Major Decision; Minor Result

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Many debate whether or not having a college major plays a significant role in determining a person’s future career, although this is generally the number one question that students are asked.

Choosing a major has become an increasingly daunting task for college students, especially when it is believed to dictate their lifelong profession. In today’s competitive job market, many students are conflicted between choosing a major they are genuinely interested in and choosing one that will offer the most lucrative job opportunities once they graduate.

Alyssa Riley, a sophomore accounting major, said, “When I first started college, I had wanted to be an art major but everyone’s reactions when I told them my potential plan kind of discouraged me. All I heard in response was ‘How are you going to find a job?’”

Because of this uncertainty, students like Riley often choose to postpone their major decision. Approximately 50 percent of incoming University students enroll as undeclared each year, according to data from the University’s website.

Danielle Schrama, Director of Advising, said, “I think a lot of times students have an idea of what they want to do but just don’t want to commit and be confined by it. If they do end up committing early on they often change their mind and switch, sometimes even more than once.”

However, despite the concerns of students, many professionals are trying to debunk the notion that choosing your major is a pressing concern. Because of this uncertainty, students are genuinely interested in and choosing one that will offer the most lucrative job opportunities once they graduate.

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DANGEROUS TREND: SMOKING ALCOHOL

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There is a dangerous new trend making its way across college campuses across the nation that allows people to become intoxicated by inhaling alcohol vapor, which is commonly known as smoking alcohol.

According to an episode on the “Dr. Oz Show” released March 6, smoking alcohol is defined as inhaling alcohol instead of drinking it. The vapors create an instant high without a hangover, Dr. Oz said.

“I’m surprised because it’s only one shot of alcohol but I’m inhaling it,” said Dr. Oz after smoking the vapor of one shot of vodka on his show. “As you inhale it into your lungs you feel the effect almost immediately.”

There are a number of reasons why people are turning to smoking alcohol opposed to drinking it in order to get a buzz.

Suwanne Schaad, substance awareness coordinator, said smoking alcohol has been on the rise in the recent months and should be addressed.

The act of smoking alcohol first made itself known during a surge of media coverage in 2013. More recently, the act has become popular due to an increasing amount of uploaded YouTube videos with more people questioning what it is and many

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William Hill, Assistant Dean for Career Services, said, “Most of the employers from job fairs and other career-related events held on campus are not looking for prospective employees to have a particular major. They want someone who is well-rounded with good communication skills, problem solving and analytical abilities.”

According to the United States Census Bureau statistics, about 30 percent of Americans earned a bachelor’s

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The Beta Beta Beta (Tri Beta) Biology Honor Society hosted a bone marrow drive in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC) for students interested in helping people with bone marrow deficiency diseases.

The honor society swabbed cheeks to test their DNA and determine if certain genes matched the genes of people who lack bone marrow due to illness. Certain diseases that cause a lack of bone marrow include cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

The swabs were placed in an envelope and sent to the Delete Blood Cancer DKMS registry. If the DNA of a certain person is found to be a match, officials from the registry contact individual and ask if they would be willing to donate their bone marrow.

People can donate by either giving blood or traditional bone marrow samples, though the process is extremely confiden
tial. The goal of Tri Beta’s drive was to add more people to the bone marrow registry, which is a list of potential donors who are removed after they turn 65-years-old.

“I thought that it was an extremely beneficial event and I felt good about registering to donate because hopefully I could be a match for someone,” Madelyn Mauterer, a member of Tri Beta and a biology major, said. “My grandmother is currently fighting leukemia and my high school track coach’s 10-year-old daughter is as well. I’ve seen how blood cancers affect the lives of those infected and their families.”

Mauterer said she does not worry about the pain of donating if she ever does get matched. “I know it’s more than worth it to save someone’s life and is nothing compared to the pain they’re going through fighting cancer,” she added.

A total of 24 donors registered at this year’s bone marrow drive. “We need more people to know about this drive because there are many bone cancers out there,” Ledesma said with such a small amount of time left in the semester, Tri Beta hopes future members will continue the drive in the coming years, at least once per semester.

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The law covering [underage drinking] does not state that the alcohol must be consumed by drinking it. Any form of consumption, in this case smoking it, while under 21 is against the law.”

WILLIAM McELRATH
Chief of MUPD

Smoking Alcohol May be More Dangerous than Drinking

Drinking alcohol is a dangerous alternative to experiencing the effects of consuming alcohol without experiencing a hangover.
Bowling Alley Predicted to be Completed by this May

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degree in 2011. This gives anyone with a four-year degree an edge in the job market, regardless of their major. “Liberal arts majors have so much opportunity in the market because the skills they learn are transferable,” said Hill, who oversees the operations of career services.

Hill also explains that students that are not happy with the jobs they get right out of college should not panic. “This generation is much more mobile in the job market and they have plenty of time to gain experience and change paths along the way,” he said.

While a college major may be flexible and allow students to diversify into various fields of study, there is also a negative side to being unsure about what to declare. For certain fields, such as more technical occupations, a student’s college major directly correlates to their career. Being undecided or switching majors during the year may cause setbacks later on.

Schrama, who supervises advising, said, “Being undecided may put you at a disadvantage if you end up choosing a structured major that has a very strict sequence. You may have to take summer classes or 18 credit semester classes to catch up.”

Careers such as nursing or education, for example, require a very specific amount and type of courses. “If you want to go to graduate school for something in particular, there are going to be certain prerequisites that are required so it is important to have a plan early on and choose a major that will fulfill these requirements,” said Schrama.

However, there are still options available that most students who are not entirely sure about their major.

Career Services suggests that students talk to various professors and recent graduates who have experience in the job market in order to gain some insight to help them make an informed decision.

Delilah Kontor was an international relations major at TCNJ but is now working in human resources and marketing for a software company called FAST.

“My major helped me to be more analytical, perceptive and sensitive to other cultures, which is skills I have applied to my work at Kontor,” Kontor stated. “But I still feel a specialized practical or ‘technical’ degree would be much more useful for many college students in today’s job market.”

According to Kontor, a connection between what you learn in college and what you have post-graduation is essential.

While I learned what I do here at FAST through experience and the help of my managers and coworkers, knowing the basics when I started could have saved me a lot of time, effort, and uncertainty. I would have been more valuable from the get-go,” she said.

