It has been more than two years since Montclair State University students said goodbye to College Hall as they knew it. The renovation of the 111-year-old building began on June 7, 2017, and while there's still work to be done, students can expect the construction to finish by next autumn.

University President, Dr. Susan Cole, spoke about what students can expect once it's finished. "It is getting a complete makeover and it will be a terrific space for students," Cole said. The building served as Montclair State's original building back when the university was founded in 1908. Once the renovations are complete, it will serve as a one-stop shop for all student services, such as financial aid and advice, academic advising, registrar support and disability accommodations, to name a few. The building will also contain several administrative offices, including the president's office, the provost's office and the vice president for student development.

Professional services are not all the building has to offer. There will also be recreational spots such as a large gathering space, student lounges and study areas. In addition to the indoor spaces, the landscaping around the building will be updated for outdoor gathering.

Students who came to the university before construction began were sad to see Einstein Bros. Bagels go. The popular bagel food chain served as a breakfast spot within College Hall, but it will instead have a Panera Bread, which many students are excited for.

Nick Cherrey, a junior studying audio and sound design, said he's excited to have a new place to get sandwiches. "I'm very excited because we don't have any good places for sandwiches, other than So Deli which is just alright," Cherrey said. "I feel like Panera will be a great addition to our food on campus."

Salah Ahmed, a pre-majored sophomore, is also looking forward to the new additions College Hall has to offer. "I'm glad in general that they are doing new renovations on the old buildings on campus," said Ahmed. "Just knowing that College Hall is having a Panera is great."

Jess Metcalf, a senior studying English, also felt Panera would make a good addition, but had some concerns. "I think that Panera is a good idea, but it's also going to get very big traffic and it's probably going to be overpriced," Metcalf said.

Metcalf also felt disappointed that the building will not be done before she graduates. "I kind of feel like this has been taking a very long time," Metcalf said. "I understand things take a while to build, but I started school in 2015 and they built the communications building, the science building and they updated Schmitt Hall and put that new tech building."

Metcalf compared the renovations to New Jersey road construction. "I feel like it's becoming like New Jersey roadways in a way, where it's never gonna get finished," Metcalf said. Despite these concerns, Cole is confident that the project will emerge this summer and be a wonderful addition to the university's campus.

Expect College Hall Next College Fall
New food options to come along with renovations

Sam Carliner
Staff Writer

The Montclarion

Crossword puzzle & more on pages 14 and 15
Monday, Oct. 7

On Campus: A non-student reported to University Police a theft of their Gucci bag and two Mac Book Pro computers from an unsecured vehicle. This incident is currently under investigation.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Sam’s Place Cafeteria: A student reported that they left their wallet at Sam’s Place Cafeteria. Upon returning to that location, their wallet was recovered but money was missing. This case is under investigation.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Dinallo Heights: Officers responded to a report of property being removed from the laundry room. This case is under investigation.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Lot 23: Officers responded to speak with two students regarding the conduct of a worker within Sam’s Place Cafeteria. At this time, the reporting students do not wish to pursue charges.

Thursday, Oct. 10

University Police Headquarters: A resident student came to University Police Headquarters to report that, their backpack was taken from the manager’s office located in Life Hall. The students bag contained a laptop computer, U.S. Passport and textbooks. The total value of the items is $1,720. This incident is currently under investigation.

Thursday, Oct. 10

University Police Headquarters: A non-resident student came to report a theft from their personal bank account. The student noticed this while on campus, this information will be transferred to the Clifton Police Department.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.
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Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) meets the demands for psychological services on-campus, despite the shortage of counselors. The impact of having 11 staff members and limited space make it challenging to accommodate approximately 22,000 students, with a staff to student ratio of about 191:1.

Jaclyn Friedman-Lombardo, Director of CAPS, clarified misleading information regarding the number of individual sessions available. Students are offered an average of six individual sessions depending upon their needs. Depending on the nature of the issue, students may be referred to one of the many groups offered or for a meeting with the CAPS referral coordinator for access to services off campus.

"The key to provide the best services is to offer a variety of different support systems to best suit students needs," Lombardo said.

According to data from ActiveMinds.org, 39% of students in college experience a significant mental health issue. Fifty percent of those cases begin at the age of 14 and incline to 75% by the age of 24. Only 2/3 of the students who face anxiety or depression seek treatment.

"They have specialists so they know what they are doing," Bay Hamami, a sophomore biology major, said. "They teach a lot of coping mechanisms and techniques so it’s really helpful."

Colleges are adhering to a greater level of concern in ensuring counseling services are equipped in the number of staff and financial support.

"They helped me work out a lot of issues that I was holding on to," Janoa Watson, a senior athletic training major, said. "It is hard for me to open up to people and once I got comfortable with my therapist I had to move on to someone else."

Students with a prior extensive history of individual sessions who return to CAPS will be supported in a variety of ways. Students may be eligible for additional individual sessions and will be offered more services.

