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Asbestos Abatement Completed in Howard Hall



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STAFF WRITER

The first floor of Howard Hall underwent an asbestos abatement which lasted for five days at the end of December. Amid the process, public access was prohibited. Facilities Management discovered the problem as a result of loose tiles damaged by water infiltration.

Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, says that knowledge of what to look for is important when dealing with the suspicion of asbestos. "In our experience, we are

aware of certain things that might indicate the presence of asbestos and that it can be hazardous if not properly handled."

The indicator, in this case, was the dimensions of the tiles present in the affected area. According to the New Jersey Department of Health website, asbestos has been linked to specific tile dimensions that are used in flooring. Those dimensions are nine feet by nine feet and some 12 feet by 12 feet tiles. To be certain that asbestos was in fact in the tiles of that particular part of Howard Hall, samples were tested by an independent laboratory and confirmed present in minimal amounts.

In taking precautionary measures to assure proper removal of the tiles, the University hired an

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Ambassador of Israel to U.S. Gives Keynote Speech at Second Annual Commencement

Winter Commencement Participation Increases by 10 Percent



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Michael Oren, Ambassador of Israel to the United States, was this year's Winter Commencement speaker. Oren also received an honorary degree during the ceremony.

GINA COLUMBUS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With a rich, blue carpet covering the basketball court of the Multipurpose Activity Center, 451 graduates sat in their chairs as they listened to various speeches, including one from the Ambassador of Israel to the United States, while awaiting their degrees at the second Winter Commencement on January 13, 2012. According to Vice President for Student and Community Services Mary Anne Nagy, Commencement participation was up 10 percent from last year's event.

Prior to the ceremony, graduates-to-be were floating in and out of Wilson Hall, donning bright smiles while getting their photos taken atop the grand stair-

case and other campus spots.

Graduating students were not the only people on campus; there was a high volume of security for commencement speaker, Michael Oren, Ambassador of Israel to the United States. Oren, besides giving the keynote address, also received an honorary degree at the ceremony. The Princeton and Columbia University graduate is formally the Lady Davis Fellow of Hebrew University, as well as the Distinguished Fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem.

Also a writer, Oren has had several books published, including bestseller *Six Days of War: 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East*, and has served as a contributing editor to the *New Republic*.

He has also written for the *New*

York Times and the *Wall Street Journal*. "I enjoy, the most, putting myself in a position of what I am writing about," Oren said. "There's a tendency for historians to, sort of, sit on judgment in history...they actually call themselves the 'hangmen of history.' I don't view myself as a 'hangman.' My goal as a historian was not to pass judgment, but to understand."

Oren has also been a visiting professor at Georgetown, Harvard and Yale Universities.

"You know, I came into teaching relatively late in my life and found it to be deeply fulfilling," he said. "In fact, I feel I have learned more from my students than they have learned from me."

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Books@monmouth Website Plans to Give Students Bargains

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A new platform for purchasing books called books@monmouth.edu has arrived at the University. The website helps students buy their textbooks by integrating Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and all of their book necessities.

Developer Sean Haufler, a junior studying computer science and economics at Yale University spent three months developing the website with one specific thing in mind. "I chose to build the website after I realized how much more expensive school bookstore prices were than online prices," Haufler said. "I wanted to make the online shopping process as easy as possible so more people would take advantage of these lower prices."

The site allows for easy navi-

gation, and provides a procedure for searching and purchasing textbooks.

Joshua Lewis, a University student who promotes and markets the site, attested to its simplicity. "This allows for quick purchasing and convenience," Lewis said. "Also, other websites do not compare books that are used, new and from the Monmouth Bookstore."

The site is free to use. As stated on the site, a tax of seven percent is included on purchases from the University bookstore, as are shipping charges on purchases from Amazon.

To get started using the website, enter the department in which the class is in. Upon doing so, all classes will appear below

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Increased Attendance at 2012 Winter Commencement

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The ceremony, which started promptly at 1:30 pm, began with welcoming remarks from President Paul G. Gaffney II. Gaffney spoke of the students before him as “a class that I’ve seen grow with confidence. See, you took care of each other.”

Oren opened up his commencement address with his roots. “Thank you for opening up your campus to me, a former Jersey boy...exit 145,” Oren said. Oren emigrated to Israel in 1979, and currently resides in Washington D.C. When asked what he considers his biggest accomplishment, he said, “my children – without hesitation.”

In an interview prior to the ceremony, Oren said, “Though it may be hard to fulfill your dreams immediately, right now, graduating into tough times actually has its benefits, in that it toughens you and steels you. To tell them ‘hey, go out and live your dreams right now’ would be frivolous.”

So naturally, in the beginning of the commencement address, he advised that giving a rosy speech at the ceremony “is difficult.” Instead, he instructed the graduates to tough it out. “Your dreams should never be abandoned, but they may have to be delayed.”

Oren continued, “I had one dream! I wanted to become Israel’s Ambassador to the United States. It only took me for 40 years to get there...it won’t take you that long. Stick to it.”

Oren also focused on the Great Depression. He explained that 80 years ago, America was at the height of it, and a generation of Americans took on that state of the world and turned it around, making them “the greatest generation.” His appreciation for his own parents was spoken of, his father who served in the Korean War and worked in construction, and mother who attended college, became a teacher and later a family therapist. “We forget that those before us sacrificed so much, so that we could enjoy life,” he said.

In closing, Oren said, “You are the ones who are going to have to tough it out. You will have to struggle perhaps, and you will have to take responsibility. You will be asked to give a great deal while learning not to expect or even ask much in return. But what you will receive, may not really fulfill your dreams, but exceed them. What you may create is a world that’s a better one. This is a time to form your own historic legacy. This is your destiny, class of 2012... You will do all of that, and I assure you, you will be the newest, greatest generation.”

Dan Room, a recent graduate of finance, said the ambassador gave a very refreshing, intelligent and emotional speech. “In-



PHOTO COURTESY of Blaze Nowara

University students admire their diplomas and celebrate their graduation at the 2012 Winter Commencement.

stead of telling our graduating class that the world is a place full of rainbows, he instead spoke of the stern economic times and the tough job market. However, he was very inspirational and said that we should never lose focus of our dreams and that through hard work, we will be the greatest generation America has ever seen.”

One of the two honorary degree recipients was Harry Pozzycki, chairman and founder of The Citizens Campaign, a volunteer civic empowerment group that educates people on changing their communities even if they are not elected officials. Pozzycki also served as the University’s Public-Servant-in-Residence in 2007 and 2008. He is also responsible for New Jersey’s anti-pay-to-play law.

Pozzycki also gave a speech after the conferral of his degree. “I am deeply honored, and very humbled to be part of the

Monmouth family.” He added a short anecdote about a Holocaust survivor, who believed that you can’t achieve the full venture of humanity without participating in your public arena. “Go forth and serve the citizen leaders, and make the Monmouth University community an example that inspires all Americans.”

Robert B. Sculthorpe, chairman of the Board of Trustees, made a few remarks to the 451 graduates in the MAC. “We wish you success and fulfillment, as you set out to realize your full potential and utilize the talents you have developed at Monmouth. I have confidence in you, our Monmouth University graduates. While we’re saying goodbye to you today, remember you will always be part of the Monmouth family. And we hope that you remain involved with your alma mater and return often. Good luck to you all, we will miss you...until we meet again.”

Welcome from the President

Welcome back. And, if you are one of about 450 new students here, welcome to Monmouth University.

I trust you all had a great Winter Break and that you are ready to engage in the spring semester. The semester will be filled with activities; athletic events in the MAC; the Spring Musical in February; the Global Understanding Convention in April; then we go out into the improving weather with spring sports, Spring Fest and lastly, a few good days at the beach.

There will be a great deal going on. Your most important task, however, is establishing an immediate and useful academic relationship with your new professors and focusing on good results in class. America needs well-educated young leaders to take us back to prosperity. You are our best hope. Do well.

Welcome back and ... take care of each other.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

P.S. Those of you within a semester or two of graduation should plan to talk to the Career Services Office on the lower level of the Stafford Center.

VP Student Services

To All of Our Students:

Welcome and Welcome Back!

I trust you enjoyed the holiday season and are well on your way to adjusting to life at Monmouth University. The spring semester will go quickly so plan accordingly and take advantage of all that we have to offer.

Come see the exciting new style of basketball being played by your HAWKS in the MAC - watch a film on Friday or Saturday night in Oakwood Hall - think about Spring Break in Disney with the Student Activities Board – and don’t forget to get your ticket to see four-time Grammy Award nominee Daughtry perform live in the MAC on Friday, April 20.

All of this and more is at your fingertips on your campus. Make it the best semester ever. If you need help in any way, reach out - speak up - and ask for help from the myriad of offices that are here to assist you.

Take care of yourself and take care of each other.

My best wishes for a successful spring 2012 semester!

Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student and Community Services



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Over 450 University students prepare to graduate at the January 2012 Winter Commencement.

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MUPD HAS A NEW PHONE NUMBER:
732-571-4444

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SIMPLE ASSAULT/
STUDENT MISCONDUCT

1/20/12 - 1:30 AM
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SIMPLE ASSAULT/
STUDENT MISCONDUCT

1/20/12 - 7:44 PM
MULLANEY HALL

STUDENT MISCONDUCT

1/21/12 - 1:21 AM
MULLANEY HALL

THEFT/STUDENT MISCONDUCT

1/21/12 - 3:20 AM
UNIVERSITY ROAD

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SIMPLE ASSAULT/
STUDENT MISCONDUCT

1/21/12 - 4:35 AM
CEDAR HALL

CREDIT CARD THEFT

1/21/12-1/22/12 - 3:00 AM-9:30 PM
MAPLEWOOD HALL

PULA/STUDENT MISCONDUCT

1/22/12 -1:35 AM
MULLANEY HALL

PULA(ARREST)/STUDENT MISCONDUCT

1/22/12 -2:28 AM
ELMWOOD HALL

PULA/STUDENT MISCONDUCT

1/22/12-3:53AM
WILLOW HALL

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Islamic Exhibition of Faith at Pollak Theatre

ANTHONY PANISSIDI
CO-NEWS EDITOR

Samina Quraeshi is an Islamic author, artist and designer who specializes in photographs, calligraphic works and mixed media montages that seek to explain the diversity of Islamic expressions of faith. Her work will be displayed in the Pollak Theatre Gallery during a free exhibition on weekdays from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm from January 30 to March 15.

The exhibition is entitled “Samina Quraeshi: Reflections on a Sufi Path” and Quraeshi’s works reflect her pilgrimage to the Sufi shrines of the Indus Valley. During the exhibition’s opening night, Quraeshi also will hold a book signing from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on January 30. *Sacred Spaces: A Journey with the Sufis of the Indus* contains more than 250 color images, as well as essays by scholars and a Pakistani architect. The book discusses the musical, political and architectural dimensions of Sufism in South Asia.

Quraeshi said that she seeks to expose the University community to art and contemporary expression through a lens of cultural studies. She wants a diverse audience to see the work that she created during a journey of personal spiritual discovery.

“This work is an initiative to educate people about the mystical and spatial nuances of faith too often portrayed as monolithic and uniform,” Quraeshi said. “The combination of word and image is vital to place-based inquiry, especially in a project such as this.”

The exhibition is a part of the University’s Center for the Arts 2011-2012 Journey Through Is-

lamic Cultures with Caravanse-rai Series. The series spotlights a different culture each year, such as South Central Eastern Europe last year and Celtic Connections the year before that. Exploration of these themes includes gallery exhibitions, concerts, performances, film screenings, lectures, visiting authors and workshops among other activities.

“Designed to introduce U.S. audiences to exciting and dynamic artists from the Muslim world, the Caravanserai program was launched by Arts Midwest in 2010 on behalf of the U.S. Regional Arts Organizations with support from the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art,” said Kelly Barratt, Marketing Coordinator for the Arts at the University. “This year, Islamic culture was chosen in conjunction with being selected as one of five participating organizations in the U.S. to host two musical residences featuring traditional and contemporary Pakistani artists, and one film residency featuring a young and innovative Pakistani filmmaker.”

Quraeshi explained how she felt regarding the University choosing Islam this year. “This is not a preference for Islam over other faiths,” she said. “It is an exploration to widen the discourse that the mystical tradition of the Sufis is an important influence in this region.”

The exhibition first opened in October 2009 at Harvard University’s Peabody Museum. Quraeshi was raised in Pakistan and India. She has devoted her life to cultivating the vital relationship between art and culture through national and international initiatives as a way to foster greater understanding among people, according to a press release that announced the exhibition’s opening at the University.

Asbestos Removed from Howard Hall During Break

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outside contractor who specializes in asbestos abatement. A second company was in tandem to further compliment the safe removal of the asbestos. “We also engaged Birdsall Engineering to monitor the work to ensure that the project was performed in compliance with established guidelines,” Swannack said. Those guidelines, enacted by The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the New Jersey Department of Labor, not only enforce a stringent protocol of asbestos removal, but also accredit abatement companies to safe disposal of the building material.

The word asbestos alone can alarm the public, but it is important to remember that asbestos-containing materials are safe as long as they are in sound condition and untouched. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s website, the problem with asbestos usually occurs during remodeling or demolition when the disturbance can cause the microscopic fibers to become airborne and cause a threat to the public’s health. If the asbestos is considered friable, inhalation of the material

poses problematic respiratory repercussions. Friable asbestos material is an element that, when dry, can be easily granulated and disintegrated by hand into a powder.

Asbestos does serve several beneficial uses in the building industry. The most important one being its ability not to burn in the presence of fire. The EPA’s website also credits it with being a poor conductor of electricity, an excellent thermal insulator and an impressively non-corrosive material. The fact that it does not corrode explains why the material still exists in buildings which are 75 to 100-years-old.

Jess Rinaldi, a sophomore, was pleased to hear about the University’s prompt and attentive response to the problem. “It makes me feel safe that they [the University] acted in a timely manner and hired professionals to do the job,” she said. “It reiterates the high standard of safety here and that is a comforting thing.”

To make certain Howard Hall was ready for the return of students, faculty and staff after winter break, air samples were conducted with exemplary results which are needed to pass the OSHA and NJ Department of Labor standards.

New Website Advocates Suicide Prevention

JOANNA ZIETARA
CO-NEWS EDITOR

Three first-year students created an idea last semester that would allow MU Hawks to spread suicide awareness and express their concern with suicide.

Antonia Popo and Alexandria McLean got inspired when they viewed a video from a Quinnipiac student entitled *100 Reasons to Stay*. They both decided to create the same concept using University students and asking them about their 101st reason to stay.

“We were so moved by the original video and we wanted to expand it at Monmouth,” Popo said.

With the help of a friend and first-year student Courtney Locke, they created a website through Zorak and posted it onto the Monmouth Class of 2015 Facebook page. The girls watched their concept spread as students posted their pictures on the Facebook page. Each student held an index card in front of the camera with a reason to stay.

“Within a few hours of posting the website, we had 50 or so entries,” Popo said. Each picture that was appropriate to be posted made its way

onto the *What’s Your 101 MU?* website. Postings ranged from silly and funny to serious and profound. Some of the postings included: “To play with your old toys again,” “To go on an adventure,” To find your other half,” “To succeed in your dream job,” “To change someone’s life” and “To blow away a crowd.”

“We both had friends either take their lives or friends who were very serious about considering it.”

ANTONIA POPO
Co-Founder of “What’s Your 101 MU?”

Popo and Mclean said that they never expected the website to become such a hit and plan to have it up for as long as students keep posting pictures. Both students have personal reasons for raising suicide awareness at the University.

“It’s still a premature idea, but walks, bracelets, anything to get it out there. Eventually, we want to donate any profits to a suicide awareness charity.”

ALEXANDRIA MCLEAN
Co-Founder of “What’s Your 101 MU?”

“We both had friends either take their lives or friends who were very serious about considering it,” Popo said.

Samantha Palmucci, Popo’s and Mclean’s Resident Assistant, is proud of the girls’ work and hopes

their idea sticks around for years to come.

“It would be amazing for the website to get even bigger than it is now. I posted a picture myself, but it would be amazing if every Monmouth student posted one,” Palmucci said.

With some of the postings being silly, Popo and Mclean got some negative feedback from other students about the postings not being serious enough. “I don’t care about that. Heck, if you love Spongebob that much then that is definitely a reason to live. If something makes you smile, why not, right? Some kid posted Cheez-its, sure it’s silly but he must really love Cheez-its the way I see it, if you’ll miss it when you’re gone, it’s a reason to stay,” Popo said.

As for expanding the awareness, both girls have a few groups on campus offering to support them. “It’s still a premature idea, but walks, bracelets, anything to get it out there. Eventually we want to donate any profits to a suicide awareness charity,” Mclean said.

In order to submit a picture, students can either post it on the Monmouth Class of 2015 Facebook page or send them to the e-mail link on the website.



THE PROVOST’S FILM SERIES 2012 SCHEHERAZADE: TELL ME A STORY

(2009) Not Rated
Monday, January 30, 2012; 7:30 pm
Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University
Discussant: Dr. Maysa Hayward, Dean of E-Learning, Ocean County College
Free of charge and open to all

Karim and Hebba are a young married and loving couple. Both have great careers. Karim is just about to be appointed as editor-in-chief of the greatest governmental newspaper. Hebba is the hostess of much appreciated TV programs about female victims, e.g., daughters who are buried alive because of improper behavior, people drowning when attempting illegal immigration to Europe. Karim is told that he will only be appointed if his wife avoids political topics. He does persuade her to make programs on ordinary people instead. But her "non-political" programs will become even more repugnant to the authorities.

(Synopsis taken from the IMDb web site.)

