Be Your Own Valentine

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Red Hawk Rap Sheet

Monday, Feb. 3
Police Headquarters: The complainant arrived to report an incident at CarParc Diem. According to the complainant, she was harassed by another driver because of a parking space. The complainant did not want to sign criminal complaints.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Police Headquarters: The victim walked in to report an incident that occurred on Jan. 29. According to the victim, her ex-boyfriend assaulted and threatened her while he was visiting her on campus at Gordon Hall. The victim did not wish to sign a criminal complaint and was provided with available resource information.

Wednesday, Feb. 5
Einstein Hall: Patrol officers responded in reference to a strong odor of marijuana. Upon further investigation, non-student Naseef Brown was arrested for possession of marijuana. A court appearance date was scheduled at Little Falls Municipal Court.

Thursday, Feb. 6
Cafe Diem: Patrol officers responded in reference to a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill. This incident is under investigation.

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.
Can We Get a Head Count?

Students and faculty gathered in the atrium of the Center for Environmental and Life Sciences to attend the New Jersey Complete Count Rally on Monday at 10 a.m.

Hosted by Montclair State University, the rally invited speakers such as U.S. New Jersey Rep. Mikie Sherrill and the New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way to share why participation in the census is vital.

Since the last census, New Jersey has gone from 13 seats to 12. To prevent the loss of another seat, officials in the state of New Jersey are working to get the numbers in for more difficult-to-count areas.

Sherrill made it clear that the census numbers also determine how tax dollars are split amongst states.

“New Jersey gets less back for every federal dollar of any state in the nation,” Sherrill said. “If we don’t get a complete count that gets even worse.”

That money from the federal government would then go back into education and public works. Tahesha Way stated that approximately $23 billion in federal funding is at stake.

Sarah Fischer, a junior political science major, found out about the rally from her job, working for U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez. She believes that the census plays a very important role in society.

“Without it you don’t get the resources you need for your community,” Fischer said.

Graduate student Katharine Mauro shares the same opinion.

“The census provides funding for the next 10 years for programs like SNAP [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program], Headstart and other healthcare and community programs, while also determining our representation in congress which is super important,” Mauro said.

Speakers like Way also addressed the importance of where the information is going.

“I want to be clear that census information is secure and protected,” Way said. “This is about fair access to our democracy.”

Although he was unable to attend, Menendez provided remarks to calm worries over the information being used by other law enforcement agencies.

“The census is about counting everyone, regardless of his or her citizenship status or nation of origin,” Menendez said in a statement. “The personal information you provide when you complete the census will not put you in any danger of deportation.”

Montclair State was chosen as the host for this event to reach out to students to spread the word about the census. They are also hiring students to accomplish the complete count.

Assistant Regional Census Manager Lisa Moore is one of the people seeking out students to encourage others to participate in the census.

“We look at trusted voices [and] people who understand the community. We want them to work within the community,” Moore said. “We are looking to recruit and hire, but to also get the word out about the census.”
New Contract Gives Montclair State Adjuncts Better Pay

After years of protest, Montclair State University adjunct professors have reached a conclusion to their battle for equal pay. As of January, these faculty members, as well as professors from eight other public institutions, are officially working under a new contract.

Among many other accomplishments, this contract has afforded adjunct professors a pay increase of $230 per credit.

Mary Wallace, the president of the Montclair Adjunct Union Local, explained why this decision was important. “We are still underpaid, but this raise per credit was the largest in memory,” Wallace said.

This increase is an effort to solve the issue of pay disparity between full-time and adjunct professors.

“When full-time professors teach a summer course they receive a certain pay,” Wallace said. “When adjuncts teach that [same] course, their pay is lower.”

By 2023, adjunct professors will finally reach parity with a salary of $5,115 for teaching a three-credit course. According to Wallace, the full-time professors were in full support of the adjunct professors’ goals.

The union’s effort to arrange a fair contract was brought to public attention in 2016 when members created a petition on change.org entitled, “Support Equal Pay for Adjunct Faculty” which gained a total of 628 supporters.

“Adjuncts at [Montclair State] deserve equal pay for equal work!” the petition said. As the fall 2019 semester came to a close, negotiations for the contract continued to be stalled.

Wallace explained why the contract took a long time to be made. “When issues such as a person's livelihood and pay equality are at stake, it is the moral responsibility of the bargaining unit to take the time to get the very best contract possible,” Wallace said. “It takes time for both sides to reach an acceptable solution, but the adjuncts were committed to equal pay for equal work.”

Weary of working under an expired contract, professors began to protest around campus. The outcry from the faculty members and their supporters was heard. The agreement reached this January addresses their concerns with serious solutions.

Wallace was pleased with the overall outcome of the contract, but acknowledged that this wasn’t the end of it. “Work must still be done for the future. We will soon enter into local negotiations directly with Montclair State on a number of items not negotiated on the state level,” Wallace said. “It will be a matter of whether the adjuncts are respected enough to be treated fairly.”

Many students at Montclair State agree with Wallace’s positive reaction to the new contract. Daniela Giordano, a senior television and digital media major, felt the new contract was only fair. “For having spent the same amount of time working toward getting the same degree and teaching the same courses as full-time professors, it’s only fair that adjuncts are paid the same,” Giordano said. “This contract is a very good thing.”

Maria Spano, a sophomore English major, is happy for them as well. “I saw the professors protesting on campus back in the fall. I think it’s great that they were able to get a raise,” Spano said.

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Left to right: Montclair Adjunct Union’s Treasurer Bob Russo, President Mary Wallace, Director Laurie Lefever and Secretary Arnold Korotkin at the American Federation of Teachers New Jersey Conference.

Adjunct professors protested for a new contract while their current one had expired.

Olivia Kearns | The Montclarion
Citizens’ Climate Lobby Seeks Dividend to End Climate Change

The Weather Channel reported that this winter was the warmest on record for the 48 mainland states (excluding Alaska and Hawaii), and Antarctica recorded its hottest temperature ever at 65 degrees Fahrenheit last Thursday. With Australia having now suffered devastating wildfires followed by rainstorms and widespread flash flooding, climate change is becoming a frequent topic in the news.

The Citizens’ Climate Lobby supports a solution for climate change that will increase incomes and create new jobs, known as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. They are a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with 11 active chapters in New Jersey and three more in progress. One of these New Jersey locations is in Montclair.

The act consists of a fee on fossil fuels known as a “carbon fee” that encourages renewable energy resources. The money collected from the fee is then divided equally among all Americans. Citizens’ Climate Lobby estimates that this act can reduce emissions by 40% in the first 12 years and create 2.1 million new jobs. Currently, there are 77 cosponsors of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act in the House of Representatives.

Although the only Republican cosponsor is Representative Francis Rooney from Florida, the Citizens’ Climate Lobby believes that climate change is too urgent to be slowed down by partisanship. There are four cosponsors from New Jersey, including Rep. Donald M. Payne Jr. who represents part of Montclair, New Jersey. Rep. Mikie Sherrill represents the other half of Montclair, New Jersey. While she does not currently cosponsor the bill, she does cosponsor six other environmental protection bills.

Montclair State University students are expressing their concern regarding climate change. Megan Kick, a freshman English major, reminds students that even the slightest effort can help save the environment. “If we all started using reusable and eco-friendly products, the planet would truly thank us,” Kick said. “It only takes a small step to make an impact, but we have to take action quick.”

