Students Turn to CrowdFunding To Pay For College

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While a higher education provides numerous career opportunities after graduation, many students are often discouraged by the massive amounts of debt that they accrue. As paying tuition grows increasingly difficult, many NJ student have turned to online crowdfunding for assistance. Crowdfunding, or the practice of funding a project by raising many small amounts of money from a large number of people, is typically used by those who are unable to afford the entire sum by themselves. Websites such as GoFundMe, YouCaring, GiveForward, and Fundly provide a platform for users to tell their story to the masses, people who read their story can then donate to the cause. Thus far, tens of thousands of education-based crowdfunding accounts have reportedly been created this year, and the trend continues to grow. Currently over $20 million has been raised for students in the Garden State alone.

At the University, many students were divided on the potential of crowdfunding, as it may seem like a last resort that could potentially spiral out of control. Connor Orr, a sophomore psychology student, said that the use of crowdfunding is an interesting way of acquiring tuition money, but that students should be reasonable with their requests. "I can definitely understand why people would resort to crowdfunding, because tuition is so ridiculously expensive these days," said Orr. "People might actually donate to the cause, which is helpful. However, if people start to catch on and more and more and more college students keep doing it, it might turn people away and become a pet project.

Currently, Monmouth University's tuition alone stands at an average of $33,000 per year, which is comparable to many private universities. However, many students still find covering the entire cost to be an enormous task. Often, students will take out loans to cover tuition costs, and then work, sometimes for a number of years. It can be a few

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30 Percent Of College Students Use Non-Medical Stimulants

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Along with the numerous benefits of gaining a higher education, there is an influx of responsibilities. Often, a student can be overrun by homework, studying, and extracurricular activities, as there simply is not enough time to complete all of these tasks. Therefore, according to a CNN report, more students are turning to stimulants in order to stay awake this year.

A new report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which reviewed data from the annual National Survey on Drug Use and Health, discovered that many college students are beginning to experiment with stimulant medications such as Ritalin and Adderall. A stimulant is defined as any substance that raises levels of physiological or neurological activity in the body.

Typically, these drugs are used to treat Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), ODD, Narcolepsy, and other disorders that affect one or more students. While students often misuse the drug to gain that same increased focus.

Suanne Schaad, Substance Awareness Coordinator at the University, said that the use of stimulant drugs only provides temporary effects, and the aftereffects of these drugs can often last for many days after use.

Robustly 30 percent of college students use stimulants like Adderall and Ritalin. There are certainly risks associated with using these medications without a prescription," said Schaad. "It puts at risk for both the student and his or her underlying heart condition it may pose a medical dilemma. The "shock" after using these types of drugs are difficult for folks to recover from. Users will report not being able to fall asleep or having their sleep patterns "out of wack" for many days after use.

As Schaad explains, many students may become reliant on the drug to function normally, and the drug may alter the student's pattern of living and being, which may contribute to the rise in stimulant use.

I believe more college students are using stimulants to complete tasks. "Research tells us that the students who tend to use these types of drugs are students who have below a 'B' average and find time to get the results," said Schaad. "Students have the perception that they can't do it with the help of the stimulant, and this perception is what leads to continued use. Students seem to long as it is a safe drug to use, but aren't aware of some of the dangers associated with it."

Jeremy Colon, a sophomore criminal justice student, said that today's students are simply a product of their generation, and that many college students have the internet that our parents didn't necessarily have access to. Basically, we are using to find the quick and most convenient route in order to get the end result. This includes taking stimulants instead of sitting down, turning off the phone and distractions around us, and getting down to business.

Furthermore, Moon Ho Kim, a sophomore business student, said that students are distracted from their schoolwork by things such as friends, phones, and partying, and that students are distracted from their schoolwork by things such as friends, phones, and partying, and that students are distracted from their schoolwork by things such as friends, phones, and partying.

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Strong Job Market for 2016 Grads

DANIELLE SCHIPANI NEWS EDITOR

A recent report from the National Association of Colleges and Employers estimates that in 2016 employers will hire 11 percent more college graduates than they did in 2015.

"The perception of the job market among employers is very strong this year. Forty-two percent of employers that participated in the survey characterized the job market for Class of 2016 graduates as very good or excellent," states the survey. "Just two years ago, only 18 percent of responding employers had the same lofty view of the job market for Class of 2014 graduates."

Jeffrey Mass, Assistant Director of Career Services, explained that he has seen an increase in employment opportunity as a trend over the last five years. Five years ago, the annual Career Fair had about 60 to 70 employers and this year there were over 120 employers who attended the Career Fair on campus.

Aimee Parks, Assistant Director of Human Resources for Student Employment, pointed out that there is no set reason for the increase in employment opportunities. "For this increase could be due to an increase in jobs overall or there could be more people retiring."

"It is encouraging to hear that there is a 11 percent increase in hiring, so that eases some of the pressures," said mass.

Amy Lamb, a senior business administration student graduating May 2016, "It also gives me hope that the job market will continue to grow over time, and more jobs will be available for college graduates."

Yet alumni of the University still report having struggled during their job search post-graduation. "I had three internships and was on two executive boards at Monmouth. This helped me secure a lot of intern views but there is still so much competition, so I often missed out on jobs. Most commonly I was told someone with more experience got the role," said a University alumnus Kelly Hughes. "I thought I did everything right and would have gotten a job faster than November but now I see that it takes time, which is tough."

Hughes also explained that he has been struggling to find a job in the field of law enforcement, which has been struggling to find a job in the field of law enforcement.

"I went through so many phone interviews, which are growing in popularity and are so awkward because you can’t actually see who you’re talking to but you know they’re judging you," said Heather Muh, another University alumnus who graduated this past May and started a position in her field about a week ago.

