Aggressive Driving on Campus

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Chief of Police, Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD), William McElrath, sent out an email to all current staff members and students regarding the issue of aggressive driving on campus on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Recently there has been an increase in the number of accidents on campus, and MUPD has received multiple complaints entailing aggressive driving. This year, there has been a 25 percent increase in accidents from September 1st through October 24th as compared to the same time period last year. Twenty accidents have been documented so far during the fall 2019 semester, while there were only 16 accidents at this time in 2018. McElrath explains that most of the accidents have been minor. Even so, the University is still receiving a variety of complaints about vehicles driving too fast and vehicles disregarding stop signs.

In the email, McElrath writes, “Please remember that the speed limit on campus is 15 mph, that drivers are required to obey all traffic signs, and that drivers must always yield to pedestrians.” Although drivers are expected to obey the speed limit and stop for pedestrians, that has not always been the case this school year.

Many of the accidents were a result of speeding and the avoidance of both traffic and stop signs. While some students are responsible for the aggressive driving, students regarding the issue of aggressive driving and students regarding the issue of aggressive driving.

Criminal Justice Hosts Parolee Reentry Simulation

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The University hosted a reentry simulation to educate students, faculty and professionals in the community on the experiences of individuals trying to reintegrate into society after prison on Tuesday, Oct. 22. The reentry simulation is an activity where participants assumed the role of parolees and performed tasks in 15-minute sessions with each session representing a week. By the end of the activity, participants will have simulated a month in the life of a person recently released from prison.

Speakers included Samuel Plumeri, Chairman of New Jersey State Parole Board; Kimberlyynn Reeves, spokeswoman for the United States Attorney Office in the District Delaware; Richard Viet, Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences; Nicolle Parsons-Pollard, Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs; and Nichola Sewell, J.D., Chair of the Criminal Justice Department and Specialist Professor.

The event began with open remarks from Sewitch. He referenced Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird which revolves around a black man who was wrongfully accused of raping a white woman and quoted a specific passage. “You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... until you climb in his skin and walk around in it.” He found parallels in this historic book to the experiences of incarcerated individuals.

Parsons-Pollard added, “[Reentry] is not about pulling yourself up by your bootstraps when it comes to being released from prison, it is much more than that.” During one exercise, Parsons-Pollard had participants remove their shoes as a metaphor for immersion in someone else’s life.

Millennial Student Debt on the Rise: Monmouth Analysis

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Over the past 30 years, the average tuition and fees for public four-year universities tripled, and more than doubled at private nonprofit four-year institutions, according to College Board. Nationally, student loan debt as a whole has accumulated to $1.52 trillion during the Millennial lifetime.

Millenials are defined as those born between 1981 and 1996, according to The Pew Research Center. With the oldest Millenials around 40 years of age and the youngest around 23, current college-age students are categorized either directly as Millenials or on the cusp of qualification.

LendEDU, an organization which publishes an annual report detailing student loan debt per state, ranked New Jersey within the top 10 for highest student debt post graduation, last August. The study found that the average student loan debt per borrower for New Jersey was $33,933, and 64 percent of New Jersey college students graduate with student debt.

Although the report goes into detail regarding the average student loan debt per borrower and the percent of graduates with student debt of other New Jersey schools, specific Monmouth University numbers were not listed. Claire Alasio, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Financial Aid, explained the logistics behind scholarships available to Monmouth undergraduates.

“The University spends roughly $66.1 million in scholarships to 4400 undergraduate students,” Alasio said. “That’s around 17k per student, which is a pretty significant commitment on the University’s part. That’s a significant way that we’re hoping to reduce student debt.”

According to the official Monmouth website, for 2019-20, the annual cost for tuition and fees for full-time students is $39,592. Any student who resides on campus or within University-sponsored housing can also expect, on average, an additional $14,520 annually for housing and meals for a total cost of $54,112.

Graduates who did not pay their loans received a scholarship/grant package of over $19,335. However, 97 percent of students who have not made a payment on their loans have not made a payment on their loans. Alasio said, “We do a lot of research in this office to find students who may be entitled, Alabama.”

The average federal loan debt for those who did have loans was $25,276. Ciccone, a junior business student, showed concern over the student loans she acquired as a freshman.