Bryanna Rosario, a freshman English major, also voiced concerns about climate change. “It’s clearly affecting our world and making it worse than it was before,” Rosario said. “Instead of talking about what we want to do, we should start doing something before it’s too late. It’s a bigger issue than people realize.”

Helena Van Vilet, a freshman nursing major, sees climate change as urgent, but also shared hopes for the future. “Given our current state of climate change, we are experiencing less and less of the four seasons,” Van Vilet said. “I want my children to be able to have the joy and appreciation of the world as it naturally presents itself, and we need to act now to save our planet.”
In celebration of Valentine's Day, The Office of Commuter Life hosted an event aimed at self-love, called “Be Your Own Valentine.” Students in attendance wrote their own Valentine’s cards, created free floral arrangements and captured selfies in a photo booth.

To top off the “treat yourself” themed festivities, a donut wall made the event even sweeter. Despite the romantic connotations of the holiday, students were able to reflect on a new message: “love yourself.”

“Be Your Own Valentine” reminds students that everyone is deserving of love.
If you are a first year, sophomore or junior, now is the time to learn more.

Attend a Teacher Education Information Session and find out everything you need to know about Montclair State’s nationally recognized Teacher Education Program and how to apply.

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March 18   |  2:30 – 4 p.m.  |  University Hall, 1st Floor, Addie’s Lounge
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Application Deadline for the Teacher Education Program: February 1, 2020

Can’t attend? Call the Office of Teacher Education Admission, Recruitment and Diversity at 973-655-7696, email us at teadmissions@montclair.edu, or visit us in University Hall, Suite 1180.
Jim and Alyson Davison are coming up on their 15-year anniversary this summer.

When Alyson Thelin Davison and Jim Davison went to Montclair State University’s freshman orientation in the summer of 1998, neither of them ever expected they’d meet their future spouse in the form of an icebreaker.

Jim Davison graduated from Montclair State with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and a minor in cognitive science in 2003. He also received his master’s degree in applied computational linguistics in 2008 and is now the director of enrollment management data and technology at Montclair State.

Alyson Davison graduated from Montclair State with a bachelor’s degree in communications studies and a minor in musical theater in 2002 and received her master’s degree in speech communication with a concentration in organizational communication in 2004. In 2016, Alyson received her doctorate from Rutgers New Brunswick. She is now the executive assistant to the dean for the College of the Arts.

Meanwhile, schedules during their freshman year, Alyson and Jim Davison didn’t get to see each other often, but they didn’t stop them from spending quality time together. The academic adviser for the honors program would lure them both into her office during common hour to make sure that they talked. “But you’re partly to blame, too,” Jim Davison said, gesturing to Alyson Davison. “Our empty [schedule] times matched up and so I was talking to her as she was going into her classroom and she very flirtatiously took the glasses off of my face and put them on her own face and she was like, ‘I’m Jim Davison!’”

A few semesters later, as another product of secret scheming, they were finally able to take a class together. “There was this atrocious science class that we were supposed to take,” Jim Davison said.

Alyson admitted that although the class did fit into her schedule, she actually took it so that they could finally have a class together. “I almost didn’t take that class because I didn’t want to. I had a totally different schedule than you,” Alyson Davison said, looking at Jim Davison. “And then I changed it.”

Around the same time, Jim Davison decided to begin writing for The Montclarion, where he moved through the ranks from opinion editor to production editor, eventually becoming editor-in-chief in his senior year.

Later, Alyson Davison joined and she became the very first webmaster the organization ever had. While at The Montclarion, Alyson and Jim Davison covered many years of campus and world events, from breaking the events of 9/11, to having to carry second-generation iMacs across campus when a squirrel ate through a transformer and blew out the power.

The couple both agreed that although they didn’t see the relationship coming at first, they are now very grateful to have found one another.

“It was really just a great community and to have each other as we were also part of that community was really a great experience,” Jim Davison said.

Alyson Davison reflected on the two’s relationship.

“[There were] a lot of social things and a lot of fun things that we just got to do together,” Alyson Davison said. “Even though I don’t think that at the time I didn’t quite see 20 years into the future and say, ‘Oh my gosh, we’re going to be working here, we’re going to be together and we’re going to be married.’ It wasn’t quite laid out, but I couldn’t imagine it any other way.”
The quintuplets were also offered grants and merits guaranteeing tuition and fees would be covered for all four years. The scholarship offer stands to each individual quintuplet and is not dependent on them all attending Montclair State. The quintuplets, who have been accepted to many other schools, have a hard decision to make. Masha Povolo recently received a generous scholarship from Ramapo College and Drew University. However, he doesn't feel pressured at all. “[Montclair State] has always been an option on our lists and the full scholarship we've been given makes it that much better,” Masha Povolo said. “[Montclair State] has a large student population and is just 10 minutes from where we live.” Victoria Povolo wants to major in chemistry and become a coroner and Masha Povolo wants to major in political science. Ashley Povolo wants to be a teacher, while Michael Povolo wants to major in nutrition and food science. Marcus Povolo has his sights set on accounting. Most think that twins, or in this case, quintuplets, are the same, but they are all different in their own way. Masha, Marcus and Victoria Povolo all like the attention that comes with being a quintuplet, whereas Ashley and Michael Povolo don't necessarily feel that way. “I find [being a quintuplet] cool,” Masha Povolo said. “I don’t like to boast about it because I know some people may take it that way.” Even though she has a least favorite sibling, she favors the other three all the same. Marcus Povolo’s favorite sibling is Victoria Povolo. “I can relate to [Victoria Povolo] the most,” Marcus Povolo said. “I tell her most of my problems.” Marcus Povolo’s least favorite sibling is also Masha Povolo. “I guess it’s because we’re so similar and our personalities clash in a way,” Marcus Povolo said. From left to right: Ashley, Masha, Michael, Marcus and Victoria Povolo in their Montclair State apparel. Photo courtesy of Mike Peters
Chocolate covered strawberries and red velvet truffles are the perfect treats to share with the ones you love.

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For this week’s edition of “Gourmet Bailey,” we will be celebrating the one and only: Valentine’s Day. Now, whether you’re in a relationship or not, Valentine’s Day is about spending time with the people you love. Luckily for you, I have a recipe that will “bake” everyone crazy for these treats.

For those of you with valentines, I present to you a recipe for chocolate-covered strawberries. All you need are strawberries, chocolate and your desired toppings. My recipe, however, includes a delicious filling that will immediately get your taste buds dancing.

**Chocolate Covered Strawberries:**
- 4 cups of strawberries
- 1 cup of milk chocolate or dark chocolate
- 1 tablespoon of oil (vegetable or coconut)
- ⅔ cup of Nutella (filling)

Toppings as desired:
- Melted white chocolate
- Sugar sprinkles (red and pink)
- Chopped almonds and hazelnuts

On a cutting board or another flat surface, cut the stems off of all of the strawberries. Scoop out the middle of each one to ensure that it is hollow enough to make room for the filling. Now add the cup of Nutella to a piping bag. You can also take a Ziploc bag and cut a ½ inch hole at the bottom as a substitute.

Begin to fill the hollow space of each strawberry with the Nutella. Then, lay the strawberries on a wax paper-lined cookie sheet or plate and chill them while you prepare your toppings.

Grab the hazelnuts and almonds and chop them. Now, place the nuts into a bowl or plate where you can easily roll your strawberries in. Take your milk chocolate or dark chocolate and add one tablespoon of oil to it.

Microwave your chocolate in one-minute intervals and stir in between each one. Continue doing this until it’s fully melted. It should take around three or four times.