Ultimately, however, this decision is dependent on each student’s unique and specific situation. The University provides a multitude of services that help students get the necessary information to choose a major that best suits them.

University advising recommends that students take an online career test called FOCUS, which allows students to compatible careers based on their characteristics, attend career fairs, talk to students who are in different introductory classes to have a better understanding of each field of study. In addition, the school offers one-on-one undecided counseling as a resource for undecided students.

The NJ Marathon is Looking for Volunteers

The Novo Nordisk New Jersey Marathon is looking for “Ask Me” team members to volunteer during the marathon weekend on April 25, 26 and 27. The “Ask Me” team is a group of volunteers that answer questions that athletes might have before or after the race.

The team members will be separated into different groups according to the day, location and other times they are available. There are three days available to volunteer (April 25 and 26 at the Health and Fitness Expo and April 27 on race day). There will be two time slots to volunteer per day (morning and afternoon). Ideally it would be great to volunteer all three days, although we appreciate every second that you are able to help!

Each of the volunteers will undergo a training session explaining the common questions that they will be asked. The volunteers will also be given an awesome “Ask Me” volunteer shirt and a packet of questions and answers that they should have with them at all times while volunteering.

The Novo Nordisk New Jersey Marathon is a local race created in 1997 that involves the surrounding towns. The race started as a 700 person race in 1997 and is now an estimated 12,000 person race which includes a full marathon, half marathon, half marathon relay and Shaping NJ 5k race. The race includes eight shore communities in Monmouth County and supports hundreds of organizations to raise money through fundraising.

If you are interested in becoming an “Ask Me” volunteer, please contact Angela Cirolo at ajirollo@gmail.com. Please be aware of the days and times that you are available to volunteer.

For more information about the Novo Nordisk New Jersey Marathon, log onto their website: www.usroadsports.com/Signature/NewJersey
University Students Spend Spring Break Completing Construction on a School in Guatemala

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Twenty University students traveled abroad this past weekend to participate in community service efforts in the town of Xepocol during Spring Break. The students, along with three professional staff members, completed the roof of a school that students began building on previous volunteer trips three years prior.

“At the worksite, we did hard manual labor that the people do daily,” Dan Pizzimenti, a sophomore business major, said. “We had to shovel rocks and sand, we were silica, making and moving concrete, cutting rebar and bending it. It was hot and tough work but working together as a team makes everything bearable,” he added.

Construction for schools in Guatamala promote education for those living at or under the poverty line because it enables the students in the area to learn closer to home. Salud y Paz, the organization the group traveled with, aims to help their country’s current educational needs.

“We do our best to create a safe environment where people can travel throughout the campus,” said Swannack. “Snow and ice removal is never perfect, but our employees work tirelessly to do the best they can to make the campus as safe as possible.”

Thomas Pearson, Provost of the University, said that she hopes to correct the corroded staircases every-day, said, “In the past the stairs used to be partially blocked off but now they are totally blockaded, causing an inconvenience when you have to walk to and from class.”

“Moving forward, Swannack said that she hopes to correct deteriorating conditions in infrastructure around campus; Facilities Management has placed a great emphasis on improving conditions for this spring, or as soon as the weather warms up and remains warm, she added. The Facilities Management is also exploring finishing that will not cause staircases and roadways to deteriorate under extreme temperature changes.

“Although what we did might not have an immediate impact, we’re changing the future of these children for generations to come. We were giving them an opportunity to make a better life for themselves and their families.”

PATRICIA SWANNACK
Vice President of Administrative Services

Large amounts of snowfall cause the University to hire a local construction company to assist in snow removal.

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**Paul R. Brown, PhD**

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California Dreaming

When coming to Monmouth it is the common expectation that learning is going to take place. No surprise there. Yet hawks of all years and majors are often surprised to learn that the University owns one house in CA.

As the often unheard story goes the CA house was left to the University in an alma’s will after they had passed, and that’s pretty much it. Since the University obtained the house some years back they have been sitting on it, not really knowing how to make use of it. Well, The Outlook editorial staff has had a few ideas and recommendations as to what the University could do with the West Coast property. While there were several ideas tossed around, one suggestion that the majority agreed upon was that the property could serve as a good place for students to travel during the semester, like the semester at Washington D.C. program offered to students. As one of the editors pointed out, a great advantage that this option brings is that it could be a very good resume addition for students. Even better, the experience could make students more marketable when they go in search for a job. Another editor hypothesized that the successful effects seen in the Washington program could suggest similar achievements in CA. “Using the Washington center as an example of how important it is to have students get housing and internships out of state, there is a high success rate of students getting a job out of the program,” the editor said.

While the University does not actually own any property in Washington for the students involved in the program to stay at, instead the University rents property, the house in CA would be a good option for programs like the one in Washington because the school would not have to worry about renting a place for the students to stay at.

A second option that the majority of the staff agreed upon was using the CA house as a place for students to stay at if they got internships in CA. As some of the staff said, it would go a long way to encourage students to go out of their comfort zone and make connections, expand the University’s visibility across the country and show that they are active ly using all of their resources for their students. Yet at the same time the possibility of having the CA house as an internship location leaves some asking more questions before they get really excited about the prospect of using the house as a place to stay for internships across the country. Questions such as what type of house is it, how many students could live there and where in CA is the house located? Of course this opened another question, and if it was used for internship opportunities would the students have to pay an increased tuition.

Though, there was also the prospect brought up by another editor that there would be a good chance that having the property might raise tuition for all University students. “Think about it, after buying property, they would have to pay staff, not just utilities. They would need a building manager, a cleaning staff at least between each tenant and then we all know how [the University] values landscaping. Plus, there is no guarantee that X number of kids would even get an internship in that city every year, so they can’t assume that they can pay their staff based on students paying to live there,” said the editor.

Overall though, The Outlook staff has found that having the University just hold this CA property is not doing any good. Whether sold or rented out, a large property could be made with the house in a way that will better the University and its students. Mostly it can be said that this West Coast property brings many exciting prospects for students should be allowed to take advantage of in order to remember one of the great opportunities that the University provides, and to better themselves.

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Positive Minds Live Positive Lives

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In a place where one is constantly stressed, it’s hard to maintain a positive outlook, but it’s not impossible. Maintaining a positive attitude might seem easy when you’re not happy, key.