“It’s scary to borrow money when you’re young, and I’m paying it back one day, even with the help of financial aid.” Ciccone said. “I know the idea is that by getting a loan now, I’ll be in a position to enter a high-paying job later, but life isn’t always so black and white.”

A student is considered to be in “default” when they have not made a payment on their loans in more than 270 days post graduation, Alasio explained, and those with the third lowest default rate for all institutions in the state, one behind The College of New Jersey and Stevens Institute of Technology.

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"Our default rate is only 3.8 percent," Alasio said. "But students are paying their loans back, and I think part of it is they understand the responsibility of having a loan. That comes from good information and counseling from the Financial Aid Office, and I think it also speaks to the fact that our students are employed after they graduate. If you're employed, you're more likely to have money to pay your loan." It is important for students to understand the difference between "good" and "bad" debt, Alasio said. Taking a loan out for education can be considered a "good" investment in the long term, although intimidating at first when the rewards do not always present themselves. "I think that most people would argue, taking a loan out for education is good credit," Alasio said. "Part of the problem is that students, while they're in the thick of it, don't necessarily see the potential of their education until they're working in their chosen field using the knowledge and skills they got during their undergraduate career. If you can't see the immediate value in something, you may wonder why you're making the investment." Nancy Uddin, Ph.D., an Associate Professor of Accounting, offered general advice regarding how the average student can best manage and prepare for the student loan debt. On the subject of loans, Uddin suggests students should "figure out what you can afford before you borrow the least amount possible." "When borrowing money, students should keep in mind what they can afford to pay back at the lowest interest rate possible and read the terms of the contract carefully," Uddin said. "When does interest begin to accrue? When do the payments begin? What is the minimum payment? Are there other ways to 'pay back' the loan, such as selling your home or farm to rural areas, etc.? Can you complete the first two years of study at a lower cost Community College and then transfer to your school of choice? Students can compare their options and choose the course that have a lower cost of living as a viable option."

"Understanding of one's own personal finances can be helpful to managing debt," Uddin said. "Everyone, regardless of age, should have a personal budget: tracking income and expenses, and saving to help them manage their finances," Uddin concluded. She also research the average entry-level salary for their expected career path and estimate how much debt payment they can afford after graduation for living car payments."
Monmouth Invests in Flashing Stop Signs

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Monmouth University's operations team arranged the installation of new light-up stop signs at various campus intersections in the end of August.

"There is no negative aspect to light-up stop signs," said Mansour Alshehri, a Criminal Justice Graduate Student at Monmouth University.

Due to excessive faculty and student injuries due to stop signs, Monmouth University's Facilities Management Department decided to investigate purchasing solar stop signs.

The stop signs were placed to increase the safety of pedestrians and enhance which roads are one way only. There were fee for the sign installation and the total cost of $1,140, which was funded out of the universities operating budget.

They were placed specifically at areas that are heavily used and where traffic regulations are frequently overlooked, Patrick L. Swannack, Monmouth University's Vice President of Administrative Services said.

Not only are the solar stop signs on campus, but they are in the community surrounding campus as well. These solar stop signs are not just affecting the campus community, but the local community as well.

By implementing the solar stop signs throughout campus, the goal is to minimize the number of drivers who disregard the stop signs and roll right through them.

The new solar stop signs are all over campus however some were strategically placed at busier places on campus. "We definitely need them at certain parts on campus," he said.

In front of the main entrance stop sign, the operation personnel noticed they are at the campus entrance, and at places where there is a lot of traffic." Oliva Santos a student stated.

According to Swannack, "One of the new stop signs was placed adjacent to the Facilities Management Building because cars often enter the one-way restricted road going the wrong way to get to Northwood Avenue." However, it seems as though majority of the community agrees that the stop sign should be a light up one.

When asked if these stop signs should be everywhere and not just on campus Cesar Monterroso stated. "The stop signs mitigate drivers for either rolling the stop or just "blowing" the stop sign in general. Communities (if funding allows) should find solutions to upgrading each stop sign that has significant traffic either pedestrian or vehicular."

When determining if the new light up stop signs have been successful in improving campus safety Marie Mele, a Criminal Justice Professor stated that "It's unclear whether the new signs have improved campus safety, since their implementation has not yet been evaluated. However, when walking on campus in the evening, they are definitely more visible to the eye."