Once the chocolate is melted, remove the strawberries from the fridge. Grab the bottom end of each strawberry (the opposite side of where the stem once was), and begin to dip the other top side in the chocolate to seal the Nutella in the hole. While the chocolate is still wet, roll the outer edges of the strawberry in the chopped nuts.

Repeat for all the strawberries. You now have a delicious treat for you and your special someone to share.

For those of us who don’t have a valentine, this doesn’t mean that we can’t show our appreciation and love for all the other people in our lives. These red velvet truffles are easy to whip up and oh, so decadent.

**Red Velvet Truffles:**
- One box of red velvet cake prepared
- One cup (8 oz) of cream cheese softened
- Two tablespoons of oil (vegetable or coconut)
- Red sprinkles for toppings

Prepare your cake according to the box’s instructions and leave it to cool for about 20 minutes. Once your cake is cooled, crumble your cake into a bowl until the crumbs are of a fine consistency. Add the cream cheese to the crumbs. Continue to fold the cream cheese into the crumbs until it is evenly spread throughout.

Now it’s time to form the truffles. The truffles should be about a tablespoon in size and made round in your hands. After you’ve rounded them, put the truffles on a wax-lined cookie sheet and chill them for about 90 minutes.

Once they’re done chilling, melt the white chocolate in one-minute intervals until it’s fully melted. Add the two tablespoons of oil into the chocolate. Now, take each chilled truffle and coat it in the white chocolate. If doing two or three at a time, you can add the red and pink sprinkles to the truffles before the chocolate dries.

After you’ve done this for all the truffles, chill them again for one hour. Your red velvet truffles are ready to be served.

This week, I decided to include two recipes. I wanted to give people the option of how they wanted to show their appreciation to the special people in their lives. As always and especially this week, enjoy these recipes with people you love. Happy Valentine’s Day; until the next bite.
Managing a Crisis in Communication

Joe Maynard, managing director of Aventria Health Group and a Montclair State alum, spoke to Linda Thomas’s class about crisis management.

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The managing director of Aventria Health Group, Joe Maynard, spoke with students in Professor Linda Thomas’s Crisis in Communication class last Wednesday about his experience in the advertising industry. Maynard is a Montclair State University alumnus, who applied his talents in the fields of marketing and branding after graduating. His decades of experience and work have earned him immense respect and recognition as a brand leader and strategist.

Maynard’s discussions covered how to deal with a crisis in communication, leadership and career opportunities.

“Managing a crisis, take a step back and do not overreact, you probably got to the level you are at and you got there for a reason,” Maynard said. “Use those reasons and skill sets to get yourself through a crisis, think of the consequences and think five steps ahead instead of the next step.”

Maynard and Thomas talked about how pharmaceutical companies, such as Purdue Pharma, have failed to manage a crisis in communication with the opioid crisis and are now suffering the consequences.

“Leadership is willing to lose the battle in order to win the war, willing to be strong, to be an enabler, active listener,” Maynard said, describing leadership to students.

Career opportunities were a major theme of the discussions and Maynard elaborated on the opportunities he’s had throughout his career.

“I was in 42 different pharmaceutical launches, talking to the physicians, viewing the different facets of how a product will enter the marketplace,” Maynard said.

Students asked for various types of career advice and Maynard explained how to learn from job interviews.

“My tips for getting to the third or fourth round of interviews: reach out and ask why, know why and learn from it, ask [them to tell you] how you did,” Maynard said. “Always respond, try your hardest to get your foot in [the] door and draw a line of what companies you want to work for.”

Maynard graduated from Montclair State with bachelor’s degree in biology and originally planned to pursue another degree in oceanography. However, he never got to fulfill his desires of employing creativity and communication skills in marine biology, which made him follow down the path of marketing.

“The unique takeaway I got from this was the interview advice, such as if you do not know a specific question, [is] just to be honest with your potential employer,” senior communication and media arts major, Joey Verrico said.

Maynard later expressed how impressed he was with the students he interacted with.

“Montclair State is producing some phenomenal graduates just by the questions they are asking, along with how engaged each of them are looking at taking themselves to the next step,” Maynard said.

“Their passions are very clear and they want to know how to navigate it.”

As competent as the students are, Maynard was still able to teach Thomas’ class a valuable lesson.

“One of the things that I have noticed here having taught various classes is that communication students do not realize how many opportunities there are in the advertising industry,” Thomas said. “Joe has excelled as a titan in the advertising industry, he is also an incredibly approachable and warm leader whom people have immense respect for, he was an amazing success with the class.”

Joe Maynard is the managing editor of Aventria.

Photo courtesy of Aventria Health Group.
Vanillamore is located at 349 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, New Jersey.

This Restaurant Leaves You Wanting
(Vanilla)more

Kevin Doyle
Staff Writer

When I opened Vanillamore’s front door on Bloomfield Avenue in Montclair, New Jersey, the smell of roasted marshmallows and chicken smacked me in the face. It was a surprising combination, but it definitely caught my attention.

Whether you’re looking for a quick place to drink coffee and eat homemade pastries, or sit down and eat red wine braised short ribs, Vanillamore has something for everyone. The restaurant’s cook and owner, Risa Magid Boyer, hatched the idea of Vanillamore through her many years of restaurant experience, along with her passion for baking.

The waiter led my mom’s boyfriend, Frank Raineri, and I to a circular counter where we saw the display case of homemade bakery items and all the food being prepared. Every detail in the restaurant seemed to be accounted for, from the brick walls and industrial lights to the purple accents throughout the restaurant.

I didn’t have the slightest idea of what I wanted to eat for lunch, which became a problem when I opened the menu. Vanillamore’s lunch menu offers small plates, toasts with specialty spreads, salads, grain bowls and other snacks. Ordering was probably one of the hardest decisions I had to make that day because everything sounded delicious.

I decided to order the slider trio which included a steak, chicken and pork slider all topped with different seasonings and sauces. After the main course I ordered the s’mores dessert tapa and chocolate banana bread.

The sliders arrived only after a short wait. The light from the window at the front of the restaurant beamed down on the sliders and I could see the steam coming off them.

I took my first bite into the skirt steak slider and my taste buds were met with the juicy steak, caramelized onions and arugula. Stuffed between a brioche bun, all the ingredients blended together perfectly. Each bite was better than the next.

The other sliders were just as good and every ingredient tasted fresh. I could have passed on the chicken slider with the curry mayo and substituted it for something else, but I’m always open to trying something new.

The sliders were filling, but I always save room for dessert. That’s the most important part of any meal.

The roasted marshmallows came paired with spicy hot chocolate along with the banana bread. The marshmallows also came with three different kinds of caramel sauces. Raineri grabbed the espresso caramel right away.

“I dipped the marshmallow and graham crackers in there and it tasted amazing. I probably drink coffee every morning,” Raineri said. “This is gonna change the way I do s’mores from now on.”

The marshmallows were the perfect level of crispiness so when I bit into it, I didn’t taste that burnt flavor you sometimes get when roasting marshmallows in a summer campfire. The other two caramel flavors were vanilla and rum, which were both sweet and delicious.

The spicy hot chocolate made me frustrated. I understand that the chefs want to pair the flavor with the marshmallow, but I couldn’t see the appeal of it. The spiciness just seemed to overpower the sweetness of the hot chocolate.

The chocolate banana bread came last and disappeared in less than a minute. Now I understand why Vanillamore is known for their bakery tapas. The bread was moist and perfectly balanced with chocolate chips and bananas. It was a great combination and I decided to take another loaf home for the rest of my family.

