The fourteen week academic calendar and revised framing system generated by the University Task Force has been voted into approval by full-time faculty members in order to facilitate higher learning, scheduling consistency, and scheduling flexibility. This change will be effective as of fall 2015.

The key changes in the restructured academic calendar include: a two-day fall break on the Monday and Tuesday of Columbus Day weekend; a final examination period extending Columbus Day weekend; a final fall break and times when the University would still be in session up to Dec. 23. The fall break allows for students to engage in high impact learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom, a hallmark of the new strategic plan. Additionally, the consistency of the calendar allows for good academic planning.

Moriarty sent out an email to the campus community on Thursday, Nov. 11 to introduce and welcome the upcoming change. She stated, “I am happy to report that last Friday the faculty approved the new calendar and time frames.” According to Moriarty, the faculty voted to conduct elections electronically over a two-day period. Out of the 162 full-time faculty members who submitted a vote, a final count of 137 members favored the Task Force and helped move this academic calendar forward.

The idea of crafting a new academic calendar and frame schedule was organized by former Provost Thomas Pearson and Faculty Council Chair Bob Smith. In a meeting on Oct. 10, 2012, the duo recruited a 15-member Task Force of select faculty, administration, and students. Pearson and Smith instructed the Task Force to identify and develop one or two alternative scenarios to the current academic calendar and framing structure, list the advantages and disadvantages of each of the formulated scenarios, and identify the consensus favorite of the models.

Meeting in weekly and bi-weekly sessions between Oct. 10, 2012 to March 13, 2013, with a two-week disruption during Superstorm Sandy and a five-week hiatus during winter break, the Task Force researched the calendars and framing systems of the following universities: Bucknell, Butler, Fairfield, Fairleigh Dickinson, Rider, Rutgers, Scranton, Seton Hall, Stockton, The College of New Jersey, and Wagner. By comparing Monmouth’s existing academic calendar to the new one, the Task Force determined the most efficient one.

Although students will be in classes five minutes longer as of Fall 2015, the University will be implementing a new academic calendar and framing system that shortens the semester to fourteen weeks, as opposed to the current standard of fifteen, according to a document released by the University Task Force that restructured the current scheduling system. Pictured above is Joseph Rolappa, Chair of the Music and Theatre Arts Department, and his class.

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Athletics Moves Towards New ‘Brand Identity’

The University’s recent move to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) and the Big South Conference for football, the announcement of a partnership with ESPN3, and revamped logos and letter marks are several of the actions that are intended to move the Monmouth University Athletic Department towards a new identity.

“I think things are happening for all the right reasons and it’s not because there haven’t been a lot of hard work behind the scenes because there has been, but now you’re starting to see the fruits of some of that labor. We have a lot more work to do though,” said Marilyn McNeil, Vice President and Director of Athletics.

Monmouth’s transfer from the Northeast Conference to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) for the 2013-14 academic year was the first move towards an attempt for greater exposure of the University.

“Any time you make those jumps to a new league, you do it to better your visibility and your chances of competition,” said Greg Viscomi, Assistant Athletics Director for Communication and New Media.

The added exposure is generated by an increase in televised sporting events, such as four or more broadcasts of the Monmouth men’s basketball team on ESPN3 this season. According to Eddy Occhiplinti, Assistant Athletics Director, the ESPN3 broadcasts are a major way to boost visibility, as they will reach approximately 95 million homes. “Through our broadcast and streaming partnership with ESPN3, and our increased presence on their networks, we aim to provide our fans with a new layer of entertainment and information,” Occhiplinti said.

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University Welcomes Visiting Writer Joyce Carol Oates

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A crowd of about 540 University students, as well as members of the community gathered to listen to a reading by best selling author Joyce Carol Oates as part of the University’s Visiting Writers Series in Pollak Theatre on Thursday, Nov. 13.

“This was the largest crowd we have ever had,” said the Director of the Visiting Writers Series and Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Michael Thomas.

Thomas seemed very happy with the turnout and said that Oates was inspirational and relatable.

Oates opened with explaining that for many writers there is an adrenaline rush present while writing.

“I think that most writers and artists are very physical in the way that they work,” Oates said. “There is a process and what motivates her to write."

“I attended because I am a lover of fiction and poetry. It’s great to see the process of the mind of another writer,” said Sara Rimassa, a senior English major.

Oates read a passage from her most recent publication Lovel, Dark, Deep as well as published poetry. “I loved how she read her own poems, and to me, it shows the talent of a compressed narrative,” Thomas expressed.

“The way she presented the poem, as a narrative was extraordinary, I thought it was beautiful,” Thomas continued.

The author also offered advice to writers regarding how to choose a genre of writing. She explained that a writer has to write about what excites them and said that a good way for a writer to start is to picture their work as a movie and ask themselves what the first scene of the film would be.

“If you can’t envision it, then you shouldn’t write it,” she maintained.

Oates also emphasized the importance of using personal experience when writing, especially when creating characters. “You have to put yourself in your own shoes. Because the truth has filtered through your eyes,” she explained.

“What stood out to me was how beautifully she talks,” said Rimas Wood, an English major. "She is such an accomplished author and she was still able to come here and sit with students. She also had very inspirational quotes.”

Thomas said that one of the goals of the visiting writers series is to bring a sense of community to the University. “The aesthetic experience of reading or hearing a writer brings people together, he said.

Another goal of the series is to experience the passion within literature. “I think the goal is to encourage our passions for language, which makes us more human,” Thomas said. “It makes us more empathetic, it makes people feel more alive. It helps them understand others and helps them understand themselves.”

Prior to her reading at Pollak Theatre, Oates also privately met with about 30 students and faculty in the Rechnitz Gallery where a Q-and-A was held.

