New Social Networking Site Designed for Students Has Mixed Reviews

Likealittle.com Posts Anonymous Messages to MU Students

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Likealittle.com, a new site designed to anonymously flirt with people amongst individual colleges and universities, is receiving mixed reviews from students and staff at the University.

Evan Reus, CEO and co-founder of likealittle.com, decided it was time for there to be a site to flirt shamelessly without having the pressure of bringing yourself to say who you are or setting yourself up for rejection. Created in 2010, the site has been designed to anonymously flirt with people amongst individual colleges and universities, nationwide have made separate sections for themselves on the site.

When one logs onto likealittle.com, they must first search their school. Then, after they get the results of their school, they are able to write to whomever they wish. In doing this, the user first inputs major descriptive information to get readers of the site a better visual of who they are talking about. For example, the user will input their “crush”s sex, hair color, where they saw them, and type a personal message.

However, people have found ways to mince and abuse this social networking flirtations site, due to the fact that whatever is said on the site is anonymous.

In the University’s section of likealittle.com, founded by Cassandra Rosner, Kurt Baumgarten, Stephanie Dos Santos, and Jess Dooley, messages and responses have upper viewers who see their friend’s names, used in a negative manner. “I feel it was originally designed for just good humored flirting, but I do think sometimes it can be taken out of control,” said sophomore Kenny Piscitelli. Piscitelli’s first caught word of the site through Facebook. Many of his friends posted statuses and links which is when his curiosity kicked in and he had to see what the website was about for himself.

Piscitelli said, “At times when I have gone on there, some of the things I have read have been kind of rude and catty. This goes from either the original post or someone’s response to the post.”

Similar to Piscitelli, sophomore Ashley Regan also heard about the site through peers but feels differently about the content that is posted. “I feel like the content isn’t really malicious. There might be some things on there that are mean but for the most part I see posts that are clearly jokes or in friends or actual flirting,” said Regan.

From a professional standpoint on the website, Dr. Elleanor Novek, a journalism professor at the University, is worried for students that may possibly get hurt from the site. “I tried very hard to secure President Robinson will [...] reflect on the people involved,” said Novek.

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WMCX Hosts Night at the Inkwell

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The University’s student-run radio station, WMCX, teamed up with CommWorks and hosted their third annual “Night at the Inkwell” event on Friday, February 18. This free affair, streamlining live on the radio and WMCX website, featured four acoustic performances by locals and University students, and some entertaining poetry by members of CommWorks.

The first performance was by two members of the group No More Pain, who had an early Kings of Leon look about them.

MEMBERS OF THE BAND NO MORE PAIN, MIKE ROMAN AND RYAN SULLIVAN, PERFORMED AT THE INKWELL FRIDAY NIGHT.

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Thefts from Cars on Campus Raise Students’ Concerns

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Last week reports of two car thefts were brought to the attention of University officials. The incidents both took place in residential lot number eight, starting on Friday, February 2, and continuing into early Saturday morning, February 4.

“Those cases are currently under investigation, said Jeffrey Layton, Detective Corporal of the University Police Department.

In total, two students belongings were taken and are currently still missing. In the past few days, no further incidents have been reported to MUPD. Layton reassures that officials and local town police are paying all measures to ensure students of safety. All patrols have been advised to pay extra attention to all parking lots throughout the day and night.

“At e-mail was sent to the residential students advising them to be watchful and report any suspicious activity. They were also reminded to make sure they lock their car doors,” Layton said.

On the University Police Department webpage, statistics show that rates of burglary have remained low in recent

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RA or OL, Liz Anton, the Residence Hall Director of Cedar Hall, said. After a student is chosen to become an RA, training will begin. The training is held a week before students return to school after summer break. It teaches the future RAs what the rules are, how to react in certain situations, and how to stand your own ground in difficult circumstances. Group processing is also held. This is a big group interview that shows the RAs how to work as a team.

Michael Corsey, a senior who is currently the Head RA of Willow Hall, had a chance to be an OL for three consecutive summers. “It is one of the most rewarding jobs you could ever have in your life because you get to help people with all kinds of different problems,” said Corsey of the RA position. He feels students should be interested because of the amazing people they will get to work with. “A crucial quality needed to make a successful RA is strong leadership. “You must have a strong personality and be able to lead your peers,” said Corey Inzana, the Residence Hall Director of Cedar Hall. An RA must be available at all times and serve as a shoulder to lean on to other students or anyone else in need of help.

“We look for whatever makes you, you,” Anton said. She explained how they select students who have unique qualities that make them stand out from others. “You must be someone genuine and excited to be at Monmouth,” says Anton. Being an RA is a responsibility and students must learn to manage their time if they wish to take on this position. “You must be willing to be involved in campus and balance academics,” Corey said. Being an RA or an OL helps students further themselves in their future careers, according to Inzana. “It is a big point of interest in future employers,” says Inzana. After graduation, students are able to take what they learned from being a RA or an OL and use it in their career. “It’s rewarding to see people grow into leaders,” Corsey said. Being an RA and teaching others, he has seen potential in many students. His favorite part about being an RA is “being a resource.” Corsey took on this position “to be a leader on campus.” However, Inzana believes that the overall experience varies from person to person. The RA position can be rewarding if the student allows it to be. “You will have to help students in their toughest times,” Inzana said. An RA must be versatile in order to handle different situations. Growing up and taking upon other responsibilities are “key points to growth” says Inzana.

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Novek mentioned the website, “Hot or Not,” which is similar to likelittle.com, in the way that it rates people and sets them up for dating. “These sites can be used to be mean and make people feel bad about themselves; however, if there are people moderating the site and taking off content that is inappropriate, I see no problem,” said Novek.

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E-Books Make College E-Z

E-books come in all shapes and sizes, and are produced by companies like Sony, Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

“You can create notes in Word or Excel with a few clicks rather than typing or writing,” Bassaleh said. While this feature is a time-saver and efficient, one must remember not to plagiarize, which may be easier to do with the ability to copy and paste directly from the e-book.

The last benefit Bassaleh noticed was the email capability. With this, she said, it is easy to send a note to a classmate or instructor with a link to a specific page in the book. Online access allows students and professors to make suggestions to authors and enables authors to update books instantaneously rather than at the next printing, which could be years later,” Reagan wrote. This is one issue that has been present on campus’ nationwide. The need for updated editions of books in certain majors has increased yearly. In turn, it is costing students more money to buy updated versions of the book.

However, the best part about e-books is their money-saving feature. According to Reagan’s article, “the Federal Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance estimated that college textbooks still cost students between $700 and $1,000 annually.”

With e-books, the consumer does not have to pay for the fees associated with ‘materials, printing, and conventional publication,’” Reagan said. He also made a valid point in saying that the low price of e-books may be the “search feature inherent in most digital textbook software makes it possible for students to quickly look up a topic or a word of interest,” Reagan wrote. This feature allows students to find a chapter or section with ease, rather than flipping through pages trying to find a certain portion.

The third feature that both Bassaleh and Reagan both mentioned was the “copy and paste” feature. “The ability to cut-and-paste text makes note-taking and writing term papers less cumbersome,” Reagan wrote.