Monmouth University takes campus safety very seriously, in fact "This campus has a number of features that make it a safe environment, including ample lighting at night, open common areas, and police patrols." Said Mele. "These features help to prevent crime by increasing guardianship and decreasing target suitability, as suggested by Cohen and Felson's (1979) routine activity theory. However, Monterroso believes that Monmouth University's police department should take serious action with regards to bigger safety issues on and around campus. As a criminal justice student, his classes has taught him about other aspects dealing with safety that the community should be worried about. For example, he believes that other circumstances like cybersecuri- ty, emergency management and terrorism should be taken into account."

"Hacktivism, for example refers to both hacking and activism, which is an operation that uses hacking techniques against a target site with the intention of disrupting operations." He stated. "Emergency management involves the whole community" and "Students are key in this process. The residents are students and employees of the university who work part-time or full-time. They are all part of the community, but the local community as well.

This entire simulation demonstrated the lack of coordination prisoners received upon returning in society. Bryanna Welch, a junior sociology student explained her experience during the excercise. In the simulation, she was a man named Justin who did 20 years in prison for murder, a drug offense and for possessing a gun.

Wachtel said, "I had to do get an ID before I could complete any- thing on my parole list, and it was impossible to accomplish these tasks resu- ulting in returning to prison. People did not have enough time at all. Even though it is just a simulation, those who leave prison experience the same obstacles I did." Welch said.

These obligations included obtaining identification, applying for social services, obtaining employment, obtaining housing, finding a job and residence, understanding the obstacles that prisoners face when reentering society.

"Successful reentry is part of everybody's best interest. I don't care if you are a conservative or a liberal. I don't care if you are democrat or republican. That's the reason we want prisoners to become happy, healthy citizen, contributes to the community, ideas and philosophy," Sewitch said.

The event was sponsored by the New Jersey State Pa- role Board with the support of Monmouth University's Rec- entry Taskforce, Monmouth's Criminal Justice Depart- ment, and the United States Attorney's Office, District of Delaware.
Monmouth's Entrepreneurs

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Jesse Bragger, a junior biology student, said, “If the professor is passionate about his or her work and is able to provide real life examples or personal stories, the class will draw you in. I feel the best classes are the ones where the professors teach the students the material instead of requiring the students to teach themselves.”

Bragger said that the most exciting class was organic chemistry, because his teacher loves the subject and it feeds into a larger subject that he loves. He also enjoyed the class because his teacher was passionate about it and so was the class.

It’s not all about context. Most of the time, it’s the things professors do that make a class incredible. The effort the professors put into creating a great learning environment is what makes a class rewarding. The way the students learn is what makes the class memorable.

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The vegan diet has been around for more than a thousand years, and throughout the past decade has become more popular than ever. For many, the thought of ever giving up meat is too much to fathom. For others, a vegan diet and its surplus benefits offer an appealing lifestyle.

Since 2011, company Impossible Foods has been developing and producing a variety of foods that are commonly meat-based, and altering them into vegan options, through the substitution of meatless ingredients. Some of the products they have crafted range from sausage, tacos, meat pizza, and arguably the most desirable creation, the Impossible Burger.

“All employees at Burger King in Ocean Township, puts it this way, “They sell like water bottles in the desert.”

The Impossible Burger, standing at an average cost of about $13, is a vegan hamburger that looks and tastes like real beef but is made with a plant-based patty. It was FDA approved in late July this year, and not long after made its debut in food stores by September.

The key ingredient in the Impossible Burger is heme, which is a molecule found in plants. Heme is what allows the patty to taste like actual meat, and in combination with fermented yeast, soy plants, starch, sunflower oil, and other natural ingredients, makes for a very meat-like, meatless hamburger. Alexa LaVere, a senior health studies student at Monmouth University, has been vegan for almost two years now, “I am able to vividly recall the taste of meat,” said LaVere. “The Impossible Burger that I tried did an extraordinary job at mimicking the texture, appearance, and taste of an actual hamburger.”

Alongside the general consensus of the Impossible Burger tasting good, there are also a variety of health benefits the burger offers. The most appealing health factor of the Impossible Burger is its high volumes of vital nutrients, such as iron and vitamin B12. Additionally, it is low in sugar and high in fiber, with no more calories than a regular beef burger, making it more than safe to eat.