I only dove into a small percentage of what Vanillamore has to offer. Besides their extensive menu full of European inspired dishes and desserts, the restaurant also hosts special events. Some of the events scheduled in 2020 include a five-course tasting menu, milk and cookies happy hour and a fall cheese tasting.

Vanillamore is a relaxing and fun experience for Montclair State University students to check out. The dishes and bakery items are averagely priced for any restaurant you would visit in downtown Montclair. If you’re open to trying new foods, particularly on the sweet side, then this is the place for you.
Amira Lawson  
Staff Writer

On a late night after enjoying an outing with friends, the closing of a late shift from work or a walk from your night class to your dorm, Montclair State University students may find themselves craving a meal from the university's diner. That routine has come with some new limitations since the Red Hawk Diner is no longer open 24/7.

Carla Foster, a senior exercise science major, shared her discontent with this change.

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"[Montclair State] should consider compensating students in some way because with the diner no longer being 24/7 and other facilities closing early, it leaves students with less options to choose from," Williams said. "The only late night food facility on campus available all week is Bistro 62, located in Machuga Heights."

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"The diner should continue to be 24/7 because it offers a variety of foods throughout the night," Isofia said. "Bistro has a limited menu." "I just feel like it sucks that Bistro [62] will be the only thing available because it becomes repetitive. [Bistro 62] doesn’t give students the opportunity to switch it up."

Julius Smith, a junior business major, thinks that this change has taken away a Montclair State landmark.

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The Red Hawk Diner will no longer operate 24/7, leaving night owls stranded for late-night cravings.

Say Goodbye to Midnight Food Runs to Red Hawk Diner with New Dining Service Changes

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**Secreta**
Comm. And Media Arts Graduation year: 2022, Female, She/Her/Hers
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**Donna**
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Graduation year: 2023 Female, She
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**Virginia Lynne**
Art and Design, Graduation year: 2020, Female She/Her/Hers
I have dark red hair, fair, and A LOT of freckles. I’m a music fanatic and I’m always looking for a new concert to go to. I’m also a musician myself. I also love to cook, sketch, read, play video games, and hang out with my friends.
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5. "He looked at her the way all women want to be looked at by a man."
6. "It would be a privilege to have my heart broken by you."
7. "They say when you meet the love of your life, time stops, and that's true."
8. "Life is not the amount of breaths you take, it's the moments that take your breath away."
9. "Everything I have ever done, I've done for you."
10. "Here's looking at you kid."

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*For answers to the puzzles, please check The Montclarion Facebook page every Thursday.*
Don’t Sweat the Sweethearts

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. Restaurants will be filled with reservations made by happy couples celebrating their relationships and flaunting their love. It is going to be a day filled with love appreciation for significant others, but for those that have no better half, Valentine's Day can be the most lonely day of the year.

In an era of pocket internet access and performative social media addiction, all of the people spending tomorrow’s holiday by themselves will scroll through Instagram and watch happy couples affirming their love. What often goes unnoticed is that by those not celebrating is their relationship.

The holiday then became a Christian feast day honoring St. Valentine, the patron saint of lovers. The day has since evolved into a Hallmark holiday used to boost profits at the expense of the easily manipulated.

If you are celebrating Valentine’s Day with a significant other, then do just that. Do not worry about the price of the gift you receive or the amount of stars next to the name of the restaurant you are eating at. There is no need to show everyone what you were gifted or where you ate dinner. Just be grateful that you are spending the holiday with someone you care about and someone who cares about you; realize that not everyone is so lucky.

Furthermore, Valentine’s Day does not have to be celebrated with a romantic partner. It can just as easily and meaningfully be spent with anyone you care deeply about, romantically or friendly.

Valentine’s Day is not the only holiday whose meaning and significance has been skewed over the years.

Thanksgiving, whose origins lie in the problematic colonization of America, is now celebrated as a day of gratitude and kindness.

Valentine’s Day should be no different. Obviously, we neither auction off women to men through a lottery system anymore, nor do we use the holiday to honor St. Valentine. Therefore, if you spend Valentine’s Day with close friends that you share a feeling of love between, what is the difference?

So if you are scrolling through Instagram Friday night and find yourself full of envy and overcome by loneliness, try your best to realize that in about 12 hours, everything will go back to normal.

The commercials advertising chocolates and diamonds and chocolate diamonds will disappear and social media will return to the regular posts of politics and dogs acting a fool. Valentine’s Day is just a tough 24 hours, fueled by marketing schemes and insecurity. Just like any other Friday night, you are probably better off spending it with some friends that you love.

Campus Voices:

How much pressure does Valentine’s Day put you under?

By Kristoffer Fernandes

“I do feel a little bit of pressure, but my girlfriend is really understanding of school stress and financial stress. She’s really easygoing so I’m not worried about it. I don’t have anything huge planned, but I have something little and cute planned. We’re looking forward to it.”

- Andy Sweeney
  German Major
  Senior

“I see my girlfriend pretty frequently so it’s just another day seeing her, but there’s pressure to make it feel special. That [part of it] is annoying, but not in a bad way. I see her a lot and we do a lot of things so it’s like, “Oh geez, we gotta do the same thing we always do, but a little more special,” which can be kind of hard to figure out.”

- Michael Sano
  Film Major
  Junior

“If you haven’t been in a relationship before or experienced anything with a girlfriend or boyfriend, there is definitely pressure by society that paints this picture that if you’re in your 20s you should have already experienced a lot of these things.”

- Ariela Szwarz
  Communication & Media Arts
  Sophomore

“I feel like Valentine’s Day has a lot of pressure for couples because they tend to get into a lot of fights. I actually broke up with my ex-boyfriend on Valentine’s Day, but for me right now there’s no pressure. I’m mainly focused on school. I don’t really care about relationships right now.”

- Elaina Natale
  Visual Arts
  Freshman
Home Insecurity

Are home security systems a safety precaution or outrageous threat?

Smart home systems such as the Google Nest and Amazon Ring have had rapid popularity over the past few years. People from all over the country are able to purchase these devices with just the press of a button. Customers hold the false belief, however, that these security systems will do the job of looking out for potential threats from all corners of the house.

Amazon's Ring has marketed their video doorbell product as a way to “see, hear and speak to visitors from anywhere.” But what if these visitors were actually hackers secretly watching your every move?

In 2018, a family purchased a Google Nest to confirm safety in their home. It did not take long for their Nest to get hacked into. According to the New York Post, vulgar music began playing loudly throughout their home and their thermostat was turned up to 98 degrees. Even after the family turned the thermostat back down, the hacker cranked it back up again. The family unplugged the Nest and decided to never use it again.

Another horrifying incident occurred in 2019, as a hacker began conversing with a young boy through his family’s Amazon Ring, according to ABC News. No matter where the child ran, the hacker was able to see him in every spot of the house. The criminal even asked for the child’s name, as he eerily watched him run around in total panic. The mother said that her decision to purchase this security system, “totally backfired.”

Another instance occurred when a man hacked into a Google Nest baby monitor. According to NBC News, the family heard a man saying sexual exploitations to their baby through the monitor. In the interview with NBC, the mother emotionally stated how this hacker even threatened to kidnap their baby.

There have been hundreds of terrifying occasions where criminals have spied on families and threatened innocent people inside their homes. While these smart systems sound like amazing ideas, in retrospect, they seem to be doing much more harm than good.