Nevertheless, e-books may initially save money, but the universities who sell textbooks still have something going for them. At the end of the semester, universities allow students to sell back their textbooks. This is not a route you can take with e-books. “Because many students sell back their used books for about 50 percent of the cover price, not an option for digital textbooks,” Reagan wrote, “the old-fashioned textbook user can actually wind up with more money in his pocket at the end of the year than the tech-savvy digital textbook user. However, student consumers need to remember that many university stores, including Monmouth’s, often don’t buy back books because they already came out with a new updated edition. So either way, you’re stuck with the book.

Unlike unsellable textbooks, e-books will not take up space on your shelf or in your cabinet, McCuskey said. “We started offering e-books in the summer of 2009,” McCuskey said. “Although we have several dozen titles available, we have never sold more than 20 e-books in a semester.”

“More titles become available I anticipate an increase in sales, but since the publishers control the content we unfortunately have no control over when that will happen. Later this week, McCuskey will be attending the annual national Association of College Stores conference with University Store Manager William Rainey. At the conference, they will discuss whether or not e-books with a new update become the “norm” for college students.

“Although there are highly-publicized stories of schools going paperless and various ‘Kindle projects’ sponsored by Amazon in another push, e-books are not a good fit for all disciplines,” McCuskey said. She said that scientific areas such as math, science, and business would benefit most from the e-books.

“The additional resources and tools that are available in an e-book are a natural fit for these disciplines, she explained, “However, the social sciences and humanities—such as English and history—lend themselves to more ‘linear’ reading; front to back, cover to cover. In these cases, paper editions of traditional paper textbook or traditional layout on an e-reader such as Nook or Kindle will probably still be the norm.”

Until then, McCuskey said there will be a wide variety of e-books available in an e-reader, just as there are in a traditional paper textbook.

“As well as any other formats that publishers can think of,” she said.
“This agreement will provide more opportunities for well-qualified pre-medical students to achieve their goal of becoming a physician.”

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Sociology Program and Assoc. Director of the Institute for Global Understanding, added “Mary Robinson’s work experiences, her contributions, and her stance that she was such an obvious choice to serve as the 10th annual keynote lecturer.”

The theme of the GUC, “One World, One Humanity: Creating Opportunities to Help One Another,” was chosen at the spring retreat that the GUC volunteers, students, staff, administrators and faculty attend yearly.

At the retreat, attendees solicit speaker suggestions and proposals for the following year’s convention theme.

“During the spring retreat, we try to come up with a theme that encapsulates and addresses what the group feels are the most pressing current global issues,” said Mezey.

“In a world that feels so fractured, both locally in the United States and globally around the world, this year we wanted people to explore how we can create a kinder and more unified common future—one that leads our global communities in the direction of a more sustainable future,” said Vujnovic, Assistant Professor of Public Relations/Journalism and this year’s Chair of the GUC Committee.

Vujnovic said that the group dealt with much of the planning procedures. “The planning process is often challenging. There is a lot to think about when one organizes a convention. For us, it is to make sure all the rooms are reserved across the campus and sometimes we can’t have all the places we wish to have because there are other important events on campus often happening at the same time as our convention.” There are many planning challenges that usually need to take, including the submission process, call for proposals campaign, and putting the program together,” said Vujnovic.

Mezey added, “The biggest challenge I find is every year we worry that we won’t have enough submissions to fill the convention program. But every year we’re very efficient and hardworking.”

“As Chair for this year’s Convention, I truly am grateful to have such a great team who is dedicated to this project and I always look forward to our meetings,” said Vujnovic.

The GUC incorporates a variety of methods to promote awareness of issues and challenges both locally and globally. “Through a wide range of panels, exhibits, shops, lectures, discussions, arts projects, and performances, covering topics that include global health, culture, arts, poetry, climate change issues, poverty, global health care, education, peace, security, etc., that cover a variety of disciplines, interests, and global connections, the campus community demonstrates what a unique learning opportunity it [the GUC] provides,” said Datta. Mezey added.

“The GUC is an effort to bring global issues to campus in order to facilitate that learning process in a vibrant, inclusive, and comprehensive way.”

Vujnovic noted the importance of student involvement in the GUC and that it is both a way to put our students in action and for them to learn what their teachers and other people in the community are doing to foster global understanding and make our world better. These types of events are sometimes eye opening for students. I get comments every year from students who were at first reluctant to participate, but who end up being so impressed with what they’ve learned that they want to continue being involved with issues of diversity and global understanding,” said Vujnovic.

The mission of the IGU, according to the bylaws, is “To promote awareness of issues and challenges of our dynamic, interdependent world. Through academic programs, field experiences, service, learning, and engagement in local and global communities, IGU fulfills Monmouth University’s broad mission of promoting global understanding, peace, and leadership.”

Mezey would like to invite any one in the University campus community to get involved with the GUC. “There are so many ways to get involved including, volunteering to help organize the convention, volunteering to help out during the conference, sponsoring a session or just attending sessions. All of the convention events and sessions are free and open to the public, so bring a friend or family/community member with you,” said Mezey.

The complete program of events for the GUC will be out within the next week.

Following the new affiliation with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine (UMDNJ-SOM), has partnered with the University to offer students the opportunity to attend medical school within the state of New Jersey.

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For further information regarding the program, students should contact Mack at 732-571-4436 or mack@monmouth.edu.

Students Now Able to Attend Medical School in State University Forms Program with University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine

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The University has established a new medical school affiliation with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine (UMDNJ-SOM).

This newly formed program, which will provide students with the opportunity to attend medical school at Monmouth University Hospital, was brought together by Dr. Datta Naik, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, and Dr. James P. Mack, Professor of biology and Director of the Pre-Professional Health Advisory Committee, and with the support of Provost Thomas Pearson and Dean Michael Palladino.

The University is constantly looking to create opportunities for students from Monmouth University to stay in New Jersey for medical school and hopefully eventually prac- tice in their community to benefit local communities and health- care system.

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The newest affiliation with the UMDNJ-SOM is for eligible MU students to continue their studies towards a DO (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) degree to prac- tice as a physician.”

The top applicants for the new program will be selected by the UMDNJ-SOM after a face-to-face interview. The selected students will be involved at the School of Osteopathic Medicine for entrance for一旦 they have completed three years at the undergraduate degree at the University, maintained a GPA of 3.3 or better throughout the rest of their time at the University, and have a minimum grade of a B in each required science course.

The University School of Science offers undergraduate de- gree programs in biology, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, medicine, technology, marine and environmental biology, as well as MS graduate programs in computer science, software engineering, and financial mathematics.

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The world of dating has changed immensely and the idea of courting has long disappeared from our lives, as we are busier and more career-focused than ever before. As college students, we have many opportunities to meet our significant others in classes, at the library, at the beach (located five minutes from campus) or at social gatherings on the weekends. But what happens once we graduate and have less leisure time because of our (hopefully) blossoming careers? Graduating might lower our chances of meeting new people, and might limit our acquaintances to our old friends and our co-workers. Is there not too many options there. So what do we turn to? Social networking and dating sites where we can court and be courted while wearing sweatpants and sipping hot cocoa in our apartments and houses.

Maybe that’s what appeals to us, and causes constant rising in the numbers of members on dating sites. According to dating-sitesreviews.com, eHarmony.com had over 30 million members in 2010, and match.com had 15 million members, gaining over 20,000 members each day. Because of our constant use of technology as a way to communicate, our communication skills are not exactly getting better. We rely on texting and Facebooking to exchange a few words with our friends or loved ones, and it’s easier than face-to-face rejection. It takes a serious emergency to actually call someone; otherwise, we sometimes find ourselves ignoring phone calls in fear of communicating.