"Once I got through phone interviews I had quite a few interesting interviews with several companies but none of them panned out because many companies seem to be looking for candidates for entry-level positions but want a lot more than entry-level experience," said Muh of her job searching experience.

Students should also be aware that they should not tie all of their hopes to one major after graduation. “What we tell students is to always be open. Firms like hiring recent students for all sorts of majors. For example, JP Morgan is open to
Potential Legalization of Marijuana in New Jersey

Students Use Crowdfunding to Pay for College

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decade before one is finally eligible for a medical marijuana license, said Schaad. According to Schaad, although marijuana may be legal in some states, citizens are still using illegal means to obtain it. “In the states that have legalized it, it is actually more expensive to buy it from the state than to buy it from Joe Shmo drug dealer from down the block. So people are still buying it from Joe Shmo drug dealer because it’s cheaper, and it’s stronger,” she feels. Patten believes that marijuana does have potential for legalization due to a divide in opinion of marijuana use. “I think it is possible. There is a generational gap on this issue, and I think that naturally older people view this issue differently than younger people. The same kind of generational gap existed with same-sex marriage and we just experienced dramatic shifts of thinking on same-sex marriage over the last ten years, and now it’s the legal land of the land. I think this issue is still at an early stage.”

Students in New Jersey have been using crowdfunding to help them manage increasing tuition rate

The map above displays the legal status of marijuana throughout the U.S. as of 2015. New Jersey is displayed in yellow, meaning that the drug can be limited to medical use only. The only states to use the drug recreationally include Alaska, Washington, Colorado, and Oregon.

Job Market for the Class of 2016

“Students need to take advantage of opportunities and take at least a second internship while in college. They should also take advantage of the workshops, conferences, and informative events that are always happening on campus.”

Jeff Mass
Assistant Director of Career Services

New Jersey lawmakers held a hearing Wednesday on potential legalization of recreational marijuana on Monday, Nov. 16. Legalized in New Jersey will be the 5th state in America to do so.

Presently, New Jersey allows marijuana usage strictly for medicinal use. According to the Asbury Park Press, in New Jersey, a poll administered by the Monmouth University Polling Institute, in 2014 the percentage of New Jersey voters for and against the legalization of marijuana was nearly equal. According to their study one in every 17 college students is smoking marijuana on a daily or near-daily basis. According to statistics from MUPD, in 2015 there have been a total of 12 student arrests for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession. In nearly all of these cases, the arrest was for marijuana possession.
University Alumni Discuss their Experiences with Drugs at the “What Life is Like in Recovery” Event

DANIELLE SCHIPANI
NEWS EDITOR

Two former drug addicts, who now identify themselves as being in long-term recovery, spoke to about 70 Monmouth University Alumni, students, faculty members, and students at the third annual “What is Life Like in Recovery?” event in Mckill Commons on Tuesday Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

These individuals, who are both university alumni, spoke openly about their experiences with substance abuse. The first speaker, Lauren, discussed how she escaped from her previous lifestyle with substance abuse. The first speaker, Lauren, discussed how she escaped from her previous lifestyle with substance abuse.

Lauren explained how addiction is a mental illness. “I had a lot of anxiety and drugs made me feel ok. Drugs are not my problem, they help me feel better, they fix me,” he said.

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Poems about himself and his self-discovery were also presented. His poem “Branch Library,” “Special Orders,” and, of course, selections from Gabriel. When asked of his method of putting things into perspective.

It isn’t enough to just read it in a textbook. Both students were ready for the event to meet with complete strangers. It is a completely vulnerable situation and the students that attended were supportive and actively listened when I know the speakers appreciated.

There was a question and answer session at the end of the event where the speakers welcomed any and all questions from the audience.

This year the room was filled to capacity and there were few if any empty seats, a way that, said Colon. Students will continue to find a way to get their hands on these addictive stimulants in order to get work done, consequently not getting the concepts being taught but simply letting the substance do the work for them.

Colon said that it is imperative for students to realize that they can get work done without the drug, or else they will always depend on it.

“Some years, this office hosts an ‘Adderall Awareness Day’ to raise awareness of this drug,” said Schaad. “There is also a summer residential program for OPIAH that tests all incoming students for OPIAH. All 350 students are required to test for OPIAH.”

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DAVID
University Alumni

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Thank You Monmouth
For Being You

As another Thanksgiving day comes and passes, The Outlook editors reflected on what we are thankful for at Monmouth University. There are the obvious answers such as the men’s basketball team finishing third in the Advocate Invitational in Orlando, the beautiful landscape, and the occasional sighting of a hawk on campus.

With all this said, we would like to take some time and thank the administration for their dedication to the Monmouth community. The Outlook editors never once feel threatened or nervous about publishing a story because the University lets us write what we feel is important, whether it is good press or not.

An editor said, “I feel that the University respects our right to free speech. When there are tough questions that need to be answered administrators are usually transparent and helpful. I commend the University for the respect they have for student journalists.”

Although many of the editors agree that sometimes they receive backlash for writing in the opinions section, there is never malice. “I wrote a touchy article for the opinions section and received a letter from a faculty member who did not agree with my opinion. The letter did not say that my opinion was wrong; the faculty member just wanted to get their opinion on the matter out in the open as well,” said an editor.

The Outlook is also grateful for the numerous amount of clubs offered by the University. It is not normal to find clubs that encourage membership from all majors, but the University is a rare exception. Besides The Outlook, our editors are active members in the Outdoors Club, Students Advocating Girls Education, Greek Life, PRSSA, etc. The amount of clubs at the University appears limitless; If there’s not something for you, Monmouth lets you create it. In fact, The Outlook believes that the University encourages students to be members of multiple clubs on campus and look for ways to explore beyond their major.