It’s easy to have something not go your way, yet watch your world fall apart. In reality, what we are stressing over is typically something that can be solved in just a few days. It might sound cliche, but the simple thing of feeling better about a bad situation. Try to find something funny about whatever you’re stressing over.

Take pride in the little things in life. It’s the little things in life that have an impact on us without realizing it. Someone holding the door for you isn’t always a big deal to some, but when it does happen, be appreciative.

If a stranger smiles at you or says hi while driving through all the light traffic, don’t just wave, turn on your Hazard lights, duty, and do it. It is genuine method of feeling better about a bad situation. Try to find something funny about whatever you’re stressing over.

There is nothing in the world that compares to family. For many of us, no one knows, understands or loves us like our siblings and other family members. However, no matter how much we love them, sometimes there is no one who gets under our skin more than our own family members.

Sibling rivalries are a tale as old as time, and as old as the Universe. We battle over clothes and shoes, brother duking it out over a girl or a pair of Mickey mouse ears or a pair of Mickey Mouse ears or a pair of Mickey Mouse ears. We all love them, and it seems like there’s always the annoying older sibling or the younger sibling hating in every family.

As the oldest in a family, you are always the source of those arguments. If you are the middle child, you are always the source of those arguments. If you are the only child, you will always be the source of those arguments. If you are the only child, you will always be the source of those arguments. If you are the only child, you will always be the source of those arguments.

As the oldest sibling especially, it is easy to become very overprotective over our younger siblings and develop the mentality of “I know best.”

When we are young, we often want to do whatever we want to do, and we can get away with it. We get into trouble, and even though we get into trouble, we can usually talk our way out of it. As older siblings, we need to be more careful with our actions.

The art of listening is not appreciated enough in my opinion, but listening is a skill that is a necessary skill. Not only do we need to listen to others, but we also need to listen to ourselves.

As older siblings, we need to be open-minded and not judge others based on our own opinions. If we are open-minded, we can learn from others and make better decisions.

Are We Really Listening or Just Hearing?

NATALI GRECO
STAFF WRITER

Whether it is during class, at home, or during an argument, as siblings we care constantly being told to listen and pay attention. Most of us will automatically respond with a question such as “How do you know that?” However, how many actually realize what is being said to us? Not only do we have a hard time understanding the knowledge the difference between hearing and listening.

Listening is defined as “the faculty or perceiving sound.” Listening can not be any more accurate at describing the two.

As human beings, we do not want to listen to the truth. If we were lucky enough to be born with healthy hearing, we cannot control what sounds make it to our ear drums and which don’t. Nevertheless, we do control which of those sounds we recognize and which we do not.

The art of listening is a wonderful one that we are privileged to have, and those who do, do not always appreciate it. Take listening to music for instance. How many of us can have our day completely flipped because of the lyrics of a song?

Listening gives us the opportunity to relate to a sound that is unexplainable even to us. It gives us a chance to express our emotions when words are not enough. Listening also allows us to communicate with one another.

As older siblings especially, it is easy to become very overprotective over our younger siblings and develop the mentality of “I know best.”

On the other hand, younger siblings could benefit from acknowledging that sometimes we cannot help but act like the “annoying older sibling” but we only do it because we care.

As older siblings, we need to stop judging others for the actions they take. We need to stop judging our younger siblings and be patient with them. As siblings, we need to be open-minded and not judge others based on our own opinions. If we are open-minded, we can learn from others and make better decisions.

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WILLIAM ROMBA
STAFF WRITER

Bumper stickers: simple adhesive strips that can be easily attached to any car and enable people to express their thoughts and feelings about a wide variety of topics, from religion to politics to sports in just a few sentences.

There are many ways for one to determine whether someone loves or hates President Obama, whether someone’s in love or not, whether someone else believes their car is too small. We can also see who our friends are by the bumper sticker they have on their car.

“I think bumper stickers are a great way to express your views and opinions,” said Jennifer Reynolds, a junior majoring in political science. "However, some of them are not very protective of the cars they are on."

There are also stickers where each family member is wearing a different color around their wrist and each of them represents a different family member. The colors represent the family member and are a great way to make sure you stick your family and your pets on the back seat of your car no matter where you go.

There is a family up the street from me with a set of these popular stickers. They hang to the car window, and when you look at the sticker, you see the picture of the family member who would be that honor kid.

I have not seen any bumper stickers like this, but if I had, I would definitely use them.

The Obsession with Bumper Stickers

Today, these stick figures seem to be a Kansas invention. "I think bumper stickers started in the early 1970s," she said. "Most people associate bumper stickers with libraries. "It’s generally accepted that they were developed in the late 1970s and early 80s," she said. "Most people attribute the creation of the bumper sticker to a man named Forrest Dunham, who was a printer from Kansas City, KS. So I think we can claim the bumper sticker as a Kansas invention.

Through the years, bumper stickers have become more and more popular in popular culture. They can make us laugh, make us think, make us smile or make us wonder what person in the world was thinking when they put that sticker on their car.

These simple strips of vinyl have also spawned several new trends in automotive design. Some people think the chief of all bumper stickers has to be the stick figure, because they are so popular.

Today, these stick figure seem almost as ubiquitous as the traditional bumper stickers that helped create them. They also come in a wide variety of different styles; you can find stickers that have each family member’s name or favorite hobby on their respective parts of the car.

There are also stickers where each family member is wearing a different color around their wrist and each of them represents a different family member. The colors represent the family member and are a great way to make sure you stick your family and your pets on the back seat of your car no matter where you go.

There is a family up the street from me with a set of these popular stickers. They hang to the car window, and when you look at the sticker, you see the picture of the family member who would be that honor kid.

I have not seen any bumper stickers like this, but if I had, I would definitely use them.

However, there is also a group of bumper stickers that come from the other side of the fence. These are the bumper stickers created by another stick figure I’ve seen that said, “Nobody cares about your stick figure family,” with a picture of an adhesive family running from a monster truck. I laughed out loud.

Cute as they may be, there are some of us, including myself, who find them somewhat annoying and feel that people should stick with traditional stickers rather than stick figures.

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All is Fair in Love and War

KAILA HORNUTH
STAFF WRITER

There is nothing in the world that compares to family. For many of us, no one knows, understands or loves us like our siblings and other family members. However, no matter how much we love them, sometimes there is no one who gets under our skin more than our own family members.