Using dating sites helps us evaluate who we are “compatible” with before even meeting the person. Through many questionnaires, the sites can establish a list of potential members that would be the best match for the user. And of course, getting rejected via cyberspace is a little less painful than face-to-face rejection. The older we get, the harder it will be to meet the other half. A 45-year-old divorced man with two kids and a career is not going to bars and clubs or fraternity parties not only because of lack of time, but because it might seem inappropriate for him to go to those places. For him, as well as others in similar situations, using dating sites might be more successful than the old fashioned “meeting someone on a whim.”

And of course, there is always the risk of meeting “creepers” online, who might not be looking for just a significant other. There is no way to tell other people’s intentions, and a relationship through the internet complicates that even more. Creating a profile can lead to some consequences, such as unwanted attention from undesired people or loss of privacy.

There is a certain stigma to online dating. Some users may be embarrassed to have an account because they feel that it makes them look desperate. It might make users feel like losers and losers for not having opportunities to go out and meet people. But that stigma should be eliminated; dating sites give more and more people with busy careers the opportunity to meet their true significant other. The love letter still proves strong, whether it’s in reality or cyberspace.
The Cycle of Poverty Affects All of Us

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Imagine for a moment that you are not in this classroom, at your home, or anywhere near your family, and that you are thinking of people who are living under these conditions. Some are going to bed hungry and not wear warm clothes on cold days. Some are homeless. Some are in love, but can’t afford to get married. Some are being denied access to basic health care. Some are in the midst of a mental health crisis. Some are dealing with addiction and substance abuse. Some are being denied the opportunity to have a job. All of these situations are real, and they are happening every day in this country.

The cycle of poverty is a vicious cycle that affects all of us. It begins with a lack of resources, which leads to a lack of opportunity, which leads to a lack of education, which leads to a lack of skills, which leads to a lack of employment, which leads to a lack of income, which leads to a lack of resources, and so on. It is a cycle that is difficult to break, and it is one that affects everyone.

The cycle of poverty affects all of us because it affects our economy. When people are in poverty, they are less likely to be able to buy healthy food, which leads to health problems. When people are healthy, they are more likely to be able to work, which leads to income, which leads to more resources, which leads to more opportunities, which leads to more education, which leads to more skills, which leads to more employment, which leads to more income, which leads to more resources, and so on. It is a cycle that is beneficial for everyone.

The cycle of poverty affects all of us because it affects our society. When people are in poverty, they are less likely to be able to participate in society, which leads to less participation, which leads to less support, which leads to less resources, which leads to less opportunities, which leads to less education, which leads to less skills, which leads to less employment, which leads to less income, which leads to less resources, and so on. It is a cycle that is detrimental for everyone.

The cycle of poverty affects all of us because it affects our environment. When people are in poverty, they are less likely to be able to maintain a clean and healthy environment, which leads to pollution, which leads to less clean air and water, which leads to less biodiversity, which leads to less natural resources, which leads to less opportunities, which leads to less education, which leads to less skills, which leads to less employment, which leads to less income, which leads to less resources, and so on. It is a cycle that is harmful for everyone.

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Governor Christie's Education Reform: What Education Majors Should Expect After Graduating

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Republican Governor Chris Chris tie entered office in a precarious po sition. He was saddled with a budget, with debt not only from the 2008 fi nancial crisis and subsequent recess ions, but also from years of mismanage ment and accumulated debt. Upon entering office, Governor Christie faced a debt level of $51 billion, and a deficit of $10.7 bil lion, effectively 29 percent of all state out lays. States cannot run persistent budget de ficits, being bound by their state constitutions. That is a luxury only the federal government can afford. Cuts had to be made to the tax dollars needed for public in structure. In traditional Republican fash ion, Governor Christie pledged to elimin ate the budget deficit and cut out raising taxes. Necessarily, this means that the debt needs to be closed by public sector cuts. Most people will not se e a problem with a balanced bud get, but with the thought of cuts to the education sector.

Only the freshmen of the Republi can Party would like to see the abolition of public education. Most conservatives believe in the validity of the government provid ing public education for those who cannot afford private education. Yet in the end, the axe fell light on education spending under Gover nor Christie’s tenure.

Primary and secondary educa tion state-aid grants under Gov ernor Christie fell by a mere $89 million, or 2.7 percent, meaning that no funding on the Governor would be misplaced, however. The withdrawal of federal fiscal stimulus aid to states is the real culprit. State-aid grants stayed relatively constant out of necessity. To cover the short-fall, Trenton would have had to find an addi tional $89 billion from an already indebted budget. This crisis forced the Republican Governor is unwarranted.

Monmouth students considering going into teaching, either with an education major or another major relevant to teaching, such as His to ry, would be wise to closely fol low the new developments regard ing education policy in New Jersey. Governor Christie has a bold new plan to reform the New Jersey teaching at their respective school. An even more radical reform plan would be closing the entire New Jersey educational system altogether may have the un intended consequence of produc ing a scarcity of willing educators. It is simple economics, really. Indeed, those who finance their utility and, thus, an out-of- state teaching job, with a tenure track, look very attractive. Not only does Governor Chris tie’s plan run the risk of making out-of-state teaching jobs more attractive to New Jersey residents, but it also makes New Jersey a less attractive destination to teach in, for those non-New Jersey residents. The housing crisis makes it un likely that in-state teachers will move out of state just for a tenure track, but as the housing market recovers that anchor will lose its weight.

Uncertainties still loom about Governor Christie’s plans for fis cal year 2012 (starting on Octo ber 1). Barbara Keshishian, the president of New Jersey Education Association – a teacher’s union – said, “Chris Christie has no re spect for the teachers, school staff, and other educational employees of New Jersey. He wants them to bear the brunt of the economic crisis.” Additionally, she stated that the Governor is preparing to privatize the New Jersey schooling, making public education a thing of the past. Perhaps that means Governor Christie is, in fact, a fringe Re publican. According to the NJEA, a proposed voucher bill (S-1872) would condone $1 billion from public education and give it to ward private education. Those in the teacher’s union feel that the Governor is blaming pub lic teachers and the public sector in general for all the state’s woes, and calls this unfair gobbledygook.
When the average American thinks of Russia, images of the former Soviet Union likely come to mind. It was a time when Communism ruled the Slavic countries with an iron fist, Eastern Europe remained largely isolated from the West, and nuclear Armageddon loomed as an ever-likely threat. But following the Soviet Union’s collapse in 1991, few Americans bothered to reacquaint themselves with their former rival.

While Russian President Boris Yeltsin, viewed by many in the West as comically inept, managed to appear sporadically in the Western media, the former Soviet Union likely remains largely isolated with an iron fist, Eastern Europe has gone largely ignored by the Western media.

This uneasy culture, however, is not limited to skinheads. In December, the tensions boiled over after a gang of immigrants allegedly killed a young Russian, Egor Sviridov; the suspects were subsequently released from custody.

The most notorious of those involved in this movement are the racist skinheads, confrontational foot soldiers of an ever-violent campaign against non-Russians.

As Current TV’s Christ of Putzel recently reported in the special, “From Russia with Hate,” physical violence against immigrants is on the rise; skinheads are now recording their violent attacks, and uploading them to the Internet as a deterrent against further immigration.

