Hurricane Sandy Devastates New Jersey Coastline

The Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC), served as one of the largest hurricane shelters in New Jersey, housing 1,050 displaced people.

University Closed for Classes, Open for Victims

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While many students went home to avoid being on campus for the wrath of Hurricane Sandy, the University opened up its doors to the outside community and offered up the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) and Boylan Gymnasium as a shelter for 1,050 people from all over the state.

"The MAC is a great facility and is the best facility in Monmouth County for getting a lot of people in shelter for a short period of time," said President Paul Gaffney II. Prior to Hurricane Sandy's arrival, Gaffney and the Vice Presidents discussed the forecast of the storm and decided to close school on that Monday and Tuesday. As the storm continued to trek North, the University was contacted by the State Office of Homeland Security and the County Office of Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office, who inquired about using the MAC and Boylan Gym as temporary emergency shelters. The University agreed, and supplies like food, cots, and blankets began to be brought in. The layout of the shelter at the MAC changed as more and more evacuees arrived. Boylan Gym was split in half, as one side of the wall was used as a check-in point where people would register and get wristbands to show they were signed up. Cots were set up on the other side, where people could sleep.

Boylan can fit anywhere from 400-500 people, even more evacuees continued to arrive. MAC Shelter continued on pg. 3

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President Obama Wins Re-Election

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President Barack Obama defeated Republican nominee Mitt Romney to earn a second term as President of the United States by an Electoral College count of 332 to 206 on November 6.

Obama won 26 states and the D.C. district while Romney won 24 states. Obama won major swing states such as Ohio, Colorado and Florida. Obama also won the popular vote by approximately three million votes.

Susan Pageo, political science major and first time voter, felt this was an exciting race. "It was the first time that I was able to vote, and I am glad that it was in such a thrilling election. I, personally, was ecstatic with the outcome because I think President Obama has the superior plans for the direction of our nation," said Pagano.

Nicole Bizzoco, political science professor, was surprised about aspects of this race. "I think the campaign leading up to was unprecedentedly expensive, negative and plagued by small-issue debates on both sides. That being said, I did feel there were real differences between the candidates on a number of issues, social issues such as women's rights and marriage equality in particular. I was surprised by the president's margin of victory; I was expecting a much closer race."

The age group of 18 to 24 accounted for 19 percent of the electorate. This has forced both parties to now deal with issues important to this age group.

Pagano believes this helped Obama win the election. "I think both candidates tried to appeal to college and youth voters by making education an important issue up for debate. College loans and financial aid are a huge deciding factor for many college students."

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University students Christina Gonzalez and Dana Oppenheim told an audience at Healy Hall about a new program that they are starting for the University called Eye to Eye on October 24.

Eye to Eye is a not-for-profit, after-school mentoring program for students with learning disabilities whose main goal is to teach the next generation to become advocates for themselves.

The idea is to pair older students who have learning disabilities with younger students who share a common hobby or interest. The goal is to see if there is hope for the future, that if these older students can survive and make it through school work. It's all about fun and art and finding their own voice, said Oppenheim. At the end of each session, the kids stand up and present their project to the rest of the class. The mentors can do it for them in the beginning, but the goal is to get the kids to stand up and talk to the group. “Art makes for an easy environment,” said Oppenheim. “There’s a purity behind each art project.” The confidence gained in Eye to Eye provided her the confidence to stand up into the classroom environment.

At the end of the presentation, Oppenheim and Gonzalez shared advice for professors and teachers who work with learning disabled students. “When teachers are open to change, it helps,” said Oppenheim. “Little things, like not being so strict about the way things need to be done. Being aware, reciprocating and acknowledging the student wants to do well, helps.”

“Having extra help, extra explanations, little things are so helpful,” said Gonzalez. “Being patient is so helpful.”

Heather Kelly, the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives, expressed her pride for the Disability Awareness Month program which was handled this year at the University.

"Altogether we had seven programs for the month which were all successful and we are very proud of the accomplishments," said Kelly. "Our keynote speaker was Matt Stutman who is an Olympic Silver Medalist in archery and was born without arms. We also had guests on depression and anxiety where we had a turnout of 900 students. This was a successful month for us over all.”

There are currently six students registered as mentors at the University. If any student, who has a registered learning disability with Disability Services, is interested in becoming a mentor, talk to Disabilty Services in the Student Center. Students who do not have learning disabilities can also be a part of the program as allies. Contact Disability Services for more information on how to become an ally. You can also check www.eye-to-eye.org for more information about the program.

Dear Students,

Well, it was an interesting two weeks of meteorology, disaster relief and closing/opening decisions. Your patience and model cooperation was commendable. Thank you.

I think we made a very good decision about closing well in advance of Superstorm Sandy’s landing. The accuracy of the Winter Storm Athena was more problematic, as winds never developed, but snow and plummeting temperatures caused two emergency closings.

Many of the employees you see on campus every day were real heroes in establishing and operating a temporary shelter in Boylan and the MAC for eleven days while you were gone. At its peak the shelter helped over 1000 evacuees. As soon as Sandy passed us a number of emergency and government agencies began to place the evacuees in more appropriate or longer-term shelters, nonetheless the MU temporary shelter remained operational for a small number of people until Wednesday, November 7th. If you see a custodian, policeman, electrician, facilities staff person, thank her or him.

I have asked the SGA to be the single point of contact in organizing any campus-wide post-storms charity effort.

We are back together until Winter Holiday break. I ask you to focus your every effort now on successfully completing your course work, so you can move onward towards graduation. Your faculty is focused on your success as well. Please work directly with your teachers and academic advisors if you have questions about finishing the semester.

Thank you,

Paul Gaffney II
President
The MAC Shelters Over 1,000 Evacuees

After Boylan Gymnasium was filled with about 400 evacuees, space in the MAC was used as more room was needed.

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The space inside the MAC was utilized to accommodate the growing numbers. The MAC filled up and all of the main processing moved to the main lobby of the MAC and made sure things were kept clean. Gaffney said the staff was fantastic.

"Custodians, who work in the academic and residential buildings, came in without regards to the weather and some worked for over 15 hours," said Gaffney. "They weren't asking for anything because they were talking to the people who were stranded."

Evelyn Herrera was one of the custodial staff who did work in 15 hour shifts. "The whole thing was a learning experience," said Herrera. "We saw all different kinds of people in that building and I would have to say we learned a lot from them and they learned a lot from us."

She said everyone in the shelter felt comfortable and it gave many a sense of home. She brought up one story of a couple who was homeless and living in a gazebo in Asbury Park. "The shelter was a godsend to people like this," said Herrera. "It was a place where they could come get a hot meal, keep warm and get the help they needed."

"As far as expenses go, ARA-MARK fed all the sheriff officers and the Red Cross volunteers, the army, National Guard and the different children services that were here, said Vice President of Administrative Services, Patti Swannack. She said they also had to pay the custodial staff for the long hours they were putting in. The University's claim to Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) should be around $100,000. Swannack felt sorry for a lot of the people who were in the shelter.

"There were families that came in and for days they didn't know if their homes were still standing, they really didn't know," said Swannack. "But I think it was a model operation. We did everything we possibly could to make them feel comfortable and to try to ease the burden and their stress as much as possible.

Gaffney said the University would be happy to allow the MAC to be used as a temporary shelter again in the future, just not for a long term shelter due to conditions. "It was great for a temporary shelter; there was warmth, light and safety, but the place to live for months or weeks, probably not the best," he said.

Despite the shelter not being the best for long term, many felt it worked out nicely and President Gaffney said the University will do it again if needed in the future.

"For one, the shelter worked and it also showed that as a community we are able to help each other and give people from our local community help in times of need," said Herrera.

Additional reporting done by Jacklyn Kousefati.

Many trees fell on campus during Hurricane Sandy but fortunately there was no significant damage.

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Campus Deals with the Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

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Sofia Karanam remained in their dorm room in Maplewood together and had no power from Monday, October 29 to Thursday, November 1 when they got it back at around 7:30 pm. Scirocco explained that they spent a lot of time in the Dining Hall and were able to eat even though neither of them had to go to class.

However, on the last day without power, Scirocco and her roommate went to eat at the Dining Hall and both of them had to pay for their meals. "I think the University should have kept the Dining Hall open and free to those staying on campus as long as we did not have power because we did not have a microwave or an oven to use and all of our food was going bad in the refrigerator," Scirocco said. Gaffney explained that the Dining Hall was the "command center" of the University. It was running on an emergency generator that had failed a few weeks ago. Because the Dining Hall had power, that is where the emails were sent from and the Facebook updates were made informing students and faculty about any new information.

A concern for Lisa Sypniewski, junior, was how the University was going to react regarding the time period when the school was closed. "We're going to cancel the winter holiday," Gaffney said with a smile. "No, we're trusting that the students are going to work extra hard and they're probably happy to be back in class after sitting there for 11 days. We know professors are going to work extra hard to find a way to get everyone through material they need to learn and to finish the semester on time."

He continued to say that classes will not run later into the winter holiday and students and faculty will not be returning any earlier from the winter break. However, Gaffney added, "I say that caution because if we get another storm and have to close for the week, all bets are off and that's for all of the eastern half of America."

The date of the University reopening was pushed back several times. "It was going to be a lot of those areas still didn't have power. Is it really safe to put students in lights and then use candles?" She explained that the motivation behind changing the date several times was because safety was their primary concern.

According to Swannack, the President’s Cabinet and the Vice Presidents involved met everyday at 9:00 am to make final decisions for that day. "How do you say to somebody we're open for business, get in your car and drive to campus? It's not safe," she said.

