The University and Antigua Medical School Enter Partnership

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The University signed an articulation agreement with the American University of Antigua College of Medicine (AUA) on December 17. The agreement will create a new opportunity for graduating science majors to attend medical school upon graduation.

“This new agreement gives Monmouth University students the ability to attend medical school at AUA if they meet the qualifications of our affiliation agreement (biology or chemistry major with a 3.25 GPA or higher and a 20 or higher total score on the MCAT),” Dr. Dorothy Lobo, the Co-Director of the Pre-Professional Health Advisory Committee (PPHAC) said. “There is no limitation on the number of seats available to MU.”

The qualification also lists that the students cannot have a D or F grade in any subjects on their transcript. The students will need to apply during their sophomore year at the University to receive approval in the program. Also, the student must successfully complete an interview with the University and an AUA admission officer and submit a letter of recommendation.

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Football Team Joins Big South Conference

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The University has accepted an invitation to become an associate member of the Big South Conference for football beginning in the 2014 season.

“We like the opportunities of the Big South and the challenges that come from this new football conference and these new friends,” President Paul G. Gaffney II said. The Hawks left the Northeast Conference (NEC) in December 2012 to move to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). The MAAC, however, does not sponsor football. “Our first inclination was to apply for associate membership [with the NEC] which we did,” head football coach Kevin Callahan said. “But we knew that, going through the process, that they may not welcome us in as an associate member.”

Twenty-one days after being denied associate membership for football in the NEC, MU announced that they will be joining the Big South Conference. The University contacted the Big South about a potential partnership last fall. The conference decided to do some research to find out about the University. “As we looked, and as we studied, and as we evaluated, we just became more and more impressed with the University, and with the leadership,” Big South Conference Commissioner Kyle Kallander said. “Then we came up here last week on our visit, and became very impressed with the commitment to FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) football. So it was a very easy decision for our presidents.”

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Alumni Association Recognizes Past Alumni's Children

Two Students Receive One-Year $1,000 Scholarship Annually

According to Perry, the Alumni Association wanted to show their appreciation to the alumni for sending their own children to Monmouth. “It just says a lot of how these graduates felt about their experience here if they want their kids to come. Then, it must be a pretty great place,” Perry added.

Once the Association was able to get a little more money, they decided they could do two scholarships and can now start to look at incoming students as well.

“According to Perry, a student can only receive this scholarship once and the scholarship is for undergraduates only,” Perry said. Stephanie Cunha, senior double major in English and early childhood education, said that after graduating and starting a family she would think about sending her child Monmouth. “It’s a great university with amazing professors,” Cunha said.

Perry explained that in an effort to spread the word they placed an advertisement in the The Outlook, applications were placed in offices around campus, and e-mails were sent to the students. The Public Relations Office wrote a press release for local newspapers and local high school guidance counselors were given applications for incoming students.

“Information is included in the newsletter we send to alumni,” Elizabeth Esten, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs, said.

Perry said, “We’re still sort of a young school, so it’s such a nice tradition in a family to come to the same school.”

Eisen said that at last year’s reunion, there was a father and daughter in attendance that both graduated from Monmouth. Since the school is getting older, the Association may have to start looking for high school seniors as well.

“One of the recent scholarship recipients has two parents who graduated from Monmouth,” said Esten, the parents actually met at the University. “It’s a nice gesture for the Alumni Association to recognize that legacy and encourage that continuity within a family,” said Perry. She takes pleasure in meeting young alumni whose parent or parents went to Monmouth.

“Monmouth really does have a legacy at their parent’s university,” said Esten. “It’s a great way to encourage new students to come and continue a legacy at their parent’s university.”

STEPHANIE CUNHA
Senior

In July, the selection committee meets to review all of the applications and select the award winner. The information can then be given to the Financial Aid Office and sent out to the students. It’s a great way to encourage new students to come and continue a legacy at their parent’s university,” said Cunha.

“Alumni members and the quality of the institution that enriches the lives of its students and staff that Thursday, February 7.”

Ann Brennan, MU alumni relations coordinator, described the UBMS students and staff as, “Overwhelmed, touched and so very, very grateful...impressed with the students from MU.”

“Our teachers, students and staff were very appreciative,” said Conforti. “The drive was tremendously helpful for the teachers at Union Beach.”

The University students were able to help out a good cause and set a good example for the UBMS students. “We invited the gifted and talented students to come down and help with the donations,” said Conforti. “They connected with the MU honors students, who saw how volunteering your time, hard work and community connections can make a difference.”

Between the amount of donations and the amount of money raised from a simple bake sale, I was shocked,” Sam McGhee, senior, a local education major and member of KDP said. “I’m thankful for the success that we had, along with having the opportunity to be a part of this event.”

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Some upcoming Alumni Events this spring are the Alumni Basketball Game and Post-Game Party on Saturday March 2 at 7:00 pm. The hosted tour will be in the Hadi Purpose Activity Center and the post-game party will be held at Jack’s in Long Branch.

The Alumni Association will also be holding a Wine Tasting on Saturday March 9 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Wilson Hall. The first 800 registrants will receive a complimentary wine glass. You can sign up for these events at www.monmouth.edu/alumni/events/default.asp.