The Monmouth University English Department Association sponsored Oates’s visit. Thomas emphasized how he had the support of the administrative officers, which made her visit possible.

“The Pink Review would love to help you bring Joyce Carol Oates to campus, so that’s why it happened,” Thomas maintained.

Oates closed by speaking about how she has a great visual imagination. “I try to visualize before writing and look forward to describing landscapes and cities,” she said.

Thomas also spoke about the importance of imagination in regards to fiction writing. “We can never really know people unless we read fiction,” he said. “Only fiction is put down as imaginative, so therefore not real, but what’s more real than someone’s imagination? The writer is putting it out for the world to see.”

The Princeton Review ranked Monmouth University as one of the best universities in the world. “By using small classes to help promote innovation along with helping students to build on their leadership skills,” said Mary Harris, a specialist commerce professor, said. "The Monmouth University MBA program prepares students to thrive and compete in today’s global economy."

The Leon Hess Business School was also accredited by the Advance Collegiate Schools of Business or the AACSB. This is something many professors are extremely proud of.

Professor Nahid Aslan-beiki, a professor of economics, said, “Being ranked as one of the better business schools is very good for the reputation of the school. It will attract quality students and more funding for scholarships. It also makes it easier for the maintenance of our AACSB accreditation.”

Every five years the AACSB reviews accredited schools. This is to make sure the schools are complying with the same high standards of educating students that they held when first accredited.

Between this AACSB accreditation, having one of the best business schools, and being named one of the best over all schools by The Princeton Review, Monmouth has committed itself to excellence.
University Adopts New Academic Calendar for Fall 2015

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that of other institutions, Dr. Joseph Patten, former Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department and member of the Task Force indicated that particular areas of concern were highlighted: a lack of consistency in the fall calendar from year to year, a lack of flexibility in the final exam period caused by finals extending to Dec. 23, an atypical Thanksgiving week, the practice of ending classes at 10:05 pm, and the debate as to whether or not there was efficiency in the areas of classroom space and parking.

One new constraint when considering the new academic calendar, according to Patten, was Monmouth’s geographical location and its cultural connection to the Jersey Shore. “Because we are near the Jersey shore, we have to start classes after Labor Day. That is a function of the fact that because we are near the shore, there is a two-tier arrangement with winter rental and summer rental,” he said. “Summer rentals are a problem.”

Patten noted that most universities start before Labor Day. “This is a problem,” he continued, “particularly when Labor Day falls late in August. That then pushes the semester’s finals exams to Dec. 23. When that is the case, that leads to a lot of inconsistency.”

Another constraint included the federal government imposing requirements on all accredited institutions of higher learning. All universities are required to hold classes that touch at least 15 distinct weeks within each semester calendar. As noted in a release distributed by the Task Force, “An important caveat here is that this does not mean universities are required to have a full fifteen-week calendar, but rather have a semester calendar that touches on 15 weeks.”

The new model includes 14 different dates from the 805 day period that are allowed. Fall break allows students and families to reconnect and make plans for the future before the end of the semester. Brown stated that many colleges and universities across the country have adopted a fall break as part of their academic calendars in recent years, and the University aimed to follow the same trend.

According to Alexandra D’Errico, former Co-Chair for the Student Government Association (SGA) Academic Committee and member of the Task Force, the idea of revising the academic calendar was discussed by another Task Force approximately ten years ago, but no resolution had come of it. She said, “It’s a very difficult job trying to accommodate a large population’s requirements, but it’s worth doing our best to make a reform that continued to promote Monmouth’s success.”

SGA President Alexandra Teodosio feels that as students, faculty, and administration go into the transition, “We don’t really know what is going to happen with the 2015/16 academic school year, the change will create long-term benefits essential for the overall experience at the University. With one major winner minor, there is always a learning period.” There is always the possibility of scheduling a fall break or other minor hiccups in the transition in ways that can change, she said. “How- ever, often change results in a better process.”

“The faculty passed this calendar on to me, explained, "and to me that means they are doing their best to work with the administration and the students to make this transition as smooth as possible.”

University President Paul V. C. Coccagnia said that if anyone has concerns about the academic calendar, “We are open to hearing from you, but we also want people to understand that we are doing our best to make a reform that continued to promote Monmouth’s success.”

Comedy Ticket Salesman Interrupts University Classes

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Professor Dr. Daniel Ball. The salesman wrote “Jeff” and his phone number on the board for any students that wanted to contact him for information. Adams refused to comment, when contacted. Adams quickly pitched and began making his first transaction by taking cash from one student.

“I didn’t think too much of it at first, but that’s when I started getting a little uncomfortable... It seemed that his story was sketchy,” said Ball.

Another student in Ball’s class named Aubriann Fox, who is experienced with the New York Comedy Club from previously working there, began to get involved. “What bothered me was that clubs don’t usually have people actually selling tickets and accepting money. I asked who he was working for and he back tracked a bit which made it even more sketchy,” said Fox. The salesman hurried out of the room after vaguely answering Fox’s questions.

Ball received confirmation from the rest of his class that something was off. He left his classroom and saw Adams in the existing 3:45 – 4:30 pm system was adjusted. According to Alexandra, a freshman business student, “I never liked the gap between 3:45 and 4:30 because it eliminated the ability to finish the day before the classes were scheduled to be taking night classes... Honestly, I think this is a much more efficient way to do things.”

University President Paul Brown said, “Having a consistent calendar reduces confusion for students and faculty. Without changing the calendar, there would have been some years when the fall break would not have been one day long. For first year students in particular, an unbroken span of 11 or 12 weeks between the beginning of classes and Thanksgiving break would be advantageous. Lengthening Fall break allows students and families to reconnect and make plans for the future before the end of the semester.”