If a criminal hacks into someone’s home security, they have the ability to control objects such as lights and blinds, as well as the ability to unlock or lock doors. These cameras can be placed almost anywhere on one’s property, from every room inside of the house to the front porch and backyard. This gives criminals the simplest access to know all of the ins and outs of one’s home.

Home security systems should be made illegal, at least until companies find a proper solution to the threat these hackers truly are. These “home security” cameras are not looking out for potential threats, they are just allowing for these threats to hance in without knocking.

Jenna Jenkins, a freshman English major, is in her first year as a contributing writer for The Montclarion.

Say Goodbye to Privacy

Facial recognition technology is getting smarter, and it may be getting out of hand

Imagine you’re at a restaurant and you spot someone two booths away that triggers a brief memory, right before you lose it. You think you recognize someone in the waiting room of a doctor’s office, but can’t quite pinpoint how you would know them. You’re out for a morning jog and pass a person that seems vaguely familiar, but are unable to place them. Here, where the mind fails, technology takes over.

“Clearview AI” is a facial recognition app and surveillance company. It compiles billions of photographs from the internet in a quest to make it easier to catalog and identify people. Its website touts that it is “a new research tool used by law enforcement agencies to identify perpetrators and victims of crime.”

The technology has existed in police databases before. Musician Taylor Swift even covertly planted facial recognition AI at her concert venues to look out for stalkers.

So why is this such a huge deal? Clearview’s implemented strategies and tools could mean an end for anonymity and privacy once and for all. According to Forbes, facial recognition technology can lead to wrongful convictions, possible biases or misinformation and abuse of power.

Clearview is also very secretive. It took several months of haggling from a New York Times reporter to finally get a hold of a representative of the company. Its LinkedIn profile is also mysteriously blank.

This is cause for concern, considering the company is based on scraping the internet for human faces. Why hide this service? Could it be because they are not being entirely honest of its objectives?

Pure anonymity may soon be a thing of the past. With the threat of constant surveillance in the possible near future, many have attempted to counter this creativity.

There now exists anti-surveillance fashion. This includes hairstyles, hats and clothes designed to thwart artificial intelligence (AI). In such cases, manipulating the way lights and darkness hit human faces is key in achieving non-recognition.

Edward Snowden has designed a free version of the mask that one can purchase on Amazon. It’s called a 3D-printed coating.

There now exists anti-surveillance technology when concealed inside the coat.

Another extreme proposed solution some have adopted is to buy a 3D-printed mask of another person’s face and wear it. A less expensive alternative is a free version of the mask that one can print out on paper.

While some hypothesize and reject this AI’s concept, others adapt and compromise.

Facial recognition has allegedly helped catch predators and criminals, but it may be the final straw of what little privacy we have left.

Polly Londis, a sophomore animation major, is in her first year as a contributing writer for The Montclarion.
Read My Resume and Hit Subscribe

Employers may try to keep up, but its young job applicants who are left behind

Creating your first resume for an internship or career-based job can be one of the most exciting things to look forward to in your young collegiate career. Much time and effort goes into perfecting this piece of paper that is coveted by many employers. A lot of times however, students don’t necessarily know what they are doing the first time they go at it. There are so many unofficial rules and restrictions on what you can and cannot put on a resume, and sometimes all anyone has to offer is their experiences through the internet: that being social media and YouTube.

For me personally, I had no clue what to put on mine. This was mainly because at the time that I had made my first resume, I didn’t really have much to put on it. And the sad part is, so many internships will turn you away because they don’t believe you’ve had enough experience in the field or that you haven’t had a prior gig within the industry. I know this method of rejection all too well, as I know many other people have had the same thing happen to them.

I feel that this is a flawed system because in order to get your desired job you need experience, or in other words, an internship. Many times, employers will not evaluate you fairly if the only experience you have is running a YouTube channel or starting up a business with efforts to use social media as your foundation.

Say someone is trying to work their way into the fashion or makeup industry. They run a fairly successful YouTube channel, showcasing different makeup designs and strategies as well as stylizing their many different outfits. Stamping your channel’s link or handle on your resume is often overlooked because so many employers want to see what actual business you’ve spent time working at.

If you’ve spent a great amount of time on these internet-based skill builders, you deserve to be considered and interviewed for a job opening. Unfortunately, employers are only looking for keywords and phrases to make their judgments about you. If they could just open their minds and spend a few minutes exploring this modern medium, they would discover vast skill sets that are commonly overlooked.

So many people dedicate their lives to YouTube channels or other social media accounts, often to ignite their careers. At the point of monetary success through these mediums, I’d say you have made it in the professional world, but only to some degree.

This payment isn’t always a huge amount and really isn’t enough to support a lifestyle. You almost always have to take it to the next step and move onto a bigger, more stationary livelihood. Becoming YouTube or Instagram famous is every bit as hard and tedious as becoming a professional athlete, in that only the select 1% can get there.

I am here to say that what you are doing is enough. I know you are working as hard as you can to make it. No job rejection or unanswered email should sway you away from what you want to pursue. Internships are hard to get, as anyone who’s gone through college knows. Tracking down that first one can be one of the most stressful times of your life.

Having your YouTube channel or business account on your resume can be your best friend in the hunt for an internship; the employers now just need to start catching on.

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Black History Month Film Series Begins With ‘Harriet’ Screening

Dwight Brown gives insight on what actually happened and what was made up for Hollywood in “Harriet.”

The Film Institute at Montclair State University, in collaboration with African American Studies and The African American Caucus, presented the first screening of their Black History Film Series on Monday night. Held in the presentation hall of the School of Communication and Media, “Harriet” kicked off the night.

There was a great turnout for the first of three screenings that celebrate and educate people on important historical figures in African American history. “Harriet” tells the true story of Harriet Tubman, an African American woman who escaped slavery only to return to the south 13 times, freeing hundreds of slaves through the Underground Railroad.

The film, directed by Kasi Lemmons, depicts a heartbreaking vivid picture of 19th century America. It was impossible not to feel the anxiety through the screen as Tubman made her trips to and from the south, all the while getting chased down by brutal slave catchers.

The sense of bravery and assertiveness Cynthia Erivo, the actress who portrayed Tubman, was able to convey was both inspirational and emotional.

Jayda Lindsey, a senior family science and human development major, was a fan of the film.

“I thought it was a very good film,” Lindsey said. “It did a very good job of playing her life on the screen.”

As for Andy Sweeney, a junior German major, “Harriet” was gripping, leaving him fully engaged throughout the entire duration of the film.

“It was really moving, but I was a little disappointed to find out that the one part that really moved me was fake,” Sweeney said. “But I also wanted to learn a lot and I did learn a lot so I really liked it.”

Following the screening, acclaimed film critic Dwight Brown held a Q&A with the audience.

He began by informing everyone of the falsities in the film, which were dramatized by Hollywood. Such as Joe Alwyn’s character, Gideon Brodess, the master’s son, and Janelle Monae’s character, Marie Buchanon, the owner of the Philadelphia boarding house in which Tubman resides.

Brown explained that the purpose of these characters was to show that people who were born into slavery and the master’s children may have grown up getting along, but there was still a clear distinction between their places in society, which is shown between Tubman and Brodess.

As for Buchanon, her character showed that there were also African Americans who were born free and never knew what it was like to be a slave.

Brown recalled writing his review of the film stating that he initially wondered how the director was able to take on such a big task of putting Tubman’s entire life into one film, adding that Lemmons should have been nominated for an Oscar.