Gaffney believes that classes and schedules will be able to get back to normal after Hurricane Sandy. "I have great faith in the faculty being able to work with the students to get this done," he said. If students, faculty or others outside of the school wish to help Hurricane Sandy victims, they can through the new program launched by the University called Monmouth Hawks Fly Together For Relief. The program aims at helping anyone who has suffered from the storm. Information about it and donations can be made on www.monmouth.edu/relief.

Additional reporting done by Brett Bodner.
On October 16, the first official University task force was charged with the duty of dealing with the academic schedule and framing system. The task force was created by Dr. Thomas S. Provost, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Donald Smith, Faculty Council senior representative. Students received emails on Oct. 17 about the start of the task force and its intended purpose. According to the task force creators, academic scheduling and framing have seen issues every year through a wide variety of complications ranging from outside groups, sporting events, issues of space and parking or even semester arrangement. “We oftentimes noticed that there were a lot of things about the schedule that weren’t all ideal,” said Smith. “In terms of the calendar, many things have come up over time where we have had unsuccessful attempts.”

The task force members hope to find solutions that will benefit all to parts of the University community. “We know that many of our students live off campus and on the shore and are unable to move in until after Labor Day so we cannot begin the semester earlier, and that of course, puts pressure on when we finish the semester,” said Pearson.

The charge, or set of instructions, includes: coming up with two or three possible solutions to the problems at hand, evaluating the pros and cons of each and if possible, reaching a consensus that is agreed upon and effective. “We’re asking the task force to take a broad look at the calendar and make improvements,” said Pearson. “These are the University’s needs and the issues are important so we hope to put together a force of fifteen well-placed people.”

Dr. Joseph Patten, associate professor and Chair of the Department of Psychological Science, heads the task force that consists of fifteen diverse members representing all corners of the University.

The participants on the force, carefully handpicked, are as follows: Harvey Allen (assistant professor), Christine Benol (Assistant Vice President of Enrollment and Management/Director of Enrollment Research and Tech Support), Dr. Edward Christiansen (Vice President for Information Management), Alex D. Erroux (graduate student representative), Dr. George Kapalka (Chair of the Psychological Counsel- ing Department), Mary Anne Nagy (Vice President of Student and Community Services), Susan O’Keefe (Associate Vice President for Acad- emic Administration/Registrar), David Paul (associate professor), Dr. Lynne Romeo (Dean of the School of Education), Richard Scherr (as- sociate professor), Raymond Stambaugh (graduate student representative), Dr. David Strichman (Associate Vice President for Academic and Institutional Assessment), Patricia Swan- nack (Vice President for Administrative Services) and Kelly Ward (professor).

The ultimate goal of the task force is to brainstorm resourceful solutions that will benefit the University. In doing this, Pearson said the force members were instructed to not only look at what the University has done over the years, but also to look at what other Universities are doing. “I don’t think that anybody has any specific agenda or mindset or plan as to where the task force should go,” said Patten. “People involved came at it with an open mind. The goal is to take a look at issues and see what we do well. There’s no set mindset for any particular change.”

While it remains unrealistic that every single member of the University community can be pleased by the outcome, the task force has accepted the challenge and hopes to seek input from all corners of the University campus. Patten stresses the importance of student involvement in saying, “At the end of the day we’re all here to help students succeed, and it’s critical that students have a lot of input. The task force will see to it that all voices are heard so to create opportunities for all students to share their views.”

Patten encourages students to voice their opinions and says, “The task force wants input from everybody in our campus community – students, faculty, employees, admin- istration. The academic calendar and framing aspects impact everyone and you can’t have a serious discussion without a broad consensus, especially in the early stages.” For anyone looking to submit opinions and com- mentary about the task force, Patten can be reached via email at jtpatten@ monmouth.edu.
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Most people went without power for a couple of days, while others were forced to dig through rubble remaining of their homes to try and salvage anything they could. It is those who weren’t as fortunate after the storm we have to look after, especially the ones who are a part of our campus community. There are many different ways people can get involved in helping the victims of Hurricane Sandy. You can donate supplies like work gloves, paper towels, plastic bags, cleaning sprays, and even tools. The weather is starting to get colder now as winter approaches, so you can donate things like sweatshirts, jackets, gloves, blankets, etc.

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An internship experience can have a great impact on the career path students choose.

VICTORIA JORDAN  STAFF WRITER

As an upperclassman, I am gaining as much hands-on experience as I can in my field as possible through my on-campus involvement and internship opportunities. I work for DeSales University, and our school clubs have been very involved this year not only to socialize with other students and network, but also to gain quality experience in many different areas of interest within my field.

However, my internship experiences have not met a lot of my expectations, and I am sure some other students can relate. In fact, my internships were much less enjoyable than I would have hoped. I could have walked away from them as soon as I started if I was offered a better opportunity. However, I learned just as much through these poor experiences.

Our vision is always 20/20 when looking back, so I was able to find a lot of beneficial and positive advice for myself and others, which was based on my negative experiences.

Before I began to write this essay, I realized: to begin with advice to underclassmen: begin your search for an internship now. Even if a company, organization, or business does not refer to it as an “internship,” volunteering is a great way to get your foot in the door.

Not only is it a resume booster, but you can develop important and long-lasting relationships with professionals and potential employers. Networking cannot be emphasized enough during your early college years.

My summer internship was with a small health foundation near my hometown. I wanted to follow my passion for health and wellness and was thrilled to be in a hospital environment. The foundation also had connections to a Wellness Center that had just opened, so I had many opportunities to learn about and practice career-related skills.

My main goal upon beginning this internship was to spark an even greater inspiration to fulfill my passion for health and wellness public relations. Although I have always been interested in the field of public relations, I was not pursuing it as a profession. This internship not only showed me the one-sided foundation-focused view of public relations and media work. I was not able to gain more in-depth experience or learn about the aspect of the foundation, nor was I able to utilize my skills and knowledge in writing. Aside from the monotonous day-to-day routine of updating the media list and sending out press releases, the summer internship experience did not meet much of my hopes.

However, this internship taught me so many things about myself and my desired career that I would not have known if I hadn’t stuck it out for four months. I realized that my true enjoyment lies within my ability to write and edit, two things I was not given the opportunity to pursue at the internship. Since I was extremely limited to what I could write, I started my own blog which I maintain today. This allowed me to share my passion for health and wellness with others, and I was able to start my own freelance writing business.

Since I wanted to make the experience as enjoyable as possible, I made sure to check in with my boss once a week to gather not only the duties she needed completed but also to see what other departmental areas could use my assistance. I am really grateful for my enthusiasm for learning.

If you can relate to a similar experience, reach out to your boss and let him or her know that you want to help. It will not only help you grow as a professional but also make your boss feel more appreciated as well.

In our society, there is so much pressure to be “perfect.” The whole idea of body image has become headline news, with articles about celebrities and their weight. There are constantly ads about diet pills and the “secret food” that will help you lose that belly fat. Not only do these ads not change the way we look at ourselves, but they also create unrealistic expectations. This makes people feel like they don’t measure up, even if they are healthy and fit. It is so important to know that no one is perfect and that we all have our own unique qualities that make us who we are.

Understanding that negative experiences will occur, especially in your career, is the best way to move forward toward a better experience.

RACHEL GRAMUGLIA  STAFF WRITER

Where’s the food? Joe Paterno was at the helm of football on campus because if there wasn’t, we may have a problem. I’m talking about the options. Those options are becoming more numerous.

For example, the Student Center is one place on campus where the students definitely have some opinions. The food court has many options, including Java City, Raising Canes, and Shadows on Main. However, the choices that the students definitely don’t want are non-existent. As a result of the backlash, Disney will no longer release Breadwinners, and Crossovers are being altered for fashion’s sake. There are many vegetarians out there, and they don’t need to revamp menus, but we do. We need better options in the dining halls, and the students definitely want more.

Barney’s are seeing the big picture because they want to maintain that healthy diet. Minnie Mouse is a female icon, and we want to maintain that recognizability. As a result of the backlash, Disney will no longer release Breadwinners, and Crossovers are being altered for fashion’s sake. There are many vegetarians out there, and they don’t need to revamp menus, but we do. We need better options in the dining halls, and the students definitely want more.

But what about sushi? I understand that many students feel that the options are lacking. It is difficult to find a sushi place that offers many options, but there are a few places on campus that offer a variety of sushi choices. For example, the Student Center has several sushi options, including Sushi Express, Sushi Express 2, and Hana. These places offer a variety of sushi choices, including California rolls, spicy tuna rolls, and various other sushi rolls.

In conclusion, the options are definitely improving, and the students are definitely happy. The options are definitely better, and the students are definitely satisfied. The options are definitely improving, and the students are definitely happy. The options are definitely better, and the students are definitely satisfied.
Hurricane Sandy Causes People to Re-evaluate Priorities

After Storm Ravages Homes, Livelihoods, Many Take Time to Consider What is Important

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OPINION EDITOR

Too many people have seen innumerable instances of natural disaster over the past few weeks at the hands of Hurricane Sandy. She blew through our region, destroying homes, property, hopes, and spirits. However, despite the hurt and pain she caused, I can attest to the fact that there was an important lesson to be learned by everyone, whether they felt major effects of the storm or not.

The age old cliché tells us that we should be appreciative of the things we have because we don’t really know what we have until it is gone. Most of the people who used this piece of advice go through one ear and out the other. But it is at times like this when true words have never been spoken. Sandy took so much with her and left behind levels of destruction never before seen in many parts of New Jersey.