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**Uber App: Providing an Alternative to Traditional Taxis**

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The Season of Papers and Exams

With just over four weeks remaining in the semester, the season of final examinations and multiple page-long research papers is amongst us.

Do students effectively utilize University resources like the library and the Writing Center to prepare for final exams?

The Outlook editorial staff was conflicted on the effectiveness of student use of educational services, saying the library, in particular, is not used to its fullest potential, albeit for a myriad of reasons.

One staff member said, “The library is used by off-campus, older students and mandatory classes, but people could use the resources more.” Professors often schedule research days, which for some are the only time they are exposed to the library.

Another editor added, “I have only used the library to study or do homework a total of three times, two of them being when my professors required the class to go to learn how to use the online database.”

On the contrary, one editor noted that the library “is a quiet place to go when you need to study or write. Paper. Everyone around you is working too, which provides a great atmosphere to work in.”

Despite identifying the value of the library, The Outlook was indecisive regarding the usage of print materials. Some editors noted that they prefer to “refer back to print materials when typing an essay,” while others noted that online resources are more convenient.

One editorial staff member noted that using the library is a bit different than using the Writing Center and subject tutors. “I’ve used all three services, but the library is my second home. Subject tutors and the Writing Center are great for building a foundation, but I prefer the library to really immerse myself in my work.”

A major deterrent for students using the library is its location. One staffer said, “When I lived on the opposite side of campus, I went to the library to study, but now I live on campus.” However, the Writing Center also saw mixed reviews from The Outlook staff. Some editors noted that their only use of the Writing Center was to get extra credit for using the service.

The Writing Center also recognized that for some, using the Writing Center and subject tutors might require a level of humbleness on the part of the student. “Even though they are there to help me, there have been times when I’ve felt self-conscious about showing my work to one of my peers at the writing center,” said one staffer.

In comparison to off-campus services, however, The Outlook agreed that students are more likely to frequent on-campus subject tutors and services. One editor said, “I doubt anyone would go off-campus for such services when they already pay to use these via tuition.”

Whether for an assignment, some extra credit, or simply a place to escape, the library and other educational services can be a useful tool for student success. But considering the constant influx of digital technology, will University services like the Writing Center and the library exist 50, even 100 years from now? The Outlook thinks they will.

The University library in particular boasts a variety of unique collections that increases its value for students. According to the Guggenheim’s website, the Lewis Mumford Collection is the “only of its kind anywhere” and “contains over 3500 books and artifacts comprising the personal library of Lewis Mumford.”

One Outlook editor said, “I think our library will be fine as it doubles as an archive for government documents and has a rare books collection, but smaller libraries, like some public town libraries, will likely diminish in years to come, especially since nearly everything is digitalized now.”

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Feminism: Much More Than Just the American Girl’s Fight

BY ALYSSA TRITSCHLER

Think Before You Judge: Not Your Stereotypical “Sorority Girl”

She pays for her friends. She’s so good to them. She’s the one all the girls look up to. And why? All she says is “Oh my god, I have the best Bigs. Oh my god, I have the best Little.”

Sorority girls have been discriminated against for as long as there are women. We’re constantly put down for being part of some that bigger group of women. We’re the only girls that are a part of an organization that gives back to the community, being an individual, not just a woman.

Why? But what? Any of all of us ever do to be hit with the “sorority girl” stereotype? I remember one year we had a personal experience, sorority girls are not “sorority girls.” It’s time to do the deed straight, don’t worry about us. Yes, we are a group of women or 50 or more, we do have a Big, we do have a Little, and the people that we know, we are not a group of women, we are people.

We pay to be a national member of an organization, to donate to the philanthropies we hold close to our hearts, to network within a group of thousands of women. None of these things would have happened without my Big and someone to celebrate with. Our Little’s are the ones that took me in when I didn’t fit in anywhere else.

Okay, so yes we’re all guilty of over using our Bigs. But my Bigs are the people who made us who we are, the ones who care when we need someone to lean on and someone to celebrate with. They’re people who would give anything for us, and we appreciate them more than they could ever understand.

Our Little’s are the ones that gave us the motivation to be a good role model, so the people we love grow up to do good for the sorority, this school, and the community.

We all have goals, aspirations, our philanthropies, and the people around us. All girls in sororities are going toaturdays, study hours, solely because we care about our GPA. We each host one or two major events a year, which typically raise about $2,000 each. Those girls who don’t see this as a way to make them what it means, to us, we share the same values and I wouldn’t want to be missing home. So the next time you judge a sorority girl, think of all the hard work that goes into making her mistakes we have all made, whether you are affiliated or not.

BY KATHERINE JAFFE

Alternative Press, a music magazine for the alternative rock and pop punk music culture, reviewed New Found Glory’s latest album, “Resurrection,” in their latest issue. The review stands out when compared to their previous ones due to its focus on the strengths of the album.

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The midterm elections took place on Nov. 4, and resulted in an overwhelmingly low voter turnout among eligible voters, according to Time, marking the lowest turnout in 72 years for this type of election. The party affiliation of participants is important to note. In this year’s midterm elections, the majority of voters identified with the Republican Party. Patrick Murray, Director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute, was not surprised by the voter turnout this year due to “a lack of trust in the government today.” He also acknowledged Obama’s extremely low approval rating of 40 percent according to a November 2014 poll by Gallup. This lack of trust in the government today could signal citizens losing interest in voting in elections.

Dr. Kenneth Mitchell, associate professor of political science, said, “This is the second term, so the current president will not be running in 2016.” He added that despite having won two presidential terms, the Democratic Party lacks the support and resources one would expect after eight years of presidency. Additionally, the Democratic Party is aware the second term for Obama will be over in just two years and as such is not motivated to vote during the midterm elections. The Republican Party is in full speed to get the presidency back under Republican power.