The Outlook editors would also like to thank the faculty for going above and beyond their roles as professors. Whether it be through scheduling or securing internships, our advisors have helped us plan our years at Monmouth.

While discussing with friends at other colleges, The Outlook editors realized how incredibly attentive Monmouth University’s faculty is. “My professors and advisors have really helped me grow as a student and as a person throughout my time at MU. I honestly really appreciate the dedication that so many faculty members put into their work and their students,” one editor said.

Thank you Monmouth. Thank you for your dedication towards the students and your ability to allow the students to grow.

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When BOOKS Turn Into MOVIES: Should You Be Excited or Weary?

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The last film in The Hunger Games trilogy, "Mockingjay Part 2" just hit theaters on Nov. 16. Based off the best-selling book series by Suzanne Collins, Katniss Everdeen is the fierce heroine played by Jennifer Lawrence in the film adaptations. The movies have garnered a lot of attention and soared in popularity since the first movie was released in 2012.

Strong female heroines are the kind of characters that are in demand right now, but as someone who has read the book series, I was very surprised to see that there was no opposition to the casting of Lawrence. In the books, Katniss is described as a 16-year-old girl who has straight black hair, gray eyes and olive skin. Sounds like Katniss has features in common with a Native American Indian, doesn't it? Jennifer Lawrence is beautiful and a great actress, but you often wouldn't notice if someone is depressed or has an illness, and 10 percent experience symptoms that are considered disabilities. "Invisible disabilities are not invisible symptoms," Invisible Illnesses, Not Invisible Symptoms by Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint. They were able to capture the Harry, Hermione and Ron I had pictured. It was as if they walked right out of the pages of the book onto screen. What made a difference when it came to the character portrayals was J.K. Rowling, the author of the series, constant involvement in the films.

In the contrary the film adaptations to the Twilight book series left me scarred for life. I have to admit that I am guilty of enjoying the Twilight book series, but the movies were atrocious. I was not a fan of Kristen Stewart's emo, angst-ridden, slack-jawed interpretation of Bella Swan. The only good thing I have to say about Taylor Lautner as Bella's best friend Jacob Black is that he has nice pecks; nothing else about him resembled the character described in the books. In fact, many of the characters in the movies did not appear on screen how I envisioned them when reading Stephenie Meyer's books.

There are some major factors that can influence how I feel about characters brought to life from book to screen. I think it helps not having read the book before I see the film adaptation. Kiss the Girls by James Patterson is one book I have read after seeing the movie. Although Morgan Freeman was a lot older than I had envisioned Alex Cross, it was still a great performance and he captured the character.

I am currently reading The Game of Thrones book series by George R.R. Martin which is a popular show on HBO at the moment. I watched the show before reading the books so now I just picture the actors when reading the books. In the books, Tyrion Lannister has half a nose and mismatched eye colors, but I still enjoy picturing Peter Dinklage.

I thought about watching Fifty Shades of Grey to see if Christian Grey is really that handsome for Anastasia Steele to talk to her "inner goddess" but then I remembered how much I disliked that book.

So when your favorite book gets turned into a film, look into the cast list and the director before buying your tickets. It would be a shame if the movie discredited your high regard for the novel.

Invisible Illnesses, Not Invisible Symptoms

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According to Molly's Fund, a charity that supports invisible illnesses, "Invisible disabilities are chronic illnesses and conditions that significantly impair normal activities of daily living. In the United States, 96 percent of people with chronic medical conditions show outward signs of their illness, and 10 percent experience symptoms that are considered disabling."

Invisible illnesses like anxiety, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and chronic pain are very present in many people, but you often wouldn't know by looking at someone – or even talking to them. They are diseases that run under the surface, and are often hard for people to understand. These invisible illnesses are tough – not just for the people that have it, also for the people that stick with them – while they’re going through it. Invisible illnesses are emotionally taxing on both ends because it can be difficult to open up about. How do we introduce the topic when we meet someone new? Do we even introduce the topic at all?

Invisible illnesses. Having anxiety, depression, or ADD/ADHD is physically demanding at times, and obviously even more mentally demanding most of the time. When you have a mental disease, emotional needs can change daily, even every few hours. Here are some things to understand about invisible illnesses:

- “But you don’t look depressed? You look fine.”

The struggle to invisible illnesses is that they can go unde- tected. Sometimes it isn’t obvious if someone is depressed or struggling with chronic pain. Many times people with anxiety, depression, or ADHD suffer very silently – because they don’t want to make a big deal out of their situation, they think maybe other people won’t understand, or they might be embarrassed to admit. According to www.invisible-illnessweek.com, “Approximately 96 percent of people who live with an illness have an illness that is invisible. These people do not use a cane or any assistive device and may look perfectly healthy.”

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And how to help alleviate them, you can understand a little bit better what it is like for the people experiencing these disease. As someone with anxiety, I don’t pretend to know all the answers or experiences to the subject of anxiety or mental health, and I understand my experience, my triggers or struggles are not universal. However, I do hope a little explanation or inside to the world of invisible illnesses can help anyone who is struggling to realize they aren’t alone.
For a number of reasons, many people in today’s society are afraid to identify themselves as feminists. Both men and women seem to flee from the term in fear of also being categorized as aggressive, or what many consider to be a “feminazi.”

This media plays a large role when it comes to creating negative connotations and stereotypes for both the feminist as well as the man who identifies as such. When celebrities and pop culture icons publicly dismiss and discredit the feminist school of thought, many people think that way. If more men in the media were honest and proud identifies as a feminist and even politeness. I won’t allow you to wear a shirt that reads “This is what a feminist looks like.”