Organized by the Provost’s Office and the Office for Global Initiatives

Author and Political Influencer Robert Putnam to Speak at University

NICOLE FERA
STAFF WRITER

The University will welcome renowned author Robert D. Putnam to speak in Wilson Auditorium on January 27.

Putnam has written many political books including his most famous, *Bowling Alone* and *Making Democracy Work*. Putnam is also the Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University and the director of the Manchester Graduate Programme in Social Change. Putnam has been called “the most influential academic in the world today,” according to the *London Sunday Times*. His books, although controversial, discuss American politics and what he feels has gone wrong with our government and what needs to be done to fix the situation today.

Putnam is credited with developing what is known as, “The two-level game theory,” which assumes that international agreements will only be successfully brokered if they result in domestic benefits. It is only another aspect to his long resume and

contributions to society. Aside from the books he has written and the theory that has changed the way governments think and interact, Putnam has also helped change and shape the globe first hand by serving as an advisor to presidents and national leaders around the world.

Putnam is a member of several societies including, the British Academy, the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is the former President of the American Political Science Association and the recipient of the Skytte Prize, which is an award given yearly to the person who has made the most valuable contribution to political science. Putnam is also the winner of the American Political Science Association’s 2011 Woodrow Wilson Foundation’s award for the best book on government, politics or international affairs.

Because of his vast experience, the University knows that not only does he have a lot to share about his success as an author, but also much to share with students interested in politics, government and international affairs.

James Seip, a senior history major, is particularly excited for this event and shares his thoughts on Putnam’s visit.

“It’s amazing that someone that has done so much in the field of political science and for our own government is coming to share his thoughts and views with us here at Monmouth. I’m excited to hear about his books, but also listen to what he feels is important to share with us on his visit here,” Seip said.

Tyler Bischoff, a senior political science major who is currently interning in Washington D.C., wishes he could attend the event and urges students to attend.

“I think it can benefit students a lot because many times, Putnam shows why politics matter and how civil engagement is important, especially at a college level,” Bischoff said.

The presentation will be free

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JAMES SEIP
Senior History Major



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Putnam will discuss his experience in the field of politics as well as his published books on January 27.

and open to all students and the public. It is scheduled to begin at 2:30 pm. Space is limited and reservations must be made to ensure a spot. The Honors school is sponsoring the event.

Textbook Website Exclusive to Monmouth Students

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the department search bar. If the student is unsure of the department that his or her class is in, he or she can hit the “show all” button that displays all departments.

Next, select the green plus button on the side column and add it to the selected section of the website. Click generate (or reset if necessary to start over), and the website displays the used, new, and University bookstore prices for the searched textbook.

Haufler said that he included bar graphs in the price comparison because it helps people make their shopping decisions without

thinking too much about numbers. “The correct shopping decision just seems to pop out at you from the webpage,” he said.


After selecting all of the texts necessary to the student, select the “export to Amazon” button. This will allow the student to complete the transaction and purchase all selected textbooks. Kathy Booth, Assistant Manager of the University bookstore, doesn’t think this will have an effect on textbook sales at the University.

“I don’t think it’ll make a difference, students always search for other options online but wind up buying from the bookstore anyways. It will make it easier to search but I don’t think it’ll have an effect on our sales,” Booth said.


Booth also discussed other options at the bookstore that will save students money.

“We have implemented the renting books option last fall and we also have the used books option. Both options will surely save students money,” Booth said.

As far as the projection for the website in the coming semesters, Lewis said that he has high hopes. Lewis said that its function seems to be delivering a worthwhile service as fellow students have approached and thanked him for the site as its popularity continues to grow.



Participate in the 23rd National African American Read-In Chain




Celebrate the writings of African American authors as a reader or as a volunteer helping children with literacy activities.

When: February 6, 2012
Time: 8:45am-2:00pm
Where: Monmouth University, Anacon Hall
Sponsored by: The Center for Student Success and West Side Christian Academy

For information, contact: Marilyn Ward (mward@monmouth.edu)

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to College After Break

Wednesday, February 1st

Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Mullaney Hall Lounge

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Did you apply for graduation?



⚠ ATTENTION STUDENTS ⚠

Welcome Back!! At this time, we also recommend that you begin to consider how your career at Monmouth University will end.

In order to be on target to complete your degree requirements and graduate, the ORR urges you to apply for graduation no later than **1 year prior** to your anticipated graduation date. By applying early, this affords you the opportunity to receive an official degree audit from the Registrar's Office indicating if you are 'anticipated complete' with your registered courses. If you are not 'anticipated complete', having this additional time allows you the opportunity to register for any additional required courses or requirements.

Good luck with your coursework this semester!

~The ORR

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MAY 2012 GRADUATION:

⚠ **March 1st, 2012:** Deadline to submit Graduation Applications through e-FORM's

⚠ **April 15th, 2012:** Deadline to submit any additional e-FORM's requests (i.e. Substitutions, Waivers, Declare/Remove Minor, etc.)

Please note: e-FORM requests received after the deadline dates will not be processed

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Your Name Here

Your Degree Here
Your Major Here

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2nd Annual Off-Campus Housing Fair

Tuesday, February 7th
11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Anacon Hall
The Student Center



Thinking about living off-campus in 2012/1013?

Begin your search for off-campus housing by visiting the **2nd Annual Off-Campus Housing Fair**. You'll have a chance to meet with local realtors and apartment companies, as well as officials from the surrounding communities and representatives from the University.

Sponsored by the Monmouth University Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services

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Before You Leave the Great Lawn...

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

Once mid-January came around, Hawks were bustling back to classes, anticipating (or not) for another semester. Many students may have been groaning at how quickly winter break passed as they were already spending hundreds of dollars on more textbooks. But for approximately 1,000 seniors, they have been feeling like the opposite end of the spectrum.

For those graduating, including several *Outlook* editors, these next few months as Monmouth Hawks will be our last. And if you're not, well, you still need to take advantage of what the University and its surrounding community has to offer. Not to get all sentimental about it, but seniors, you can be miserable and fearful of the dark and frightening 'real world' out there, or you can stand tall, stand proud and most importantly, stand Blue and White.

Here are some tips to abide by to make your final undergraduate semester at the University your greatest and most memorable yet.

Soar, Hawks. Not literally, but get on a plane and do some traveling! If you had the opportunity to study abroad in Italy, Spain, England or Australia, that's great news. If you're a senior and weren't able to fulfill such a wish, you can still do your own traveling in the tri-state area, or even West Long Branch itself with the friends we'll be surrounded with until May. Take as many random trips as possible, whether it's to Atlantic City, New York or anywhere in between. It might be the last chance to do something like

that; once you get a 'real job' you may not have the option to take vacation time for quite a while. Don't forget about your own backyard here at the University. Never been to Pier Village to eat at It's Greek to Me or the Turning Point? Try them both, you won't regret it.

Another way to make your last semester count is visiting parts of the campus that you may have never really seen before. How often have you been in the Woods Theatre, or even investigated all of the different turns and twists of Wilson Hall?

Explore all of your interests, even the ones that don't have to do with your major. College is the only place where there is an abundance of lectures, presentations, Q & A's, sporting events, movies and art shows hosted, more often than not, by speakers from all over the world. If we're paying over x amount of dollars a year for tuition, don't you want to make sure you get every penny's worth? Events such as the On Screen, In Person series or even the Black Maria Film Festival are interesting places to partake in new, interesting uses of film. Participate in the Visiting Writers series, as well. It's all free, so why not take advantage of it?

Okay, so the real world is creeping up on all of us. One of the toughest things college students struggle with is landing a job after graduation. It's a reality everyone has to face; however, every beginning is an ending. We just don't know it at the time. Don't let the negativity of a less than successful job search affect making a positive last semester at Monmouth. Your

dream job and you will meet, regardless if you have it this coming May.

Whether you're graduating or not, take notice of the people you spend your time with. There are friendships that hopefully will continue to exist long after graduation has become a memory. Enjoy the ability to simply hang out and have conversations face-to-face in your dorm, apartment or house with each other. Spend as much time with your friends as you can. After spending every Monday and Tuesday together for the past few years, working at *The Outlook* has become more of a family than a staff. It's more than a workplace, because it's become a home. This is the attitude upcoming graduates should consider.

A simple walk could be the best way to check out the campus before one leaves for the 'real world' and really put a place in their heart for the home of the Monmouth Hawks. By doing all this, it should generate enough memories and feelings to make it somewhat easier to say good-bye to the University.

Do things outside of your comfort zone. Take that job you're a little nervous about. Join an organization, even if you don't know anyone in it. Go to one of the movie screenings in Oakwood Hall. Don't worry if you can't get someone to watch the movie with you; everyone watches a movie in silence anyway!

Be a little adventurous and you might surprise yourself. Look forward, future leaders, but remember where you came from.



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When’s the Next Election?

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It’s interesting to me that all of a sudden, my generation is the generation in charge. It seems like just yesterday I was graduating high school, and now, in just a few short months, I’ll be graduating college, looking to move out of my parents house, join the work force and begin my life as a real person.

Someone once said to me that our generation is the first and only generation that could go away to school for four years, graduate, and then move back in with their parents. It’s the sad hard truth of what our lives as young Americans has become. It seems that finding a steady job right out of college that can supply you with a decent salary and benefits has become less and less likely.

After spending X amount on four years of education, it is nothing less then frustrating to know that using your degree and your good grades as a means to getting a job that interests you isn’t enough anymore. It seems the old saying “it’s not what you know, but who you know,” is more valid than ever before.

Why is that? Why is it so tough for post grads to find stability in the work force, and begin their adult lives? Some of our parents were married with children when they were our age, while now; most of us are still children ourselves.

You need to ask, what is going to become of the world if we can’t let go of childhood?

With 2012 here, presidential election campaigns are a hot topic of discussion, but how many of us, especially at the University, can name all

of the presidential candidates?

To feed my own curiosity, I asked a few fellow students what they knew about the election, and who they thought they were going to vote for. The answers, to be honest, did not surprise me. Most people my age could not tell me more than two candidates, and most had no idea what political party those candidates belonged.

I will admit, I’m no better. I have no interest in politics whatsoever, mostly because I truly believe every politician is liar and a thief, but that’s beside the point. It is our generation that can change the way we live, or we can let it continue in the downward spiral without attempting to make a difference.

In the 2008 election, I was just two months short of being able to vote, and that didn’t phase me at all. I feel

like some people voted just for the sake of it, because they were of age and figured why not, but people for sure voted without any real knowledge of who or what they were voting for.

We’re an opinionated generation, that’s for sure, but our priorities are not what older generations think they should be. We are all about living life without cares, without worries, and there is nothing wrong with that, but in reality, we do need to start making real life decisions, such as “Who will be the next leader of our country?”

The 2012 election will affect us the most. Our parents for the most part are on the brink of retirement; they have worked, paid their dues, and raised us as they felt necessary. They voted for what they believed in, and it has brought us to where we are now. We are a country billions of dollars in

debt, at the so-called “end” of a war overseas, and the laughing stock of the rest of the world.

We need to ask ourselves, is it fair that nonhard-working American can receive health care? Is it right that the price of oil fluctuates so often because someone somewhere said so? Do we want to live paycheck to paycheck when we have a college degree? Do we want our kids to live during a time when it will cost \$20 to see a movie?

The 2012 election gives us the power to choose whether our country sinks or float in the global economy, because right now we’re headed for an iceberg. I urge everyone to follow the 2012 presidential candidates. Learning about their standings is as easy as following @MnmthUProblems, and while they may be less entertaining, they are more important in the long run.

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We all know how ridiculously famous Beyoncé is: there is no one out there that doesn’t know of her existence. She can even make grocery shopping look fierce.

No one can resist from busting out of their chairs every time her hit “Single Ladies” comes on, doing their best interpretation of Beyoncé.

Don’t sit there and shake your head, you know you’ve done it. For the people who are reading this and going, “I’ve never, ever done that,” you’ve probably done it the most, don’t deny it.

Straying away from Beyoncé wannabes, her career is immense; filled with Destiny’s Child and solo album hits.

If you had to look to any one celebrity, to see who did everything right it would come down to one word: Beyoncé.

A few years after marrying the infamous rapper Jay-Z, they kicked their marriage up a notch (or nine months to be exact) and announced that they were going to have a baby.

Let’s back track to last years VMA’s: Beyoncé comes out on stage singing her song “Love on Top,” the song that would make you reach for the volume

and turn it up to its loudest. Through the entire performance she’s dancing and singing, making it seem effortless, while wearing a glittery blazer.

Once she is finished dancing around with the microphone stand, she struts (notice not walk, but struts) along the runway of the stage.

After she carries her song until its very last powerful note, she unfastens the button on her blazer to reveal the blouse she wore underneath it, unveiling her baby bump, and the crowd goes wild.

And that’s what started giant shenanigans: the pregnancy rumors and the paparazzi trying to get pictures of her and her baby bump.

It was like looking for America’s Most Wanted, except the person that was most wanted wasn’t even born yet...and wasn’t a criminal.

Everyone was waiting for Beyoncé’s and Jay-Z’s baby to arrive, waiting to catch a glimpse of the little newborn. Finally the baby

came, given the full name of Blue Ivy Carter.



The MTV VMAs 2011 was when Beyoncé revealed her pregnancy.

With a name so strange, quite the story comes with it.

The “Blue” portion of her name derives from Jay-Z’s newest album *Blueprint* that is a major hit.

A song titled “Glory” features the newborn, making her the youngest recording artist on the music billboard.

The “Ivy” part of her name comes from a number of things, most importantly the number four. Both Beyoncé and Jay-Z have the Roman numeral IV tattooed on their ring fingers, they were married on the 4th of April, Beyoncé’s birthday is the 4th of September, Jay-Z’s birthday is the 4th of December, and Beyoncé released her fourth album this year.

After Blue Ivy was born, post pregnancy rumors began to stir. People questioned whether or not Beyoncé faked the pregnancy, and adopted a baby.

Really people? How could Beyoncé, a woman who openly announced her pregnancy on the VMA’s, fake a pregnancy?

What could she have done, stuff her shirt to make it look round? What are we, five-

years-old playing house?

No. Beyoncé wasn’t a teenager looking to be on the show “Teen Mom,” she just wanted a little bit of privacy.

She wanted to keep her family life private, and I think we should do nothing but applaud her.

Most celebrities would be soaking in all of the attention to only crash and burn later (Kim Kardashian’s wedding/marriage/divorce would be a prime example).

I feel like certain things are blurred for celebrities when it comes to their private lives.

I understand that they are celebrities and are always in the spotlight, but certain things shouldn’t be showcased for everyone to know.

Cool beans, we all found out Beyoncé was pregnant, but that doesn’t mean we have to track her life and hunt her down for the first baby photos.

I don’t think we should hype up things like celebrity pregnancies or a wedding, or anything that is a part of someone’s private life.

Despite all the hype, rumors, and shenanigans concerning Beyoncé and Jay-Z’s baby, Blue Ivy, we can all agree that this was definitely “destiny’s child.”

Three...Two...One...Happy New Year!

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“I’m going to get back in shape.” “I’m going to quit smoking.” “I am going to do more for the community.” These phrases seem to be part of every conversation from December 26 up until after New Year’s Eve.

New Year’s resolutions seem to have become a cultural norm during the holidays, but at the same time people have become so desensitized that there is really no true desire behind these self improvements for the New Year.

If we make these empty promises every year that never get seen through, a question comes to mind, why?

Let’s face it, most of us who decide to take on a New Year’s resolution and end up forgetting about it, or give up by the time Valentine’s Day rolls around. So why bother if we are not going to fully commit? Advertising has a part in it.

Usually around the holiday season, there are tons of commercials that offer great deals on gym memberships, or support groups to help you quit smoking. Even restaurants and other

vendors create drinks, food, and hold retail sales that will “help you start off New Year resolution right.”

Having all these tools for self-improvement advertising 24/7, it is hard not to get swept up in the spirit of improving for the New Year. If you have set a resolution for 2012, that is fine, but there are a few things you may want to think about before you start hitting the gym and signing up for every club that seems appealing.

First, why are you choosing this commitment? Many people choose resolutions like losing weight, community service, or being a better person because they are the most common. Just because others are choosing a certain resolution does not mean it is the best for you.

It should be something that you are doing for you. If you really want to make the best of it, try

sitting down and making a list of goals you want for the year and from there you can make the best goals for yourself. If it is something you really want it will be a lot easier to be committed.

Do not be afraid to share your resolution either. Who knows, maybe a friend or group of friends has the same idea. It will make it easier to succeed if you have a support system.

Second, is it realistic? Obviously the reason we choose New Year resolutions is to do something positive, but we can choose goals that can be out of reach. Trying to reach such a big goal so quickly can backfire.

For example instead of saying “I’m getting straight A’s for the semester” (not that it is not possible), a better way might be “I’m going to increase my study time by an hour” or “I’m going to dedicate one to two hours ev-

ery weekend at the library.” By simplifying a larger goal into a smaller solid idea, it stops you from putting more pressure on yourself.

Another perfect example of an unrealistic resolution is committing yourself to getting back into shape/exercising more. They sit there looking miserably at their salads, or are on the verge of passing out after being on the treadmill for over an hour trying to lose those 15 pounds, just to end up at McDonalds at 2:00 am two weeks later. There are easier ways to go about this.

Taking small steps is a lot more effective. Taking a different route by going to the gym once a week can be less stressful, and all around healthier.

Smaller steps will give you time to see if your goal is something that you really want to do, and if you want to increase you’re

commitment. Sometimes we are focused on reaching for the stars, that we can miss out on other things or lose sight of what we are really trying to do in the long run.

Finally, how far are you willing to commit? This a big issue when it comes to making New Year’s resolutions and goals in general. Some people have no problem dedicating their time to one or more tasks. However, there are the rest of us that may have problems with seeing things through.

