University Announces First Doctoral Program in Nursing

Nicole Fera
Staff Writer

This year marks the 78th Commencement Ceremony at the University, which will be held May 18 at PNC Bank Arts Center. This year, Monmouth is privileged to have the honorable Charles F. Bolden Jr. as the commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary degree. Bolden is not only a former astronaut and member of the U.S. Astronaut Corps, he also has been a Commander of the Marine Corps. After 34 years of service in the Marine, Bolden retired with prestigious honors, including the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He also has extensive experience as a member of NASA and has been in orbit on four missions and been the commander of two of them.

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Former Astronaut to Speak at 2011 Commencement


Writer Discusses Japan Crisis

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The University welcomed Marie Mutski Mockett to talk about the crisis in Japan. Mockett is a published writer and recently wrote an op-ed piece for the New York Times about the Japan tragedy. Although the writer comes from the United States, she grew up speaking Japanese with her mother who is a native of the country.

Mockett has family in Japan, and she came to the University to discuss her most recent trip to the devastated country, as well as to give an inside point-of-view on the feelings of the Japanese people.

“The mood in Japan is really very somber,” Mockett said. “This is normally a really optimistic, beautiful time in Japan because it’s springtime. This is when people start new jobs and the cherry blossoms start blooming.”

Mockett talked a lot about the cherry blossom season; which is ironic because of what the cherry blossom has symbolized over the centuries. According to Japanese literature and history, the cherry blossom represents many aspects of humanity. During World War II, the cherry blossom was used as a motivational tool for the Japanese people. It was meant to increase nationalism and military.

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University Adds Interactive Media Minor

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Assistant News Editor

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SHU Assistant Named as New Women’s Head Coach

Dane Gunderman
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With the surprising departure of Stephanie Gaitley on March 31, the University was forced to search for a new head coach. After weeks of pursuing, the Hawks named Seton Hall University Assistant Coach Jenny Palmateer as their new Head Coach for Women’s Basketball on Wednesday.

“In another robust search, it seems we have found our clear cut match after over 50 applications,” said Director of Athletics Marilyn McNeil. Palmateer met with the team for the first time on Wednesday afternoon and was introduced to the public and the rest of the University Palmateer continued on pg. 26

Hawk Walk Raises Over $38,000 for Students

Colin Sergent
Staff Writer

The University’s Office of the Annual Fund is pleased to announce they have complet- ed the first phase of the Hawk Walk Brick Campaign. The campaign has raised $38,530 for the University and its students.

The money was awarded to the Student Government Asso- ciation (SGA) and the Student Alumni Association at a pres- entation ceremony on March 30, 2011. Dr. Jeffery Mills, Vice President for University Advancement, presented two separate checks, each for $19,265, to representatives of each group.

“The Hawk Walk is a great opportunity for alumni and friends to have a permanent marker on the historic Monmouth campus, while supporting Monmouth stu- dents,” said Dr. Mills.

With their share of the money raised, the Student Alumni As- sociation will use $15,000 to help establish an endowed scholar- ship. The Association will use the rest of their portion to direct- ly support students.

SGA will also benefit the stu- dents with their share. The orga- nization will be using a portion of their funds to create a monetary scholarship award. In addition, they will use the remaining funds to support student life and enhance extracurricular student activi- ties on campus. Current and future graduates are buying bricks and leaving their mark on the Universi- ty campus. When asked if she would buy a brick after gradu- ation, senior Telma Demaria said, “Yes, I would buy one. It would be a reminder of my hard work through the semes- ters and my dedication to my education, and I’d get to help my classmates, too.”

The Hawk Walk is a way to honor and remember University alumni, graduating students, and friends. The bricks are Bricks continued on pg. 4

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**New York Times Reporter Speaks About Japan**

This earthquake was the strongest to hit Japan, and one of the top five earthquakes the world has ever experienced. The quake was followed by an unexpected tsunami that conspired of waves over 30 feet high. 

"It was a very strange disaster because they drill people in Japan that this kind of disaster might happen. It was hard to be prepared for it." 

Still, the death toll, missing people, and devastation are only some of the issues the country has to deal with. Right now the population has to worry about radiation poisoning. 

Mockett's family is fully aware of the radiation from the atomic bombing and has decided to live here. To make a difference, the family is going to send out more requests to places that are going to need help. 

"We've heard of lots of different student groups helping to fold the cranes as well as individual students." 

This was such a huge, huge disaster and it was hard to be prepared for it." 

Students, friends, and family are still trying to make sense of what happened here in Japan. The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. After being with the company for one year, Campanile made it through their fast-track management program and is now training students at universities.

Campanile and other panelists stressed the importance of how candidates present themselves during the interviewing process. He stated that some companies, once they're interested in hiring, will watch applicants from the moment they park the car until they leave. Because you can tell a lot about someone when they arrive to a job interview.

Students interested in a career in business should keep an eye on their community. It says a lot for the type of work that is being done around the world.

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Puppies to De-Stress
Students at Annual Fest
BRITTANY HERRMANN
STAFF WRITER

The De-Stress Fest, sponsored by Psychological Counseling Services at the University, in collaboration with Academic Foundation, Aramark, Student Activities, and Student Operations, is an event created to help students get their mind off of the stress they encounter as the semester ends.

This year, the event will be held on the University’s “Reading Day,” the 24-hour study period given to students in between the last day of classes and the first day of finals. Reading Day at the University is May 3rd, and the De-Stress Fest is being held in the Student Center and Anacon Hall (A&B) from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Dr. Franca Mancini, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services and the Director of the De-Stress Fest, strongly encourages all students to come out, take a break, and attend the event which was put together for them.

Games, food, massages, door prizes, a yoga session, making your own Zen sand trays, and even hugging puppies are all a part of this year’s De-Stress Fest. The door prizes are assortments of 25 to 30 prizes consisting of local restaurant gift certificates, smoothies, nail gift certificates, and more.

The free yoga session will be held from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Anacon. The shoulder massages will be given out throughout the entire event. Zen sand trays are often used as a relaxation tool and new to the De-Stress Fest. The event staff for the De-Stress Fest felt it was appropriate to give students the opportunity to take something back with them to calm them down when feeling overwhelmed by their intense study sessions.

Also, puppies are a new addition to the De-Stress Fest. “Puppies, dogs, and other pets are known to release a happy, calming atmosphere, which is why we decided to have them at the event,” said Mancini. Patty Smith, Administrative Assistant, works closely with Mancini on each year’s De-Stress Fest said. “It’s nice to see the generosity from the community,” she said, speaking of community restaurants, such as The Turning Point, Richard’s Deli, and Scala’s, who continuously donate annually to the event.

Smith, the event coordinator, has been working behind the scenes for the De-Stress Fest since it began 10 years ago. As for why Smith puts so much time and energy into coordinating this non-profit event, she said, “Because to think back to the beginning, it has been such a happy and beneficial event for the students.”

Student smith, attending the event can receive a massage valued at $40, participate in a yoga session valued at $35, and win door prizes worth anywhere between $5 and $50. However, placing a numerical value on what is available to the students is not the point. “The De-Stress Fest in the end is priceless,” said Mancini.

“The De-Stress Fest is about the wellness, balance, and peace of mind that the students receive from this event that gets their minds away from the stress that has been building on them.”

University Offers Doctoral Program

“"The DNP prepares nationally certified nurse practitioners and nurse executives for the increasingly complex world of healthcare.”

JANET MAHONEY
Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Studies

The DNP program is for nurse practitioners and nurse executives who wish to enhance their professional futures and take part in improving the complex contexts in which healthcare is delivered.

There will be an orientation for DNP students on April 29 and April 30. For students interested in applying to the University as a doctoral student, please visit www.monmouth.edu/graduate to contact a graduate admission counselor to review academic histories or for more information, go to www.monmouth.edu/dnp.

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These missions included the Hubble Space Telescope mission and the first joint U.S. Russian shuttle mission. More recently, Bolden was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate for a second stint with the nation’s space agency.

