Out-of-Date Software Leads to Student Deferment at University Blood Drive

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More than two years after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) guidelines were changed to become more welcoming towards lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) donors, particularly gay men, the Central Jersey Blood Center (CJBC) has not updated their systems to allow for such donations, leading to the denial of a Monmouth University student during their on-campus blood drive on April 2.

In 1983, a ban on blood donations on who the FDA and Red Cross refer to as “men who have sex with men (MSM)” was enacted, indefinitely banning men who had had a same-sex encounter due to concerns surrounding the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. On December 21, 2015, the guidelines were changed to instead only require MSM donors to have been celibate for one year rather than their entire life. According to the Red Cross, “All U.S. blood collection organizations must follow this federal requirement.”

However, according to a University student who wishes to remain anonymous and attempt to participate in the blood drive on campus, he was not allowed to donate despite meeting current criteria because CJBC changed its software.

Textbook by Vice Provost

Second-Most Used Nationwide

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Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Professor of Biology Michael Palladino, Ph.D., is a part of a team of authors that published the 12th edition of Concepts of Genetics in January 2018. The book is used in over 250 different American colleges and universities every year, including Monmouth University, making it the second leading textbook in the field of genetics at the undergraduate level. According to Palladino, it is only surpassed in use by one authored by a Nobel Prize laureate.

Palladino was part of a co-authorship team that included lead author William S. Klug, Ph.D., of the Colorado State University, making it the second leading textbook in the field of genetics since 1983 and Palladino has been contributing since the ninth edition of the text.

“The water leak was discovered by Facilities Management employees during the course of their work on Wednesday. We were very lucky that they found it before there was major damage,” said Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services. “The leak occurred in a vertical pipe that was approximately three feet below the concrete.”

Swannack described how the leak had to be located by breaking up the layers of concrete surrounding the pipe with the use of jackhammers. The pipe broke at a seam where it had been originally welded to another one over time, while the concrete that had been installed around it, making locating the leak a time-consuming process. Water to the building was shut off at about 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday to prevent damage. Vice President for Student Life and Leadership Engagement Mary Anne Nagy said that the dining facilities were shut down at about 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday night to allow for campus personnel to start repair work.

“We called in Farrell Construction who has worked on several projects on campus, including the Science Building,” said Swannack. According to her, the amount of concrete surrounding the broken pipe required the use of specialized equipment that the University does not have, meaning that the external contracting company was needed. “We knew that they had larger equipment than what we would be able to use. They responded immediately. They worked until approximately 2 a.m. with our in-house plumber and returned at 7:00 a.m. to complete the repair.”

Rebecca Stafford Student Center Food Court Closed Due to Water Main Break

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132 Employers Featured at Annual Career Fair

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The annual spring career fair hosted a record 132 organizations in the OceanFirst Bank Center.

Students and alumni were both in attendance at the April 4 event, which was open to all years and majors and included businesses from a range of career fields. The Career Services Department hosted a wide array of organizations, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Sunrise Senior Living, and many other companies.

Students were able to peruse different tables and displays for each organization and speak with their corresponding representatives about a potential future with their company. Many students and attendees wore business professional clothing and distributed resumes and business cards.

Michael Thomas, Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Director of the Visiting Writer Series, said, “This event is always successful, especially when the students who come in have a specific idea of who they are and what their goals are.”

Hayley Bray, a senior health studies student, said, “I really enjoyed the event. It is something I planned on attending and didn’t really know what I was going into. I’ve heard of and have seen the event before, but, I ended up walking out with a number of employers I got to contact and network with.”

“I walked away with a lot more than I thought I would have. I got to meet companies I genuinely don’t think I would have met otherwise, or even if I had, I wouldn’t have been as prepared as I was when I walked into the event,” Bray continued.

Several employers expressed a particular interest in hiring University students. Karina Pedragón,
Graduate Student Appreciation Week Held

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Monmouth University is celebrating Graduate Student Appreciation Week April 9 to 15 as part of the larger campus-wide Celebration of Graduate Student Appreciation Week taking place across campuses throughout the United States. “DARRELL PETERSON
Associate Vice Provost of Graduate Student Services

On April 8, students participated in Wellness Day at the Graduate Center, which ran from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and was sponsored by the Counseling Student Association. According to Cosgrove, the schedule included yoga, chair back massages, and food, all to help students relax. Infinite Possibilities training, and essential oils teaching was also available.

“I think it is important that this week gives the students a break from their usual routine,” said Cosgrove.

Infinite Possibilities is a motivational lecture. “This course will give you the tools and the steps to take the first step of manifesting your desires,” said Cosgrove.

Professional headshot, according to Peterson, was taken in Wilson Hall on April 9 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and in the Graduate Center from 6:30 p.m. The event included and encouraged all graduate students and advisors. The Grab & Go Giveaway was held in Wilson Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and in the Graduate Center from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. According to Turtz, there were large raffles for large baskets and small give-away gifts for students to participate. 