What people lost their electricity for a mere few hours, there are many people today still living without heat, power, water, or electricity. As one of the people who only lost power during the storm, I was fortunate enough to be able to go to my sister’s house with electricity. Finally being able to use the phone, I called my cell phone, check my email, and take a hot shower felt like the greatest gift I had ever been given. I had compared the previous two days to torture.

Although the decimation of the Jersey Shore is the most prominent effect of the storm to many people, the loss of lives and homes is what is more prevalent.

An episode of Dateline on NBC profiled a family who evacuated in time for the storm, but they went back a few days later to survey the damage, and what the family saw was incredibly moving.

Their entire house had been upset and blown nearly ten feet from where it originally stood. Baby books, wedding albums, and all of the things that define who we are as people could have so much hope and optimism. Meanwhile, after the first 24 hours without electricity, I felt as if I would not survive and had nowhere to turn because I could not communicate with anyone.

When faced with tragedy, it is difficult to keep things in perspective, but it is crucial that one always remember the things that are truly important in life. While some people were simply without phone or television access for a few days, others lost family members, including children.

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People come together and help one another out in times of need such as volunteering their time and donating resources to those uprooted by Hurricane Sandy.

Volunteering during times of need, such as in the case of Hurricane Sandy, becomes a priority for many people.

For me, it is a responsibility to help those that have lost so much. Why? New Jersey is home to me. It is home to many of those that endure the pain of loss are neighbors, friends, and family. I feel morally obligated to help them.

Mitch Romney stated that “it is within the American spirit to help people.” Giving of ourselves is so much more than many of us realize.

What can each of us do to help victims of this natural disaster?

Clean up neighborhoods and homes in the affected areas, make physical and monetary donations for victims, work with an organization to host fundraisers or events toward the cause, and prepare meals and snacks for the shelters.

The opportunities are endless.

I know my home state of New Jersey has shined with its efforts to provide shelter, clothing, food, and essentials to those in need during the end of the tunnel to those coping with the hurricane destruction.

Visit www.redcross.org to make a monetary donation to support Hurricane Sandy relief efforts or www.longbranch.patch.com to help with post-hurricane relief efforts in that area.

Being a hero to those that need one.
Romney/Ryan Fall Short of Presidency

America Chooses “Forward”

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Many students may not be able to get a college education without the various types of financial aid. I also think that the candidates made use of social networking sites, like Facebook and Twitter, to reach out to young voters.

Dr. Michael Phillips-Anderson, associate professor of communications, explained how the youth came out in larger numbers this time around (19 percent of the electorate compared to 8 percent in 2008). “The GOP did little to attract, especially for the Democratic party; for others though this win comes either as a surprise or as a pivotal defeat in the course the majority of the country has decided to take a look back during this election to see how this end result came about.

There has been a discussion about what the Republican team did wrong in their running for the presidency as noted by sophomore Jes-

Nogueira continued by saying, “I’ve noticed on most of the main media coverage’s of the election re-

eralded success, Colored Campaign, but I don’t think that he really did as bad as they [the media] made him out to be.” She also mentions that it was Romney’s cam-
paign that had driven her to vote for him. “I truly believe that the reason that we are going to see a repeat of what happened four years ago, all

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Nogueira continued by saying, “Akin’s running a sloppy cam-
paign, and while I may be biased because of the personal connection I have to it, I believe there is a person who has the heart to really reach out to his nation is more equipped to run over and over, and make a big deal out of nothing. I have my own ideas and I think that we have problems, a modern approach to the American. We voted for the right man for job, if it was 1982 and the future, Palaua said, “In many ways this election was a referendum on the first time because the we American election.”

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Sandy Rocks the Vote Like a Hurricane

BRITTANY HARDAKER

In an election filled with new obstacles, such as mandatory photo identification and the situation of voters who had their homes destroyed by Hurricane Sandy, New Jersey was one of the states that had to be moved around to offer displaced residents the opportunity to vote in-person throughout the state. While some poll sites lacked power on Election Day, eight counties had to change voting site locations, causing some residents to re-register and vote in a different location. As a result of the Hurricane, and the severe storm, voting was the least of their worries, Governor Chris Christie himself, “I want to thank every one of you who don’t get all of the help that you need, un-derstand that you are dealing with an unprecedented storm, damaged but w with a stronger sense of community than ever before.”

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Do you believe town officials could better prepare citizens for natural disasters?

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Rebecka
junior

"I think they could have prepared for the gas situation better. I feel if they did more work to get the gas stations up and running it wouldn’t have been such a problem."

Ariana
sophomore

"Yes, because we were not prepared and we suffered catastrophic losses."

Chris
freshman

"I think we should always prepare for the worst and I don’t think we do that a lot of times."

Gabrielle
junior

"I feel they could better prepare and inform people more. After they implemented the gas ration it cut down lines and chaos."

Emily
sophomore

"Yes. Previously putting power lines under ground would have helped. They should make them easy to fix."

Julia
freshman

"I don’t think people realized how serious this storm could have been. The University was prepared as a shelter but the towns could have been better prepared."

Casey
senior

"I know towns gave mandatory evacuation orders but maybe they could be more enforce that or give an incentive for people to leave."

Kristina
sophomore

"I think New Jersey did a good job. I gained so much respect for Chris Christie, he was calm and he kept everything in order. I think they dealt with everything really well."

Steven
senior

"I definitely do because in my town. Even before the storm, there were leaves and branches everywhere. I think they could better inform people of how to clean up and prepare for the storm."

Brian
senior

"I would say probably because in Florida it seems their houses don’t get as much damage because they are built for that kind of weather."


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Revamping Your Camping Through Local Sites

MAGGIE ZELINKA LIFESTYLES EDITOR

While the University has plenty of camping options on campus, there is one in every week, if one is looking to create an adventurous memory or camp with a group of friends together and appreciate the outdoors. While many may be unfamiliar with the terrain, there are plenty of campgrounds around Monmouth which have ideal conditions for beginners as well as experts.

The Outdoors Club advisor, Professor Reynolds, is well informed of which New Jersey campgrounds are prestigious choices. “We have several great campgrounds within an hour of our campus. Allaire State Park, Cheesesteak State Park, Bass River State Park. Our club’s favorite one is Worthington State Park,” Professor Reynolds said. “New Jersey State Parks are absolutely sensational.”

Located in Wall Township, the closest campsite to the University would be Allaire State Park. The campgrounds have 45 tent sites as well as trailer sites and four yurts. According to their website, yurts are “circular tents built on a wood frame, featuring wood floors, a deck and plexiglass skylight.” Their website also states the campground has six cabins with a wood stove that can sleep four people. As for the group campsite, the park is about an hour and a half drive for Allaire State Park campground offers discounts to any New Jersey resident.

The Adirondacks State Park is known for its scenic area along the trails as well as being a great campground. A campground near New Jersey’s southern border is New Jersey Trail Conference states, “This Park is a botanical preserve containing the world’s largest habitat of Barrens and mixed oak forest.” The New Jersey State Park website notes the park is 152 acres of woodland, which are accommodated by fire rings and picnic areas. Although the park does not open again until the spring, it is never too early to start planning a camping trip. The Park website also comments on how the Cheesesteak State Park does have restrooms as well as portable water.

Another campground Professor Reynolds mentioned was the Bass River State Park, otherwise known as the Bass River State Forest. According to the state’s official Parks and Forests webpage, the Bass River State Forest is “the first forest New Jersey preserved for public use as well as protected for nature’s sake. Taking up 67 acres in the center of the Jersey Shore, the State Forest is ideal for recreational purposes such as swimming, canoeing, and kayaking.”

Unlike many other campgrounds in New Jersey, Bass River State Park has 176 tent and trailer sites and is also pet friendly. Stateparks.com notes that the State Park has showers, restrooms, and even laundry facilities. Bass River State Park also has six lakeside cabins which can be rented for $65 a night or $455 a week, but these cabins can only be rented from April 1-Ocotober 31. Stateparks.com states the cabin’s accommodations are “flying room with double-deck bunk and fireplace; two bunk rooms with double-deck bunks; kitchen with running water, electric stove, refrigerator; bathroom with shower, toilet, and sink.” Along with all of these, the cabin includes an outdoor fire ring, screened in porch, and electricity which accommodating a total of six people. For more information, you can call the campground’s number or visit their website.

From camp, Worthington State Park is about an hour and a half drive from campus. According to the division of parks and forestry, the camp has 6,584 acres with over 26 trails, including 7 miles of the renowned Appalachian Trail. The Appalachian Trail continues through two other State Parks and is referred to as Old Mine Road. This trail used to be used to transport copper from the mines to the quarries and is also believed to have been an Indian trail. Stateparks.com states, “Worthington State Park has 69 tent and trailer sites as well as fire rings and picnic tables.” The park does have restrooms along with showers. The rate for Worthington State Park is $20 per night for campers and $35 per night for the park with fire rings as well as picnic areas.

If you instead feel the opposite and wish to go further, one of the most popular campgrounds in New Jersey is a mountain range known as the Adirondacks in upstate New York. One of the most well known parks is the Green Mountain National Forest in the nation by adventurejournal.com, the mountain range has been a national preserve since 1908. Unlike many mountain ranges, the Adirondacks do not go in a line but rather form a dome shape. Since it is such a large park, it is hard to pinpoint one great camping site. If you wish to find out more about the Adirondacks, visit visitadirondacks.com for information. Along with camping as an option, the Adirondacks also provide a great whitewater rafting adventure since the Hudson River runs right through the range.