This makes him the first African American to head an agency on a permanent basis, which is an extremely influential and honorable accomplishment on top of his many others. "Although I have never heard of him before, his life sounds absolutely fascinating and I’m sure he will have a lot of great advice and things to say on this very special day," Casey Petrocy, a graduating senior said.

Also receiving an honorary degree from Monmouth this year is Alfred J. Schiavetti Jr. who is President of Naveenik Associates, a self-formed business and to an elected member of the Monmouth University Board of Trustees since 1977.

Schiavetti has worked his way up the Board, starting with a notable distinction as Treasurer in 1998, Vice Chair in 2004 and finally as Chair from 2007-2010.
Spring Education Symposium Held in Anacon Hall

Leaving a Legacy on Campus

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placed along the walkway to the Cedar Avenue underpass in front of the University’s Wilson Hall. The second phase and installation of bricks will take place just in time for the 2011 Homecoming event on October 30, 2011. When you purchase a brick, you can put your name, the name of your favorite alumnus or another special someone. With each brick laid, your name will have a lasting legacy on the historic University campus. “Whenever you are on campus, you will see a reminder of your academic accomplishments and good times,” said Dr. Mills. “I’m not sure if I were still a student that I would buy a brick. I was paying my own way through undergrad, so $200 and $300 is pretty extravagant for a student in my opinion. But now, I would probably buy one. Monmouth is a great school, was good to me and I’m glad it got to you. I think something like this, a walkway with student names, is a cool way to give the campus character,” said Janine Nealon, a University alumnus. If you’re looking to buy your own brick, a 4 x 8 brick is $200 and an 8 x 8 brick is $300. Each brick bought is tax-deductible and the brick bought is tax-deductible and the money out to local organizations working toward disaster relief.

New Interactive Media Minor

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and theoretical aspects of this field.

The minor will feature web-based interactivity of both static and dynamic, and non-web based interactive such as physical computing. There will be a shift in focus from exclusively using keyboards and mice to incorporate the use of media such as multi-touch screens, voice activation, and game controllers like Kinect and the Wii. Students will be able to program and design media experiences that would involve the participant’s interaction and engagement in the media with gesture, touch, feel and motion of a response. Through the creation of programs like HTML, ActionScript, Javascript, and Max/MSP, students will be able to program and design media experiences that would involve the participant’s interaction and engagement in the media with gesture, touch, feel and motion of a response. Through the creation of programs like HTML, ActionScript, Javascript, and Max/MSP, students will develop basic computer code writing competency.

“Interactive media is a media that uses an interface to engage and respond to user input. So it covers everything from websites to multi- touch screens to game controllers,” Demirjian said.

“Interactive Media crosses several different media,” Michael Richison, a specialist professor in the Depart- ment of Art and Design, said. “The one thing that holds these media together is the presence of a screen, which web-based media is generally tied under this category, but do the media of phone-based apps and video installations. One of the main thrusts of this minor is the idea of interaction. The student will be asked to answer the following kinds of questions: How does the audi- ence or participant interact with the information? How will the recipient be able to manipulate the information?”

The Interactive Media minor will consist of 19 credits. The five three-credit courses required include: Digital Video Production (AR 145), Digital and Lens (AR 181) or Intro to TV Production (CO 145), Introduction to Screen Studies (CO 241), Web Dynamic (AR 284), and Responsive Media (CO/AR 404). Students can then pick three of the four offered electives: Maya Animation (AR 286), Motion Graphics (AR 290), Online Journalism (AR 331), and Advanced Video Production (CO 241). “Two classes focus on the technical and aesthetic issues behind static and dynamic website development AR 178 Web Design Studio and AR 284 Web Design Dynamic,” Demirjian said. “The class CO/AR 404 Responsive Media teaches students how to use input from the physical world to create interactive media. This includes hacking a Kinect, P53 to allow users a more real-time projec- tions for instance or using motion tracking, color tracking or the vol- ume of someone's voice to trigger a visual response.”

“Another required class is CO 241 Introduction to Screen Studies, which is a theory course that analyses the language of cinema and new media,” Demirjian said. “The last required three-credit class is the student’s choice of AR 181 or CO 145 Introduction to TV Production. These hands-on classes teach the fundamen- tal elements of producing high quality lens-based images. There is also a one credit Independent Study in Interactive Media where the student creates an in-depth project in design and Art and Design Departments so it is a great way to meet new stu- dents to collaborate with,” Demirjian said. According to Demirjian, the Interactive Media minor was created to encourage the study of the ways in which the importance of involvement in me- dia has affected the ways in which its used. “One of the reasons this Minor is interdisciplinary, drawing from courses in Digital Communication and Art and Design Departments so it is a great way to meet new stu- dents to collaborate with,” Demirjian said. According to Demirjian, the Interac- tive Media minor was created to encourage the study of the ways in which the importance of involvement in me- dia has affected the ways in which it is used. “One of the reasons this Minor is interdisciplinary, drawing from courses in Digital Communication and Art and Design Departments so it is a great way to meet new stu- dents to collaborate with,” Demirjian said.
A Reflection of Our Changing University

History. Memories. Tragedies. Commencements. Two decades of Technological advancements. Four Loko and drugs. Disparities in Athletics. Consequences. Recognitions. Brian Williams…the list goes on. With the close of the semester just a mere two weeks away, the 2010-2011 academic year at the University was certainly one to be remembered.

As we start the summer break, half of us fell to our knees, happy to be back on campus, while the other half were begging and pleading to be back on the beach with no textbooks in sight. But let’s hold the flip flops and sighs of relief, and back-track ourselves through this past year, just for a minute.

As a whole, the University has had quite a memorable eight months. We had the first Winter Commencement (with another one set and planned for next January). The new residence halls, Mullaney Hall, and the Oral Communication Center were created and opened to house 190 first-year students. In addition, Ed Mullaney Hall, Christy Severson, and numerous renovations since October. An online journalism lab was created in the Jules L. Plangere Jr. Center, as well as office space for Public Relations and Athletics teams. The University also recognized the Monmouth Oral Communication Center. Awards were given to numerous departments, individual students, and more, showcasing all the talent the University holds. Student retention is at the highest it has been and this can be attributed to the increase in weekend programming as well as an increase in a first-year audience at these events. Perhaps it will change the “suitcase school” reputation the University has had for years.

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On a more serious note, the University has also endured tragedies and a few unpredictable events. We came together as a University energy drink, was banned across many college campuses, including ours. Moreover, chemicals were banned in products such as K2, Spice, Red Dawn and Blaze. With the opening of Mullaney Hall, it was feared that a beautiful condition would not last. By November, there had already been 11 reported cases of criminal behavior in the new facility. Bulletin boards were lit on fire, exit signs dismantled from the walls, and underage drinking were at the top of the list. The damages cost the University $9,080 – a fee that could have been easily prevented. We can only hope, as a community, that our students will be more responsible in the future and appreciate the University’s physical appearance.

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All in all, cheers Monmouth. The Hawks seem to be soaring higher and higher each year.

Students have also struggled with unexpected classroom conditions due to the Edison renovations. The trailers, reported by students to be noisy, uncomfortable and not quite room-temperature, haven’t exactly cost the price of tuition students paid for. As the 800 building will get turned down over the summer, the students will be having classes in more trailers come September, it is only hoped that conditions will be improved, even slightly, to better accommodate them.

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**Global Warming: We Are the Problem and the Solution**

**ASHLEY CATTANO STAFF WRITER**

Thirty-five trillion dollars is the note that has been labeled, or stamped, onto the value of what nature has provided for us. This value vastly outweighs more than the mere 18 trillion dollars that comprises the entire global economy.

As time has progressed, mankind has slowly taken its toll on nature and instead has falsely assumed that nature is an eternal creature; in other words, that our actions have ultimately led us to our own demise; due to our over consumption and our constant beliefs that our actions are unimportant.

The over-consumption of fossil fuels, the threat of ocean stagnation, and the rising global temperatures are just three concerns that mankind is not addressing sufficiently.