“We understand that graduate students are very busy, so we wanted to maximize the number of students that will be able to participate by offering a variety of opportunities,” said Peterson.

Grads Give Back took place on April 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Lunch Break, a non-profit soup kitchen, foods pantry, and community center in Red Bank. A group of graduate students (and myself and a few other volunteers) were working at Lunch Break, said Turtz. “We may be asked to prepare food, pack food, deliver food, wash dishes, clean tables, and organize the food pantry.

“The week was designated as a time to emphasize the contributions, impact and value of graduate and professional students on campuses throughout the United States.” DARRIEL PETERSON
Associate Vice Provost of Graduate Student Services

On April 13, graduate students held an open employer from local businesses. Coffee Corral located in Red Bank, NJ, said, “I could say that we’ve had the most success with employers that have been Monmouth University students or staff. We are very responsible, at this point, our team is solely focusing on hiring Monmouth University students.

Going into the Career Fair, students were looking for opportunities that align with their area of study. We became very interested in what Monmouth has to offer. If you say that a goal is important in getting in the best course of work around to different employers. Employers feel the same way about having a set goal.

“We publish new editions every three years and it takes 18-20 months to write and produce a new edition,” said Palladino. “Genetics is one of the most rapidly changing and expanding areas of research in biology — which makes this a fast-pace growing field and intellectually challenging to stay on top of the latest research.”

Palladino detailed that the preparations for the 13th edition have already began with meetings in San Francisco involving the compilation of new scientific literature and subsequent drafting of new material. A team of authors is also involved with creating a set of figures to be used, while the authors also collaborate with various editors and a fact checking scientist to ensure that the new book maintains its quality.

“A good book is not an encyclopedia of facts, but an evocative tool with potential applications in our lives. It is an evocative tool that is relevant for students,” explained Palladino. “We have also taken pride in focusing on how we know what we know about genetics through experimental evidence, as well as on the clarity of writing and the quality of our art helping students learn major concepts in a meaningful way.”

“I think Dr. Palladino’s concern was to make sure that he is a well-respected and highly accomplished scientist, teacher, and mentor,” said Sivetz. “He excels at introducing young scientists to the forefront of science while also ensuring they are building a strong and essential foundation in genetics.”

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Employment and networking was a top priority at the Career Fair. In fact, most of the booths at the Career Fair were related to networking opportunities. A number of students with various experiences, such as sketch artists to recreate crime scenes, are our top priority to ensure that the students feel comfortable and to serve as a place to interview on-the-spot, instead of having to apply online and wait days or even weeks for a response from an employer. The Career Fair continued into the evening.

The Annual Career Fair hosted a number of students with various backgrounds. Career Services continues to bring together students, alumni, and local companies to help make students' futures.
CJBC Software Update has been delayed due to Potential Merger

DR. PASCAL GEORGE is the CEO of the Bloodworks Northwest. He explains the reason for the delay is due to the fact that our industry was undergoing tremendous changes right then, and said, "We realized that we have been able to achieve something." The company continues to respond and deal with these challenges. George said, "The story is complicated, and at the same time, it's not true. It's the promise of anti-racism." George incorporates anti-racism into her career. She said, "We're in this together to support a more diverse environment at Monmouth University. We strive to be well-equipped to respond and deal with these challenges. George said, "It's important for us to do everything we can to support diversity. We want to help students who are doing this," said George. The company has been working hard to eradicate anti-racism and to promote diversity in the workplace. George said, "We have to adopt a new donor framework, change the eligibility standards. It's something that we think our industry would have to be ready to do to make sure it follows FDA guidelines. We have a very antiquated information system that would have to be upgraded this April. We would have done it two years ago if we didn't think that we were merging because when you merge you have to adopt the process. It will take a lot of work."

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Monmouth University is best known for being just from minutes to downtown area. Another great feature: the amount of great places to eat around Long Branch. From sushi to pancakes, there are awesome restaurants close to Monmouth that can satisfy any craving you have. Here’s a list of all the places every foodie should hit if you go to Monmouth. Playa bowls is a Jersey Shore sta-
type. They offer healthy and refresh-
ing choices that still taste great. With locations in both Belmar and Pier Village, you have no excuse not to try it. Playa Bowls offers tons of different sized bowls which are made with a smoothie base with the acia fruit (powerful antioxidants with healthy omega and healthy fats), topped with things such as granola, peanut butter, and coconut. Playa bowls are a great breakfast option because they are super filling but still healthy. Playa Bowls get so crowded in the summer with touris,
s so it’s nice to be able to take advantage of having access to all year round if you go to Monmouth. Playa Bowls offers more than just their classic bowls; they have a wide range of smoothies and chia pudding bowls. The colorful bowls look picture perfect when they come out which makes them great for Snapchat.
Taka, in Asbury Park, is one of the best sushi places in the area. This restaurant has contemporary Japanese food, with sushi’s that’s to die for. Even if you’re not a sushi lover, there are other great options such as poke bowls, BBQ salmon, and crab cakes. The restaurant has a modern aesthetic, with a bar and lounge that make it great for a late night sushi fix. The owner, Taku, worked at well-known sushi res-
taurants in Miami Beach before moving to New Jersey. Taka has a wide range of rolls, from the Red Dragon and Mexican rolls. This restaurant also boasts a great cocktail menu. At happy hour you can get sake sangria for just $6. Also, the blueberry margarita is amazing.
Pascal and Sabine is a classy yet fun restaurant located in Asbury Park. They offer a unique menu, Pascal and Sabine has a great European brasserie vibe. They offer a lot of unique restaurants in the area. The restaur-
tant is full of cool artwork and has a wide range of special rolls such as taurant's, so it’s nice to be able to take advantage of having access to all year round if you go to Monmouth.