Recently, sophomore Rachel Fox made her first trip to the mountain range and left in awe. “I was truly amazed at how beautiful it was,” Fox continued. “The Adirondacks looked even better than I expected and was worth seeing.”

The Adirondacks Mountain Range spans across six million acres of both land and water in upstate NY.

Helpful Tips to Keep in Mind When Packing to Camp

EYAN MYDLOWSKI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Regardless of the season or venue, every camper needs reliable equipment. It is hard for one to find these essentials on their own, so they have to plan their options, hence why it is important to bring along your own camping gear to any beginning or intermediate camp. To help make your camping trip as comfortable as possible, Professor William Reynolds, advisor to the Outdoors Club, believes there are three crucial fundamentals to bring when camping. “Essential would be a good light, an appropriate sleeping bag for the weather and changes of clothes along with socks,” Reynolds said.

Once the sleeping situation is handled, one has to pack the basics for a camping trip. According to wilderness.org, the required accessories for fall camping are: gloves, extra shoes, winter jacket, a tarp, garbage bags, extra blankets, small snacks, canteens, and clean water.

The Outdoors Club President, Greg Cenicola, adds that no matter what season, you must pack a ton of socks. “The most important thing to bring camping is extra socks,” Cenicola said. “If your feet are uncomfortable and get wet, you increase your chance to get an infection.”

“Even my first time hiking I was amazed at how beautiful it was,” Layton continued. “Never wear cotton because if you do (especially when it rains), you’re going to be uncomfortable,” Professor Reynolds has a different opinion of what the most important aspect is when prepping for a camping trip. “When you’re preparing to go camping, the most important things to bring with you is a great attitude and a friend,” Reynolds commented.

Now that you are well aware of how to prepare for a camping trip, it is time to begin your adventure.
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### Frozen Yogurt Has Taken Over East Coast Taste Buds

**KELLY HUGHES CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Though the summer days are long past, the frozen yogurt places attempt to keep the sweet tooth satisfied with a group of flavors that are sure to keep the customers coming back. Even the most discerning customers will find something they can eat at a frozen yogurt shop.

“Because people go to frozen yogurt places to treat themselves, it is important to have a variety of flavors that appeal to most people,” said Ioia, cared to comment on why she believes frozen yogurt is so popular.

### Candy Turkey

If you are in the mood for some dessert, with inspired flavors from pumpkin spice to gingerbread, there is no wrong with pancakes. But, some toppings can also feature fall flavors, such as caramelized apples and cinnamon, in addition to pumpkin spice and apple pie slices. These warm flavors pair well with cinnamon, nutmeg, and a sweet vinaigrette.

### Fall is also a great time of year for soup. With unlimited options, you might want to explore some new, like chicken tortilla or butternut squash. Add your favorite toppings to make them warm and filling. Stufing is easy to make and can be a perfect side to any meat, along with various fall flavors, from freshly roasted squash to the bowl and you have a warm, filling meal. Stufing is easy to make and can be a perfect side to any meat. The possibilities are endless for fall and easy seasonal snacks.

### Frozen yogurt chains are loyal to the classics, you can never go wrong with a standard apple or pumpkin pie. Warm up a slice and enjoy a cold lemonade.

If you are looking for a more satisfied breakfast, you can never go wrong with a hot bowl of oatmeal. But, sometimes, the plain old recipe gets a bit boring. This season, you can spice up your routine with some frozen yogurt chains.

### Frozen Yogurt is quite delicious.

If you are adventurous enough, you can make your own bar, using your favorite toppings. With a serious sweet tooth for a frozen yogurt bar, many people enjoy the "do it yourself" approach, which is currently in vogue.

### The frozen yogurt chains are certain to create whatever kind of frozen yogurt bar that you want them to make. But, if you try them from another, much like Top It, Froyo Beach, as well as Red Mango. These frozen yogurt places try to market their bars to a certain price paid per ounce. Toppings vary from healthy options like fresh fruit or granola to more indulgent choices such as cookie dough and brownies. The idea of the self-serve is for the customer to create whatever kind of frozen yogurt dessert they desire, and then add the toppings of choice. Most, if not all frozen yogurt places, charge by measuring the customer's cup size, since there is a certain price paid per ounce.

### With the frozen yogurt chains blooming all over the area, the media has recently called this "frozen yogurt war." These so-called wars are between those frozen yogurt places which are located fairly close to one another, each offering different flavors. Local frozen yogurt shops also feature fall flavors, such as pumpkin, and you can always add unlimited toppings.

### Snacks are an instant go-to on a chilly autumn evening. If you are not in the mood to make a trip to the grocery store, use what you have to make something spontaneous.

### Whether it be the more healthy approach, the “do it yourself” approach, or simply the fact that it’s a place to socialize, it’s quite obvious our generation is crazy about frozen yogurt. Perhaps this could be a fad, or maybe self-serve frozen yogurt is here to stay. Or simply the fact that it’s a place to socialize, it’s quite obvious our generation is crazy about frozen yogurt.

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Caramel apples are another classic and in many options. You can either have a red or green apple and you can also dress them up with anything from nuts, to sprinkles, to mini chocolate chips. For added sweetness, you can drizzle the apples in white and dark chocolate. If you are in the mood for something cooler, ice cream comes in various fall flavors this time of year. Pick your favorite kind and make a sundae with your favorites, from caramel to hot fudge and whipped cream. Local frozen yogurt shops also feature fall flavors, such as pumpkin, and you can always add unlimited toppings.

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Josh Peck, Josh Hutchison and Chris Hemsworth bring tears and triumph to this action-packed film.

Jeffrey Jackson, assistant professor of English, particularly enjoys the timeless play.

Kings are born, leaders are chosen.

No matter when you were born, whether you like or don’t like theater, you probably know the name “William Shakespeare.” He is arguably the greatest playwright of all time, and his works are very well known, but are his works still relevant?

The University’s honor school recently sponsored a trip to see Shakespeare’s Henry V at the Two River Theater Company. Honor students, especially those in the film and drama clusters, were allowed to attend free of charge.

Kevin Dooley, Dean of the Honors School, felt this was a very important experience for the students, especially in today’s political climate. “Political dramas always have the same themes of intrigue, revenge and justice, whether we’re talking about Henry V or Julius Caesar,” Dooley said. “Good literature has many layers. Shakespeare wrote for the common man and expressed very human themes.”

As the show began, the character Chorus, the narrator, essentially told us to use our imagination to pretend we were watching this unfolding in the 1400’s. The actors did not wear costumes that represented the time frame the play took place in. Most characters were wearing clothes like suits, jackets, and regular pants. Imagination is part of Shakespeare’s plays and, despite the limited set, lighting, and sound, the actors and crew truly take you to another world. It was a very enjoyable play. It did start off a little heavy on the dialogue, but those scenes were necessary and the rest of the show was worth the wait.

Shakespeare’s dialogue does get tricky to understand, but the general story is always made clear. It helps that Henry is a relatable character. While Henry is a king, he also knows he is just a man. He is very humble to God and knows that he can lose the war. Despite the small stage, it is used to great effect for creating throne room scenes, bed rooms, ships, and battlefields. In Act Two, there’s a battle scene that, thanks to the actors’ excitement, and the choreography, is thrilling even though the actors aren’t even hitting each other with fake weapons.

Jacob Fishel does a great job portraying Henry V. He portrays Henry as a fierce and just king. Though he sends his people into battle, he does care for their wellbeing and hopes that his dedication to them will earn him respect.

There’s a scene in Act Two where he is disguised as a soldier and walks amongst the battlefield. Henry doesn’t look like Henry; he looks like what they think of him. Fishel can be extreme, stern, comical, and can convince you that he has complete control. No matter how high and mighty a person is, he or she can feel bad for the decisions he has to make. The play is made up of actors who have to play two or three other roles and they all do it with ease. Though you can obviously tell they play multiple roles, their skill allows them to adapt seamlessly. It seems like there are more actors than there really are. Seeing this gives you an even greater appreciation for the cast.

I asked John Dias, artistic director, why this play was chosen over others. He told me that it was about looking for a play that might resonate in these times, given the up- coming presidential election. “Shakespeare puts straight to the heart of [what] it means to be a leader, a hero, a just king, a leader. In this play, Shakespeare shows us what it means to be a person— not a no name, not a nameless extra, but a real person. No matter how high and mighty an individual is, he or she can feel bad for the decisions he has to make.”

When asked what students should take away from this experience, Dooley commented, “Never underestimate your own abilities.”

Shakespeare’s writings may be deep and the messages are universal. Most plays focus on either the throne or love. Shakespeare’s works mixes the genre’s with ease. Not only was this show thrilling and tragic, it was fun. Regardless of what one’s major is or where one’s interests lie, it would be a tragedy to miss this performance.

STRONG CHARACTERS DOMINATE RED DWARF

NICOLE MASSABROOK CO-ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Movies with as many explosions as Red Dwarf are not supposed to make you want to cry. Yet that’s what happened with this movie. This is an action flick with a lot of heart and it exceeds my expectations.

The film depicts a small town in Wisconsin that has just been invaded by North Korea. A group of young adults escape capture and form a retaliation team known as the Wolverines. The Wolverines don’t blow everything up for fun (though they have a lot of awesome explosions). These teenagers are fighting for their lives and their country.