In a situation that should be all too familiar to Americans, many Russians began to fear that these immigrants, willing to work for lower pay, were unjustly taking jobs from ethnic Slavs. Thus began the rise of the far right; an ultra-nationalistic fervor over-swept a large segment of the country’s youth. University Provost Dr. Thomas S. Pearson spent several months living abroad in the Soviet Union, and also teaches two Russian History courses. He is intricately familiar with the current Russian socio-political climate.

“[Nationalism] arose largely as a backlash to the collapse of the USSR and Russia in the 1990s under Yeltsin,” said Pearson.

“When the USSR fell apart and Communist Party rule ended, the West and especially American culture became an obsession of Russians…However, the impoverishment of much of Russian society in the 1990s resulting from the traumatic transition from a socialist centralized economy to a privatized market created much anger among Russians toward the West, especially the United States, and this was exploited by right wing elements in the Russian government and society.”

The current situation in Russia has gone largely ignored by the Western media. Perhaps it is because Americans simply don’t care what happens in a seemingly alien country.

Or perhaps it is that Russia’s current economic woes, rampant immigration, and turbulent political climate are too reflective of our own, and it is simply easier to turn a blind eye than to see what we could potentially become. The question enlifies, is this the right thing to do?
Keeping it Simple This Spring Break

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Spring break is right around the corner, and if the idea of traveling to a tropical location doesn’t fit in your budget or your bank account, here are some ways you can spend your time in a more low key way.

With only a few weeks before spring break, you may think you have to plan a big excursion to somewhere warm and tropical in order to have a good time, but that’s not true. The time off for spring break can be used to take short trips, and do the things you otherwise wouldn’t have a chance to do.

Day trip! With the proximity of several major cities, taking a day trip is easy and convenient. You can take the bus, the train, or drive to New York City. You can take the bus, the train, or drive to New York City.

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If you would rather stay in state, how about taking a drive to Atlantic City? There is much to do there, just a few miles away.

You can stroll on the boardwalk, shop at the extensive outlet stores, see a movie at the I M A X theater, and dine at the number of restaurants.

Also, many of the Atlantic City hotels offer cheaper rates for rooms for days during the week. This could be the perfect opportunity for you and your friends to stay at one of the casino’s without having to spend too much money on a room.

Pamper yourself! Take the time to visit your local spa and indulge in a facial, massage, manicure and pedicure, or whatever helps you relax. You could even make a day of it, lounging in the spa or steam room, have the full spa experience.

Though these kinds of treatments can be a little on the expensive side, they may rejuvenate you for the reality of classes the mid-semester crunch time that often follows spring break. Who knows, that pampered feeling may last all the way to finals.

Take the time to shop! Who has the time to really window shop or take your time making purchases during the semester? Often, a shopping trip is scheduled in between class, writing papers, work, studying, and so on.

But with the free time of spring break, you can really take a whole day to wander a shopping mall and revamp your entire spring wardrobe. You’ll also be able to compare and find the best sales so when you come back to campus you can show off your great spring style!

Family reunion! Being home during spring break can be a great opportunity to catch up with family you haven’t seen since the holidays. Why not visit with grandma and grandpa?

Sleep late! Catching an extra hour (or three) of sleep is a great way to spend time during spring break, especially after the all-nighters spent studying for midterms the week before. Just don’t get too used to it!

Worried bad weather will still be here for spring break? Use the dreary weather as a chance to start a book you’ve wanted to read, but never had the time to. If you don’t have anything in mind, ask a friend for a recommendation and then stop by the local bookstore and choose something that grabs your attention.

You can also catch up with episodes of your favorite television show you’ve missed, or start watching a new show you’ve been meaning to check out on DVD. The same goes for movies, have a movie marathon of classic films or just released titles, you’ve been wanting to check out.

These are just a few suggestions for ways to spend spring break. It’s a great opportunity to do the things you haven’t had the time to do all semester, whether that’s seeing a Broadway play, having a spa experience, or just sleeping late.

Ironing Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

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If you are a part of the student population that lives in a rental home or apartment off campus, chances are you’ve experienced some sort of problems with your home’s utilities.

The homes available for rent to college students are often very old, but best of all, they are affordable to share with a few roommates, and allow students to develop independently.

Living in a home off campus opens the door to a great way to enrich your domestic skills, experiment in the kitchen, and live life like mainstream a home away from your family.

However, with old houses comes problems, so what happens when your kitchen appliances stop working, and take out food for the fifth night in a row just isn’t cutting it?

Inspired by a recent episode of Bravo TV’s “Top Chef Masters,” I have tried and successfully made a quick and satisfying lunch with one house hold item that is sure to work, when the rest of the kitchen does not.

Making a grilled cheese sandwich sounds like a simple and easy task, but it is the perfect way to show off the imaginative, resourceful, and somewhat lazy demeanor of being a college student. After all, we are only in college once. Why not take advantage?

Best of all, you can create a sandwich any way you want, as long as it requires some heating up and crisping. It can be simple or gourmet, and as long as you have an iron that reaches a high heat setting, there should be no problem in heating up a delicious snack.

Not to mention your roommates will be highly entertained when they come home and see you ironing your food.

It may sound silly, but it gets the job done. After two years of living in an off campus house, I understand how frustrating it can be to contact the appropriate party to take care of utility issues.

This trick is also possible to do in the dorms, where there are no real kitchen utilities available.

So, enjoy. Relax, get some laundry done, and make a sandwich in the mean time while you’re waiting for a repair person to swing by and fix your stove.

Grilled Cheese Sandwich

What you’ll need:

- bread
- your favorite cheese
- butter
- aluminum foil

Optional ingredients:

- Tomato
- Bacon
- Ham

Directions:

1. Turn your clothing iron on to the highest setting.
   Make sure to use your ironing beard to prevent any surface defects.
2. Assemble your sandwich. I suggest your favorite cheese and meat, and even some tomato if you prefer.
3. Where’s your creativity comes in. I enjoy my grilled cheese sandwiches with bacon and tomato, and occasionally, some ham as well.
4. Lightly butter each side of your favorite bread and wrap the sandwich in aluminum foil so that it’s completely covered.
5. Press the hot iron flat on the foil-wrapped sandwich.
6. Press the iron down for about 30 seconds, or until the sandwich has been toasted to your liking.
7. Flip to the other side and repeat steps 4 & 5.
Monmouth University’s Office of Residential Life is still accepting applications from undergraduate commuter and resident students for our unique off-campus housing options at

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and **Fountain Gardens**

If you are interested in taking part in this great housing opportunity, apply online at -


Applications are due March 4th!!!

Any questions???

E-mail Eric at emochnac@monmouth.edu

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**RHA and the Office of Substance Awareness Present:**

**Late Night Lounge Karaoke Night**

Mullaney Hall Lounge
Thursday February 24, 2010
10pm-Midnight
In some ways, Kruger plays Gina to feel like a descent of her “Inglorious Basterds” role, Bridget von Hammarskog, with the same sly sensibility. Kruger has a nice grasp on her role as she plays it with plen-

ty of smart. She makes Gina grow through the film, helping Martin reunite with his wife at an art gallery or fighting strange foes at her apartment, to come out a stronger indi-
vidual in the end. All in all, Kruger properly presents view-
ers with a strong independent woman who is rounded out to
feel complete and just as im-
portant as Martin. I can’t wait to see what Kruger does next.

