The Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies is hoping to offer the University’s first-ever doctoral program and have Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degrees approved to begin in the summer of 2011 in order to maintain accreditation with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

“Many graduates of the master’s programs [in nursing] have expressed their desire to pursue a doctor of nursing practice at Monmouth University,” according to the proposal for the DNP doctorate program.

The proposed degree will be the school’s first ever doctoral program. If approved, it will be a clinically-focused doctorate, similar to programs in medicine (MD), Pharmacy (PharmD), and Physical Therapy (DPT). The doctorate will focus on practice as opposed to a traditional Ph.D. which focuses on theory and research.

The program is a response to a change in CCNE accreditation from 2006 saying that effective 2015 on the practice doctoral degree, with the DNP title, will be eligible for an invitation to Nursing Program Accreditation (NP) and Nursing Administration programs.

The program also comes as part of a trend within nursing education to include only 20 DNP programs nationwide by 2007 that have been in development. In September of 2009 there were over 100 programs nationwide.

According to the proposal, “Faculty in the School of Nursing and Health Studies have been having discussions about the degree and its implications since the Fall of 2005 when the AACN [American Association of Colleges of Nursing] decided that as of 2015, only doctoral degrees in nursing practice with DNP designations will be eligible for CCNE accreditation.”

Seven University students of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) attended the 15th Annual Black Solidarity conference at Yale University to discuss the issues of equality and racial disparities.

A total of 550 students were present, representing 45 different colleges from around the country.

Attendees gathered for the three day event comprised of debate, panel discussions, speeches, workshops, and community service inspired by this year’s theme, “Progress is Personal: Erasing Complacency, Embracing Our Purpose.”

The focus of the conference surrounded the question “How do we approach racial issues in a society that claims to be ‘post-racial,’ and what is the place and purpose of our generation in the quest for racial equality?”

The first day of the Black Solidarity Conference, Friday, continued...
School of Nursing Hopes to Offering DNP Program in Summer 2011

In addition to being the first doctoral program at Monmouth University, the doctorate will be the first to be offered at a school in the Monmouth and Ocean county areas. The document “The Essentials of Doctoral Edu- cation for Advanced Nurs- ing Practice,” produced by the AACN, is providing the guidelines for the development of accreditation standard for DNP program.

Dr. Juduth Stark, the associate Dean for the School of Nursing and Health Studies, stated in her report that, “the proposal showed adherence to national standards that will result in a high quality DNP program.”

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scheduled to begin in the sum- mer of 2011. It will be predomi- nately delivered on-line with stu- dents coming to campus twice a semester on weekends. Students of the program will move as a group completing two courses per semester for 6 semesters over a two-year pe- riod. A total of 36 credits will have to be completed at the doc- toral level for completion. The propos- al will go be- fore the Board of Trustees this month. If approved by the Board of Trustees, it will go before the Board of Nursing and then, if passed, will have the final approv- al needed to move forward.

Dean Palladino writes new chapters in textbook

Both “Essentials of Genetics” and “Concepts of Genetics” have been immensely successful. They are currently being revised at about 150 institutions around the country, including major research universities, colleges, and even some high schools. Dr. Klug holds the ease of understanding the textbook accountable for its popularity.

He says, “It is a writing style that appeals to every level of teaching. I can tell it is successful because people are renewing the book. It is very clearly written and accessible.” Dr. Pal- ladino continues, “The new edi- tion of both Concepts and Essen- tials have been very popular so far and have led to several new adoptions and continued posi- tive feedback from colleges and universities who have used these books for a long time.

Even though Dr. Klug is near- ing retirement, he looks forward to continuing his project. “Being that I and the other co authors are getting older, I think that Dr. Palladino will become the lead author in the years to come. Hopefully he will be the one to inherit this project. The fact that I and the other co authors have help and clear expectations. That primarily because “we’re starting so much earlier with early intervention services. We defi- nitely know it’s possible,” said Ann Palmer, director of advocacy and chapters for the Autism So- cety of North Carolina. “Not for everybody, but it’s an option.”

Her son, Eric, who has an au- tumn spectrum disorder or ASD, found that chasing the college ex- perience can be frustrating. The Palmers learned by trial and error as Eric Palmer was preparing to go to college, where they aren’t, is a huge one for students with ASD who aren’t adept at social interaction.

Laurie Nederveen of Raleigh, N.C., trains students in those kinds of skills through her company, Aspiring Aspies (www.as- piringaspies.com).

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The earlier the students get that kind of training, the better, Ner- dans and Palmer said. “But really anyone can help coach them: a family member, a teacher,” Nederveen said. “Talk about it. Explain how you do things. ‘This is what I do when I lock my keys in the car. This is how I get a conversation with someone I don’t know.’ And practice them.”

Making College More Than a Dream for Students with Autism

She said students and parents can help themselves navigate the road to college by:

Working on “self-advocacy” skills, like speaking up when they need something.

Working on functional skills like budgeting, sending emails, personal hygiene, shopping, etc.

Although it’s not common, students with autism can make it into college if they have help and clear expectations.

Meeting with the disability ser- vices staff at schools the student wants to attend to find out what they offer and how to get access to services.

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Career Networking Workshop
Enforces the Use of Social Networking Sites

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The dismal economy and still uncertain job market is at the forefront of many minds regardless of age or level of degree. To provide an antidote to some worries, the offices of Career Services and Alumni Affairs co-sponsored a lecture titled Mastering the Art of Career Networking. The event took place on Wednesday, February 17 in Wilson Hall Auditorium, and featured presentations by motivational speaker and entrepreneur, Donnayl Giegerich, Chair of the School of Science, Dr. Catherine Duckett, with a question and answer session held by Associate Director of Alumni Affairs, Jennifer Harris, ’03 ’05.

The event was attended by, ‘40 students, undergraduate and graduate combined, 10 University administrators and staff, Ten Mentors from the Mentor Program (Alumni and friends of the University) and 12 alumni attending for their own professional development,” according to Jennifer Harris.

The two speakers discussed how important networking was to establishing relationships with potential employers and securing job opportunities. Giegerich led a lecture titled Networking: A Leadership Necessity designed to help those in attendance learn skills and tips about getting networking skills up to par. The main focus of her presentation was on how to most effectively network and be prepared to meet any opportunity successfully.

Using her own life experiences as a successful businesswoman, entrepreneur and cancer survivor, Ms. Giegerich advised the audience not only in helpful business and networking maneuvers but also on having a positive outlook on life. She said that it’s important to remember it’s not about yourself, but what you can do for others. “When it’s all about everyone else, it comes back to benefit you in life,” Giegerich said.

While it’s essential to be prepared for a scheduled networking event or interview, Giegerich stated that an opportunity to network or meet someone who could help you find a job could happen at any time. Having business cards with every piece of information about yourself that you are willing to give, like email addresses, phone numbers, and other contact information is a necessity.