The University Alumni Association mission is to serve and promote the University and its alumni in a manner that enriches the lives of its members and the quality of the institution.

The University encourages alumni to continue their relationship with the University alumni can stay connected by signing up at www.monmouth.edu/alumni/stay_connected/default.asp.

Caring people who are willing to create events like this are the ones who will help make each a difference in people’s lives and the world as a whole,” said McGhee. “Having the opportunity to be a part of something so meaningful is not only a choice, but also an honor.”
The application deadline for off-campus housing in Pier Village and University Bluffs is March 1.

"It’s a great opportunity for upperclass students," said Mochnacz. "It’s more home-like and quiet and it’s less distracting than on-campus campuses."

"Off-campus housing is a little more costly than the Diplomats Apartments or Maplewood Hall, but it’s less expensive than first-year or sophomore on-campus living because students aren’t required to have a meal plan," Mochnacz said.

According to Mochnacz, the University tries to keep the price reasonable by covering things such as the Internet, cable and utilities. This is unlike having to pay a monthly bill at an off-campus house or apartment.

"Financial aid can help cover the sponsored off-campus University housing. It’s all handled through your University bill instead of at an off-campus house where you might have to take loans out and pay a monthly check to a landlord," said Mochnacz.

Tomas would recommend students to live there. "It’s like being independent and finally being on your own," she said.

Mochnacz will have students selected by March 8, and they will have a week to decide to accept or not.
The Guggenheim Library was awarded the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf Collection. 

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The collection and potential incorporating readings from the books into their curriculum. Dubicki also discussed the aims of the collection and its ability to stimulate a more accurate and informed understanding of the Islamic culture. The collection was recommended, reviewed and selected by distinguished scholars in the anthropology, history, religious studies, Islamic studies, art history, architecture and world literature, along with Middle Eastern studies, Southeast Asian studies and Islamic studies.

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Rising Juniors, Seniors and Commuters are encouraged to apply!

Applications due March 1st at 5:00 PM

Questions? E-mail emochnac@monmouth.edu or call 732 571 3465
A Challenge For More Faculty to Participate in The Outlook

every week, students from a variety of majors attempt to come up with ideas, mold them into topics of interest and finally collect comments from professionals as expert sources. On top of other commitments in completing homework, other clubs and employment, these students regularly get it done.

One of the most frustrating things for a writer is being ignored when asking a professor or staff member of the University for a comment or an interview. Here at The Outlook, we understand a busy schedule as well as anyone, but it is really that hard to email the writer back either stating that you are not the best source for comment (it is always appreciated when someone suggests an alternative) or that you do not have the time to share your thoughts.

The Outlook does not reach out to faculty and staff members haphazardly. Our writers take time to look at course selections and professor profile pages to find the best sources to participate in our articles.

One might feel it is, actually, an obligation of staff members, professors in particular, to share their scholarly knowledge with the University community. Our goal is not to condemn anyone, but merely inform the community at large to have a deeper opportunity for students and the campus environment to share and participate in our articles.

Some members of the University community, including President Paul Gaffney II, Vice President of Student Services Mary Anne Nagy and Vice President of Administrative Services Patti Swannack are some of the busiest people on campus. However, when The Outlook calls, they are more than happy to help us produce the best stories possible, even on very short notice, which they have done consistently throughout the years. Some departments have made themselves readily available to The Outlook as well. This year, as the Political Science Department was always open to answer questions from faculty and staff should have with students and the campus community at large to provide good information to readers who will benefit from it.

Education is what a college environment is about. So to those members of the University community that are always there to help us, we thank you for your time and administrative support to provide good information to readers who will benefit from it.

Some departments, however, could be more forthcoming. While there are some individuals in those departments who are willing to share their thoughts, we are disappointed that, generally speaking, the criminal justice and psychology departments, education department and Leon Hess Business School are rarely represented in the newspaper.

For departments that might feel neglected by the newspaper, we can assure you that we are thrilled to publish stories that discuss achievements, events and successes of your discipline. It would be easier for us to do that on a regular basis, if those departments provided the paper with information that we could then pursue and build stories around.

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We understand sometimes staff members do not want their opinions printed in print. However, The Outlook invites views from all sides of an issue. We do not have the practical obligation of making themselves available for interviews, with which they do regularly and reliably.

Financial aid, the library staff and the School of Science have also contributed to many of the stories that have appeared in the paper and generally model the type of relationship faculty and staff should have with student journalists.

Some departments, however, could be more forthcoming. While there are some individuals in those departments who are willing to share their thoughts, we are disappointed that, generally speaking, the criminal justice and psychology departments, education department and Leon Hess Business School are rarely represented in the newspaper. In fact, professors like Dr. Michele Grillo of criminal justice, Dr. Al Caviosa of psychology and Professor John Buza of the Leon Hess Business School is certainly exceptions to this dynamic and perhaps there are others that we have failed to list.

Our goal as the school’s newspaper is not to condemn anyone, but merely provide the campus with dynamic information. If The Outlook takes the time to reach out to community and the public, we would take the time at least respond that you are not interested? Many of those people, who request for comment, tend to be the first ones to complain that their discipline is under-represented in the newspaper.

