The Super Bowl is Speculated to be the Largest Sex Trafficking Event in the US

ANGELA CIRAOLO NEWS EDITOR

This year’s Super Bowl XLVIII at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ will host over 80,000 people and attract thousands more creating an enticing location for sex trafficking. Sex trafficking, defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.

Clemmie Greenlee, a sex trafficking survivor and advocate working to prevent sex trafficking, told the Times-Picayune that during her time as a victim she was forced to work a significant amount of time around the time large sporting events to meet the needs of the increased customers.

“When they come to these kinds of events, the first thing you’re told is how many you’re going to perform a day,” Greenlee said. “You’ve got to go through 25 men a day, or you’re going through 50 of them. When they give you that number, you better make that number.”

Large sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, are known for causing an increase in sex trafficking, Chibe Contarino, Director of Development at Love-True, an organization fighting to end sex trafficking in America, said. “Unfortunately, due to the mass collection of men at one single event, there is more of a demand for purchased sex at events like the Super Bowl, the Olympics, and the World Cup,” said Contarino.

In response to the belief that trafficking increases during events like the Super Bowl, the state of NJ has prepared numerous trafficking prevention initiatives since the location of the game was announced, media outlets report. Organizations fighting to prevent sex trafficking have created programs, information sessions and volunteer operations over the past few months to educate the public about the issue and how to prevent trafficking.

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Brandon Fiornascente, a sophomore, died unexpectedly on Monday, Jan. 20 at his home in Montclair, NJ before returning to the University from this past winter break.

Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student and Community Services, sent out an email last Friday informing the campus community of the tragic news. “The University regrets the untimely death of a member of our community and extends its deep sympathies to his family and friends at this most difficult time,” the email read.

Nagy explained that the University is not aware of Fiornascente’s cause of death. “Out of respect for his family we’re not pressuring for an answer,” she said.

Fiornascente was studying psychology and had Dr. Jamie Goodwin, instructor of psychology, for his psychology class last year. “I can’t remember a death. Patricia Fiornascente commented on his Facebook page saying, “I am so brokenhearted over the loss of my nephew Brandon Fiornascente the pain is so deep my home will never be the same without sweet thoughtful Brandon. I want him home so bad...I will miss him profoundly.”

People were able to pay their respects in Montclair, NJ this past Sunday at the Caggiano Memorial Home and Monday at the Immaculate Conception Church. Caggiano Memorial Home created an online page where people can find out information about the services and also leave condolences or light a virtual candle for Fiornascente.

“Our department is deeply saddened at the loss of one of our students. Any loss of life is tragic, but it is particularly difficult when a life is cut short at such a young age. Our thoughts are with Brandon’s family, friends and fellow residents during this time.”

My best wishes for a successful Spring 2014 semester! Sincerely, Paul R. Brown, Ph.D. President

A Letter From the President

Welcome back and welcome to those students who are new to Monmouth University!

I trust you had a refreshing winter break and that you are ready to engage in the spring semester. The semester will be filled with activities: athletic events in the MAC; men’s lacrosse competing their first season; Global Understanding Convention in April and more. The Outlook is a good source of information for you regarding events held on campus.

With the many events taking place, I’d like to point out one of your main priorities. It should be to establish a relationship with your professors and focus on good results in class. Your hard work now will prove to benefit you later in life.

Wishing you all a successful spring semester.

Go Hawks!

Sincerely,

Paul R. Brown, Ph.D.
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and to react to it. “We’re going into hotels around the Milton-Edenwald Student Center and having conversations with managers and staff on the issues of human trafficking and asking them to be on the lookout for it,” said Sue Flynn, the Chairwoman of the New Jersey State Legislative Human Trafficking Caucus.

The information session that Flynn organized on January 26, called the S.O.A.P. Outreach, included presentations about trafficking to raise awareness and educate law enforcement, airport, school, taxi drivers, and other personnel who may witness or have the opportunity to prevent sex trafficking.

The event also welcomed volunteers to label bars of soap with the names of local organizations fighting human trafficking to show sex trafficking victims that help is available.

Flynn explained that the University is continuing to build upon the work already accomplished this past summer, when the University increased the number of soap bars being distributed at the Nassau Inn and the Sonesta Inn at the Super Bowl.