“People who say they are not connected to the current president are not particularly motivated to vote, because he’s gone,” said Mitchell.

Along with the Democratic Party having little motivation to get to the polls this year for the midterm elections because of the anticipated leave of Obama from the White House, Republicans have more impact on voting than they realize. Caitlyn Bogart, a freshman biology major, said she “did not participate in the 2014 midterm elections.” However, she believes “it is important for young people in the United States to become a part of voting.”

Young people in America tend to be primarily Democrat rather than Republican, according to a March 2014 Gallup poll. Sabrina Schreiber, freshman sociology major, agreed stating that she “did not participate in the 2014 elections,” as well but that she also was not a registered voter yet. Schreiber and Bogart also agreed that although they did not participate in this year’s midterm elections, they would participate in the 2016 presidential election.

This is also influential in the predicting for the 2016 presidential election. If young adults like Schreiber and Bogart plan to take part in the 2016 election, Democrats may have more of a chance than they did with the midterm elections.

Mitchell also speculated that the Republicans could have an advantage in the 2016 presidential elections. He said, “It depends on what they do. Because on the one hand the Democrats took control in 2006 which gave them momentum that led them to Obama, which helped Obama.” If this pattern follows into the 2016 elections, the Republicans have full advantage.

However, holding seats in Congress may not work out in their favor. Mitchell also stated that it is very possible, “Obama and the Republicans just fight and nothing gets done.” Mitchell also noted, “What if the Republicans compromise with Obama? That might anger Republicans or do Republicans so they see the primaries in 2016 will be a bloodbath.”

According to Mitchell, holding power in Congress could go to the Democratic Party. “Democrats just remain unified and continue its momentum into 2016 to gain a promising Republican candidate.”

Let’s Talk Politics: The Government’s Influence on Daily Life

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Politics is arguably a difficult topic to discuss. While referring to the overarching topic of “government,” politics has become a catch-all term, applicable to any subject matter. The politicization of daily institutions beyond the realm of government today can be linked to the roles they take. There are distinct levels of service within the group: department chairs, courses and professors, and students, each of which holds a different integral role to the entirety of the organization. These roles are comparable to that of various positions in America’s political system, whether intentioned or not.

The department chairs can be viewed like executives (organizational leaders) or governors, police chiefs, anyone who is tasked with being the leader of a larger organization. Then there are subgroups, the individual course sections and their respective professors each of which can have the same final goal (being offered on the semester schedule), but have varying levels of interest in the way that it is reached. In other words, each course will have different requirements for the students taking them, but all aspire for a place on the University side board. Such positions resemble that of federal agencies, which constantly jockey for their own causes under the scope of the larger, unified government.

Lastly, the students could be viewed as the external actors (activist groups). They have a direct influence on how the department and course offerings are organized. When enough students decide not to take a course, the department might decide to decrease the frequency with which it is offered. Additionally, students have an inherent stake in the success of the departments to which they belong, because of their pursuit of a degree. In this sense, students have similar roles to interest groups, which have a stake in the government or organization with the aspiration of influencing it.

Look around the groups to which you are connected. Some political structures will become apparent. It is possible that the American political system is noticeable in a variety of fields and practices.

If we are all enwined in a politicized world, then why is politics so difficult to talk about? Thomas Jefferson once said, “I confess it, there is a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.” This quote is the basis for an article in the next issue, which seeks to uncover what makes politics a difficult topic of discussion.

Two Monmouth Debate Teams Make it to Playoff Round at West Virginia University Mountaineer

West Long Branch, NJ – Two Monmouth University Debate Teams made it into the playoff round at the West Virginia University Tournament from Nov. 14 - 16. Dan Roman and Victoria Borges competed in the tournament, which is one of the earliest and most prestigious tournaments in the nation, featuring victories from James Madison University, New York University, Boston College University and West Point Military Academy. Each year, a topic is picked to be debated throughout the season.

The topic for this year is “Re: Voted: The United States should legalize all or nearly all of one or more of the following: marihuana, online gambling, physician-assisted suicide, prostitution, the sale of human organs.” The Monmouth team created a case centering around human organ sales and another case focusing on prostitution.

Monmouth entered ten two person teams in the tournament, including Dan Roman and Victoria Borges, Michelle Grushko and Salilaa Younas; Sara Rashid and Ryan Kelly; Mike Kalik and Angela Ryan; Michael Hamilton and Samah Khalifa; Danielle Douil and Monica Santos; and Matt Toto and Malak Bakayk.

Six Monmouth debaters made their debating debut at this tournament including Dr. Joseph Patton, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department and Debate Team Coach at attpatton@monmouth.edu if you are interested in learning more about the debate team. No debate experience is needed!

The Debate Hawks pose in scenic West Virginia. Sara Rashid (2nd from right) and Ryan Kelly (2nd from left) made it to the playoff round.