Sibling rivalries are a tale as old as time, and as old as the Universe. We battle over clothes and shoes, brother duking it out over a girl or a pair of Mickey mouse ears or a pair of Mickey Mouse ears. We all love them, and it seems like there’s always the annoying older sibling or the younger sibling hating in every family.

As the oldest in a family, you are always the source of those arguments. If you are the middle child, you are always the source of those arguments. If you are the only child, you will always be the source of those arguments. If you are the only child, you will always be the source of those arguments.

As older siblings especially, it is easy to become very overprotective over our younger siblings and develop the mentality of “I know best.”

When we are young, we often want to do whatever we want to do, and we can get away with it. We get into trouble, and even though we get into trouble, we can usually talk our way out of it. As older siblings, we need to be more careful with our actions.

The art of listening is not appreciated enough in my opinion, but listening is a skill that is a necessary skill. Not only do we need to listen to others, but we also need to listen to ourselves.

As older siblings, we need to be open-minded and not judge others based on our own opinions. If we are open-minded, we can learn from others and make better decisions.

So for those who are older siblings like myself, remember that your younger siblings are not the only people who care about them. It is not so much about being wrong or right, though. It is more so about compromising and giving the other person the opportunity to express themselves and connect with what they’re saying. It is about giving someone the respect and attention they are giving you.

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Ashbury Park Beach Replenishment Program
Doing More Harm than Good

JESSICA ROBERTS
POLITICAL COVERAGE

Major backlash has come from the environmental impact of the beach replenishment project ordered by the Jersey Shore replenishment plan funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers developed a plan for beach replenishments along the Jersey Shore due to post-Sandy damages. From Asbury Park to Sevin, beaches will be pumped with more sand in order to extend where the water previously met the shore. These actions will act as a buffer to protect the beach area from extreme storm damages. The project estimated to cost $218.3 million dollars, which was approved by Congress for Sandy Relief.

The replenishment program will last until 2048, according to the Asbury Park Press, with the sand being pumped into the beaches every six years. The Asbury Park Press also released that the project covering from Manasquan to Sevin will cost around $300 million dollars, with roughly $100 million of it coming from NJ taxpayers.

Replenishments also bring about environmental damage to the ecosystems and the marine life within these beach areas. Protesters from environmental organizations, civic groups, surfers, anglers and residents of the beach town gathered in Asbury on Friday March 21 for a demonstration against the project.

Michael Phillips-Anderson, assistant professor of communic-ation said, “The beaches are obvi-ously an integral part of our local economy. The environmental concern is that what might make the beach better to sit on will hurt the overall environment and wild-life. With significant public atten-tion and education, it is my hope that residents will get a say in the Army Corps of Engineers’ plans.”

I asked Phillips-Anderson about the replenishment project, claiming every beach has a different need for it to be repaired. For their beaches, according to the Asbury Park Press, they first made the “green modifications, known as notch-ing,” a process that calls for removal of rocks from the beach, typically the jetty, closest to the beach. The town worries that this removal will cause a blockage to The Deal Lake Flume.

Blockage to The Flume will cause damages to the costal ar-ea. Having the removal of rocks through the Flume is important for the towns of Asbury Park, Ocean Haven, Neptune, Normandy Beach, Deal, Allenhurst, Interlaken, and Loch Arbour are all bordered on the Flume. If there was to be a blockage, there would be an increase in water flow over the waterways of the Flume then it could cause a flood like the one in 1980. The towns expect an increase in erosion.

Shepard, a college student in WY, went on to say that it makes her feel sorry for the death of a man who organized social movements that called for removal of restrictions for LGBT people.

When asked about these groups proactive reactions Foster said, “I, myself, would not advocate pro-active hate. I believe, overall, that it seems to me that such an action only gives legitimacy to the very actions they wish to oppose, even if it’s not repulsive, but because I think in this current political climate of real and legitimate threats for LGBT rights that it is strategically-wise to sto-the-power of people doing this. There is no harm doing it,” Foster continued, “I don’t agree with the churches beliefs. I do be-lieve they should be able to voice their opinions. We all deserve that respect and compassion. There is no need to stop the level of the [WBC]. It’s about being the bigger person here.”

According to CNN, they first made headlines in 1998 when the church picketed Matthew Shepard’s funeral.

Shepard, a college student in WY was tortured and beaten to death for being homosexual. The church held pickets outside the boy burning, beating, and killing, and others the likes of “GOD HATES FAGS.”

The pinnacle of the church’s move-ment came in 2006, when they picketed a gay wedding at the First Foun-tyown Church. Shepard, a college student in WY, was the focus of concern for many in the LGBT community among others.

A liquor store in OK, Moore Li-qore, known for famous signs, up a sign this week that read “FRED PHILLIPS 1929-2014, CHAMPAGNE 10% OFF...NOT COINCIDENCE.”

Earlier this week, the daughter of Fred Phelps, Barbara, released that the project was backed by a Twitter account was hacked, by an unknown person here.

Foster went on to say that it would be wrong to picket the fu-neral of a person. And some LGBT groups were preparing to do so. She said, “He should be met with respect and compassion. There is no need to stop the level of the [WBC]. It’s about being the bigger person here.”

Melia Owens, a junior so-cial work major, thought that the churches action are result of, “up-brighting.”

“[Some people] actually fear homo-sexuals. Fear what they don’t know or understand. Hate crimes, to me, are the most mean-spirited all related to ignorance. People are so close-minded. But I can’t blame them in a way, because that is a fear they have.” and they would no longer be able to gain access to the lake. This causes an upset for the ecosys-tem that is developed. According to nj.com, the flume is a breed-ground for herring, which the largemouth bass has become de-pendent on for food, in return the bass have become popular among the town anglers.

Notching would also create more rock sediment for the blackfish, striper, and fluke that are abundant in the submerged areas of the jetty.

Also when the modifications are made to the jetty, the removal of the stones would be at the jetty’s base, a take away the access to fishing off of them from the anglers.

More than just the fishing in-dustry will be affected, however, the replenishment process will ultimately make the ocean more dangerous to swim in. through filling in the shore, replenishment causes a change in the ocean bottom and the shoreline causing a cut change in the ocean bottom for surfers. According to Asbury Park Press the sand will form a sort of cliff that will trap people in during high tide, and poten-tially injuring surfers, swimmers, and kayakers.