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Same-Sex Schooling

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Relationships are usually sup-
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ments of our lives. People go after a love they think they deserve. Dat-
ing should be about and being with
people who you are comfortable with. A relationship brings a simplicity of happiness in our lives. When someone is in a relationship they are using themselves or the other person that they cannot do better and not will.

There are few industries that are as male dominated as the sports media industry. Brett O’Grady

Monmouth may be known for being close to the beach, but there is no shortage of food at the shore.
The Highest, Hardest Glass Ceiling: Women in Politics

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According to a study by Politico, American University, and Loyola Marymount University, researchers Jennifer Lawless and Richard Fox found that, when asked “Who qualified are you for public office,” only 22 percent of female participants answered “very qualified.”

Corey Wrenn, Ph.D., Director of the Gender Studies Program, explained the role that a woman’s confidence has both on herself and other women who may consider running for public office.

Research finds that confidence is not just socialized but also situation-al, such that when we see women in positions of leadership, their communication style changes to fit the position,” she said. “The belief that women are not fit to lead is based on observations of women in general—who are not in leadership positions and thus...women are never even given the chance to lead.”

According to the PEW Research Center, in a 2014 study, when asked, “Why aren’t more women in top elective offices,” 47 percent of women agreed that it is because women are held to a higher standard than men can be.

Lauren Santoro, an adjunct professor of political science, said that women who run for office face what has been termed the “double-bind,” having to display both femininity and masculinity, which is often associated with leadership. Santoro also notes the potential for women seeking office to face sexist commentary and other negative treatment. Things such as appearance, their family life, and their “likability” are questioned like that of no male candidate is.

Mary “Dee” Bulvanoski, an instructor of English, talked about how she faced similar treatment in her efforts to run for the Board of Education in Oceanport, NJ. “At the time I was a stay-at-home mother, and I definitely felt that two things worked against me: being female and not working outside of the home at the time,” she explained. “Fortunately, I had the opportunity to present a speech [which] allowed me to present my qualifications—including my position as a full-time mom—in a positive light, I was able to ‘turn the tide’ and feel that after that evening, there were more women who had decided to take a chance on me,” she said.

While I was campaigning, I felt a lot of negativity directed towards me because I was a woman running for the board. I think that there was one member of the standing board at the time who was a woman; the other eight members were men,” said Bulvanoski.

“During a follow-up question-and-answer session, some participants tried to point out my lack of skills in a ‘man’s position.’ For example, because the school was in the process of planning an addition to the library, I knew that I had no previous experience in the building trades—I thought I allowed to be expected to have,” she continued.

“Fortunately, I knew that I had no personal experience with construction, but as far as I knew I would not be expected to build anything—just hire people who knew what they were doing. My response took the sting out of the question and put the focus on the board member’s real job to make good decisions and delegate appropriately,” said Bulvanoski. “I never said that her male opponents were not asked the same question. In addition to facing sexist double standards in running for public office, Santoro noted that another issue that they face is, what is called, “the pipeline problem.” She explained that, until very recently, women would not enter politics until their families were raised. “Not until...members of a new generation of political women did we see women with young children holding national...power in the U.S.”

“The other part of the pipeline problem is that women are under-represented in political professions, like being lawyers, business leaders, and political activists...thus dropping them out of the pipeline entering politics,” she explained.

Santoro also explained that, in the current politically-polarized environment, women are not often showing much observable difference compared with their male counterparts, but on certain issues that directly concern women, women in government work together. “This representation in government gives a voice to the concerns women have in terms of problems that need solving by government,” she said.

With only five percent of Black women currently being officeholders elected to statewide executive office, Congress, and state legislatures, it is still a significant concern that women have made in politics. She explained that, as a female political science student, she often does find that most of her classes are male-dominated. “Women should definitely be more exposed to politics, exposing them at a younger age could be a remedy,” she said. “I also think incorporating women’s history into the United States History classes in a more significant manner than just covering the Suffrage Movement could be advantageous for young females.”

