportunity for senior winger Mike Olla. Olla curled a vicious free kick that Prof goalkeeper Mike Staufrank was unable to pluck away but was only able to punch the ball into his own net. Dennis appealed to the referee that he had caught it after the punch before it went over the line, but the sideline referee signaled it had crossed the line, and Montclair went up 2-0 over their rivals. A few minutes later, Staufrank would make a key save as he acrobatically punched a point blank header off the crossbar that was later cleared by Mike Taranto. Controversy ensued in the 72nd minute when Colin Mulligan charged forward with the ball and ripped a left footed shot from about 30 yards that the Rowan keeper tried to punch away but was only able to punch the ball into his own net. Dennis appealed to the referee that he had caught it after the punch before it went over the line, but the sideline referee signaled it had crossed the line, and Montclair went up 3-0. Montclair prevented Rowan from getting back into the game and defended with shape and organization over the last 20 minutes of the match. After the final whistle blew, the Hawk’s celebrated earning their 4th NCAA appearance in a row.

One Down, One to Go

The football team hosted the New Jersey Athletic Championship (NJAC) trophy level and prised last week after they defeated top-seeded Ramapo College in the NJAC Tournament Final – earning the college the first Volleyball NJAC title in almost a decade, the previous coming in 2007. “It is a great feeling to see Montclair State back in the top tier of the NJAC,” Head Coach Ed DeSarro said. “It was surely a memorable run in the post-season this year.” With this title, the team earned themselves a bid to the coveted NCAA Tournament with an eagerness to earn another banner to hang in the Panzer Athletic Center. The NJAC Championship Tournament is a familiar scene for Stavinski and his team, having lost in the semifinals last season to their rivals, Stockton University, last season. Ironically, Stockton was exactly who they met in the semifinals this season. Except, this season took a different turn. The Red Hawks came out victorious over their eight-time NJAC rivals from down the shore. Coach Stavinski credits this win over Stockton as a big confidence booster for the girls. “Having played in the finals last year we remembered the feeling of being so close and not playing our best,” Coach Stavinski said. “The team was poised not to let that opportunity go by twice and took advantage of it!” After a redeeming semifinal, the team took the court with less nerves and more certainty, having played one of the best matches of their season that night against Ramapo, in the opinion of their head coach. The title came at the perfect time, according to Stavinski. They have improved as a team as the season progressed, but as the Championship Game approached, he believed that they were playing their best Volleyball of the season. Stavinski felt confident going into the Championship Game, highlighting the team’s hard work and their strategies in accordance to their specific NJAC competitors. “We had different game plans for each conference playoff match and the team executed them in the matches,” Stavinski said. Their game plans paid off in the NJAC, but this is not the end of the road. The NCAA bracket was released via live stream on Monday and the entire team gathered to watch it together to learn their fate. The team will take the short trip to Stevens Institute of Technology, where they will take on Clark University in Massachus- setts. Stavinski and his fellow coaches will work to develop a new game plan, while looking to his reliable team to be as consistent as they always have been throughout the season. “We have great depth in our program and have been able to maintain a competitive level in practice which has helped us maintain a high level throughout the season,” Stavinski said. The team hopes to snatch the first NCAA Volleyball title for Montclair State since 2007. “It is a strong bracket and Clark is a great opponent,” Stavinski said. “Overall, it is a great feeling to be Montclair State Volleyball announced in the National Championship Tournament.”

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Montclair State Volleyball team poses with their new NCAA Championship trophy.

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