They follow Jed Eckert (Chris Hemsworth), a marine on leave from Iraq. Jed teaches his brother Matt (Josh Peck) and his friends how to be soldiers. Hemsworth is fantastic as a jaded marine. He immediately goes into soldier mode when their town is attacked, and he keeps his emotional brother Matt in check. Matt thinks more with his heart than his head, and as high school quarterback, he isn’t used to having someone else call the shots.

As Matt, Peck has a lot of dramatic material to work with. It’s easy to have doubts about casting him in a dramatic role, since he’s most known for his roles in Nickelodeon comedies such as Drake and Josh. As it turns out, Peck can bring on the tears just as well as the laughter. He is really the character that has the more emotional role in this film. While Jed puts up a cold, stoic front to his training, Matt reacts with sorrow and anger to the ones he loves being killed or captured, much like anyone would.

However, Peck is kind of shoved in the corner of the movie poster. He really carries the movie just as much as Hemsworth, but it seems like ad- vertisers thought that the newfound success and success of Thie’s Chris Hemsworth and The Hunger Games’ Josh Hutchison would bring in more viewers. I’ll be very disappointing for any teenage girls on Team Peeta who discover that Hutchison is now cast as Robert is rather minor.

Robert supplies comedic relief when he can. When fellow Wolverine Dorthy (Courtney Cox) mentions that he misses Call of Duty: Modern War- fare, Robert supplies “Dude, we’re living Call of Duty, and it sucks.” The writers really try for comedic relief in some parts, but many jokes fall flat.

For the most part, though, the dia- logue is believable and well written. The overarching plotline is where it all starts to fall apart. We have North Korea invading.

While plenty of viewers who have seen the original film may say this film think the reboot is unnecessary, but to someone who hasn’t seen the original or been watching the movie. The only major qualm is that North Korea invading and taking over our country isn’t as scary as the Soviet Union taking over at the height of the Cold War. It removes the viewer from the film a bit because this isn’t something we fear actually happening.

It looks very real though, and this is due in part to first time director Dan Bradley’s history as a stunt coor- dinator. He has worked on stunts for The Bourne Supremacy, Quantum of Solids and Superman Returns, just to name a few. All of the combat scenes are very well done. Even the explo- sions look fantastic, which is always an accomplishment for a small budget movie.

This movie does very well as an action movie, the romantic story lines are seriously not up to par. Jed’s relationship with Toni (Adrianna Palicki), and the actors have plenty of chemistry. Palicki does really well as Jed’s female counterpart. She is tough and won’t take crap from any- one, even Jed. However, the scenes involving their relationship are not as good as the scenes involving the Wolverines and North Korea. When it comes to another world. It was a very enjoyable play. It did start off a little heavy on the dialogue, but those scenes were necessary and the rest of the show was worth the wait.

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Jacob Fishel does a great job port- raying Henry V. He portrays Henry as a fierce and just king. Though he sends his people into battle, he does care for their wellbeing and hopes that his dedication to them will earn him respect.

There’s a scene in Act Two where he is disguised as a soldier and walks amongst the battlefield. Henry doesn’t look like Henry; he looks like what they think of him. Fishel can be extreme, stern, comical, and can convince you that he has complete control. No matter how high and mighty a person is, he or she can feel bad for the decisions he has to make. The play is made up of actors who have to play two or three other roles and they all do it with ease. Though you can obviously tell they play multiple roles, their skill allows them to adapt seamlessly. It seems like there are more actors than there really are. Seeing this gives you an even greater appreciation for the cast.

I asked John Dias, artistic director, why this play was chosen over others. He told me that it was about looking for a play that might resonate in these times, given the up- coming presidential election. “Shakespeare puts straight to the heart of [what] it means to be a leader, a hero, a just king, a leader. In this play, Shakespeare shows us what it means to be a person— not a no name, not a nameless extra, but a real person. No matter how high and mighty an individual is, he or she can feel bad for the decisions he has to make.”

When asked what students should take away from this experience, Dooley commented, “Never underestimate your own abilities.”

Shakespeare’s writings may be deep and the messages are universal. Most plays focus on either the throne or love. Shakespeare’s works mixes the genre’s with ease. Not only was this show thrilling and tragic, it was fun. Regardless of what one’s major is or where one’s interests lie, it would be a tragedy to miss this performance.
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Taylor Swift is perplexingly enigmatic. Her lyrics aren’t pheno- menal, her melodies are pre- eminent, her vocal style isn’t singing about being stuck in a rut. Yet, she has ditched her typical pop music and do something a little more personal. You’re not just slamming chords and burning through lyrics. You put something into each note, accent, when you’re playing the blues. I still get chills almost immediately. The collaboration with the British singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran is great on the album. Swift was able to write a song about a soulmate, and by herself after not hearing the studio did. We do have a fair amount of originals, but have never really used anything like (iTunes or Amazon to distribute our music). It’s just a new sound she is looking for editorial, and is mostly self-written. The Max Martin songs are ir- ritating high pitched and repeti- tive. Yet, they helped her sell so many. “We Are Never Getting Back Together” was the first and only single released before the album dropped and Swift sold two million copies in just first sales week alone. It was the largest sales week for an individ- ual album in Swift’s career or tried to steer me in another direction. The new collaborations on the album is about building a new identity, with Martin’s help the album can turn into something else. Swift also collaborated with Snow Patrol frontman Gary Lightbody. The piano driven, stripped down sound makes the “Light Eye” beautiful. However, it almost feels more like a Snow Patrol song rather than vice versa. She definitely adapts their contemporary rock sound. It ac- tually proves that she can adapt and do something a little more serious. The catchy Top 40 country-pop tunes she has been churning out for years. It’s an un- expected song on the album but a welcome change. Swift clearly wants to grow up a little more with this album. On “Treachorous,” Swift sings of the things she’s done and says: “I’ll do anything you say if you say it with your hands.” She isn’t singing about being stuck in marching band anymore. It isn’t just a new sound she is looking for editorial, she has ditched her typ- ical glittry dresses and blonde curls for straightforward, darker locks. Even the album artwork is more mature. The deluxe edition of the al- bum includes six extra songs. There isn’t anything wrong with them, just like the ones she sings about. At Target, sold exclusively at Target, and does have an impact on the album. “Begin Again” is the final song on the regular version of the album. Typical, if I’m playing acoustic guitar it’ll be a little more light, alternative and folky kind of music. Not super traditional folk in the sense of musi- cian composing way out fun thing in- corporating and adapting techniques to a more modern style. Electric is a completely different story. By trade, I’m a blues musician. Always have been. In high school, my dad casually telling me to mess around on a squeaky plastic toy, how to play. I remember sitting in my dad’s room strumming the guitar, open my head for months. "Begin Again" is the final song on the regular version of the album. Taylor Swift Shows Many Colors on “Red”

Student Spotlight: Mike Burke and Suburban Cliche

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The Outlook recently had the opportunity to sit down with Mike Burke, sophomore music industry major, about his experience as a musician. He plays the guitar in the rock band Suburban Cliche alongside Frank Gallagher, bassist, and Frank Tolodino (vocals, bass), and Tom Bell (drums).

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Hannah Stone, 17, a resident of Oceanport, NJ, evacuated her home on October 29 due to Hurricane Sandy approaching the East Coast. Her family fled to safer grounds as her waterfront home in Oceanport was issued a mandatory evacuation. However, by Tuesday morning, Hurricane Sandy had already engulfed the Stone’s home and left it behind.

“Only a few neighbors stayed, but nobody had lived quite as close to the water as we did,” reports Hannah. Hannah and her family live approximately five to 10 feet from the Shrewsbury River, resulting in inevitable flooding and extreme devastation with winds being reported up to 80 mph by the National Hurricane Center.

“We had never anticipated that Hurricane Sandy would have caused so much damage to not only us, but many other families in the Jersey shore area,” said Stone.

However, many decided to stay, claiming that the hurricane was as minor as Hurricane Irene, which hit the area in August of 2011. “This was a relatively weak hurricane, but the fact that the storm was a hybrid is what caused the devastation,” according to Joseph Gleason, local EMT volunteer for West Long Branch.

But what if you woke up on Tuesday and realized that this was a hurricane more comparable to Katrina? Imagine returning to the place you call home only to find your valuables submerged in water.

While I was writing this, I glanced up to see my house for the first time. It was so hard looking at something so familiar to no longer be,” says Hannah as she reflects on Sandy’s aftermath. “It’s difficult to climb power lines and fallen trees and billions of dollars to do so, but it’s an unfortunate reality we have to deal with.”

With the terrain worsened and electricity gone from so many, it was difficult for first responders like Gleason to attend to emergency calls.

“Severe damage and electricity out for so many has been a difficult barrier, but we have been able to bring spare bottles of water to residents in need. It’s important to reflect that many of us believe cabin fever is the worst of the storm we would go and treat the patient.”

Ambulances were inadequate for such conditions and the majority of those who needed assistance were people in need of oxygen. Local EMTs were able to bring spare bottles to residents in need.

What we had to clean, salvage and move our belongings much like Hannah and her family had done? The girl’s family lost irreplaceable possessions like her parents’ wedding album and childhood photos that could not be recovered.

But what did this disaster prove? In Hannah’s instance she said, “This hurricane allowed us to identify many good friends and maybe not so good friends that we have.”

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Lights Out, Phones On

In the Midst of Hurricane Disaster, One of Our Biggest Concerns is ‘Will My Battery Die?’

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After two long weeks, the University gets back on its feet as students, faculty, and staff members finally return to their daily routines and fall back in to a state of normalcy. Many would agree that the destruction from Hurricane Sandy was unexpected and underestimated, especially by those who faced up to twelve days with out heat or electricity. Jersey Central Power & Light Company (JCP&L) configured outage power maps that reported over 969,000 homes lost power in the state of New Jersey. No TV, no computer, no iPhone charging; just a deck of cards, board games and a radio.