“The good news is that things are changing. The record number of women running for office this year has been termed the ‘pink wave,’” said Santoro, noting the progress that women have made in politics. As a result, many more young girls and women may now have a female politician to whom they aspire to be something, that Ruffin said is important to her, herself. “One of my biggest role models is California Senator Kamala Harris, who also happens to be one of my sisters in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,” she said. “Harris is a very influential political figure. She is unapologetic in her positions on women’s rights and health issues, like affordability and accessible medical care, immigration policies which favor this country’s diversity, and racial inequality.”

Although that highest and hardest glass ceiling still looms over women who aspire to hold public office, there is a general sense of women making strides in politics, it has millions of cracks in it.
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Start Keeping Up With the Spring Trends

JORDAN SMITH STAFF WRITER

With the spring slowly but surely approaching, many people find that they are in need of outfits that are more appropriate for the warmer weather. For some, this is a simple transition that they have been dying for. Others that are fans of the colder weather, the transition is upsetting and difficult. No matter what side you’re on, it’s time to put away those bulky jackets and spring into the warm weather.

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Henry Tran, a junior accounting student, spoke about some of his favorite outfits and ways to have more variety in the spring. “Some of my favorite outfits for the spring are flannels with basic tees underneath. Long sleeves are always a staple,” he said. He mainly addressed the fact that layering can still be utilized during the warm weather.

After speaking about footwear for the spring, he said, “I find myself in Stan Smith’s, Vans and even boat shoes.” Low-cut sneakers seem to become extremely popular when the warmer weather approaches.

Finally, when asked if he had any advice for someone looking to update their wardrobe, he said, “Less is more. You should really build an outfit up from the bottom. Work with the shoes you pick and go from there.” He also spoke on why choosing a simple outfit can be utilized more frequently. “A solid tee provides more options than a tee with designs on it. You can wear various flannels, jackets, and sweaters.”

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This is gonna sound a little crazy, but I have a Death God,” Light Turner the main character says to his crush as he is about to reveal one of his secrets.

However, the same can be said for the Netflix adaptation from a popular classic anime into a live-action film directed by Adam Wingard; Netflix predicted its own failure through this adaptation.

Netflix adapted an original anime series consisting of a total of 37 20-minute episodes into a 103-minute live-action film, which right off the bat seems to do the original work an injustice.

Due to this, Light and his father, James Turner (Shea Whigham) who also just happens to be a police official, have a complicated father-son relationship, which comes to play a major role in the film.

One day at school Light finds a black-leather notebook with the words “Death Note” on the cover.

This is no ordinary notebook as it gives one the power to ultimately decide who dies, when they die, and how they die.

However, along with the notebook comes what is referred to a “Death God” who in this case is Ryuk (acted by Jason Liles, voiced by Willem Dafoe).

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Eventually, Ryuk entices and provokes Light to write a name in the Death Note to prove that he has the power to kill.

The anime series gives a view of what life is like for Ryuk and the Death Note came into the human world, but, Wingard strangely leaves out this important background.

Yet, strangely, the awkwardness that Ryuk and the Death Note fall from the sky during a storm.

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Furthermore, it’s also puzzling why Mayfield and Schubert saw it fitting to have a separate actor play Ryuk and then have a different actor voice him.

It’s shocking to have an actor of a different race play the character of L, unlike in the original series where L was Japanese.

Also, it’s hard to tell whether this decision was a good or bad, but it was nevertheless inconsistent with the source material.

I loved the chemistry between Margaret Qualley and Nat Wolff in the roles of Mia and Light Turner, respectively.

Whenever they were on screen together the film felt more exciting.

Credit must also be given to Willem Dafoe as Ryuk, who did an excellent job by adding a dark foreboding tone to the character, especially with Ryuk’s signature creepy laugh.

Furthermore, Paul Nakauchi playing the role of Watari seemed uncomfortable as an uptight and loyal agent participating in a highly secret FBI investigation.

Lakeith Stanfield as L gave the best performance he could. However, at times he was awkward, uncomfortable, or just unable to get into the character of L.

Yet, strangely, the awkwardness might have been done intentionally in an attempt to portray the personality of the original animated character version of L.

The costumes and appearances of the characters by Emma Potter is just as important as the actors and actresses that portray them.

In particular, I was really impressed with the costume and makeup of the real life version of Ryuk.

Unfortunately, there were some small injustices done to the original series.

One issue was the decision to have Mia wear black hair rather than blonde hair, which might also confuse those familiar with the original series.

Then, the costume for L’s character was weird since he ended up looking more like a ninja, rather than an FBI investigator.

Similarly, it’s strange that James Turner (Shea Whigham) wore his law enforcement uniform in only two scenes throughout the film.

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The only exception to this is the music towards the ending and climax of the film, which was their best moment.

While the original series does it better, the film attempts to discuss justice, who should wield it, what is ethical in the pursuit of it and how far it should go among other themes.
One day when you walk to the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, you may come across an event where tables are filled with an assortment of treats, colorful balloons radiant against the brick facade and a photo booth filled with peers. Every year in the fall, Sexuality, Pride, Education, Community, Truth, Respect, and Unity at Monmouth (S.P.E.C.T.R.U.M) along with other on-campus organizations, hosts “Coming Out Day,” which celebrates diversity and eases awareness for the LGBTQ+ community.