Fossil fuels are a primary energy source that has played a major role in our consumption, power, or manufacturing purposes. However, the problem with our over consumption is that energy conductors are unsustainable and in return give us emissions in the form of greenhouse gases, which have detrimental effects on our natural ecosystems. The efficient consumption of fossil fuels has led our planet to the brink of destruction, and with the possibilities of global warming, our planet may become irreparable.

The current level of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere is 387 parts per million. Researchers say that this concentration has said it should be of great importance for our nation to take part in helping our level of carbon emissions reach a new low. They have also stated that if we go beyond 400 parts per million, we will have no return where the effects of greenhouse gases on our ecosystem will then be irreversible.

Another effect we have been about to experience is the threat of ocean stagnation. Many people are unaware that our oceans are a key factor in what this provides, basically, the transfer of carbon dioxide to land. This process is called the photosynthetic process performed by trees on land.

Hypothetically, if the Earth’s temperature were to continue to rise, the conveyor cycle which provides our food would be shut down. This situation would cost mankind the most of the world’s population, as the ocean would be a whole, would be drastically affected, and mankind would lose the parts of the northern hemisphere.

Finally, it is said that a three degree change in the overall earth’s temperature can result in the difference between a tropical era and the current movement.

Many people do not understand that the temperature plays in our climate, sea levels, natural disasters, and migration patterns. So, it is crucial to realize that these issues can have extreme adverse effects on our future.

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Take a Second Look at SAB

**CAROLINE BABULA**

**OPINION**

Monmouth activities are not as exciting as we may think. We don’t have big-name concerts, and if we do, it’s often when we’re not interested. We are currently going through a winter’s Korn and Disturbed tour, but there are no students without cars.

Until I recently sat down with Concerts East, SAB Activities Board (SAB) President, I was annoyed, and sometimes disappointed by the activities of Monmouth’s Student Activities Board.

Monmouth Student Activities Board (SAB) is given an annual, undisclosed budget. This budget is then used by SAB to bring acts and performers to campus. However, after speaking with Curry, I am excited to say that SAB is finally making I have learned so much from each of our professors, as well as their support and guidance. We have been taught so much from each of you and have always felt at home within this department, that stems from the moment we walked in the doors.

As a people-A students, we have to extend another huge thank you to the Student Activities Board and Professor Morano for their work as our advisors. Throughout the years, we have been in contact with them and the countless “drop-in” activities that we usually consisted of us stressing out about something of complete importance to us. We are so lucky to have us calm and composed while guiding us through our endeavors and pushing us to succeed. For this we will always be grateful to them.

It’s almost surreal to realize that we’ll be college students "in real life." It’s time to think about college, deal with issues such as tuition, and actually get a job. Our college life is about to begin.

The lesson all Monmouth students need to learn is that SAB is the Students Activities Board – without students, there’s no input. But what doesn’t mean the programs that do come are not good.

Last year, Safety Suit was the first time every student genuinely was not interested at the time, they ended up buying a number car single, said Curry.

Know who SAB operates for? All of the students request.

Student SAB says that they try to change students.

Curry relayed that SAB is interested in student opinions. “If you’re ever dissatisfied, write something to some- one single, said Curry.

The lesson all Monmouth students need to learn is that SAB is the Students Activities Board – without students, there’s no input. If you don’t like something, raise your voice and change it, either by becoming a general member or even applying for a chair position.
Conspiracy Theories Aren't Just a Thing of the Past

The Bible is compiled of prophecies, some of which are coming true. While no one can be 100% sure of a prophecy's accuracy, there are also many of which are falsified. This year, the world was predicted to end on December 21, 2012 and Mayan calendar just ended. Some theorists suspected that they might not have been right. They predicted things such as the natural disasters in Japan or the attacks at The World Trade Center with the preceding thoughts of the last days the seasons will become apart of life. While there are natural disasters occurring all over the world, every concept of life interconnected, how can anyone receive them. Every concept of life can be interpreted differently and because conspiracy theories are just a fear of the unknown, they give rise to many different opinions on conspiracy theories.

The Book of Revelations informs us that Jesus will return and be with our natural disasters and famine. While there are natural disasters occurring all over the world, there is no reason to be scared of the future. The Bible states that Jesus will return and be with us. The Bible states that Jesus will return and be with us. We just need to be patient and trust in our faith.

The Illuminati are said to be the main targets of conspiracy theory. Some people believe that the Illuminati are a cult, but others don't think so. The Illuminati are a secret society that was founded on May 1, 1776 (May 1st is also the date of the founding of the USA, according to conspiracy theorists). The Illuminati was formed by Adam Weishaupt, who was heavily influenced by the work of the French philosopher Nicolas de Condorcet. The Illuminati was a secret organization that was formed in order to promote the ideas of the French Revolution and to fight against the injustices of the Ancien Régime. The Illuminati was a secret society, and its members were sworn to secrecy and were only allowed to meet in small groups.

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Music artists that have been accused of being apart of the Illuminati are Lady Gaga, Kanye West, Jay-Z, and the Black Eyed Peas. Jay-Z, and Kanye West. The word Illuminati is translated to mean “enlightened ones” in some of the music industry these would be the artists who are successful and lead a luxurious lifestyle. The Illuminati is said to be a cult, but others believe that it is a legitimate organization. Some people believe that the Illuminati is a cult, but others don't think so. The Illuminati is a secret society that was founded on May 1, 1776 (May 1st is also the date of the founding of the USA, according to conspiracy theorists). The Illuminati was formed by Adam Weishaupt, who was heavily influenced by the work of the French philosopher Nicolas de Condorcet. The Illuminati was a secret organization that was formed in order to promote the ideas of the French Revolution and to fight against the injustices of the Ancien Régime. The Illuminati was a secret society, and its members were sworn to secrecy and were only allowed to meet in small groups.

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Although it's a little early to be looking for a new President since the primary elections aren't until August of 2012, the rumors for Republican candidates have begun and they will start committing to the race in a week or so.

This election will undoubtedly refer to the last generation of voters, just as in the 2008 election. The same issues are in question as in the last election, appealing to a younger generation. For example, the costs of higher education, health care, and the job economy are issues important to college-age students. As of now, there are only four people who have declared their candidacy for the 2012 Presidential race. This is an unusual occurrence when comparing it to prior elections, for example, President Barack Obama declared his candidacy in February 2007, and Hillary Clinton very soon after. Perhaps candidates are delaying their commitment to candidacy out of respect for President Obama. In reality, in 2016, Obama will officially be off the Presidential ticket.

According to political analysts, there is speculation that President Obama is going to take on a big role in fundraising money, which is a scary number to compete with. If these Rumors serve to be true, this will be a tough race for any Republican candidate. The fact that these Republican candidates stand out from President Obama is the country's $14 trillion national debt, and since the country is spending more than we take in for federal tax dollars, we are constantly adding to this debt. Republicans are going to want big tax cuts and reductions in government spending, while President Obama will argue for modest spending decreases along with Bush tax cuts for wealthy individuals, to expire. These opposing ideas may be the game changer in this upcoming election between who will support the jobs and who will decrease, and who will believe that big spending will bring big change? Those that feel Obama is spending this country into disaster will win the election. The Republicans that can look back to the Clinton administration where taxes were higher and we had a deficit might have faith in Obama's plan. Those with faith will help him grab another term in office and hope to see the change he's been promising since 2008.

According to Politico.com, Republicans throughout the country will get their first look at how some of their candidates present themselves, as well as learn how they engage with one another, on May 5. Fox News and the South Carolina GOP will host the first race's kick-off debate in Greenville. Minnesota Governor Tom Pawlenty, former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum, Texas Representative Ron Paul, and former Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer are the only candidates that are confirmed to be at the debate in two weeks. Other potential candidates are Minnesota Representative and tea party advocate Michele Bachman, Governor of Mississippi Haley Barbour, Governor of Indiana Mitch Daniels, Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Governor of Arkansas Mike Huckabee, former Governor of Utah Jon Huntsman, former Governor of Alabama Sanford Palin, former Governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney and Republicans have been flying that real estate mogul and television personality Donald Trump may be looking for a running mate as well. Donald Trump has flirted with the idea of a presidential run before, but always stops before forming any realistic candidacy. Student Government Association President Kevin Sanders said, “If he is really going to run for office a lot of Republicans are going to be mad because everyone is treating him like a celebrity, not a candidate.”