I myself have trouble finishing projects I start. If you have a fear of commitment, or just do not have a lot of extra time on your hands, have no fear. Resolutions are not signed in blood. They can be short term and they do not have to necessarily be about you.

They can be little things like donating a few hours to an animal shelter or a soup kitchen. There is no reason to feel defeated if you decide if a commitment does not work out, just try something new until you find the right thing.

Even if you decide not to take on a resolution, that can be a resolution in itself and a joke to you and your friends.

Female President Anyone?

After Hillary Clinton, Who Will be the Next Female to Shoot for the Presidency?

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If you were to ask any individual who the leader in global power was, most would have at least considered the United States. And why should they not?

Aside from the reality that America has been able to grapple its way into free country status, there is also the fact that it's one of the strongest contributors in the free market, while also priding itself in new innovations and beneficial risk taking.

Why is it that the very country, known for cutting edge advances, has yet to employ an overdue concept, a female president?

The very concept of a female leader has been established for centuries, usually applied in the form of a Queen from some sort of hierarchical system; this form however has experienced some design changes to make it more applicable to the twentieth century, democratic standpoint.

Several nations such as Sri Lanka, India and the United Kingdom have been bringing women into high authority's positions and utilizing them, to advance their countries and whatever purposes they may aspire for. It's a bold statement, one that is thunderously overcoming the sexism that has been ever so prominent since the birth of leadership roles. So, again, where is America in this capable wave of female engagement?

"I feel that America fears change. Many question a wom-

an's ability to lead, when many actually are really great leaders," says freshman Olivia Caruso. It all stems back to the strong sexist ideologies that had tainted the previous generations before this one's current, and there is nobody

Obama. Professor Robert Cushman, an anthropology professor here at the University, believes that not only gender roles and stereotypes play a part, but also the age of the voters might be holding a certain ef-

With the current generations in America who have been brought up learning that both men and women are equal, finally beginning to override the sexist powers, a female president might be something seen in

edness." In order for this change to occur though, several aspects need to be taken into account in order to make the best decision. According to Cushman, "There would be hurdles a female president would have to deal with and overcome. There could be respect issues, from some in our own countries as well as from leaders in others. However it's nothing a female president couldn't handle or overcome."

This candidate would have to be able to defy the stereotyped norms that society has associated with a woman, very much like the way President Obama had to overcome all segregated jobs merely based off of the color of his skin.

Such a candidate would need to put up a strong emotional front, yet still hold enough charm and personality that would make such a person interesting enough to captivate the audience's attention; something that many criticize Hilary Clinton for not being able to accomplish, despite her cool, calculated exterior.

All in all, America is finally taking action towards the very change it has demanded for years. The time for patience is over, instead an action based course of impatience is now taking suit, coursing through the lifeblood of American vitality, and steering towards the mirrored hall where the rest of the world's female leaders eagerly await the arrival of the very first Madame President of the United States.



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Hillary Clinton at a rally during her run for the Democratic Nomination in 2008.

to blame for that. At that time it was simply a way of thinking, however it is still a mindset that has derailed most sorts of female political progression. The closest to this change was Hillary Clinton in 2008, who lost the Democratic nomination to President

fect over the polls. "I think a good percentage of voters in the last few elections were still in the older age bracket and from a time where they believed the president should be a man, or that a man would do a better job than a woman would" says Cushman.

the not too distant future. With the rate of the public's changing views on the topic, perhaps even within the next 15 years. Jessica Costello, a freshman, says "We need to wait for a candidate to come around to change America's single mind-

Ron Paul: Who is He?

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As Republicans still decide on their choice for a presidential candidate and ultimately choose an opponent for President Barack Obama in the 2012 Presidential election, Congressman Ron Paul from Texas continues to gain appeal and supporters particularly among college students.

This is Paul's third run for the U.S. Presidency. He first appeared as a candidate of the Libertarian party in the 1988 Presidential Election. In 2008, Paul ran for President again, seeking the Republican nomination and gaining a lot of support and donations from young voters.

With every election year, Paul seems to gain more and more recognition and support, creating a base of young followers and military veterans. He stands apart from both Republican and Democratic politicians while receiving little media attention.

"Ron Paul should be the next President of the United States because he offers a change to the status-quo" said Bryan Wood, a resident of Asbury Park.

"I agree with everything Paul says and I have never felt so passionately about a politician before," said Wood. "Not only do I agree with him on so many issues regarding our economy, foreign policy, and civil liberties but his message of liberty is invigorating. At a time when government has grown so big it is refreshing to hear a politician who preaches personal liberty."

Paul has been a U.S. House Representative on and off since 1976, giving up his seat in 1985 to run for U.S. Senate but losing in the primary. He regained his House position in 1997 and has remained there ever since, serving on various committees and subcommittees. He has decided to not seek a House seat as

he starts his run for the Presidency. "I think that Ron Paul should be the next President because, unlike Obama, he is a candidate that offers progressive thinking that leads to real change!" said Tom Ranzweiler, a junior at the University. "Most of the challenges in this country, such as the housing bubble, Paul has predicted and presented to Congress and his ravings of lunacy have fallen

and has been a staunch supporter of both abortion and stronger enforcement of border security. According to Paul's campaign website, RonPaul.com, he stands with many of his constituents on economic issues, like calling for the elimination of capital gains and death taxes, ending "Unnecessary regulations on small businesses and entrepreneurs" and requiring a bal-

inflation and debt," said Wood. What makes Paul really stand apart from the rest of the Republican Party are his stances on foreign affairs. He has continually stated that the U.S. should not be involved in "nation building" or supplying funds to foreign countries, such as allies like Israel, saying "Our national security allows for billions of dollars to be

"There is more hatred towards us because of our warmongering. We should lead by example and negotiate through peace and diplomacy not war," said Wood. "Eisenhower warned of the industrial military complex and Ron Paul is the only GOP candidate who acknowledges that."

Because of some of these stances, Paul has accrued the most donations from military personnel in both 2008 and this current election year. Many soldiers and veterans believe he is the only candidate that stands with them and looking out for their safety.

As Republican candidates continue to drop from the presidential race, Paul continues to strive in the primaries and give the other candidates a run for their money. Even as Paul finishes fourth in the South Carolina primary, he "Vows to press on."

"It is absolutely outrageous how unfair the media has been to Ron Paul," said Wood. "If the media didn't ignore him, I think Ron Paul would be the clear front runner candidate. His base is passionate and he has done remarkable so far in this race considering the media's bias towards him."

"I think he will absolutely run as a third party candidate," said Ranzweiler. "And I think once people stop thinking "Red v. Blue" and begin to think for the best of themselves and the nation as a whole, they'll see it's about the individual and not the party, which gives Ron Paul a pretty good shot."

Ron Paul is looking to deny the odds stacked against him but this is not the first time. But Paul continues to push on with his ideals in hopes that even if he is not elected, he will have people hear and impliment his ideas. Regardless of the result, he has a large group of loyal supporters who will continue to push for the changes Paul has been passionate about.

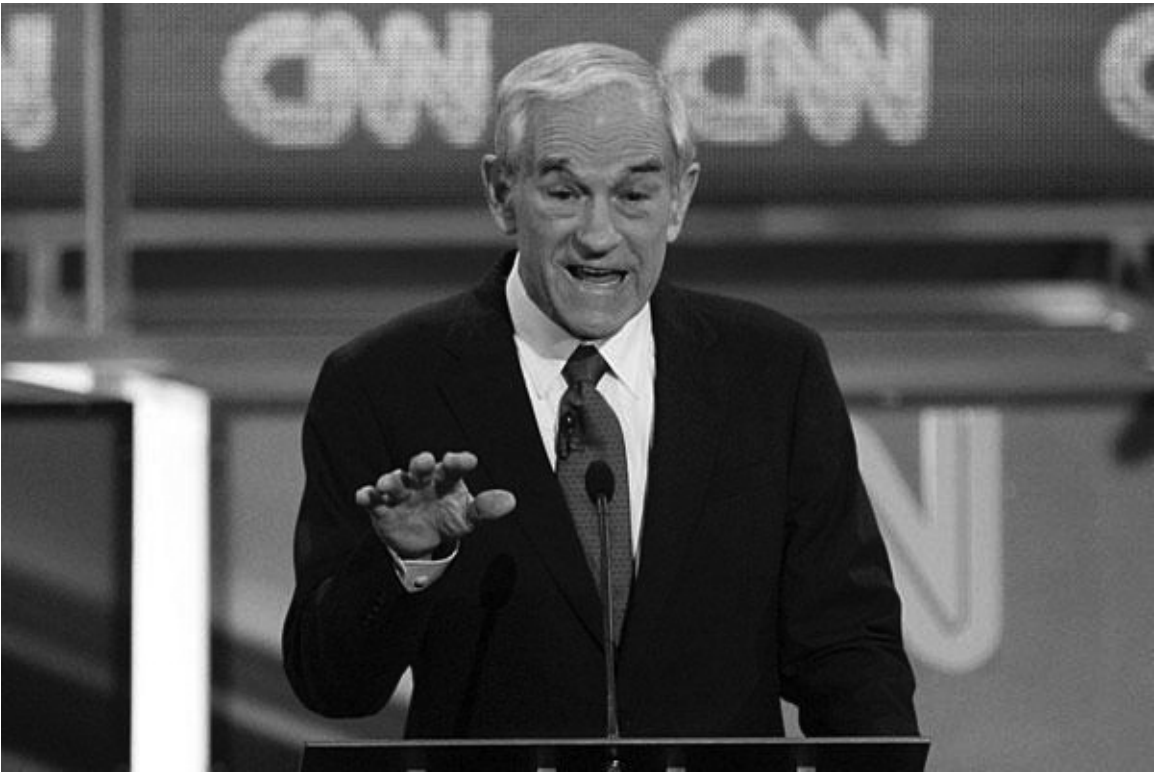


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Ron Paul at a recent CNN debate stating that he believes the Constitution is what should guide America.

upon deaf ears." Paul is a self-described libertarian, a political affiliation that stresses individual constitutional rights and state laws over federal laws, saying he will "always vote the Constitution." Paul is also a conservative politician as he supports to protect gun rights and the Second Amendment,

anced budget from Congress. But according to Wood, "He is the only candidate who has a bold plan to get us out of debt by cutting one trillion dollars from the government in his first year in office." "Also he wants to audit and end the Fed because their reckless printing of money is responsible for our

wasted." Paul was one of the few politicians to disagree with the invasion of Iraq, saying he never believed in the propaganda. Paul blames some of America's recession and debt on wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. If elected, he promises to bring troops home from Afghanistan.

Bipartisanship Can Lead to Change

Students Who Normally Disagree Come Together on Taxing of Millionaires

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Over the summer, Speaker of the House John Boehner and President Barack Obama held several talks to try to negotiate a long term deal on the deficit. They were making serious strides in a major compromise, which would have created the first concrete plan to solve our nation’s growing economic crisis. President Obama made a major political sacrifice by putting Medicare and Social security cuts on the table during the talks. In return, the President asked of the Speaker to include revenue into the deal. These included closing corporate tax loopholes, ending federal subsidies for oil companies which are recording record profits, and slight tax increases on those making over one million dollars a year. Those talks subsequently broke down.

The idea of tax increases in any amount had forced the Republican leaders to back down from any serious deal on the federal debt. Why had the Republicans backed down when they were so close to a deal which would have saved our country? The answer to that question is the pledge created by Grover Norquist (which almost every Republican politician has signed) states that whomever signs the pledge will never agree to increasing taxes at all. In return, the Grover Norquist led National Rifle Association or NRA, a Political Action Committee with the ability to spend unlimited amounts of money that will spend millions of dollars attacking Democrats challenging these same elected officials.

What people fail to recognize however, is the potential benefits of the increased revenue. By asking those who make the most money in our country to pay their fair share it will tremendously help our economy. By increasing taxes on millionaires and billionaires

Congress can come up with an

historic deal that can tackle our nation’s debt and put America back into a position to be a global powerhouse. By just coming up with a deal, stocks will increase dramatically. In Europe once a vague outline of austerity measures to solve their economic crisis were announced the stock markets jumped five percent. In the U.S. a much larger stock market will only be expected to increase even more then in Europe. Foreign investments will also rise.

Once our debt is tackled, companies abroad will begin investing in American start-ups allowing for more small businesses to grow, helping the economy. Once the debt crisis is solved our credit rating will go back up to AAA and businesses will begin to hire more employees allowing the unemployment rate to drop.

Most importantly with a deal in place and our federal budget balanced, the government can begin investing in our future. We can start to invest heavily in clean energy projects, reducing our addiction to foreign oil and becoming energy independent. Gas prices will plummet and our planet will thank us. Most importantly to students like us, the government can also help students pay back loans, or give out zero percent interest loans, something I am sure every Monmouth student could use.

Monmouth University Political Science major and member of the debate team Lexi Todd agrees, “It is now more important than ever for our nation to spread the wealth, especially with the increasing amount of defaults on student loans and the job market the way it is. Let’s face it enforcing a high tax on those already fortunate enough to afford a decent education is going to be the greatest way to get the ball rolling in terms of subsidizing universities like Monmouth. If we can gain support for these new tax

policies, we can make the first step towards a lowered tuition rate.

The President’s job bill is also something which will be able to be paid for just by a simple increase in taxes for those who can afford them. With unemployment a huge problem in this country the only certainty to create jobs is having the federal government physically create them.

Republicans will argue that millionaires and billionaires are the job creators; however should we use this money to give to the rich and hope that may create some jobs with it or should we take the money and allow the federal government to directly create jobs.

The government can create construction jobs to help rebuild our crumbling infrastructure, teaching jobs for math and science teachers desperate for an opportunity, or engineering jobs to help create new efficient energy solutions.

Those against raising taxes on Americans who can afford it say that it will kill jobs and be bad for businesses. This argument however doesn’t take into account that the Bush tax cuts have been in effect for 10 years and our economy is not improving and that it was not enough to hold off a recession in 2008. In fact, many millionaires have come out since then and said that they took their Bush tax cut and spent it on a yacht built in Italy or on a dance floor to be installed in their basement, according to reports from Huffingtonpost.com.

This is extremely disheartening for the middle class that continues to suffer to make car payments no less buying a yacht.

So we must ask this question, do we keep the tax cuts in place and for millionaires to keep buying yachts in foreign countries, or should we raise revenue and allow our economy to grow and make sure that the United States of America stays the greatest nation in the world?

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The poor economic state of the country has put tax policy on the top of the national agenda. In particular, the increase of tax on millionaires and billionaires has bred controversy. When the government is struggling with its limited revenue, it is difficult to see how lowering taxes, especially on those in a comfortable position to pay them, will help us out of this turmoil. If the current tax rate remains, then many middle class Americans will be left paying a higher tax rate than the wealthy and ultra-rich.

Overall, tax rates on the top bracket have been in serious decline since the 1960s’. According to a study conducted by Stanford University’s School of Political Science, in 1960 the top bracket was paying a Federal Income rate of 91% on all taxable income. Today, that number is staggeringly lower, with the official tax rate on the top bracket at about 34-35%, according to the IRS. But that does not include certain loopholes such as being able to classify income as “carried interest” which enables a 15% bargaining tax rate as Mr. Warren Buffett points out in his 2011 NY Times piece “Stop Coddling the Rich.”

While our country is in such bad shape, and the middle and lower classes are being burdened so heavily with their federal and state taxes, it is unimaginable to think that billionaires and millionaires are evading the duty that all Americans are obligated to contribute to. It is truly unpatriotic.

Some of the “One percent” however understands this. Billionaire Warren Buffett has stated openly that his tax rate was substantially lower than the average middle class families. He has also advocated higher tax rates for the extraordinarily wealthy, and as it turns out his idea is not unpopular among

that group.

According to a blog post by Robert Frank in the Wall Street Journal’s “Wealth Report,” survey published by the Spectrem Group stated that 68% of those with investments of one million dollars or more supported Buffett’s claim, and on top of that, 61% of individuals with net worth of five million dollars or more also supported higher taxes. The results seem to indicate that there is still a group of rich citizens that are willing to sacrifice to lift the burden off of those who truly cannot afford to pay higher tax rates.

“Job creators” is another term that has been utilized over the past year. Many supply-siders claim that if we cut taxes on the wealthy, they will be more inclined to hire new individuals with the saved revenue. That sounds logical enough, but if we examine the facts a little more closely we will see that it’s not always the case. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the current unemployment rate in the U.S. is at about 8.5%, when the top bracket is supposed to be paying about 35% in income tax. In 1995, unemployment was hovering at about 5.6%, when the tax rate was at about 40% for the top bracket. According to that information, job creators are not motivated solely by their tax reduced tax rate.

As the American economy remains in its poor state, Congress along with wealthy Americans must realize that there cannot be tax disparities choking the middle class. It is not sustainable for federal revenue if billionaires are able to pay a true income tax rate of 15% while a middle class family’s pays twice that.

Raising taxes on this group of individuals has nothing to do with punishing success, it is simply about affluent Americans contributing like everyone else and not reaping the benefits of loopholes. This is truly about paying their fair share.

President Obama Appoints While Congress is on Recess

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The Justice Department is defending the legality of President Obama’s recent recess appointments, releasing a 23-page legal opinion. Critics say it is “unconvincing” and whose timing doesn’t coincide with the President’s decision.

The memo, justifying appointments made last week while Congress was technically not recessed, concludes what the White House claimed at the time -- that Congress isn’t able to do business during “pro forma” sessions so it counts as a break.