“Coming Out Day” is rewarding for the community, because it’s a hard road to realization. When it comes to discovering your sexuality, you have to overcome many emotional obstacles to live the life you’d be most happy with.

That’s the case for Simon, played by Nick Robinson. Simon’s just like any other suburban high schooler: he has a close group of friends, gets along with the principal, loves his parents and is involved with activities like the play; but Simon has a big secret.

Simon is gay, but doesn’t feel comfortable telling anyone except for an anonymous person he starts to email at his high school. His friends aren’t very stable and Simon doesn’t want to put the relationships with his friends and family into jeopardy right before graduation.

The coming-of-age flick deals with an important subject, has well developed characters, and an awesome soundtrack.

When Simon deals with his sexuality you’d think his friends would rally behind him, but Simon’s nervous to tell anyone. He’s content with keeping it a secret through emails he exchanges with an anonymous peer who’s also in the same dilemma as Simon.

Although Simon loves his friends, he makes poor decisions to keep the secret, which causes problems in his group.

Not only does Simon have a great choice in friends, but music as well.

The executive music producer and Bleachers front man Jack Antonoff picks a wide variety of classic tunes that range from The Kinks to Whitney Houston. Antonoff also wrote “Allie’s Song (Not So Typical Love Song)” with Bleachers as the theme song for Love, Simon.

It’s an incredibly upbeat love song that captures what it’s all about to be young and in love that’ll make your heart flutter and dance while the credits role.

I was so happy when everyone left at the end so I could make the theater my own Zumba studio for a half an hour. As for the story, once issues occur in Simon’s life, it becomes very predictable. Simon’s situation falls apart towards the middle and everything you’d think happens turns out exactly that way.

The main issue with Love, Simon is how cliche it is. The high school drama is juicy, but Simon’s coming out gets the Disney ending you’d expect. In the last half hour, cheese was oozing out of the screen.

Considering Love, Simon’s predictability, it fails to be authentic like other films that touch upon LGBTQ+ issues. For example, 2018’s Oscar Winning A Fantastic Woman feels natural with its story about a transgender woman who wants to pay for her boyfriend against the will of his family.

There isn’t a happy-go-lucky ending, the feeling of an agenda being forced or Hollywood putting their fingerprints all over the plot with everything falling into place at the end.

Instead, A Fantastic Woman genuinely shares its powerful message without all the melodrama. If Love, Simon didn’t turn corny from the middle on, it could be one of the best flicks that centers around LGBTQ+ situations to take place in high school, but director Greg Berlanti plays it too safe.

Its hokeyness squanders its potential and produces more eye-rolls than tears.

At next year’s “Coming Out Day,” take in the atmosphere. Yes, everyone is cheerful and enjoying themselves, but just think about what it took to get to this point. The endless questions, sleepless nights and arguments could be behind, but that’s what made you the person you are today and the member of a community who strives for diversity.
What do you look for in a new University President?

COMPiled by: Nicole Riddle

Hannah Dumas
Junior
“Someone who is intelligent, kind, and has a passion for education and cares about the students.”

Russel Hillman
Sophomore
“Someone who is looking out for the students’ best interest and is actively involved with the daily operations of the school.”

Jelani Moore
Sophomore
“Someone who wants the best for the majority of students and professors. Maybe some quality dining could be added.”

Kush Kumar Patel
Junior
“Involvement, good leadership, and caring about the students and faculty.”

Susan Goulding, Ph.D.
Department Chair of English
“I am looking for someone who is interested in the liberal arts and inclusion and diversity.”

Don’t see your picture this week?
Check back in next week’s issue for more Monmouth students’ photos!
The Office of Academic Foundations – General Education would like to recognize and appreciate Adrianna, Samantha, Ashley, Hooria, and Karli for their contributions of positive attitude, willingness, intelligence, and teamwork, enthusiasm, creativity, and work team in our office. Thank you for being part of the AFG Team! Great job, Adrianna, Samantha, and Kristina.

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Brianna: 
We appreciate everything you do, You’re helpful and so thankful too. You work very hard with a heart that is kind. A gem you are and find to trust, Just want to thank you again, To you it is perfect, clearly a ten! Dhalia: 
A person sent from heaven Who works hard from four to seven Through your enthusiasm you share your day, We appreciate your hard work. An example to others and always to love, You know quietly how to shine! The Korsett Rose Foundation thanks Bryanna Ross for being an integral part of the foundation over the past couple of years.
Long Branch Free Public Library: Thank you to Alex, Bridget, Dakot, & Laura for all you do for the Long Branch Free Public Library, you are appreciated. 
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David Tsang, Digital Print Center
Kelly Valentine, Athletics Marketing
Student employee would like to thank all of our Supervisor’s for being such wonderful mentors for our student workers. Thank you for always being there to shoot out to a very special supervisor, Terence Bodak, thank you!!