Foster commented, “Many of you in attendance have reached out to me to express your con-cerns about the proposed project. I understand your concerns with respect to noting the gains in this area and the impacts this may have on recreational fishing.”

I asked Foster if he was being honest in discussing this issue with the Army Corps of Engineers and trying to find a resolution that does not negatively impact fisherman in the area. Foster responded that he had not received all of the information and that he was still trying to find a resolution that was acceptable to the environmentalists.

In the statement Pallone asked all concerned to express in a for-mal submission through e-mail to Jennifer Thalhauser of the Army Corp Engineers, with a deadline on March 26.

Concluding all the controversy Ashbury Beach life and death was defined by, it has been the church’s decision not to hold a funeral.

Shirley Phelps Roper, daughter of Fred Phelps told CNN that they would not hold a service, “We do not worship the dead.”

Fred Phelps (top left) and other members of the church protested against LGBT in the mili-tary, often at their funerals.

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NJ Bill A1009 passed the Assembly and would prohibit smoking on state public beaches and parks. This bill would be an extension of the “New Jersey Smoke Free Act” that went into effect 180 days after its enactment. Bill sponsor, Assemblywoman Violeta Abdelfatah, said the bill is a move toward the natural resources of this state by reducing exposure to secondhand smoke and would better preserve the natural states of this beach and parks. "This is the right thing to do," Dr. Patricia Sciscione, a specialist professor of nursing, is in favor of the bill and believes it could help public health. "Cigarette butts are a form of toxic waste since they contain many chemicals that are known carcinogens, yet they are frequently discarded into the sand or onto the ground. Immediate risk of exposure to this negligible small children, birds, animals, and marine life. They are also biodegradable and they can exist in the environment for decades causing harm to marine life, land animals, and the environment."

Kimberlee Noordyk, a freshman social work major, was a smoker for three years and said her fellow students were 100 percent for it. She said if she was still a smoker she would be against this because it’s hard for her to smoke for three months. She said if she was still a smoker she would be against this because it’s hard for her to smoke for three months. She said he was still a smoker she would be against this because it’s hard for her to smoke for three months. She said if she was still a smoker she would be against this because it’s hard for her to smoke for three months. She said if she was still a smoker she would be against this because it’s hard for her to smoke for three months. She said if she was still a smoker she would be against this because it’s hard for her to smoke for three months. She said if she was still a smoker she would be against this because it’s hard for her to smoke for three months. 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Eat and Drink Well at Inkwell

Inkwell Coffee House – serving you the best coffee topped off with whipped cream and drizzled with hippie-nmess in a mason jar.

Located on 665 Second Ave Avenue only minutes away from the University, Inkwell Coffee House is open Monday through Friday from 6 am to 3 am. The ambiance is darker and more relaxed than most coffee shops, making it the perfect place for a group of friends to come and spend a few hours embracing the relaxed atmosphere of the restaurant.

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Inkwell Coffee House

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Refreshments will be served.

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Tuesday, April 8th
8:00 PM
Bey Hall Room 133

A panel discussion focused on how to improve and recognize unhealthy interpersonal relationships

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IT GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT: Fred Strahl

“I would not have been able to start my business without a minor in IT.” Fred Strahl: Class of 2012

Current Job: Owner of Larchwood Marketing

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The films to be shown will explore the critical decisions people make where power and identity often collide on a daily basis. Family ties, ethnic heritage, gender, religious teachings, and historical experience—all converge to make life challenging, sometimes tragic, but always unpredictable.

Host: Thomas S. Pearson, Provost / Vice President for Academic Affairs
“A Bottle in the Gaza Sea” (2011) NR • Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Monmouth University • Pollak Theatre
Taei is 17 years old. Naim is 20. She’s Israeli. He’s Palestinian. She lives in Jerusalem. He lives in Gaza. Only 60 miles separate them but how many bommbings, check-points, sleepless nights and bloodstained days stand between them?

Plot summary is based on the IMDb website.
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The University was host to the inaugural poet Richard Blanco, who read on Tuesday, March 25. Speaking in the Pollak Theater, as opposed to the usual Wilson Hall auditorium, he was always conscious of the divide between the nations of America he saw on TV, the America he lived in, and his parents, who frequently remind him of how fortunate family members left behind. He believes that while this divide between these worlds influence the majority of his work.

With this, Blanco took to the podium and recited went into a detailed demonstration of his method and how he came about his work. He showed pictures from throughout his life, beginning with his first baby photo: the one used for his passport. He also read a variety of poems, beginning with more general themes, moving then to discuss his ailing father, the bridges he didn’t have a first language, which forced him to hide his sexual identity for years.

Blanco then went on to talk about his life as an engineer, and how he confused many people until he tells them he’s also a poet. Explaining that his work as a poet comes from how he fell in love with language while compiling engineering reports, he spoke about how his poems come from both a creative side and an analytical exactitude. To emphasize, he read an excerpt from his drafts, which he called “a love poem to my father,” which he suspected his ailing father, the bridges he didn’t have, would connect people physically and emotionally.

Moving on to more distant壤, he talked about growing up under his grandmother’s watchful eye, saying that she had very strict rules about anything that was supposed to do and that any deviation was “gay,” such as drinking soda with a straw or joining the cub scouts. His poem “Querier Theory” According to my Grandmother” came off as humorous to many, especially with lines like, “if I hear you say ‘Look at the moon’ I’ll cut off it.” Blanco acknowledged that many find it funny, though it is a scathing indictment of her values, which forced him to hide his sexuality.

He also talked about the inauguration itself and read his selected poem of the day, “One Today,” saying that it was “almost script’d” that he’d read at the event since he’d been “dying for a chance to speak in front of a huge audience” since he was a baby. He also laughed about the “amazing” race to fix the “5000000000 page icon” which he stop him on the street to cry, talk, or pick up his children, all things he’s been moving by his piece. “We crashed three gmail accounts,” he said about losing his email, which is being a being, photographer, and social media coordinator). “But when people give modern poetry a chance, it’s amazing.” Blanco said.