Jessica Henry, junior public health student at Monmouth University, is the President of the interest group Friends of Animals at Monmouth (FAM). When reflecting upon her diet, Henry says that she has, “found veganism to be incredibly healing and eye-opening.”

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If you want to taste test the Impossible Whopper, it is now available at Burger Kings across America.

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Can One Burger Save the World?

Although the Impossible Burger was launched in 2016, it has just now recently become trendy in society, with versions of it being refashioned at common food chains across the world, including Burger King, White Castle, Red Robin, and the Cheesecake Factory.

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Why First-Year Seminar Should Stay

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I believe that the voting committee has made a terrible mistake by getting rid of First-Year Seminars as a university-wide general education requirement for the class of 2024 and incoming classes beyond. There are a lot of mixed reviews out there on this matter. First-Year Seminars crack open many different opportunities for First-Year students that they simply will not receive in their other coursework.

To start, the purpose of general education is to ensure our graduates are well-rounded and have been exposed to different areas of study. Some students felt that this course was a waste of their scholarly time at Monmouth because the content of their First-Year Seminar did not coincide with their major.

A clear majority of your general education requirements are not necessarily supposed to align to your comfort zone; after all, how can your coursework prove that you are a well-rounded graduate if your audit has no diversity whatsoever?

Another major “flaw” seen with the First-Year Seminar requirement is the coursework itself. Since the professor and the content of each class differ, the coursework also differs. One class might be simple and only require readings and a project, while another may require a lot of time spent interacting with the readings to be engaged with their class’s content. On top of all that, they are a link between the students and campus.

PLAs go through trainings to ensure they have knowledge about campus resources. They are also making themselves available to students outside of the classroom for assistance with anything. Students may also feel more comfortable admitting that they need help to an older peer first other than going to their professors or other staff members.

PLAs and professors also collaborate to bring in what I believe to be the best part, guest speakers. These guest speakers are usually notable people on campus from resource centers, such as Tutoring Services, Writing Services, and Counseling Services, that offer support to the students.

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Halloween

Halloween in college is much different from when we were younger. In fact, rather than celebrating on October 31st itself, it is an all-weekend event.

For many schools, at least in New Jersey, the weekend is known as “Halloweekend.” Halloweekend is a weekend full of fun where students spend a lot of time going out with their friends to different parties or events all while wearing costumes.

Depending on what day the holiday falls on, Halloweekend could be considered two days or sometimes even four. This year, Halloween falls on a Thursday, so we all know it will be at least three days of celebrating for us students.

As fun as this sounds, it is often long and annoying process that you must plan for well in advance because each day means a different costume. College students have to come up with at least three or four costumes for the holiday. Some students, especially girls, plan accordingly by thinking of costumes in early October so there is ample time for costumes to be purchased and delivered.

Not everyone takes it this seriously, but it is often much easier to plan for this weekend weeks in advance because throwing a costume together last minute is too stressful when mixed with classes. Girls, especially, enjoy sharing costumes on different days to make each other’s lives easier and to save some money.

For many students, they go out during this holiday and that is more than okay. Many students spend their time making Halloween cookies, treating themselves to candy and even sitting back and relaxing while watching Halloween movies. The most popular cookies that a lot of college students love to bake are the Pillsbury sugar cookies with the pumpkin or ghost pictures on them. These are delicious and very popular during the fall holidays.

Also, sometimes students who live off-campus even get trick or treaters and spend their nights handing out candy to the young kids. Or, some even go home to spend the holiday with their family. It is always nice to see Monmouth students getting involved in the community they live in and embracing their neighbors.

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Kanye West has always been open about his Christian beliefs, but recently he’s really turned up the hallelujah.

West officially labeled himself as a Christian artist and just dropped an eleven-song album titled *Jesus IS KING* (yes, in all caps) along with an IMAX movie companion. He also has been going around the country holding what he calls “Sunday Services” at a different church each week.

But unlike most Christian masses, these services are invite-only. Attendees sign a non-disclosure agreement upon entering, and Father Kanye is the one preaching. Even his clothing brand has taken a turn for the holier.

Christians in the industry held up hope for this moment when Kanye was first planning an album titled *Donda*. Fans expected something vogue, similar, but they were disappointed. When *Jesus Is King* dropped, it didn’t live up to the hype.