Not only that, but his fans, who are mostly female, are sometimes referred to as “Cumberbitches,” a name he himself made fun of in an interview on the radio program, “The Adam Buxton Show.”

Although feminism is not just for women, it seems that many people think that way. If more men in the media, like the ones mentioned above, were not afraid to educate themselves and identify as feminists, we would be one step closer to ridding the world of gender inequity.
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Obama Administration to bring in 10,000 Syrian Refugees

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After the Paris Attacks three weeks ago, The White House has released the press and on their website that President Obama is going to welcome 10,000 Syrian Refugees into our country within the next fiscal year. This has sparked debates throughout the country on if this is the right way to go.

Some say no, because they could be radicals from Middle Eastern countries that wish to harm our country, and that we need to first take care of our own citizens before taking care of those from other nations. Others say yes and are sympathetic to the situation the refugees are coming from.

All states are as welcoming as possible, as 31 states are allowing refugees into the country. These leaders mainly oppose allowing refugees to enter the country because they believe they will secure more threats.

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, professor of political science, also had thoughts on whether or not we should allow refugees into the United States. He said, “We have millions of refugees who find themselves in this tragic condition because of a civil war or conflict that has been going on for years. Many have found a temporary home in the Middle East or Europe. This is a tragic and humanitarian issue. I am very supportive of helping refugees find a permanent home. Many refugees say that if peace comes, they want to return to their homes. They have loved ones and property and because of war so I am very sympathetic. There is a fear that within these refugees, in these numbers, there may be a few radicals posing as refugees and that they may be members of the Islamic State. This is something that concerns me and all of us.”

He continues, “But what I want to explain is that the U.S., with President Obama indicating taking about 10,000 refugees, requires potential refugees to go through organization such as the CIA or FBI. At the end of the day, there is no guarantee. But we need to trust the system and welcome them with open arms. It is mostly women and children that are looking for a new home and it is our moral obligation and human response to give them one.”

There is a very complicated process that anyone must go through before becoming a refugee. A video on the website “arrt” narrated by Secretary of Defense Jeh Johnson describes the situation step by step.

First, the person must apply to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees to obtain refugee status. It must be proven that the person in question can no longer live safely in their home without the fear of being persecuted for their race, religion, political affiliation, social group, or nationality. Once they meet refugee crisis, the refugee is referred to the U.S. Government, they go through a more rigorous screening process than anyone else entering the United States.

According to RCUSA, they go through a resettlement support center where the refugee’s personal background information is acquired and sent to the Department of Homeland Security for the in person interview. As said in the arrt, the refugees go through process with the National Counterterrorism Center, FBI, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of State.

In addition to these security measures, the refugees undergo medical screening, they are matched with a sponsor agency through the local cultural orientation, a second interagency check, and then they are admitted into the U.S. Clearly, it is a very thorough process. Arrt. reports that Johnson believes Syrians have to go through an even more intense process.

An argument of many citizens who are against allowing refugees into the country is that we need to first focus our attention to the refugees in our own cities. What do they not realize is that every year the United States has been helping through organizations for supporting refugees. The State Department reports that this fiscal year’s budget allocates $442.7 million to refugee admissions, $35 million to administrative expenses, and $1.15 billion for overseas assistance.

According to supporters of President Obama’s agenda, by aiding the refugees and allowing them into our country and helping them begin new lives, we are not taking anything away from the American people because a budget such as this is set aside for refugee related expenses every year.

The U.N. reports that Syrians are now the largest percentage of refugees. More than 12.2 million people are in need of asylum; this is the highest of the population of Syria. 5.6 million of those people are children.

Many in junior political science major, explains her take on the situation. “We should let them into our country, but we should monitor how many we let in. We cannot let refugees in and say that what are we going to do with them all? I say yes, we have always had bands of people come in, so I do not see how this should be any different.”

Monmouth Debate Hawks Won and Individual Awards at University of Rochester This Weekend

PRESS RELEASE
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When asked about how she felt about making the playoff rounds, Patel said, “This was my last debate tournament so I was really happy going in. But I had a good partner (Toto) and we made it through five rounds and into the playoffs by the end of the tournament I was really happy because it was a good way to end my Monmouth debate year.”

Matthew Toto adds that the tournament was a learning experience. “We fought hard against schools like Cornell, NYU, and Hampshire, and Rochester,” he said.

In conversation, “While not everyone may have done as well as they would have hoped, myself included, the thing we liked to focus on is having fun. Whenever I had a general sense of fun during breaks (or on the bus heading back to the hotel), I always asked to make sure that everyone was at least having a good time. You never know when bus heading up there could have been better, but at least we had some fun with it.”

The Monmouth team included Daniellia Doud and Victoria Borges, James Hawke and Saenger, Kahtlin Allsopp and Prachi Patel; Patel and Matthew Toto, Christopher Dalay and Emily Dizia, Layne and Prachi Patel, Marasia Laster and William Kimmell; Keith Lee and Austin Stiller, and Alex Lebowitz and Gena Ryan; Abdullah Rashid and Angel Soto; Kaitlin Sibley and Kaitlyn Allsopp; and Christobel Tashie and Nick Wiker. Many of these teams made their debating debut at the tournament.

Chair of the Political Science Department and advisor to the debate team, said, “I have an enormous amount of respect for the Monmouth debate team captains Michelle Grushko and Danielle Doud and all of the members of the Debate Hawks. They work hard researching their case and in debate, and receive support fiercely against debaters from some of the finest universities across the nation.”

Junior Political Science student and third year debater Angela Rolea, The tournament was a lot of fun and being a coach and debater, I got more enjoyment when I saw the team as a whole succeed. This particular debate tournament was such a learning experience. Everyone there was so enthusiastic to be there. Overall, this tournament helped all of us get together and bond. Going to Rochester was truly a memorable trip.”