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I am a first-year medical student at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia. When I am dreading those long days in the gross anatomy lab, I remind myself of the amazing experience I was able to have in Italy when I studied abroad. I am so grateful to have had the support and guidance from Monmouth to make it happen. And, although living in Philadelphia does not compare to living in a foreign country, I have always wished to study abroad while in college. However, being a pre-med major, I was unsure whether this would be possible. It was only when I came to MU and was informed of the summer programs in Italy that I knew my dream could come true! When I learned of the classes I could take in Florence, such as Pairing Food and Wine and Italian Language courses, I knew this was something I absolutely wanted to do. Through the help of the Study Abroad office, I was able to plan early enough so that I could study abroad during the summer before my junior year and still graduate on time. As a pre-med student, I was thrilled at the idea of taking a break from all of my rigorous science courses to take some humanities and culinary courses while in Italy. I absolutely love exploring new cultures and learning about their traditions and way of life. This summer was no exception. Not only did I get to experience Italian culture, food, and wine by studying abroad in Florence, but thanks to Monmouth’s faculty-directed trips abroad, I was also able to teach health to rural Guatemalan children the following year. Traveling to Guatemala with Dr. Chris Hirschler, Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education, a few other students and I put together a weeklong series of presentations covering various aspects of health (nutrition, dangers of smoking, dehydration, etc.). This experience truly opened my eyes to the opportunities that we have to help others in the context of health, not just locally, but globally. Upon returning from Guatemala, my definition of what it means to be healthy was transformed, as teaching health in Guatemala made me realize that health is not just a biological condition, but a multi-faceted concept including social, emotional, environmental, and cultural aspects as well. Teaching health for the Amigas at Salud y Paz not only strengthened my desire to become a physician, but also taught me the potential we can have as not just healers but as teachers too.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Genevieve Fasano, 14-
Biology, Molecular Cell Physiology
Studied abroad in Florence, Italy
(Summer 2012)

5 QUESTIONS:
1) On a scale of ONE to TEN, how would you rate your study abroad experience?
A. Eleven!

2) One word that sums up your experience?
A. Exhilarating.

3) Why don’t more students study abroad?
A. Most students are afraid to step outside of their comfort zone to go abroad. It takes a lot of planning, and often students don’t make the time needed to plan when and how study abroad can fit into their academic plans. Many of my friends say that if they could redo college, they definitely plan for a study abroad experience early on to make sure it happened for them.

4) Do you still think about your study abroad experience?
A. All the time! In fact, my textbook from pairing food and wine class usually makes an appearance on Sundays when I have time to cook a traditional Italian dinner. I plan on getting married on the coast of Sorrento!

5) How did the study abroad experience impact your life?
A. Upon returning from my study abroad experience, I gained both confidence and a sense of independence that were not as developed as before.
Ian Anderson & Jethro Tull Fail to Rock the Wellmont Theater

KATHERINE JAFFE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When I bought my tickets three months ago for the Rockers Tour, I thought that I had made the best purchase for the approaching fall concert season. I was very wrong.

On Sunday Nov. 9, I anticipated having an excellent time seeing Metro Station, the band I have been a fan of since I was 14 and spent my hard earned work money to see. I did not get what I expected.

Before I even arrived at the venue, my iPhone GPS took me to a fish market across the street, which should have been where the venue was, and from there on the evening did not improve much.

I ended up finding the venue once I pulled into the sketchy looking parking lot and a man flashing a light in my eyes greeted me ever so kindly. He eventually stopped flashing his light at me when my friend handed him five dollars for parking and we walked our way. When we got out of the car, we couldn’t help but notice he was greeting every other person in the same rude fashion.

We waited in line the rest of the high school kids, who we assumed did not drive there on their own, and mindlessly prepared what was now turning into a terrible time.

Walking into the venue, GameChanger World in Howell, NJ, we did not expect the atmosphere to be what it was.

According to their website, GameChanger World is “a state of the art event space.” I didn’t realize that every concession stand at an ice skating rink is considered to be “state of the art,” because that is exactly what this place looked like. All ready, I knew that I was not going to have a good time.

I assumed there would only be three bands performing that night (The Downtown Fiction, Metro Station and The Ready Set), but I was very wrong. The show began with a Brian Dales look-alike singing some sappy love songs that anyone between the ages of 12 and 17 would find fabulous. He sang three of these generic tunes and made his way off stage. Also, for those of you that don’t know who Brian Dales is, he’s the lead singer of The Summer Set and he is very attractive.

Shortly after, The Downtown Fiction performed and they were by far the best band of the night. Their energy level was consistently up throughout their set and their music was enjoyable to listen to.

Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for the band that performed next. What I thought was going to be Metro Station was instead a band of teenagers with a lead singer that could not sing. This band, Against the Current, wins the award for the worst live performance I have ever endured.

I’m most positive that the girl who sang was in fact lip syncing the entire time, except for when she attempted to perform a cover of Paramore’s “ Ain’t It Fun.” Because that was by far the worst part of the evening.

Having seen Paramore live and watched them perform that song, it was an embarrassment that this girl even attempted to sing it. She clearly did not know the words and was off-pitch for the entirety of the song. I sat there with my arms crossed because that is how insulted I felt by that performance.

Finally the terrible band went off stage, and after some quick set changes, Metro Station finally took the stage.

You would think I would have been super excited to watch them because that is what I initially went there to see, but no. As far as I could tell, Metro Station was not able to hold a crowd like they used to. With acts like Bob Dylan and John Mayer and your soon-to-see The Who, having the years, there is still hope.

Metro Station and The Ready Set Host Disappointing Concert in Howell

STAFF WRITER

Disappointing Concert in Howell

Since I was very young, seeing just about every band I could and paying to see them live. Go ahead and listen to their songs all you want, but don’t waste your money on a concert ticket. You’d be better off putting that money towards seeing someone like Taylor Swift.
"The Lord of the Rings" brings them into conflict with the orcs. You might run into captains while playing, especially if you're a fan of Tolkien's books. "Our Town" takes on the main role in Our Town, guiding the audience through all the events that happen in the small town of Grover's Corners, NH. "Middle Earth: Shadow of Mordor" is not your average licensed game. Producers are working with several unique ideas, making it a game worth playing, especially if you're a fan of Middle Earth. The voice-acting was outstanding, and Golfinn's in particular was done so well that I thought the actor was Andy Serkis, who voiced Golfinn.