Sex Trafficking is a Worldwide Problem

The reason that sex trafficking has become so common is explained by Leslie Shelly, an assistant professor of Sociology and Anthropology:

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THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

For many students, a college degree implies that a person graduated with a major and plans to pursue a career in that respective field. On the other hand, The Outlook believes that a minor is a very valuable asset for a college student and encourages students to pursue one. While the pursuit of a degree can be a difficult path, the University also leaves extra credits available for students to electe.

When you have the extra credits to be spent on a minor and put those credits to good use? Even if you have five open electives, that is enough to pursue some minors offered by the University. The Outlook thinks a minor can improve skill sets so that a college student or recent graduate may be a step ahead of their competition, especially if it is complementary to their major. An example of this would be pairing a degree such as journalism/public relations with a creative writing minor. Since both concentrations require a substantial amount of writing, having a creative writing minor furthers the skills that a particular student has already been acquiring. Some students believe that this tactic can be used in many different schools of study.

Another example would be pairing a criminal justice major with a political science minor. As a criminal justice major, a student is required to know an extensive amount about the judicial branch of government. A political science minor would increase the student’s knowledge about the three branches of government by now becoming involved in the legislative branch.

By pursuing a minor, students learn a different set of skills than their major provides while not having to weigh themselves down with too much work. This is especially true if you wish to declare another major but do not have enough general education credits left to do so. Instead of taking that doubling major, minor in it. “I think they are useful to learn more about either something else you are interested in, or something you want to learn more about,” one student said. “Taking a minor may open opportunities that you did not realize where there be.”

A minor is also great to acquire if you have an interest that you are passionate about and wish to learn more about the topic. The Outlook staff understands that some students are not willing to take on a minor mainly because it requires more work, but we believe the benefits make it worthwhile. Even though the University’s website makes it rather simple to find the undergraduate and graduate curriculum charts, it is not easy to find the curriculum requirements for the minors. Places on campus such as the Center for Student Success would definitely have the curriculum charts, but not every student would initially think to use that resource.

Our solution to this lack of clarity would be to create a separate advisor for each specific minor. Students each have a respective advisor who is an expert in their chosen field, and putting them in a minor may not be the same as what field and yet the student is still expected to get advice from already prescribed advisors. How can somehow help a student find out what the topic entails? If possible perhaps some minor curriculum training for the advisors should be offered.

In general, The Outlook staff hopes that the student body consider the benefits of a minor and the University will do a better job educating their students on what options they have. In turn, the University will take one more step to better educating their student’s futures. With a minor, you can show a potential employer that you are versatile and become more desirable. It makes you stand out a bit more than those who pursue only a major.
14 Things You Should Stop Doing in 2014

The Key Word is Professional

WILLIAM ROMBRA
STAFF WRITER

When kids begin to play Pop Warner football, their parents try to teach them to be good sports and to tell them to always congratulate the other team, but that’s usually carrying a giant “F” in “team.” Most of the kids who hear these speeches are also kids that didn’t study abroad be -

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Gov. Christie Caught in Middle of Three Scandals; Two Involving Superstorm Sandy Related Aid

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MANAGING EDITOR

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dals that may ruin his chances for a political future in the national stage and change opinions of him around the state of New Jersey. The scandal that involves the George Washington Bridge or "Bridgegate" as it has been coined was the first scandal in which a traffic study was deemed as politi-
cal retribution for Fort Lee Mayor, Mark Sokolich, a Democrat, not en-
dorsing Gov. Christie's re-election bid. Christie's political future was in the hands of special

candidate, Barbara Buono. While Christie has not been di-
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bers of his administration have been. His Deputy Chief of Staff, Bridget Kelly, sent an email to the Christie appointed Port Authority executive, David Wildstein saying, "Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee." Wildstein responded, "Got it." The Governor has denied having any knowledge of the politi-
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He might be able to stay on as governor of New Jersey, but I think his chances at the White House just got slimmer. Espe-
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The tradition to create a far-fetched New Year’s resolution each year seems like a great way to achieve more than you did the previous year. Many people start the new year with the goal of improving their health, work life, and personal life. However, many people actually stick to their goals after Jan. 1st. Most people forget about their goals as time goes by and many wish they had also make a set plan for my future as in a career like setting up an internship in the near future.