Sanders also said, “most of his actions thus far have been for attention grabbing quotes in the media, rather than serious political statements. During the Republican primaries, he may serve as a distraction instead of a serious contender.”

Some people are saying that if Trump runs for office he’ll cause a distraction from real issues, such as unemployment and health care, because he has used his political exposure thus far only to draw attention to the topic of President Obama’s birth certificate, which is a fringe issue.

Consequently, thus far the Republican ticket is quite a mystery, but everyone’s questions and suspicions will be answered very shortly.

### The Scott Sipprelle Saga Continues

**DENNIS MIKOLAY STAFF WRITER**

When Scott Sipprelle, a successful Princeton businessman and conservative activist, decided to run for Congress as a Republican last year, he had no idea he would be the first New Jersey Republi- can to start a political club? I thought, why not start a political club?

**SCOTT SIPPRELLE Former Congressional Candidate**

traditionally apathetic towards the political system. Sipprelle’s populist appeal gave Republicans throughout the state a chance to compete against the Democratic Representative ultimately won re-election, one can’t really say that Democrats are making the political club, selflessness, and patriotism displayed by his volunteers. Political mobilization and the support of national organizations from within; he ran for, and was ultimately elected to, the position of President. He submitted a new constitution and bylaws, and broadened the mandate to appeal to a wider array of supporters. With a dedicated organization from within, the Lincoln Club, a unique and innovative organization, entered the fray.

Unlike most political clubs, Sipprelle is proud to point out that the Lincoln Club is an independ- ent entity that doesn’t answer to any political party. “We believe we don’t have to cope with commands from the traditional Republican chain of command--“We answer only to our mem- bership,” said Sipprelle. “Nobody is going to dictate our governance.”

Sipprelle believes that the Lin- coln Club can unite not only for- mer volunteers and Republicans, but also conservatives from all walks of life, to address issues that are largely ignored by the po- litical establishment. There are a few issues we are keenly focused on,” said Sipprelle. “What can we do to improve the climate for job and economic growth in New Jersey? How do we fix the imbalance between revenue and expenses? How do we control government debt?”

The argument has been made that the majority of Ameri- cans are actually fiscal conservatives. The problem lies in the fact that such conservative often become disenchanted with par- ty politics, and find themselves without any means of influencing the national political discussion. With a dedicated organization like the Lincoln Club, Sipprelle believes he can awaken this tradi- tionally apathetic and forgotten majority to provide them with the infrastructure needed to ac- tively combat the danger present- ed by over-spending, big govern- ment, and the rising debt.

“The stakes are really high,” said Sipprelle. “These are impor- tant arguments to have, and we need to have them now! The main issue is whether we address these problems, or wait until they future. We have never encountered a problem in my life that became easier to deal with by ignoring it.”

Sipprelle’s organization is open to all conservatives who are interested in combating big govern- ment, over-spending, and the impending debt crisis.

He urges those interested to look up the Lincoln Club of New Jersey on Facebook, or to e-mail lincolnclubnj@gmail.com.

“Both parties are playing with fire by ignoring these problems,” said Sipprelle. “America is ready to have a real debate on these issues.”

**Scott Sipprelle, previous candidate for Congressional office, called the Lincoln Club of New Jersey.**

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 Trying to reflect on an experience like studying abroad in Australia for over five months in just one essay is impossible. The friendships you make, challenges you face, and education you receive can only be ex- plained by experiencing it yourself. When I think back to my plane ride into Sydney, I remember everything I felt while passing the breath-tak- ing view of the Opera House. I felt excited and nervous...I knew, no matter what I felt, I was ready to take on Australia.

I now have a better appreciation for travel- ing and the fact that I had never traveled further than Greece guided me to choose to study abroad in Austra- lia. I live only 20 minutes away from Monmouth University and this was my chance to be more independent and face the real world on my own.

My friend Nicole and I turned in our application and hoped for the best. Thankfully, we were selected for The Outlook. Out of the 17 students to go to Australia.

In the last month leading up to the departure in Australia, I spent numerous hours researching every- thing possible while trying to find a way for my luggage to be under the weight limit (which wound up being between 30 lbs. of course, overweight anyway). By now, we’ve had meetings where we learned all about our housing, uni- versities, and the classes. However all the research knowledge and the world in the future cannot prepare you for the experience you are about to have when you step of the plane in Australia.

The first thing you notice about Australia is how welcoming and friendly the people are. This is a relief because you’ve already endured the exhaustion of a day or more of travel- ing. After you’ve landed and made it through baggage claim, the first thing you see are bags, or never get them like half of my group, and continue your journey to your destination.

The very first night we were greet- ed by the stunning Sydney Opera House. I felt like I was in a dream. We all grew to love and hate, a tasting of Vegemite, and a good old game of Monopoly on a “Team Jersey” and crazy semes- ter we were about to face. There were many faces when compar- ing the United States and Australia like business houses, currency, diet, sports, and public transportation.

However, these differences never stopped me from enjoying my time in Australia. I actually miss my lepre- cumin, Niacin, Phosphorus, copper,10

This is an advisory list of cilantro’s health benefits helps lower blood sugar. The exten- sive list of cilantro’s health benefits can be found at globalhealingcenter.com.

There you have it, two delicious summer recipes? I know that you are about to have when you step of the plane in Australia. The first weekend in Australia, our group traveled up the coast from Brisbane to Cairns, including the Whitsundays, Fraser Is- land, and the Great Barrier Reef. The first weekend in Australia, our group went to the Great Mountains, dis- cuded the famous Jeno- venus.

One weekend, after classes ended, some of us took a weekend trip up to the Central Coast and stayed at a friend’s house. Before returning to the United States, 14 of us took a trip to Fiji for one week. I am so happy I chose Australia to study abroad in because the traveling I did within and on the way home was so memorable.

Leaving Australia, I experienced both gains and losses. The friend- ships and memories I have gained outweigh the losses by an extreme amount. I don’t believe there are any losses. I really have come to love Australia and to feel like I have made a second home there. I would love to live there again, I want to thank the whole The Out- look staff and the Communication De- partment we are lucky to have some of the best and most unique people I’ve ever had. First off Professor Morano, not only was Writing the Review one of my favorite classes I truly enjoyed hear- ing your crazy stories and I learned a lot in your class, not just about mov- ies but life too. You are an amazing advisor for The Outlook and we are so unbelievably lucky to have you. Next is my Professor Taylor, I have never had a professor that was so knowl- edge on all the topics that he shares. He is one of only professors that I have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time. He was able to make every class I took with him interesting and engaging. I am one of only professors that have that comes to class with a huge smile on his face and it stays there the entire time.

Jill, I never would have thought the first time we met that we would end up being best friends. I don’t even know how to sum up our last two years, but you have become such an amazing friend to me. I am going to miss our dinners, and spending hours in front of the TV. I know this might before we have huge papers due. I don’t need to tell you how much I am going to miss you, and maybe one day we will ac- tually finish everything on our to do list. Me, you and Ben are the greatest combination of roommates ever and moving back home is just not going to be the same. Last but not least, Lana. We obvi- ously had an instant friendship since the first time we met and you have continued to be there for me every time I needed you. My Friday af- ternoons are going to be so much less without you since I will have no one to talk to about every little thing. I know that you will be so happy that you are our unofficial roommate and I miss our morning conversations after night out. I know that the four of us are going to stay just as close and the three of you are the most important people in my life. For my final sendoff, I feel like I don’t need to wish the future Outlook staff any more luck. You guys are in such good hands and the plans you have for next year are only going to get better. Let me just say that making the paper even better than it al- ready is. Jacky, I know you are going to be an amazing editor. Lisa, you are a great writer, and continue writing those recipes because they are awesome. Once again, I want to thank the whole Out- look staff and the Communication Department for giving me the tools and the confidence to go out into the “real world” and start my life.
How to Save Money at the Gas Pump this Summer

MARIANNE VERNA
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You’re sitting at the gas station and you can’t help but stare at your 10 dollars worth of gas is slowly getting lower and lower. You can feel your heart breaking as you leave the gas station feeling helpless and anxious about how much gas is and how little you are getting in your tank. With summer quickly approaching you and your friends want to be planning road trips, beach days, and enjoy the freedom of being out of school. Well, you might not be doing too much travel this summer with the current prices rising to over $4 a gallon. Luckily for you, there are many ways you can save on gas and still be able to do everything you had your heart set on for this summer. Technology has steered its way into helping people save money on gas by creating Smartphone apps, websites to assist in helping you find the cheapest gas in your area or to the places you plan on traveling.