“The convening of periodic pro forma sessions in which no business is to be conducted does not have the legal effect of interrupting an intra-session recess otherwise long enough to qualify as a ‘Recess of the Senate’ under the Recess Appointments Clause,” reads the January 6th memo written by Assistant Attorney General Virginia Seitz.

“In this context, the President therefore has discretion to conclude that the Senate is unavailable to perform its advise-and-consent function and to exercise his power to make recess appointments,” it continues.

The memo, dated two days after President Obama made his controversial appointment of Richard Cordray to the Consumer Financial

Protection Bureau and three others to the National Labor Relations Board, summarizes advice given to the White House before the January 4th appointments, an administration official said.

While Republicans contemplate their next step, recess appointee Richard Cordray is running the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the National Labor Relations Board As of this report, the three temporary members of the Bureau, are all Democrats.

Obama left more than 70 other nominees in limbo, well aware that Republicans could use Senate rules to block some or all of them.

The White House justified the appointments on grounds that Republicans were holding up the nominations to paralyze the two agencies. The consumer protection agency was established under the 2010 Wall Street reform law, which requires the bureau to have a director in order to begin policing financial products such as mortgages, checking accounts, credit cards and payday loans.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the five-member NLRB must have a three-member quorum to issue regulations or decide major cases in union-employer disputes.

White House spokesman Jay Carney added that the Justice Department’s legal opinion “was rendered before the decision was made by the President.”

“That’s my understanding,”

Carney said. “The opinion was rendered verbally prior to the date of the opinion itself. The opinion was based on advice provided by OLC and it is very standard for, especially a long and as you see, as lengthy opinion as was put out, for those things to be delivered over a period of time, and the time frame for this is very similar to my understanding the previous occasion.”

But Republicans and others are doubtful about both the timing and the content.

“The Justice Department opinion is unconvincing,” said Senate Judiciary Committee ranking Republican Charles Grassley of Iowa.

“Its conclusion is at odds with the text of the Constitution and the administration’s own previous statements. It fundamentally alters the careful separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches that the framers crafted in the Constitution. It relies on no Supreme Court decision and many conclusions are unsupported in law or the Constitution. It recognizes that the courts might well disagree. And it flies in the face of more than 90 years of historical practice,” Grassley said in a statement.

“Taken together with a laundry list of other assertions of the power to act without Congress, this is clearly an escalation in a pattern of contempt for the elected representatives of the American people,” he continued.

The American Center for Law and Justice, a conservative group focused on constitutional law, also called Thursday’s memo a “smoke-screen.”

“This memo changes nothing: President Obama acted in an unconstitutional manner in making these appointments -- ignoring the rule of law and nearly a century of precedent,” said ACLJ Chief Counsel Jay Sekulow.

Dr. Enoch Nappen, Associate Professor of Political Science, Monmouth University’s pre-law advisor and Department of Political Science and Sociology career advisor, says that this may very well go to the Supreme Court. He also brought up the fact that John Bolton, the former United States Ambassador to the U.N. was appointed by President George W. Bush during a Congressional recess and had to leave when Congress reconvened.

Dr. Nappen also stated that Republicans are fearful of an ‘Imperial Presidency’ of the likes of Republican President Richard Nixon, during the late 1960s’ and early 1970s’.

Republicans have to consider whether their actions, especially any decision to block all nominees, might play into Obama’s hands.

Obama has adopted an election-year theme of “we can’t wait” for Republicans to act on nominations and major proposals like his latest jobs plan. Republicans have to

consider how their argument that the President is violating Constitutional checks and balances plays against Obama’s stump speeches characterizing them as obstructionists.

Senate historian Donald Ritchie said the minority party has retaliated in the past for recess appointments by holding up specific nominees. “I’m not aware of any situations where no nominations were accepted,” he said. The normal practice is for the two party leaders to negotiate which nominations get votes.

According to the terms of a recess appointment at the time Obama made it, Cordray, who was successfully filibustered by Republicans last year, will remain in the job until January 3, 2014. He is not personally objectionable to many Republicans, however, they want to change aspects of the agency he was named to lead and which was approved on a party-line vote in the 2010 banking reform bill.

But Republicans angry at Obama’s move -- and their allies willing to file suit -- may not have a legal case. Nowhere in the Constitution is a recess expressly defined even though the document gives the chief executive the “power to fill up vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate.”

The real question is whether what Obama did was constitutional. This will be decided by the Supreme Court in the coming weeks.

Empowering Women is to Empower a Whole Society

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The Arab popular movements that erupted a year ago are producing significant political changes in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and Yemen, with Syria possibly being added to that list. The futures of these countries however, remains uncertain; the challenges they face, both internal and external, are enormous.

From the beginning, women have been at the forefront of the march for freedom in the Arab world. Historically, they have been underappreciated, and continue to face major obstacles as a result of cultural heritage, despotic authority, patriarchy, and tribalism. The consequences of these barriers are conveyed through literacy rates, individual rights, and political participation.

Literacy rates are much improved for young females in Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Tunisia. However, according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization female adult illiteracy rates are in the double digits in all Arab countries except Kuwait, Qatar, and Palestine.

While divorce rights are equal in Libya and Tunisia, they favor men in Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen. In Saudi Arabia, women normally cannot ini-

tiate divorce procedures, and as for inheritance rights, women receive half their brother's share in Egypt, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Tunisia. Their share is even less in Yemen.

In some countries, women do not have equal citizenship and/or legal entitlements. The Inter-Parliamentary Union reports that women's political participation remains undervalued, with the regional percentage of Arab women in the lower houses amounting to 10.9 percent, and in the upper houses, if applicable, to 7.5 percent. The regional average in the Americas is 22.2 percent, with Europe at 21.8 percent, and China at 21.3 percent.

It is during conflict, wars, and occupation that conditions for women are at their worst. In addition to the pain and violence that surrounds them, women often find themselves shouldering more of the responsibilities, while not being allowed to fully secure their rightful place alongside men.

Any society that disempow-

ers half its population can never achieve meaningful progress.

There are signs of hope on the horizon, however, as some women are challenging authority and demolishing stereotypes that label them as passive and secluded.

Lina Ben Mhenni, a prominent Tunisian blogger and cyber activist, addresses freedom of speech, human rights, social problems, and organ donation awareness in her opinion blog, "A Tunisian Girl." When the unrest in Tunisia began during the latter half of December 2010, Ben Mhenni traveled across Tunisia to document the people's protests and the government's armed crackdowns. The images she generated became evidence of the brutality of the Zine El Abidine Ben Ali regime.

Israa Abdel-Fattah, also known as "Facebook Girl," is a

co-founder of Egypt's April 6 Youth Movement of 2008. The movement helped bring about the Egyptian revolution in 2011. Asmaa Mahfouz, called the "leader of the revolution," received the European Parliament Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought in 2011.

She organized strikes for basic rights as part of the Egyptian April 6 Youth Movement. Mahfouz's YouTube videos, Facebook, and Twitter posts helped propel the Tahrir Square demonstrations.

Sala Bugaighis, a lawyer in her 40's, started the revolt in Libya by having a sit-in in the office of the attorney general.

Tawakul Karman, chair of the organization "Women Journalists without Chains," won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011 (along with Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Leymah Gbowee, two women leaders from Liberia).

As the Nobel Peace Prize Committee stated, "We cannot achieve democracy and lasting peace in the world unless women obtain the same opportunities as men to influence developments at all lev-

els of society."

Razan Zaitouneh is a human rights lawyer who created the "Syrian Human Rights Information Link" blog (SHRIL) that reports on current atrocities in Syria. Her posts have become a source of information for the Arab and international media.

She is currently in hiding—the Bashar Assad regime has accused her of being a foreign agent, and has arrested members of her family.

At the University, the Provost's Film Series for the spring of 2012 goes on a journey into Muslim cultures, Arab and otherwise, with a special focus on women.

The four movies that will be shown, "Sheherazade: Tell Me a Story," "Made in Pakistan," "Rachida," and "Under the Bombs," relate to Egypt, Pakistan, Algeria, and Lebanon, respectively. These movies illustrate the serious pressures and crises that women face.

They call not only for empathy, but also for an end to the violence, the female legacy of deprivation, and the impediments that sap women's potential and prevent them from utilizing their full abilities.

All movies are free of charge, and open to the Monmouth University community and the general public. Details are at <http://www.monmouth.edu/newsdisplay.aspx?id=17577>.

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A New Ballet Inspired Workout

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A ballet-inspired "barre" workout has been sweeping the nation. Its popularity is driven by women wanting to achieve a dancer's physique and strength, with or without tutus and ballet slippers.

At Align Pilates in Minneapolis, noses drip with sweat, muscles quiver with exhaustion, and Beyoncé blares from the speakers as class instructor Adrienne Fitzmaurice affirms what everyone is thinking:

"Yes, this is hard!" she hollers, encouraging the women to pulse, which means to make tiny movements and hold each pose for just three, five or 10 more seconds. "Especially if this is your first class ... you probably think this is crazy!"

Crazy hard anyway. That's the verdict reached in the dressing room following the 60-minute class where a combination of Pilates, yoga and ballet movements, along with bursts of cardio and the use of a ballet barre for support and resistance provides a high-energy, full-body workout.

"Everyone's been talking about getting their butts kicked in barre class," said Sarah Pepin, 35, Minneapolis. "I've never worked every muscle that way before. I could hardly walk the next day."

Barre is a buzz in the U.S., but the idea originated in London 50-years-ago with famous German dancer Lotte Berk.

The method was refined in the United States in the 1970's, and since then, fitness enthusiasts on the East and West Coasts, as well as celebrities like Madonna have caught on.

In the last year alone, at least

a half-dozen barre programs have launched in the Twin Cities, mostly by women who experienced the workout elsewhere.

Rachel Warford wanted to move back to the Midwest, but was unable to find the barre classes she had loved in New York. So in November, she and

just so happens it hit at the same time and now it's really booming."

Dunlap, an avid marathoner and triathlete, had her first barre experience last January in California and became "addicted." "It was the most challenging exercise I've ever done in my life,"

Some are more cardio-based, while others focus more on dance elements, but the principles are the same.

Barre class typically starts with stretching and a warm-up on a yoga mat to get the heart rate up, then incorporates a combination of Pilates, yoga and ballet move-

At Align Pilates, cardio is added to the barre workout, making it the most rigorous class offered, and the most popular. The classes are heavily populated with women in their 20's and 30's, but the men who show up are usually surprised by how challenging the workout is.

"I was a sweaty mess by the end," said Ryan Brown, 32, Minneapolis. "Pro athletes use ballet to work on their strength, balance and core, so I thought I'd give it a try."

For people who are less fit, it's easy to make modifications while keeping up with the class.

Participants are encouraged to work at their own pace.

Yoga attire is suggested for barre class, or other form-fitting clothes so that the class instructor can check for correct body position.

Class participants wear socks or go barefoot, but serious dancers prefer to wear ballet slippers and leotards in some classes.

Ballet Royale in Lakeville, Minn., has added barre fitness classes to cross-train ballet students and adults, mostly moms of students, who want to learn the basics of ballet.

The classes incorporate core Pilates exercises, but the focus is on proper ballet techniques. Classical music plays and everyone wears ballet slippers.

The YWCA-Uptown also offers a dance-centric barre class. Participants range from 18 to 70 years old and many are former dancers.

"I used to dance as a kid and I get to relive those days in barre class," said Tivi Radder, 35, Minneapolis. "It makes me nostalgic for my childhood. It's a really great workout, too. That's the icing on the cake."



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Barre was originally founded in London, but over the years it has become popular in America.

sister-in-law Paula Warford opened the Barre in downtown Wayzata, Minnesota.

The same month, Tina Dunlap opened Balanced Barre and Pilates just a block away.

"I always said it would be a matter of time before barre came to Minnesota," said Dunlap. "It

she said. "I'd planned on running home from class and had to have my husband pick me up because I was so exhausted."

Several national franchises have formulated barre workouts, but independent studios often follow the original Lotte Berk Method or create their own.

ments to sculpt and tone every muscle in the body. It's basically a series of tiny isometric movements that cause the muscles to shake to the point of exhaustion.

Oh yeah, and close attention must be paid to your posture and alignment, which the instructor often checks during class.

Black History Month

- 1/25** MLK Tribute Celebration with Marilyn Nelson: Anacon, 7:30pm
- 2/1-2/29** Library Display Celebrating Black History
- 2/1** Flag Raising Ceremony and Reception: Pompeii, Wilson, 12:45 pm
- 2/1** Keynote Speaker: Monica A. Hand, Versailles, Wilson, 1pm
- 2/6** 23rd National African American Read-In Chain, Anacon, 9am-2pm
- 2/6** Film: Money Matters: Pollak, 7:30pm
- 2/9** Before You Can Say "Jackie Robinson": Black Baseball in America and New Jersey in the Era of the Color Line, Club Dining Room, 1-2:15pm
- 2/16** Film: Hip Hop Beyond Beats & Rhymes, Young Aud. 4:30pm – 5:45pm
- 2/21** Daryl Davis: Klan-Destine Relationships, Wilson Aud., 6pm
- 2/24** Ebony Night & Tribute to African American Culture, Anacon, TBA
- 2/28** Pocketbook Monologues, Pollak, 7pm
- 2/29** Leap into Diversity, Anacon,
1-2:15pm General Session, 2:30- 4:30pm Extended Session

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Provost Film Series Puts A Perspective on Muslim Women

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The University will be hosting the Provost's Film Series featuring movies on Muslim cultures with a focus on women.

The four films being presented at Pollak Theatre were organized by Provost Thomas Pearson, his office and the Office of Global Initiatives and will be shown throughout the spring semester.

The movies this year are *Scheherazade: Tell Me A Story* (January 30), *Made in Pakistan* (February 21), *Rachida* (March 21), and *Under the Bombs* (April 5).

Each film comes from a different country, each with its own unique story of women in Muslim culture. Three of the films were produced and made in the Middle East, shot in locations such as Egypt, Lebanon and Algeria.

For example, *Made in Pakistan* is a documentary filmed in Pakistan following four citizens, including two women entrepreneurs.

Pearson says this year's theme was inspired by the Arab Spring and thought "it would be great to have a film series that deals with one of the most ancient places in the world which was now becoming politically dynamic."

Saliba Sarsar, Associate Vice President of Global Initiatives at the University, is part of the committee in selecting films, saying this year's theme is also important "because we are tying it to the Caravanserai initiative which focuses on the Muslim culture."

"A large majority of the people who live in the Middle East are Muslim. At least half of those are women," Sarsar said. "So the se-

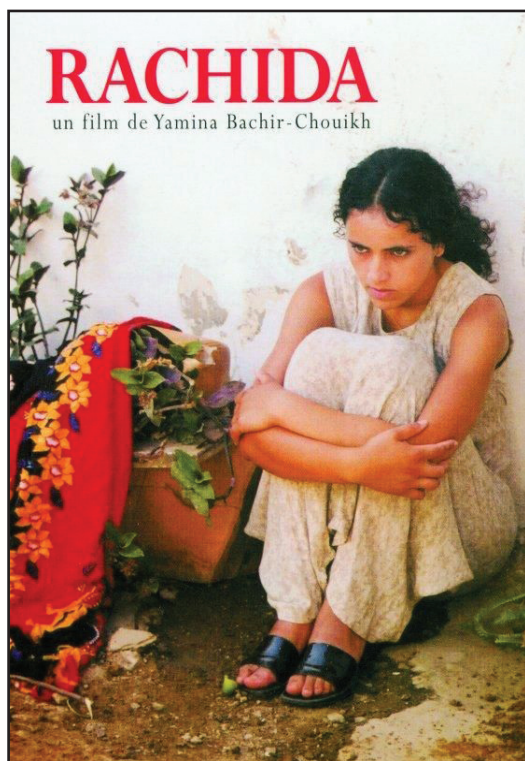


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Rachida, one of the films in this year's Provost Film Series, is about an Algerian teacher who is caught between her country's culture and its domestic turmoil in the 1990's.

ries here focuses on women, and we have different expressions of how women are impacted."

This is the fifth Provost Film series that has been organized, with other series' focusing on jazz, revolutions, and Russian culture.

Pearson says the idea to start the film series came from hosting the Two River Film Festival at the University.

Once the film festival was moved to Red Bank, a professor suggested that the Provost should develop his own film series because of his passion for film.

Pearson said he's had a passion for movies since his child-

hood, building up an extensive film collection since. He started using films in his western civilization classes, especially when teaching Russian history, as he feels "films that deal with historical material helps students visualize the era, get a sense of characteristics and some of the main problems."

"The kinds of films that really appeal to me are those that show the interaction of different cultures," Pearson said. "I'm very interested in film that shows how people are impacted by significant changes...how various cultural identities will collide or develop."

Andrew Demirjian, communication professor, is excited for the film series as he "loves Provost Pearson's selection of movies."

"I always think he does a terrific job and I'm happy to be able to help support the great movies that come here because I feel like they're always thoughtfully chosen," Demirjian said.

Pearson is interested in promoting awareness of different subjects through film. He will be acting as host at each screening, introducing and explaining the theme of the films. Sarsar believes the Provost is the highest authority on film.

"He is so knowledgeable about film, not only among the people

of Monmouth but anywhere. He knows so much about film, he's a top expert."

Demirjian said films are effective in displaying "cultural nuances and cultural differences in very powerful ways that an essay, paper or speech can't."

"There's a level of humanity that comes through in a film that really strikes an emotional accord, creates an emotional appeal to the people," Demirjian said. "You really connect with the characters in the story in a much kind of deeper emotional way, and that's really the power of cinema."

Demirjian hopes students and the community will have a better perception of the "complexities of this culture" and not a "dismissive understanding of Pakistan as this kind of

get an understanding what the real people of these cultures feel and think."