Although there isn’t a supporting star, Ganz is interesting as Ernst. He presents an air of mystery that is wonderfully kept under wraps until later. Although viewers see Ernst helping Mar-
in and Gina, (giving them documents on a cold winter’s day near a frozen river), Ganz plays the role to leave more to learn. Like the story, he keeps you guessing, especially when Rodney Cole (Frank Langella) appears.

The script by Oliver Butler and Stephen Cornwell, based on the novel “Out of My Head” by Dieder van Cauwelaert, is the likelihood that The Pretty Reckless front woman will stop making headlines for her personal choices? The answer is in the catchy title track of the album, “Light Me Up” which Martin says, “Light me up” is a story about getting tripped up by fate. The whole album is about the “unknown” mystery that is worth discovering.

In some ways, “Unknown” is an excellent thriller, a film that generates Hitchcock thrills rather than something like “The Forgotten” or “Unknown.” While “Unknown” is a con-

clusive film, the writers leave a thread of cause and effect. When Ernst and Rodney meet, their con-
versation reveals pivotal back-

ground of the film. The writers present certain ones in unique ways as when Martin discovers in his note-
book correlate to certain words. They make each scene a puzzle piece for Serra to put together for audiences. The mystery itself is great as Butcher and Cornellow manage to plant red herrings in one’s mind to think something different will hap-

pen. Their tale of a man trying to prove his identity or ex-
istence, for that matter, feel simi-

lar to “Forrest Gump,” where a mother was searching for a son people said didn’t exist. Ulti-

mately, “Unknown” thrives in tricking viewers, but it also captivates the audience’s atten-
tion right up to the twist ending.

Liam Neeson plays Dr. Martin Harris in the suspense-thriller “Unknown.”

In Berlin, Germany for a Bio-
technology seminar. While en-
route to the airport, Martin gets

a taxi to retrieve it. While en-
route to their hotel, Martin realizes that

he drags her into a mystery that

tells Martin to find Gina in or-

dering up to more than his widow Courtney. The film

unveils how one’s identity.

"Unknown" is more of a search and rescue mission, a worth successor. This premise builds suspense, 

that keeps the films moving

be seen as a worthy successor.

This "unknown" Mystery is Worth Discovering

Taylor Momsen; Actress Turned Grunge Rocker?

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This isn’t pop music with a couple of

Nirvana, Pearl Jam and, most relevant to Momsen, Courtney Love.

Taylor Momsen, actress from the hit CW show “Gossip Girl” is the lead singer of the grunge-rock band The Pretty Reckless.
Radiohead's "The King of Limbs" Released Early

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Radiohead released their newest album since 2007, "The King of Limbs," on February 18—a day earlier than the date they had announced, surprising fans everywhere. What fans got out of the album, however, was not so surprising. Radiohead's "The King of Limbs" is mainly electronic and expected from this band, but it would not really be considered a bad thing.

So many new albums are not their best. Previous albums such as "Kid A" and "Hail to the Thief" were more experimental and not their best. After my first listen, I felt a little disappointed and sad. But after giving it another try, certain tracks got me grooving.

The album as a whole is only 38 minutes, consisting of eight songs, yet the album took about four years to make. The first song, "Bloom," has loopy keys with unusual timing. It is a chaotic song, displaying different sounds of mayhem with multiple layered tracks with violins, chipping and echoing lyrics. As the opening of this CD, "Bloom" falls short on the excitement scale, being overwrought and emotional.

The next song, however, is a completely different story. "Morning Mr. Magpie" opens with lead singer Thom Yorke repeating, "You've got some catching up to do." With its hypnotic rhythms humming over repeating dance beats, it is a very funky tune. I could only imagine how awesome this whole album would be to see future shows. "Little by Little" has a very catchy repeating rhythm guitar playing throughout the song. Yorke sings in a very high tone, and he does it slowly. It is followed by an instrumental song called "Feral." It is the shortest song on the album, only running 313. Dark bass thumps in the background of this song, giving it a rave-like feel.

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The single "Lotus Flower" was released with a music video the same day "The King of Limbs" was available. The video is in black and white showing Yorke dancing wildly while wearing a derby hat to the strange electronic sound. The song is sang very catchy.

It often has lyrics that the listener cannot make logical sense of, but fans do not mind it either. For example, this song would be unfolded as lotus flowers cause all I want is the moon upon a stick: Just to see what it is. Quite fun and it doesn't need to be considered that it is so damn catchy.

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The last song, "Separator," returns to Nintendo after 15 years, and the Wii game has already sold over 1,000,000 copies worldwide.

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Bond is Back, in Wii Form

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The original "Goldeneye 007" for Nintendo 64 is a classic. There is no denying this. All of the first person shooter franchises like "Call of Duty," "Halo," and the other ten Western仍是 the best of the bunch. I was surprised by what the remake had done before judging it. While I have never had a main character when I said "Call of Duty" to a friend, I still preferred the design with peers.

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Well, despite the "Call of Duty" moments, most of the rest of the game is i-\n\c\e\n\d\i\n\b\y\ in the company of fun. Pick up a machine gun, then start raining some death on your opponents by using the secret agent. You're not very subtle, but at least you can make logi-\cal sense of the game. The last song, "Separator," causes all I want is the moon upon a stick: Just to see what it is. Quite fun and it doesn't need to be considered that it is so damn catchy.

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Always Wanting What You Can’t Have

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As a young kid, I loved reading books, especially "Sherlock Holmes." I was always in the mood for a good mystery. As a matter of fact, the only thing I enjoyed more than reading was playing video games. Like many other kids of my generation, I would devote countless hours to sitting in front of a hypnotizing television screen.

It didn't matter what I was playing, say, of engaging in a virtual reality certainly gained the notice of my Uncle Robert who would often say, "You and your whole generation is gonna get big thumbs from playing so much video games these days." Of course, as a young teenager, I brushed this thought aside. I was too caught up with moving my thumbs in an effort to imitate someone operating a Play-Station controller. Let's face it, I was far too young to realize that I had contributed to the growth of a virtual monster, one that creates a more powerful addiction amongst kids than alcohol and marijuana combined.

Just how big an addiction are we talking about? Consider the "Call of Duty," video game franchise. Prior to November 2010, it had six installations and had established a reputation that most parents were probably worried sick about their kids’ where-abouts on November 9, the day that the newest addition to the series was released.

Where were their kids? At the mall spending $60 on "Call of Duty Black Ops," the seventh and latest installment to the series. Duty" has been transporting their kids again, especially when it comes to literature. However, making books popular again won't be easy considering how many kids are too preoccupied playing games to even open a book. We'll need to advertise books where kids will be forced to take notes. I guarantee you Publishers can pay the makers of video games to advertise books as games.

More importantly, video games should be thought of as a prerequisite to playing. For instance, there should be a "Harry Potter game" that forces the kid who plays it to read the book while making it impossible to progress without doing so. This leaves kids from with no choice but to read if they’re so dead set on sitting in front of a televi- sion screen playing their video games.

On top of this, in an effort to get kids willing to venture into the old world of reading, well-funded television programs should only run on solar power. Sure, this may not mean that kids will be engaging in vigorous physical activity while outside, but it will definitely create a nice warm tend while breathing some fresh air. That's exactly how we're going to overcome the widespread plague of video games like "Call of Duty." Before the world knew it, video games were going to be a single step left in line waiting to purchase that game as all kids will want to play it. Uh oh, Uncle Robert might've set me up.