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The Outlook reserves the right to withhold any articles deemed inappropriate or otherwise unfit to print in the Op/Ed section. Due to legalities, The Outlook will not longer print anonymous articles.
A Crackdown on Cursing in Public?

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Swearing in public has become common for most Americans, especially among teenagers and young adults. Cursing while driving and during conversations, the scenario are endless. While some consider cursing to be a sin or taboo others are voicing their First Amendment rights to swear while in public. It seems that the backlash that comes with it, doesn’t seem to be looked down upon by many. It is not for me, so I started doing things that I enjoyed, such as staying in with a carton of Chinese food and watching a movie. I have a weekend to hang out with my mom, laying on the beach with friends, and spending Monday evenings doing laundry. Simple things like that make me happy.

I have always known exactly what I would be doing now, except for going out. I am being honest, I have always been the little girl sitting at home, reading a book, eating chocolate chip cookies, hanging out with my mom, laying out on the beach with friends. I went out, complete with a sparkly, fun outfit, and a good book, going home for contacting professors and asking any questions you might have. By the time my graduation comes, I had no more credits to fulfill. That is what was separating me from graduation and preparing for the last minute panic when they realize that they are a few credits shy from graduating.

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The President maintained a sense of urgency throughout the address, advising Congress that the “time is now” to act in order to ensure the possibility of a stronger union. He urged that working to reinforce a stronger America would be next to impossible if we do not give our people a bi-partisan effort in order to achieve goals.

In the past, the American people don’t expect government to solve every problem. They don’t expect those of us in this chamber to agree on every issue. But they do expect us to talk about the nation’s interests before party,” he said.

The President touched upon many important concerns throughout the address that he requested bi-partisan effort with, such as deficit reduction, infrastructure, minimum wage, education, immigration-reform, and gun control. One of the major issues in which he urged Congress to agree upon regardless of party difference was the minimum wage. While the U.S. national debt continues to rise at an average of nearly 70,000 structurally defi ned assets need most: “Modern ports are necessary to prevent other nations from obtaining nuclear fissile materials in the past year, he announced his plans to remove another 34,000 troops by the end of the year. “By the end of next year, our war in Afghanistan will be over,” Obama declared.

In addition to his plans to remove troops from Afghanistan, he stressed a need to fight terrorists in countries like Yemen, Libya, and Somalia. The President warned that plans to remove troops, we would need to Congress must continue to cut our way to prosperity. “So, tonight, I ask Congress to change the Higher Education Act so that students in America get the support they need to succeed,” Obama proposed.

The President moved on to the cost of living, stressing the importance of raising the minimum wage. He proposed that in order to reduce the defi cit by four trillion dollars, we must make sure Congress must continue to cut spending and raise taxes on the wealthy. However, Obama said, “we can’t cut our way to prosperity. He continued, “we must cut party interests aside and work to meet business owner’s needs. On the international spectrum, the United States is often criticized for its “Third-world-esque” energy systems. The President hopes to change that by investing in infrastructure and repairing the current energy sector so that the United States is a desirable place to own and operate businesses.

The President proposed a “Fix-It-First” program that he described in order to put America back to work. By combating our most urgent repairs, such as the $1.8 trillion dollars of deficient bridges across the country,” keeping jobs in America will be our top priority, Obama explained. By ensuring that children from a young age are given the opportunity to get superior education, America’s youth will have a chance for a prosperous future.

Obama expressed his desire to work with states to make high quality preschool available to every single child in America. “So we will ensure that none of our children start the race of life already behind,” Obama proposed.

Dr. Don Swanson of the communication department expressed a similar opinion, “What is at stake is the way the brain develops at a young age is that it is a very developmental and important factor in ensuring our na-
Drunk Driving Crackdown

State Assembly Members Try to Increase Penalty

DYLAN MAYNARD  STAFF WRITER

Bipartisan support approved legislation that would ultimately increase the fines for drivers under the influence of alcohol in New Jersey last month. Monmouth County Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande from District 11 and John F. Amodeo, a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from District 2, each sponsored the bill, A-3657, which would increase the penalties of second and third DUI offenses. The bill was introduced last summer due to a Vineland man getting charged for the offense six times in the span of three months.

The bill’s conditions separate an imposition of additional penalties for multiple drunken driving offenses within 60 days and a maximum of $10,000 fine and/or 18 months in prison with an imposed bail of up to $10,000 for each offense. It also sends such defendants to Superior Court, which mainly deal with serious criminal offenses, rather than municipal courts.

This new bill contrasts the existing legislation for repeat offenses in that these current laws do not amplify the possibility of a repeat DUI offense within such a small window of time, but this new bill attempts to curtail the possibility. The new bill attempts to curtail the possibility of a repeat DUI offense within such a small window of time, but this new bill attempts to curtail the possibility. It is expected that casagrande will send this bill to the New Jersey General Assembly by the first of May. The bill is expected to pass through the legislative process quickly. The bill passed the original legislative process quickly. The bill was introduced in May 2012. It is expected that the bill will pass the Assembly by the end of the year.