Also important is how you represent yourself to networking. “If you ask for feedback on how you show up, and study ways to be more engaging,” she said. “When you appear, your looks and your confidence can play an important role in networking, and getting a job, whether it’s right away or down the line.”

Using the skills that they have, people can deliver a “thirty second commercial” about themselves to give potential employers and networking partners a sense of how they would be compatible for a job. This is part of what Ms. Giegerich does. “I help people step into their greatness – be their best, however they want to be,” she said.

The second presentation, by Dr. Catherine Duckett, titled Networking in the Age of Facebook focused on the utilization of social networking websites to connect potential employment opportunities. She explained that networking is like being someone’s friend, but there are different set of boundaries.

These new avenues for networking are especially beneficial for reaching out to more people and setting up your “brand,” or how you appear on a Google search. While Facebook may be better known and more popular among young adults, the website LinkedIn can be just as, if not more, impactful in career networking. “LinkedIn is a great tool for establishing a web presence because it’s meshable with the major search engines. Students should establish an accurate profile on LinkedIn which emphasizes skills, as well as experiences,” Dr. Duckett explained. “If the student can get recommendations from faculty or employers, they should get them. LinkedIn has a feature to request recommendations. These recommendations can be used by prospective employers to establish if they would like to interview a prospective employer.”

The other sites like Facebook and Twitter can also be useful in career networking, as you are more likely to display different sides of your personality and lifestyle, which can be valuable information to a potential employer. There are ways that can potentially hurt your chances at making a good impression on these sites, though. Dr. Duckett addressed the importance of privacy settings on Facebook in order to have the best of both worlds: a clean, professional side and a fun, personal side. Photos on Facebook can be particularly dangerous, so ensuring that you are aware of what’s being said on your page is important. “Your personal ‘brand’ is imperative, so as not to put up content you can’t take back.”

Social networking has proven to be a valuable way to broach an intimidating job market. These sites do not guarantee jobs or direct access to those who are hiring, but it has the potential to point you in the right direction. Dr. Duckett commented that, “I see lots of questions on Facebook which are profession-oriented, such as ‘do you know anyone at firm X’ or ‘do you know how university Y handles their letter of recommendation process?’”

Those at the University, alumni and current students, are realizing the power social media can have to help them connect and succeed. Dr. Duckett said, “Jennifer Harris of Monmouth Alumni has commented to me on the fantastic growth of the Monmouth LinkedIn network in recent months.” Harris, who manages the Monmouth Alumni group pages on both Facebook and LinkedIn, said, “Our students and alumni are indeed using these sites to find jobs. I personally have been contacted on several occasions by current student leaders and alumni that are searching for a job and reaching out to me via Facebook or LinkedIn to obtain more information. You can find out more about positions that post internally here at the University.” Ultimately, social networking sites alone can only go so far. According to Dr. Duckett, the right place is the right time, and the right attitude is how you really get the job, no matter how much you network or update your Facebook.

Conference for NCNW Students

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Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, an American Book Award recipient, a two-time NAACP Image Award winner, a member of the ”150 Most Powerful African Americans” by Ebony Magazine, and a current sociology professor at Georgetown University delivered the keynote speech.

Saturday’s events proved to be an enlightening experience for junior Octavia Okoe-Quansah, Parliamentary of the NCNW. “We were challenged to open our minds and grasp concepts such as Power and Black Solidarity. Among the 500 participants, there were a number of people who were not African American. It is important that all groups are able to learn from a conference like this. I would encourage more of Monmouth’s students from different backgrounds to attend.”

Cain said that this conference was extremely valuable to the NCNW. “It opens our minds to many new ideas and tactics. I believe that all of us in attendance gained something from this event,” said Cain. “I hope that we will be granted the opportunity to attend again next year.”

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New Lounge Opens in Student Center for Graduate Students

Several changes were made to the Rebecca Stafford Student Center when students arrived at the end of last summer, one of them specifically being made for graduate students. A new graduate student lounge was built in place of the First Year office on the second floor and has been used the past year as a place for the graduates to go in between classes.

According to both Dean of the Graduate School Datta Naik and Vice President for Enrollment Management Robert Mc Caig, the graduate school recognized that there was neither a good location, nor a facility for graduate students. Mc Caig said he wanted graduate students to feel more important than they were appearing to be. "We wanted to make them feel more connected. I wanted more than a lounge, but where they could do other services, like one stop shopping. For now, where we are starting is with this graduate student lounge." In the beginning, Mc Caig said there were multiple debates on where the lounge would be. There was also discussion of there being multiple graduate student lounges.

Students also voiced their opinions on what they wanted. For instance, several graduate students said they only go to one or two buildings when they are on campus at night, while others brought up the fact that they mostly been at the undergraduates level, and I just want to see more connected to the undergraduates level, and I just want to see more connected to each other, and more connected to the University," Mc Caig said.

While Naik said the usage of the lounge started off slow, Mc Caig disagrees. He said that even without all of the chairs, desks, and pictures on the walls, students were still inside, studying, using the computers, and working together. "Now that it is completely furnished, I always see students in there. I have seen the television on one time. We really put a lot of time into convincing my other colleagues to make sure that this was an important issue."

Mc Caig also thanked Director of Graduate Admission Kevin Roane, who he said was "a constant force in the committee in not forgetting this concept. In some ways the lounge would not be there today if not for Kevin Roane."

Vice President of Administrative Services Patricia Swannack was also thanked by Mc Caig. "Patti Swannack has been fabulous in everything having to do with the lounge."

Roane said that an Open House took place at the lounge on January 26 and 27. "Basically the Open House was the grand opening of the Multipurpose Activity Center when students arrived at the Rebecca Stafford Student Center past fall. The Graduate Strategic Committee knew that the lounge would be built and space would no longer be an issue. "Even if we had known in 2006 or 2007, we knew that until the MAC was built, until we had space, we knew we wouldn’t be able to actually see if we were able to open it up that day."

Mc Caig also said what he loves most about the new lounge is the fact that it is there. "This has been three years in the making, and I am so proud that we were able to open it." Mc Caig said he has heard all good responses from graduate students on the lounge so far. "There have been a lot of thank you's. If I have heard one complaint, it is that we don’t have a coffeemaker in there."

Mc Caig spoke about the need to make graduate students feel more connected at the University. "We expect the lounge to continue to be an attractive place for pursuing one’s graduate studies," Naik said.

The new graduate lounge has computers, couches and a television for students to go to in between classes.
Housing Deposits for Resident Students Extended Due to Inclement Weather

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The Office of Residential Life extended the collection of housing deposits for on-campus students this week, due to inclement weather conditions this past Wednesday and Thursday.