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"Our Town" comes to Monmouth University Department of Music & Theatre

"Our Town" at Lauren K. Woods Theatre

November 5 - 9 and 12 - 15

Our University's production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," which opened last night in the Lauren K. Woods Theatre, is an incomparable, little scenery, more, than any other similar title. Considering how much depth was offered by the nemesis system while it lasted, I was more than satisfied. The voice-acting was outstanding, and Golfinn's in particular was done so well that I thought the actor was Andy Serkis, who voiced Golfinn.

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"Middle Earth: Shadow of Mordor" is a game that I played a title from the Batman: Arkham series or Assassin's Creed. Shadow of Mordor surpasses the last Batman game I played (Batman: Arkham City). One of the game systems that allows it to do this is the nemesis system. The nemesis system allows for additional depth among enemy leaders by displaying their strengths and weaknesses, overall power, standing within the uruks, etc. As one would expect, there are unlimited numbers of uruk grunts, none of whom should pose a problem to Talion. There are three tiers of captains and they serve as a sort of field leader of the uruks. You will find them scattered amongst the grunts, though they can be easily detected with your vision. However, if you don't rely on vision while fighting, you'll have a much harder time doing so. You might run into captains while you search, or in a side mission. Encounters like these make Shadow of Mordor a much more unique and enjoyable experience. The relationships among captains are also worth mentioning for being both dynamic and complex. There are all sorts of power struggles amongst them: hunts for beasts, executions of other captains, clashes between captains, and others. As Talion, you can interfere in these clashes to fit your own gain.

The next tier of the nemesis system is occupied by the warbands, and these encounters are one of their own. At different parts of the game, you may need to either battle the warbands so that you can control them, or simply assassinate them. Warbands aren't roaming around the map like capt ands, so if you want to face one you will have to complete a mission inside their stronghold to lure them out. Once they come out, they will be followed by their bodyguards, unless you assassinated the bodyguards earlier. You might run into captains while you search, or in a side mission. Encounters like these make Shadow of Mordor a much more unique and enjoyable experience. The relationships among captains are also worth mentioning for being both dynamic and complex. There are all sorts of power struggles amongst them: hunts for beasts, executions of other captains, clashes between captains, and others. As Talion, you can interfere in these clashes to fit your own gain.

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Craft Brews to Try Before They ‘Fall’ Out of Season

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So many times when we think of beer, we think of the same brands that are sold year after year. It is easy to assume all beers are the same, but there are new, unique flavors to try that are being brewed all the time. If you are looking for something new to try, there are many breweries and brewpubs that offer a wide variety of flavors.

Many breweries offer a seasonal brew that is released each month. These beers are often a unique flavor that is different from what you would normally think of when you think of beer. For example, the Blackout Generation category, which is often seen in breweries, is a type of beer that is brewed specifically for the fall season.

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Thanksgiving Traditions: How the Times Have Changed

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Thanksgiving is an American holiday celebrated every fourth Thursday of November. However, the meaning of this holiday has transformed over time.

The tradition dates back to 1621 when the Plymouth Colony had a feast with the Wampanoag tribe. The original Thanksgiving meal incorporated small fowl and five deer, not turkey. Most of the food was not provided by the Pilgrims but instead was brought by the Wampanoag tribe.

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner we cherish today was created by a woman named Sarah Josepha Hale. Often referred to as “The Godmother of Thanksgiving,” Hale was a writer and editor that became a powerhouse for the Women’s Home, the 19th century’s most successful women’s magazine in America. She used her leverage to publish Thanksgiving dinner recipes, including those for turkey and pumpkin pies.

According to a study, 43.5 million turkeys were raised for Thanksgiving in 2012 and 242 million turkeys were raised in 2013. For the numbers this year, although they cannot be solidified until after Thanksgiving, are expected to increase five percent from 2013’s total.

Another element Americans expect to see on their Thanksgiving table is cranberry sauce.

While cranberries were plentiful in the Plymouth region, the Native American tradition was to dry out the fruit rather than make a popular side dish after he ordered it for his Civil War troops’ holiday meal. In 1867, General Ulysses S. Grant for cranberry sauce, as it became a popular Thanksgiving side dish after he ordered it for his Civil War troops’ holiday meal. With this said, cranberry sauce was not easy to come until 1930 when Ocean Spray began their business.

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The Black Friday Blues: What is Worth Standing Outside at 12 am for?

NICOLETTE ACCARDI
STAFF WRITER

Black Friday shoppers stand outside in the early morning hours and wait for stores to open. Then, they can rush in and grab Christmas presents for great deals.

Staples was one of the many stores that opened at midnight. I was surprised with the number of people who actually came outside to shop. However, this year, I am not going to participate in Black Friday. I am more of a Cyber Monday kind of girl. I do not really like the idea of getting up to go to the store at midnight; it just seems stressful, honestly.

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Home Sweet Home: Why Students Can’t Wait to Go Back

CLARE MAURER
STAFF WRITER

For many students, Thanksgiving is one of the best times of the year to spend at home. There’s all that delicious home-cooked food and endless pumpkin pie. While this semester is flying by, many students cannot believe it’s already November. Before we know it, this semester will have come and gone and the winter season will be upon us. As the dropping temperatures warn us of frosty mornings to come, students are eager to get a break from the grueling schoolwork and approaching cold walks to classes.

Thanksgiving is the holiday known for being appreciative. As a kid, you grew used to having your parents do certain things for you, and you don’t give them as much thanks as they deserve. But after spending almost three months at school, eating questionable dining hall food and paying to do your own laundry, most students are pumped to head back to their households.

Most students are eagerly awaiting the upcoming break. Malcolm Chavis, a sophomore theater major, is looking forward to many things, including not having to show up to class, not having to get to your own apartments to do laundry, using my car and seeing old friends.