“I’m not sure how this woman did it, but she did a beautiful job with what she had,” Brown said. “It just seemed very organic considering it’s a Hollywood movie. Everything just looked professional but she still made it feel very authentic and very real to me.”

According to Brown, he had watched an interview with Tubman’s great-great-great grand-nieces, where they said they often don’t mention their relation to Tubman because no one would believe them.

Brown also talked about how African American culture is typically more of an oral tradition rather than a written one. The “Harriet” screening and followed Q&A taught everyone in attendance a great deal of history that they perhaps did not know before. It paid a great respect to Tubman as well as those who were tormented in such an unfortunate time in history.

The following screenings in the Black History Film Series will be “Selma” on Feb. 17, and “Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom” on Feb. 24, to further celebrate Black History Month and some of the most influential African American figures in history.
‘Parasite’ Leads Night of Many Firsts at 92nd Academy Awards

Bong Joon-ho and the cast and crew behind “Parasite,” one of the most talked-about films of 2019, led an Academy Award night of many firsts, one which many will not soon forget.

The ceremony began with Brad Pitt being announced as the winner of best supporting actor for his role as stuntman Cliff Booth in Quentin Tarantino’s hit film “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood.” This win marks Pitt’s first ever Oscar win for an acting performance, having previously won an Oscar as a producer for “12 Years a Slave.”

Laura Dern won the award for best supporting actress for her role as divorce lawyer Nora Fanshaw in Noah Baumbach’s family drama “Marriage Story.” This makes Dern a first-time winner, after having previously been nominated for Academy Awards for her performances in “Rambling Rose” and “Wild.”

Another highlight of the night was Joaquin Phoenix winning his first Academy Award, winning best actor for portraying the iconic titular super-villain in Todd Phillips’ “Joker.” The best actor win did not come as a shock, as Phoenix was highly lauded for his performance by critics and audiences alike, and he had already won numerous awards for his portrayal of the Joker in the months leading up to the Academy Awards.

Phoenix concluded his acceptance speech by recalling some touching words from his late brother River Phoenix, who passed away in 1993.

“When he was 17, my brother wrote this lyric,” Phoenix said. “He said ‘Run to the rescue with love, and peace will follow’.”

Elton John and Bernie Taupin won best original song for “(I’m Gonna) Love Me Again” from the biopic “Rocketman,” and “Joker” score composer Hildur Guðnadóttir took home the award for best original score, making it her first ever Academy Award and making her only the fourth woman to win in the category.

The big winner of the night turned out to be “Parasite.” The hit South Korean film expectedly won the category of best international feature film, while Joon-Boo won the coveted best director Oscar and the award for best original screenplay, alongside Han Jin-won.

In the final award announcement of the night, presenter Jane Fonda and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences treated viewers of the ceremony to a historic moment in film history as they awarded “Parasite” the Oscar for best picture. The crowd erupted in applause at the announcement, as “Parasite” became the first ever foreign language film to win the top prize in the history of the Academy Awards.

“This year’s Academy Awards ceremony saw many firsts, making history and becoming one of the most memorable editions of the Oscars. ‘Parasite’ producer Kwak Sin-ae spoke about the importance of the win during her acceptance speech.

“I feel like a very opportune moment in history is happening right now,” Sin-ae said.

Sin-ae is right. “Parasite” accomplished something that has never been done before. A door has been opened, and hopefully we will soon see more international films and filmmakers come through and make their names known.
‘Always Sunny’ Creators Come On Strong
With ‘Mythic Quest: Raven’s Banquet’

Dillon Hoffman
Contributing Writer

Last Tuesday night atop a trendy, glass-enshrouded shopping complex in the outskirts of Brooklyn, the cast and creative minds behind Apple TV’s new show, “Mythic Quest: Raven’s Banquet,” waited to present their program to a group of “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia” fans, eager to see what Rob McElhenney had to offer in his newest venture.

With Apple footing the bill of everyone's dine-in theater experience, audience members were ready to commend the tech company on their latest efforts in entering the world of streaming. Little did Tim Cook know that I, an avid consumer of television programming, would be in attendance, and it would take more than free food and an hour of entertainment to convince me to sing Apple’s praises.

“Mythic Quest: Raven’s Banquet” is a half-hour sitcom made for Apple TV+. It follows the happenings of a video game developing company and its assortment of conveniently diverse employees who clash at times but stick together due to the amount of success their creative efforts have achieved.

McElhenney, one of the show’s creators, kicked off last week’s event by warming up the crowd and welcoming everyone to one of the first public screenings of the show. He said a few words then introduced “Mythic Quest: Raven’s Banquet” to an audience who knew little to nothing about the show beyond the involvement of the “Always Sunny” team.

Although both “Mythic Quest” and “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia” do bear some resemblance to one another, most notably in the delivery of certain jokes, “Mythic Quest” offers a different vehicle in which viewers can be delivered a new take on an all too frequent show format that is the traditional sitcom.

Being a show made exclusively for streaming, “Mythic Quest” doesn't face the same limitations that plague network television. That being said, the show does not take advantage of its freedoms, using crude language sparingly and using visual gags that take things over the line, but not so far as to alienate those who get easily turned off at a small dose of political incorrectness. “Mythic Quest: Raven’s Banquet” is able to straddle the line between crude and tasteful well enough to keep most viewers interested and eager to see where the story takes them.

Going into Tuesday’s screening, attendees were only aware that they would be viewing two episodes, assumingly the first two. Episodes one and three were screened, which highlighted one of the series’ most crucial strengths: its ability to give viewers a sense of inclusivity by not requiring them to stay tied down to a continuing plot.

Although certain moments or lines did tie the two episodes together, not much was required of the audience to understand what was going on, which can be welcoming to a casual viewer looking for a new, easy watch.

Another strength of the show is its creative team and their efforts to deliver an authentic, funny show. The characters feel well-defined, making audiences believe they’ve known each other for some time before showing up on viewers’ screens.

Much of the writing team are veteran “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia” writers, excelling in writing naturally flowing scenes and making no joke or situation feel forced. Part of the development process for the show included producers touring and observing a real video game developing studio in Canada, noted McElhenney in the post-screening Q&A. The show feels real, which helps keep viewers invested in the story.

“Mythic Quest” has much more to be said for it, but one thing that is certain is the amount of potential the first season of this show holds. If the two episodes screened at the event were a reflection of the season as a whole, “Mythic Quest: Raven’s Banquet” is a promising offer to the limited Apple TV+ lineup. McElhenney has hit the ground running with his latest creative endeavor and has shown no intent on slowing down, as the second season is already in production.

I cannot say there is faith to be held in Apple TV+ as a platform, but I can indeed sing the praises of their latest exclusive release.

From the minds of “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia,” “Mythic Quest” is the newest sitcom from creators Rob McElhenney and Charlie Day.
‘Weathering With You’ Treads Tricky Waters but Still Flows Well

Nagi, Hina and Hodaka jump for joy as they realize they made their first profit from doing their “Sunshine Girl” job.

After three long-awaited years, Japanese director Makoto Shinkai has finally released the successor to the highly acclaimed animated feature film, “Your Name.” Filled to the brim with engaging characters, outstanding imagery and a surprising emotional resonance, “Weathering With You” is a movie I can recommend to both anime lovers and the general audience.