Housing deposits were originally planned to be collected Monday, February 8 and Tuesday, February 9 in the Magill Commons Dining Hall from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Wednesday, February 10 in the Office of Residential Life from 1 pm to 4 pm, and Thursday, February 11 in the Office of Residential Life from 9 am to 12 pm.

The days that needed to be re-scheduled were for Wednesday, where the University was closed, and for Thursday, where classes began at 4:30 pm but all business and academic offices were closed.

All resident students received an e-mail from the Office of Residential Life last Tuesday afternoon advising them that if they planned on submitting their deposits by check or money order, due to not collecting on Wednesday, staff would be taking them in at the Magill Commons Dining Hall from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Operations Ray Gonzalez said, “We were tracking the weather and saw how severe it could be and knew that the University could be closed due to the storm, we planned on extending the deposits through Friday. Once the final decision was made to close the University, we made the final decision and announce to residents about the extension.”

Gonzalez said he did not hear any concerns from current resident students. “Hopefully, we got the word out early enough to hopefully alleviate any fears about not being able to pay their housing deposits. The online system remained active so students could pay with a credit card through WebAdvisor, even when the University was closed,” Gonzalez said.

Students can go to the Cashier’s office in Wilson Hall if they are paying their housing deposit with cash.

Sophomore George Mena said he would be paying his housing deposit on the Monday extension date because he could not pay it at a different time. “I am very glad that I still have a chance to get on-campus housing and able to take part in the housing selection process. I don’t know what I would have done if the dates were not extended and I never got that chance,” Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said the Office of Residential Life had to extend the collection of housing deposits two years ago due to a snow storm.

Gonzalez currently offers a few words of advice to all class years. “Think carefully about who you want to live with. Do not pick a roommate because they have a good lottery number or because you want to live in a specific building. You’ll be living with this person for eight months, so make sure you are compatible and a good fit as roommates. We’ll be having a Roommates Wanted Program in the beginning of April, after lottery numbers have been distributed. If anyone is still looking for a roommate or needs one more person to complete their suite or apartment, this will be an opportunity for them to meet. We’ll also be having tours of some of the residence halls and apartments so students can see what the different options available to them. I recommend that juniors and seniors consider our off-campus sponsored housing, such as Diplomat, Fountain Gardens and Pier Village since apartments on-campus are limited. Applications are currently available on our website and due March 5 for anyone interested in one of these apartments.”

Lottery numbers for housing selection will be distributed to students via e-mail on March 11. Housing selection will take place on the second floor of the Student Center in Anacon Hall from April 22 to April 24.

To contact the Office of Residential Life with further information and/or questions, please call 732-571-4463.

Celtic Connections

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Professor Wins Website Research Award

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Monmouth University Professor of Public Relations, Sheila McAllister-Spooner, Ph.D., received the Top Paper award at the National Communication Association conference last November. She also served as the respondent for the panel, “Ethics, Education and Public Relations.” According to their website, the National Communication Association (NCA) is the “largest national organization dedicated to communication.” NCA gives a number of awards to outstanding scholars and teachers each year. McAllister-Spooner had the honor of earning one of them.

The paper she wrote, “Parent and High School Student Preferences of College Web Sites,” presented research she did on college web site user preferences. She said, “My area of expertise is web based communication and I have worked for colleges.” Her research was sparked by her experience and interest in the topic. With every college having a website, there was a lot of data to look over.

She began by surveying high school students and their parents about what features and information they would like to see on college websites. One of the things she didn’t expect to find was that parents and students want the same information, just delivered differently. She found that students generally want shorter messages and more images. Parents prefer more text and will take the time to sit and read through it all. “Kids and parents might not be from different planets after all,” said McAllister-Spooner. She has two teenage boys of her own.

To find a research topic, McAllister-Spooner often looks through what research has already been done and what subjects have not been covered. “I want to see what research is missing,” she said.

Parent and student preferences regarding college websites was an area that had been missing and deserved research. “College can use this research to figure out if they’re meeting the needs of people visiting their sites.”

Meeting the needs of your target publics is crucial in the public relations field. McAllister-Spooner said she wanted to ensure her research would be something practitioners could utilize.

She uses what she has coined the “so what?” test. While doing research, she frequently asks herself, “so what?” This way she can be certain her research will be effective and be another piece of academic research.

This research paper is not the first of McAllister-Spooner’s papers to be awarded. She has been submitting research papers to the National Communication Association for the past three years. She was awarded Top Paper two years ago as well.

McAllister-Spooner is currently working toward researching how colleges use social media sites.
Opinion / Editorial

The Outlook vs. PNC for Graduation

It’s official class of 2010, graduation is in the air. Four years of tests, homework, dorms, and dining hall and it’s almost time to close the curtains on our chapter at Monmouth. With an email sent out last week to all seniors, this year’s graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 20 at PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel.

While this has been the location for commencement for years, many people heard rumors that this year world mark the first class to graduate in the brand new MAC. It would be much more convenient to have the ceremony held right here for students living on and around campus and for post-commencement festivities when families and friends trek back to school in order to take pictures on Monmouth’s beautiful campus. Not to mention the intimate feeling it gives the entire ceremony to graduate on the premise of the place that these seniors called home for the last four years. Obviously this rumor saw no truth. Bottom line, it’s just not feasible right now. While the MAC is completed and can hold 4,100 people for an event, the current size of Monmouth’s commencement ceremony far exceeds the 4,100 building limit. Last year at the PNC Center, it is estimated that only 4,000 people were double that in attendance.

Also, at this point in time, with the University’s decision to hold one combined graduate and undergraduate ceremony at the end of the year, it is unlikely that they will be able to bring the ceremony back to the campus due to the large amount of students and guests. Already with the ceremony held at PNC, students are only given four tickets. If the ceremony were to be held in the MAC, the number of available tickets would decrease. The current allotment of four tickets per student is already causing problems for their large families. If the University were to possibly hold two ceremonies, December and May, or a ceremony for those achieving a master degree and a separate one for bachelor’s degree it might be possible for the MAC to accommodate commencement. Even at that, there would be significant challenges such as ticket allocations, parking access and more that the University will not be able to accommodate.

It’s just a shame that after the many years waiting for the completion of the MAC and all the attention it has gotten, not to mention all of the new and exciting events it has held in the last year, that something as significant and momentous as graduation cannot take place right here, where we earned our degree. With all that being said (and because a majority of The Outlook staff is graduating) we are looking forward to commencement and think that it will turn out to be a memorable day at PNC.

So let’s do this class of 2010 and enjoy the home stretch of our last semester, see you in May.