Additional services include consultation, group therapy, Let’s Talk, 24/7 TAO Connect (online therapy assistance), Just In Case app, support connecting with a referral off-campus and a 24/7 emergency response through University Police.

In order to bolster services, Lombardo suggests the university should consider increasing the budget, relocating to a larger space and hiring additional staff. "It fills me with an overwhelming sense of well-being to know that I am doing something good for people and people are telling me that what I do is helpful," Jude M. Uy, the Suicide Prevention Coordinator, said.

CAPS is located in Russ Hall and offer services for ADHD, depression, anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence, suicide prevention, sleep problems, sexual assault, eating disorders and much more.

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Contributing Writer

CAPS is located via the side entrance of Russ Hall.

CAPS is located in Russ Hall.

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CAPS is sponsoring events during Mental Health Awareness week October 21-25 and their normal business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
THE WORLD WITHOUT NEWS WOULD BE...
Students are drawn to Williams’ table where a sign reads “How You Vote Determines Tuition.”

Our Student Trustee Wants Change That Makes Cents

Alexa Spear
Feature Editor

Nikita Williams greets students from behind a table covered in pamphlets and student government paraphernalia. She lures shy passers-by with free bags of snacks and a warm smile. Soon, a crowd gathers and forms a circle around her, nodding their heads in agreement with her message: students need to take action.

This is just one of the ways Williams is working towards a better future for Montclair State University. The senior psychology major and leadership development through civic engagement minor is currently the singular voting student on the Board of Trustees, a position that gives her the ability to actively engage in meetings with industry leaders that will help make big picture decisions for Montclair State.

“I’m able to give a perspective that they don’t get,” Williams said. “Universities and organizations work through departments, so you rarely get someone who sees the whole picture. In a university, that’s the student.”

Williams has had the opportunity to vote on construction plans, contracts and also gets to see the overall operating budget of the university. A noticeable trend she has encountered is a lack of state funding, which ultimately impacts students in the form of tuition increases.

“It’s not a yes or no anymore, it’s how little can we increase tuition,” Williams said.

Despite the need for additional state support, Montclair State has consistently been allocated insufficient funds, particularly through New Jersey’s Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) Program. The amount is especially disproportionate considering the state aid offered to private four-year institutions that are typically for-profit.

In a report outlined by Education Reform Now (ERN), they explain the inequality Montclair State students are encountering as a result of the state’s inexplicable budgeting system.

ERN writes: “New Jersey provides wildly inequitable levels of state operating funds and financial aid to public and non-profit private state colleges with no articulated policy rationale. Rowan University, for example, is appropriated over three times as much funding per student as Montclair State in general operating aid even though Rowan serves fewer students from disadvantaged economic backgrounds.”

What has been referred to as the “high tuition, high aid” model offers more financial support to the colleges that charge more, even when they are generating profit, which creates increased potential for economic disparity to influence educational opportunity. Williams has recognized a pattern of tuition related distress and considers it one of the biggest problems facing the student body.

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Williams shared that part of the “strategic plan” considered during board meetings aims to place Montclair State as the New Jersey public institution with the lowest average loans by 2025. In the meantime, she is doing everything she can to educate the campus community about the very real consequences of inadequate state funding.

The student trustees’ Instagram @msustudenttrustees posts straightforward, easy-to-follow facts that students can use to stay informed without sifting through endless pages of complicated data. Williams hopes it will encourage more students to participate in the discussion and work towards positive change.

“I think a lot of students feel that they have to [be] ‘ready’ to run for leadership positions on campus,” Williams said. “My answer to that is if you wait until you feel ready, you’ll never get there. I think what really matters is what you do in spite of your own anxiety and self-doubt.”

Another goal she hopes to accomplish this year is to amass the support of fellow student trustees at public universities across the state of New Jersey, so that together they can represent the voice of their student bodies to local government.

If it sounds like Williams is going above and beyond the duties of her position, that’s correct. As a born leader she has always been striving to do the right thing for her peers and society at large.

One of her earliest forays into stu-
Williams works on her latest Instagram post in which she’ll tackle issues facing students.

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dent government came when she ran for president in her high school’s class election, but instead ended up enacting a new regulation that provided a more fair and impartial voting process. The Union County Academy for Performing Arts continues to honor this constitution and Williams’ legacy will make sure that student representatives earn their positions.

“Voting wasn’t mandatory, so it turned into a popularity contest,” Williams said. “I decided to create a constitution that required voting.” Williams believes the inspiration behind her tenacity and drive to make a difference is a result of her mom, Kim Downs, and the example she has set through her own career path.

“My mom is an operations manager for an airline, so I have always seen her be a leader, and be really well loved by the people she manages,” Williams said. “She always wanted me to be strong, outspoken and a leader.”

“She wanted to lead her class and make Montclair [State] the best school for diversity and inclusion.”

-Kim Downs, Nikita Williams’ mother

After all of Williams’ accomplishments, Downs knows that she has succeeded in raising a young woman that will change the world.