Congratulations to all of this year’s Student Employees. This week is about YOU!!! Keep smiling and keep working hard! Someone is watching! -Aimee, Rose, Sandy & Stephanie Student Employment 2018

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Student Appreciation Week: The Outlook

The Outlook
The Monmouth University Student Employment Office thanks all of the businesses that made our 21st Annual Student Employee Appreciation Week such a success! Please make sure to visit these special businesses!

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Thank You!
President Dimenna Featured on New Blue Hawk Records Album

University President Grey Dimenna, Esq., will be featured on upcoming Blue Hawk Records album, *After Midnight*, produced by the Applied Music Industry II Class, which is scheduled for release on April 18.

Recorded with Dimenna on guitar at Lakehouse Recording Studios in Asbury Park, despite minor set-backs due to the multiple snow storms, the cover song is a collaboration with Monmouth University faculty, and members of the Music Industry program.

Dimenna, a budding guitarist, said he was thrilled to be included in the project. “Blue Hawk Records is one of the coolest student activities. I have several of the CDs they have released and am always amazed at the quality of the music and the professionalism of the production,” Dimenna said.

The album, which marks the 12th release for Blue Hawk Records, includes the first cover version of a song in the history of the student-run record label, J.J. Cale’s *After Midnight*. The song, which became a breakthrough hit for Eric Clapton in 1970, is also the name of the spring album. Dimenna said that he was extremely honored that students asked him to play on the title track.

Joe Rapolla, Chair of the Music and Arts department, said that Dimenna’s involvement with the project exemplified the core values of a Monmouth University education. “Our students always hear about our commitment to a personalized education experience. Having President Dimenna contribute to the record is a terrific example of our commitment in action,” Rapolla said. “Our chief executive was learning right alongside our students in one of the most legendary centers of music in America.”

In the weeks prior to the recording session, two members of the Applied Music Industry class, senior Antonio Gonzales and junior Zack Sandler, helped Dimenna prepare for the session.

“President Dimenna has a great passion for music and learning how to play the guitar. What other University President do you know that does a photo shoot on his motorcycle wearing a leather jacket?” said Sandler, who participated in the recording session.

“After we finished each guitar lesson, President Dimenna would go home and practice his parts. He even took his guitar on the road when traveling with the school’s basketball team so that he could perfect his part,” Sandler continued.

The class is in the final stages of preparing for the release of the album, which includes five original songs: “Hold on Close” by Brianna Scangarello, “P.T. L” by FRANCESCA, “Live it Up” by Brad Kraft, “Give Up” by Wynward, “All on U” by Shadiyah Jai and Carlos Forde, along with the cover of “After Midnight.”

In celebration of the release, there will be a preview listening session on April 11, hosted at The Outpost in Asbury Park, starting at 7:00 p.m. Attendees will get an exclusive first access to the album, along with live acoustic performances from some of the featured artists.

The formal release show is scheduled for April 18, starting at 2:45 p.m., on the University’s Residential Quad.
Students studying fine art and graphic design at Monmouth University this past year were able to showcase their work in the DiMattio Gallery this past Friday. Some students involved include, Mary Wagerik, Ava McClendon, Anthony Paterra, and many more.

The students participating portrayed a wide range of graphic design signs including, board games, posters, and personal logos. Students who are former athletes were able to walk through the gallery to view the talented students’ artwork displayed on the walls.

Ava McClendon, a senior fine art student and athlete who displayed artwork at the event, she said, “My goal with showcasing my work was to let people see the difference in their communities through the use of the hashtag, #IAmTheChange placed on my window and an even flow of athletes.”

Mary Wagerik, a senior fine art student who displayed a number of pieces of artwork at the show said, “My classmates definitely inspire me to be a better graphic designer.”

“Part of the graphic design major is to be enrolled in a two semesters senior year design class and portfolio class together. We became a very close group of people, encouraging each other and providing beneficial critiques to help each other improve to be the best designer possible,” Wagerik continued.

“Two of my biggest inspirations are artists Luba Lukova and Gray Perry. Both Lukova and Perry use different mediums in order to express themselves and their ideals but their art styles and the way they do it are very much the same,” Warren said.

“They want to inform and educate about different social issues and their work is both unapologetically personal and political, which is something I admire about both,” Warren continued.

Paterra added that just keeping up with trends on line and what other people are doing is a good way to stay inspired. “I have learned to be disciplined, the most. I also get a lot of inspiration from visiting Philadelphia and New York or any other cool place that I might come across. Really, I can find inspiration all around me if I take time to look,” McClendon added.

Although students were able to get inspired by their colleagues, it shows in the work that was showcased that their inspirations can vary from artist to artist. “Black culture, high fashion, and just people in general inspire me the most. I also get a lot of inspiration from visiting Philadelphia and New York or any other cool place that I might come across. Really, I can find inspiration all around me if I take time to look,” McClendon said.

“Creating a class schedule and a game schedule. Student-athletes have to manage their time wisely,” she said.

“Then add that to the course load, student athletes have an extra ball that they have to juggle.”