Her goals are probably very similar to many college students. But what if you don’t succeed? Most people forget about their goals as time goes by and many wish they had also make a set plan for my future as in a career like setting up an internship in the near future.

Many resolutions are unattainable and difficult to mandating to conquer at once. Comitting to such a large goal can be stressful and can lead to you say it aloud or write it down on Jan. 1, but when the going gets tough as time passes, your goal suddenly seems unattainable or unrealistic. Giving or pick-up your goals can be an amazing and simple task, but after a few months, the temptation of late night snacking can make you feel hopeless.

The New Year begins on January 1st, what is the one time during the new year you are pregnant with the most confidence, right? You say to yourself that you are going to study extra hard and attain all A’s and B’s for the entire semester. Three weeks into it, after taking an unexspectedly hard exam, you may begin to give up. This happens every year to thousands of college students in their first year off with resolutions.

New Year’s resolutions may not be the best way to make changes in your life. But, what about New Year’s resolutions and goals? Setting goals, they are a great way to aim higher and feel ac- complished. How do you make your goals attainable? Start with small goals you can easily achieve and build yourself up to larger resolutions as the year goes on. These small goals will keep you feeling encouraged instead of overwhelmed. Also, don’t expect your resolutions to be achieved immediately. Many people aren’t going to have six-pack in a month or make enough money this year to pay off your loans.

Break your goals up into months. On January 1st, make one major goal if you choose. But, also make smaller, attainable goals for just the month of January that will help you get to your big goal. Then do it again on the first of each month. The sense of accomplish- ment you feel at the end of each month will help you to keep pushing forward towards your resolution. Remember that a New Year’s resolution is for the whole New Year. You have 12 months to accomplish it. Be patient.

Dr. Lisa Dinella, associate professor of psychology, sug- gests that you think about progressing to a psychology to think about resolutions.

Dinella said, “Psychology is the science of understanding and changing behavior, which is what New Year’s resolutions are all about. There are general psychology principles (e.g. positive reinforcement: reward- ing good behaviors), desensiti- zation (exposure to something that someone finds negative), that can be applied to chang- ing behaviors in general. But, there are also sub-fields within psychology dedicated to specific types of desired behavior change (e.g. changing alcohol and drug dependency).”

Even if you have never taken a psychology course, think about following the processes mentioned above to assist you in keeping your resolutions. It can be as simple as using positive rein- forcement by rewarding yourself with a new item of cloth- ing for every pound you lose or good grade you receive.

If your resolution is to lose weight or be healthier, start with small changes in your diet and physical activity. Starting the year off with an impossible workout routine and a strict diet that doesn’t allow any food you like, is setting yourself up for failure.

Start your resolutions very slowly. Add an extra five min- utes to your cardio, do two ex- tra reps while lifting or a higher workout like spinning. Expect that it will be difficult, but ac- cept the challenge and improve your body as well as your mind.

Your mind may tell you to give up, but your body will tell when to keep pushing or when it is time for break. Learn how to listen to your body and you will conquer greater fitness goals.