“Nikita is a sponge for knowledge. She achieved first in her [high school] class,” Downs said. “As college approached, she wanted to lead her class and make Montclair [State] the best school for diversity and inclusion. She continues to make her mark as a caring, aggressive team member; putting everyone ahead of her own personal gains.”

After Montclair State, Williams plans to pursue graduate school for industrial organizational psychology, and potentially own a leadership consulting firm. Until then, she’ll be in her office in the basement of the Student Center, helping students in whatever way she can.

“I would absolutely be willing to sit down with any student and go over their path and what they want to see in the university,” Williams said.

Free stickers, pens and lanyards draw students to the table where Williams provides information on how students can get involved on campus.

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Students fill the Student Center Ballrooms during a Breakfast with the SGA event.

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The RedChawks celebrate Rocky’s birthday.

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There is hardly anyone who can pass up the glory of a good meme. They are a great way to get a quick laugh that can be easily shared with friends.

Montclair State University’s RedChawks have been gracing the campus with memes drawn in chalk. Examples of which include handsome Squidward, “I’m fine” and Rocky in the Spongebob meme pose.

The RedChawks were happy to offer commentary on their work around campus. However, they only offer a sketch of their identity as opposed to the whole picture to maintain their anonymity. They have asked to be referred to as Z, N and E respectively.

The group explained that staying anonymous is important to them for many reasons.

“It’s for people to feel like they are in on the secret,” N said.

The RedChawks feel it is fun for people to stumble upon them and discover their identity. They are welcoming of this discovery and they post where they will be drawing next on their Instagram @MontclairRedChawks.

The members of the RedChawks boast a humble beginning. N explained that the idea of drawing memes on campus started as a funny idea before blooming into a delightful reality.

Their first meme was done in the Bohn Hall and Blanton Hall Quad. They were quick to draw in onlookers.

“The first person to talk to us was a cop,” N said. “He loved it and requested the rendering of the newer meme “Imma head out” as well as their Halloween pumpkin.

It is not just meme culture and holidays that they keep track of, but campus events as well.

“The RedChawks acknowledged Rocky’s birthday,” Risley said.

As aforementioned, they drew Rocky in a popular Spongebob meme for his birthday. Hopefully the RedChawks will continue their connection with the campus, and create art for other campus events.

The RedChawks are always open to ideas.

“We get requests or someone has an idea before we get there,” Z said.

This prompted interviewed students to share what they would like to see next.

“I would like to see a spooky chalk drawing for Halloween,” Parente said.

Risley wanted to keep the on-campus connection going.

“I would love to see Rocky sipping tea, like the Kermit the frog meme,” Risley said.

DiPippa follows a similar theme to Risley, but has no specific idea for a meme.

“I want a meme in front of University Hall,” DiPippa said.

The RedChawks have brought a colorfully positive tradition to campus. In light of this positive response, one can only hope that they will continue to draw memes.

The RedChawks can be followed on their Instagram @MontclairRedChawks. If you want to see what art they have done so far or see where they will strike next, be sure to give them a follow.
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New Citizens Get a Photo Finish to Their Naturalization Process

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With over 10 different countries in attendance, Oct. 2 will be remembered as a significant moment in the lives of these 38 new U.S. citizens. This monumental ceremony took place at the amphitheater in the Great Falls National Historic Park in Paterson, New Jersey.

Montclair State University Professor Thomas Franklin organized a trip to the Great Falls for his students. "I was looking for an event we could go photograph that would be visual and would be kinda fun, and when I started to do my research I wanted to go to the Great Falls," Franklin said. "Then I discovered that they were [having] this naturalization ceremony."

Students taking photojournalism courses at Montclair State had the opportunity to attend and capture amazing shots of the emotional experience. Najiyah Weaver, a sophomore journalism major, was one of the 18 students in attendance. She later shared why she was grateful to be a part of this event.

"After the ceremony was over I was taking pictures of families in front of the Great Falls. I was talking to one lady [who] had two sons and she was saying how she did it for them," Weaver said. "You could see her face turn red and eyes start to water. It was just a good experience."

Friends and families gathered in support of their loved ones during the ceremony. Also in attendance was Darren Boch, the superintendent of the Great Falls Park, Bill Pascrell, Congressman of the United States and Andre Sayegh, the Mayor of Paterson.

"I'm the grandson of immigrants and my grandparents worked here in Paterson," Boch said. "For me personally to be able to host this event and watch these people become Americans here at the Falls and in this city is a very personal, moving moment. That's why I always make a point every October to do this here."

The new citizens had beautiful weather for the ceremony, along with a waterfall cascading in the background and the Alexander Hamilton statue overlooking the event. Many of these new citizens have attained their citizenship for themselves and for their families to have access to opportunities they may lack in their home countries.

Eilyn Consuegra Leon, a participant of the naturalization ceremony, is originally from Colombia. She cited her children as her motivation.

"This was a five year process but this was the best process for my kids," Leon said. "So my kids [can] have better opportunities."

Congressman Pascrell had a lot to say to the new citizens in his closing remarks.