The film starts off with 16-year-old Hodaka Morishima leaving his rural hometown in search of an interesting and more entertaining life in Tokyo. Little does he know that, upon arrival, he’d get constantly soaked by the city’s unan- swered rain phenomena. A forgotten student ID and a small pocket of money is only the beginning of unfortunate events to happen to the young school boy, Hodaka can’t find a job and is constantly seeking shelter at uneventful places, such as alleyways and near trash cans at cafes and fast-food restaurants. Luckily, he is later taken in by a man named Keisuke Suga who offers him a reporter job and a room to stay at his home.

While working for Keisuke, Hodaka runs into Hina Amano, a reporter who would be hired to create sunshine for business where Hina would be hired to create sunshine for parties. With this unbelievable talent, the two create a small pocket of sunshine at a theater near me. As a matter of fact, I could see a cross-over happening between this Shinkai film and “Your Name.”

I hope Shinkai grants my wish one day. "Weathering With You" receives a 10 out of 10 rating.

Kirk Coronacion
Staff Writer

Top Picks to Stream

Valentine’s Day

‘How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days’ on HBO Go

When Ben Barry, played by Matthew McConaughey, made a bet with his co-workers that he could make a woman fall in love with him in 10 days, he had no idea that the woman his co-workers would choose for him would have her own hidden agenda. Andie Anderson, played by Kate Hudson, works for a magazine and is their “How To” writer. Unhappy with the stories she’s been writing, Andie made her own bet with her boss that she could write a story on how to lose a guy in 10 days in order to write the stories she actually wants to. The two subsequently go in two different directions in their swift relationship, both struggling to hide their hidden agenda against each other.

In this romantic comedy from 2003, McConaughey and Hudson’s characters embark on hilarious and awkward situations as Ben tries his best to make Andie fall in love with him. This proves to be an almost impossible feat as she is doing her best to make him hate her. “How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days” is the perfect movie for watching with your Valentine, or if you just want to sit around with your gal pals and have a Galentine’s Day movie marathon.

- Jen Losos
Chief Copy Editor

‘Bruce Almighty’ on HBO Go

Bruce Nolan has been dealt a rough hand. From his news anchor position being replaced to a slew of minor bad luck, he blames God for his misfortunes. God answers back by giving him God-like powers, but he cannot control the free will of others. Bruce takes advantage of this newfound fame and ends up losing his girlfriend, Grace, over kissing another woman.

Bruce tries to use his powers to try and win her back, but his inability to control free will prevents it from happening. However, when he looks over his list of prayers from others, he notices Grace pray for Bruce to be successful and to not be in love with him anymore. By that point, Bruce beggled to give his powers up, realizing the power of love is stronger than any godly power and eventual- ly wins her back the natural way.

- Heather Berzak
Editor-in-Chief
This Week In Red Hawk Sports

THU 2/13
No games

FRI 2/14
Men’s Lacrosse vs. DeSales University
3 p.m.

SAT 2/15
Men’s Basketball vs. Stockton University
1 p.m.
Women’s Basketball vs. Stockton University
3 p.m.

SUN 2/16
No games

MON 2/17
No games

TUE 2/18
No games

WED 2/19
Men’s Lacrosse at FDU-Florham
5 p.m.
Women’s Basketball at Rutgers-Camden
6 p.m.
Men’s Basketball at Rutgers-Camden
8 p.m.

Red Hawk Recap

Red Hawks Men’s Basketball: 85
New Jersey City University: 90

Red Hawks Men’s Ice Hockey: 5
Sacred Heart University: 3

Red Hawks Men’s Ice Hockey: 4
Army: 1

Red Hawks Women’s Basketball: 65
Rowan University: 67

Red Hawks Women’s Ice Hockey: 2
Villanova University: 7

SPORTS

These Athletes Scored on and off the Field as Red Hawk Sport Couples

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It’s All Love for Akbar Hoffman, on and off the Court

From Kansas to Montclair State, Hoffman has made an impact with basketball

Senior guard for the Montclair State University's basketball team Akbar Hoffman has come a long way in his basketball journey. He has proven time and time again that he is the go-to man for this team if they want to succeed.

Hoffman grew up on the north side of Newark, New Jersey and attended East Side High School. While playing on the varsity basketball team for only three years, he was able to develop his ability to score. Averaging only two points per game as a freshman in high school, Hoffman lifted his stats to eight points, three rebounds and one assist per game.

Currently, Hoffman is a general humanities and social science major at Montclair State. Before he could start his basketball career here, Hoffman went to Hutchinson Community College in Kansas. He believed he didn’t have a successful future there.

“About this school before, I would’ve come here as a freshman,” Hoffman said. “My old coach decided that I should come check out the Montclair State campus. If I knew about this school before, I would’ve come here as a freshman.”

His first season as a Red Hawk demonstrated the impact he would have on the team. Hoffman led the team in points, field goals, three pointers, steals and minutes per game. Even though his averages went down a bit this season, he still is atop the leaders in scoring, field goals and three-pointers.

As the newly hired coach spending his first season with the team, head coach Justin Potts gave high praise for his guard.

“I think he’s a really talented individual,” Potts said. “He’s got a lot of ability, he can just score the basketball. I personally think the best thing for him is he’s just grown as a player during the season.”

Potts went on to describe the improvements Hoffman has shown, most of which are making him the best player he can be.

“Early on, as he tried to learn the system and how we wanted him to play, he needed to adjust to some things,” Potts said. “I give him credit because he’s worked hard and made improvements, while I try and coach him the best I can. I wanted him to grow and develop into areas that could help us as a team and I think he’s done that. With a couple of games to go, there’s a little more room to grow, but he’s definitely been an integral part and he’s been fun to coach.”

The main reason Hoffman started to play basketball is due to the fact that he grew up in a “sports” family.

“My dad used to box, my mom ran track and my brother plays football, so I decided to go my own route and play basketball for better opportunities and to do great things,” Hoffman said.

The people that inspired him the most to play basketball were his dad and brothers. Hoffman described that they were always 100% supportive and that they loved the way he played the game.

“It’s all love here,” Hoffman said. “What made me want to come here was for a better education and the family we have. Everyone in the community, the coaching staff, the players, it just felt like I was at home. When I got the offer, or even the chance to look at the school, I loved it. People would take this [basketball] opportunity for granted and see it as just an extra activity to do.”

Teammate and friend Keyon Pryce, a freshman guard, is encouraged by how well Hoffman is able push him to his boundaries.

“He’s come a long way,” Pryce said. “Knowing what I am capable of, he tells me to go harder so I can be pushed to the max. He’s on top of my list for best teammate I’ve ever played with. His contribution to this team is incredible and he scores the ball like I’ve never seen.”

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It was not just his performance that stood out, it was also the game-winning shot he hit in overtime to defeat the Pioneers. Fading away on top of the key with three defenders in the way as the buzzer sounded, Hoffman threw up the prayer and got it to fall. Not only was he the hero of the game, SportsCenter put him number seven on their top 10 plays of the week.

Off the court, Hoffman likes to be considered a “to himself” guy. His introverted personality makes him want to take things one step at a time. He is looked to as a respectable leader to the guys in the locker room because of his devotion to basketball.

With a few games left in his college career, Hoffman hopes to keep this impressive stride going.
Recruiting At Montclair State and the Division III Level
A Coach’s Perspective

Karin Harvey, the program won six consecutive conference championships from 2012 to 2018, including a third-place finish in the national tournament in 2015.

For a program to maintain success, the coaching staff must be very active on the recruiting trail. Although the team has much success on the court, they have seen even more success in terms of their recruiting.

For Harvey and her staff, this process is a rigorous one.