When he is home, Chavis appreciates the time he gets to spend with his family. “I’ve learned to live on my own and I’ve learned to love spending time with them much during school. The thing that Chavis truly appreciates while being home is his beloved means of transportation. “I really enjoy my car, it makes me happy to sit in it.”

Others are also looking forward to the time spent with family. Alexandria Stambaugh, a sophomore music education major, is looking forward to being home because she appreciates her parents and everything they do for her.

Stambaugh added, “I definitely appreciate my pets more [when I’m home]. I miss them welcoming me home every day!” Stambaugh’s plans for break include a lot of laundry, painting and going to church with her family.

One thing each and every student in college can agree on is the wonderful feeling of being home and showering without flip flops on. The basic comforts of home life are something we don’t think about much until we get to a dorm setting.

Danielle Romanowski, a sophomore finance major, is really looking forward to “Homemade meals, even though my mom can’t cook, and showering without flip flops.”

Nateorye Miller, a sophomore political science major, can attest to that statement. She also looks forward to “showering without shoes! I appreciate not having to shower without shoes, and nothing is better than a homemade cooked meal.” Good food and clean showers are the little things in life that all college students treasure.

Does it really take moving away to a university setting to get students to appreciate things? Professor Claude Taylor, an athletics professor-in-residence and a first year advisor, meets about 50-60 first year students each fall.

Taylor notes the comparison between school and home life, and explained that, “There are so many new ideas, experiences and people during the first semester, sometimes students take comfort in the retreat back to what they have known at home. It’s predictable and safe, while college can be disorienting and scary to adjust too.”

For many first year students, these first few fall months are full of stress. When asked if they would relax these students than a few days to relax at home?

So, it is necessary for students to go to school in order to appreciate the comforts of home? Taylor said the answer is not black and white, “if students challenge themselves and expand their horizons, it can help one to appreciate home, family and freedom of origin. If you study at college and only socialize with people most like the people you know at home, it may be harder to notice a difference.”

The beauty of college is meeting different kinds of people and Taylor points out that by creating all these new friendships, we appreciate our families without shoes, and nothing is better than a homemade cooked meal.”

She tells her students to start adapting to college life. His advice to first year students who may be desperately awaiting the upcoming break is this: “Take it slow and develop a routine. By take it slow, I mean don’t rush to fit in or to make yourself. It can be a pretty significant transition for some students. By develop a routine, I mean students should focus on their daily and weekly schedule and get accustomed to the routine of the semester. Eventually, students start to develop their individual routine which helps to break away from what school was like back at home.”

Before students know it, college life is the part of their lives that seems normal. For some students, home life feels very far away while at the University. While we all go home for a few days to eat some turkey, we will appreciate the family and friends that surround us and look forward to coming back to our college routines. It’s important that each and every one of us remember to be appreciative not only of our lives at home, but also the one we are lucky to have here at college.

Student Give Thanks to Change: How Have Freshmen Grown While Away From Home?

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Many students, particularly freshmen, have changed and grown in their time here at college. Some have arrived just a few months ago and have since fully experienced a portion of the college experience. Living on your own, being responsible for yourself and doing your own laundry have no doubt taught you to do your homework or study for a test, living in a dorm allows students to be in charge of their own academic career.

For some, this has been their first time away from home, so for these people and all other students heading home for Thanksgiving, what has changed? What growth and maturation can occur in a student in just a few months’ time?

I think that the independence that students experience would make it a little strange going back to a place with less freedom,” said Jamie Goodwin, an instructor of psychology.

Students tend to find that the most attractive aspect of the college experience is the lack of restrictions and increased freedoms that come with living away from home. Going back to your hometown for Thanksgiving can be a wonderful thing, but it will be a testament to a student’s growth as an individual to see how they react in returning to that situation. As Goodwin mentions, students have become used to their own independence and better-rounded as adults in the past few months.

Homecoming is an act that has been written about, praised, dreaded and discussed in every other way imaginable. The feeling of returning home can be felt by anyone, regardless of location or following events. It is one of the oldest feelings in the world and, especially for students that didn’t go home for fall break, it’s perfectly normal to feel a little strange.

“I’m still kind of the same person I was when I got here,” said Ian McGuinness, a freshman. “But I feel like I can do more, remind myself to work and stuff like that. My home-town feels bigger somehow when I visit home.”

McGuinness makes a good point: this campus has been our home since September, but it is just a campus. Stepping outside of the University and into a town or city can remind one of how they’ve been living in the months past, among their peers and fellow students. Some seclusion takes place at a university, and stepping back into the “real world” can make oneself look at it through new, mature eyes.

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Many students are eagerly awaiting the upcoming break the ways they’ve evolved while away at school.

College freshmen often realize...
Sorority Bingo Night Gives Girls a Closer Look at Greek Life

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The Panhellenic Council hosts their annual Bingo Night on Nov. 14, in Anacon Hall to give students an opportunity to get to know the different sorority organizations on campus. The Panhellenic Council Vice President of Recruitment, Ali Schmitt, said that one of the goals of the event is to get potential new members to a better sense of the Panhellenic Community and the chapters within.

"The Panhellenic Council required ten members from each sorority to be present and encouraged girls interested in joining to come. The event was open to everyone," said Aliana Tepedino, Panhellenic Council President and senior English major.

"Bingo Night has a variety of prizes for winners, and it plays an important role in the recruitment process for both sororities and students," said Bobannon. "It is a fun, relaxed event that allows students to socialize with other girls interested and members of the Panhellenic Community."

Such as various social media outlets to promote the event, such as Facebook and Twitter. The Panhellenic Council encourages students to check out the event and to attend.