Pearson and Sarsar encourage all students, professors and faculty members to attend these free events that are also open to the general public.

"People become more sensitive to their surroundings, if they get to understand how the rest of the world is living or existing," Sarsar said. "We have no real agenda to say we are advocating overhaul of society, but we are asking people to become educated about the other and create positive change."

Pearson hopes to carry on the film series next year. Although he is unsure of what the theme will be, he will continue to show foreign films on campus.

"We're most likely not going to be able to visit all of those places,

"I'm very interested in film that shows how people are impacted by significant changes...how various cultural identities will collide or develop."

THOMAS PEARSON
Provost

place that hides terrorists."

"The most important thing or one of the great things about this film series for...a lot of these countries is we get such a narrow band of information about these countries in our news," Demirjian said. "You get to see how the people actually live and what their actual thoughts are, and you kind of

but often you can get a sense of the culture, the ways of life, the pressing ideals and attitudes of people through film," said Pearson. "But you also realize there's a lot that binds us together as humans."

The first film presented in this year's series is *Scheherazade: Tell Me A Story* on Monday, January 30 at 7:30 pm.

The Artist Silences Audiences With Nostalgia

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While movies have been innovated over the years by how people see them, from eye-popping 3D to awe inspiring IMAX, there is very little reason to regress to old filming techniques. Especially when one goes back to the way movies were originally shown to audiences with no color, completely silent besides a musical score, and a story simply told through action and written dialogue.

As creativity seems to be diminishing from Hollywood, Michel Hazanavicius's film *The Artist* shows audiences that out with the old and in with the new is not always true, even if that's what the movie is all about.

The Artist dives right into the successful life of silent movie star George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) at the height of his career. His latest movie, "A Russian Affair," is having its premiere and the audiences love it. George hogs the spotlight with his dog Jack while movie head Al Zimmer (John Goodman) basks in the applause backstage.

As they exit the theater, the streets are packed with reporters and the women that love George, like Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), a beautiful unknown dancer. She's pushed front and center as George stares at her in bewilderment at her natural beauty. He then bursts into laughter as she charismatically smiles and poses for pictures, the start to her

bright career.

They keep crossing paths as George keeps making silent movies while Peppy steadily becomes a loved actress. George is doing fine, until Al shows the future in filmmaking, "talkies." To the dismay of Al, George doesn't see any prospect in it, saying "If that's the future, you can have it!"

Al's film company is going with talkies because "People want new faces, talking faces." George doesn't believe it as he's the "one people come to see, they don't need me to talk." As George walks down the stairs of the studio, he passes Peppy and her boy toys as she goes to become the biggest star in Hollywood. She hopes "maybe now we'll do a picture together," as he's stunned by her while feeling jealous and distraught.

Dujardin is marvelous in every scene, really capturing the success and triumph of the character in the beginning of the film to the depressed but proud person he becomes. He'll make you laugh and he'll grip at your heart at his lowest, Dujardin could have had real success as a silent film star.

Bejo is lovely to watch, though she's at her best when she's playful and smiling or with George. She is a charming and beautiful person, but that's the only mood you'd like to see her. Jack the dog will be the real favorite of everyone since he's so adorable and saves the day constantly, reminding any classic movie lover of Asta from *The Thin Man*.

The rest of the ensemble is superb. Goodman is a perfect match

as Al the producer.

He smokes on his cigar naturally, beams with excitement at the prospect of money to be made, and is awkwardly unsettled when he has to let George go.

But James Cromwell is the real scene stealer as Clifton, George's right hand man. He has a genuine loyalty to his boss, and sticks through thick and thin even at the lowest.

This movie is great for movie lovers and certain viewers may notice small cameos throughout the movie from actors like Missi Pyle playing George's supporting and annoyed actress, Malcolm McDowell as a bored butler and Beth Grant as Peppy's maid. Even I found some enjoyment in Joel Murray playing a policeman, as it's only right one of the Murrys are in the movie.

Hazanavicius uses some awesome and brilliant tactics to provoke the feeling of a scene, whether playing Zorro, a hero that everybody loved or sinking in quicksand as his career crumbles. The nightmare scene is incredibly empty of music but filled with sounds that haunt George. The dialogue is sparingly but each line has weight.

Hazanavicius has a real eye too,



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Jean Dujardin plays silent movie star George Valentin in the Oscar nominated film, *The Artist*, who deals with the emergence of "talkies" and a relationship with upcoming film star, Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo).

using lighting to put George in the shadows. You also sometimes forget you're watching a new movie as the scenery and costumes are an exact replica of old Hollywood and classic films. The hairstyles of Peppy and George's wife, Doris (Penelope Ann Miller), would have especially made Jean Arthur or Claudette Colbert extremely jealous.

The real treat of the movie is the beautiful score by Ludovic Bource that helps transcend the mood of scenes, being lovingly majestic as the stars gaze in each other's eyes and mysteri-

ously eerie and dismal as George falls into a lonesome depression. It's peppy and lively as audiences laugh and cheer or big and extravagant as actors dance and twirl.

While people in the UK were unimpressed that *The Artist* was a silent movie and demanded their money back, the silence helps the audience laugh and enjoy the movie together.

I wouldn't give it the title for best movie of the year, but it's a great timely piece that deserves plenty of acknowledgment and will be adored for years by the people that really enjoy it.

Reunions and Annual Events Top 2012 Concert Season

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With the dawning of a new year, questions and rumors arise of what to expect from the 2012 concert scene as music lovers buzz with excitement of what is to come. Based on the successes of last year’s music scene and the newest artists’ announcements, I present the top 10 most anticipated musical events of 2012.

10.) Van Halen

Formed in the 70’s, Van Halen was praised for their signature shrieks of Eddie Van Halen’s electric guitar and the unmistakable energy of front man David Lee Roth. After great success with number one hits like “Jump,” tension between the band members led to replacing their main vocalist.

Van Halen continued to play together without Roth, but did not achieve their original success. Just before all hope had been lost of the band reuniting, Van Halen played a surprise show at a café in New York City with Roth as their lead on January 6.

The band has announced the release of their new album, *A Different Kind of Truth*, for February 7 and their plans to go on tour. Local shows include two at Madison Square Garden February 28 and March 1, or at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia March 5. This epic opportunity is not inexpensive however (cheapest tickets at MSG run about \$60).

9.) Red Hot Chili Peppers

Grammy-winning band The Red Hot Chili Peppers (RHCP) are going on a world tour for their newest album *I’m With You* (2011) starting April 27 at venues such as the Prudential Center in Newark (May 4). The album concerned many fan due to the absence of

lead guitarist John Frusciante. Feature guitarist Josh Klinghoffer plays on the album and will be playing on the 2012 tour.

Although Frusciante will be missed, the RHCP never put on a dull show. Lead singer Anthony Kiedis and legendary bassist Flea are an unstoppable mixture of punk and funk. Sure, the newest album may not match up to the perfection that is *Blood Sugar Sex Magik* (1991), but this band never seems to leave hungry fans unsatisfied.

8.) Mayhem Fest

Rockstar Energy Drink Presents Mayhem Fest is considered one of the most popular metal festivals today and will be coming to Philadelphia late July 2012. This moving festival will be making stops throughout the US from June 30 to August 5; it plans to be one of the best years yet. The line up of bands playing the 2012 event will be announced today.

Previous bands that have played include Disturbed, Godsmack, Megadeth, Rob Zombie, and Lamb of God. Metal heads have crowded forums with supposed headliners yet nothing has been confirmed. The event promises to be a head banger’s dream with enough trashing and mosh pits to satisfy the heaviest metal fans.

7.) The Beach Boys 50th Anniversary Reunion

The Beach Boys announced they are releasing a new album and tour celebrating the 50th anniversary of their first album, *Surfin’ Safari* (1962).

According to the official press release on Brian Wilson’s website, the remaining members Wilson, Mike Love, Al Jardine, Bruce Johnston, and David Marks are working in the studio and plan to announce a 50-date world tour starting with headlining The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival.

This is the first time the members have played together on an album in decades.

The Beach Boys have won the Academy’s Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award as well as been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The chance to see these legends live will be a huge moment in 2012.

6.) Bamboozle

The festival returns to its homeland of Asbury Park for 2012. Bamboozle is an annual three day festival which will be taking place May 18 to 20. According to Bamboozle’s website, the festivals goal was to help launch musicians’ careers and provide great live entertainment. This year’s Bamboozle announced one of the best line-ups yet.

A few artists performing are the Foo Fighters, Incubus, Blink-182, Mac Miller, Skrillex, Jimmy Eat World, and many more. The timing and location of this festival is also perfect for Monmouth students.

Tickets are pretty pricey for a three-day pass (currently \$216 with fees) however, single day passes are available for about \$90 a day. Regardless of the high-price, the amount of music to be seen and its location makes Bamboozle well worth the money.

5.) At the Drive-In Reunion

After 11 years of hiding, heavy post-hardcore rock band At the Drive-In announced reunion shows in 2012. First formed in 1994, the band split after the release of the remarkable third album titled *Relationship of Command* (2000). The split created two new bands, The Mars Volta and Sparta, both were successful.

No word of At the Drive-In getting back together surfaced until the announcement of Coachella’s line-up was released with the band on the list. However, stay tuned for

tour dates. Cult fans are surprised and thankful for the reunion and expect nothing but greatness from the band in the future.

4.) Madonna

Move over Lady Gaga, the sensei of shock-pop wants her spotlight back. Madonna has been confirmed to play the 2012 Super Bowl XLVI halftime show and is rumored to be considering touring. According to MTV News, the halftime show is being created with the help of Cirque du Soleil and extensive choreography. This show could be the kick-start Madonna needs to bring forth a brilliant comeback or a complete embarrassment to the Queen of Pop.

Speculations of a possible tour have been leaked online by sources such as Perez Hilton and other blogs but nothing has yet to be confirmed. If Madonna does tour as wished, the shows could potentially be historic.

3.) Camp Bisco 11

Since the first Camp Bisco in 1999, the festival’s attendance has gradually increased annually. What started as a tiny camping event hosted by jam band The Disco Biscuits, erupted into one of the most hectic sold out events of 2011.

According to Seatgeek.com, Camp Bisco 10’s attendance rose 75 percent from the previous year at Camp Bisco 9. With the rise of Electronic and Dub-step music, the festival sold out with over 25,000 attendees crammed on a reservation in Mariaville, New York.

Camp Bisco 11 promises to be more prepared for 2012. Camp Bisco has become one of the craziest experiences a person can have at a musical event and will be only more insane this year.

2.) Tool Reunion Tour

After about 18 months of hibernation, Tool has finally returned to

play a 2012 tour. Tool is considered one of best metal bands of our time and is known for their unique live performance both musically and aesthetically.

The lead singer Maynard Keenan has recently been on tour with his side project, A Perfect Circle, which left fans to believe that he would not be working with Tool anytime soon.

The surprise tour began January 21 in Texas. Tickets for the show at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden have sold out, however, tickets for the show at the IZOD Center in East Rutherford on January 31 are still available for about \$70, but not for long.

1.) Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival

This Californian music festival has always seemed remarkable due to the beauty and warmth of the location, but this year seems too good to be true. Coachella is a camping included festival that is being held twice on two separate weekends of April 13 to 15 and the 20 to 22.

A variety of different camping options are available from traditional tent camping to swanky safari honeymoon tents. What makes this event highly anticipated is the extremely impressive list of artists playing. Headliners are The Black Keys, Radiohead, and Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg while other artists include Swedish House Mafia, Explosions in the Sky, Florence and the Machine, Bon Iver, At the Drive-In, Santigold, and more.

Unless you are willing to spend about a grand to attend a music festival, this show is already sold out. Although this festival may be over crowded, with quality of the music offered, no attendees should have any complaints. The music makes this festival the most anticipated musical event of 2012.

Modern Warfare 3 Finishes the Trilogy on Target

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After *Call of Duty: Black Ops* was released in November 2010, I was excited for Infinity Ward and Activision to release another *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare* (MW) title. With the game being released the same month in 2011, I was worried that IW would rush to get it done and just sell the games with the idea that people would buy them because of the title. I hate it when I’m right about these kinds of predictions, but this time I was wrong. Despite small flaws, *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3* is an enjoyable game that gives my *Call of Duty* fix a boost.

I can admit, I’m a *Call of Duty* fan boy (calm down *Battlefield* fans, I like those games too). I loved the WW2 era *Call of Duty* games, *Modern Warfare 1* and 2, and even *Black Ops*. These games got me excited for the release of *Modern Warfare 3*. *Modern Warfare 2* was fun, but it needed some improvements, so I was excited to see how *Modern Warfare 3* was. After I got my game at Gamestop, I drove back to my apartment and put the disc in my Playstation 3, eagerly waiting for the game to load. After playing the game for a couple of hours, I was not disappointed with it at all.

Let me start off with the single-player campaign of the game. It picks right up from the ending of *Modern Warfare 2*. Like *MW 1* and 2 (and other *Call of Duty* games), you switch back and forth between the missions to play as different characters. The United States at war with Russia and an elite team of soldiers led by Captain John Price is on the hunt for Vladimir Makarov.



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Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 keeps the series in solid, entertaining formation as the U.S. goes to war with Russia.

With Makarov playing a small role in *MW 2*, he is now the primary bad guy for *MW 3*. Somehow, he became responsible for tricking Russia into attacking the United States, which I still don’t understand how the Russian army managed to bring together a gigantic army to attack Washington D.C. in *MW 2*.

After the U.S. army beats back the Russians in New York City, Boris Vorshevsky, who is the fictional Russian President, sets up a peace conference with the U.S. However, Makarov arranges to have the President captured to hold off the peace conference. After the kidnapping, Makarov manages to have Russia invade all of Europe after a devastating chemical attack in the capital

cities. Again, it’s really unrealistic for Russia (or any country as a matter of fact) to have the manpower and capabilities to invade ALL of Europe in a single day, but it’s a video game, what do you expect?

With the adrenaline rushing action of *MW 3*, it’s a disappointingly short game even on the hardest difficulty. Despite being played on an older game engine, the game is still visually appealing. The lighting and the graphics makes the player believe they are fighting a hopeless battle in Paris against an army of Russian soldiers. However, with today’s *Call of Duty* games, it’s all about the online multiplayer. Multiplayer in any *Call of Duty* game is dangerously addicting, and *Modern*

Warfare 3 made some great changes.

The “killstreaks” have also been designed into strike packages to bring an equal balance to all types of players. For all the non-*Call of Duty* gamers out there, killstreaks are rewards players get for killing certain amounts of enemy players without dying. Killstreaks include attack helicopters and UAVs (which pinpoint enemy locations, stealth bombers, etc).

You still unlock abilities in strike packages by getting kills, but now you can focus your killstreak rewards so they suit your play style. If you’re not the type of player who goes on high streaks and not always caring about your kill/death ratio, you can take a support strike package. This package doesn’t have rewards that are as offensively focused as the assault package, but all kills carry over between spawns. This gives new players a way to positively contribute to the match. This new feature in multiplayer provides a more enjoyable experience for the player, and increases replay value instead of constant frustration.

Another new feature which I enjoy is a type of match called “kill confirmed.” This type of match

changes how the game plays, encouraging teamwork in ways the *Modern Warfare* series never offered before. In this type of mode, everyone drops a dog tag when they get killed. In order for the kill to count and to get points, you have to not only kill the person, but also collect their tag (you can take away enemy kills by collecting the tags of your allies before the opposing team does). This type of game creates an entirely new type of gaming, where players must coordinate, play as a team, and attempt to use the dog tags as traps for enemy players.

“Spec Ops” is another type of mode that was featured in *Modern Warfare 2*. In *Modern Warfare 3*, there are new missions and objectives that you have to complete. For example, you might have to quickly take over a plane, while in another mission you’ll be tasked with disarming chemical weapons. If you need help completing these missions (I know I do), you can have a friend help you so that you can get through the missions without a scratch, or bullet holes in this case. Additionally, there’s a “survival mode,” where two players try to survive against endless waves of increasingly difficult enemies. Even though “survival mode” is very similar to *Black Ops* and *World at War*’s “zombie mode,” it is still very fun to play with a friend.

With all these new features for *Modern Warfare 3*, I’m glad I made the purchase for this game. They allow players to enjoy the full experience that *Call of Duty* currently has to offer. I know that I will be playing this game for a really long time...or at least until the next game comes out.

Thirty-Four Years and Counting at the University

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As busy members of the University community, we sometimes forget all of the work that goes behind finding our professors, organizing our esteemed curriculums, and financing our residence halls and extracurricular activities. However, standing behind all of these imperative decisions is Provost Thomas Pearson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, who is the longest standing Provost in the Northeast.

Pearson's specialization is in Russian history, which he said interests him because, "It's a land of fascinating paradoxes. It is the largest landmass in the world, a history of strong state power, and yet people are still able to evade it and challenge it." He said that even when he was young, flipping through an atlas, Russia always had a "mystifying" quality to it that he was attracted to. Plus, he grew up during the 1960's, the Cold War period, which only increased its perplexing characteristics.

He went on to study Russian history as an undergraduate at Santa Clara University, and then as a graduate and doctoral student at the University of North Carolina.

However, Pearson did not ever intend to hold the position of Provost. In 1978, he started as an assistant Russian history professor, brought forth from Auburn University to Monmouth College in search of the ability to develop as a teacher. When Pearson was hired at Monmouth in 1978, the then-college was facing some tough times as the faculty went on a two-week strike in 1979, which led to the removal of President Richard J. Stonesifer. Dr. Samuel Magill succeeded him in 1980.

Following his hiring, Pearson served as History Department Chair, Chair of the Academic Policy Committee, Director of the Honors Program, Coordinator of Graduate Studies, and Chair of Faculty Council, among other positions.