If you haven’t already visited gasbuddy.com I suggest you try it immediately. This website provides you with the gas prices in your area. All you have to do is enter your zip code and it will give you the top gas stations with the lowest price in the past 24 hours. It even gives you the exact location of where these gas stations are located so it makes it even easier for you to get there. The purposes of this website is to help you compare prices between gas stations in the same neighborhood so you can decide which one will be better for you. Not only do they list the prices of the gas it also includes the average cost of gas in your area and price trends. There are also websites that are similar to GasPriceWatch.com or FuelMeUp.com and many others. You can easily plan your trips to save you some money next time you are at the pump.

If you and your friends are planning any road trips this summer you might want to try planning a route carefully. By planning out the shortest ways to travel you will save money on gas. There are tools like fuelcostcalculator.com from AAA that will help you estimate how much you will spend on gas state by state. You can also use it to plan the most direct route to your destination. Another way to do this is traveling at a time when there will be less traffic. The less time you have to sit and have your car run unnecessarily will make it also important to keep in mind what kind of vehicle you are going to use. If you are planning a long road trip it might not be the best idea to take an SUV since those cost a lot to fill up. Your best choice would be to use a smaller car or see if your friends have a more fuel-efficient car to use.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, they estimate that fixing a car that’s out of tune or has failed an emissions test can improve its gas mileage by an average of four percent. Keeping your tires properly inflated boosts your mileage by 3.3 percent. And using the manufacturer’s recommended grade of motor oil will cause a 2 percent improvement. There are also many things you can do while you are driving to help save on gas. This can be difficult, but slow down. Every five mph you go above 60 mph is like having an extra 24 cents per gallon, according to the Energy Department. In general, you can save a lot of gas money if you can lower your miles. Rapid acceleration and braking will cause a 33 percent reduction in your fuel mileage.

Once you get to your destination, choose your car in the parking lot. By using public transportation, walking, or even renting a bike you can save money the whole time during your stay. By walking or renting a bike not only are you getting great exercise while vacationing it is also a different and exciting way to sight see your vacation spot.

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Reality Television, Coming to a Class Near You

JILL BENANTI
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Reality television whether you like it or not, is something that is here to stay. With shows like the “Jersey Shore” and “American Idol” bringing in millions of viewers weekly, this relatively new programming has become a pop culture phenomenon. It seems that there is a reality show for just about any topic ranging from “Keeping up with the Kardashians” to “West Coast Choppers.” There is a reality show for everyone. One can assume that everyone knows how to watch or even watch television, but is that safe to say?

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As I look back on my time at the University, I can’t help but think how quickly it has all gone by. Beginning my collegiate career back in 2007, with no idea what to major in, I honestly could not be happier with the decision I made to major in journalism. It was more help to me than any class I took. Practicing is truly the best method for maturation in the journalism field. After a substantial amount of writing, I was lucky enough to be granted the position of Entertainment Editor for my senior year, where I have served you, the readers, for the past two semesters. I was also granted the position of Senior Editor for this past spring semester. I am extremely grateful to you for allowing us to attend the journalism convention in Los Angeles this spring; it was truly one of my fondest memories at the University; and I will take the skills I learned at the conference with me wherever I end up. Lastly, thank you for your consistent guidance and support. In conclusion, I would like to thank my teachers, and the unwavering encouragement of my fellow Outlook staff members, I would not have grown as substantially as I have in my writing and design skills. My experiences at The Outlook have given me confidence in pursuing a future in journalism.

So, without further ado: To Gina, our Editor-in-Chief, one of the hardest working undergraduates I have met, I want to thank you for believing in me almost a year ago when you proposed the position of Entertainment Editor. Although I was taken aback at first, you made me feel confident in my abilities and helped guide me in my transition from writer to e-board member. To our faculty advisor, Professor Moreano; and our Office Coordinator, Sandy, thank you for keeping such a great student organization running smoothly. I am extremely grateful to you for two for allowing us to attend the journalism convention in Los Angeles this spring; it was truly one of my fondest memories at the University; and I will take the skills I learned at the conference with me wherever I end up. Lastly, thank you for your consistent guidance and support.

Cordially, Bret Schaffner

Some Worthy Attractions

MATTHEW FISHER
OUTLOOK FILM CRITIC

Entertainment

Water for Elephants Has Some Worothy Attractions

NICHOLE MASSABROOK
STAFF WRITER

During the Depression and traveling circus enterprises, you would expect them to have some struggles to face themselves. However, this is one of those romantic films that will have Heart playing with them on June 20 at Susquehanna Bank Center.

The Twilight Saga has a lot of things: tanning, beach time, vacation. However, summer isn’t just beach season, it’s also concert season. After kicking off the summer with Kate Voegele’s free concert on campus at Springfest on May 1, there are plenty of other shows to see (though, unfortunately, these aren’t anywhere close to free). With so many artists touring, there is a little something for everyone.

Fans of pop music have everything to look forward to this summer. Katy Perry will play the Camden arena with Maroon 5 and Little Big Town. One of country’s biggest names, Taylor Swift, will be playing not one, but four dates all at the Prudential Center in Newark. You can see the blonde country star on July 19, 20, 23 and 24. Concerting Chesney will be playing with the Zac Brown Band and the New Meadows Band on August 11, 12 and 13, and the Iowa City Centre will have the Zac Brown Band playing there on August 24. Deep Purple is also heading to Susquehanna Bank Center on August 24. Jennifer Lopez will be playing the PNC Bank Arts Center on July 12, 13 and 14.

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 is coming to a theater near you on November 18. (left) and (bottom center) will be at Six Flags Great Adventure on August 26. You can also catch Lil Wayne this weekend at the Bamboozle Festival.

Water for Elephants has a cast of characters that prove difficult to forget. With excellent performances, you’ll be able to take away with you. The characters are the main reason why this movie is worth the time spent in watching it. The setting is as beautiful as it is intense, and the performances are as captivating as they are intense. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 is one of the best romantic films of the year.

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Godsmack (top) will be performing as a part of the Mayhem Festival on July 27. Keith Urban (left) and Katy Perry (bottom center) will be at the Prudential Center on July 14 and 18, respectively. Lil Wayne will be set to perform at the Bamboozle Festival this weekend.

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The Twilight Saga is a series of five romantic films that have been adapted from the popular books of the same name. The first film in the series, Twilight, was released in 2008 and has been followed by four sequels: New Moon, Eclipse, Breaking Dawn Part 1 and Part 2. The Twilight Saga is known for its romantic themes, intense love stories, and the beautiful landscapes. The series has been well-received by audiences and critics alike, and has earned millions of dollars at the box office.

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 is the final installment in the series. The story follows the main characters, Bella and Edward, as they face new challenges and obstacles in their relationship. The film features an all-star cast, including Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, and Taylor Lautner, and has been highly anticipated by fans of the series.

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 is set to be released in theaters on November 18, 2011. The film is directed by Bill Condon, and has a running time of 159 minutes. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 is expected to be one of the most anticipated films of the year, and is sure to be a hit with fans of the series and romance films alike.
Hidden Behind a Smile

“**When I was in the wheelchair and I couldn’t walk and I couldn’t see, the one thing I had left was my mind. I told myself that as long as I had that, I could go on.**”

**MARTYNA DOBKIEWICZ FEATURES EDITOR**

I think I left my heart in Boston the day I had to. Must have dropped it in the cobblestone alleyway near the former home of poet Robert Lowell. Maybe it’s that appeal of New England in general—the combination of the greenness and the sadness in the form of endless blankets of snow in winter, and houses the color of deep sea green. The downfall to the city that pulls me back is that it can cost a good amount to get there—but as we know, some experiences are just worth the price tag. Transportation to Boston is available by bus, plane, train, and car. Taking the bus or driving is the easiest way to save money. The quickest option to get there is to take the bus or drive, but if you are in a group to split the land.