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Ever find yourself walking to class behind someone that is smoking a cigarette and inhale their smoke? How about when you walk out of an academic building or resident’s hall and a wall of cigarette smoke fills your lungs with nicotine? Smoking cigarettes kills more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homocide, and illegal drugs combined. Smokers and non-smokers are all being affected by cigarettes whether they are aware of it or not. Non-smokers, just as smokers, who breathe in smoke take in nicotine and other toxic chemicals. Of the 4,000 chemical compounds being breathed in by the smokers and non-smoker 60% of them are suspected to cause cancer.

Due to the harmful effects of cigarettes, smoking is starting to be ban throughout many states in the U.S. In 2000, New Jersey lawmakers banned smoking from indoor places; this included virtually all of the states bars as well as restaurants. Since smoking in the United States is most prevalent among college-age students, ages 18 to 24, you would think banning smoking from college campuses would be another good place to start.

At Monmouth University the policy is simply this: no smoking in any campus buildings, smokers must stand 25 feet from a building, and appropriate receptacles must be used to discard cigarettes. If you look around the campus you will see that these policies are hardly ever followed or enforced. Cigarette butts still litter our sidewalks and smokers stand right outside of buildings. The Monmouth University smoking policy also “urges due compliance with safety measures related to tobacco use. Although the emphasis on alcohol dangers and policies is necessary in the Universities safety guide, just as much, if not more emphasis is concerned with consumption of alcohol by its students. In fact, in the U.S. approximately 100,000 deaths are caused each year by alcohol related deaths compared to the 443,600 deaths related to tobacco use.

It is absurd that a University will allow its students to do something so harmful to their bodies and smoke freely around campus, but yet they are so concerned with consumption of alcohol by its students. In fact, the University of New Jersey would show that the University cared a little bit more about the well being of their students. Changing the smoking policy on the Monmouth University campus would overall make for a more positive experience. A majority of students, as well as faculty, smokers on campus would more then likely cut back on their daily intake of cigarettes, or potentially even quit. For students such as me, who do not smoke, the potential to be effected by secondhand smoke will be diminished and cigarette butts will cease to litter our campus.

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After about two months of silence, Tiger Woods finally held a press conference to publically apologize for his infidelity. It was as if it was the Super Bowl all over again with people tuning in to hear what the greatest man in golf had to say. I even had to go over to his mother and hug to close this speech made sure he pointed out all the charitable work he has done with the Tiger Woods Foundation and the Good Samaritan behavior he plans to continue. What does he want a pat on the back?

He also addressed the media for being too harsh on his wife and children. I do feel bad that his family is being watched 24/7 but at the same time he should have known what he was getting himself into.

And by telling us that we shouldn’t blame Elin? Thanks Tiger but I’m pretty sure no one was blaming your wife for the multitude of mistresses you kept around.

I will point out that his wife Elin was not standing beside him, finally a woman who has some dignity. To have his wife standing next to him would have changed the press conference immensely from a PR stand point. It was would made people more inclined to forgive him by seeing his wife forgive him. But much to my happiness that was not how it went down.

Instead we saw Woods’ mother, Tida, sitting in the front row, barely looking up at her son. It couldn’t have been more staged than a Broadway show. To see Woods finish his speech by slowly walk over to his mother and hug her in front of the entire room for an awkward amount of time actually made me laugh. After waiting months for Woods’ to make a statement, I think he did not tell us anything we didn’t already know and in my eyes did nothing. Now he is back in hiding and we can wait another few months until his next press conference for him to robotically announce his return to golf, because you all know that’s going to happen.

He will return, win the PGA Tour and all of this will be yesterday’s news...mark my words.

THE OUTLOOK
Phi Kappa Psi Celebrates Two Anniversaries and Getting Approved for Chartering in One Week

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On February 22, Phi Kappa Psi, the newest addition to campus, celebrated their one year anniversary in reuniting with Monmouth University. Not only have they successfully sustained a full year of service and leadership, but they are also due to receive an approved charter on April 24th, 2010.

Don’t be fooled by the small amount of time that Phi Kappa Psi has recently been here—they are technically one of the oldest fraternities that the campus of Monmouth University has ever had, being originally founded to our locality on October 21, 1967.

Since then, Phi Kappa Psi has left their mark on campus—literally. Something you may not know is that the trees in front of the Garden Apartments were planted in a specific manner back in the 60s. During the fall, the trees alternate in colors of red and green, which represent the fraternity's national colors of Cardinal red and Hunter green. Although it may seem like a feminine color combination for a fraternity, the original plan was to create attractive colors for the Phi Psis' girlfriends to wear, since they were the ones who bore the fraternity letters across their chests—not the brothers themselves.

"The great joy of serving others" is a Phi Kappa Psi motto that is not gone unnoticed. During their recent short time on campus, the fraternity has helped sustain their motto by becoming involved in many community service activities. This year alone, Phi Kappa Psi has hosted two blood drives and hopes to do one more before the end of the semester. They have also worked hard with their local philanthropy, Autism Awareness, and national philanthropy, The Boys and Girls Club.

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More than 104,000 members have been initiated since their national founding date of February 19th, 1852. Some brothers you may recall include actor Zach Braff, Real World: Austin's Wes Bergmann, New York mayor Michael Bloomberg, and former U.S. president Woodrow Wilson.

Jerry Nelson, founder of Ticketmaster, is also a widely known Phi Psi who takes his brotherhood very seriously. Each year, Nelson welcomes the brothers of Phi Kappa Psi to his hotel resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. He closes it down for a month to host the annual 'Phi Kappa Psi American Leadership Academy'. There, they attend discussions on how to better their brotherhood while relaxing and enjoying the beautiful country of Mexico. What's the special discount for these lucky Phi Kappa Psi brothers? Free.

Having 38 active brothers and 15 new members this semester, Phi Kappa Psi is a brotherhood that is growing fast. The fraternity's executive board consists of President Ray Cooper, vice president Zach Krupka, treasurer Jerry Boyle, recording secretary Mike Kestlinger, and Sergeant at Arms Kevin Belon.

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to help the organization by offering to be bought as a date for the bidders. The event raised almost 300 dollars which will be donated to the American Cancer Society along with the money fundraised during the Relay for Life event which will take place on the Kessler Field on Friday, April 23.

Mallory Rapisarda, President of Colleges Against Cancer, said that this is the second year that Relay for Life has put on the Date Auction and that it has been very successful so far.

“It’s a good way to get our organization out there and tonight was all about Colon cancer,” Rapisarda said.

March is the month for colon cancer awareness. The theme for the date auction was to kiss away testicular and cervical cancer. The Student Center cafeteria was decorated in red and pink balloons and a feeling of love for the survivors and fighters of cancer was in the air.

Hunter Brockreide, a sophomore and the Vice President of the MU Veterans, received the highest bid of 56 dollars.

“This event is great for the cause and I strongly believe in the foundation because it has raised so much money for cancer awareness,” Brockreide said.