Each year, a topic is picked to be debated throughout the year. This year’s topic isResolved: The United States should significantly reduce its military presence in one or more of the following: the Arab states of the Western Gulf, Horn of Africa, Northeast Asia. The Monmouth team researched and wrote three separate cases involving each of these three strategically important regions.

Each two-person team competes in six rounds of debate, the team with the highest cumulative score on the negative, with each debate round lasting approximately two hours. Team that loses the first round is eliminated. The Monmouth team received awards at the West Point Military Academy tournament a few weeks ago and will next compete in early Feb. at Cornell University.

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PHOTO TAKEN by Dr. Joseph Patten

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Presidential Quote of the Week

“We must work to bind up the wounds of a suffering world- to build an abiding peace, a peace rooted in justice and in law.”

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN
33rd President of the United States

December 2, 2015
The Outlook
End of Semester Survival Guide

LAUREN NIESZ

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2) Consider changing your major. Don't be afraid to take a year to decide what you want to do. Your body needs a break from studying. McKittrick says that his best piece of advice is, “Stress is a scary thing when it is overwhelming, lead to health issues, loss of appetite, etc.,” changes in eating habits. “Stress is something that not all stress is bad stress. It is a natural response to stimuli and action.” But, he continues, “Too much stress can lead to a mental breakdown is a great excuse not to study.” Depending on your interpretation, it is possible that you can fail, but more often, people regret not making the decision that they think they had taken that chance.

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Fun Ideas to Do & Places to Go For Winter Break

CHESLE TROMBETTA

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### The Night Before also utilizes clever Christmas movies to put off and allude to, referencing Home Alone and following the main character’s tricks to stop the villains, as well as mirroring the Sticky Bandit’s methods of stealing. There were also references to How the Grinch Stole Christmas and It’s a Wonderful Life, poking fun at the films and perhaps doing a bit of an ode to them too.

Overall, the film offers a lot of laughs for its 101-minute runtime. If you’re looking for a good a laugh and periods of tears forming in your eyes because you can’t handle Seth Rogen’s hilarious scenes, see The Night Before. This movie offers a nice, easy transition into Christmas time without overworking the whole holiday comedy to check out if you’re in need of an uncomplicated film to make you laugh. With finals quickly coming up, the comedy is something we all could probably use.

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### Mockingjay Part 2 Misses Its Target

**AMANDA GLATZ**

**ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR**

A brutal plotline and heavy themes have always been the hallmark of Suzanne Collins’ dystopian book series. The conclusion of Suzanne Collins’ popular dystopian book series, The Hunger Games, is the last installment, the Girl on Fire has been set as the final film installment. The film has received a mixed reception, with some critics praising the acting and direction, while others have criticized the lack of emotional depth and the rushed execution of the final installment.

The final installment, The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2, is set in the dystopian world of Panem, where a rebellion against the tyrannical government has been underway for years. The story follows Katniss Everdeen, a character who has become a symbol of resistance, as she leads the rebellion against President Snow, the leader of the Capitol. The film is action-packed and full of intense moments, but it has also been criticized for its lack of emotional depth and the rushed execution of the final installment.

Despite the mixed reception, The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 is a significant achievement in that it captures the spirit of the original books and brings the story to a fitting conclusion. The cast and crew have done their best to bring the story to life, and the film is a testament to the power of storytelling and the impact it can have on society.

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### Mockingjay Part 2: The Last Installment

**LAUREN ROSSI**

**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

While the latest film produced by Seth Rogen may not be a new Christmas favorite to watch every year, it certainly provided viewers with a much-needed laugh and a nice transition into the holiday season. Before we reach Christmas Eve, however, the film series has come to an end. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 is the last installment of Suzanne Collins’ popular dystopian book series. The conclusion of Collins’ story is set to air in theaters on November 21, 2016.
Alessia Cara, 19-year-old singer-songwriter, got her start in the music world by posting acoustic Youtube covers of popular songs from her bedroom floor in Brampton, Canada. She was discovered by Taylor Swift after covering “Bad Blood” and Swift tweeted at her, impressed by her cover. Having 66 million Twitter followers, Swift’s tweet helped bring attention to and propel Alessia’s single, “Here,” to No.1 on Billboard and Twitter, opening the door for her to develop her new work. On Nov. 13, Alessia released her debut album, “Know-It-All.” Her voice is dominant, soulful, and captivating. Having grown up imitations of today’s popular artists and bands such as Taylor Swift and Maroon 5, both these tracks on 25 are typical radio-playable songs that stray far from Adele’s musical style. Nothing is wrong with artists branching out from the norm, but these songs do not showcase the talent we all know Adele has. A more clear lead tone found throughout Adele’s 25 is her go-to soulful sound. “I Miss You” and “River Lea,” the strangely both songs took away from this soulful sound that everyone seems to usually love. Something about both melodies feel extremely off, as if she tried to do something a little bit different but absolutely did not succeed in doing so. Besides “Hello,” the typical slow love ballad is featured on 25 several more times. While “We Were Young,” “Remedy,” “Love in the Dark,” and “All I Ask” are all examples of ‘typical Adele’ songs. Her lack of variety bores some people, but there are others who look for that in her work. I personally think that “Remedy” is the only ballad on 25 that stands out besides “Hello.” Here, Adele put out a song that is distinct from her previous work. She described her youth as Alessia’s and this really captivated my attention. Since Alessia contributed to the songwriting, the album is so real and genuine, giving it an individual touch; she describes experiences she has been through myself, in a different perspective, making it fascinating. The first track is “Seven-teen,” and it’s an ideal opening to Know-It-All because it sets the mood for the rest of the album; it’s an invigorating song where Alessia celebrates and embraces her youthfulness. She discusses how, as a young girl, she’s always yearned to grow up, but now that she’s older, she wishes she could, “Freeze the time at seventeen.” It’s a fun, upbeat song and symbolizes Alessia’s freshness in the music career. The music throughout the album is distinctly pop and most of the songs made me want to put my head along to the beat and just dance. The song “Overdone” is dominated by drums and clapping, which work because they coincide with the intensity of the metaphor of love being compared to an overdose. There are also ballads that are solely Alessia’s breathtaking vocals accompanied by the piano or acoustic guitar, which are beautiful as well. “Stars” is a usually on the radio. The pretty and serene and contrasts well with deep emotion and wistfulness in the song. “Cause I’ve been here, I’ve been learning to write my songs.” Only not does the album include songs that are energetic, powerful, and also watch her Youtube videos where it all started, because they are simply amazing and a vital part of her story.
Blue Hawk Records Spotlight:
KELLAN BRENNAN