"Don't think you got here because of anyone. We were all born equally," Pascrell said. "You will protect America; you will protect our country."

Mayor Sayegh was in attendance and respects the drive that immigrants have for taking part in this long intensive process. He is a son of Arabic immigrants; his mother came from Syria and his father came from Lebanon.

"[I'm] thankful that people still want to come to America and to Paterson," Sayegh said.
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Rain coats Montclair State University as a fall storm approaches. 

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The sun sets on Montclair State University’s campus. 

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PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

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Rocky checks out the photo of him and his sister, Roxy, that was featured in last week’s edition. 

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New chrysanthemums brighten up the campus with their beautiful colors.

Sophomore biology major Keanna Lugo (left) and junior exercise science major Jared Wolff (right) make Montclarion crafts after reading the paper.
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Looking for a reliable and kind after school babysitter / mother's helper for two children ages 1 and 2. Responsibilities include picking up at school, transporting to and from after school activities in Glen Ridge and Bloomfield, making bed, preparing dinner & straightening up. Regular hours are 2:00-7:00 Monday through Friday. Prior experience with children is preferred, use of own reliable vehicle and/or our vehicle. If interested, please call or text 856-264-2532.

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Looking for a reliable and kind after school babysitter / mother's helper for two children ages 2 and 4. Responsibilities include picking up at school, transporting to and from after school activities in the Montclair area, prepping dinner & light clean up. Regular hours are 3:45-4:30 Monday through Friday. Prior experience with children, clean driving record, own reliable vehicle is required. Please email: mhorowitz77@yahoo.com

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Across
2. This candy can be considered rather geeky.
5. This candy is exclusively for geniuses.
6. Do you prefer the left side or the right side of this candy?
7. This chocolate candy is out of this world!
8. Our favorite peanut butter cup.
9. Everyone’s favorite brand of chocolate bar.

Down
1. A kid’s biggest fear to get in their candy basket.
3. Taste the rainbow.
4. A candy shaped like a triangle in common fall colors.

Word Search

Sudoku

*For answers to the puzzles, please check The Montclarion Facebook page every Thursday.*
Every student at Montclair State University knows there are two types of classes one can experience throughout their time here. There are those that are interactive, where students are encouraged to collaborate with each other on projects, and there are others that are very lecture heavy. Unfortunately, many of us have been stuck in one of those two-and-a-half hour lectures with no breaks, and some students tend to get comfortable and make themselves at home. While feeling comfortable is important during class, some students tend to get comfortable with no breaks, and some students may cause long-term damages to the furniture. This is probably one of the main reasons that many of the plastic chairs in the classrooms of University Hall are broken, because of some students' negligence to take care and respect school property.

Students don’t need to be physics majors to understand the concept of weight distribution and that some chairs are meant to be used in a certain way. As a result of this ongoing trend, many students are left without a safe seat. While chairs breaking in classrooms are not always purposeful, there has also been graffiti and other forms of vandalism found around campus. There is graffiti even on the side of the buildings, including an illustration on the roof of Schmidt Hall, which was removed, but an almost identical one still remains on the bridge connecting Clove Road and Yogi Berra Drive.

The problem also expands to further than just the main campus, with those who live in residence halls on campus seeing their share of careless and reckless damages. Every student who lives on campus is very familiar with the monthly emails sent from Residence Life about the monthly damages caused in each building. These offenses can include broken blinds, light fixtures and bulbs, stolen exit signs, graffiti and any other significant damage students may cause.

Along with these emails comes a monthly bill for on-campus residents, which ranges depending on where the damage was caused. For some students, it could be less than a dollar, while for others it could be more than $10. This puts some accountability on the students and encourages them to take responsibility for their actions. While not every student is responsible for the damage, it emphasizes the importance of reporting any violations. This type of accountability needs to expand further than just the residence halls, but to the entire campus. This may be hard to monitor, but the school can start by adding an extra fee to student tuition to cover any possible damage.

Tuition at Montclair State is continuing to rise without any real way to catch every single offense on campus. This is an issue that is commonly overlooked by the campus community and it is unfair that it has gone unnoticed for so long. We are all impacted by this issue in some form whether we are students who cannot find a seat in our class each week, on-campus residents who can’t open a study room window shade or just someone who walks on campus and sees graffiti on the side of buildings. As students, all of us spend a lot of money to attend school here and we need to show this place the respect it deserves.

“The vandalism at Montclair [State University] could be disrespectful depending on what they draw on the walls. Some people are really inappropriate. I feel like it’s not the best thing for the school. I think Montclair [State] should take tactics to take off the vandalism or talk to the students doing it or have cameras that show it.”

- Carlos William Gonzalez
Communication & Media Arts Senior

“I don’t get why people would do it, it seems pointless. I don’t feel very strongly when I see it. It’s not something I really think about, but when it’s not there that’s certainly nicer. I don’t have any strong feelings one way or the other.”

- Shane Mitchell
Earth & Environmental Science Senior

“I feel that the vandalism occurring is disrespectful. A lot of us take pride in what our campus looks like and it affects how comfortable we feel on campus. So it’s not just affecting the buildings but also our comfort.”