"By day four I was already losing it. I couldn’t work, no businesses had power, I couldn’t even do my homework because I needed my laptop and Wi-Fi," said senior Lea Callahan. She wasn’t the only one who faced this during the aftermath of Sandy’s wrath. Student Jamie Cardullo, 19, agreed, "having a few days off to spend time with your family and be unglued from your phone, your job, and Facebook book for once was cool and all. I guess I started getting used to it, but that’s when I started to realize how impossible and inconvenient everything was without power."

This was the worst natural disaster Jersey had ever endured. Students and faculty were stuck near prepared for the University to be closed for almost two entire weeks. Many students share similar concerns about how their professors will choose to end the semester, “I’m only worried because having no power stopped me from being able to complete practically all of my school work,” expressed Callahan. As the nights got colder, residents pushed on as they continued to struggle with the power outage. Sandy’s aftermath was a clear priority. Just how can the generation rely on electrical power for our education, our jobs and especially our entertainment.

Computers and laptops lacked Internet connection and were inevitably inaccessible. This prevented students and faculty from being able to complete work, access Escampus, receive assignments, and surf the web. "I was so bored. I was tired of doing nothing productive and being in a state with all boys," said commuter Kylar Kendrick, 22.

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When I asked how she cope with no electricity or heat for nine days she explained, "we would volunteer during the day, and watch movies on our laptop at night, that’s really all we could do."

As some found ways around boredom by helping their communities or putting a puzzle together, others invented makeshift car chargers with batteries, a speaker wire, and electrical tape. “I sat in my car for 30 minutes at least three times a day just to charge my phone. I figured if I at least had that, I would have the Internet, music, and access to my email and the news, but all I really wanted to know was where I could help," expressed 18-year-old Mary Cannis, a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) volunteer.

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Do you remember some of your first Halloween costumes? Were you dressed as a black cat like I was? I was not sure if that was Lantern’s? Better yet a wicked witch? And me and my friends were ninja turtles. We handmade our turtle shells, it was precious," said senior Taylor Manthey.

Well, hold onto those memories because I’m sure every youngster will remember the year 2012 when Halloween wasn’t celebrated with classmates or allowed kids to go door to door as normal.

On October 31st, Governor Christie’s Administration signed an executive order postponing the night of mischief for trick or treaters to Monday, November 5th. It’s a good thing too because candy was scarce in shut-down stores and many already consumed fist-fulls of chocolate well before Wednesday.

Ellen Jensen, music teacher for St. Rose Grammar School in Freehold says, “I just feel so bad for the kids, they have been looking forward for weeks, the Freehold Schools in their costumes for weeks.”

Even though Hurricane Sandy prevented the students from successfully celebrating Halloween on October 31st 2012 as previous years, the day was still held in spirit. Instead of trick-or-treating on dangerous streets where trees, transformers and power lines were unstable several alternatives were used allowing children to dress in their costumes and parade around for sweet treats. Solutions included “Trunk or Treat,” where car trunks were filled with candy, designated parking areas and lots and allowed for children to celebrate in safe corridors.

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Since Hurricane Sandy came, I’m not sure how I would have coped if it was not for seeing my students. I was worried about my parents and friends, but the students helped keep them safe,” says Ellen Jensen. In an official statement issued by Governor Christie, he claimed, “As Governor, it is my responsibility to use all available resources of the state government to protect against the emergency created by Hurricane Sandy - postponing Halloween celebrations by five days is a commonsense and necessary step to accomplish that. And it was, because if Hurricane Sandy began as a celebration to protect the people, then what better way to ensure their safety before we ward of ghouls and goblins?"
November is Blindness Awareness Month

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November is a month that is not only dedicated to honoring our country’s veterans and the Thanksgiving holiday, but as of two years ago it is also Blindness Awareness Month. People with low vision are able to receive a variety of services that can help them be successful in life. One of the organizations offering these services is the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired which assists with helping people with limited vision achieve independence through providing them with tools such as books on CD, or a Closed Circuit Television to enlarge print size. “We currently have six students enrolled at Monmouth from our agency. One of our biggest challenges is assisting those who are visually impaired, (partially sighted) because on the outside they may not appear to have an obvious condition,” said case worker, Diana Cortez.

It is very important to understand that many people with blindness and low vision have been successful as a result of these supports. Education Leadership Professor Doctor Terri Peters had the opportunity to express these benefits at a panel. Last month four panels during a presentation at the New Jersey Commission for the Blind Fighting Blindness were people who have successful careers despite living from limited vision or blindness. In attendance were people with professions such as lawyer, disability rights advocate and a film editor. The panelists discussed the benefits of their eye conditions. Yes, there are benefits! Because they sometimes need to seek assistance (mostly due to navigation), they meet many people everywhere they go. The panelists also discussed all the technology that has enhanced their independence. One panelist has also had the chance to compete on an athletic team. Two years ago, another panelist participated in athletics by being on the NJ Lightning, a blind baseball team. These folks are true athletes. One person also knows a man who is completely blind and has his own auto shop, succeeding as a top notch mechanic.

Another area of concern for blind and visually impaired individuals is being able to navigate and adapt to new surroundings. The use of a mobility cane as well as pairing up with another person with sight to guide him/her often provides a significant amount of assistance in achieving this goal. Christina Quercia, a freshman in the Elwood Hall, has a friend who is blind who said, “Getting around is a major challenge for my friend, but it has also opened my eyes to better understand her world and the things many of us take for granted.”

Becoming blind or visually impaired is a fear for people who do not know what it is like to live that way. To that end, Peter’s had some of last year’s educational psychology students would wear special goggles to simulate what it is like to be blind and to navigate the classroom while wearing them. “I’ve conducted class exercises on campus where some students pretend to be blind. My student observers always report that people would move far away from a blind person and would also avoid speaking with the person with the cane. This mirrors what I have witnessed firsthand,” said Peters. In fact, according to Anne Marie Cook, also a member of the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, ‘blindness is the third most feared disability because of people’s heavy reliance on their sight. This November, it is important to focus on one’s successes despite his or her differences and many hope that more people will become educated and inspired by these issues, not just those who work with people with disabilities.

The Dawn of Quantum Computing

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If you have glanced at specifications for the typical personal computer over the past few years you have probably noticed the exponential rate by which many of the computer’s components are improving.

This trend is the result of an observation made in 1965 by the co-founder of Intel, Gordon Moore, known as Moore’s Law which states that the number of transistors per square inch on an integrated circuit will double every two years, according to toastyart.com. Transistors are semiconductors which are the fundamental components of almost every electronic device. They can act as switches that can open and close very quickly to regulate the current flowing through an electrical circuit.

An analysis of personal computer specifications of the norm over the past few years showed an increase in RAM from 256 MB to 4 GB and in hard drive space from 50 GB to 500 GB. With respect to storage capacity, we went from storing a few word processed documents on 3.5 floppy discs (RFL) with 720 KB and with the later ones 1.4 MB in the 90s and early 2000s, respectively. Then CD-Rs came with up to 700 MB storage space, giving way to DVD-Rs with 4.7 GB, and eventually DVD-Rs with 8.5 GB. The recent Blu-Ray discs boast a storage capacity of upwards of 25 GB for single layer and 50 GB for dual Blu-Ray – capable of holding upwards of 9 hours of high definition video – a 37 percent increase in storage capacity over that of floppy discs. Nevertheless, the numbers are continuing to increase.

One component that seems to have hit a wall is processing power. Even though processing power for the average PC has improved impressively to what we have now – quad core processors running 2.3 ghz to single core 300 mhz Celeron processors from the turn of the millennium – it’s rate of increase seems to have slowed down with respect to the continual expansion of the afore mentioned.

A new type of computer, one that processes information not in the binary fashion based on logic states of “on” and “off”, but on quantum bits known as qubits which may allow the information in the dichotomy to be expressed as a superposition of both states, would allow for comparatively light-fast processing speeds, enhancing the computational capabilities far beyond contempo rary norms, according to the New York Times. This “quantum computer” poses an exciting endeavor for many researchers across the world. If successfully developed, it could provide ground-breaking ways of analyzing information quickly and efficiently.

According to the Clay Mathematics Institute, in one form of cryptography known as RSA, very large numbers are used to encode information with their prime factors. Prime factorization involves breaking down these numbers into its smallest composites. The numbers get larger, it takes an increasingly larger amount of time to derive the composites. If commanded by enhanced quantum computation capabilities, the reduced time in factoring such numbers would allow RSA decryption to become increasingly faster. According to the New York Times, “Where quantum computers could produce an answer in days or maybe even seconds, the fastest conventional computer would take longer than 137 billion years.”

“If they can do this, I think the computer may eventually surpass human intellect because with the way the new web is advancing, computers could start thinking for themselves,” said junior Mike Hamilton.

Progress in quantum computing in the future would revolutionize the now nascent fields of nanotechnology and drug design to encompass multidisciplinary approaches to solving epidemiological problems in cost and time efficient manners. The laws obeyed by the subatomic world are quite different from the macroscopic one we are accustomed to observing. It would be silly to speak of a “minus 30 percent chance of rain tomorrow,” said Dr. Scott Anderson, electrical engineering and computer science professor at MIT according to the New York Times. Quantum mechanics is based on numbers called amplitudes which are closely related to probabilities which can be negative as they are complex numbers. If a photon hits a screen, said Anderson, it could happen with a positive amplitude in one way and with a negative amplitude in another way. The two amplitudes could interfere destructively to cancel each other out so the event never happened.