Kellan Brennan performs at Gotham in Red Bank, NJ, every Wednesday.

NICOLE SEITZ  STAFF WRITER

One of the contributors on this semester’s Blue Hawk Records compilation album is jazz artist Kellan Brennan. Brennan is a junior communication major focusing on music and radio and TV studies at the University. He has been playing piano for nine years and enjoys listening to and playing all genres of music. Some of Brennan’s influences are Steely Dan, Esperanza Spalding, Frank Zappa, Jimmy Page, Miles Davis, and Sublime.

“Kellan is a phenomenon that only comes around once in a generation, while also mixing a bit of mystery so that the listener can’t quite classify it.”

It wasn’t until Brennan started here that Kellan got into music and began to listen to more jazz than he did before. He has since been very active in the local music scene, writing music and playing regularly.

“Jazz can be anything you want...as long as it’s dynamic,” Kellan said about the combination of jazz and R&B influences with pop and rock foundation that can be heard in his music.

For this semester’s compilation album, Brennan has recorded a song called “Old Soul” in Lakehouse Studios. Kellan says this song is about that classic “Piano Man” bar scene and a beautiful, smart, amazing girl. Originally, he only had two chords that he knew he had to be made into a song, and this foundation became the masterpiece that is “Old Soul.”

Brennan was on the Fall 2014 compilation album with the band Chasing Paper where he just played piano. This time around, in Lakehouse Studios, Kellan recorded everything live and was very much in charge of how the recording went. Brennan did the vocals and piano while Will Satyaski, a junior music industry student, played drums for the song. On bass was senior music industry student Chris Durham. Dino Marino and J.J. Fabricatore, junior music industry students, add some jazz flare with their tenor and alto sax.

As far as he plots go, Fallout 4 is no mechanic; it’s very good, and in terms of immersion, Fallout 4 is second to none. As far as content goes, exploration and the guage and as much blood and gore on par with cable television. Maybe slightly beyond that, actually, but the tone of the game makes the blood and gore almost light-hearted and not so impactful.

Going back to my adventure with Dogmeat in previous Fallout games, this scale, and Bethesda has an excellent track record of fixing them. If Skyrim is anything to go off of, mod support will be a major game-changer. Modding is where users desgin content for a game that has been released (and mod support will make that much, much easier, when Bethesda releases it). Mods can change pretty much any feature in the game, like sound, gameplay, weapons, and graphics. I have a modded Skyrim with dynamic sounds (like birds chirping, and more soundtrack options) altered gameplay (more realistic, if shot in the head by an arrow, I die, but so do enemies), hundreds of new weapons, and vastly improved graphics. My Skyrim (a four-year old game) actually looks better than Fallout 4. Mods have the potential to vastly improve Fallout 4, which is already excellent without them.

I’m out of space already, and I haven’t even had time to cover the excellent settlement option (which allows you to design/mainain communities in the world, power armor, equipment crafting, radio stations, faction interactions... scratch that, I don’t even have the space left to finish this list. In summary, Fallout 4, while not without flaws, does what its predecessors have successfully and adds innovative new mechanics. It’s not by any means perfect, but it also has no real competition. If you take the amount of content, the level of immersion, the quality of the story, and the gameplay together, there’s nothing that directly competes. Far Cry 4 has better shooting and Witcher 3 has a better plot, but overall, I feel like Fallout 4, taken as a whole, is ahead of the pack. I’d give Fallout 4 a 10/10, and if I value all its aspects equally (I tend to care more about its predecessors) I’d give Fallout 4 a 10/10, and if I value all its aspects equally (I tend to care more about its predecessors)
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What is your favorite moment at MU this semester?
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Sophomore
“The Relaxing Day with the puppies.”

Tony
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“Coming back and seeing all my friends again.”

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TOP LEFT: Student Wayne Girard went to Amsterdam during Thanksgiving Break to see his cousin, who is preparing for their third child. Girard was thoroughly enamored by the beauty and the culture of the city. (PHOTO COURTESY OF WAYNE GIRARD)

TOP RIGHT: Senior Comm. Major Danielle Axelrod and her parents went to Georgia this Thanksgiving to see her brother, Chris, for the first time since he left for basic training for the Army. She is so proud of the young man he has become and thankful that he is making sacrifices for our country. Thanks Chris! (PHOTO COURTESY OF DANIELLE AXELROD)

CENTER LEFT: Sophomore Andrew Moon on a surf/ski trip to France, standing in front of the great Mediterranean Sea. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREW MOON)

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Brothers of Delta Beta Sigma Pi helped the Jersey Shore Dream Center in assisting the less privileged. The center provides food, clothes and home goods to people in need. This past month they distributed over 5,000 lbs. of food to over 800 men, women, and children. (PHOTO COURTESY OF CHANDLER NICHOLS)
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Sorority Bingo Sheds Positive Light on Greek Community

ERIN SHEVLIN
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The Monmouth University Panhellenic Council hosted its third annual Bingo Night on Friday Nov. 20 in Anacon Hall to give underclassmen an opportunity to meet members of the Panhellenic community.