New Year’s resolutions are a great way to increase your mo- tivation to complete aspirations to improve yourself. There is always room for improvement in every aspect of your life. However, you have to make your goals achievable instead of impossible. Still, never set- tle for anything less than your actual best. Remember these tips to follow through with this year’s resolutions and you will find yourself proud and accom- plished.
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Peter Jackson's second installment of J.R.R. Tolkien's novel, "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug," follows a group of dwarves on a mission led by Thorin Oakenshield (Rich-ard Armitage) to reclaim the lands that once belonged to the dwarves during their period of success, growth, and stability. Their homeland is demolished by the tyrannical dragon, Smaug (the CGI version of Benedict Cumber-batch) who uses his great size and strength to destroy the land of Erebor, the kingdom of the Lonely Mountain, and acquire all its riches, leaving many slain. Thorin, with the help of Gandalf (Ian McKellen) the Grey Wizard, other dwarves, and Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), treks into the Lonely Mountain in or-der to find the arkenstone—one of his most prized possessions lost among the riches Smaug claims in the Lonely Mountain. The film is filled with tremend-ous action, inventive combat, and lavish sets and costumes that again provide hopeful undertones that will be uncov-ered by the fire. Jackson's part because it certainly-left everyone in the theater on the edge of their seats, fumbling with the increase in music occurs during the ending scene, into the redemption. It makes the end of the movie whether or not actually uncovered by the fate of one's character, but the world sur-rounding Smaug, his loyalty to the dwarves and dauntless attitude drive him to complete his task, though it is not actually uncovered by the end of the movie or whether he actually does pocket the stone. This was a smart move on Peter Jackson's part because it certainly-left everyone in the theater on the edge of their seats, fumbling in anticipation towards unfil-lled expectations. It makes me wait for the third film, titled "The Hobbit: There and Back Again," to be released. "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" is the most engrossing and engaging next to Martin Freeman's part as Bilbo Baggins. Bilbo Baggins is an example of courage in this film. He serves as a reminder of how the small-est of people could be just as, or more, powerful than those bigger. His courage is shown in the depths of the Lonely Mountain while stealing some of the magnificent arkenstone and evading Smaug. On the dwarves and all others under Smaug's wickedness will still be in the hands of a hobbit who may or may not even have the key to return it. A calming excitement takes over as a shift in music occurs during the ending scene. The Hobbit: There and Back Again," is the most engaging and engaging next to Martin Freeman's part as Bilbo Baggins. Bilbo Baggins is an example of courage in this film. He serves as a reminder of how the small-est of people could be just as, or more, powerful than those bigger. His courage is shown in the depths of the Lonely Mountain while stealing some of the magnificent arkenstone and evading Smaug. On the dwarves and all others under Smaug's wickedness will still be in the hands of a hobbit who may or may not even have the key to return it. A calming excitement takes over as a shift in music occurs during the ending scene.
“It’s San Francisco. It shouldn’t be so hard to meet cool people in this town,” said charming Patrick (Tony Award nominee Jonathan Groff), who’s trying to find the right guy for him and figure out what has gone wrong on his heart. This solidifies the focal point of HBO’s new series “Looking”: looking for love as a gay man in San Francisco. With his best friends by his side, looking is only the start of their journey for a happy ever after.

Set in modern day San Francisco, Patrick is a 29-year-old single and is saddened how he can no longer attract younger men all are already “out of the closet.” Of course, each show is different with some similarities. Just like those other “Looking” wants to capture the authenticity pertaining to characters, places, issues and does so nicely. It wouldn’t be hard for many people to see parallels of themself or perhaps themselves a family member or a friend in the show.

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What it wants to be. It wants to be a show that gives perspec- tive of life as a gay man in San Francisco. In fact, they shoot the show only in San Francisco to enhance the validity, especially because I did not know how it would be received by my peers but it ended up being so much fun. A lot of people seemed to enjoy it and I definitely want to do it again.”

Her songwriting takes a little more work group than some other artists. While Hunter is a solo artist and he has been learning guitar and piano for two years, she likes to work with other artists to create her music. Hunter explained, “All of my lyrics and melodies I write on my own but the music behind the vocals I have worked with people. A few of my songs I co-wrote with Blue Hawk artist Natalie Zeller. Jesse Ruben serves as a big influence for Hunter. Ruben, a Philadelphia native, is a singer/songwriter that Hunter was lucky enough to meet. Her songs are so honest and relatable. I actually got the opportunity to speak with him about songwriting and he gave me so much advice. It was really cool to have that experience with one of my favorite artists,” Hunter said.

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Less Stress for Sophomore Housing in Fall 2014

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The new semester means the time has come to start thinking about housing options for the next school year. Over the break students and their families received a lengthy packet in the mail about this process. Luckily, for rising sophomore students, things got a bit easier as they along with the incoming freshman class are also guaranteed housing for next year thanks to a new dorm that is set to open near the University library in September.

Ray Gonzalez, Associate Director of Residential Life, said, “while the actual selection process is not changing, it does give us the ability to guarantee housing to all rising sophomores who are participating in the housing selection process. Prior to this year, while there was no guarantee of housing, we were able to accommodate all requests for housing over the last three years.”