After four years at the University, Pearson stepped down as History Department Chair so that he could work on his second book. Two weeks later, in 1981, Magill asked him to be his Provost for the remaining year.

He accepted the job, thinking that it was temporary and he could try his hand at it. Thirty-one years later, Pearson still holds the position as Provost. Throughout his time here, Pearson has seen the University go through many

changes. Starting out, Pearson said Monmouth had quite a few issues to deal with in 1978. "The campus was in very poor condition. The finances were troubled. The enrollment and quality of students was way below what we have now, and there was a lot of worry of month-to-month how Monmouth College would survive. It was pretty desperate. I even wondered, when I first got here, what I was doing here in the first place," he said.

Throughout the drastic positive turnaround that the University has gone through, Pearson said that his proudest accomplishment is, "We have become a university that is mature, respected, and has a strong academic reputation." This ties in with the strong Centers of Distinction that exist throughout the campus, such as the Urban Coast Institute, the Rapid Response Institute, Kislak Real Estate Institute, the Polling Institute, and the various schools and programs that exist throughout.

One of the many jobs of the Provost is to manage all affairs concerning the faculty. Pearson hires faculty members, reviews them for continuance, and determines if they will receive tenure or receive a promotion. In order to make the most responsible decisions for the University community, he works with the faculty council.

Dr. Kevin Dooley, Honors School Dean and former student of Pearson's, said, "Working with the Provost as a member of the Academic Affairs Planning Group (AAPG) has convinced me that he always leads with what is best for the academic reputation of the University. He also always takes others' opinions into consideration when making a decision. His best quality is his ability to eloquently convey a point in the most respectful manner to students and faculty who might be in a state of disagreement." Pearson also develops programs and curriculums, accredits all programs, and plans budgets. Every academic department reports to the Provost, making him the key to keeping the entire University system moving in a stable direction.

In order to manage such responsibilities, one must be a careful planner, which Pearson considers himself to be. Even with careful planning, however, being Provost brings about new unforeseen issues constantly. He said, "Just about every day, a challenge comes about that I had not anticipated." If he had to describe

his job in one sentence, he would say, "Busy all the time." The biggest challenge of being Provost, according to Pearson, is managing the reduction of resources due to the economic downturn. In 2007, the University received three and a half million dollars in aid from the state, which has been zeroed out because of the monetary crisis. The issue becomes how to not only create quality programs, but also continue to develop those programs with three and a half million less dollars.

"We don't have big debt like other institutions do. In terms of quality, we have gotten great reviews and we are now being used as a model for other institutions. Plus, at 78-years-old, we are still very young compared to other schools," he said.

The Provost said that this is also what the biggest misconception in his position is; that he has "deep pockets." He said, "This is different than it was from when I started. Now we have to ask ourselves, 'Do we need this position?' 'What can we do with this space?'"

However, with these challenges, Pearson deals with a great amount of stress. "Anyone who has been doing a job like this for 20 years begins to feel a bit of fatigue from time-to-time, but I think what is good now is that I have a lot of experience. I also have wonderful family and colleague support. The people in this office are unbelievable with working with me and keeping me on track. There are times when I think, though, 'What day of the week is this?'"

One thing that he finds helpful is to work with other divisions to solve problems. Pearson said, "I find that in life if you just try to do it yourself, you're not going to get as far as you will when you work with others because you're not getting a broader scope of ideas." This is part of the job that interests Pearson the most. He said that he is always trying to figure out how the University can get to the next level, how we can get the right people working here, and how we can get the resources that we need.

"It's been very enjoyable to see the University develop as it has," he said. "When we began to build up enrollment, we had resources and money that came in and we had to decide do we want to use this or invest it? It was a lot of that thinking that allowed us to put money back into the campus presence."

Even though it is a tremendous amount to manage and plan, Pearson said, "I have my moments when I feel everything is collapsing and crazy. Be-

ing a historian, I often think about the changes here and my time here has coincided with what the Soviet Union went through. That's a much bigger change and a much more catastrophic one, but for us, its been largely an onward and upward progression."

However, Pearson's career as Provost has not been without regrets. He said, "Back in the early 2000's when we were doing really well with enrollments, we missed an opportunity to price ourselves with an increase in tuition, which would have led to more money to flow back into academic programs. So now we are looking to correct our pricing, but we are in an economic crisis that doesn't allow us to."

This was not solely the Provost's call, but he feels that he should have pushed harder so that conditions today would be easier. Normally, there is a four percent increase in tuition per year, making the University above the middle line of private institution tuition in the early 2000's. Now, we are in the bottle third for tuition rates.

"For what we represent and the quality of the experience, it's not good to be in the bottom third. We want to be close to the middle, but it's hard to get there due to the economic conditions. We should have done five and a half percent increases in tuition for a few years," he said. One of Pearson's goals in the next five to 10 years is to see Monmouth become a national leader in its programs, as it is already a leader in many programs on a state basis. We are already well on our way, being that nationally, the School of Social Work is in the Top 100, the School of Business is in the Top 280, and the Department of Communication is becoming very strong. Also, Monmouth holds one of the only undergraduate software engineering programs in the country.

On the same note, Pearson hopes to continue educating students with teacher-scholars, who continue to produce and publish high quality work and research while teaching students. One of Pearson's proudest accomplishments was decreasing the professor course load so that professors had more time to publish work and superior professors could be hired. "We can always continue to do better," Pearson said. "We should continue to stretch ourselves, since when you're stretched, you feel good at what you accomplished



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Provost Thomas Pearson is the longest standing provost in the Northeast.

and you feel better about taking the next step. In the working world, you're going to be stretched all the time. There aren't many free rides any more." Pearson said that it distresses him when he hears that students say they graduated Monmouth easily, since that means that students are depriving themselves of a true undergraduate experience.

"People always say it's the best time of your life, but that depends on the circumstances. You never have an opportunity like you do in these four years to explore who you are and to tap into something of interest," he said. The Provost teaches one course a semester, which he says helps him "keep pulse with the students and faculty" and is his "energy source."

Tom Morton, who took Russian history I and II with Pearson, said that he only took the class because Pearson has such a strong passion for it, which makes the class exciting. Morton said, "I find him to be enthusiastic about Monmouth, which I see mirrored in his enthusiasm for Russian history."

Pearson said, "I think it's pretty good if you can say that after 40 years studying a subject, you're still excited to continue with it. I'm still learning new things about it. Plus, I love working with the students. It's a cliché that the students keep you young, but if you really love what you do, you can handle a lot of things well. And, teaching sometimes gets me out of another meeting."

A New Year, a New You

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As people usher in a new year, they often feel compelled to set New Year's resolutions; goals that they hope to accomplish in the coming year. Unfortunately, many people fail to follow through and achieve their goals. According to usa.gov, some of the most popular resolutions each year are to eat healthier, get a better education, get a better job, lose weight, manage debt and stress, quit smoking, recycle, save money, take a trip, and volunteer to help others.

Proactivechange.com cites that 40 percent of American adults set one or more resolutions each year. However, after the first two weeks of the year, 70 percent of resolutions are maintained, but halfway through the year, only 45 percent of people are still working toward achieving their resolutions.

"Everyone's reasons for setting New Year's resolutions are different," said Thomas McCarthy, University psychologist. "It seems that resolutions are a part of our culture. Psychologically, there may be the perception that with a new year comes a new beginnings or a new start," McCarthy added. "By making a new year's

resolution, a person may feel that this can be their chance to change their lives or change a bad habit."

When setting New Year's resolutions, people tend to forget that setting goals and achieving them are two separate things. Just because one sets a goal does not mean that the goal will be met. Often times, New Year's resolutions give people a false sense of accomplishment. They feel that the incoming year will be different simply because they have set a goal for themselves. However, people forget that it takes effort to meet their goals, and they have to put time and energy into achieving them.

If one's resolution is to exercise more and to lose weight, going to the gym every day for the first two weeks of the year is not enough. People have to be willing to put the time into their resolutions from January 1 to December 31. Resolutions are meant to be a continuing goal and not a onetime ordeal. "Success or



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One of the most common resolutions is to be fit for the upcoming year.

failure has more to do with the preparation for attaining the goal and the person's motivation," McCarthy added. "So even if the resolution is difficult, I believe it is attainable if it is realistic, the person really wants to make this change, they have a plan for how to accomplish this goal, and a support system to help them on their way." McCarthy cites unrealistic goals as one of the main reasons people fail to follow through with their resolutions.

"If a person really wanted to change a bad habit all year and did not, it is difficult to believe that they will be able to do so just because it is January 1," McCarthy added. "In theory, New Year's resolutions and the thought of accomplishing some task may sound like a good idea, but the difficult part is putting it into practice. The person may not have the motivation to change or the will power or skills needed to accomplish the resolution."

Jason Elias, staff psychologist at McLean Hospital in

Belmont, Massachusetts, told WebMD, "What New Year's resolutions tend to be is a statement of your motivation of your intentions. But the problem with that is that sometimes people set their goals too high, such as 'getting my life on track,' and those things are way too big to keep track of, to know whether or not you're even making progress on them." Elias recommends that people openly share their New Year's resolutions because it may help act as a motivator to encourage people to stick to their plan. It places a certain level of accountability on the individual. However, if the individual does not set a plan, their goal becomes harder to achieve.

"There may be several things a person can do to increase the likelihood that he or she will succeed with a New Year's resolution," McCarthy said. "First, set a realistic goal, and it is probably best to identify one instead of numerous goals at the same time. Finally, don't be discouraged if you have a 'slip up.' No one is perfect, and many times, making a change takes time, and some 'slip ups' happen, but don't give up, and continue working toward the goal."

Following in the Footsteps of the Rich and Famous

Public Figures of the University

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From athletes, to icons of entertainment, to intellectuals who have made astounding contributions in their particular fields, many great names have attended our own university. Though some of these people may not have made it to MTV, we can still call them hometown heroes and celebrities.

Who hasn't heard of the rapidly growing reality series started practically in our own backyard? The idea for "Jersey Shore" was born at the University, originating from the imagination of Anthony Beltempo, 1998 graduate. Professor Dolphin, television productions professor, said that she taught him in several production classes as well as a theory class in the 1990's.

The next "Jersey Shore" name that was once on the rosters at the University may be more familiar. From Manalapan, New Jersey, Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino attended the University as a business student. A *Fox News* interview with Sorrentino revealed the entire history of his college education.

"I went to Brookdale Community College and received an associate's degree before transferring to Kean University and then

to Monmouth College. I was always interested in business and at a young age ended up working in the mortgage profession- before the industry crashed."

"The Situation" is not the only reality TV star to come from the University. Another an MTV reality show, "The Real World: Back to Las Vegas" casted Heather Marter from Delran, New Jersey. She was a broadcast journalism major at the University as well as a member of Delta Phi Epsilon.

Two more reality TV stars have emerged from the University as well. Survivor: Palau contestants Katie Gallagher and Stephenie La Grossa both attended the University. Gallagher, originally from California got her degree in communications with a concentration in tv/radio, for which she also won a national award.

La Grossa was a 2002 graduate living in Toms River, New Jersey. She earned her degree in marketing and management. While at the University, La Grossa played lacrosse and became team captain by her senior year. Quite a few successful athletes got their start at the

University as well. Dallas Cowboys wide receiver, Miles Austin, played for the football team in college before going professional.

now tight end for the Seattle Seahawks. Nalbone graduated in 2007. According to his official Major League Baseball (MLB) profile, Padres baseball player, Brad Brach attended Monmouth. Brach is from Freehold, New Jersey and was the college team's all-time leader in career wins and strikes.

Ed Halicki played for the MLB as well as a pitcher for the San Francisco Giants. He made his MLB debut in 1974 at the age of 23. Halicki received his education at the University as well.

Christie Rampone, famous Monmouth alum, is a women's soccer player from Point Pleasant, New Jersey. Her profile on ussoccer.com lists her as the University's all-time leading scorer. She was also a point guard for the girls' basketball game, but missed numerous games due to traveling with the national team.

Well suited for his degree in criminal justice, Greg Soto is a professional Ultimate Fighting Champion (UFC) fighter. Soto came to the University from New York City and now fights in Ocean, New Jersey. He revealed on his profile that he was not in-



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Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino attended the University as a business major before his big break as a "Jersey Shore" star.

terested in wrestling in college and intends to continue his career in criminal justice with the New Jersey State Police.

Monmouth has not only produced famous athletes and reality television stars, but many intellectuals as well. Icons of law, medical studies and government among other subjects have attended our own University and have encountered much success in their areas of knowledge. Noel Hilman, studied at the University and is now a United States federal judge. Also making a major contribution in their field is the late Doctor Ronald Lapin. Lapin performed surgery on severely anemic patients without using blood transfusions. He was known for helping Jehovah's Witnesses as well as other religious groups. The "bloodless surgeon" passed away in 1995.

Such hometown celebrities and icons give the University pride and confidence in its ability to educate its students. It also shows students that fame can come from close to home and success can arise from the grounds of West Long Branch, New Jersey.

Other people who have attended include Olympic swimmer Wendy Boglioli, Jack Lawless, Drummer for the Jonas Brothers, and Declan O'Scanlon, New Jersey Assemblyman.

Dawn of 2012 Revolutionizes Computing at 12 Atoms

Will Allow Businesses to Store 100 Times More Information

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After 30 years of painstaking research and investing billions of dollars in nanotechnology, International Business Machines (IBM) scientists have rocked the modern scientific world yet again.

Since the dawn of modern computing, speculations of various calibers have plagued the question of how many atoms it would take to build a reliable magnetic memory bit. IBM's research, published in the peer-reviewed journal, *Science*, has shown that the numbers of atoms required to store a single bit of information, which now is generally stored in about a million atoms, has been slashed down to only twelve.

"Storage devices in 12 atoms?" said an awestruck Shivam Patel, sophomore biology major. "It is shocking to accept, but technology is growing at a rapid pace in society today. It may cost a fortune to produce these devices, but it consumes less, making it energy efficient." Of the various forms of information computers can understand, the most basic type is a bit. Analogous to a door that can be only be open or closed, a bit can only have one of two values, "0" or "1." The word "Think," which is the corporate motto of IBM's century old legacy, was encoded on an array of only 96 iron atoms. According to IBM.com, "a magnetic byte was imaged five different times in different magnetic states to store the ASCII code for each letter...one bit was stored by 12 atoms and there are eight bits in each byte."

Marveling at this new research, Sam Broadbent, sophomore chemistry major, said, "The ability to make a jump from the most advanced storage system, which

contained about one million atoms, to one which contains only 12 molecules shows what the scientific community is truly capable of."

Dr. Robert Pastore, adjunct professor of physics, believes that "gigantic amounts of storage will be

magnetism.

They are, according to IBM.com, a major obstacle for downscaling magnetic data storage to the atomic scale because of the inevitable interaction of neighboring bits with each other due to the pres-

ration of the 12 antiferromagnetically coupled atoms that were used to store the bit of data for hours on end near absolute zero (about -460 degrees Fahrenheit). The STM cannot only be used to capture images of atoms but also

"[amplifying] the magnetic storage capacity without disrupting the neighboring bits," according to IBM.com. "As a result, these new magnetic storage devices are at least 100 times denser than, "today's hard disk drives and solid state memory chips."

"This is really where we live," said Andreas Heinrich, the lead investigator into atomic storage at IBM Research in Almaden, California, reported by the *New York Times*. "If you step outside of the press release, we are trying to control the quantum mechanics of this spin behavior to coax them to do whatever we want them to do." In the future, this novel type of nanostructure will allow businesses to construct storage devices that can store upwards of 100 times more information in the same amount of space. The applications of this research are spilling on the tabletops of every branch of society as we live in an increasingly technologically advancing world.

As if it was a biological enzyme, technology has catalyzed the progress of our world in almost every facet of society, from transportation to telecommunication, from entertainment to education, to render the world we live in and the tasks we perform routinely as nothing short of "magic" to an individual alive a hundred years ago.

By the way we are going, Siri may answer that for you by doing slightly more than answering witty questions. "The nation that discovers the next logic switch will lead the nanoelectronics era and reap the economic rewards associated with it," said Ian Steff, vice president for global policy and technology partnerships of the Semiconductor Industry Association.