“This bill would without a doubt affect the New Jersey College community as a whole in that the number of students who drink and drive will be curbed due to the increased fogginess of the penalties and the population of repeat DUI offenders would be reduced. It will help to increase student activism,” said Blaney.

Graduate student Thomas Blaney shared his views on the law in regards to college life. “I believe a stricter set of laws concerning drunk driving will send a message to a lot of students who fail to see the gravity of the situation,” said Blaney.

In an April 2012 publication, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) stated, “Each year an estimated 3,560,000 larger crowd of students with all drive under the influence of alcohol, which is a number the New Jersey Assembly Council wished to decrease. While explaining the merits of the bill, Casagrande stated, “A person under the influence who repeatedly gets behind the wheel of a vehicle is a huge risk, waiting to happen,” she continued. “Because this measure calls for bigger bail and jail time, it will make such a measure difficult for such an individual to continue to drive drunk and put us all in danger.”

“If passed, the bill looks to deter people from getting behind the wheel while intoxicated.”

Dan Maynard, senior political science major Dylan Maynard, and freshman communication major Nash Weinr have made guest appearances on Ro- man’s show. He hopes to attract a larger crowd of students with all different points of views to come on and add into the discussions, and help to expand listeners. Patten believes, “Dan’s political talk show will be a big hit. He’s thoughtful, well informed, and has a very friendly personal- ity.”

The show is already having success, and only after three episodes listeners are tuning in from across the country. “There are two listeners out in California that listen from the app RadioFlag, and they have both commented that they love the show,” Roman explained.

The app RadioFlag is available to iPhone users to download for free and tune into radio stations of their choice including WMCX. Also, you can tune in from the Monmouth University app that is available to iPhone and Android users. All you have to do is tune into WMCX 88.9FM to catch Roman’s show.

“If you are interested in getting involved in the political talk, you can phone in during the show and talk to Roman and his guests, or if you want to appear on the Roman’s show contact him through his University email at sb983214@monmouth.edu.”

“Romans Empire” airs on Mondays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at WMCX 88.9FM.
Trend Alert: Hair Chalking

Jacklyn Kolefati
Managing Editor

Let’s face it ladies, it’s that time of year when you are starting to get sick of your look. The dreary and cold weather does not do anything for your mood, let alone your hair. But the question is, what are you going to do about it?

Hair chalking is a new trend that is starting to take off. Hair chalking is an easy and inexpensive way to change up your look. It is a great way to experiment with color without the commitment of a permanent dye.

Directions:
1. Soft pastels (optional)
2. Spray bottle (optional)
3. Gloves
4. Flat iron or curling iron
5. Blow dryer
6. Old t-shirt

To remove the chalk from your hair completely, all you have to do is wash your hair with shampoo. You will want to wash your hair twice to make sure all the chalk is out. You can also use lemon juice if you want to remove the color a bit faster.

Trend Alert: Hair Chalking

Kelly Hughes
Lifestyles

Plaza De Espana in Seville, Spain, was completed in 1928 for the World’s Fair in 1929. The area has been used in many movies including Lawrence of Arabia, Star Wars Episode I and Star Wars Episode II.

Spring Break Travel Guide: An Overview of Spain

Kelly Hughes
Lifestyles

If you like travel and want to see Spain for more than a week, the University does offer a study abroad program in Cadiz, Spain. Taking this option will not limit you to only Spain, but will allow you to experience culture in Europe. It is required in the summer program to stay in a house with a family. If you can either see this as a bad side of the study abroad program or see it as a chance for you to improve your Spanish immensely as you will have more in tune with the culture.

Since Cadiz is only a summer program, sophomore Alyssa Demczak took it upon herself to coordinate her study abroad experience outside of Spain. Through a third party program which the University affiliates with Yildiz planned her trip with The College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS). Yildiz studied during the 2012 fall semester in Sevilla, Spain and embedded herself into their daily life and culture by living with a host family.

In Cadiz, you should take a siesta, in other words a nap, every day so you can admire the most delicious food,” she said about her trip. She attended cultural events such as flamenco show and a bullfight.

Yildiz summed up her experience in Madrid by saying, “it is a beautiful and breathtaking country and is an amazing location to experience other cultures. Although I don’t know why you would want to leave.”

No matter what city you stay in, if you choose to travel to Spain it is the best decision you can make. Whether it be traveling to Cadiz with MU, Seville, Madrid, or any other location, traveling in Spain is an incredible experience and one you will never forget.
If you are a current resident student and are planning on participating in the Room Selection Process for the 2013-2014 Academic Year, you must pay your $150 housing deposit. Housing Deposits will be collected at the following locations:

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An A Good Day to Die Hard fan would have come your way. Without giving too much away, I was more than satisfied. The plot of the film is easy to follow. McClane, an absence father for most of his childrens’ lives, reconciled with his daughter, Lucy, at the end of the fourth installment. Now, in the new movie, he is on his way to Russia to find his son, Jack, who has been missing for three years and is on trial for murder. As it turns out, Jack is actually an American agent involved in heavy-duty national security and blackmail, and John, after initially screwing up his operation, is dragged into an international con- vention to his obligation to his son. John and Jack have to travel all over Russia and Ukraine, protecting a long-impressed politician named Yuri Kamarov from government assassins in exchange for incriminating evidence against the Russian Secretary of Defense, Chegaripin. Bruce Willis, having played John McClane four times before, was exceptional, as expected. He did a stoic-cold CIA operative, trained solely for the purpose of espionage and assassination. Still, Courteney’s acting was not what was supposed to be focused on – as any of the Die Hard films, Willis is the star and, basically, the only important character. Packed with unbelievable action that defies all laws of physics, large explosions, lots of gunfire, the threat of nuclear war, a few funny one-liners, and one random scene of an attractive Russian woman in her underwear, A Good Day to Die Hard exceeded all of my expectations for what seemed to be a slowly dying franchise.

The now 57-year-old Bruce Willis is still as badass as he was in the original Die Hard in 1988, brutally killing his enemies without hesitation and destroying public propri- ety, all with that trademark Bruce Willis smirk on his face. And when it comes to my “golden rule,” A Good Day to Die Hard will have you yelling and cheering.

When I was a little kid, my father sat me down and introduced me to the Die Hard franchise. He was the one who taught me what I refer to as my “golden rule of action movies” – if the bad guy dies in an explosion, the camera should cut to the end of the film, it is a good action movie. This rule is what I use to judge the Die Hard films. In the original, the villain, a terrorist named Yuri Kamarov from Russia, was sucked into the Long Branch bridge and his broken body that makes Jersey see red.

She also noted that Schleser would be making his own video base on many of those created by the students. After this, Schleser took the stand, saying how proud he was of the students involved. “I think we’ve achieved something quite amazing, quite extraordinary,” he said.

The idea behind the project was to make a two minute video on a mobile phone, beginning and ending with a demonstration of what time the video was taken. Some people showed a watch or clock while others showed a whistling tea kettle or a beer at last call to illustrate it more creatively.

The video focused on many shore communities, including a combination of Russian Special Forces soldiers and an attractive Russian woman in a black dress.

The next two films, Die Hard 2 and A Good Day to Die Hard, proved that maybe the Die Hard franchise is not dying after all.
ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

This Sunday is the only time it’s appropriate for filmmakers to say they want to go home with a tiny tinsel tree and a basket of Academy Awards. It’s Hollywood’s pre-Oscar buzz. As we honor the filmmakers and the filmgoers, our friends, and are aware of what to pack up pick up DVD. If we order a programme, we would all have our own personal favorites. These are our picks for the coveted best picture award.

Violeta Pironcioni’s Pick: The picture of Les Misérables, one of the longest running musicals in our history, has once again captured the hearts of people around the world. The film opened on Christmas Day to positive reviews from critics and audiences.

Matt Mancuso’s Pick: Quentin Tarantino’s Django Unchained and The Weinstein Co.’s Man On A Ledge are up for Best Picture. Both of these films have been nominated based on its script, direction, and acting. The film Django Unchained is a historical fiction film which is based on the real-life events of the 19th century American South. It tells the story of a former slave turned bounty hunter who sets out to rescue his wife from her captor, a plantation owner. The film has received critical acclaim for its powerful performances, including Leonardo DiCaprio, who plays the role of a plantation owner.

Peter Quinton’s Picks: The Canadian embassy. Tony Kushner, who was a witness to the two-hour historic thrill ride seems heart stopping tension that makes the weight on Lincoln’s shoulders come into play. At his best, the story of ex-convict Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman) at -tured the hearts of people around the country. This is evident once more in his latest feature film, The King’s Speech.

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Scott McNealy’s performance as Joe Stafford, one of the Americans in hiding, confirms he’s an actor to look out for in 2013. One of the many continuing themes in this pulse-pounding film is “no man left behind,” that is certainly can connect with almost all viewers.

The film Beasts of the Southern Wild has won a string of awards, including the Academy Award for Best Picture. The film was directed by Benh Zeitlin, who also starred in the film as the character of Little Hushpuppy.

The film also starred Quvenzhane Wallis as the character of Hushpuppy. The film went on to win four Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actress for Quvenzhane Wallis. The film was also nominated for Best Original Screenplay and Best Original Score.

The film’s success has been attributed to its unique blend of the natural world and the fantastical, as well as its themes of family, identity, and the power of imagination. The film’s use of non-professional actors and its exploration of the Louisiana bayou have also been cited as contributing factors to its success.

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Welcome to Your Quarter-Life Crisis

When does man's best friend enter our lives? For many people, it’s when they get their first dog. As we get older we experience a new sense of security and living arrangements that come from the comfort of home. Pets can provide an instant de-stressor. They can help us understand that phone call where your animal, have him or her sit in mid-May.

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Dr. Goodwin explained that according to Freud, dreams are the brain's attempt to make sense of random neural impulses. Goodwin also discussed the ideas of other psychologists who have contributed to the field of dreams. She explained that dreams are the brain's way of organizing and storing information.

In your dreams, you may see images, hear sounds, or experience emotions that are not possible in waking life. Dreams can be remembered or forgotten, depending on a variety of factors. Dreams are often a reflection of your waking experiences, but they can also be a way for your mind to process information that you may not be consciously aware of.