Freshman Erica Villa is excited about this. “I think it is good that sophomores are also guaranteed housing. I am excited to get a suite with my friends and have another year on-campus.”

Freshman Kelly Loeb is also relieved that this year there will be no worrying about getting a high number in a housing lottery or having to move off-campus. “I feel that it decreases stress for all of my friends as well as myself and we all get to stay together another year,” said Loeb. “We were originally thinking about getting a house off-campus, but changed our minds due to this option to avoid conflicts.”

Sophomore, Jennifer Young, agrees that some students may have had a difficult time finding a house off-campus due to this major adjustment.”

A few students still think that this will cause some stress. Freshman Annie Siegel said, “Students still have to figure out their dorm preference and it will be difficult for those with high numbers.”

While housing is guaranteed, the number system that has been used in past years for the selection will still be used. This system, upon payment of the housing deposit, generates a random number for students to use to select their housing assignment. The higher the number, the less of a selection a student has. The only exception to this is if a roommate or friend with a lower number pulls them or her in and they get a room together. Thus, a person with a high number who is not pulled in may not get his or her first choice of preference in terms of building.

Freshman Michelle Bachetta also agreed that there are more benefits than disadvantages when it comes to living on-campus. “I am excited to have another year on-campus because it is better to be trying to locate an off-campus house or apartment which can be very expensive.”

Sophomore, Jennifer Young, strongly agreed that staying on-campus is a positive thing, but more from the point that first year students have more to deal with in terms of adjusting to college life. “I know many first year students are stressed out enough by the new demands of college and having to get a house off-campus adds even more. Having another year set on-campus alleviates tension at selection time and some students are not ready to locate an off-campus house as freshmen due to this major adjustment.”

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The site was founded by Jonah Peretti in 2006 and is still growing in popularity. It averages about 85 million visitors each month. The site has expanded to many other countries and makes millions of dollars each year. Talk about a budding business.

The question still remains however, what is the buzz with BuzzFeed? “I find myself constantly surfing their website because it is one of the best sites on the web when you are looking for something amusing.” said Junior Amanda Saginor.

It’s a tough media world out there when it comes to growing in popularity and being trendy. The numerous themes within their site and the ability to easily access and pick out what interests us, is pleasing to internet users all over. When so many people are complain and arguing via comments and statuses on other social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter, BuzzFeed allows people to laugh or be informed, rather than to become infuriated. Comments are allowed on BuzzFeed but, are certainly not the main focus of the site.

BuzzFeed is immensely popular with this celebrity riddled society as well. If a star gets arrested, expect BuzzFeed to post in full detail about it in minutes. If a celebrity says something dumbfounded, then the website is on the issue with funny memes to enhance this comical perspective on the person. It is almost to the point (if not already there) in which a troubled celebrity does not want to be spewed across the site’s main postings for their misbehaviors.

“I initially thought that it was a paparazzi thing,” said Dorothy Cleary, Director of Tutoring and Writing Services in the Center for Student Success.

“People in the pop culture/mediatational professions do head to the site for the news often now for its rapidness. However, it hasn’t reached a certain “King of Social Media” status that most would agree belongs to Facebook.”

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The Buzz About BuzzFeed: A Rising Internet Media Platform

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After Graduating College” to “The 40 Most Insane Things That Happened This Year in Florida.” Users have flocked to the variety of topics provided on BuzzFeed in millions.

Humor isn’t the only aspect to the site though. Worldwide issues strike a chord amongst the articles and readers. Poverty, war and politics are amongst the many issues compiled into the site. For younger readers who may not be as informed as older readers, this is a great way to spell out what is happening today with critical issues that affect everybody in one way or another. The site has reached a certain “King of Social Media” status that most would agree belongs to Facebook.

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University Alum Goes the Distance
Class of 2011 Graduate Paul Mandala Completed a 10,000 Mile Bike Ride from Alaska to Panama

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the founder of the University’s Outdoors Club which is still active today.

With a love for travel, Mandala set out to challenge himself and felt the Pan-American Highway bike ride was the perfect fit.