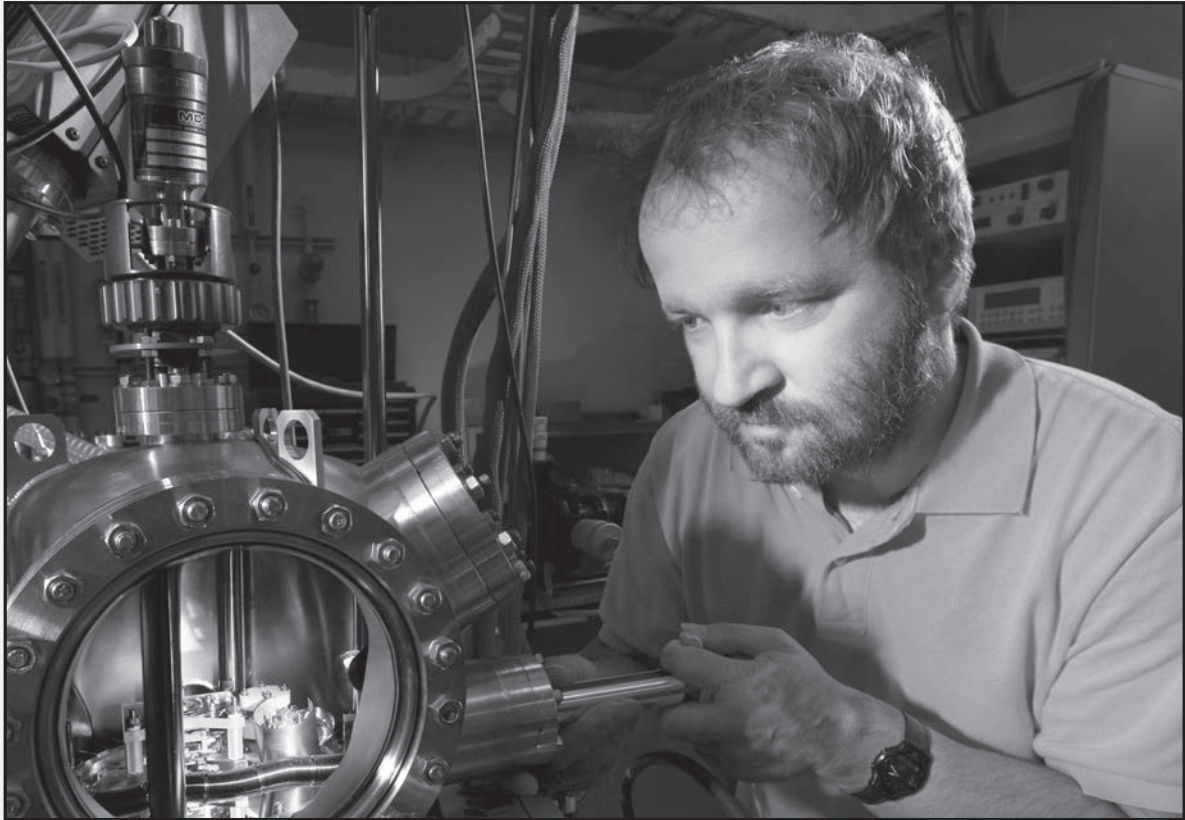


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Scanning tunneling microscopes allow scientists to manipulate the atomic configuration of the 12 antiferromagnetically coupled atoms that were used to store the bit of data for hours.

available in the next couple years. This research may lead to microprocessors base in quantum mechanics which can be utilized to solve big problems."

Possessing similar properties to the magnets on your refrigerators, the ferromagnets used by IBM have a unidirectional spin, which is the origin of the atoms' property of

ence of magnetic fields.

Consequently, the harnessing of atoms to perform useful work requires an incredibly precise command of the quantum interactions between the bits.

This is accomplished via a scanning tunneling microscope (STM) that allows scientists to actually manipulate the atomic configu-

reposition individual atoms, much the way a billiard ball might be moved by a pool cue with a sticky tip, according to the *New York Times*.

By harnessing the power of the STM, researchers have now gained the power to pack adjacent magnetic bits closer to each other than ever before, whereby significantly

The Other Girls

Monmouth Dance Team Takes Third in The Battle of the Northeast Competition

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If you have ever been to a University football or basketball game than you have certainly seen this hard working group of students perform, whether it be during a time-out of a basketball game or half time at a football game. I'm not talking about the Cheerleading Squad. I'm not talking about the Pep Band. I'm talking about the Dance Team.

The University Dance Team was officially recognized during the spring semester of 2001. The team performs at every home football game as well as every home men and women's basketball game. This year the dance team consists of nine girls; three freshman, one sophomore, four juniors and one senior.

Lauren Buonpane, junior math education major, is captain of the dance team, and has been dancing for 15 years. Buonpane came to the University with plans to join the dance team. "I love being able to dance after all these years," explained Buonpane, "and being involved with the University is great." As captain Buonpane holds the responsibility of running practices every Monday, Wednesday and Sunday, helping choreograph the dances and being a leader. Buonpane said, "Being a junior and being captain is a lot of work, but the team has really come together this year and I am proud of all the girls for the effort they put in every week."

In addition to dancing at football and basketball games here at the University, the Dance Team also takes part in competitions, their most recent one taking place in January of this past winter break. The competition took place at South Brunswick High School and was called The Battle of the Northeast. The team placed third in the jazz dance division, finishing behind Rutgers

and Providence College. According to Kristen Isaksen, advisor to the team, this was the best the team has ever placed at that particular competition.

Isaksen works at the University as the Associate Director of Financial Aid and has been involved with the Dance Team since it began in the spring of 2001. Isaksen referred to herself as the team's strongest supporter. "My job is to handle as many administrative tasks as possible so the team can focus on what they do best – dancing," said Isaksen. She is the middle man between the team and University, attends practices, performances, meetings and travels with the team. Isaksen said, "I really enjoy the time I spend with the team. All of the members are committed to making this team the best it can be. I'm proud of how far the dance team has come over the last 10 or so years and I'm glad I could be a part of it."

Lindsey Irwin, is a junior English elementary education major and treasurer for the team. Irwin has been dancing nearly her whole life as well and came to the University with intent to join the team. As treasurer Irwin handles most monetary tasks for the team such as collecting fees for competitions, clothing and fundraising. Irwin and Buonpane both agreed they prefer dancing for basketball games over football games, because the team has more involvement during the basketball games. At the football games the dance team performs once before the game and once during half time as opposed to



PHOTO COURTESY of Lauren Buonpane
The Monmouth Dance Team placed third in the jazz dance division in The Battle of the Northeast competition, finishing behind Rutgers and Providence College.

the basketball games where in addition to half time they also perform during time outs. "I love dancing for the University," said Irwin, "More students should go the games though; the games are more fun when the MAC is full and it's great to see school spirit."

The dance team has competed at the NDA Nationals in Daytona, Florida for the past two years and although they are skipping it this semester they plan to come back strong next year. Buonpane said, "It's an expensive trip but it's also a lot of fun. With five new girls on the team this year

and only one graduating next year we decided to skip this year and practice hard with plans of competing march of 2013."

Nicole Dobron, junior health studies major, is co-captain of the team. "I love dancing for Monmouth and doing something I love as well as being part of a close group of girls that share the same passion I do," said Dobron. The position involves helping choreograph, helping with makeup before performances and pretty much whatever the team needs me for she explained. "Sometimes I feel the student body doesn't realize how hard we

work and what really goes into getting prepared before events; it's not just simple games. Getting prepared for the games, nationals, and or competitions is a ton of work and is extremely time consuming," Dobron said.

Next time you are at a basketball or football game, take note of the group of girls between the pep band and the cheerleaders. Maybe wait an 10 extra minutes during half time before getting up to get that pretzel or hotdog. All three teams collaborate at athletic events to bring entertainment and support to the students and athletes.

Kick-Off Relay For Life!



PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH – Relay for Life of Monmouth University will be kicking off their fifth birthday celebration on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 2:30 pm in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center – Anacon Hall. Enjoy free food, activities, and prizes as we kick-off this year's Relay Season.

If you were previously on a team or a participant of Relay and you have pictures from fundraisers you have done, we would like to showcase your fundraiser at this year's kick-off! Please email your pictures to us at relaymonmouthu@gmail.com.

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2012 Speaker Series Kickoff

Featuring President of PRSA NJ on Membership Appreciation Day

PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ – Jennifer Tornetta, President of PRSA NJ and Director of Public Relations at AtlantiCare, kicks off the 2012 Speaker Series on January 25 beginning at 2:30 pm with light refreshments.

Tornetta joins membership appreciation day to enlighten members on internships, collaborations, interviews and making connections to help them personally and professionally.

Kimberly Mahon, President of PRSSA, comments on the event, “Jennifer Tornetta is an accomplished and esteemed public relations professional, so we are excited to have her as our first speaker of the semester. We are also looking forward to showing our appreciation for the incredible work that members of PRSSA have done this year.”

To show appreciation for the members and all their hard work, PRSSA will be supplying light refreshments such as coffee, tea and cookies. All are welcome to join the event and become a member of PRSSA!

The PRSSA bio-monthly Speaker Series was instituted in 2009 to provide networking opportunities for public relations students and professionals. To stay up to date about who is speaking when follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/speakerseries . For more information about the speaker series or Monmouth’s PRSSA Chapter go to www.monmouth.edu/prssa or contact Amanda Erdmann, Communication Director, at s0756510@monmouth.edu, or Dr. Shelia McAllister-Spooner, Faculty Advisor, at smcallis@monmouth.edu.

Club and Greek Announcements

Men’s Lacrosse

The University men’s lacrosse program enters its third season of competition in the Liberty Conference of the NCLL. The Hawks, in their first season under head coach Jerry Dohn, went 2-0 in fall competitions in 2011, notching a 5-4 win against Rowan and a 7-6 victory over preseason #12 TCNJ.

Led by senior captains Vin Sodano, Joe Milano, and Michael Asprocolas, the Hawks seek their first ever playoff berth and look to compete for the Liberty Conference Championship.

Be sure to witness the team’s rise to national prominence this spring in home contests against Rutgers-Camden, Rowan, La-Salle, Cabrini, Arcadia, TCNJ, St. Joseph’s, Temple, Delaware Valley, and Rider. GO HAWKS!

All Lifestyles Included

ALI is sending a warm welcome back to the University’s returning students and newcomers!

Just a reminder that ALI meets every Wednesday on the third floor of the Student Center (in the corner near the Affilito-conference room)at 3:30 pm.

We have a lot of exciting events and fun social gatherings this semester including our fabulous, annual drag show and so much more!

Come check us out, we are always doing something entertaining and getting everyone involved!

Begin by Believing

Begin by Believing is having a general club meeting Wednesday, February 1 at 3:30 pm in the student center’s carol affiliate conference room. We will be talking about spring events.

Alpha Xi Delta

Welcome back to another exciting semester! We hope everyone had a fantastic break.

Just a reminder that Formal Spring Recruitment is January 27-29!

We encourage all eligible girls interested to come out and see what all the sororities have to offer!

Outdoors Club

Welcome back! I hope you all had an excellent break and are ready to get back into Outdoors Club.

We will be having a meeting this Wednesday, January 25 at 3:30 pm in Bey Hall Room 132.

We will discuss many things including a hike this Saturday, indoor rock climbing/bouldering, paintballing, cross country skiing, a polar bear plunge and fundraising ideas.

We will also discuss our potential spring trip to Gettysburg and will have our new Outdoors Club t-shirts for sale.

Please make every effort to attend so we can gauge interest for the spring trip and discuss potential ideas that you might have for the semester.

Lambda Theta Alpha

Lambda Theta Alpha will be having a few events for the month of January.

First we will be at Meet the Greeks on January 24. Also, we are having an information social for ladies that are interested in learning more about us and our chapter on January 31. Location and times will be announced.

February 21, we are having an event called Meet the Lambdas where both Lambda Theta Alpha Latin sorority, Incorporated and Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Incorporated will be present.

Debate Team

The Debate Team and will be having their second annual Monmouth University Debate Tournament on campus the weekend of January 28.

Monmouth Review

The Monmouth Review is hosting a release party open mic in the lobby of Edison Hall on Saturday January 28 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

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Peter
junior

"I would take off and concentrate on things I love doing, like music."



Allison
sophomore

"Pay off my college tuition."



Matt
junior

"I've always wanted a Great Dane, so my money would go towards that."



Marisa
sophomore

"Probably travel. I would definitely go to Europe."



Liz
sophomore

"I would probably travel the world and see everything that I've always wanted to see."



Allison
sophomore

"I'd give half of it to charity and do something crazy with the rest of it."



Phil
sophomore

"Buy a house on the beach."



Tehya
sophomore

"I would put a portion away in savings and I would buy a car since I live out of state."



Nicole
sophomore

"I would pay off school and save the rest for after I graduate."

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RA/OL Info. Session 2:30pm RSSC 202B
Housing Info. Session 2:30pm Young Aud.
- Mon. January 30th
Housing Info Session 7pm Wilson Auditorium
- Tues. January 31st
Housing Information Session 4pm Wilson Aud.

OAKWOOD LOUNGE
8PM & 11PM movies

- Fri. 27th - Footloose (2011)
- Sat. 28th - Drive

S.A.B. EVENTS
& Student Activities

- 27TH
Cash Attack Game Show
6:30pm Magill Dining Hall
- 28TH
Gift Card Bingo
8pm RSSC Cafe
- 25TH
MLK Tribute Featuring Poet:
Marilyn Nelson
7:30pm Anacon Hall



BINGO

Sat. January 28th

8pm RSSC, Cafe

GIFT CARD BINGO

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

- 25TH - IFC Round Robin 10:15pm Bey Hall
- 26TH - IFC Recruitment Begins Runs through 1/31
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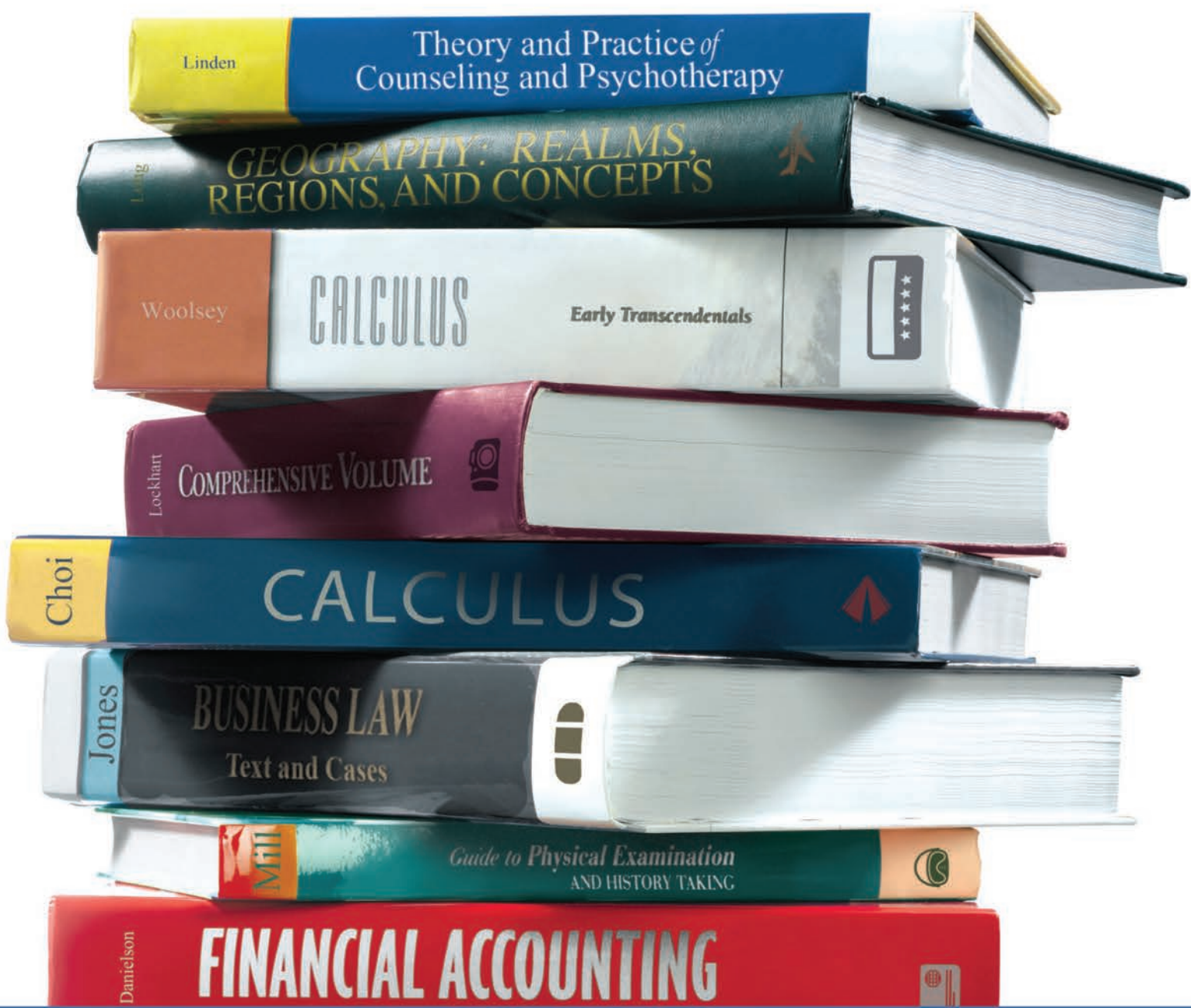
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University Employee Has Comic ‘Awaken’ing

MATTHEW FISHER
COMICS EDITOR

By day, Janine Frederick works for the University as an Assistant Website Developer, but by night she’s traveling into the furthest reaches of her imagination for the next great comic book story. Recently, Frederick wrote a five-page story titled “Awaken,” drawn by Ian Dorian, in the comic book anthology, “Out of Our Minds: Tales from the Comics Experience.”

“Awaken” is about a teenage girl who discovers she is the Anti-Christ. The comic opens with the main character contemplating a dream where she kills an angel. Soon, she delves into magic and enters a vast library where she confronts an angel who informs her of her destiny.

The basis for “Awaken,” Frederick said, came out of her life. “When I was younger, I’d have reoccurring dreams that involved a lot of angels. There was also a malevolent and evil presence in the dreams.” She continued to say that when it came to this story, “Let me do something cool with that and apply it to this 16-year-old girl. Are their problems less important than ours?”

Writing “Awaken” took about a month for Frederick “in dribs and drabs.” She said each page took around three hours to write. “You are communicating with an artist and an editor and telling them what’s in your head. You have to picture things as writer, producer, and director all in one. Writing comics is the most challenging thing there,” Frederick added.

As for Dorian’s art, Frederick said, “I wanted [the story] to feel ether real. You can look at the pictures and study the pictures. He lays out the pages so it isn’t messy, it’s interesting.” Their collaboration consisted of going over the story and the layout of the pages to make sure the art matched the script’s tone.

From here, Frederick saw that Dorian understood her story, and “he made it even more beautiful than it was in my head.” Dorian, who studied under artist Mark Texeria (“Ghost Rider”), also used Wilson Hall as inspiration for the story as well as places in Italy where he had studied art.