Goodwin also discussed the concept of the dream world, which is a place where dreams are created and stored. Dreams can be thought of as stories that are created by your mind to help you understand your waking experiences.

In your dreams, you may encounter different people and situations that are not possible in waking life. Dreams can be a way for your mind to explore different possibilities and scenarios. Dreams can also be a way for your mind to deal with emotions and experiences that are difficult to confront in waking life.

Overall, dreams are a complex and fascinating part of the human experience. They can be a source of insight and understanding, as well as a way for your mind to process information and make sense of the world around you.
The International Business Network (IBN) hosted their first speed networking event this past Tuesday, February 12, from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm on the second floor of the Roads Commons Student Center in Anacomp Hall. 20 professionals from various businesses arrived at 4:45 pm prepared to network with students. Upon arrival each student picked up their corresponding information pack-ets and nametags. In this information packets, each student was assigned a position of where to begin the speed networking process. Students were encouraged to ask for business cards and ask the profession-als for their feedback. The process continued until each student had the opportunity to meet with eight professionals.

“Nineteen of the 38 students that attended this event are on course to graduate in May 2013. Two students that attended this event were graduate level students,” said Amber Forrest, also a member of the Interna-tional Business Network. “This was a great opportunity for students to experience the interviewing process across a wide range of industries.”

Joe Rice, Vice President of The Blackhawk Network, said, “An other great benefit from events such as this, are that they give stu-dents access to network with profes-sionals in the area.”

Companies such as Prudential, American Oil and Supply, Enterprise Holdings, Morgan Stanley, Verizon Wireless, Monmouth University Career Services, JFK Medical Center and The Wildlife Conservation Society attended this event.

Prior to the event, Stephen Spen-sella, a senior studying business said, “I hope to get more networking skills out of this event and that professionals attending the event can help pick out some of my inter-viewing flaws.”

Jennie Albanese is a senior studying business and marketing and attended the event for a class requirement. She said, “I hope to gain both positive and negative feedback on my interviewing and responses.”

This event was planned with a collaborative effort of Bonato, Gupta, and Deborah Mannix, a Monmouth University alumna and member of the business council at the University.

Bonato said, “I was extremely pleased with the turnout since all of these professionals were volun-teering their time, and most came to the event straight from work. The time they invested in the stu-dents did not go unnoticed and I’m tremendously thankful for their participation.”

“It was a great experience to learn from professionals who inter-view people every day in the work force. You can learn a lot from being open to feedback and receptive to criticism,” said Ryan Forrest, a senior studying busi-nesses.
Blood Drive Not Hosted in Vein

Tau Kappa Epsilon Hosts Blood Drive

DANIELLE FERRIS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) hosted a blood drive for Central Jersey Blood on Friday, February 15 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Anacon Hall.

Kevin Gilsenan, sophomore and business major, is the public relations chair for TKE. Gilsenan said, “This was the first blood drive our fraternity organized and we hope to organize more blood drives in the future.”

Gilsenan was very pleased with the turn out, which ended up having 47 volunteers sign up. Christa Hogan, professor in the school of social work, works throughout the year to raise awareness for other philanthropies of organizations as well. Tau Kappa Epsilon raises money and spreads awareness for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, and the Alzheimer’s Association.

All students and faculty were invited to volunteer to donate blood. Gilsenan said, “When volunteers came in, they had to sign in with brothers of the fraternity. Then they had to go through a number of different tests to make sure that they met the requirements to donate blood.”

Gab D’Acunto, communication major and junior, signed up in advance to donate blood. D’Acunto said, “I like that TKE is giving the university the chance to donate blood. It’s not a type of community service I would think to do, but when I saw they were organizing a blood drive I figured I would get involved. I was a little nervous but I’m glad I participated.”

Another volunteer, Britney Acquaire, junior and president of Delta Phi Epsilon, said, “I like to try to get involved with other organization’s events. I really liked that TKE put together this blood drive and gave the Monmouth community the opportunity to get involved. I would definitely volunteer again if they have blood drives in the future.”

Casey McCabe, junior criminal justice major, and member of the Greek Senate, visited the blood drive. McCabe said, “I felt this was such a great cause.”

McCabe made sure to stop by and check out the event, even though she was not going to donate blood. “I was impressed and happy that so many volunteers came out to support TKE and Central Jersey Blood,” she said.

Gilsenan said, “One of the main goals of our fraternity is to find ways to help our surrounding community. We felt that facilitating a blood drive for Central Jersey Blood would be a great way of doing so.”

Students and faculty looking to donate blood do not have to wait for the next blood drive on campus. Central Jersey Blood headquarters is located in Shrewsbury. They also have offices located in Howell and Toms River. Visiting their website can help guide volunteers to become a blood donor, sponsor a blood drive, make cash donations, volunteer for the organization, meet blood recipients and find upcoming events in the area.

Hawk TV and WMCX Host
Rock n Raise
Battle of the Bands Fundraiser

PRESS RELEASE

West Long Branch, NJ—Hawk TV, Monmouth University’s student-run television station presents its third annual Rock n Raise event, a battle of the bands fundraiser, in the Monty Television Studio of the Plangere Center at Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

Rock n Raise is open to the public. Tickets are three dollars and all proceeds will be donated to The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life.