A bus from New York City via BoliBoli can cost between $30 and $40. I prefer getting a group of friends together and going on a road trip; you can slow it down and really enjoy the drive through New England. While finding someplace to stay, unless you’re willing to spend over $50 for a hotel room for one night, stay away from the city, and move to the outskirts. However, there is one place in New Hampshire that is a great option that is nearby. Not only does it give you another state to explore, but finding a hotel will cost less than staying in Boston.

**Thirfty Student Traveling: Boston**

Once you’re ready for a day of exploring, follow The Freedom Trail, a mostly brick path that goes through downtown Boston that leads to many historic sites in the city; most are free or suggested donations to visit. The trail is a great way to get a crash course in history, allowing you to pick and choose where you want to stop. In the area, be sure to check out Faneuil Hall Marketplace, a famous tourist site to be recommended to go to for free samples and to learn about the brewing process.

Some of the significant stops are Boston Common, the Massachusetts State House, the site of the Boston Massacre, the Bunker Hill Monument, and the USS Constitution.

Visit Samuel Adams Brewery

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**JENNA INTERSOMONE CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR**

If you are a Communication major, you have probably had Lauren B in class. She is in the woman’s 40’s with auburn hair, sitting in the front row with a smile on her face and her hand raised. She easily stands out from the traditional 20-year-old students, the only person not sitting and always dressed to the nines.

However, besides her age difference, Lauren is very approachable too. She has that life that stays far from the ordinary, including an accent. “I thought I was the only one,” she said.

When Lauren was 16, she attended a six-week summer session at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for Theatre. She was subsequently chosen as the one student to be recommended to go to Yale University.

When Lauren’s parents divorced, her father, being vindictive and bitter, told her that she was not allowed to go on the day of her high school graduation in 1981. But Lauren refused to give up learning and her dreams of theatre. “Theatre studies the condition of the soul,” she said. “We all have such a fascination with each other. We are all made up of pieces that fit with one another but when you figure each other out, and that’s what theatre does; it helps us figure each other out.”

So, Lauren said, “I am going to do the best of my ability,” and she did just that. She attended Stedler Adler Studio of Acting in New York from 1981 to 1984.

Then, she attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York from 1982 to 1984, which is not comparable to the London Academy of Arts.

When Lauren was 23-years-old, she began to feel extreme pain in her joints and her doctors thought she had lupus. She moved to Palm Beach, Florida, in 1984 to be closer to her mother and her sister. During one of her periods of feeling well again, she worked as a corporate trade for Barnett Bank.

However, working there, she was hardly the easy going, smiling person that she is now. “Everyone called me Hitler because I ran such a tight department of 45 people. I didn’t care about anyone, and it was that ambition that helped me work my way up in eight months to four different positions,” she said.

This rocket to the top did not last long though. Her adrenal glands were diagnosed in 1993 of chronoblastia and in 1999, stage 4 lupus.

Getting to work, she was told by her doctors that she was going to die because she was suffering from lupus that was “out of control,” and she does not work because the disease does not want her to work. However, the steroids caused her muscles to wither away. This had affected her in a wheelchair from 1991 to 1993 and blind in 1992, since lupus causes catacactae in the eyes. Lauren attributes her sickness to her high ambitions. “If I didn’t get sick, I would have been a successful businesswoman. That just kept my ego going and stepping on people. I sometimes think that this happened to humble me.”

After one of her 27 surgeries in 2003, which ranged from gynecological to the knees and back as a result of complications, Lauren entered a coma after being administered medicine that was to keep her from bleeding. “What I was told was that I was doctors told her that she was going to die because of her failing adrenal glands (which protect the body), she knew that it was not her time and would just tell herself, “I need to go on.”

Lauren started to get better in 2003, and she immediately decided she wanted to get her degree, despite her age of 38-years-old. “When I was in the wheelchair and I couldn’t walk and I couldn’t see, the one thing I had left was my mind. I told myself that as long as I had that, I could go on.”

Her father, sister, and two brothers were not very supportive of her going back to school. They felt that college would be “just a hobby” for her.

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She came around because she is out of control. She does not work because she is currently on disability. Her obsession is her GPA and earning all A’s.

She said, “My A’s tell me that I have made it through another semester and I still have my mind to define me. My mind is my one perfect thing in my imperfect body.”

She said she does not feel bitter for the time that she lost while she was sick. “I feel more of a sadness, like I lost somebody, but I can’t allow myself to get that way because I want to be grateful for what I have now, and I just need to go on.”

Professor Robert Scott, Lauren’s Mass Communication professor, said, “She is not shy about voicing her personal opinion, even when she knows she might be in the minority. As a professor, I appreciate this level of confidence and participation.”

However, there is one thing about school that Lauren does not like. She said that this semester has been rough for her because her 20-year-old daughter, who is thirty years too old for her, going as far to say that she is the last person to talk to her. “I feel like I am tappled into a totally different area of my brain and I feel challenging myself,” Lauren said. She said that she feels that Theatre is for the youth, who has a lot of stamina. But she loves writing as well, and feels real joy when she writes.

So Lauren, she is so happy to be in school and is upset when sum-
4-20: The Legend, The Myth, The Origin That Nobody Knows

ANTHONY PANISEDI
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It’s that time of year again, April – the month of Easter. Easter – the holiday on which kids around the world wake up to find their baskets filled with candy, sitting atop a supporting layer of artificial green grass. In the late 1980s, the 20th day of this month are looking more and more like the 20th of April every year. The basket might be a glass piece or a sheet of rolling paper, and their grain may vary, but the flowers beginning to bloom. Much like Super Bowl Sunday – a day so reserved by sports-crazed fans that it is almost impossible to find a parking space at any of the local organizations, except for the ones serving the alcohol.

The Blind Followers

Bob Davis is a phone representative for the Cannabis Career Institute (CCI), which is the first marijuana business seminar in the U.S. The institute has been traveling around the country and instructing people on how to establish legal, medical marijuana businesses since March of 2009. “Mr. Davis, do you know why people celebrate 4-20?” I implored him. “I don’t know the whole story,” he responded, “but I just know it has something to do with smoking.”

“Very well,” I asked, “just moments after speaking with Cody, 4-20 did nothing to have to do with smoking.”

The True History of 4-20

High Times is a New York-based monthly magazine devoted to marijuana and a favorite amongst pot smokers. This past 4-20, their website featured an animated history of National Pot Smoking Day, which was narrated by a nameless cartoon character with brown hair that ran below his pectorals.

The chill, bug-eyed animation told me that the 4-20 concept was created in 1971, by a group of teenagers who attended San Rafael High School in California. These high school students referred to themselves as “the Waldos,” because their favorite place to hang out was by a wall. The Waldos created a secret code and indicated the time that they would meet every day to smoke marijuana eventually, 4-20 spread through word of mouth and grew popular amongst the “Deadheads,” otherwise known as the fans of the legendary band, the Grateful Dead. Lighting up while they locked ’20 after breaking a part of the Deadheads’ countercultural ritual, and a “universally understood invitation to get high.”

4-20 continued to survive through oral tradition until 1990, when a mysterious flyer promoting the date arrived at High Times’ offices in New York. The flyer had come all the way from a Grateful Dead concert in Oakland, California.

High Times published the text of the handout in 1991, which said that 4-20 originated in San Rafael because that was the postcode for marijuana smoking in progress. It wasn’t until 1998 when the magazine finally debunked this myth and attributed the dawn of the 4-20 era to the Waldos.

Even so, since 1991, High Times has taken it upon itself to spread the word about 4-20, and has used its monthly publication to inform the rest of the country. “And now, 40 years later, 4-20 is no longer a secret. It is a powerful political force for marijuana reform, but it has everything to do with smoking.”