“Our recruiting database starts at about 150 players, and it gets dwindle[d] down from there,” Harvey said. “For me, it’s about getting out on the road and being at games and tournaments.”

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One thing that many coaches agree on is that Montclair State’s academic reputation and attractive campus has been a major selling point. For a basketball program that recruits in a very strategic way, this has proven to be helpful.

“I always say that if we can get a prospective student-athlete on campus, we are halfway there,” Harvey said. “Our campus is gorgeous and we have great academic programs that we can offer them at a reasonable price.”

Not every athletic program at Montclair State has been so successful in the art of recruiting. The swimming and diving teams have been declining in recent years, with the men’s team only fielding a 12-man roster this season.

However, head coach Brian McLaughlin and assistant coach Maria Vira have been aggressive in their recruiting efforts, and are expected to bring in one of the biggest recruiting classes in recent memory, particularly on the men’s team.

“Coach Harvey is doing herself, so we have to be a little bit more convincing when recruiting,” Vira said. “The one thing that we’ve changed is to push the vision of our program and what we are looking to accomplish.”

It also helps that the program has made an effort to push themselves as a Division III school with a Division I feel, which includes competing against Division I programs.

“We tell our recruits that we try to mimic everything that the better Division II and I schools do,” McLaughlin said. “We try to do this by the meets we go to, the way that we coach, our winter training in St. Croix [and so on].”

With how demanding recruiting can be, it comes as no surprise that it can get expensive. From flying out to camps and recruiting events, to hosting recruiting events on campus, they can be a financial strain on an athletic department.

The university has recently increased the athletic department’s recruiting budget, making recruiting on a larger scale easier. The field hockey program has already benefited from this budget increase.

“It’s allowed us to go to more national showcases, and financially speaking has been a problem for us because we are able to afford to go to these events,” O’Reilly said.

Athletic director Robert Chesney has been adamant that the university has made a significant effort to support teams in their efforts to pursue top student-athletes.

“By increasing the budget, it allows coaches to expand their reach further outside of New Jersey and more into the region, such as Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut,” Chesney said. Ultimately, no matter how coaches recruit their student-athletes, Chesney believes that coaches will primarily bring athletes that are well-rounded individuals.

“Our coaches want our players to be good students and people, as well as being able to compete athletically at a high level,” Chesney said.
Former Women’s Basketball Star Katie Sire Comes Back to the Red Hawks

This time, she is an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator

Katie Sire holds up awards alongside coach Karin Harvey. Photo courtesy of Montclair State Women’s Basketball Twitter

Sire was a guard/forward for the women’s basketball team. Photo courtesy of Katie Sire

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Former Montclair State University women’s basketball star Katie Sire is one of the newest assistant coaches and recruiting coordinators on the team alongside longtime head coach Karin Harvey.

Sire has cemented her legacy with her basketball play, and is continuing to extend it by guiding the current players to victory. Her tenure with the team as a guard/forward from 2014 to 2018 is something remarkable in Division III women’s basketball.

Sire is ranked fourth in Montclair State basketball history for points, seventh in scoring average, has four consecutive New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) championships and a run to the Division III Final Four.

For Sire, all of the success she gained was based off of a mindset all athletes should have going into every game.

“I was definitely highly competitive, which is a big role in sports,” Sire said. “The fact that whatever I wanted to do in my mind, I’m going to do it as best as I can and I’m going to work as hard as I can at it.”

Sire knew that getting to leave an impact on the women’s basketball scene at Montclair State did not come easy. She had a lot of inspiration and help along the way.

In the beginning of her basketball career, she had role models on her team to lean on in order to improve.

“When I was a freshman, I had two seniors, Janitza Aquino and Melissa Tober, who were both amazing players and had insane work ethic and were really talented basketball players,” Sire said. “I had them to look up to my first year.”

Sire has had the pleasure of overseeing the process and the grind of the women’s basketball team, who have been having a tremendous season.

One of the players that have helped this season come into fruition is Nickie Carter, a freshman guard who is starting to become a star on the team, just like Sire in her first year. Sire even sees a little bit of herself in Carter.

“As a freshman, I got a little hard on myself too,” Sire said. “I had a significant role here my freshman year just like [Nickie Carter] does right now, but our games and our play styles are very different.”

Sire also believes Carter has a lot of potential and room to grow, and that she can become a true talent on the team. Sire loves her job of being a part of the whole team, helping build the chemistry that helps win games and builds success, all thanks to Harvey.

“One of the main things that she stresses with me to learn the most is building relationships with your players and how much that means to me,” Sire said. “The stronger the relationship is, the more they will give you as a player and the more they will want to play for you.”

It also helps that there are two seniors on the team, guard Cerys McClelland and forward Alex McKinnon, both who are in the same path as Sire. The connection between Sire and the seniors is close, and she lets them know that opportunity to succeed will beckon when the time comes.

“One of the things that I have shared with [the seniors] is try as much as you can while you’re young and feel out what you like,” Sire said. “You might come out of college and think that is something you want to do and you’re not sure.”

Not only does Sire enjoy working hard with the team and keeping them motivated every day to be better players, Sire is forever grateful for what Harvey has done for her career as a player and as a coach. Harvey personally gave Sire the position with the team she is currently holding.

“I think the thing that drew me back was my relationship with Coach Harvey,” Sire said. “She was such a huge impact on my basketball career.”

Sire expanded on how she ended up coming back to the Red Hawks.

“When I talked to Harvey after I graduated about wanting to go back into college coaching [and] when she presented the idea of me going back to Montclair State, I don’t think there would have been a better fit for me,” Sire said. “Just being how successful I was in this program and the relationship that I grew with her over the years, I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

Sire and the women’s basketball team are looking to stay strong the last few games of the season and keep their positive momentum going into NJAC playoffs, and possibly beyond.

“It is not going to be easy, and Sire knows that keeping up the peak is going to be rough, but as long as they perform the best they can she and Harvey will be proud of the team. Performing her best is all she could ever do throughout her athletic career and that is all Sire can hope for from the next generation of women athletes.
Men’s Ice Hockey Makes Playoffs

Team gets fifth spot after wins over CCSU, Army and Sacred Heart

The Montclair State University men’s ice hockey team did exactly what they needed to do in their last three games – win. These important wins gave the team eight points and the fifth spot in the Super East Collegiate Hockey League (SECHL) playoff standings.

After an exciting 3-2 overtime win at Central Connecticut State University on Feb. 1, the Red Hawks had the momentum they needed to secure four more points and finish off their regular season schedule at Floyd Hall Arena the following weekend. The Red Hawks faced off against Army on Friday and Sacred Heart on Saturday. Since they have seen all season. They are getting secondary scoring, as Vandervliet, will get to see as well, Meneghin notched up three assists and Porth saved 71 of the 75 shots. The four seniors, forwards Mike Nordstrom, Evan Calendrillo and Pavlishin, joined five other seniors, for- ward Anthony Oliveri. A tied score was intense until Meneghin gave the lead and Porth would not allow a single goal.

As the clock wound down, senior forward Zak Pavlishin sauced the puck down the ice for an empty-netter. The entire team celebrated, as they knew that with the 5-3 win, playoffs would be a reality for the first time in three seasons.

Ryan Martinez ended the game with a game-tying goal, an attainable one, Robert Martinez said. "I think we can accomplish more, we are at our best right now and some other teams may be overlooking us as the fifth-seeded team. We are definitely capable to win in a playoff situation, after all, we've been playing 'playoff hockey' for three weeks now and have been successful in doing so."