There will be four bands performing, along with three acoustic performances. Rock n Raise is co-sponsored by WMCX and The Outlook. The event will be simulcast live on WMCX and on Hawk TV, campus channel 12.

The bands that will be playing at Rock n Raise are Off Shore, Seasons, Battery Electric and B.Funk. There will also be acoustic performances by Colton Kayser, Natalie Zeller and The Dashers.

The band that raises the most money for Relay for Life will be declared the winner of the Grand Prize, Avid ProTools music production software. Prizes for the other participants include, a full day of recording time by EightSixteen Recording Studio, custom design t-shirts by DogWig Printing Company and gift cards for Russo’s Music Shop in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Acoustic performers will receive gift cards from Scala’s Pizzeria, Bubbakoo’s Burritos, and Top-it!

Vendors will be serving refreshments at the event in the main lobby of the Plangere Center.


Want to know how these people got their jobs?

Communication Career Event
Tuesday, Feb. 26th – 2:30 to 6:00 pm
Wilson Hall

Free registration:
http://tinyurl.com/commcareer2013
What is your favorite part of campus?

COMPiled by: Alexis Orlacchio

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The Provost’s Film Series for 2012-2013 will focus on “African Journeys: Haunting Legacies, Fragile Futures.”

Host: Provost Thomas S. Pearson
Discussant: Professor Nancy Mezey

Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 7:30pm
Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University

Melé is a bar singer, her husband Chaka is out of work, and the couple is on the verge of breaking up. African civil society spokesmen have taken proceedings against the World Bank and the IMF whom they blame for Africa’s woes. Chaka does not seem to be concerned by this novel Africa’s desire to fight for its rights.

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♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is a 9
Your frustration might be growing this week but stay strong there is no time to get sucked in to that. Instead focus on all of the possibilities that lay ahead of you and invest in your growing stability within your career.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 9
The time for improvement has never been better! Update your educational strategy, for there is still a lot to learn, and rise up to the occasion. Drive yourself to go the extra mile and you will see that whatever you put out you will get back in return.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 9
You might feel as if you are losing grounds on a particular matter but do not fret, it is only temporary. Listen carefully for money-making opportunities in order to give yourself that extra boost to win in the long run. Watch out for surprises though, they always pop up when you least expect it.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 9
Recent accomplishments are doing wonders for you confidence this week. You’re on a roll, so keep that ball going and finally get some things checked off that “to-do” list you’ve been adding to. Just remember in the midst of everything to keep your priorities in check.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is an 8
You’re doing well this week but don’t think that means that it is time to brag or argue over petty things; there’s no time or need for that. You’re keeping busy fine tuning your environment, which is very good, but there is still room to be sensitive and compassionate. Listen and you will find the solution you have been seeking.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 7
Conversing with friends provides just the right amount of insight that you have been looking for and clears away any doubts. Creativity though is required now more than ever, so get to the magic making and you just might find unexpected happiness awaiting you at the end.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is a 7
Abandon those old fears that no longer serve a purpose. By discarding the extra mental cargo you will be able to accomplish that growing mountain of tasks ahead of you. Before you spring into action though take a second to think it through, you might find that you are doing things the hard way.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is a 9
Begin planning for a trip, but don’t hop on that plane just yet! Try to experience the wonderful adventures that are available to you at home in your own background first; when you feel that is all done then you should go out and explore the new destinations that just might become your home away from home.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - This week is an 8
The coming weeks are good for financial planning and for envisioning the future. Be sure that you remain focused and let the necessary people in on your plan. Accept the encouragement that will follow.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is a 9
Time has come to start relying on others and dividing up the work load. Review the instructions that are needed to make the whole process work and follow it carefully. Remember to take your time and that sometimes you really need to move slowly; assuming you know everything will not aid you.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 9
The financial situation is unstable, so wait until that check clears before you go spending. Get busy with saving that money and don’t get distracted by the shiny things that might tempt you. In the end you will feel better off and proud of your accomplishments.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - This week is a 9
Take a break and plan some needed fun for today and tomorrow; Add music to your work, take a walk, or simply take some time to sit down for a bit and relax. Keep in mind that sometimes a rest stop is needed before you can go full steam ahead.

HOROSCOPES ARE STRICTLY FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES
The men’s basketball team split their games this weekend, losing to Long Island University Brooklyn (LIU) and beating St. Francis Brooklyn. "I think we’re a little better than us. I thought we played them well for about 28-30 minutes and the game just kind of took over and were a little bit too much for us,” said Jo Joe Compagni.

A Jesse Steele basket gave the Hawks their first lead at 6:38 in the first half and two points from Stephen Spinella completed a 16-4 run that put MU ahead 27-24. "I’m proud of my kids tonight, we just got beat by a better team,” Compagni noted.

MU lost to LIU Thursday 80-66. Jesse Steele scored 23 points and C.J. Garner tallied 20 points to lead the Blackbirds (15-11, 10-4) to victory.