A critical goal in quantum computing is to “choreograph a computation so that the amplitudes leading to the wrong answers cancel each other out, while the amplitudes leading to the right answers reinforce,” said Anderson.

Dr. Dmytro Kosenkov, physical chemistry professor at the University of New Mexico, said “We live in an era of the dawn of quantum computing. New machines are potentially capable of revolutionizing the field of information searching and cryptography. Now it is too early to talk about producing consumer quantum computers. Quantum computers, currently available in research labs, are able to process just a few quantum bits of information and store them only for a very short period of time – no longer than 100 microseconds (millionth of a second).”

“However, the situation is paradoxical: while there are no available quantum computers, the languages for quantum computations have been already developed (for example QCL – Quantum Computation Languages),” said Dr. Kosenkov. “Once a computer is made, software will be immediately created. Nowadays, quantum computers make a great engineering challenge, while the theory is done.”

Though there are no available quantum computers yet, new developments in software and computation language are on the rise and making progress.
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Sigma Tau Squares

Sigma Tau Gamma Raises Money for the Special Olympics

Sigma Tau Gamma hosted their first annual philanthropy event, Sigma Tau Squares, on Wednesday, October 24 at 10:00 pm in Pollack Theater to support the Special Olympics. This was the first time STG hosted this event. It was set up by brothers Jay Giacinta, senior, Dan Malone, junior and Mike Tilton, sophomore. Pre-show tickets were available for five dollars, and tickets could also be purchased at the door for seven dollars.

"Having the event fulfilled our goal with raising almost $900 for the Special Olympics," said Tilton. The event created a way to spread awareness and encourage fundraising for Sigma Tau Gamma's philanthropy.

The event was co-hosted by Sigma Tau Gamma brother Henry Siebecker and Jessica Simmons. Sigma Tau Squares was also sponsored by local business chain Jersey Mike's Subs, which provided free food for guests who attended the show. Siebeck said, "It was the first time we had done this game as our philanthropy event, so it was very new and exciting." Sigma Tau Squares was based off of the hit game show Hollywood Squares, which was created in the 1960s. The game was played by two contestants competing during each round in a game of tic-tac-toe. A panel of members from Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, and Alpha Sigma Tau were asked trivia questions. The two competing contestants would judge whether they thought the answers given by the panel members were correct or incorrect. If the contestant was correct then they were awarded with either an X or an O. After each round, the losing contestant left the competition while the winning contestant advanced to another round to face another contestant.

The questions composed by Siebecker and Simmons ranged over various topics. These topics included sports and leisure, geography, entertainment, and art and literature. First through third places were awarded with prizes of gift certificates to local businesses. The prizes consisted of 25 dollars to Draft House, 25 dollars to Luigi's Pizza, 10 and 15-dollar gift certificates to Juniors West End, 20 dollars to BubbaKoos Burritos, and two free yogurts from Fro Yo Beach. Third place was awarded to freshman Natalie Zeller. Second place was awarded to a sister of Alpha Sigma Tau, Alyssa Basile, and first place went to sophomore, Tom Carroll.

Participating contestant Eva Rosamilia, sophomore member of Delta Phi Epsilon, said, "It was exciting to be in a group's event for their philanthropy. It gets members of the school together and it is a fun way to do so!"

Casey McCabe, Panhellenic Chair of Greek Senate said, "This was a great idea for a philanthropic event. Greek Senate loves to see organizations supporting each other and getting excited during these events." The hosts tried to bring in the energy and excitement to the event. Siebecker said, "Jessica and I had an understanding that we were just trying to have fun and flow off of each other's energy. I think the audience perceived that well and had just as much fun as we did."

The money raised through ticket sales went directly to supporting the Special Olympics, which is now celebrating their 44th season. At the event, host Siebecker announced that this year's Special Olympics will take place in South Korea starting on January 29.

The Special Olympics is the largest organization for adults and children with disabilities. These athletes receive year round training and participate in multiple events throughout the year. The Special Olympics World Games alternates between summer and winter games. Athletes are able to participate in these events free of charge. More than four million athletes from 120 countries participate in 32 Olympic events. Tilton said, "It is easy to get involved with the Special Olympics. They have multiple ways you can volunteer, donate or raise money." Students interested in helping the Special Olympics can visit their website, www.specialolympics.org.
The University chapter of the First Year National Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma, attended a conference in Salt Lake City, Utah to learn and discuss different ways to improve their chapter. Three members of Phi Eta Sigma, senior Lori Muelle, junior Amanda Bey, and Rebecca Groom attended the convention. Once inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, the student remains a member for life. Although Phi Eta Sigma is a first year society, the member does not lose their place as they advance in college. To meet the standards to be inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, freshmen must maintain an overall GPA of 3.5 their first semester of college. According to their website, Phi Eta Sigma was founded to promote and recognize high academic accomplishment among members of the freshman classes. All active chapters were invited to come to the conference. The convention is a chance to meet and discuss ways to improve their societies by seeing what the other chapters are doing and learning.

The conference included two days worth of workshops and a tour of Salt Lake City. Their advisor Dr. Golam Mathbor, Associate Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences, accompanied the trio. Mathbor has been the advisor of Phi Eta Sigma since 2005 and has attended a number of conferences in the past. “I have been attending these biennial leadership conventions since 2006. I have also been to conventions in 2008, 2010, and 2012,” said Mathbor. The convention occurs every other year, so there will not be a conference this November. The next convention Mathbor will advise will be in 2014. He explained why these conferences were beneficial to the members who attend. “Students learned substantially about leadership, ethics, and what other chapters are doing to keep Phi Eta Sigma in their respective institutions effective. They also learn a great deal about service projects to be initiated,” said Mathbor. “The convention helped reinforce why I decided to get involved with Phi Eta Sigma,” said Groom, Phi Eta Sigma Treasurer. “The ideas that were shared over the weekend of how to improve your chapter and how to help your members would not have happened without the different experiences from every chapter involved,” she said.

Kruzynski, Phi Eta Sigma Vice President, found the conference to be very insightful and beneficial. “It was the first time Kruzynski attended the conference. She said, “Being at this convention I took away how to improve this society on campus and realize how much we have to be proud of for this chapter. It was a great experience being able to learn how to be a better leader on campus as well as making connections from across the country.”

Kruzynski shared an example of one of the workshops offered at the convention in which she co-chaired a committee entitled “Future Directions.” Kruzynski said, “For the ‘Future Directions’ committee I helped lead the discussion for what Phi Eta Sigma chapters need and want to do in the future to improve the society and then presented in front of the entire conference what we discussed in this committee.”

Mueller, President of Phi Eta Sigma, reflected on the benefits of attending multiple conferences. “Having attended two conferences, I can honestly say that the experience is like no other and the Monmouth University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma utilizes everything possible that can be taken away from this experience,” said Mueller. “I couldn’t be more proud of this chapter, its officers, and the future inductees and I’m excited to use what we have gained from these experiences both this semester and next,” she said.
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**Aries** • (Mar. 21 - April 19) • This week is an 8
This week, take a little distracted by recent events so use that imagination factor, not work, to profit and get on track the most. Discuss the situation with friends and family are there to comfort you and offer advice when it’s needed.

**Taurus** • (April 20 - May 20) • This week is a 6
Stay in close contact with partners for maximum benefit. Let them know what you need and they will be happy to help you out. Though be sure to go over what you need and how you might need it before you present it, asking for what really matters is going to be the trick.

**Gemini** • (May 21 - June 21) • This week is an 8
Your mind is more on the enlightenment front than on work. In regard, streamline those work procedures for a while, even the top priority, lucrative ones, and set your sights on what might really be beneficial in the long run.

**Cancer** • (June 22 - July 22) • This week is an 7
Grasp that fast-breaking opportunity before time runs out! The pace is picking up and is about to get highly competitive so strike while the iron is hot. You’re exceptionally creative and persuasive. Use that to monitor your current situation and take the next step.

**Leo** • (July 23 - Aug. 22) • This week is a 9
This week, openly display that famous confidence of yours! Openly state your ideas, but without the sarcastic criticism; the clarity of your message will come through much better as a result. Showcase your networking skills and allow partners to assist in setting the schedule. If that doesn’t work don’t fret, there is always a plan b.

**Virgo** • (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) • This week is a 9
Your ability to concentrate this week is enhanced greatly. Use this new focus to get into a good book or explore a new innovation you’ve been contemplating. Don’t worry about focusing on too much though, this is the time to get a little disorganized; remember there is genius in chaos.

**Libra** • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) • This week is an 8
This week, concentrate on your studies. You might be behind and a little distracted by recent events so use that imagination factor, not work, to profit and get on track the most. Discuss the situation with someone close to finalize the best option.

**Scorpio** • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) • This week is a 9
Take that romantic adventure you’ve been thinking about and actually make it happen. Gather the information and listen to all considerations in order to make the moment perfect. Just remember to get feedback from that special someone to ensure overall enjoyment.

**Sagittarius** • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) • This week is a 9
The time has come to get in touch with your inner muse! Get inspired and be creative for the time to do so is fast approaching. Don’t abandon any ideas that seem too expensive, anything you chose to abandon any ideas that seem too expensive, anything you chose to launch will be worth it, no matter the cost. Don’t be too quick to celebrate though, embrace the surprise modestly and all will be well.