The other participants alongside Brockreide helped raise almost 300 dollars in just one hour. Eleven students were auctioned off after walking through the cafeteria to their song and answering a question picked out of a bag.

Participants came up with interesting and charming introductions for themselves in hope of getting bid for the highest price. Rodney Salomon, a senior at the University who has his own Facebook fan page, said “if you bid on me, i will be your pursuit of happiness.”

Vanessa Vernile, a member on the Relay for Life committee, said that the event would have been even more successful if it took place on the original date, before Valentine’s Day.

“Even though the event went great, I think more people would come if it was before Valentine’s Day so that they can have dates on Valentine’s Day,” Vernile said.

The bidding started at five dollars and the audience had the chance to bid on their favorite. The person who outbid everyone else will get to take the participant out on a date.

Nick Grimaldi, a sophomore, who attended the auction and was very pleased with the outcome, said he came to help support the fight against cancer and support his friends that were being auctioned off.

For more information or to sign up for Relay for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org/monmouth-university.

Above: Students were bidded on to raise money for Relay for Life. Below: Over 300 dollars were raised at the Relay for Life Date Auction that took place in the Student Center Wednesday night.
My challenge to you is discover Italy. It's short, it's simple, it's cheap, and I found it to be the most rewarding. You picked this country for a reason, so let Italy unfold before you and discover its heart and beauty in the small towns of Tuscany that lie outside of the city.

In the end, there are always going to be rough times in the apartment, problems with roommates, dietary needs, and bad things can happen; I have seen people get caught in the party scene and they lose the reason why they wanted to study abroad in the first place. I have also seen people waste money on frivolous traveling when they could spend their time better exploring Florence. My challenge to you is discover Italy. It's short, it's simple, it's cheap, and I found it to be the most rewarding. You picked this country for a reason, so let Italy unfold before you and discover its heart and beauty in the small towns of Tuscany that lie outside of the city. I know I deviated from what a lot of my friends were doing (traveling to other countries every weekend) and instead I explored small towns in Tuscany with other groups of friends. These towns were beautiful, small, so small that cars could not fit on main streets and they were all hilltop towns with vineyards. What are you going to do? Quit? – Give up? I learned that we only grow from the problems we encounter, even more so than from the positive experiences. There are no regrets.

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There are so many different aspects that each study abroad program offers, and every program has its own unique qualities; I have witnessed the best and worst of these qualities. I have seen people who rarely travel, those who tag along with becoming truly independent. Embrace the culture, embrace the people, and you will stop taking things for granted; enjoy the finer and simpler things in life. William Least Heat Moon once said, "I learned that we only grow from the problems we encounter, even more so than from the positive experiences."

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My Wine and Culture course, was my second favorite, and not just because of the wine tasting (which in itself was awesome)!

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Valentine’s Day, a film about love on Valentine’s Day as 18 individuals and their search for love in every scene and every skit offers no real character development over the course of the picture, and fails to provide the audience with any real desire or interest in the characters. In fact, while watching the film, it was hard to keep track of the characters’ on-screen presence. It was like watching a movie where the characters have no names. I can’t even remember once or twice during the film, but I found myself constantly referring to the character as the actor who was portraying them. With that said, casting directors Deborah Aquilla and Mary Tricia Wood did a spectacular job casting the film, but with such an immense ensemble cast, the plot of the movie begins to fade as the actor’s personas begin overshadow that of their characters. As the actors are only on-screen for several minutes of the feature, it becomes apparent that this film was produced not as an Oscar contender, but as a cash cow. As a result, some of the actors weren’t suited to play their characters such as Julia Roberts, who portrayed a soldier returning home from Iraq. Her performance was unalistic and stale as she was cast to generate revenue as was everyone else in this film. However, I was surprised by the performances. Robin Williams, during one scene, needed to put down his child to pay for some flowers, but couldn’t remember his lines or running on the counter. Conve niently, there is a man behind her who insists she’ll hold the child, to which the woman responds “Thanks, but you should know we’re Jewish.” Also, Dempsey’s role in the film besides being an avid jugg leer, is a cheating husband. When he returns home to his wife and child after an affair he is juggling apples as his wife asks their daughter, “isn’t Daddy a good juggler?” Obliviously, this is a witty pun at the affair, but this is a typical example of the humor dashed across Valentine’s Day. In addition to clever and witty humor, the production of Valentine’s Day was respectable. From the start of the film the Cinematographer Charles Minsky manages to capture several breathtaking shots of Beverly Hills that truly add to the picture. Through these shots, the audience is able to get a feeling of where the film is taking place without being told and the location acts as another character of the movie ultimately helping to further the plot. The film also boasts smooth editing by Bruce Green as the film smoothly jumps between skits and an interesting yet appropriate soundtrack to help propel the film forward. Songs included were Today was a Fairytale by Taylor Swift, Say Hey by Michael Franti and Cupid by Any Winehouse. At 125 minutes, Valentine’s Day moves right along but hits several bumps along the way. The film is rated PG-13 for some sexual material and partial nudity but is appropriate for any age 13 and up who enjoys the romantic comedy genre and enjoys the Professors. While the film lacks in plot, it does have some core themes in it which some may find inoffensive. First of all, you should love someone, you have to accept them for all who they are and love them unconditionally. Also, it is important to find someone special and love them the most. The process takes time. The film expresses that our friends are our family. They are there for us, and at times, are just as important as our significant others.

In the world of Valentine’s Day, its Thirty-sixth Annual Grammy Awards. Overall, Burn’s performance was a huge success. Her songs, her attitude, it all worked and she clicked with the crowd. Andrew Rodriguez, a freshman, said “I was hesitant at first, but by the end I was impressed by her performance, and so was the entire crowd. I especially liked her rendition of Lady Gaga.” Burn’s stage presence and bubbly attitude definitely made her a favorite of the crowd. The next singer to take the stage that night was South Carolina’s own Rudy Currence. Like Burn, Currence was also a pianist. A mixture of R&B, Hip Hop, Pop, Gospel, and Classical, Currence had his own unique sound. The most unexpected part of her performance was when she broke out into Lady Gaga’s Poker Face, adorning her face with oversized glasses and even playing on her keyboard with her foot. When he came onto the stage, Currence started off by telling the crowd that he believes that music is power, and that was the central theme of his record. Currence has created a name for himself, his song Have I Told You Lately That I Love You was featured in an Old Navy Commercial. Currently, Currence signed a deal with the very well known Ludericus and has been recording with him the last couple of months. Currence also had a very good way of communicating with the crowd, often using humor and jokes to connect with them. Many of the songs that Currence played were samples from other artists, such as James Taylor and Sheryl Crow. When he was doing performances for the students, Currence talked for a little about his life and what he thinks music can do for the world. “Everyone wants to leave an impression on the world,” Currence said, “Everyone wants to leave their footprint in the sand.” Burns and Currence sung from the heart and gave it all that they had. Both have a vision, and that is to influence people through music and to leave their imprint on the world. The Student Activity Board gave the students who attended an amazing opportunity to see real artists exhibit their real talents.
Jon Bon Jovi was featured on NBC's comedy, 30 Rock and mentioned the University.