Endless hills and mountains, wildlife, weather, loneliness, and differing environments, you are constantly challenged both physically and mentally,” Mandala said as he explained the obstacles on his ride. “However, the most difficult thing to overcome is by far mental fatigue, in particular the part that comes from a solo adventure. It’s a lonely road when by yourself, especially when you’re pedaling seven plus hours a day.

Although he biked the majority of the ride alone, Mandala did have some company on certain legs of the journey.

“I was lucky that a few good friends came out of their way to be a part of my adventure. We looked like a pretty make-shift group of riders. Rebekah had borrowed her mother’s bicycle that was too large for her and only had a basket and rear rack. Sam borrowed my old road bicycle which had nothing gear wise for touring, and Luke was riding his old road bike with a rear rack and brand new panniers. While I was riding my touring bicycle adorned with two front panniers, two rear panniers, a handle bar bag and even had a waterproof bag strapped on top of my rear rack. Although we all knew nothing of the other, it did make it work,” he said.

Mandala also do note that it was not so much the companionship of friends that made the ride comfortable, but actually being able to share the beauty of the scenery with.

“The west coast was gorgeous starting with the rain forests of Washington State, the beautiful and magical rocky shores of Oregon’s misty shores, and the mountainous coast of California with the redwood forests, windy roads, and secret surf spots,” Mandala said of his American leg. “The Baha Desert was amazingly beautiful but hot and lonely. I will never forget camping out amongst the giant cactus under the stars at night and struggling through the mid-day sun low on water feeling like I was in the middle of nowhere. Of course I cannot leave out the Costa Rican rain forests as this is on its own another dream come true.

Although he saw many breathtaking sights, not all of the sites were breathtaking in a positive way.

“In my classes, I heard words like deforestation, overfishing, global warming, urban sprawl, suburbs, cultural integrity, and sustainability. I learned the dark truth behind these. When I landed in upper Alaska above the Arctic Circle, it was almost 90 degrees outside. It was an unprecedented heat wave for the area.”

Mandala noted that this was not the worst of what he saw. Throughout the bicycle tour, he witnessed an abysmal amount of deforestation.

“In fact, even in the tough to reach, most dangerous jungles, filled with guerrillas and drug traffic, the real threat is actually the lumber companies.”

This trip not only furthered Mandala’s aspirations towards protecting the environment, but it also strengthened his commitment to better himself.

“If I were to redo my trip again, the two main things I would change would be my pace and that I would ride with a partner. I would go slower, ride less, stop more, talk to more people, take more pictures and live every second of the trip to its fullest, and more if it were possible. While I loved my experience, riding alone has made me grow in ways I never thought possible and gave me plenty of time to think. I stand firmly on my belief that humans are not solitary animals.”

Now that he has finished another item on his bucket list, he has proven to himself that with the proper mindset, much can be accomplished.

At 25 years old, this remarkable man challenged himself and succeeded in completing his 10,000 mile bike trip. Along the way he was able to “learn about the world first hand, experience all the changes of environment, meet people, learn a new language, and dive into new cultures.”

In reflecting on this experience, he said, “It’s been an amazing experience so far. I don’t know where the world will take me after this but at least I know I choose my path and that I will open the doors to my future.”

Paul Mandala (pictured above) poses for a photo during his 10,000 mile journey.

Back to Class: Readjusting to Campus Life After Winter Break

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SAB Presents Comedian Thomas Dale in Anacon Hall

Comedian Thomas Dale had University students in hysterics when he joked about growing up in his Italian family.

The Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society (MAVS) is hosting three free and fun events this semester that are open to the public.

The Running Club will be meeting this semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm. For now, we will meet at the track in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). When it gets warmer, we will run outside more often. Also, for anyone interested in competing, Monmouth will have several home indoor track meets which are open to all ages and abilities. The upcoming meets are on Wednesday, Jan. 29 starting at 6 pm (800 meter run or 550 meter dash), Saturday, Feb. 2 starting at 1 pm (1 mile run), Tuesday, Feb. 18 starting at 6:30 pm (1 mile run), and Wednesday Feb. 26 starting at 6 pm (800 meter run). Contact our club advisor, Coach Joe Campana, at jec@monmouth.edu for more information.