The room filled with excitement and laughter as dozens of women came together for a fun night filled with bingo, prizes, and an opportunity to get a step closer to finding their home in the Greek community. Each of the six sororities on campus attended the event as well as six representatives from each organization. Throughout the night, everyone in attendance was able to purchase real tickets of bingo with the chance to win gift cards and other prizes.

After each round, an organization was invited to the front of the auditorium to illuminate some of the important aspects of their organization. Each spoke about their chapter’s color, mascot, and founder’s day, and more importantly their philanthropy, values, and their importance to the chapter. “Bingo night, as well as the other events that Panhellenic organizes for the potential new members, are a great way for the girls to learn about the different sororities and their philanthropy, values, etc. so that way they know a little bit of background information on the different chapters before going through formal recruitment,” said Emily Rodrigues, a senior English education student and Membership Vice President for Alpha Xi Delta. “Having fun, yet meaningful events such as bingo are for women who may have their doubts about what people in sororities do or for women who want to learn more. It is also a great opportunity for the women who are in the organizations to come together and celebrate why they are a part of their own organizations.”

umbo Night and similar events planned by the Panhellenic Council are a great way for students on campus to gain insight at what sorority life is like while giving Greek organization the opportunity to break down the stereotypes surrounding the Greek community. “Coming to an event like sorority bingo helps to make girls feel more comfortable being around women in these Greek organizations, which can ultimately help them decide if going Greek is the right choice for them,” said Victoria Wright, a junior psychology student who is also the Recruitment Team Workshop Coordinator for the Panhellenic Council.

Formal spring recruitment is a three day long process in which students travel to each sorority on campus in order to ultimately find their home in an organization that matches their values. Registration for spring recruitment can be found on the University’s website under Fraternity and Sorority Life. “Recruitment can be nerve-racking so being able to get people before going through can really help girls concentrate on why they want to join a sorority not why their so nervous,” said Rodrigues. “My advice for anyone going through formal recruitment would be to be yourself and follow your heart. I know it sounds cheesy but at the end of the day, joining a sorority is for life so go for the one you see yourself being a part of for the rest of your life, not the one your roommate or whoever convinced you to join.”

Benefits of Being Involved On Campus, From Alumna

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On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the Student Activities Board held their annual general member meeting which featured alumna Lucy Russo ’14, Courtney Locke ’15, and Kofsky ’14, to speak to current SAB members. The three women spoke of their past experience being involved on campus and how it has prepared them for their future endeavors.

The meeting was based on questions of their choice. Junior communication major, Alicia Torello, the Student Activities Board President, ran the discussion. Questions varied from “How has joining a club on campus helped you find a job?”, “What is it like to be in the real world,” and “How does SAB relate to working in a business setting?”

The ladies went on to talk about their career paths after they graduated from the University. Russo is now working at the Princeton Review as David Stark Design, Kofsky is a seventh grade teacher, and Locke is a Software Engineer at Verizon.

There was a mixture of Russo’s humor, Kofsky’s intellect, and Locke’s wit, the event brought back memories for the older students, especially the members of the executive board.

Senior marketing student Tom Egan, said “It was a pretty cool experience to see some of the old SAB board that welcomed me as a freshman come back and talk to everyone about what they are up to. Being a senior, I learned how I can use SAB in my upcoming job and career path. It is always great to see some of my first friends and where they are now.”

Once the meeting was over, I decided to gather the girls quickly to ask them each “what one thing did SAB teach you that you took with you after graduation?”

Each of the alumna answered the question, “What is one thing you learned from SAB that you took with you after graduation?”

Megan McGowan, Associate Director of Student Activities & Student Center Operations, has spent a great deal of time with the club as the advisor and has seen the women grow. When asked if there was anything about the SAB officers back, McGowan said, “It was great growing through back many great memories and a little taste of how SAB was in the previous years.”

Council for Exceptional Children

Contemporary Philosophical Children Organization will have their last meeting for the spring semester on December 9th at 3pm in McGalen Hall room 222. If you have any questions about the lab please email Melissa LaRocca at stl92428@monmouth.edu.
Women’s Basketball Pick Up Two Losses Over Break
MU Loses Home Opener to Robert Morris University, 60-47

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After losing a close game in overtime to Lehigh University a week earlier, the upset Monmouth women’s basketball fell to Robert Morris University 60-47 in the 2015 home opener. The Hawks got off to a slow start, scoring only two points in the first 4:40 of the game, shooting 1-6 (17 percent) from the field.

Sophomore forward Dana Carbone added six points and two assists for the Hawks as they fell to Robert Morris University a week earlier, the upstart Hawks continued their road trip and headed to Providence days later.

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PROVIDENCE ENJOYS HOME COURT ADVANTAGE, DEFEATS MU 71-59

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The women’s basketball team fell to Providence this past Saturday afternoon at Alumni Hall to a tune of 71-59. Junior guard Tyese Purvis and sophomore forward Dana Carbone netted a collective 24 points for MU. Senior guard Jasmine Walker earned 10 points and 10 rebounds on the night while seniors Jamiyah Bethune and Sarah Olson connected on eight. The loss puts the Blue and White at 1-3 so far this season.