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Question: Which famous musician with a Monmouth University honorary degree recently guest starred on NBC's comedy 30 Rock this year?
Answer: Jon Bon Jovi.

On the Feb. 31 episode titled "Anna Howard Shaw Day," Liz Lemon (played by Tina Fey) is at first skeptical about hiring a liability waiver so she can leave by herself after she gets a root canal. Before she signs the paper, Bon Jovi (playing himself) stops her and tells her to read it as Lemon looks at it confused, he takes the waiver and says, "Give me it. I have an honorary degree from Monmouth University, you know?"

While this could have been an easy hint to Bon Jovi's Jersey roots, it's actually the truth. He received an honorary degree from Monmouth University on May 16, 2001.

In the Monmouth University Magazine Spring 2001 issue, it recaps this moment and said, "Commencement speaker Jon Bon Jovi was recognized with an honorary degree for his outstanding contribution to the entertainment field as a musician and actor and also for the many charitable causes he sponsors." He received his degree in 2001 along with Lewis M. Eisenberg and Thomas F. Daniels, according to the Monmouth University Magazine Fall 2001.

Available at http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/~opa/commencement/jo/Speech.html, Bon Jovi's commencement speech talked about preparing for the future, telling graduates to love every minute of life, understanding that we are always learning, and to never give up. "Believe in yourself. Believe in your dreams. If you don't, who will?" he said. He even joked about 2011's graduating class in his speech. After telling graduates to thank their parents, Bon Jovi said, "They are the ones who made it to this day, maybe a stiff drink."

Thank you Universal Studios for releasing The Wolfman during the Valentine's Day season. While Bon Jovi may not do anything new (Friday the 13th the 13th came out last year), it offers a cinematic escape from the traditional romance films. The filmmakers manage to keep this from feeling like the Gypsies or the wolf. Of course, there's no way that a watching a scene featuring the Wolfman, which feels like King Kong's visit to New York City. Unfortunately, it gets annoying and overplays its power and mystery. The role is too messy at times, but Hopkins is able to compensate with some satisfactory direction.

As for Walker and Self, they resurrect the role and have to do more than she Lawrence's brother, has been missing for weeks. There Lawrence reunites with his father, Sir John Talbot (Anthony Hopkins), who informs him Ben has been found dead. John says Ben was a negotiator with the Gypsies, he returns home and heavens by week's end with only a scar to show. Hopkins is present, he excels and develops the only exciting character in the film. Hopkins is hypnotized by his words. Hopkins is around to play creepy, and he doesn't fail there. Altogether, the cast for this movie is a neat gathering to watch, the same can't be said for their respected roles. Del Toro in a horror movie is interesting since it's a different role for him. This makes it fun to watch, but ultimately, he comes off as very subdued. However, he does add energy to his role especially with Lawrence's confusion about what's happening and when he channels his descent into madness and horror. 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A few weeks ago the Colts and Saints battled for the Lombardi trophy. While the people in Indianapolis and New Orleans cheered on their teams, the rest of us cheered on the commercials. The big game is a chance for advertisers to bring out their best as the big and expensive time slots are sold out. Over the past decade we have seen some great commercials, but only ten were good enough to make my list.

7. The kid is great but I still don't analyze my appeal. If you haven't seen it or can't recall it, you're missing out. Whatever happened was that I moved into a different network and now I share this with Sally Jessie Rafael. I knew what I wanted to do, but I still don't analyze my appeal. It's completely different, but somehow there is a sense of trust.

8. If you saw the movie and most of the commercials. The commercial is great with Tom Hanks was a huge hit. Fe a t u r e s

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If you're looking for a laugh, these commercials are sure to make you smile.

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An Interview with World Famous Journalist Connie Chung

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Editor’s note: This is first part of an interview with the renowned journalist Connie Chung.

Yuro: What was your college experience like before you entered journalism?

Chung: I was a high school student in Washington D.C. when I became interested in broadcast journalism during the summertime while I was working as a cashier in a department store. I started majoring in biology because I thought working in a laboratory would be very cool. It was actually boring. It’s painful because it’s so slow. It keeps you inside behind a desk and a stand-

Yuro: So I switched majors about 20 times before I realized that I had to find a different field. By the time I graduated, I was an engineering journalism major and I studied radio and newspapers. I went on to be a reporter in the United States. I never thought about becoming a journalist, but I always thought about making a career in journalism. I can speak Chinese, but I don’t think that I’m better at it than any other student who wants to go into jour-

Yuro: You: Don’t recommend for them to wait that long to decide about their major?

Chung: I wouldn’t say to students, ma-

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Chung: Some reporters are considered to be the buy-

Yuro: What about regarding 24-hour news is

Chung: It’s all about how much

Yuro: What do you think about writing for television?

Chung: It’s the same with blogs. No one is there. They are anonymous. There is no ability to have
Cindy Sheehan and the War on Terror

DENNIS MIKOLAY  STAFF WRITER

Over the past two years, it seems that things have cooled down in the anti-war left. While the election of Barack Obama brought a historic moment, it had an astonishingly detrimental effect upon the anti-war movement. Once zealous Democrats, who spent four years criticizing “Bush’s war”, are now content to sit back while Barack Obama escalates the so-called “War on Terror.” While Democrats may have thrown in the towel, activist Cindy Sheehan has continued her crusade against the illegal foreign wars. Since her son was tragically killed in Iraq in 2004, Sheehan has made it her mission to bring the troops home. What started with a solitary vigil and camp-outs at President Bush’s ranch soon escaladed into a full-blown Congressional bid in 2008; she placed second behind Nancy Pelosi.

Sheehan is unimpressed with the new president and his supporters. “I don’t think much has changed since the Bush administration,” said Sheehan. “The Obama administration has been protecting such people as John Yoo, who formulated [Bush’s] torture policies. Like many Americans, Sheehan is alarmed by the frequent talk of a military strike on Iran. Since 2004, it has seemed that an attack on the Islamic Republic is inevitable. It is a threat that has carried over from the previous new administration.”

“We are not in danger from Iran,” said Sheehan, who notes that recent student uprisings have shaken the once-inpenetrable grasp of the Ayatollahs. “Our meddling gave rise to the Ayatollahs and the undemocratic nature of the Iranian government.”

CINDY SHEEHAN  Anti-War Activist

Political Debate: Is Childhood Obesity an Epidemic?