However, Kanye fans criticized the album for not representing what they felt the religion was meant to stand for. Those who praised the album did so solely on the basis that the songs had good beats. But to be fair, it’s hard for anyone to defend lyrics like these: “When you shut down my Chik-Fil-A, you shut down the Kingdom.”

The concept for *KING* at first seemed reminiscent of *The Life of Pablo*, Pablo was Kanye’s 2016 album, consisting of collaborations from over a dozen artists like Chance the Rapper, Rihanna, Post Malone, Frank Ocean, and Kid Cudi.

The running theme of all these songs? Faith. This album was Grammy-nominated and is on just about every best list for 2019. It balanced the concerns of the public to want hot button issues and relatable everyday troubles with how faithfulness can carry you through these adversities.

All the while not naming a religious ideology, Kanye is a large and established company with successful content, it has the potential to be a devastating competitor for Netflix.

When asked about West’s brand change, she said, “It’s not abnormal for a person to change and to have their genres reflect that, but this seems more like a change in motivation. He’s taking a religion that people find hope and sanctuary in and turned it into a business venture. And it’s scary to think that a person can do that and still gain a following in a way of gathering of a gathering to stop it.”

But not everyone in the religious community is up in arms about West’s new direction. Instead, some are welcoming it with open arms.

Director of Momments’ Catholic Music Ministries, Cristina D’Avennio-Collins, M.T.S., M.S.P, said, “I think that if he kept his experience of conversion, that is great! I know that they were all just baptized in the Armenian Orthodox Church, so it seems like something is stirring in their hearts this day. We definitely will pray for them!”

As for the criticism towards West, D’Avennio-Collins shrugged it off. “People may criticize it, but who knows what goes on in the human heart? People experience Christ in different ways and at different times in their lives,” she concluded.

Clearly, West’s converting his brand to strictly Christian music, starting with his new album, has sparked intense responses across the board.

But the way West approached trying to write a good, longer album and a good Christian album at the same time has made his music more meaningful for all believers.
The Lighthouse: Two Opinions Oceans Apart

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Gomez Moves on from Bieber in Two New Singles

Selena Gomez gets emotional in one of her latest singles.

Gomez is closing a chapter in her life and wrapping it up into a good way.

She's been nearly four years since Selena Gomez released her last full-length album, Revival. But with two new singles released a lay apart from each other, it's safe to say that she's ready to get back in the game.

Gomez released her highly anticipated single 'Lose You' with a music video going along with it on Oct. 23. If you haven't noticed all the ads on Gomez's Instagram, it was shot on the new iPhone 11 Pro.

The 'Lose You' music video was released at midnight and Gomez scored almost 5 million views that Wednesday morning. The video for this song is simple; it's black and white with Gomez sitting in a chair singing directly towards the camera with all of her emotions. Because Gomez lays it all out there, you can't help but feel a person connection with her in the video. It's hard to love the slow pace of the single, but you can love the lyrics. Gomez throws shade at her ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber with, "In two months, you replaced us/ Like it was easy/ Made me think I deserved it." When Bieber dumped her and got engaged to model Hailey Baldwin just two months after, it's clear Gomez felt pain. But after a long time of healing, she declares she's moving on with the final lyrics of, "And now the chapter is closed and done/And now it's goodbye, it's goodbye for us."

While 'Lose You' is a slow ballad with a grand piano and modern synthesizer, Gomez dropped another single, 'Vemora,' with a completely different tone on Oct. 24.

In 'Look at Her Now,' Gomez thanks her fans for being her "ride or dies." The lyrics in this song are a little too upbeat that you may want to up and dance. This music video was released at the same time as the song and is entirely different from its prequel.

Gomez moves on from Bieber in this gloom; it's much more colorful with Gomez dancing in a white dome with a banner that reads "radio and white with Gomez sitting in a galley. I feel like I'm at a nautical place."

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POLITICS

Polling Institute on Presidential Primary

Former Vice President Joe Biden remains the clear frontunner among likely Democratic primary voters in South Carolina. The Monmouth University Poll finds little has changed in overall presidential primary support, but there is evidence that black voters have preferred Biden for the front-runner position and also among likely Democratic primary voters who were contacted for the Monmouth Poll. On a higher level in Monmouth’s July poll, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren (16%) and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders (12%) are in the second tier of candidates. Biden is a top-two preference for 46% of Palmetto State Democrats (down from 23% in July), and Biden is the top pick among black Democratic primary voters in South Carolina at 39%, with Warren (11%), Sanders (11%), Harris (8%) and the rest of the field trailing him by a wide margin. However, a significant number of black voters (19%) remain completely undecided on their preference and there are some sizable differences by age and education.