- Delanie Demarco
Communication Studies Junior

“I feel that vandalism on campus is wrong, people shouldn’t be doing it. I’ve seen it happen on a day-to-day basis. I’ve seen people pull flowers out of the pots and I’ve seen vandalism in the bathrooms. I just think it’s wrong.”

- Anthony Morin
Accounting Sophomore
If Barbie Can Change, so Can We
Mattel releases a new line of gender neutral dolls

Since Mattel’s release of the market breaking Barbie in 1959, views of what the perfect body and gender expression look like have changed immensely over the years. From initially only being available as a male and female doll, Mattel has since revolutionized its market to a selection of diverse universal dolls for everyone to play with.

On Sept. 24, Mattel, who was founded in 1945, released a line of dolls called “Creatable World.” These dolls are limitless in the selection and are designed to keep labels out and welcome everyone in. The dolls can be made to be a boy, girl, both or neither.

People of all ages, including young audiences like children, should be able to express themselves how they wish to be free to solely be themselves. In redifining these old stereotypes and escaping unrealistic expectations, this new way of addressing a young demographic is a remarkable outreach to encourage and inspire children to express themselves how they wish.

With knowing young children within family and friends who do not conform to gender roles, the release of the “Creatable World” line of dolls has touched my heart so greatly and has filled me with happiness, as I know it will bring them great joy. Being that the dolls steer away from traditional male or female features, it is an incredibly important line especially when it is seen by young people.

The Mattel creator who led to the release and launch of the design, Kim Culcome, said the dolls are intended to be relatable but not aspirational like Barbie was.

The “Creatable World” series of dolls allows children to break away from fixed views in society and have the freedom to create and customize their characters as much as they would like to.

Starting with a blank canvas, these dolls come along with a style kit. This allows children to dress their dolls however they please with many variations of colored hair, featuring both long or short and the option of dolls in different skin tones.

The kit also comes with over 100 looks and wardrobe options ranging from different shirts, glasses, long pants, skirts and even the freedom to layer both.

Mattel also released a significant slogan with the delivery of the line, stating: “Dolls are for kids not only for girls.”

The circling question of why, as a society, we should follow these gender specific procedures is nonetheless outrageous and outdated. Mattel’s focus in allowing kids to simply be kids and dress up however they please with different looks and characters is a step into a more relatable and approachable world.

“Dolls are for kids not only for girls.”

The “Creatable World” line offers a new way to play with dolls and breaks away from the traditional barbies that children are shown and have been shown their whole lives. As a child, I enjoyed playing with barbies and would often create different scenes with them, changing their hair and clothing.

Now, Mattel’s new dolls allow children to break away from the traditional gender norms and create a world that is more relatable and free. The new line of dolls offers a variety of options for children to choose from, allowing them to express themselves in a way that is more fitting to their own individuality.

These dolls showcase the idea that there is no one right way to look or be, and that children should be able to express themselves in the way that feels most comfortable to them. By offering dolls with diverse features and styles, Mattel is promoting a more inclusive and accepting society for children.

In conclusion, Mattel’s new line of “Creatable World” dolls is a significant step towards promoting inclusivity and acceptance for children. By allowing children to create dolls that reflect their individuality, Mattel is fostering a more accepting and inclusive world for children to grow up in.

Using Apple’s iPhone SE for a Week
Is it still viable in 2019?

When it comes to smartphone performance, the iPhones are no slouch. Many consumers enjoy using their iPhone X and iPhone 11 Pro Max today, thanks to Apple’s incredible software optimization and top-notch processing chips.

However, while a good majority of users do use the latest and the greatest of technology, does this mean they are always better compared to older models like the iPhone SE from 2016?

The iPhone SE is an interesting comparison because it’s one of the oldest iPhone models, next to the iPhone 6S, to support the newest iOS 13 update.

Last week, I decided to purchase a 64GB Silver model on eBay for roughly $88 as I was curious to see how well it performed. Despite this minor issue, the positives outweigh the negatives. The iPhone SE is still a viable phone to use in 2019. Its price, compact size and light weight are attractive features for many.

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Despite this minor issue, the positives outweigh the negatives. The iPhone SE is still a viable phone to use in 2019. Its price, compact size and light weight are attractive features for many. But it did make me miss my Samsung Galaxy S10 and iPhone 7 Plus a bit because of their superior battery life.

I was able to fit my wallet on the same side and it still never felt uncomfort-able walking. My iPhone 7 Plus would always make walking uncomfortable, especially in jeans, because of its bulky size. Driving to campus with the iPhone SE made me realize how extremely portable and convenient it is to carry.