Student-athletes have to manage class and take a tough workload and game schedule. Student-athletes have to sometimes miss classes while traveling across the country for a game. Time management for a student-athlete is an important part of balancing school and athletics in their daily lives. “The biggest challenge during the season is definitely time management,” said Amanda Knaub, a sophomore criminal justice major and women’s lacrosse midfielder.

“Being able to balance five and maybe even six classes with practice and games is not going to happen twice a week is difficult but it teaches us how to manage our time wisely,” she said.

“Think of how tired a student athlete gets during the season. They have to show up early for practice, go straight from practice to class, sometimes not having time to shower and eat, and not being able to be mentally focused to learn whatever is being taught during the lecture. It’s insanely difficult but I’m thankful for it,” she said.

“I really come to time management and forming a day to day schedule. The professors have truly moved academic support staff and the Head Coach of each team. They have so much on their plates on class (freshman, sophomore, etc.), academic history of courses, athletic, current GPA, and other factors.

Bieber added, “Once that rou- tine is established on a day to day basis, concepts like ‘cramping’ and ‘procrastination’ go out the window and we can focus on our ro- le on the team.”

“Creating a daily routine around my matches and practices is difficult with such a demanding major,” said William Cooney, a junior forward on the Monmouth University basketball team. “I usually tired from the practice or match we had the day before, and cannot have an early morning prac- tice it can be tough to stay awake during the lectures.”

“There are also days where I cannot take afternoon classes due to traveling from Philadelphia, so I would have to take each semester and make it difficult to schedule sometimes.”

“Being a student-athlete in gen- eral is definitely challenging, but going through the process as bio- chemistry major has made me up my bar even further,” Smith said.

“I have learned to be disciplined, to have excellent time manage- ment skills and to take things in stride. I try not to become over- whelmed by completing assign- ments in an orderly fashion and studying for exams about a week before they occur.”

With all the work that needs to be done between class and practice, being a student comes before ath- etics.
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Youth Activists Put Change on the Center Stage

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The Youth Activist Club hosted their annual Battle of the Charities event on Sunday, April 8 at the Library Lawn to raise money for local charities.

With amenities such as live music, food trucks and henna tattoos, the event is centered on celebrating community involvement and activism and supporting the efforts of different organizations.

Youth Activist Club founder Joy Morgan created the event in March 2017, with the support of then-advisor Ryan Tetro, lecturer of political science and sociology.

The mission of the event is to celebrate the power that individuals possess to make the world a better place, and provide them with opportunities to get people to see and support my charity, as well as acrobatic performances.

"At one point, a band was late and we needed to fill time, so I suggested a group sing along of Imagine by John Lennon," he said.

The way everyone gathered, swayed, and applauded another developed an inclusive and optimistic atmosphere and feeling amongst the attendees. It really moved me, and was one of the most beautiful moments of this event," he added.

Through the various activities that highlight the different aspects of community engagement, as well as diverse interests, such as art and music that can come together for a cause greater than our campus community.

By coming together over issues that impact our local communities, we can all channel our own Monmouth spirit, into creating a positive change and making a lasting difference.

Students and community members gathered on the library lawn to enjoy live music while eating vegan food, and receiving henna tattoos.

April 9, 2018

Dear Students:

On Sunday, April 22 the Student Government Association will host Springfest on Shadow Lawn (rain site: the Ocean First Bank Center) from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The day will include live music, a BBQ by Gourmet Dining, festival games, and giveaways. Springfest 2018 will have everything you need and it should be a great way for us all to celebrate the end of another year at Monmouth University.

However, alcohol is not permitted on the Shadow Lawn or the rain location of the Ocean First Bank Center.

While your attendance at Springfest is a key part of what continues to make this event so popular, it is important that you practice good decision-making before, during, and after the festival. Your respect for the rules and regulations of the University, the local communities and your willingness to look out for one another are essential to making this day successful. Therefore, I ask that you spend a few moments reviewing the following guidelines that will be in effect for Springfest 2018:

1. If you plan to attend Springfest 2018, please know that pets/animals, open-containers, alcohol, squeeze bottles, bags, purses, backpacks, and/or similar items ARE NOT PERMITTED. Any student/guest that attempts to bring such items to the event will be asked to leave.

2. MUPD will enforce the parking in the Great Lawn and Garden Apartment lots on April 22. If you plan to drive to campus for the festival and do not have a valid parking sticker for the Garden or Great Lawn parking lots, you MUST park in the commuter parking lot by the Student Center. No exceptions permitted. Students should enter the campus from the Larchwood Avenue entrance.

For those students who live off campus, I would also remind you that the local communities have a zero tolerance for any quality of life disruptions. Should you decide to host a social gathering before, during or after Springfest, please make sure that you and/or your roommates are adhering to all local and University laws (e.g. excessive noise, consumption/possession/distribution of alcohol, traffic related). Furthermore, I hope you will exercise common sense, good decision-making, a focus on the safety of self/others, and a respect for one’s neighbors.