I was so thrilled by this idea that I called my uncle one day to tell him about my genius solutions to America’s abysmal reading habits. He didn't bother leaving the house when all you need to do is hit a power switch and start mashing the buttons of your controller?

What we need is to find some way to start promoting physical and mental activity amongst these kids. Why bother leaving the house when all you need to do is hit a power switch and start mashing the buttons of your controller?

According to a study conducted through Facebook by the University of Virginia, females are more likely to respond to males who play the "hard to get" game. Researchers surveyed 47 undergraduate female students at the University of Virginia and gave them four Facebook profiles to look at.

Each profile was of a different good-looking male – two Caucasians, one African-American, and one Asian. The researchers told the women that the men had also seen their profiles and rated them.

Then, the researchers gave the women one of the three ratings, high, average, or a rating they couldn’t reveal for the sake of the experiment. Of course, the women who received the "hidden" ratings were the ones who were most anxious about the four men they had seen. Shocked, isn’t it? The University of Virginia’s Psychological Department lead author in the study, Eric Whitchurch, said she came up with the idea for the study after noticing a magazine which had given opposite dating advice within the same is- sue.

First, the magazine specifically told its readers to be honest with the person about your feelings toward them. Later, it gave instructions on how to "play the game," according to Whitchurch.

"In one story, (it) was saying that it’s better to be honest about your attraction to a person, and in another (it) was saying the exact opposite, that it’s better to ‘play the game’ so to speak," said Whitchurch. Confused by the mixed messages, she decided to test out each theory for herself.

After completing the study, Whitchurch concluded that even though only women were asked to be honest in this case, a survey of men would probably have a similar outcome.

According to a study conducted through Facebook by the University of Virginia, females are more likely to respond to males who play the "hard to get" game. This research has led me to think long and hard about whether I would rather chase someone I am interested in or whether I would prefer them to be straightforward, and easily won over.

Overall, I agree with the re- sults of the study - the chase is more of a challenge, making the possible relationship more ap- pealing. In fact, this complexity in the dating world is exactly why I am in my current relation- ship.

My boyfriend and I became friends during our freshman year. Apparently he was interested in me, but I on the other hand, was "fatally wounded," someone else, and therefore, not look- ing to 'play the game' so to speak," said Whitechurch.

My answer to that question is no, we all just continue to moan about it even though most of the time it’s only complicated be- cause we make it that way our- selves!
FeaturERs

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Music, Poems, and Magic, Oh My!

Matt Koziol Hosts Open Mic Night for the Coffeehouse Series

NICK HODGINS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Student Activities Board sponsored an open mic for their Coffeehouse Series that took place at Java City last Friday, February 18. The event was hosted by musician Matthew Koziol and consisted of various performances by musicians, poets, and even a magician.

Koziol began with Konewki introducing himself and playing a few songs. Konewki is 22 years old and was born in New Jersey. He has been playing the guitar since he was 14 and is currently taking a semester off from school at Kean University to travel the country and perform his music.

Koziol was extremely personable and made everyone feel a part of the show. There was not a dull moment throughout the night. He was frequently joined by a friend on guitar. Suppel is a student at Montclair University and a friend of Koziol’s.

The first performance of the night was a song about her newborn that was performed by Kaye Suppel and her friend Mike on guitar. Suppel is a student at Montclair University and a friend of Koziol’s.

When she found out that he was hosting an open mic, she jumped on guitar. Suppel was a student at Montclair University and a friend of Koziol’s.

Koziol opened with a song about his newborn that was performed by Kaye Suppel and Mike. Suppel was a student at Montclair University and a friend of Koziol’s.

The night soon took a turn in a new direction as Ross the Magician took the stage. Ross is a freshman at the University and has been performing since high school. He has his own magic show on HawkTV.

To start off his performance, he brought up two audience members to help him with his tricks. He was extremely comfortable and had all the audience members laughing. He had the magician but a great entertainer. He had the audience laughing room and had all the volunteers dancing disco-style to the beat and picked a rope back together.

Following Ross the Magic Man, was Conrad Sawicki, sophomore from Phi Kappa Psi, both had five original poems. The first was called “Substitute.” Sawicki was writing about a man that did not treat her right but despite that, she still cared about him. LaFera read, “If I never said anything to you, then you shouldn’t mean anything to me.”

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The game had three rounds and each suitor was asked one question per round. At the end of each round two suitors were voted off with the option to partner or to vote one suitor in. The other was voted off. Each of the suitors were asked a question per round. At the end of each round two suitors were voted off with the option to partner or to vote one suitor in. The other was voted off. Each was a question that was asked to each suitor. Each suitor was asked one question per round. At the end of each round two suitors were voted off with the option to partner or to vote one suitor in. The other was voted off. Each was a question that was asked to each suitor.

The three questions that were asked were “What do we do on a first date?” “If we were a kitchen appliance, what would you be?” and “If we were to play a sport together, what would we play?”

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At intermission, members of Lambda Theta Alpha did a beautiful performance to the audience and gave them a five-month-old Terrier mix who is full of love and energy.

"Don’t be afraid of the response. Play for you. One day that people will respond, because they will see how much you love playing."

MATT KOZIOI Open Mic Host

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After this quick performance a few acoustic songs were performed by senior Amanda Tucci and her brother John, who called themselves Dear Sky Night. Tucci satinted the audience with her excellent range covering a mainly eighties set list. This music performance magic has been singing since she could speak and has enjoyed doing various projects with her brother for seven years. When asked about her biggest influence, one of the adoption, creating a mixtape. "I feel that I can make it with soft and acoustic.

The night continued with an entertaining performance by Steve Man- timo of Jackson and was wrapped up by Candace Schar of Toms River. Both individuals offered a brilliant mix of covers and original tracks. Each of the artists offered their own individual flavor to a delicious evening free to the crowd.

After the performance, audience, Trevor Morden, the general manager of WMCK, was interviewed. Morden said “This year was the best we’ve ever had. I honestly think we had a better response this year than our songs were really great and I don’t think it could have gone any better.” It is clear that he and WMCK, by providing a comfortable setting for young local artists to reveal their talents and creativity to a friendly and receptive audience.
February 23, 2011

Club and Greek Announcements

Zeta Tau Alpha

The Kappa Nu Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha would like to congratulate its nineteen new members: Bree Aceti, Kim Butler, Nicole Chiszar, Gabby Kelly Currey, Annika Delemarre-Brand, Tara Esposibo, Laura Garcia, Michelle Greico, Sofia Mandia, Cheley Newman, Maria Rafferty, Mary-Annence, Jacelden Schwalb, Samantha Silvent, Stefania Tattoni, Megan Van Time, Hannah Walbert and Theresa Witek. Congratulations Girls!

Zeta Tau Alpha sister, Colleen Russell, has set up a scholarship fund with her family and friends in memory of her brother, Marcus Ruta, who was killed in a tragic car accident earlier this month.

Marcus was one of those people who lit up a room. He was always smiling and kind to every person he met. This scholarship will be intended for young men just like him.

In order to raise money for this scholarship, Russell will be selling What Would Marcus Do (WWMD) bracelets. These bracelets will serve as a reminder that we should all live life with a big smile on our face.