However, the iPhone SE doesn’t bring all good news to the table. Its battery just isn’t enough to last through a day of moderate to heavy use. I found myself needing to charge toward the evening when I attended my career manage-

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Thumbs Up

Montclair State welcomes Christopher Newport University for homecoming 2020 this Saturday

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WANT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING GREATER?
Nia Dubourg is a junior majoring in theater studies at Montclair State University. She will appear in the student-run on-campus production of “Really, Really” the weekend of Oct. 25-27. She sat down with The Montclarion entertainment editor Thomas Neira to discuss her love for acting and her upcoming play.

Q: How did you first get interested in acting?

A: I think I’ve always been interested in acting. Ever since I was little, my mom would take me to Broadway shows and I just thought it was the most magical thing in the world. It was so cool to see people tell a story on stage to a bunch of people. It felt kind of like grown-up playtime, like playing with Barbies. It was so cool and I’ve loved it ever since.

Q: When did you perform in your first ever production?

A: I think technically my first ever production, doing theater, was in high school. I feel like it’s kind of late, but it was my freshman year and I didn’t want to audition for the play. My mom was like, “What do you mean you don’t want to audition for the play?” And I was like, “Oh, I don’t know,” and she was like “You’re gonna do it.”

So I said of course I’m going to listen to my mother and I’m going to audition and I saw Ms. Lombardi, who was my director at the time, and I was like, “Hi, I’m really sorry, I’m really scared and I don’t have anything prepared but I’d really like to audition,” and she just gave me a monologue to perform, and I did it and I wasted the whole week to see if I got in. I got in and it was a really good part and I was like, “Oh my goodness! This is so exciting!”

Q: Which actors or actresses do you consider as inspirations?

A: That’s a good question. I’ll say Anne Hathaway, for sure. She’s just so versatile and just amazing, like you could see her in “Les Miserables.” That’s incredible, that’s a super hard show to do. Jake Gyllenhaal is also really good. Most people don’t know that he does theater, but he started off doing theater and he’s so into his character. He’s really good at just breaking down a story and getting every single detail of the character right. So, I think those two are really big inspirations.

Q: How do you prepare for a role?

A: My directors that I had my freshman year of college, Erin Gaydos and Melody Appeal, like to break down the character and really make the character kind of a person. So we build a story around the person. I usually go through the script again and see where the character starts off, and obviously where they end, and I like to build a story around it. See where they grew up and why they behave the way that they do and their relationships to other characters. So, I feel like that helps.

Q: How has Montclair State helped you develop your craft?

A: I think Montclair State has helped me develop my craft by giving me so many outlets to explore because it’s not just an after-school kind of thing. Doing FAST [Friday Afternoon Student Theatre], the shows that we usually do, it’s of course on our own time. Also in classes I have really great professors who really get into detail about what you’re doing and push you to be...
the best actor that you can be. It’s kind of like no nonsense, which I appreciate because it is something I want to do for the rest of my life. Why not try my hardest and be the best that I can be?

Q: Which production that you’ve been a part of has been your favorite so far?
A: I don’t know because they all have something special to me. I think my favorite one will always be from back in high school, we did “Into the Woods.” It’s such a hard show, but when you get it down it is the most fun thing in the entire world. And I have so many memories from that show, so definitely that.

Q: Can you tell us about your upcoming play?
A: Yeah! I’m actually really excited. It’s called “Really, Really.” I’ll admit that when we first read the show, I was like “I don’t know if I really like this.” But I ended up falling in love with it. I’m obsessed with it and it’s so good. There are so many layers and intentional details in it when you get to immerse yourself in the show that you don’t even realize, you wouldn’t even expect. There are characters who seem a certain way and they completely change by the end of the show and it’s cool.

Q: When and where can we go see it?
A: You can see it in Life Hall in Room 0325, in Memorial Auditorium. It’s at 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25, 26 and 27.

Q: What other interests and hobbies do you have?
A: I love listening to music. I listen to music every single day. I like to go out and hang out with my friends. That’s super fun. I like spending time with my family too. That makes me really happy. And sleeping is the highlight of my life, always.

Q: What do you plan to do after you graduate?
A: It’s crazy to think about it as a junior that I only have one year left, but I’m in the master’s program. I’m going to be getting my master’s here, so that’s fun. I don’t have to worry about big adult stuff yet, but after that I want to go to graduate school probably in the city. The dream has always been to go to Broadway, so hopefully I’m there.
Aaron Paul Breaks Bad One Last Time in ‘El Camino’

Justin Curry
Contributing Writer

It’s been six years since one of television’s highest rated shows, “Breaking Bad,” ended its five season run on AMC. The show left fans more than satisfied with the conclusion, yet still curious about what happened to one pretty important character. “El Camino” tells the long awaited story of what happened to fan favorite Jesse Pinkman, played by Aaron Paul, after the events in the series finale of “Breaking Bad.”

For non “Breaking Bad” fans, the show revolves around Jesse cooking meth with his former high school chemistry teacher, Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston. Walter is diagnosed with lung cancer and must find a way to pay for his medical bills and provide for his family. This ultimately leads to a spectacular five seasons of television, allowing both Paul and Cranston to receive multiple awards for their performances over the years.