Among white Democratic voters, who make up about two-fifths of without Biden, 37% back Warren, 14% Sanders, and 11% Buttigieg, with 10% undecided. Among black voters, the preferences are 20% Sanders, 17% Warren, 13% Harris, and 7% Steyer, with 25% undecided.

The poll also finds that South Carolina Democratic primary voters are not inclined to believe claims that Biden pressured the Ukraine government to fire its prosecutor in order to block an investigation of business activities involving Biden’s son. More than 6-in-10 feel that these claims about Biden are likely to be untrue, although only 28% say that they are definitely not true while another 35% say they are probably not true. Another 12% say these claims are probably true and 1% say they are definitely true.

A plurality of 44% say that this controversy has had no impact on Biden’s ability to beat President Trump, said Murray. A majority (52%) of Democratic primary voters say it is very important that Democrats nominate someone who supports impeaching Trump. Currently, all candidates in the field have called for Trump’s impeachment.

About half (49%) also say that it is very important for the party to nominate someone who will build on the legacy of former President Barack Obama. Black voters are more likely than white voters to prioritize both Trump’s impeachment (57% black to 44% white) and Obama’s legacy (57% black to 42% white). The Monmouth University Poll asked likely Democratic primary voters to rate the 12 candidates who appeared on the debate stage earlier this month. For the most part, these ratings remain unchanged from Monmouth’s July poll. Biden holds a comfortable advantage among South Carolina Democratic primary voters, with 32% backing him, down from 39% in July. Warren is at 23%, down from 28% in July. Sanders is at 23% (same as 23% in July), and Harris is at 19%, down from 24% in July. A plurality of 44% say that this controversy has had no impact on Biden’s ability to beat President Trump, said Murray. A majority (52%) of Democratic primary voters say it is very important that Democrats nominate someone who supports impeaching Trump. Currently, all candidates in the field have called for Trump’s impeachment. About half (49%) also say that it is very important for the party to nominate someone who will build on the legacy of former President Barack Obama. Black voters are more likely than white voters to prioritize both Trump’s impeachment (57% black to 44% white) and Obama’s legacy (57% black to 42% white). The Monmouth University Poll asked likely Democratic primary voters to rate the 12 candidates who appeared on the debate stage earlier this month. For the most part, these ratings remain unchanged from Monmouth’s July poll. Biden holds able to 15% unfavorable) and former cabinet secretaries Julian Castro (22% to 20%) have seen their ratings decline since July. Of the remaining three candidates – all of whom have seen an uptick in name recognition since the summer – the net ratings for Steyer (31% to 16%) and Yang (25% to 17%) have improved while those for Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (18% to 22%) have worsened.

Overall, 70% of likely voters say the candidate they back right now is the one they agree with the most on the issues. Just 8% say they tend to agree with another candidate more than the one they are currently backing. By comparison, 61% feel they are backing the most electable Democrat, while 13% say that another candidate in the field would actually be stronger against Trump. In a poll of likely New Hampshire voters conducted last month – in which Warren and Biden shared the lead – 69% said they were backing the candidate they were most confident would win. Booker also continues to get strong net ratings (51% favorable to 14% unfavorable), although this has not translated to electoral support in the “horse race” polling currently. In fact, on the other hand, has seen her ratings drop (51% favorable to 19% unfavorable) since the summer. Buttigieg (36% to 12%) and former Texas Rep. Beto O’Rourke (30% to 21%) remain about where they were in July. Klobuchar (26% favor-

2020 Democratic candidates for president enter the race among a “crowded” field. The Monmouth Poll found that South Carolina primary voters seek to nominate the most electable candidate for the general election.
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Women’s Soccer Clinches the MAAC

CARLY STEAKIN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Women’s soccer secured their seventh straight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) regular season title after defeating Rider with a 4-0 shutout on Saturday afternoon at Hesse Field on The Great Lawn.

This win marks the longest streak of regular season titles in the MAAC and Rider is currently in the midst of an impressive ten game winning streak where they have outscored their opponents 34-2. In the all-time series against Rider, Monmouth leads 13-4-3.