Throughout the event, he talked about the power of words, which prompt him very astute as well. She said, “I feel like he captured the audac- ion in words, and that other writing writers haven’t. I really enjoyed the way the character and the theme of what he says” Can Do By following the re- lence of poetry in his life. His most recent section, his dictation kept my attention throughout the reading, especially as I tried to catch the words interlaced here in his piece.” Winters, an English major, added. Blanco is just one of the many well-known figures to speak at the University. Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Muldoon will be reading on April 24. Check mommu.edu/arts for details.
Pollak Theatre was filled on Saturday night with a crowd ready to rock out to songs from local songwriters. Songwriters by the Sea is a series of concerts hosted by musicians Joe D’Urso and Professor Joe Rapolla, Chair of the Department of Music and Theatre. The round-robin style concert brought together local professional musicians to play with D’Urso and Rapolla, while three university students opened up for the professionals.

Natalie Zeller, Bryan Haring and Erin Holmes all received some huge applause from the audience. I sat next to some 14-year-old girls who were brought along by their parents, and they seemed a little lost with the railing and demanded that his music was available for free on bandcamp.com.

Of course, they weren’t the only ones who enjoyed the student posters. Connor Healey, a music major, enjoyed the Blue Ink Records artists, stating, “The student performances were war, Bryan, Erin and Natalie all did a great job, and I really enjoyed their work.”

The three went around playing a mix of their own songs and covers. Zeller opened the show with the shower original “Bipolar” while Holmes played a sultry cover of ‘Feelin’ Good” and Haring dedicated an original song to his girlfriend. Each played a couple of songs before ending with a cover of Muses’ “Madness.”

Zeller said that Rapolla had been the one to let the students in on the fun. Zeller explained, “Professor Rapolla told Bryan, ‘Erin, why don’t you ask about the idea for the show, asked us if we would be interested in it and immediately, we all said yes.’ To be able to share a stage with such great professional performers is for sure not something that a student but it was a really, really good experience.”

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Are You Afraid of the Dark?

Our Cognitive Ability to See Movement in Pitch Black Conditions

MOMMA AYUB - Staff Writer

Imagining being in a pitch black field, being hit with an infield trial strengthblindfold being clearly unable to see. Surely such a scenario would set a low for any movements to be detected due to the lack of light. How is it then that when asked about his experience with the dark, former cognitive experiment volunteer reported seeing movement.

But why is it that we are able to see and react to movements in the dark? When playing sports, we are able to get to the ball with a great degree of precision. Our bodies instinctively respond to movements in the dark. By responding to movements in the dark, we are better able to avoid obstacles and take advantage of opportunities.
LETTING YOU KNOW HOW COUNTRY FEELS

WESLEY BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

Country music has come to be very popular across campus recently, as it has been a hot topic throughout conversations and even club meetings. Bryanna Recanzone, a sophomore health studies major, feels that part of this is because many of the topics discussed in the songs are very relatable to everyday life. “It appeals to everyone and I happen to like it because it talks about love a lot of the time,” she said.

Bekah Varin, a sophomore agrees. “A lot of songs deal with relationships and other very important aspects of life which is why I also enjoy it.” Some students are not quite sure why this has become such a fad. Lena Kaplan feels “I am not sure why it has become a fad, but know it is very popular to hear about in conversations.”

Rachel Fox, a junior, said that there is a certain feel that country music has that makes it appealing to the college crowd. “I think it is popular because it touches upon topics such as family, faith, and love…topics that many people can relate to,” she explained.

Fox continued, “Country music puts out a lot of feel-good songs about being young and carefree and about enjoying life in general.”

Country music has a special feeling where people can let loose and escape the issues they may be dealing with in their lives. Gabi Meyer said that there is something unique with

in this style of music. “I feel [like] it talks about things that everyone can relate to and also provides a party style feel when one listens to it in a group,” she said. Many of the singers in this genre are also very young, making it even more relatable.

Lori Flores, a Spanish professor, knows that this is becoming a popular style in the U.S. but not so much in other parts of the world. “In Spain country music is not as popular as in the U.S. While I do not like it personally, I am also not sure why so many students are getting into it. Perhaps because of its party style sound,” Flores said.

Danielle Walsh, a junior, believes there are many other reasons that country music is popular. “I feel that a lot of people go to country concerts because they are fun but also the fact that people can drink there which is why it is overwhelmingly popular,” she said.

At the college age, there is a desire to see the biggest and bestest artists are and what fads they are promoting. These range from boots and cowboy hats to the new top hit single on the charts. The bass and other instruments can play a role in this as well because they provide a dance-like atmosphere.

Even small venues such as the Stone Pony have attracted sizeable crowds. One of the bestest artists are and what fads they are promoting. These range from boots and cowboy hats to the new top hit single on the charts. The bass and other instruments can play a role in this as well because they provide a dance-like atmosphere.

“Small venues provide a more personal atmosphere to enjoy the music and dance on the dance floor. I also love big outdoor venues because there is often a lot of space to dance on the lawn and enjoy a fun time with friends,” she said. Both types offer a unique experience and fun time for all.

The thought of summer is also prevalent. Amy Maginnis, a sophomore, said, “Country music gives the feeling of summer and time off from school with friends which is why I love it to listen to.”

Whatever the reason, country music has become increasingly popular among college-age students.

A country fan poses near Luke Bryan’s equipment truck outside of the PNC Bank Arts Center amphitheater.

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PREPARING FOR BATTLE: A PARKING LOT SAGA

ADRIANA EISEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Blinkers clicking furiously; tires screeching to a halt; horns honking nonstop. The yelling; the arguing; I can hear it already and I’m not even on campus yet.

Welcome to the modern day battlefield: the Monmouth University parking lot. It’s like the scene in “Mean Girls” when Cady Heron imagines the cafeteria turning into a jungle in Africa, except instead of people running wild, it’s the machines that are animals, weighing it tons each and being driven by barbarians on the hunt for a good spot.

It’s survival of the fittest out here. The early risers, being better prepared, are guaranteed better spots, but still, there is always struggle. Not to mention, they’ve now eliminated more spots for parking with the construction that is going on. As if the competition wasn’t high enough. It’s like cutting down the rainforest!

Cutting into our natural resources, necessities.

And before the hunt even begins, a smooth drive to campus can’t even be promised. Our commutes consist of traffic, detours and lines at the local coffee shop, hoping there is enough time to grab a breakfast sandwich to go with that double espresso to get you through the day. I’ve learned from past experiences that I would end up in the overflow parking lot, snapping to class if I arrive to campus with only 10 minutes to spare. So, I’ve just pulled onto campus with 20 minutes until class starts. The hunt is on.