"I take my hat off to LIU,” Head Coach King Rice said. ‘I feel like I really did leave my mark here by reaching 1,000. “I’m so proud of him.”

"I keep looking at the clock and I’m like, ‘We’re going to make those guys and we’re going to win the game,” Rice said. “Our press offense is set up for any one guy to keep him from getting it.”

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As for 2013, MU will be an independent football team, playing without a conference. To qualify for the FCS playoffs, the Hawks need to finish at-large bid. This means that they cannot earn an automatic trip to the post-season, they would need to play well enough to be invited.

"The pro is that you can play anybody you want,” Callahan said of being independent. “The con is putting together the schedule. Fortunately, we had a quality and high-powered non-conference schedule already in place, even when we were in the NEC.

MU can also use this move as a recruiting tool. “It is an opportunity for the University to head south,” said Joe Compagni, MU’s Athletic Director Dr. Marilyn McNeil

"I think we’ve done a great job of infiltrating the northeast, but this is a chance for Monmouth’s name to get out in the south and to have a little bit of a different profile.”

The Big South is also glad to get their name out in the New York market again. "That is absolutely one of the positives for bringing Monmouth University into the Big South Conference," Callahan said. "Of course Stoney Brook was a member of the Big South for a while and we’ve kind of dipped out toe into it [New York Market]."

"We are looking forward to expanding our presence in this market.”

The Big South Conference football played its eleventh season in 2012. "It’s a conference that is deeply committed to playing football at the highest possible level in the FCS (Football Championship Subdivision),” Callahan said. "The other schools in the conference are Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, Gardner-Webb University, Liberty University, Presbyterian College and Virginia Military Institute.

"The Big South is rather new in football...” Gaffney said. “But they’ve been moving very fast in the FCS ranks and winning games in FCS playoffs.” Stoney Brook and Coastal Carolina made the FCS playoffs in 2012. They both won their first round games and lost in the second.

"We like that forward look, that velocity that we see in this conference.”

The Hawks have played only Coastal Carolina from their new conference. A home-and-home series in 2006-09 resulted in 26-7 and 24-17 wins for the Chanticleers.
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Senior guard Carly Thibault’s life has always centered on basketball. At 5’5” she may not be the biggest, but she has the biggest passion and has emerged as a leader of the women’s basketball team.

No matter her role, whether it’s starting or coming off the bench, she has always made a statement. Her long range jumpers are what she’s known for. To date, Thibault has 154 three-point field goals in her college career.

“A three-point shot for us, that’s our dunk,” said Head Coach Jenny Palmateer. “She’s hit some really big (shots) where the game has been touch-and-go or our girls need some confidence. It’s been a real back-breaker for us.”

Thibault comes from a basketball family. Her father, Mike, is a long time basketball coach, both in the NBL and WBL. He’s currently the head coach and general manager of the Washington Mystics. However, in football, he would be unfamiliar to assume he’s the reason Carly got into playing basketball.

“He was never the type of coach to force me into playing,” said Thibault. “I did a lot of sports growing up. I actually was a gymnast for a year. But the biggest thing was my father who’s always been my biggest supporter. He made a rule with me at a young age that if I wanted to work out with the girls, I had to make a commitment. I wasn’t going to be coming to and going home if I didn’t want to do it.”

Coming from East Lyme, Connecticut, Thibault won a Connecticut State Championship as a junior in high school and was nominated for the McDonald’s All-American team in 2009. Continuing her basketball career, she was offered a scholarship by the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday, February 18, the Hawks won on long Island University Brooklyn (LIU) at the MAC and closed out a gritty 69-60 win. Prior to the game Abigail Martin was honored for becoming the 10th player in program history to score 1,000 career points. This occurred in the February 4 game against Central Connecticut State.

Womack led all scorers with 24 points on 11-18 from the field. She scored 15 in the first half. Her midrange jumper was dropping from three feet on a steady diet.

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Thibault has played in 30 or more games each year at the University, helping the Hawks to appearances in the NEC Championship game the past two seasons. While playing time hasn’t always come easy, Thibault has solidified herself as a worthy starter this season. Palmateer says she’s got to take her game to the next level.

Thibault is a three-point specialist who has made 154 three-pointers in her college career. She grabbed nine rebounds against St. Francis of Pennsylvania and scored 21 points against Central Connecticut State, both career highs. She’s also made four three-pointers in a game on four separate occasions this year, all coming in games where she started. For Thibault, it’s easier to get in rhythm and have consistency when she’s starting as opposed to coming off the bench.

“I think she has the unique ability to lead our team. She understands she’s a part of the basketball program and the college and the school and the team and the life and the family and the stuff that go with that,” Palmateer said.

“I’ve really taken my summer workouts very seriously,” Thibault said. “They practiced really hard to improve our game. It’s helped her gain the confidence of her coaches.

According to Palmateer, hoping to take that knowledge into a coaching career of her own.

For now, she’s focused on the season. There is an NEC Championship. The Hawks are currently third in the conference with six regular season games to play.

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Senior forward Ed Waite scored the 1,000th point of his career on Saturday to break a 47-47 tie against St. Francis. The Hawks went on to win the game 73-64.

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