Delta Tau Delta

Delta Tau Delta is coming to campus in the spring semester. Our club is the largest fraternity at Monmouth. We are looking for a few minutes about your own experiences, you can change their minds about Greek Life.
What do you think of all of the construction on-campus?

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Mallory sophomore
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Moyi aka ‘Pony’
“I believe that it's totally necessary and useful to campus. Of course it will bring some inconveniences, like the parking, but that's all temporary.”

Kosta graduate student
“Well the construction is kind of inconvenient but it will be nice to have the new buildings. They probably could have timed it better though.”

Eva senior
“I think it's so annoying and so inconsiderate and there is nowhere to park. And it's ugly!”

Jason freshman
“I haven't really noticed it to be honest.”

Maria and Alex freshman and junior
“It's whatever, new things are good. It's nice that we're expanding and that it will bring new students in.”

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ABOVE LEFT: A GROUP OF MONMOUTH STUDENTS POSE FOR A QUICK PICTURE WHILE AWAY ON A TRIP TO INDIA OVER THE BREAK (PHOTO COURTESY OF CALCUTTA PHOTO TOURS)

CENTER: ONE OF THE INFAMOUS MU SQUIRRELS HUDDLES IN A TREE DURING THE FIRST BIG SNOWSTORM OF 2014 (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

ABOVE RIGHT: SENIOR JESSICA ROBERTS POSES WITH A YOUNG GIRL WHILE VISITING THE TOWN OF KOLKATA, INDIA (PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA ROBERTS)

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“MISGUIDED UNDERSTANDINGS” BY ALYSSA GRAY

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The women also fared well in the women's events on Friday and Saturday. The women placed first in the women's 800 meter event with a time of 2:01.44 earning them ninth. Junior Rachel Longille also had a top finish in the women's 5000 meter event with a time of 15:47.81 placing her in the top ten for the event.

On Saturday, Freshman Jessica Ball also finished first in the women's 3000 meter steeplechase event with a time of 10:24.63 earning her 47th place.

The women's 400 meter dash also resulted in a top finish for the Hawks. Sophomore Ahmier Dupree rounded out the 60 meter dash top contender with a time of 6.72 seconds earning him 3rd place. Senior Joey Langille also had a top finish in the women's 200 meter dash with a time of 21.46 seconds placing him 3rd place.

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Senior Mel Lewis was the Hawks top finisher in the women's 3000 meter steeplechase event with a time of 10:42.56 placing her 34th place.

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The women's 800 meter event featured back to back finishes by senior Karen Dube and her teammate Chelsea Penn close behind earning them 2nd and 3rd place respectively with times of 2:01.48 and 2:01.50. Freshman Melissa Ganz participated in the women's 500 meter event placing 10th at 1:24.05.

Sparacino and Labb finished 11th and 13th respectively in the men's 1000 meter event with times of 2:36.58 and 2:36.68. Senior Joey Langille also had a top finish in the men's 200 meter dash with a time of 21.46 seconds placing him 3rd place. Senior Jordan Dube rounded out the 60 meter dash top contender with a time of 6.72 seconds earning him 3rd place. Senior Joey Langille also had a top finish in the men's 200 meter dash with a time of 21.46 seconds placing him 3rd place.

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After going 2-3 in matches Saturday, the Hawks are back in strong by going 3-0 Sunday afternoon when they took on Rutgers University Broncs in overtime despite bringing the game to an end with a winning score of 71-68. “Give Rider a lot of credit. They came out after a tough loss to Manhattan and beat us to 20 minutes,” said Rice after the game. “Four of our kids were too much for us to fight against, but we weren’t able to get all the way back.”

MU was 4-for-8 on free throws for the game compared to 46.9 percent for the Broncs. RU also dominated at the free throw line as they hit 20 of their attempts compared to just five for the Jaspers. After the weekend the Hawks are now 10-11 on the season, and have a 4-6 record in MAAC conference play. MU looks to bounce back Thursday, Jan. 30 when they travel to Poughkeepsie to take on Marist at 7 p.m.
The men's basketball team defeated Fairfield 63-60 in a comeback win that was aired live on ESPN 3. Freshman Josh James (pictured above) scored 15 points, contributed for six assists and had four rebounds in the MAAC conference victory.

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