I start circling, row after row, and not a spot is in sight. Really?! I got myself as I see more cars pull in and a car is pulling out. Yes, I can and a car is pulling out. Yes, I can and a car is pulling out. Yes, I can...and a car is pulling out. Yes, I can...and a car is pulling out. Yes, I can...and a car is pulling out. Yes, I can...

I refuse to settle for giving my head upstairs, still ahead of time. It was a Smart Car, unbelievable! Could it be? I speed up in anticipation, smiling so hard I must look like the Cheshire Cat. Smart Car. It was a Smart Car, unbelievable! I’m up the stairs, still smiling, proud of myself for getting a good spot, getting breakfast and coffee and head upstairs, still ahead of time.

Finding a parking spot is a daily struggle for students on campus who do not arrive early and can cause them to be late to their classes.

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PHOTO COURTESY of Christopher Orlando

Country band Florida Georgia Line came to PNC Bank Arts Center last summer for Luke Bryan’s Dirt Road Diaries tour.

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**Chris Tobin to Speak at University Shadow PR Firm PRSSA Chapter Speaker Series**

*West Long Branch, NJ—Long-time Monmouth University veteran, Chris Tobin, will be the second speaker of the semester, for the Monmouth University Shadow PR Firm and Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) Chapter’s Speaker Series. The event will take place during the PRSSA meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at 2:30 pm in room 234 of Plangere Center.

Tobin began his career at Monmouth University, serving as the Assistant Director for Communications. In 2006, he was promoted to his current position as Associate Athletic Director for Communications, where he is responsible for all communications for the athletics department. Tobin is an active member of Monmouth’s athletic community, and is the sports supervisor for the women’s soccer program. In addition to his Monmouth attributes, Tobin has served as Public and Media Relations Manager for the New York Knicks and the New York Liberty, and is a former assistant coach of the Lakewood Blue Claws, for the past 12 years.

For more information about the Speaker Series, contact Kelly Hughes, Director of Communications, at (732)263-5888 or kellyhughes@monmouth.edu.

**The Shadow PR Firm is a non-profit, public relations firm, comprised of emerging public relations professionals from Monmouth University. The firm, along with the PRSSA, provides students with valuable, real-world experience, in public relations. The Speaker Series was instituted to provide students and professionals with networking opportunities in the field. PRSSA meets for general meetings every Wednesday at 2:30 pm in Plangere Center.**
Sustainability in this country is becoming more and more of an issue as chemicals, toxins and waste float throughout our ecosystem, air, water and soil.

Theresa Lam, the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee Chair of the Northeast Organic Farming Association, confronted the sustainability issue as the guest speaker during the Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society’s vegan potluck on Sunday, March 30.

Sustainability is providing resources for our needs today while preserving our environment for future generations, Lam explained. The issue in America is that society is not preserving the environment for future generations, therefore the safety and beauty of the environment is diminished.

Pew Research found that the global population is expected to increase by 80% by 2050 and reach a total of 9.6 billion people, opposed to the current population of over 7 billion.

A question many people ask is whether the population size is attributable to the environment’s harm.

Lam mentioned Ian Angus and Simon Butler’s book, “Too Many People,” was created to provide the tools necessary to diminish the myth of overpopulation.

“There are people out there that believe that population is not the problem,” Lam said.

The three main topics Lam focused on to explain how to become sustainable included waste, energy and food.

Many people are not aware of the waste that they leave in the earth every day. “All plastics ever created still exist today,” Lam said. “Whether they have been recycled or not, they are not biodegradable.” It would take thousands of years for any plastic created to break down, Lam added.

Plastic is that in this earth take many forms including in our clothes, styrofoam and acrylic in our food packages, (plastic bags, containers) in our face wash, (beads in facial scrubs) and in our coffee K-cups, just to name a few. “If you take all the K-cups sold in 2013 in the US, they would wrap around the earth 10.5 times,” said Lam.

“Daneel so that’s just one little piece of trash that people are using every day.”

This plastic is not recylced and ends up in landfills or in vortexes in the middle of ocean due to the weather. “And that’s where they stay, Lam said. “We’ve heard stories about all types of examples in our local area of birds dying and the birds think it’s food and they eat those plastic pieces and it ends up in their stomachs,” which forces them to die from malnutrition.

The different forms of energy in the country used to create electricity cause many environmental dangers. Energy production processes such as fracking release large amounts of chemicals into the environment when there are created, processed and used.

The issue is that we have become so dependent on these forms of energy that it is difficult to abandon them. “Do we still take a man’s size 60,” Lam asked, “to a man’s size 60 in 2013 in the US, they would wrap around the earth 10.5 times,” said Lam.

“Learned in my everyday life.”

“I now have a newfound appreciation for Disney and am going to implement the things I’ve learned in my everyday life.”

DANIELLE WALSH
Sophomore

Students attended a leadership conference in Orlando, FL to learn about the qualities that leaders such as Walt Disney possess.

The Disney Spring break trip is not offered every year to students but it is considered a highlight of the course schedule. SAB also hosts other break trips during the fall during the University extended weekend break, usually to Sleepy Hollow or to the Boston area.

Other trips that SAB offers are trips to Broadway shows, local theme parks, sports games, New York City and more.

SAB Advisor Megan McGowan chaperoned the spring break trip believes the trip gave students from all different classes and majors the opportunity to connect. She said, “It’s important to see great success and it’s always a pleasure to talk to the students before departing to the airport to see how they spent their week and what magical experiences Disney gave them. We pride our students who decided to participate in the Disney lead-ership program because of the amazing and useful benefits that they can take away from it and put them to good use back here at Monmouth.”
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TOP LEFT: STUDENTS, FACULTY, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALL GATHER IN THE DIMATTIO GALLERY FOR THE OPENING EXHIBITION OF THE SPRING SEMESTER SENIOR FINE ARTS SHOW. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

TOP RIGHT: A STUDENT FINDS ONE OF THE RED BULL PROMOTION BOXES WHILE ON HER WAY TO CLASS IN THE PLANGERE BUILDING. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

BOTTOM LEFT: SENIOR DEBATE HAWK MEMBERS POSE WITH THEIR COACH PROFESSOR PATTEN AFTER THEIR FINAL COLLEGE DEBATE IN CALIFORNIA. (PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA ROBERTS)

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“MISGUIDED UNDERSTANDINGS” BY ALYSSA GRAY

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Baseball No Longer Number One in America’s Eyes

MAGGIE ZELINKA
SPORTS EDITOR

With football finished until fall and baseball just beginning, one can make an argument that baseball is transitioning from one beloved sport to the next beloved sport, but the question is which is America’s favorite?