Paul gives it his all in his performance throughout the movie. After being disconnected from his character for six years, it felt like he never left. I am hoping to see a lead actor nomination for Paul for this performance.

The film picks up right where “Breaking Bad” left off. Jesse is in a Chevrolet El Camino, speeding away from the recent shoot-out between his partner Walter (or Heisenberg) and the gang of white supremacist. These men used Jesse as their slave to cook his and Walter’s signature blue crystal meth. As a fan of the show, I was very eager to see where Jesse went afterwards and to see how his story officially ends.

Vince Gilligan, writer, director and creator of both the show and the recently released Netflix original film, decided he would only make the movie if it was perfect and made sense with the concluded story. After watching “El Camino,” I think it is safe to say that Gilligan did just that.

The multiple callbacks to the series, whether it be in flashbacks or with returning fan favorite characters, dead or alive, showed that it was a movie made for the fans of the show. The film needed these callbacks to make its audience feel like they are back with their favorite characters, and dealing with situations similar to those in the show.

“El Camino” does feel slow at times, but it’s just for the audience to remember who those characters are and appreciate them once again. It also spent a lot of time showing flashbacks of scenes that took place during the timeline of the show. These flashbacks felt interesting at first, but ultimately dragged on at times. I wanted to see more of Jesse in the present, rather than having the story work backwards. When the film did show Jesse’s story in the present, it became much more exciting.

Although I felt that the film dragged at times, it’s not to say that the story ended in a bad way. I think where Gilligan left Jesse at the end of the film fell into place and felt very satisfying after seeing this character go through so much between the show and the movie.

The film tied everything up beautifully, and I was left content with how the story was told in a way that didn’t ruin the ending of the show. This was a big fear of mine before watching, but since Gilligan had full control of the project, I felt confident that he knew what he was doing. In all, I don’t think that the film was necessarily needed, but was nonetheless pleased with its outcome.

In the end, getting closure on Jesse’s story felt thrilling, even at times where things felt a bit sluggish. Overall, “El Camino” had its ups and downs, but it will always be a part of one of television’s greatest stories.
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THU 10/17
Women’s Volleyball at William Paterson University
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Women’s Swimming at Seton Hall University
4 p.m.
Women’s Swimming vs. Monmouth University at Seton Hall University
4 p.m.
Men’s Swimming at Seton Hall University
4 p.m.
MSWIM vs. Monmouth University at Seton Hall University
4 p.m.
Men’s Ice Hockey vs. Mariist College
9 p.m.

SAT 10/19
Women’s Cross Country vs. Golden Eagle Invitational
TBA
Men’s and Women’s Swimming Homecoming Meet
12 p.m.
Women’s Soccer at Stockton University
2 p.m.
Women’s Ice Hockey vs. University of Maryland
1 p.m.
Football vs. Christopher Newport University
2 p.m.
Men’s Soccer vs. Stockton University
6 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. The College of New Jersey
7 p.m.

SUN 10/20
No games

MON 10/21
No games

TUE 10/22
Women’s Volleyball at Rutgers-Newark
7 p.m.
Women’s Soccer vs. New Jersey City University
TBA

WED 10/23
Field Hockey vs. William Paterson University
7 p.m.

Red Hawks Recap

Red Hawks Men’s Ice Hockey: 3
Rowan University: 7

Red Hawks Women’s Soccer: 8
Ranpo College: 0

Red Hawks Women’s Volleyball: 3
Kenyon College: 1

Red Hawks Women’s Volleyball: 0
New York University: 3

Red Hawks Football: 10
The College of New Jersey: 7

Red Hawks Women’s Soccer: 3
College of Staten Island: 0

Red Hawks Field Hockey: 0
Stockton University: 1

Red Hawks Men’s Soccer: 1

Red Hawks Women’s Volleyball: 3
Moravian College: 0

Red Hawks Women’s Volleyball: 1
Stockton University: 3

Inside the Panzer Athletic Center on Saturday, the Montclair State University women’s volleyball team awaited a matchup against the Kenyon College Ladies, while hosting an eager crowd.

Prior to the game, Montclair State was 10 games over .500 with a 15-5 record and Kenyon had only won five games all season. The Red Hawks knew that they had to use their speed and strength to their advantage in order to propel them to victory.

“We want to start on the right foot and play really well early on in order to win,” Eddie Stawinski, Montclair State women’s volleyball head coach, said.

The Red Hawks were able to do just that. They used their front line with sophomore outside hitters Leah Higgins and Carly Waterman in order to accumulate points for the Red Hawks. This resulted in a collapse of an already fatigued Kenyon defense. Tips and deflections atop the net by senior middle blocker Caitlin Lange helped to bury the attempts of the Ladies in the first set, which Montclair State won 25-18, despite a late comeback by Kenyon.

In the second set, Montclair State once again started off dominant with their front line coming together and blocking shots over the top of the shorter and slower defense of Kenyon College. Although the Ladies were able to gain a bit of momentum, Montclair State managed to fend off the onslaught of front play by Kenyon. The Red Hawks took the second set 25-21 and stood one win away from a well earned victory.