Here students debate political issues of the week. Side 1 students make their initial argument followed by Side 2 in which their opponent responds.

Side 1: The Rising Issue of Childhood Obesity

KRISTYN MIKULKA  CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the United States, the issue of childhood obesity has become a growing concern. It is predicted that up to 25 percent of children in the US are overweight and up to 11 percent of children are obese. However, it is my belief that these complications can be solved simply through healthier lifestyles.

There are many diets like the Atkins diet, no-carb diet, Mediterranean, etc. and there has been a great deal of media attention to the actual quality of our food. Some of these diets include “Super-Size Me,” a movie about the American obsession with fast food and its relationship to obesity and health problems, and Food Inc., which, plainly illustrates everything you did not want to know about the food you are eating. Essentially, my point is that while the statistics show the childhood obesity is becoming a widespread epidemic, I feel that they are incorrect and this is rather health issue that can be solved by better diet, parental discipline, and exercise.

To start, it is necessary to discuss the causes of childhood obesity. According to Nutrition.com, “It is confirmed that obesity occurs when energy intake exceeds energy expenditure.” Basically, children are not burning off the food they are eating. Furthermore, according to Childrenshospitals.net, the major contributors to childhood obesity are poor nutrition, too much fast food, and a lack of physical exercise. In this sense, it is not hard to understand why childhood obesity statistics are rising. The American culture, especially for children, is slowly beginning to dominate by technologies such as video games and computers. In addition, according to Nutrition.com, “Over the last decades, food has become affordable to larger numbers of people as the price of food has decreased substantially.” Parents are buying larger portions than are needed because they have become exceptional. At the same time, people are beginning to comminicate through electronic means like Facebook more each year. Children are simply eating more and doing less to stay in shape. Also, I feel that parental discipline can play a large part reversing this situation. Again, according to Nutrition.com, “Currently, the lack of exercise in the United States needs to be addressed my parent and family.”

Side 2: Childhood Obesity is not an Epidemic

MARILYN FATTORESSO  STAFF WRITER

Childhood Obesity has become and increasingly prevalent issue within the last ten years. The statistics show that since 1980 the likelihood of children becoming obese from ages 6-11 increased from 6.5% in 1980 to 19.6% in 2008. Obesity among children in general from 6-19 has actually tripled in the past 30 years and continues the climb. Obesity is a serious condition that is affecting the youth today especially in the United States. The condition itself is the result of a caloric imbalance, which is only exceeded for the amount consumed. And is mediated by genetic, behavioral, and environmental factors. The affects of adolescent obesity and serious long-term impacts, some of which include cardiovascular disease, such as high cholesterol or high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, stroke, osteoarthritis, and several types of cancer. This problem in the youth of the United States needs to be addressed by my parent and family alike. But, first one must understand what leads children to develop this condition.

People argue that it is merely bad parenting or laziness, and although laziness plays a role it is not the primary blame along with the argument of bad parent. The country itself to fix this issue must first look at our society as a whole. Why are these children “lazy”, it is because the increase advancement in technology and entertainment that eliminates any manual labor? An example of this is playing these computer games entertainment and compare to going outside and playing basketball. It happens so often that the children are not eating the right choices, like snacking on processed “junk” food instead of something healthy. So this is slowly adding to the problem, technology for entertainment and technology that makes like simpler in general. There is no drive for these children to do anything for themselves physically. So this is often done at the click of a button.

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People want a figure to look up to during these hard days due to the current state of the economy. Everyday claims are being denied and people are losing thousands of dollars. Hundreds of thousands of people in the United States of America do not know how to read. But that is not the problem I am referring to. Even people who do not know how to read still have problems deciding which insurance company to trust. Of course, they would have trouble understanding the fine print with the whole illiterate thing, but that is for another time.

When people want to buy the best insurance these days they do not look at the facts of the company, they look at the figure head representing the insurance company. The nation looks to a person that is broadcasted for all viewers to see on a daily basis. This brings me to say what needs to be said. That the Geico Gecko is by far a better mascot for insurance than the Alflac Duck. My credibility for this topic is that I have seen both commercials for Aflac and Geico and feel that a Gecko is a better mascot for insurance than a wimpy duck.

There are many great reasons why the Gecko is better than the Aflac Duck. First reason is he can talk, and not only can he talk he sounds like he is well educated and intelligent with at least an associate's degree. (Spitting here) In the commercials, he goes into full detail about the company’s information; this creature has done it’s homework on the company. All the duck can do is say “Alfac” over and over. Sounds like the duck has brain damage. Not only can the Gecko talk but he has got a sweet accent that I honestly have not figured out what it is yet. Seriously, I am pretty sure it is some type of English, and that’s as far as I get with it. He may be a gecko but the ladies love for.

Third reason, the Gecko is an excellent speaker. The Duck yells at everyone. Who likes to be yelled at? Not me. Is it just me, but I hate ducks. They are annoying animals with loud voices and I do not want to hear from a duck about something important. Plus I am just waiting for the Cave man to go on a killing rampage. Why doesn’t anyone realize they are severely hurting their feelings with these commercials yet they keep on making them?

Or you could trust a company like AIG. I mean it is not like they laid off employees, received death threats to the company, and crippled their company so dramatically through a web of lies that the devil himself said there wasn’t a circle deep enough to put the executives. In the end, it really does not matter who is a better mascot. It honestly depends on who is the mascot of the company that will save you a ton of money. Well if that is the case then you just wasted about five minutes of your life reading an article that taught you just as much as you already knew. In fact and I could probably debate this but you might actually be dumber for reading this ridiculous article.

Look on the bright side; I am sure you would have done something that would make you dumber anyway like watching a Pauly Shore movie or reading a book authored by Glenn Beck.

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Third reason, the Gecko has in creditable animal instincts. They can crawl upside down on walls, adapt to different environments, and according to Ezooloy press.com, a gecko can shoot their feces at their enemies when they feel threatened. I don’t know about you but I wish I could shoot my feces at people I don’t like and have it be socially acceptable. What can a duck do, flap there wings at you and hope you decide to walk away. That is about as effective as hiring a midget to be your basketball instructor.

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The Hawks suffered a devastating 69-42 defeat Thursday to conference foe Mount Saint Mary’s, but, behind Travis Taylor’s career-high 30 points, avenged this humiliation by handing Wagner a convincing 76-67 loss just two days later in another NEC matchup.

From the opening tip, Mount had complete control over the game and compiled a 20-8 lead with just under 11 minutes remaining in the half. George Barbour was able to the deficit to ten after capitalizing in the paint, but the visitors were relentless and added to their lead by scoring the next seven points at the 4:14 mark.