Bracelets will be sold for $3 a piece for the next two weeks.

If you would like to support this cause please contact Colleen Russell at 201-873-3029 or srussel32533@monmouth.edu.

Thank you so much for helping the memory of Marcus Ruta live on.

Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Sigma Alpha, which is the National Political Science Honor Society, will be holding its induction ceremony April 12. If you would like to become a member, there is still time to qualify. The deadline for accepting applications for the Spring 2011 induction ceremony is February 28.

The requirements for Pi Sigma Alpha are: no less than 12 political science credits with at least nine credits taken at the University, a minimum 3.0 GPA in political science, and a minimum 2.75 overall GPA.

If you think you meet the eligibility requirements, please submit an online application by Monday, February 28. The application address is: http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/political-science-and-sociology/application.asp

Each application will be evaluated, and those students that meet the requirements will be notified about being inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

Yoga Club

Yoga Club meets every Monday at 9:00 pm in the Madison Club Common Room, 108.

 Mats are provided for those who do not own their own. Weekly meetings include a hatha yoga demonstration and a brief discussion of club activities at the University.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to congratulate its students for receiving bids and taking the first step in becoming a new member of the fraternity. Matt Avellino, Joe Brandl, Chris Bruno, Billy Carrigan, Jesse Chapin, Taylor Ceballos, J.C. D’Amico, Joe Delleria, JP Dunne, Brandon Elliott, Dan Fodor, Dave Kim, Mike Maull, Phil Nappi, Brian Newman, Amir Nazeri, Jason Ras, Trent Lorenzo Russomanno, Dan Wendel, and Zac Werkeinstein.

SGA President’s Letter

Fellow Hawks,

I hope the semester is progressing nicely for you all as we head into the final days of February. Spring Break is right around the corner! Good luck with any midterms that you may have. Be sure to check out the Writing Center, the Math Learning Center, the Tutoring Center, and many of our other resources to help you may need during these stressful test-filled days.

As our winter sports wind down, we start to see our spring sports take shape and start their seasons. The requirements for Pi Sigma Alpha are: no less than 12 political science credits with at least nine credits taken at the University, a minimum 3.0 GPA in political science, and a minimum 2.75 overall GPA.

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As a reminder, Monmouth has many resources to help you get over the hump and get the grades you need. Be sure to check out these resources before you try to say, it will be a stressful test-filled days.

Thank you so much for helping the memory of Marcus Ruta live on.

PhiEta Sigma

Phi Eta Sigma Induction Ceremony 2011 of Monmouth University Chapter will be held in Pollak Theatre on Sunday, March 20 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The requirements for Phi Eta Sigma membership are to be a full time freshman for Fall 2010, registered full time for spring 2011, and to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the end of the fall semester. A letter to all qualified inductees will be mailed out soon.

The advisor for Phi Eta Sigma is Golam Mathbar. The officers are Bryan Martin, President; Matthew-Donald Sangster, Vice President; Lori Mueller, Secretary; Sonya Shah, Treasurer; and Azir Mama, Historian.

PRSSA

PRSSA will be meeting in Plangere Room 234 every Wednesday at 3:00 pm. We have speaker series, career building sessions, and many other awesome events. Hope to see you there!

Alpha Sigma Tau

We would like to welcome our six newest members.

Alpha Sigma Tau’s Annual Suicide Awareness Week was very successful. We raised over $800 throughout the week for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention.

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau also went to Rutgers and participated in ASFP’s “Out of the Darkness” walk in memory of those lost to suicide.

We also worked with the Ashley Lauren Foundation to raise money and build scarecrows with children affected by cancer and their families.

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As of now, Billy Carrigan, Jesse Chapin, Taylor Ceballos, J.C. D’Amico, Joe Delleria, JP Dunne, Brandon Elliott, Dan Fodor, Dave Kim, Mike Maull, Phil Nappi, Brian Newman, Amir Nazeri, Jason Ras, Trent Lorenzo Russomanno, Dan Wendel, and Zac Werkeinstein.

Jill Hillel

Do you like pizza? If so, come join Jill Hillel every Wednesday for pizza, games, and more. Meet in the Student Center at 3:30 pm.

Circle K

Circle K will be meeting in the Student Center room 202 Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We hope to see everyone there in order to make the world a better place!
**What celebrity are you tired of seeing in the news?**

**COMPILED BY: ROBYN FLYNN**

*February 23, 2011*

**Kyle**
Sophomore  
“Justin Bieber, he may be talented but he doesn’t need a movie documenting his life.”

**Brittany**
Junior  
“Katy Perry, her songs are too overplayed on the radio.”

**Valeria**
Sophomore  
“Miley Cyrus, I don’t think she can sing or act well.”

**Concetta**
Sophomore  
“Lindsay Lohan, Her career’s over, she needs to stop trying to fix it and get herself help.”

**Marissa**
Sophomore  
“Angelina & Brad, I’m tired of hearing about every aspect of their lives and their children.”

**Kristen**
Sophomore  
“Lindsay Lohan, her problems shouldn’t be so over-publicized.”

**Dominick**
Junior  
“Sam & Ronnie, they need to move past their break up, they’re ruining Jersey Shore.”

**Rob**
Senior  
“Snookie, she’s not as funny as she thinks, she is just gaining attention for being a mess.”

**Vince**
Sophomore  
“Justin Bieber, there was too much talk about him during the All-Star game.”

**Kiley**
Junior  
“Lady Gaga, she’s crying out for attention, Madonna should be offended.”

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**Campus Activities This Week**

**Wednesday, February 23**
- Bakari Kitwana “The Culture of Hip Hop”, 3pm Pollak Theatre  
  Ms. Monmouth, 15pm Pollak Theatre  
  MLK Tribute, 7:30-9pm Anacon

**Thursday, February 24**
- LGBT & Questioning Meeting, 1pm Afflitto Conf. Room  
  Safe Zone Training, 2-4pm Afflitto Conf. Room  
  Yoga, 9pm Cedar Basement  
  LNL Karaoke, 10pm Mullaney Hall  
  Tribute to African American Culture, 6pm Anacon

**Friday, February 25**
- Bongo Ball, 6-10pm Anacon  
  Movie: Tangled, 7pm & 11pm Oakwood Lounge  
  Canadian Folk Band: Leahy, 8pm Pollak Theatre

**Saturday, February 26**
- RA Selection Day  
  Shuttle to Freehold Mall, Departs Birch Hall circle: 12pm, 2-3pm, 4:15pm, 5:30pm  
  Lacrosse vs. Columbia, 1pm Kessler Field  
  Iphigenie en Tauride – Gluck, 1pm Pollak Theatre  
  Movie: Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows: Part 1, 7pm & 11pm Oakwood Lounge  
  Black Love Affair, 9pm Anacon

**Sunday, February 27**
- Hip Hop Tour Trip – Buy tickets at the Info Booth
  BHM Movie: Precious, 7pm Oakwood Lounge

**Monday, February 28**
- Black History Month Flag Lowering, 12pm Great Lawn

**Tuesday, February 29**
- The Vagina Monologues, 7:30pm Anacon

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**Showings are in Oakwood Lounge @ 7 & 11 PM**

**Feb. 25**
- **Tangled**
- **Weekend Movies**

**Feb. 26**
- Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows Part 1
  Free Admission & Popcorn

**Clubs Send in Your Spring 2011 Meeting Times!**
activities@monmouth.edu

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**Author of the Hip Hop Culture**

**Wed. Feb. 23**
- 3pm Pollak Theatre  
  Bakari Kitwana

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**The Culture of Hip Hop**

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**Doomsday** Returns to Superman Family

MATTHEW FISHER

Even though Doomsday first appeared in 1992, his name still creates shivers as the only villain to have ever killed Superman. While Superman came back from the dead and eventually defeated Doomsday, his presence is about to be felt once more in the DC Universe with “Reign of the Supermen.” When Doomsday returns for the first time, the Justice League did not have its three shining stars (Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman) in it. Instead, heroes such as Booster Gold and Guy Gardner from Green Lantern confronted this spiky monster.