“We have been in some tough games, two going to overtime, and each one has helped us prepare for what we will face in conference play,” said Head Coach Jenny Palmateer. “Our record reflects a challenging non-conference schedule that is designed to help us achieve our season goals.”

The Hawks opened up scoring, snagging six of the first eight points scored. MU held its lead until the eighth minute of play, when the Friars broke the tie, making it 13-10. Providence’s Jovana “Yoyo” Nogic and Erica Meyer contributed to the Friar lead until Olson added a three-pointer for the Hawks. The first quarter ended in favor of the Friars, 16-13.

Walker was put on the line in the first minute of the second quarter, finishing both shots for MU. But Providence responded with the next seven points. With just over seven minutes left in the half the Hawks were down 15-23. Sarah Beal put in a layup and a pair of foul shots to cushion the Monmouth began to turn on their press defense, which forced multiple Colonial turnovers. The Hawks were unable to capitalize, suffering from another extended scoring drought, this one lasting 5-42. A three pointer from sophomore forward Dana Carbone and a layup from senior guard Jamiyah Bethune cut the deficit to 9 points at halftime for Monmouth.

The Hawks received a major boost from their defense, which kept them in the game despite shooting 27 percent from the field in the first half. Monmouth head coach Jenny Palmateer was pleased with her team’s efforts in the new style “I love it, I think it is going to be our bread and butter. The hard part is that we have to score to get in it, so we have to become more efficient offensively so that we can really get in fully.” The Hawks only scored 20 points in the first half, led by Walker with seven points.

The Hawks opened the second half on a 6-0 run, which cut the Colonial’s lead to 29-26. Senior guard Jasmine Walker hit a three spot to extend the scoring drought, this one lasting 5:42. A three pointer from sophomore forward Dana Carbone and a layup from senior guard Jamiyah Bethune cut the deficit to 9 points at halftime for Monmouth.

The Hawks entered the fourth quarter down by 14 points, having blazed by turnovers and empty possessions throughout the first three and a half. Junior guard Christina Mitchell picked up her fourth personal foul early in the fourth, forcing her to sit a majority of the quarter, which proved to be a big loss inside for Monmouth. Monmouth received 11 key seconds from Olson, who provided a spark both on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. Olson credits the third quarter comeback to the new press defense “It really catches teams off guard, they have to scout for and prepare for it. That’s important because how can you prepare for getting pressed 40 minutes a game?” Although she had no recorded steals in the game, Olson still made an impact, forcing many Robert Morris players to commit turnovers. The senior had five steals in the season opener against Lehigh, and has played a major role in the team’s success this season.

Hawks freshman guard McKinzee Barker earned her first assist on Friday night after her performance against Colgate.

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Hawks from long range, 58.3 percent to 25.0 percent. However, MU had fewer turnovers in the second half (2-7) and outscored Providence in bench points (26-10). We use every game and practice as learning tools. And it’s really the most effective way to learn, by making the mistakes and gaining the experience. Moving forward, we just want to perfect the little things and iron out the kinks in our game,” said Olson. “We’re only one game into the season, so we’re working on being a better run and gun team.”

The Hawks begin their conference quest on Friday at 7pm when they take on the Siena College Saints at the Multipurpose Activ-

City Center in West Long Branch. Siena is currently 1-5 so far this season after loss at the hands of new style of defense. Southern Illinois, Alabama State and Navy. Their lone win came against Morgan State during a road trip in Annapolis, MD.

The game will be aired live on ESPN3 by the Monmouth Digital Network.

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Sophomore safety Mike Basile recorded ten tackles and an inter- ception on the day. The Brick na- tive finished the season leading the Big South and setting a new Monmouth single season record with 119 tackles, passing Aaron Edwards’ record of 114 set back in 2001. Basile led all of FCS football with 71 solo tackles per game, re- corded double digit stops in nine games and led the Big South with 9 tackles. "If you look at what he did as a freshman and to say he was go- ing to top that in year two, there are people who are skeptical about that," Callahan said about his safety’s 2015 season. "I thought Mike had an outstanding sophomore year and was another significant step in his de- velopment. He’s a terrific player, he’s instinctive and he always puts himself in a position to make plays. Basile’s focus is just on doing what he can to help his team win games. "I just go out and do anything I can do to make our team win whether that’s making tackles, play deep or play the ball then that’s what I want to do," Basile said in an interview with Matt Harmon of the Monmouth Digital Network. "I practice hard and go through practice to make it easier for game time. Once game time comes, anything I can do to help the team win is what I’m going to come to Florida and play against some high major competition to really test ourselves, before going on this long journey of the sea- son," said junior guard Josh James on the experience of the weekend. Robert. Monmouth set a scoring record with 77 points in three games earning him the recognition of MVP of the tournament in the process. With 1:50 remaining, the Hawks called timeout and got the ball to Deon Jones who drove in from front of Monmouth’s bench to dunk over two Trojan defenders and bring the tale back up to five. Naturally, the Monmouth bench also had another reaction to Jones’ dunk. USC’s Nikola Iovanic hit two free throws to cut it back down to three, and Robinson answered with another three-pointer with 56 seconds left that broke the record scoring 77 total points in the pro- cess. Jones made two more foul shots right before Micah Seaborn delivered a three-point play with 32 seconds to go, and Monmouth would get the victory up by 10, 83-73. The Hawks return home with a 4-2 record and finished 2-1 in the tournament. MU’s next game is on the road Dec. 4 to start the week-end New York trip with Canisius up first. They will play their first home game on Sunday, Dec. 13 against Wagner at 2 pm.
Monmouth men's basketball participated in the Advocare Invitational over Thanksgiving break. Justin Robinson (above) was named MVP after setting a tournament record of 77 points.

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