In order to achieve this turn-out, the Panhellenic Council made sure students were aware of the importance of getting to know the organizations prior to recruitment. They used multiple outlets to promote the event, including newspapers, social media, and posters. The Panhellenic Council gave to any student who would be interested in joining the Panhellenic Council.

For the future, Tepedino said the event is only the beginning. With more opportunities to advance a broad audience would be beneficial for everyone, both potential new members and chapters.

"The event more events will improve the event," said Tepedino. The purpose of Bingo Night is to aid in the recruitment process, helping potential new members and active sisters in the Greek community get more interested, according to Tepedino. The best advice I would give to any student who would be interested in joining the Panhellenic Council.

As for chapters looking to gain more students, said Tepedino, "the best advice I would give to the organizations of the Panhellenic Council is to be aware of who they are, what makes them different, and what benefits they provide to members. Students can stay up to date on recruitment and Greek life events by joining the Facebook group, ‘Monmouth University Panhellenic Council’ as well as the growing career opportunities. Would you like to learn more about Human Resources and the growing career opportunities in the field? Join the Student Chapter Human Resources Club and learn about an exciting profession that employs individuals from all majors. Our club is active and exposes its members to industry professionals through a variety of events. If you would like to know more about the club, please contact Ellen C. Reilly at ereilly@monmouth.edu.
What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

COMPILED BY: KIERA LANNI

Cristina
Freshman

“For my friends and family.”

Zoe
Senior

“I’m thankful for my family and friends being so supportive of me.”

Christopher
Freshman

“Friends, family, and health.”

Moyi Jia
Lecturer- Dept. of Communication

“I’m am thankful for all the hard-times and difficulties that help me grow and learn.”

TOP LEFT: HOWARD BROWN OF FARM KIND, SPOKE AT THE SECOND ANNUAL MONMOUTH AREA VEGAN SOCIETY (MAVS) “THANKSLIVING” VEGAN POTLUCK EVENT THIS PAST SUNDAY AT MAGILL COMMONS. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

CENTER RIGHT: ANGELA CIROALO, MONMOUTH ALUMNI CLASS OF 2014, ENJOYS THE MAVS EVENT THAT SHE HELPED PUT TOGETHER WITH PROFESSOR MARY HARRIS OF THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

BOTTOM RIGHT: SEVERAL MAMMOGRAPHY VANS WERE ON-CAMPUS THIS PAST WEEK OFFERING FREE MAMMOGRAM CHECK-UP SERVICES TO MONMOUTH STUDENTS AND STAFF. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

COMICS

“MISGUIDED UNDERSTANDINGS” BY ALYSSA GRAY

A SO-YOU-SAY COMIX #55

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The University's field hockey team concluded their season after the first round of the NCAA Field Hockey Tournament Play-In game, falling 4-3 to the Princeton University Tigers on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at Soo Tech at Occoquan.

Head coach Carfi Figlio said that a goal from four-year-old girl playing in the game was prepping the team mentally to play an NCAA game, especially because they knew there was a lot at stake.

"Making it to the next level with winning the MAAC, we’ve never done that before, and I think the biggest thing was being able to move the ball through the midfield that would never happen," said Figlio. "That’s throughout the season the girls have been really tough, really liant. They’re a tough, great group and it’s sad that it’s over because you can’t replicate the same group that you have, but it was a really special year for us."

Within the first two minutes of the game, Princeton scored for three corner opportunities, capitalizing on opportunities we never would have had. That goal was a rebound after goalkeeper Christien Piersanti, deflected the first shot.

MU persisted, holding Princeton at midfield and advancing into their half towards the goal. The Hawks tied up the game in the 21st minute thanks to forward Liz Slusoro, O'Dwyer, crossed a ball from the back line to the front of the box where Callahan was able to shoot it past the Princeton goalkeeper, earning her 11th goal of the season. MU obtained a penalty corner eight minutes later. O'Dwyer passed the ball to forward to defensive junior Lisboni, who secured another goal for the Hawks with an outside shot and brought them to a 2-1 advantage. With less than two minutes left in the half, Princeton received another penalty corner and capitalized it with a goal from an outside shot.

Figlio said, "It’s been a focus all year, the defensive unit and they’re [Princeton] really strong, think the ball movement from Princeton, the ball speed, definitely got a stop on us. I think we knew that one of Princeton’s strengths was their attacking corners, so we were trying to be really mindful to eliminate their attacking corner opportunities. They’re very good putting the ball in the back of the net."

Senior Amanda Schoenfeld was named ECAC Offensive Player of the Week for her performance Sunday in the Princeton in the NCAA Play-In game.

"I thought Greg did a good job for his first full collegiate football game stepping in for Brandon," Callahan said. "It's a little nerve-wracking when you come off of 14-7 loss to Pres-byterian. I couldn't be more proud of the team. We went further than we ever thought and we're making history for our program, so I think we can use that for next year and be even better."
**Men’s Soccer Win First MAAC Championship**

**RYAN GALLAGHER**

The University has recently recovered from the loss of a shot put – Surf Club. On Wednesday, Nov. 5, Monmouth’s SGA approved a resolution for a final presentation given by Surf Club President,aching about a new club called Surf Club. The new club will be the first club of its kind in Monmouth University history.

The new club will focus on surfing, a sport that is gaining popularity on college campuses across the country. The club will be open to anyone interested in learning about or participating in surfing. The club will meet regularly to discuss techniques, equipment, and safety.

The club plans to compete in local and regional competitions, and may even travel to other states to participate in national events. The club will also work with local surf shops to provide equipment and instruction for members.

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The men’s soccer team avoided falling in the MAAC Championship game for the second year in a row with a 2-1 come from behind victory over Fairfield. It is the team's first title in only their second year as members of the conference.

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