Saturday’s game was off to a thrilling start as junior defender Sarina Jones scored her first career goal, the eventual game-winner in the ninth minute. This goal followed a notable 30-yard run from the defender.

Sarina was one of the top scorers in high school as a senior in the state of New Jersey,” said Head Coach Krissy Turner. “She has an attacking presence. She gets forward really well out of the back. That’s her first collegiate goal and to come today to help us secure the regular season title is huge.”

The second goal of the game came just 15 minutes later from senior midfielder Lexie Palla. This goal is Palladino’s 19th career goal, which helped her reach 30 career points. She has 11 goals and 17 points on the season with 17 points, ranking highest for the Lady Hawks. The goal was assisted by fifth year forward Madie Gibson.

Gibson also assisted the third goal of the game which came in at the five-minute mark of the second half. This goal came from sophomore forward Lauren Karabin. After contributing the two assists, Gibson has five for the season and 31 for her career. She has 95 points, which ties her for ninth in MAAC history. She is also fifth in conference history for career assists.

The Hawks put the finishing touches on their 4-0 shutout with less than five minutes to go. Sophomore midfielder Jill Conklin, scored off of a free kick by junior midfielder Megan Leffler that hit the crossbar. Leffler picked up her first career assist, while Conklin earned her third goal of the season and seventh for her career.

Monmouth totaled 32 shots during the matchup, 10 being on goal. The powerful Hawk defense shut down the Broncs offense, not allowing them to get a single shot off. Senior goalkeeper Amanda Knaub earned her 11th shutout of the season and 41st of her career.

“Working together, relying on each other, and having each other’s backs while being able to rely on the people behind you whenever we make a mistake is the most important part of the season,” said the defender Jones.

After this shutout, Monmouth has won 20 straight MAAC games, and 21 of 22 in MAAC history. The team has a regular season title streak of 10 years, where they have outscored opponents with 12 of those games taking place at home.

“We played a complete game today. It is terrific for the program to earn our seventh straight regular season conference title,” said Turner. “We will continue to strive to improve so that we will be at peak performance at the most important part of the season.”

With one game remaining in the regular season, the Hawks will face Fairfield University at Hesse Field on The Great Lawn for Senior Day. The game is set for Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7:00 p.m.

As earning the regular season championship title, the Hawks look forward to hosting the MAAC Tournament once again. The first game of tournament play will take place at Hesse Field on The Great Lawn on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 5:00 p.m. The opponent will be determined and will be broadcasted on ESPN3.

Football Receives Votes for National Ranking

MARK D’AGUILA SPORTS EDITOR

Hawks football improved their record to 6-2 and remained undefeated in conference play beating Charleston Southern on the road 35-13 behind a career-best day from junior running back Pete Guerriero who earned Big South Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Guerriero ran the ball 22 times in the game for a career-high 221 yards and a touchdown which came late in the fourth quarter to put the finishing touches on a road domination for the blue and white. This is the fourth most rushing yards a running back has ever recorded in a single game in Monmouth history.

Senior quarterback Kenji Bahar also led the winning efforts throwing for 194 yards and three touchdowns in route to becoming the program’s all-time leading passer with 8,000 total.

“Kenji’s just a great performer for us,” said Head Coach Kevin Callahan. “This is his third and a half year as a starter and you can see his growth and maturation each and every year. There is no question he’s the leader of our offensive unit and he runs the show out on the field.”

Bahar got the offense going against Charleston Southern by typically does, putting the first MU points on the board early in the first quarter with a 36-yard touchdown on just his second completion of the day to junior wide receiver Terrance Greene Jr.

The matchup tightened up from here for most of the first half as Charleston Southern responded with two field goals in the ensuing drives to shorten the margin to a lone point, 7-6. Right before half the Hawks capitalized on back-to-back completions to junior standout wide receiver Lonnie Moore IV to set up a 13-yard touchdown pass to fifth year tight end Shawn Clark making the score 14-6.

The first points of the second half came after the second longest run of the season for Guerriero who burst a 63-yarder just a week after his 65-yard break against Gardner-Webb. Fifth year running back Devell Jones converted on the great field possession from four yards out for his sixth touchdown of the year to put Monmouth up 21-6.