The current Justice League line-up includes Supergirl, Cor- gorilla, Starmen, and Batman (Dick Grayson). While talking to Comicbookresources, in a separate article, Berganza explained what the thought process was for writer James Robinson by pitting the JLA against one of Superman’s worst rivals. Berganza said that, besides recalling elements of “Reign of Superman,” there’s also the new element James is bringing into it, which is that on the character’s mind is “Hey, this is Superman’s killer. What chance do we have to survive this? What can we put against him?” It’s almost like fighting a force of nature, which aptly apt a lot. And James really wants to say, “This is the Justice League. They’re not just standing by.”

As Doomsday’s impact is felt again, history will repeat itself somewhat. Superman will confront this deadly nemesis where and when he chooses to try their best to assist him in this tough struggle. Whatever happens, the Super-family might continue to feel the brutal punches of Doomsday after he tears through their lives as indicated by the cover to “Action Comics” #901. It features Doomsday standing over the fallen bodies of Superman, Supergirl, Cyborg Superman, the Eradicator, and Steel.

“Steel” #1 is on sale now while the second installment of “Reign of Doomsday,” “Outsiders” #37, is in stores March 9.

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Teasers for this storyline started back in November when DC released an image of Superman’s “S” crest bloody and dripping. It was reminiscent of the image used in the ’90 to foreshadow the Man of Steel’s death.

On “The Source,” DC Comics blog, DC Executive Editor Ed Berganza said, “Doomsday is back - and he’s hunting down each of the four characters that rose from his first strike on Earth: Steel, Superboy, The Eradicator and Cyborg Superman. Something from those four has drawn him back… And nothing is getting in his way, not even the JLA.”

This small crossover started with “Steel” #1 as John Henry Irons/Steel battled this villain but became deadly when the creature countered John’s attacks. In the lead, Doomsday took the fallen Steel to whereabouts unknown.

This storyline will continue to play out in “Outsider” #37 (Part 2), “Justice League of America” #55 (Part 3), “Superman/Batman Annual” #5 (Part 4), and Superboy #69 (Part 5). The comic that will act as the final installment, Part 6, is unknown at this time.

While it might seem odd for Doomsday to appear out of nowhere and attack the heroes who emerged after Superman’s demise, DC Comics co-publisher, Dan DiDio, talked to Comicbookresources.com about how DC has been setting this up.

“We knew we wanted to build up to a fight with Doomsday in ‘Action Comics’ #900, but we had stories running in both ‘Superman’ and ‘Action’ already. As we started to think on this, we thought it’d be fun to do ‘Reign of Doomsday’ as a play off of ‘Reign of The Supermen.’ We looked at where those characters were, and since Eradicator was in ‘Outsiders’ at this moment, it seemed to fit perfectly,” Didio said.

Beyond the Outsiders, the Justice League (JLA) will also have as much of a problem with Doomsday’s wave of violence in the DC Universe. As when Doomsday visited Earth the first time, the Justice League did not have its three shining stars (Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman) in it. Instead, heroes such as Booster Gold and Guy Gardner from Green Lantern confronted this spiky monster.

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Women’s Basketball Extends Win Streak to 3

The Hawks played two crucial NEC games this weekend at the MAC. Thursday night, Monmouth won against Saint Francis 57-51. The Hawks played phenomenal defense in their battle against Saint Francis. The Red Flash have scored in a row for us, we’re trying to keep our lead early on, as Gabby Singer connected on a field goal with fifteen minutes still remaining.

Men’s Basketball Splits Last Two Home Games of the Season

Monmouth led the team in scoring, posted a career day by scoring 22 points for MU. Alysha Womack also added 17 points while snatching four rebounds. Shira Schecht’s three point field goal helped Monmouth’s lead early on, which never was placed back into the hands of the FDU Knights.

The Saturday matinee against Robert Morris proved to be an other solid day for Monmouth, which increased its win streak to three straight games. Monmouth improved its record to 18-4, and 10-5 in the NEC. RMU fell to 13-12 overall, but 10-5 in NEC play. Their prior NEC record was 10-4-2, putting Monmouth ahead 49-40 with 6:25 remaining in the contest.

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Women's Soccer Introduces Incoming Class of 2015

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University women's soccer head coach Krisy Turner announced 11 more additions to the incoming class of 2015. "We are thrilled to introduce our newest group of student-athletes to Monmouth," Turner said. "This is the largest group we have brought into our program this class is not about adding players to a roster, it's about adding talent to our team. We have attracted some of the best players to Monmouth; these are some of the best student-athletes to Monmouth." Turner, who also signed the twin Barbados sisters, Yasmine and Haneen, added, "We have added an international flavor to our program this season, which we're looking forward to. We worked diligently to identify these players individually who would enhance our team and bring new talent to our program. I want to thank our scout, Pat Whiteside, for all his hard work and commitment to the team, which led to us welcoming them to the Monmouth soccer family." Yasmine/Frédérique/twin midfielder/forward and four-year team captain, played varsity soccer for four years at Downswing Town East in Esmon, Pennsylvania, where as a senior, she was named All-Ches-Mont First Team All-Area and was one of the top goal scorers in the county while being selected to play in the Ches-Mont vs Pac 10 All Star Game. As a junior,

Long was named to the All-Ches- Mont Second Team, as well as All-NEC and First Team All-NEC in 2010 and Second Team All-NEC in 2009. Currently, Long is a member of the Monmouth University Athletics Club soccer team.

Yost, a midfielder/forward, played varsity soccer at North Penn High School in 2007 and 2008, and was a member of the Pennsylvania State University at Altoona women's soccer team. Yost was named to the All-Region Team and had a 2.0 GPA in 2007 and 2008.

Hubbard, a midfielder/forward, played varsity soccer at Archbishop Spalding High School in 2007 and 2008. She was named All-Region Team and had a 2.0 GPA in 2007 and 2008.

McCoy, a goalkeeper, was a three-year varsity player at Archbishop Spalding High School. As a senior, McCoy was named to the All-St. John's Prep Team, First Team All-Region, First Team All-NEC, and Final Four MVP. In 2010, McCoy was named National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-American. McCoy was also the NBIL League Champs MVP and a team offensive MVP in 2009. McCoy was a three-time All-Region Team, Second Team All-NEC in 2009, and First Team All-NEC in 2008.

Freguletti, a defender/midfielder, played varsity soccer at Archbishop Spalding High School in 2007 and 2008. As a senior, Freguletti was named NBIL All-Star and had a 2.0 GPA in 2007 and 2008.

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Baseball was ranked second for the second straight year in the NEC baseball pre-season poll, setting up what promises to be a competitive year in the conference.

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