A jumper from William Campbell and a trifecta from Nick DelTufo gave MU some life, but the Mountaineers answered as Kelly Beidler sunk a corner trey, who led MU with 20, Coleman added eight rebounds and Campbell to grab a 63-39 lead with unanswered points while also maintaining.

Sofman treys as well as buckets jumpstarted the Hawk offense increasing the initial five points, which answered as Kelly Beidler sunk a trey, but Travis Taylor went to work and scored the next seven points to give the Blue and White more of a cushion.

The first half was capped off with a Coleman basket and a trey that was responsible for eight of MU’s final ten points of the half, giving them a 20-18 lead at the half.

The Hawks started the second half right where they left off in the first and were able to increase the scoring gap after Taylor put together another seven point spurt as well as a pair of free throws from Myers Keitt, who was able to the deficit to nine with 1:52 remaining. This spree was halted by an answered nine unanswered points behind three scores in the paint by Akeem Johnson. A deep three pointer from Stefan Perunicic that put the home team on top 13-12 with just under nine minutes to play.

The Seahawks then coordinated a run of their own behind back-to-back three pointers from Danny Mundweiler to close the gap to 19-14 with 8:38 remaining, but Travis Taylor went to work and scored the next seven points to give the Blue and White more of a cushion.

The second stanza was opened with freshman Ed Waite sinking the initial five points, which jumpstarted the Hawk offense and initiated a 40-28 run over the next five minutes to give MU a double-digit lead with 3:52 remaining.

The Hawks had four players score in double-digits, including Taylor, who led MU with 20, Coleman with 19, Sofman added 12, and Waite who contributed with 10, they still couldn’t hold off the Blackbird.

LIU jumped out to an 11-8 lead after hitting 5-of-6 from the field with just under five minutes expiring from the clock. The Hawks answered when Coleman and Campbell then caught fire from behind the arc and together brought MU back to make it 24-23 with 8:33 remaining.

Long Island responded with a 6-0 run, but the Hawks re-claimed the lead with 5:52 to go after they orchestrated a seven point spurt to make it 31-30. LIU was able to recover the lead going into intermission to make it 38-35.

To open the second half the Black and White claimed an eight point advantage, but Monmouth retaliated by scoring nine unanswered points to assert a 44-43 win with 15:49. This spree was halted by an ambush of Long Island scores to open up a nine point lead.

After a Sofman three-pointer and a two-handed slam from Taylor in the paint the Hawks cut the lead to 58-53 with 10:01 left in the game. Sofman then hit two more treys to cut it to 70-66, but that was the closest they ever got.

“It was extremely frustrating to have the lead, but we just couldn’t hold on to it,” explained Coleman.

The Blue and White travel to Connecticut to take on the Bobcats of Quinnipiac on Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 pm.
The catalyst for the Hawks all season has been her ability to score, putting that on display against the Mount as four players scored in double figures. Freshman guard Alysha Womack led all scorers with 21 points while shooting 9-of-19 from the field. Womack was known for her exceptional shooting but in the first half she was almost as cold as the weather as she shot 2-of-8 for five points. Fortunately, Womack heated up in the second half and shot a remarkable 7-for-11 to score 16 points. At half center junior transfer Chanel Gomez was a force under the basket as she recorded her second double-double of the season with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Gomez was also a key reason for the Blue and White out-rebounding their opponents by 16 rebounds. Gomez wasn’t the only one to be reckoned with and in order for the Hawks to continue on this success they will need to come consistently give this type of effort. Unlike Womack, Gomez did most of her work in the second half. Gomez totaled eight points and nine rebounds while playing 15 minutes. She finished 7 minutes into the entire game.

In the early minutes of the game the Blue and White were down a minimal deficit of two points. However, after baskets from freshmen Abby Martin and Womack, the Hawks pushed their lead to 5-0 and sent their opponents packing with a 16 point loss and their 15th loss of the season. Next up for MU was the Wagner Seahawks who are vying for the last spot in the NEC playoff.

Alysha Womack finished second consecutive Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week award.

Riding a three-game winning streak, Gomez was not willing to stop just there. With Womack’s shooting and freshman Erin Roosevelt’s balanced effort the Hawks improved the winning streak to four games. Womack’s 18 points were tied for highest among all scored as she shot 6-of-12 from the field and passed out three as assists. Roosevelt shot 50% from the field and made all four of her free throws to help her score 12 points to go along with five rebounds and four assists. Also, Gomez replicated her points against Mount with 12 and pitched in seven rebounds. With the win the Hawks moved to 5-of-6 win streaks under Head Coach Stephanie Gaitley who held the same position with the former team that Head Coach Fred Fliebelman built.

The Hawks have two games remaining this season and both are against Quinnipiac on Thursday and the last game on Saturday against Sacred Heart. The Hawks currently sit in fourth place in only four games separating them from first place. Be sure to come out and support your fellow Hawks as they play their last game in their first NEC Indoor title for the fourth time on Saturday, February 27.

Women's Basketball
Streak Ended at Five

CHARLES KRZUSZ
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

A team comprised of eight freshmen usually has a lot more downs than ups, but certainly that was not the case with this Hawks team. After pulling off two straight wins over in-state rivals, the Hawks and the playoffs seemed to be a perfect match. Stepping in front of the Hawk dugout were Mount St. Mary’s and Wagner University to finish up the three game homestand.

A native of Canada, Dr. McNeil arrived at Monmouth from California Polytechnic State University. In San Luis Obispo, she served as the head women’s basketball coach, associate athletics director and senior women administrator from 1997-2004. Dr. McNeil was awarded her bachelor’s degree in physical education from the University of Calgary in 1968. She continued her education at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, where she earned a master’s degree in physical education in 1971. McNeil completed her formal education in 1993 after receiving a doctoral degree in higher education administration from Washington State University.

As an undergraduate student at Calgary, Dr. McNeil was a member of both the women’s basketball and volleyball teams. She was also a member of the Canadian National Championship Cup team and completed her personal best at NEC Indoor Championships. She served as head coach of women’s basketball at Cal Poly and was honored as the Canadian Coach of the Year in 1979. Before her time at Cal Poly, Dr. McNeil coached several teams at McGill University and at Vanier College in Montreal, Quebec, from 1971-75.

“Marilynn’s experience as a player, coach, administrator and committee member has allowed her to be an advocate for the game and its players and for many years, and she is an excellent choice to serve as chair of the committee,” said Sue Jonovoski, NACWAA vice president for Division I Women’s Basketball.

MU Athletic Director To Serve in NCAA Position

RICK NIXON
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Marilyn McNeil, Vice President of the University, was recently named a Vice President of the University. Dr. McNeil is active on the national level of intercollegiate athletics. She is a former member of the NCAA Division I Committee on Women’s Athletics and the Management Council and was named President of the NACWAA in 2001. Dr. McNeil was honored as the NACWAA Division I Administrator of the Year.

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