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## “Mighty” MU Says Goodbye to Kessler Field at Homecoming 16’



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The Homecoming 2016 game was the final game to take place at Kessler Field and demolition of the field began on Nov. 1 for the new stadium, which is expected to be completed for the Fall 2017 season.

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Monmouth University hosted its annual homecoming weekend from Oct. 28-30 during which students partook in a series of fun-filled activities. Current and former staff, alumni, and trustees were invited to enjoy the event.

The game was the final one at Kessler field, as demolition of the aging field began on Nov. 1, with hopes to complete the new field by the 2017 season. Kessler Field was built in 1993 and opened for the Hawks’ inaugural season. On Sept. 25, 1993, the first-ever game was played at Kessler Field as the Hawks

hosted Sacred Heart University. Since then, the field has been home to every Hawks home game.

On Friday, the traditional pep rally took place. In order to conjure excitement for the football game, students engaged in chants and mingled with friends at the OceanFirst Bank Center.

“The pep rally is designed to foster school spirit and get everyone excited for the game and remainder of the football season,” said Joshua Manning, senior business student. Manning added that the excitement caused by the pep rally always leads to a fun filled football game.

“The pep rally gets Monmouth students together to hype up the excitement of homecoming weekend. It serves as somewhat of an opening ceremony to the festivities that are to come,” said Emma

Stowell, a junior chemistry student. “My favorite part about homecoming weekend is how it really brings both Monmouth students and alumni together for a plethora of activities. The school spirit is rampant on this particular weekend, making it a great time to be a Hawk.”

On Saturday morning, students attended a tailgate prior to the game, in which people socialized with friends over lunch. “I came back for greek life and to see how my fraternity is doing,” said Joe Santani, who graduated in January 2016. “I was very active when I was an undergrad so it’s nice to come back and see how everything is going and help them out with any problem they might have--and it’s just a fun time.”

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## MUPD Apprehends Alleged Gunman: No One Hurt

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Monmouth University was placed on a campus lockdown after two female students reported that a man allegedly attempted to rob them with a handgun on Nov. 1 at approximately 9:17 p.m. No one was injured and the suspect and weapon were apprehended.

Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office identified the suspect as University student Keith L. Williams, 18, of Baltimore, M.D., and charged him with first degree armed robbery.

The students reported that a male, approximately 6’3” wearing a hooded black sweatshirt and stocking mask, drew what was believed to be a handgun and demanded their cell phones. The students escaped the scene. They called 911 once they were in a safe location.

Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD) was immediately notified of the incident, according to the Prosecutor’s Office.

The University personnel put a lockdown in place at 9:52 p.m. for the entire campus to ensure the safety of the students and anyone else who was potentially in danger. This decision was based upon the fact that an armed suspect was believed to be on campus, according to the Prosecutor’s Office.

As of 10:52 p.m., the subject

was apprehended. However, MUPD requested that students remain in lockdown while officers searched for additional evidence. The campus lockdown was lifted at 12:11 a.m.

Williams was apprehended in Elmwood Hall by Safety Officer Tom Duda, Police Officer Jim Gaul, and Police Officer Robert McDonald, according to Tara Peters, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communication.

The press release from the Prosecutor’s office explained that the police recovered the weapon, which was determined to be an imitation handgun. These guns resembled black, semiautomatic handguns. “Bail was set by Monmouth County Superior Court Judge Richard W. English at \$100,000, with no 10 percent option, no victim contact and an order not to return to the scene,” said the release.

Williams has been indefinitely suspended from the University football team according to Greg Viscomi, Associate Athletics Director for New Media and Communications. Williams was a freshman offensive lineman for the team.

“I am grateful for the efforts of our dedicated and experienced Police Department who ensure our high standards for the safety of our campus, 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” said President Paul Brown, Ph.D. in a statement sent to the campus community

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## Political Science Club Straw Poll Displays Conflicting Outcomes

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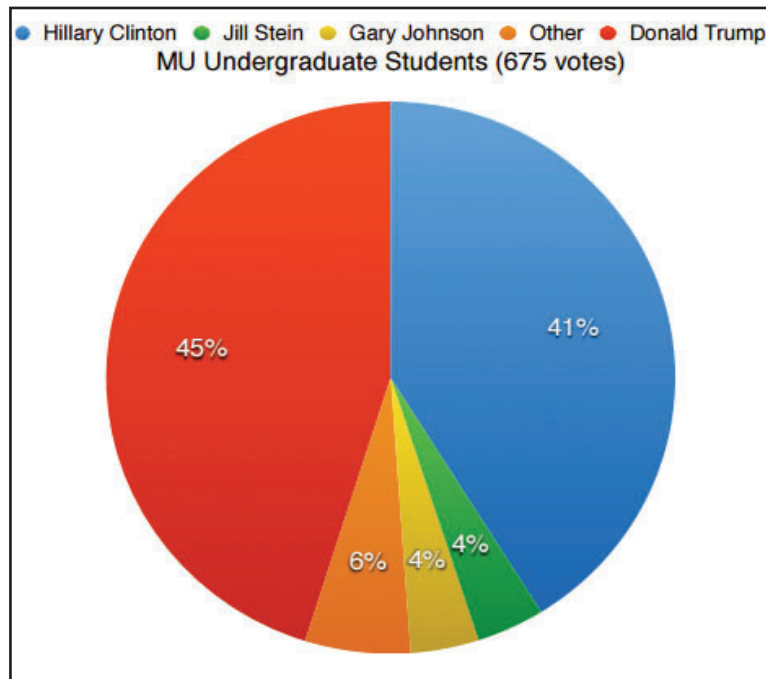
Monmouth University’s Political Science Club conducted a non-scientific straw poll this week to create excitement about the upcoming election, which is only six days away.

The straw poll turnout in the Monmouth community included 1,244 participants. Full-time faculty, graduate students, undergraduate students, and staff members were all able to express their opinion on the 2016 election through the poll.

The Political Science Club members have been working diligently to raise awareness in the Monmouth community by expressing the importance of each vote and how people can contribute their voice to America’s great democracy through the act of voting.

Areebah Zia, a political science student, said, “I think its

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GRAPHIC CREATED by Monmouth University Political Science Club

The above chart displays the results of the undergraduate Straw Poll showing Donald Trump winning the election while other polls by graduate students, full time faculty, and staff members/administration resulted in Hillary Clinton winning the election.

## Media Talks with WABC Reporter

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Toni Yates, a news reporter and anchorwoman for WABC - TV Eyewitness News, spoke to students at the University about the relationship between news media and the criminal justice system on Thursday, Oct. 27 in Pollak Theatre.

About 70 students from various departments (including communications and criminal justice) sat in the center seats of the theatre as Yates discussed her experiences in the field of news reporting. Yates said, “some of the news of the day that we cover sounds a lot like this: An amber alert is launched, because a kid was walking to school and all of a sudden he was snatched... or a cop pulls a driver over and



IMAGE TAKEN from FrostSnow

Toni Yates (above) spoke with students about journalism.

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