I hope you will take an active role in assisting the Student Government Association and Monmouth University in our positive manner. Your commitment to making this event a celebration of the year’s achievements is critical. I know I can count on you to do so!

I look forward to your anticipated cooperation and I hope to see you at Springfest. Best wishes on your final exams!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Life and Leadership Engagement
Women's Lacrosse Breaks Canisius Winning Streak

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STAFF WRITER

Women's lacrosse delivered two impressive wins this past week. A balanced team effort resulted in a 14-11 victory over Fairfield on Wednesday, and this was followed up with a 14-12 win over perennially dominant Canisius on Sunday. With the two wins Monmouth now stands even at 5-5 overall and 3-1 in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play.

It took a team effort to end Canisius's 27 straight regular season game winning streak on a cold Sunday morning up in Buffalo. Three goal games from sophomore midfielder Chloe Novak, senior midfielder Caroline Corbliss, and senior midfielder Alexis Smith combined with a nine save game from junior goalkeeper Riley Brager helped the Hawks come away with the 14-12 victory.

"Riley had another hugely consistent day today," Head Coach Jordan Trautman said. "She made a really important save at the end of the game which really clinched the outcome."

Even though the Hawks never gave up the lead the win did not come easily. Monmouth scored four times over the first ten minutes to take an early 4-1 lead. Canisius battled back with three straight goals to tie it up at four with ten left to play and the half. Each team exchanged goals with each other over the remainder of the frame, ending the half tied at six a piece.

Monmouth struck first in the second frame thanks to Smith's second of the day which was followed up with a goal from Novak. The Griffins answered right back with two goals of their own with 22 minutes left to play and it was tied up at eight.

Novak put the Hawks up again off an assist from junior attack Jenny Statius, who followed up with a goal of her own shortly after. With 20 minutes left on the clock the Hawks had the two-goal lead which they would not surrender over the remainder of the half. Monmouth managed to put four more up on the board and a clutch save from Brager sealed the 14-12 win.

"I'm so excited for our team and specifically the seniors for our win today," Trautman said. "It was complete team effort from bench to cage and was led by the leadership and toughness of our seniors. Wednesday's bounce back win featured six different Hawks scoring and familiar names contributing in big time fashion. Smith was a force on the field, scoring a team high five times. Corbliss brought the energy with four points and caused two turnovers on the defensive end of the field.

"The energy was really high today. In the locker room we were having a lot of fun and I think that energy carried over onto the field," Corbliss said.

In the final quarter, the teams exchanged goals and the game was closed out to a final score of 10-4 in favor of Monmouth. Wasserman was once again at the front and center of the Hawks' offensive attack as they improved their record to 5-6 following the victory.

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"We were excited, we got back to playing Monmouth lacrosse, it didn't really matter what they did, and we were off and running and having fun," Wasserman said of the game. "We've had three, four and five part games this season so even though it wasn't perfect we were consistent in a number of areas of the game."

The Hawks next square off against-in-conference rival Niagara at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Kessler Stadium.

Men's Lacrosse Beats NJIT to Finish Non-Conference

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STAFF WRITER

Men's lacrosse closed out non-conference play by splitting decisions in home games against Lafayette and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).

The Hawks picked up their first home win of the season on Saturday afternoon, beating the now winless NJIT Highlanders by a score of 10-4.

The Hawks came out rolling in this contest, outscoring the Highlanders 4-1 in the opening quarter. Senior attack Bryce Wasserman once again started the offensive attack, burying an early goal at the 14:05 mark. After NJIT quickly answered, Wasserman joined in on the fun with Figel and completed a hat trick of his own, making the score 9-2 Hawks.

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Amanda Riley Throws Complete Game Shutout

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Baseball Swept By Quinnipiac in Three Games

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Baseball dominated Princeton 7-1 on the road before getting swept by conference rival Quinnipiac over the weekend.

It was a monumental week for Hawk’s senior third baseman Shaune Hughes, who joined an exclusive list becoming just the 16th player in Monmouth history to record 200 career hits. Hughes reached the milestone on Thursday during the route of Princeton where he collected a multi-hit day during the route of Princeton to record 200 career hits. Hughes

praises pitcher after the win. "She works hard, and it’s not

just on the field. It’s off the field as well, including her nu-

trition and studying the game. She’s grown so much in my

three years with her, and she
days stretch for MU. It was a solid outing for Kelly who threw

two hitless innings before allow-

ning an unearned run in the third

that tied the game. The bullpen

took over from there, combining

for 6.2 innings of scoreless, one-

hit work between three different

relievers.

"It was a very nice team win

today," said Head Coach Dean

Ehehalt. "We got exceptional

pitching from all four guys.

Sophomore catcher Zach

Long eventually secured the lead

for Monmouth in the sixth with

an RBI fielder Dan

McCrum took the loss giving up

innings of clean work for the

bump out in the first game of

Sunday’s doubleheader playing

errorless baseball in a tight 3-4

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