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The Stephan’s View

Jason Scoby works for Therapeutic Happa, a non-profit, member-based monthly magazine devoted to medical marijuana businesses. He is an American history buff. He was somewhat familiar with the story of the Waldos, but at the last minute, he realized he couldn’t talk about it.

“When I talk about 4-20 to people celebrating 4-20 when they don’t even know how it started?”

“Well, I guess you can’t really compare it to other holidays, like Thanksgiving, which has rationalization of hundreds of years of history behind it,” responded Scoby.

However, Scoby stressed the existence of holidays that have widely known beginnings, but which are an integral part of the American culture, and would be considered patriotic.

“Do gifts really have anything to do with Christmas?” he asked me, rhetorically. “No, they don’t. Gifts are just evidence of how that holiday has become more commercial,” said Scoby, answering his own question.

The Psychologist’s View

Dr. Kyle Barr is a consultant and psychological counselor at the University. While familiar with the story of the Waldos, he was somewhat unaware of the day’s popularity amongst the student population until he enlightened himself.

Barr believes that 4-20’s timing makes sense. “It’s a day of collective shame,” he said. “We’ll use the excuse, it’s okay, it’s 4-20,” he said. More people are participating in 4-20, appearing even more acceptable because it seems as if everybody else is celebrating too, said Barr.

The Cop’s View

Detective Kyle Barr believes that Steve Peters of the Ocean Township Police Department has been a police officer for 24 years. “4-20 has no meaning to society, other than people who smoke marijuan,” he said.

“If you’re a good guy, or refer to yourself as a good guy, you know who smoke marijuan,” he said.

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Thirsty Student Traveling: Philadelphia

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FEATURES EDITOR

One of the beauties of being a resident of the state of New Jerse - is that no matter where you live in the state, north, south, you’re close to a city.

While driving through South Jersey, the signs for Philadelphia are beyond enticing, and like New York, it is a place that many of us are familiar with. A day spent in the historic city will cost you significantly less than needed to be had at the Mutter Museum. However, if you’re a tourist, it is a nearby destination for people who want to just enjoy the city by exercising, whether by just walking, running, playing frisbee, or bicy- cling. It is a four-mile road that runs along the Schuylkill River, and is closed off to vehicle traffic. You can’t leave Philadelphia without a visit to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the Liberty Bell. Not only are the statues and hoagies among locals’ favorite pastimes, but the food is also incredible. For about $5 you can get a foot long hoagie with all the fixings.

There’s an endless amount of things to do and see in Philadelphia, from locals or individuals who want to learn more about American History. Most of these sites are either free or very affordable, so when you run out of things to do this summer, try spending the days getting lost in history.
The weather is sweltering, high 80’s with no breeze grazing the nape of your neck. The sun is beating down on you as you stumble along the unpaved dirt roads. The city is pleasant, but it's no tulip- lined streets in the Netherlands.

The poverty is noticeable, but you’ve probably seen worse. The people are more or less a part of who you are for the moment. You act like they’re known you for your entire life. And right at the center of those gracious, hard-working people is 22-year-old Octavia Okoe-Quansah.

Okoe-Quansah, a Monmouth University senior studying social work, will be the first of her immediate family to graduate from college. According to Octavia, her father brings Ghana home a little too often. “My dad wants me to get married, but only if he’s from Ghana. My response? I say only if he’s hot!”

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There are certain moments in a life that you will never forget. Remember that you’re in love for the first time, having a crush on someone to be your ready, accomplishing something you thought was impossible. Four years ago, I was told that the most attractive quality of the city of Pittsburgh is its “small town” attitude. One of the most attractive qualities of the Pittsburgh is the city’s many attractions are not expensive and very accessible. The city of Pittsburgh has established quite a reputation. Mostly for black and yellow. "Never go against the family" is the best way to sum up how I feel about Steel City’s many attractions are not expensive and very accessible. More importantly, friends. Thank you for teaching me that when life goes on at The Outlet. Staff: To Morganne – for Nike and of the favorite football team. To Taylor, here’s to proving astrology never having met. Without them, growing up made me feel even less, and with them, even the worst of times eventually got better. Mike, come home faster. Here’s to the amazing ladies I have in my life that would bring Carrie, Miranda, Samantha, and Chrissy to Pittsburgh. If they were about “vanilla almond,” “fruity drinks. The historical Duquesne Incline in downtown Pittsburgh is an absolute must for travelers wishing to see one of the best views of the city. For just $4.50, you take a ride in a cable car on one of the only remaining inclines in the country. Once you reach the top, you not only get to Pittsburg, but there is a museum of the history of the city. In Steel City, you will never go hungry. Take a walk through The Strip District, also known as downtown Pittsburgh’s “The Strip,” for some of the most original mom and pop type stores and food markets. With one hand in an antique store, you’ll find the other in all of the original food shops. The Pittsburgh Penguins Company is a popular spot to stop by in this area for a treat. Each week, they feature new pop corn flavors with the small sizes starting at about $4. Starting April 28, it’s about “vanilla almond,” “fruity Hearing to photographs, film to sculpture, to the minutes we’ve spent in silence because we understood without speaking the songs that have become the soundtrack to our lives, and the countless pag- Sound of the storm that comes around after the rain. "Never go against the family" is the best way to sum up how I feel about the city of Pittsburgh. Thank you to Dr. Starke, for revealing the beauty of sonnets, and to Professor Morano in the Com- munication Department who have taught me the most in all of the original food shops. The Pittsburgh Penguins Company is a popular spot to stop by in this area for a treat. Each week, they feature new pop corn flavors with the small sizes starting at about $4. Starting April 28, it’s about “vanilla almond,” “fruity

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The Monmouth Oral Communication Center (MOCC) officially became an organization on campus this semester. The student-run center is to help students become better public speaking professors, the MOCC is trying to receive funding. This new organization is the brainchild of a student who has re- hired a group of students who are tied to the University because they have two faculty recommendations, and has a high GPA.

The new organization is primarily associated with MOCC is Public Speaking (CO-220), students are invited to use its resources. In order to raise awareness about the new organization, MOCC has introduced its program to faculty across campus and they refer students who are preparing pre- sentations.

Jennifer Christetz, the advisor for MOCC, said, “We have had excellent feedback from students about the program. Students who are already good at public speaking report that they improved their public speaking skills or that they address or even that they did not improve aspects they wanted to improve. Students who came to enjoy some tutoring sessions for their class, but now have had students who ‘fear’ pub- lic speaking resolve those issues with us.”

When an outside reviewer came to the University to look at the Department of Communication in spring 2010, they believed that the University did not already have some type of peer tutoring available. However, what the reviewers did not have access to was the oral communication professor, Lorna Schmidt, and Professor Rebecca Sanford, who is the assistant director for the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Summer 2010 Forum. This new MOCC will take place again this coming summer.

Schmidt said that in doing this, she realized that there was no oth- er program quite like this, and it is her goal to structure this program to help students get them more comfortable. Then, the tutors can help with speeches, debates, impromptu speaking, and practicing speeches. She says that she has been tutoring one student who recently had to attend tutoring sessions for her class, but has now returned twice for help with her projects and getting back on her speeches, even though she now is a more confident public speaker.

“The public speaking is a skill that not everyone is comfortable with. However, no matter what job you go into, at one point you will have to speak in public,” said Fahrenkrug. “The MOCC pro- vides students with the chance to perfect their public speaking skills so they can hold themselves up high in the real world. This is a chance for business, education, and a major to receive communication credits that they might not receive in any of their classes.”

During the past year, MOCC was located in the Center of Stu- dent Activities and moved to Plangere so that there can be constant hours and a stable location. Walk-ins will be accepted in the fall semester, but toward an appointment will be required, which can be made via TutorTack.

Students from any major can become a tutor for the MOCC, as long as they have taken CO-220 or equivalent. They should contact Professor Lorna Schmidt.