**Capricorn** • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) • This week is a 6
Relax a little and allow your imagination to run wild over the next two days, just remember to take care of what needs to be done and work out the appropriate strategy to do so. Some intensive team effort may be needed.

**Aquarius** • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) • This week is an 8
You might be going through a rough patch. Just know that your friends and family are there to comfort you and offer advice when needed. Use that advice to follow that lunch you’ve been having deeper and explore the possibilities. Choose your path after careful consideration and you will be pleased with the result.

**Pisces** • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) • This week is an 8
Review your past decisions this week and get things moving along. Get organized and keep track of that cash before it burns a hole in your pocket. Not everything is all work though! Social events are going to capture your interest, so follow your intuition and get out there before you miss your opportunity.

**Horoscopes are strictly for entertainment purposes.**
The men's soccer team fell to Fairleigh Dickinson University in penalty kicks on Sunday and were eliminated from the semifinals of the NEC tournament. The Hawks finished the season with an 11-4-4 record.

After winning their final regular season game at home on November 4 and having the number three seed for the tournament, the Hawks were unable to advance in the conference tournament, ending their hopes for a fourth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance.

The second-seeded Blue and White went on to win the NEC championship game against Sacred Heart on Friday night. With the win, the Hawks improved to an overall record of 10-7-2, this year's seventh straight season without winning the NEC regular season title.

The Hawks fell behind in the game early after conceding a goal in the fifth minute. Despite controlling over 70 percent of the first half's possession and the overall record of 10-7-2, this year's seventh straight season without winning the NEC regular season title.

In today's high-collision sport, the possibility of injury increases when speed and size are a constant concern. When asked what the cause for his concussions were, he said that he led with his head and try to make the big hit. "When he's on the football field, there are so many instances that I can remember, it's not just in practice but throughout the year. Whether it was a tackle, block, etc., there were many occurrences and we have just to wear our helmets more after my fifth concussion," he said.

"Your head has no physical capabilities," said Tim Rehm, the University of New Jersey. "This mentality and tackling style can potentially resemble two-hand touch. Today, a middle linebacker could envision leading with his head. I feel that the rules of the game will continue to be adjusted to make the during a play to report to the side the change in the kickoff is an at- tempt to impact collisions," Callahan said.

The second-seeded Blue and White won the NEC tournament. The Hawks finished the season with a 4-2-1 record and were eliminated in the semifinals of the NEC tournament. The Hawks were unable to win the NEC regular season title.

"The recent epidemic of reported neck injuries can be somewhat di- fferent to personal fouls involving the neck injuries can be somewhat di- fferent to personal fouls involving the neck injuries can be somewhat different. "I think that with proper instruction and practicing the proper techniques, they can be greatly mini- mized," he said. "I believe that while head and neck injuries can be somewhat di- fferent to personal fouls involving the neck injuries can be somewhat different. "I believe that while head and neck injuries can be somewhat different to personal fouls involving the neck injuries can be somewhat different."
The football team lost to Saint Francis (Pa.) 45-31 on Saturday.

The Hawks dominated the first half, forcing Saint Francis to punt ones. They couldn't stop the Red Flash in the first half, allowing 38 points before heading into the locker room. The Blue and White's slow start got them into a 31-7 hole. It took them only 1:08 to drive down the field and score a touchdown to distance themselves even further from MU, 38-14.

MU added a field goal and went into the break trailing by three touchdowns. The Hawks drove straight down the field and cut the lead to 14 to open the second half. Frazier connected with Sterling on a five-yard fade pass in the corner of the endzone to make it a 38-24 game.

“We didn’t start fast on either side of the ball which doesn’t help us out at all,” fifth-year senior quarterback Kyle Frazier said. “I think something that we preach, that we have to start out fast, and make sure that we go and try and put points on the board fast and stop them on defense.”

K.B. Asante tied the game at 1-0 early in the second half. The Blue and White scored two touchdowns in the second half, leading in shots 15-9 and penalty corners 14-8. Despite that, the Hawks were only two-and-a-half minutes left in the first half. Julián Hayes scored from two yards out to take a 2-1 lead. The first one was by Alex Carroll off of a corner. The game would remain 1-0 after going into halftime. No more scoring took place until the first play of the fourth quarter. John Kelly, the Saint Francis quarterback, ran for 11 yards to finish off a nine-play drive.

“I was just kind of in the right spot at the right time,” Sutton said. “We didn’t get too many opportunities with them puntin’ it today, unfortunately. I just figured that I might as well go all out and try to block the kick and change the momentum of the game.”

The intensity escalated quickly as the Hawks drove straight down the field and the White started to push things along. The Hawks took a 21-7 lead off to open the second half and needed to recover an onside kick.

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Quarterback

Field Hockey Reaches NEC Championship, Falls to Rider

GAVIN MAZZAGLIA
SPORTS WRITER

The field hockey team proved all of its doubters wrong and finished the season on a very strong note by making it to the Northeast Conference Championship where they fell to the top seed Rider University.

The Hawks finished up the regular season with a visit to Rider. MU won 5-2. Rider got on the board first with a goal within the first ten minutes. Both teams then exchanged goals for a bit, leaving it at 3-2 lead for Rider at the end of the first half.

Rider was able to contain MU for the entire second half, scoring two goals and holding the Hawks to no goals. Overall, Rider dominated the matchup, leading in shots 15-9 and leading in corner 23-5. Despite the loss in the regular season finale, the Hawks qualified for the NEC Tournament. The Hawks were ranked fourth overall and faced against St. Francis (PA) in the first round of the tournament.

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SPORTS

MAGGIE ZELINKA
SPORTS EDITOR

Hurricane Sandy Slows the Cross Country Team

As the fall sports are coming to an end, there are still many upcoming events for both the men’s and women’s teams as they have to deal with minimal preparation and meet the challenges due to Hurricane Sandy.

“I think that the biggest challenge that we have is that we have not been together because of the storm. We were excited and glad to get back to school but we are not yet in sync, maybe because of the storm or because of other reasons.”

The team recently competed in two events these past weekends. The first of which was the Northeast Conference Championships which hosted a total of 11 schools. There, the team showed their skills with highlights coming from sophomore Khari Bowen, freshman Domenick D’Agostino and fellow freshman Graham Huggins-Filozof for the men. High-lights on the women’s side were from Amanda Eller and Kelsey Maher.

Bowen finished his 5k race with a strong third place finish, setting the finish line first for the Hawks. Shortly after was D’Agostino who posted a strong time of 16:35 with 9 seconds by Huggins-Filozof who crossed at 17:04 which shows that they should earn the men a victory, but coach Compagni does not look at it as a defeat. “We won six points away and three points in a cross country meet means there are three people who are就能 win in our conference.”

Overall, the men placed second in the NEC Championships behind Hofstra University. The women placed fourth in the NEC honors, they have placed in the top four eleven consecutive years, proving they are performing at a very high level.

With this race finished, the team had to prepare for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships at Penn State. The men competed against 24 other schools while the women competed against 31 other schools. The men seems rather large, Compagni ex-cepted that everyone gets the men to perform as well as the men, they are both outstanding.

Compagni chose to run three fresh men, one sophomore, one junior and one senior in the race. While many may have been weary to put their face in the starting line, hands, Compagni could not have been more eager to “Our freshmen and sophomores have really helped bring our team to a new level,” said Compagni. “MU needed to cross the finish line was star rising Huggins-Filozof as he recorded a 2:58:10 time and came in 93rd overall. Following him was Bowen with a 3:3:16 time. Third in the race was sophomore Alex Leight with a 33:23, senior Sean Hartnett with a 34:00 and freshman Kelsey Maher with a 34:09. Shortly after

JOE COMPAGNI
Head Coach

“We were aiming for a top 15 finish since we finished 19th last year and our team has improved drastically since then. Finishing 9th again was pretty disappointing but it doesn’t take away from what we have accomplished.”

In the women’s case, Compagni relied on four seniors and two ju-uniors to bring home the trophy. As expected, Eller and Maher were the first to finish at MU, Eller posting a 18:27:69 time. Her-sshman says that not everyone gets the men to perform as well as the men, they are both outstanding.

Hershman agrees with his coach but also thinks that the team will be inspired by the fact they will have a chance to redeem themselves. “We don’t have to perform as well as the men at regionals,” Hershman said. With that said, the men will take part in a five mile race while the women will be running a 5k this Saturday, No- vember 17, at Van Cortland Park where they hope to end their season strong.

Men's Basketball Opens the Season in Style

The men’s basketball team opened the season with a 91-62 win over Hofstra on Saturday, November 10, as Andrew Nicholas scored a career-high 28 points. “I think that the biggest challenge for us is that we have not been together because of the storm. We were excited and glad to get back to school but we are not yet in sync, maybe because of the storm or because of other reasons.”

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In the first half they were try- ing to press us, but we were just having fun,” said Jesse Steele.

“We were getting quick and easy buckets in the beginning.”

The Hawks led 14-7 with 5 minutes left in the first half. I thought at that point that we were making their run, we just started taking bad shots because they are kids. Kids feel like, ‘We are winning by 16 I can do this now!’ and that was when they made their run. So I wasn’t nervous that they were going to come back and take over. I knew they are very talented kids, but when they get going on a run just like we went on one, I watched it on our exhibition game. But I knew that if we just made them start guarding us again and our motion offense, I knew the movement would give them problems.”

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The men’s soccer team ended their season on Friday when they were eliminated from the NEC tournament by the Farleigh Dickinson Knights. The NEC foes were tied at one after regulation and two overtimes. The Knights bested MU 4-3 in penalty kicks.

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