According to a poll taken by CBS Sports in the beginning of 2013, football is more popular in America than baseball and football.

Mark Snyder of CBS Sports said, “America has been a football and baseball country for a long time.”

Even with this said, it is really factual to say baseball is dying? Major League Baseball has been around since the 1800s and both acting forcing of baseball has been around ever longer. These days, the NFL season has been accounted of Pressure and is Washington participating in many games in its modern day version of baseball. So let’s release basketball is dying or are the people who are watching the game changing their preference.

According to a poll, people all over the world get what they want when they want it. So if you are a fan of football and want to watch the weather channel on TV, but instead, just look it up on your phone. With such a phenomenon for instant action in this day and age, it is only logical that football becomes more popular among Americans.

According to play, baseball has a visible element. There is a catch, a crack, a run, a fumble; there is excitement seen up to the play. If as a fan you want to listen to music, you do not have to find a radio anymore, just look it up on your phone. If you want to find out what the temperature is going to be that day, you do not have to check the site daily and make your schedule accordingly.

The University’s Assistant Athletics Director/Marketing, Eddy O’Connor, said that football serves more of an entertainment purpose for those Americans. "Football is quick and involves more physical contact, thus making the experience more fun and more entertaining. Although base- ball is entertaining as well, many Americans enjoy the rough and tumble nature of football." Football is a sport that can be watched by many Americans while they are doing their daily routine.

Furthermore, with the current at- tention span rate of each individual becoming shorter and shorter, football is found to be the sport of choice for them.

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The abso- lute final and most important thing that it comes to are the kids who base- ball fans probably made sport.

Is the Super Bowl the biggest game of the season? Some fans actually see the cold winter, football gives them something to look forward to every week. Others may say that the warm weather makes them eager to sit back for three hours and just relax.

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Toussaint Leaps into Record Books

When Mariah Toussaint, a senior multi-position Track and Field star, made the decision to continue her track and field career at Monmouth University, she was eager to be a part of the Hawks’ track and field program. In her first season at Monmouth, Toussaint recorded a personal best 20’ 8” long jump, which is a new record for the University. Toussaint has continued to build on her accomplishments, and she has established herself as one of the top athletes on the team.

Toussaint’s comfort in all areas of her life is a testament to her determination. According to Toussaint, she plans on continuing her track and field career at Monmouth University, and while she lacks the amount of time she would like to spend on her sport, she is content with what she has accomplished so far. She explained, “I am not only competing for me, but I am also competing for the team as a whole. ‘For the team’ is my mentality.”

Toussaint’s goals do not just pertain to her team, as she named her three biggest role models as her three biggest role models. She explained, “They are very competitive in the world of track and field, and also great people outside the sport.”

Toussaint’s determination and focus have earned her the respect and admiration of many. Compagni may not be Toussaint’s only role model, but he is certainly one of her biggest. According to Toussaint, Compagni has been tremendous for the program and has definitely built a resume that will be remembered for years to come.

While it may be used to exemplify the importance of teamwork, it is also a testament to Toussaint’s individuality. Her career at Monmouth University has certainly been a success, and she is looking forward to setting new personal bests in her future endeavors.

**UPCOMING GAMES**

**Wednesday, April 2**
- W. Long Branch, NJ 1:00 pm
- BSB at Saint Francis
- W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm
- MTEN vs Wagner*
- W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm
- W. Long Branch, NJ 5:00 pm
- BSB at Saint Peter’s*

**Thursday, April 3**
- Bethlehem, PA 3:30 pm
- WSB at Saint Francis
- Jersey City, NJ 12:00 pm
- WSB vs Marist*
- Jersey City, NJ 1:00 pm

**Friday, April 4**
- WSB at Wagner
- 3:00 pm
- WSB vs Rutgers
- 5:00 pm

**Saturday, April 5**
- TREN vs Saint Francis
- W. Long Branch, NJ 10:00 am
- WLAX vs Quinnipiac*
- W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm
- WLAX vs Wagner
- Bethlehem, PA 3:30 pm
- WLAX vs Niagara*
- W. Long Branch, NJ 12:00 pm
- BSB at Saint Peter*
- Jersey City, NJ 12:00 pm
- SB at Marist*
- Jersey City, NJ 1:00 pm
- MTEN vs Wagner
- W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm
- WLAX vs Quinnipiac*
- W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm
- SB at Marist*
- W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

**Sunday, April 6**
- TREN at Saint Francis
- Jersey City, NJ 12:00 pm
- SB at Saint Francis
- Jersey City, NJ 12:00 pm
- SB at Siena*
- W. Long Branch, NJ 10:00 pm
- MTEN vs Siena*
- W. Long Branch, NJ 1:00 pm
- FTEN vs Siena*
- W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm

**Conference games**

**Women’s Lacrosse Win First Mac Match**

On Saturday, March 29 the women’s lacrosse team defeated the Siena Saints by the final score of 16-9. With the victory, the team improved to 4-5 overall, and are now 1-0 in the MAAC, while Siena fell to 2-8 after suffering a loss in the MAAC conference.

For an individual who felt pressure to perform well this season, Toussaint explained, “I thought the two keys to today’s win were winning the draw and having the offense played.”

**SCHEDULE**

- Monday, April 1
  - W. Long Branch, NJ 3:00 pm
- Sunday, April 6
  - TREN at Saint Francis
  - Jersey City, NJ 12:00 pm
- SB at Saint Francis
  - Jersey City, NJ 12:00 pm
- SB at Siena*
  - W. Long Branch, NJ 10:00 pm

**Xavier University**

When the National Labor Relations Board ruled Wednesday that football players at Northwestern University must be allowed to unionize, it drew even more attention to the dichotomy on display during March Madness between college and universities with athletics programs based on a professional model and those based on an amateur model. From my perspective, as president of Monmouth University, the gulf between the two competing models continues to widen.”

- President Paul Brown
Mariah Toussaint made history this winter when she became the first MU woman to be named an All-American at the NCAA Indoor Championships. The senior transfer has competed all throughout the country in her track and field career, but she seems to have found a home at Monmouth.

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