Realizing that there would be no need to panic, the Red Hawks kept their composure.

“We just needed to keep what our game plan was,” Stawinski said.

The Red Hawks executed their plan; with the resilience and strength of the team, Montclair State was able to bury the disappointment of the third set. With help again from Herbert, Waterman and O’Rourke, the team took the final set 28-26. Higgins scored the game winning point while capitalizing on a Kenyon player’s mistake. With the win, the Red Hawks raised their 2019 season record to 16-5.

If the Red Hawks continue to succeed, they will be in a great position to bring home more hardware at the end of this illustrious season.
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Women’s Soccer Shuts out Ramapo in Their Fourth Straight Meeting

The Roadrunners fell to Montclair State with eight unanswered goals

Montclair State University women’s soccer continues their history of dominance over the Ramapo College Roadrunners as they won 8-0 on Saturday, making their collective 28-game record against Ramapo 24-0-4.

With the latest shutout, Montclair State has yet to let up a goal in their last four games together. The Red Hawks move to 8-4-2 on the season while still being undefeated in conference play.

Head coach for the Red Hawks, Patrick Naughter, is in his 10th season as head coach and feels like this is one of his best teams.

“A bunch of kids are playing well, I think we are a really deep group,” Naughter said. “Even today we are getting goals scored and contributions from everybody.”

A huge contribution against Ramapo on Saturday was the Red Hawks’ defense. The backline only allowed the Roadrunners to get three shots on goal all game, making it an easy day for junior goalkeepers Phoebe Bledsoe and Nicole Carbone, who split playing time.

The first half got off to a quick start after Montclair State kept the ball on the offensive for 14 straight minutes. With the ball itching to get in the back of the net, freshman defender Samantha Senatore scored at the 14:46 minute off an assist from freshman forward Tori Rolls. Less than a minute and a half later, Rolls would connect with Senatore for the second score of the game.

The Red Hawks did not stop there as just 40 seconds after the second goal, senior forward Emily Beenders scored her third goal of the season, giving Montclair State the early 3-0 lead.

It did not help Ramapo that they had four fouls in the first 20 minutes. Montclair State would have 10 shots on goal in the first half while only letting Ramapo get one shot off.

The second half started just as quickly as the first as Rolls scored in the first two minutes. The goal was assisted by Beenders, but Beenders was not done there as she struck in her final goal of the day to give Montclair State a 5-0 lead in minute 55 of gameplay.

Both Rolls and Beenders had a hand in each of Montclair State’s first five goals of the game. Beenders is a senior team captain who has helped propel the young players all season long.

At minute 66, sophomore midfielder Lindsay Bathmann scored her second goal of the season which was assisted by freshman defender Gabby D’Emilio. D’Emilio was not done there as she struck the ball into the back of the net to give the Red Hawks a 7-0 lead.

Less than a minute later, junior forward Kaitlyn Scrivanich scored on a penalty kick which ended the scoring for Montclair State as they finished with a season-high of eight goals.

All players contributed to the outcome as the bench was subbed in for the starters early.

Naughter emphasizes the team’s ability to lead and respect one another as a driving force to their success.

“There’s been a lot of leadership and they are just a great group of kids,” Naughter said.

The Red Hawks also kept the momentum into the following Monday by defeating the College of Staten Island 3-0, helping them stay on the winning track.
Football Tames the Lions for Their Second Win of the Season

Burch’s touchdown pass to Campbell keeps the Red Hawks on top of TCNJ

After what seemed like a rocky start to their season, the Montclair State University football team bounced back from their recent loss with a 10-7 win over The College of New Jersey Lions.

The Lions scored a touchdown on the game’s first opening drive. The Red Hawks quickly responded with a 55-yard possession which led to sophomore kicker Anthony Marinelli’s 30-yard field goal kick. This put the Red Hawks on the scoreboard, making the game 7-3 at the end of the first quarter.

Sixteen consecutive possessions had both teams at the same score throughout the second and third quarter. With just 3:01 left in the game, senior wide receiver Kason Campbell scored a 10-yard touchdown on fourth and goal from senior quarterback Ja’Quill Burch.

Campbell, who had six receptions for 86 yards and the winning touchdown, believes the Red Hawks are making a strong redemption compared to the beginning of the season. “I feel like we played through adversity, we are always down at one point but then we came together and regrouped as a team,” Campbell said. “We made things happen. We didn’t give up, we kept pounding.”

The Red Hawks are set to face Christopher Newport University, who are currently 1-4, this Saturday at Sprague field. Assistant Coach and recruiting coordinator Mike Palazzo believes there is still work to be done before the next match. “We have to start fast, we sometimes like to gage our opponent early on and just play to them instead of playing our game and starting the game out the right way,” Palazzo said. “It took us 57 minutes to take the lead on Saturday, I’d like to have the lead earlier for this weekend.”

The Red Hawks take on Christopher Newport University at 2:00 pm this Saturday for Montclair State’s annual homecoming game.