“We had some frustrations in the first half running the ball,” said Callahan. “We made a couple of adjustments at halftime on how we were blocking. I thought the offensive line did a really good job and we started getting some movement on them in the second half. Anytime you can get movement and give Pete a crease he’s going to break some big runs.”

Guerriero continued his lockdown defense in the second half as well not allowing a single point in the third quarter which gave the offense the opportunity to pull away with the game.

Junior defender Sarina Jones dominated a 30-yard run, to score her first career goal and the game winner in the ninth minute of play during Saturday’s matchup against Rider.

Junior running back Pete Guerriero broke his career-best in rushing yards with an astounding 221 yards and a touchdown on his way to becoming Big South Offensive Player of the Week.

Freshman defensive back Davis Smith headlined this side of the ball, leading the blue and white in tackles with nine total including the senior lineman DaQuan Grimes finished with seven. The senior defensive back Tre Berry also contributed six tackles including a forced fumble.

“We tightened up when we got in the redzone and forced them to kick field goals and I take that as a win for the defense,” said Callahan. “In the second half we did a nice job of getting three and out and giving the ball back to the offense.”

Bahar and the Hawks’ offense cushioned their lead to 28-6 in the third quarter with the second touchdown of the day for the tight end Clark who had his first multi-touchdown game of his career. Guerriero scored from 42 yards out in the fourth to complete the Monmouth scoring before the Buccaneers scored their lone touchdown resulting in the 35-13 final.

The Hawks will now travel to the #5 ranked team in the country, Kennesaw State on Saturday where the winner will be in control of the Big South. The game will be streamed on ESPN+ at 2:00 p.m.
Field Hockey to Host League Tournament

SWIMMING SPLITS MAAC OPENER

SOPHIA GALVEZ STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University men’s and women’s swimming teams opened up their Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play against Fairfield University this Saturday, Oct. 26 at Leslie C. Quick RecPlex Pool. The men’s team pulled through with a close 154.5 – 133.5 victory, while the women’s team fell to Fairfield 180 – 119.

The meet took place in a meter pool, which is longer than the 25-yard pool Monmouth has at the RecPlex Pool. The men’s team came in first in three races: the 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke, and 400m free stroke. These three first-place victories were Smith’s first of the 2019 season, and he now has 34 individual career wins.

Junior Trevor Askew came out victorious in the 100m and 200m breaststroke. This was Askew’s third and fourth first-place accomplishments of this season, and he now has ten in his career. Freshmen Blake Reynolds and Thomas From both won events. Reynolds won the 50m free stroke with a time of 23.80 as well as the 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke, and 400m free stroke. These three first-place victories were Smith’s first of the 2019 season, and he now has 34 individual career wins.

The women’s team fell to Fairfield 154.5 – 133.5 victory, while Fairfield won 25-18 in the 200m freestyle relay, finishing with a time of 1:53.68. This victory for the men is their second-consecutive head-to-head win over the Fairfield University Stags. For the women’s team, although they were not victorious, there were still some notable performances.

Freshman Tahila Botha came in first in three races: the 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke, and 400m individual medley (IM). Botha now has four individual wins under her belt.

Freshman Alexandra Ho touched the wall at 59.71 in the 100m breaststroke, winning her first-collegiate win. Sophomore Camryn McHugh won the 100m backstroke in 1:05.40 earning her third victory of the season. This was McHugh’s second individual win of her collegiate career.

For the women’s 400m free relay team, Bradie Keelen, and junior Louise Barker combined their talents in order to come in first place with a time of 4:10.91.

Despite some tough early circumstances, including a disqualification on a false start in the winning medley relay and giving away a big chunk of points in diving, the team stayed focused throughout the meet,” said Head Coach Matt Nunnally. “It was good to see them show resilience considering the challenges. This type of performance will go a long way in building our confidence as we move toward our midseason and championship meets.”

Monmouth did not compete in the diving events, which gave Fairfield an opportunity to earn points toward their teams’ totals. The Hawks will be welcoming Mount St. Mary’s University to Campus when they host the Hawks on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 3:00 p.m.

The Hawks are coming off a dominating weekend against conference opponent Vermont. Monmouth and Vermont face off on Friday at 3:00 p.m. for their final regular season game of the year. After this game, the American East Championship will be at So Sweet A Cat Field the following week.

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