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Andy Hendrickson has made his name known. He has performed in many comedy-related festivals and made the finals of the Great Ameri- can Comedy Festival last June and was an episode on the hit NBC show 30 Rock last April. He has been invited over 100 col- leges as comedy clubs and is regularly seen at the famous Comedy Cellar in New York City. Andy has per- formed in several countries all over Europe and for the troops in the Mid- dle East, and has had multiple ap- pearances in the Bob and Tom radio show on WFAN 101.9 in New York City.

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Hendrickson to perform at Java City on April 20.

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What do you miss about MU during the summer months?

**Compiled by: Robyn Flynn**

**Joe**

“The There’s no open buffet at home like at the Dining Hall.”

**Danielle**

“Seeing all my classmates and professors on a daily basis.”

**Erin**

“Living in the same town as my friends.”

**Deeptal**

“The quesadillas from the Student Center.”

**Kathryn**

“I miss the clubs and activities I participate in on campus during the school year.”

**Nicholas**

“Living in the same town as my friends.”

**Danielle**

“Coming to the Student Center to hang out and see everyone.”

**Tamari**

“The students from the Political Science department.”

**Cathy**

“The smoothies from Java City.”

**Joe**

“Weather is not as nice on campus.”

**Anthony**

“The social aspect of the school year.”

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**Kathryn**

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**Erin**

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**Campus Activities This Week**

**Wednesday, April 27**

- FLW: Professional Workshop 11am-2pm Anacon B
- Spoken Word by George Watsky 7pm Anacon B
- Pancake Breakfast 10pm Spruce Basement
- Farewell to First Year 2pm Res. Quad

**Thursday, April 28**

- Denim Day 11am-2pm RSSC Patio
- FLW: Wilson Hall Auditorium 8:30pm Wilson Hall Auditorium
- LNL Poetry Night 10pm Oakwood Lounge

**Friday, April 29**

- "FLW: Student BBQ 1pm Res. Quad (Rain Date)"
- Mocktail Happy Hour featuring Status Green 6-8pm Res. Quad
- Student Awards Ceremony 7pm Pollak Theatre
- Movie: No Strings Attached 8pm Res. Quad Court

**Saturday, April 30**

- Softball vs. CCSU 1pm Softball Field
- Il Trovatore – Verdi (Live in HD) 1pm Pollak Theatre
- Outdoor Movie: The Roommate 4pm Res. Quad
  *Rain site: Oakwood Lounge*
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- Glow in the Dark Volleyball 8pm Res. Quad Court

**Sunday, May 1**

- Springfest Shadow Lawn (Rain site RSSC)
- Opening: Annual Student Show 1pm 800 / Ice House
- BBQ 3pm Catholic Center

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**Meetings Cont.**

**Tuesdays**

- CommWorks: 2:30pm Plangere 235
- Friends of Socrates 11:30am McAllan Hall 123

**Thursdays**

- Environmental Club 3pm, 3rd Floor RSSC
- IRA 7:30pm, McAllan Hall 123

**Wednesday, May 4**

- Clubs Send in Your Spring 2011 Meeting Times!
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**Weekend on the Quad**

**Friday, April 29**

- Live Performance by Status Green
- Mocktails being served by SAB

  *Rain Location: RSSC Cafeteria*

**Saturday, April 30**

- Outdoor Movie: The Roommate 8pm

  *Rain Location: Oakwood Lounge*
When Mary Shelley created the Frankenstein's monster in 1818, it was never thought of that he would appear in comic books. However, it has been translated into comics by writers and artists as the Frankenstein monster has been presented in films and novels. Many titles have been given to the monster as he travels to places like New Orleans and March 2010. The status of the monster is unknown at the moment. According to the comic's description, the monster was presented as a hero that comes like a god and having to deal with his creator, who has gone mad cutting up innocents to bring to life a new creation. The intense writing and darkly comic to consider is “Doc Frankenstein,” which was developed with assistance from The Matrix filmmakers. Created by Geoff Dixon and Steve Skorce, written by the Wachowski siblings, and drawn by Skorce, this comic book features the monster as a hero that has lived for a couple of centuries, has an incredible intellect, and a lot of things people don’t normally consider. He has money, political influence, and a lot of things that he has lived for a couple of centuries. However, the monster was presented as a hero that comes like a god and having to deal with his creator, who has gone mad cutting up innocents to bring to life a new creation. The intense writing and darkly comic to consider is “Doc Frankenstein,” which was developed with assistance from The Matrix filmmakers. Created by Geoff Dixon and Steve Skorce, written by the Wachowski siblings, and drawn by Skorce, this comic book features the monster as a hero that has lived for a couple of centuries.
**Baseball Team Extends Winning Streak to Ten**

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The Monmouth University Softball team sits seventh in the NEC standings with a record of 6-8 in the conference (13-18 overall). After a couple weeks remaining in the season, the Hawks hope to improve their position in the NEC and make a run in the conference tournament.

Coach Louie Berndt knows there is room for improvement. She said, “Well at 6-8 I would hope we do change things such as hitting with runners in scoring position. We are leaving way too many runners on base and have run- ning close out a game. Our defense is doing a good job. We just need to get our hitters putting the ball in play with runners on base and cutting down on the double plays.”

Kuzma, batting .333 on the season, leads the team in RBIs with 26. She is followed by deLong, with 21 RBIs. Opposing pitchers have proved to be intimidated by Kuzma. She has drawn 15 walks on the season, leading the team in that category. Christine Scherr and Kuzma lead the team in hits with 32 each. Scherr is also second on the team with a .337 batting average.

Pitching and defense has been a strength for the Hawks all season. The team has used three pitchers this season: Lauren Sulick, Michelle Rupp, and Dana Palms.

Lauren Sulick is the team’s ace. She leads the team in ERA (2.10), strikeouts (92) and wins (14). Sulick has also thrown 18 complete games. Opp oponents are only batting .223 against her. Monmouth’s defense has been strong most of the month with runners on base, with a fielding percentage of 96 percent. In 33 games this season, the Hawks have committed 56 errors.

Indecent weather has also been a thorn in the Hawks side all season. Eleven games have been postponed or cancelled due to rain/threat of rain thus far. It’s tough for a team to develop consistency when games are getting cancelled every two weeks. The Hawks aren’t going to let the rain be their excuse for inconsistency. Berndt said, “Well as you always say take advantage of the opportunities you have because you don’t know what tomorrow may bring. I don’t think the weather has helped or hurt us. Obviously we want to play and continue to work on things but you can only control the things you can control and the weather is not one of them. You get into a rhythm with hitting during pre game warm ups and you go from there. Hitting is cons tious and when you have the right mind set and attitude it rubs off on your teammates.”

Lack of consistency has led to the team having some highs and lows on the season. The Hawks’ highest high came on March 26. They swept a double-head ers against Robert Morris (current ly the third-place team in the confer ence). The games were won 1-0 and 4-2. Emily deLong carried the offense with a strong day, including a walk-off home run in the first game. Later Sulick pitched both games to lead the Hawks to victory.

Lows have come as often as for Monmouth this year. The team’s lowest est point has been the last four games. Before these games, the Hawks were 6-4 in the NEC and in good position for the conference tournament. Now, they are tied for the seventh seed and have to fight the rest of the year.

Two teams ahead of the Hawks in the NEC standins remain on the team’s schedule. Central Connecticut State comes to West Long Branch on April 30 for a doubleheader. Monmouth visits Wagner for two games on May 1. Berndt knows how important these NEC games are for the team. She said, “Well we need to win all games. We have no room for mistakes. We need to capitalize and score runs when the opportunity is there, play solid de fense and our pitching needs to shut down their hitters. With the time off the players should be well rested and ready to compete.”

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Women’s Lacrosse Falls to Quinnipiac and Misses NEC Tournament

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“Sacrificed Heart lost to Mount St. Mary, 10-9 eliminating all chances for the Hawks to make the play- offs. Since the beginning of the North East Conference Tourna- ment this will be the first time Monmouth will not make it out of pool play. Before this season, Monmouth has been the only team to make 13 consecutive appearances in the tournament.

Monmouth finishes the season 10-7 overall and 5-4 in conference Play. Despite the season, Monmouth has ended their hopeful season. Quinnipiac sealing the win against the Hawks secured a first place bid and will host the NEC conference tournament.

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