While Frederick would write her story independently, she found guidance for trying to tell the best story possible in Comics Experience, where eager writers and artists learn the trick of the trade for comic book narratives. “I was taught how to form my ideas a bit

better” and find “the comic story I wanted to tell,” she said. The “Out of Our Minds” anthology consists of 12 stories by writers and artists in the workshop.

Within this program are mentors that have experience in the comic book industry such as Andy Schmidt, Chris Sotomayer, Dave Sharp, and Jon Barber. “[Comics Experience] is like having an editor always accessible. It’s like a con-

band. “Alexander Kristov” is about a Russian boy who runs away after his dad dies in an “accident,” and as he matures, he becomes a mercenary for the KGB. The story also required a large amount of research for Frederick, who studied Russia and its cities like Leningrad.

She described the experience as “grueling, gut-wrenching, and awesome. If they still had the competition, I’d do it again in a heartbeat.”

Frederick explained the Zuda competition by saying that it was not only the United States, but other countries like Russia and China competing against each other with their online comics. “Everybody had the same tools starting out, and whatever you did with the pages was up to you.” She also mentioned how creators were successful immediately in the Zuda completion, and that the comments sections were alive with conversations.

Yet, Frederick mentioned that not all of her projects worked out quite as well but that’s the part of playing in the comic book industry.

Sarah Savarese, Director of Enrollment Publications and Communications, is quite familiar with Frederick’s comic book escapades and said, “I think it’s great that Janine is so engaged and active in comic book writing. She enjoys it very much and I’ve seen her garner increased attention to her talent in this area since she started working in my office.”

Savarese herself has a connection to the comic book world with her husband, who attended the Joe Kubert School in Dover. “What’s cool is that he recognizes names of people he went to school with when we’re looking at what’s new in the comic book shop. Who knows, maybe I’ll see Janine on those racks one day too,” she continued to say.

Currently, Frederick is working on a new project, which she wouldn’t delve into, but when it comes to writing or choosing stories, she wants to grab readers emotionally. Whether it is a humor, horror, or science fiction story, this upcoming writer said it doesn’t matter what the genre is along as she manages to make the reader reflect on her stories and feel something.

Overall, when it came to making a comic book in general, getting it published, and having others peruse it, Frederick summed up this excitement by saying, “There’s an adrenaline rush when you’re holding your book in your hands. That’s you.”



“Awaken,” about a girl who learns she’s the Anti-Christ, was written by Janine Frederick, University Assistant Website Developer, and featured among other stories in the comic anthology, “Out of Our Minds: Tales from the Comics Experience.”

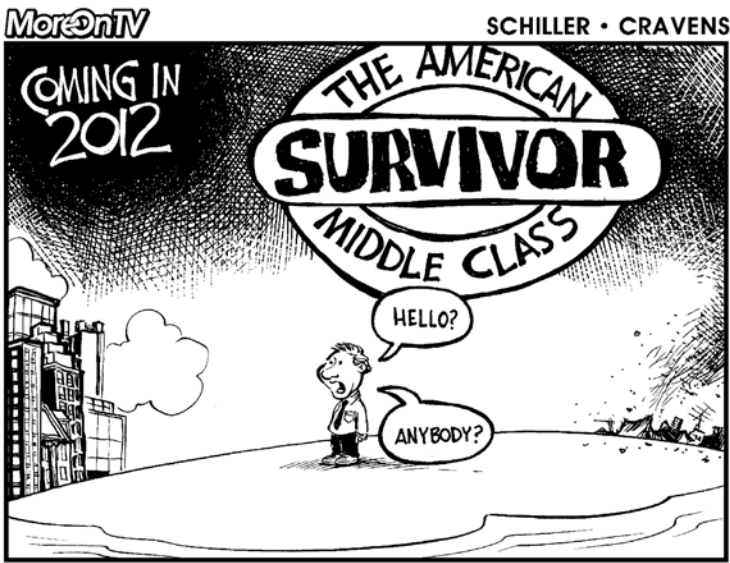
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stant Comic-Con. We’re working 24 hours a day online,” Fredrick said. She also mentioned that Nick Spencer, writer of Image’s “Morning Glory” and Marvel’s “Secret Avengers” and “Ultimate Comics X-Men” was once involved in this program.

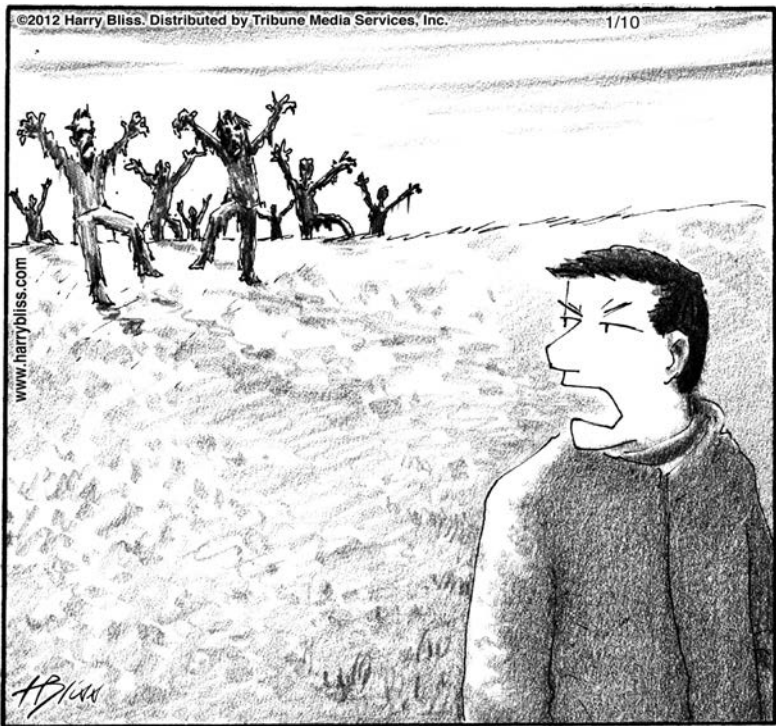
She continued to explain that in Comics Experience writers and artists communicate online, but those in the program will meet each month for sessions in the evening. Frederick said, “We all want to see each other succeed.”

Although “Awaken” in the “Out of Our Minds” anthology has secured a place for Frederick’s pursuit to be a comic book writer, she said she originally “did it for fun and didn’t think I’d do anything with it at all. By way of [her husband] Ken drawing comics, I wanted a crack at writing comics.”

Since then, her foray into the comic book industry has included stories with small publishers as well as second place in a competition by Zuda Comics (DC Comics defunct online comics’ site) in 2010 for “Alexander Kristov,” written by Frederick and drawn by her hus-



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by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Women's Basketball Team Picking Up Steam

Hawks Have Won Their Last Seven Games After Starting 3-8

MAGGIE ZELINKA
STAFF WRITER

The saying "there's no place like home" could not have been truer for the Lady Hawks basketball team this break. While most of the students of the University were rewarded with a winter break, the same could not be said about their team. From December 21 to January 16, the women competed in six games. Heading into the month long break, the women held a losing record of 3-8. By January 15, the Hawks managed to improve their record to an even 8-8 by winning five consecutive games.

The first team the women opposed over break was a 5-5 Norfolk State on December 29. Having home court advantage, the women were able to pass Norfolk 69-62. Although the Hawks did win, it was difficult to tell the outcome during the first half of the game. Both teams were consistent in their play during the first half which lead to a fairly close game at half time with Monmouth having a mere five point advantage. The second half was much like the first, a game of ups and downs for the two teams.

It was not until the last two minutes of play did it become apparent that Monmouth was the dominating team. The key player of that game was junior wing Chevannah Paalvast. She had a career-high 16 points along with four assists.

The team next hosted the Wildcats from Villanova University in which the crowd of 512 people

may have seen the most up in the air game the women have had to date. Both teams kept their offense sharp during the first half and their defense even sharper. By halftime, Monmouth was leading Villanova 27-20.

Villanova bounced back and within six minutes of the second half, they were able to make Monmouth's lead only four points. The Hawks stayed strong and with about two minutes left on the clock, they were leading the game 49-42. Villanova pushed their offense to full force and with 50 seconds left to play, all they needed was a field goal to tie up the game. Luckily for the Hawks, Villanova only scored a basket making the final score 49-48 in Monmouth's favor.

After extending their winning streak to two games, the women then faced Wagner College who then held a record of 2-11. Highlights of the game were Paalvast hitting double digits in points for her third straight game along with Alexis Canady scoring 15 points. Excluding the first minute of play, the women were able to stay ahead of Wagner for the entire game. Safe to say, the women soundly won with a final score of 65-42 boosting their record to 6-8.

Closing out the Hawks home stand on January 9 was a Mount St. Mary, a team with an equal record as Monmouth. Since the two teams seemed evenly matched, it was hard to determine the outcome for the first 15 minutes of play. But at the five minute mark, the Hawks



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Alysha Womack has played a big role in the team turnaround, as she has averaged 13.6 points in seven games this season.

pulled ahead to a seven point lead. The women were able to sustain their lead and secure a 59-52 win making their record one win short of .500. The Hawks then traveled to Long Island on January 14 and St. Francis on January 16. Defeating Long Island 67-57 and St. Francis 53-44, Monmouth brought their record to a game over .500

for the first time all season.

On January 21, the team came back to West Long Branch in order to host a 9-8 Robert Morris as their opponent. Although the girls won that game 75-66, the real headlines were junior guard Alysha Womack for scoring a career-high 27 points to aid the women in their win. With this victory

against Robert Morris, the girls currently are two games over .500 with a 10-8 record. The women are half way done their season at this point and have some tough teams to face in their future. Upcoming games include Bryant on January 28 away, rival Central Connecticut State away on January 30, and Quinnipiac at home on February 4.

Indoor Track and Field Sprints Ahead of Competition

GAVIN MAZZAGLIA
STAFF WRITER

The indoor track and field team has posted some very strong finishes so far this year.

The men's and women's teams kicked off the new year at Rutgers University in Piscataway, NJ the weekend of January 6-7 in the Rutgers Invitational. Monmouth won a combined 14 events for the men's and women's team, the most at the meet since 2003.

Vince Elardo shined once again, after winning back-to-back Northeast Field Athlete of the Week honors. He came in first place with a throw of 17.26 m. in the shot put event. He also finished in first place in the weight throw with a throw of 17.23 m.

Shane Carle finished in fourth place in the shot put with a throw of 15.29 m. In the weight throw, Taylor Bernstein posted a third place finish with a distance of 13.84 m.

In the long jump, Joshua Lewis finished in second with a jump of 6.67 m. Stevenson Cajuste followed with a third place finish, posting a mark of 6.44 m.

For the women, Lindsey Walsh qualified for the ECAC Championships in March after she recorded a high jump of 1.70 m. She also finished in third in the long jump. In the pole vault, Lauren MacDonald finished in first place with a mark of 3.2 m.

In the shot put, Rachael Aliotta came in first place with a mark of 13.02 m.

The next and final day of the meet for the Hawks was promis-

ing. Rachael Watkins posted a first place finish in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 9.15 seconds. Amanda Eller finished in first in the 1000 meter run with a time of 2:57.26.

In the 60 meter dash, Lachelle took first with a time of 7.95 seconds. In the mile run, Jennifer Nelson claimed first place with a time of 5:15.81. In the 400 meter run, Laura Williams finished in first with a time of 58.70.

On that Saturday, the men also continued to post strong finishes. Chris Rutherford claimed first place in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.53 seconds. Khari Bowen finished in first place in the mile run posting a time of 4:22.85. In the 1000 meter run, Ford Palmer claimed first place with a time of 2:27.85.

The following weekend, the Hawks were scheduled to travel to West Point, NY to compete in Army's six team meet.

For the men, Geoff Navarro claimed first place in the 60 yard dash with a time of 7.04, qualifying him for the IC4A Championships. Navarro also took first place in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.58. In the like run, Ford Palmer took first with a time of 4:14.73, also qualifying him for the IC4A's.

Khari Bowen came in second place in the 3000 meter run with a time of 8:35.57, which was a new freshman record. This past week, Bowen received Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week honors for his record setting finish. Bowen was also recognized four times during the cross coun-

try season for his stand out performances.

Elardo once again dominated in both the shot put and weight throw, claiming first place in both.

On the women's side, Rachael Watkins finished in second place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:01.52. Colleen Rutecki took third place in the 500 meter dash with a time of 1:18.57.

In the mile run, Amanda Eller came in first with a time of 4:58.57, qualifying her for the ECAC Championships. First place spots were also taken by Lindsey Walsh and Rachael Aliotta.

This past weekend, some of the team competed in the Great Dane Invitational in New York City while some competed in the Lehigh Mountain Hawk Invitational in Bethlehem, PA.

For the men, Vince Elardo finished in first in shot put with a distance of 18.31 m/60'1". It was good enough to qualify him for the USA Championships. Elardo came in second in the eight throw with a mark of 18.89 m/61'11.75".

On the women's side, Jen Nelson came in first place in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 17:27.30, qualifying for the ECAC's. On Saturday morning, Monmouth posted some solid finishes at Lehigh.

Darvin Henderson finished in fifth place in the triple jump with a mark of 12.78 m/41'11.25". In the shot put, Dan D'Amato finished in sixth place with a mark of 14.18 m/46'6.25".

For the women, Kim Price



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Mark Bernardo and Anthony Branco run for the finish line in a distance relay race.

came in third place in the triple jump with a mark of 11.06 m/36'8" and in the shot put, Amber Brown finished in fifth place with a distance of 11.65 m/38'2.75" followed by teammate Taylor Johnson who finished in sixth place with a mark of 11.33 m/37'2.25".

The Hawks will return to action this weekend when some of

the athletes will compete in the Terrier Classic at Boston University. Some of the others will be competing in the Bison Open at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania.

The Hawks next home meet will be next Wednesday, where they will be competing in the Moonlight in the MAC meet at 4:00 pm.

Ryan Clark Continues to Receive Awards and Recognition

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Shore Conference Player of the Year, First Team All-American two years in a row, and NSCAA/Adidas North Atlantic Region First Team Honors are only a few of the titles that can be added to soccer star, Ryan Clark's, list of achievements. Being named player of the year by bigapple-soccer.com is just one more major accomplishment this junior can add to the list.

The Freehold native first started his soccer career at the age of three when he played for a recreational soccer team coached by his mother. Being the first one in his family to play soccer, Clark tried every sport before he made the decision to give up everything else.

"I've played everything," explained Clark, "I gave it all up before high school to just focus on soccer." And it's a good thing he did because once he reached high school Clark was becoming more recognized in the soccer community. He was named Player of the Year, First Team All State, and All Region Player with 11 goals and 15 assists in his senior year.

Clark never imagined that his soccer career would have brought him to where he is today. "I'll play through high school," stated Clark. "But then people started telling me I could go pro." When deciding what University to play for, Clark really connected with the coaches here and the direction that they were heading in.

As a freshman, Clark started all 20 matches that he appeared in and landed himself on College Soccer News' top 100 Freshmen from Coast to Coast to Keep an Eye on. He ranked second on the team with six goals and 17 points, which tied him for fourth in the league. Once his sophomore year came around, he only continued to



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Ryan Clark was recently named bigapplesoccer.com's player of the year, adding to his numerous accomplishments this season.

improve, contributing more and more to the team.

Although Clark plays midfield he still recognizes the meaning of 'team,' and what it means to work together in order to win. "I couldn't have gotten anywhere without my team," expressed Clark. "You're not going to receive any awards if you don't win." With a mentality like that, it is no wonder why the Universities soccer team has continued to be a strong and successful team.

After one of his most successful seasons thus far, it appears that he has put in his share of hard work and dedication Clark has put into his soccer career. Being named the player of the year is a huge accomplishment. "It's

pretty exciting," Clark explained. "I worked really hard so it's good to see that all my hard work pays off."

Clark's road to success starts bright and early at six in the morning when he wakes up to ensure that he can get his full workout in before practice and classes. With such strong dedication also comes many sacrifices. "I can sacrifice what I'm doing now to better my future," are words that Clark lives by.

Looking up to professional soccer players Christian Renaldo and Zenadine Zenad, Clark hopes to one-day play at the professional level after graduation. His advice for anyone just starting out is to "take it seriously and then just go with it."

Men's Basketball Team Struggles Continued Over Winter Break

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The men's basketball team fell to 4-17 Saturday night after falling to Robert Morris University (RMU) 81-73 in overtime. Junior guard Velton Jones carried the Colonials to their 15th win of the season.

"Velton Jones is one of the best players in this league as a junior. He'll be one of the best guys in this league next year. I bet he was one of the best guys in this league last year. He's a tough kid," said Head Coach King Rice. "That young man just really, really, really had a good game."

Jones led all scorers in the contest with 35 points. He shot 10 of 20 from the field, making six of his 11 three-point attempts.

None of his shots were bigger than one with 2:50 remaining in regulation. Phill Wait had just made a layup to put Monmouth ahead 65-63. Jones silenced the crowd by draining a three-pointer from well beyond the arc to give RMU the lead and the momentum.

Junior guard Dion Nesmith was the leading scorer for the Hawks. He shot eight of nine from the field, six of seven from beyond the three-point line. Facing foul throughout most of the game and eventually fouling out, he scored 22 points in 24 minutes of action.

The Colonials led for most of the first half. Jones scored their first eight points, and eleven of their first 16. RMU was ahead 33-29 at the half, and Jones had accounted for 17 points. Nesmith was leading MU with 11.

The Blue and White came out firing in the second half. Jesse Steele hit back-to-back three's to give the Hawks a 35-33 lead early on. The Hawks went on a 19-1 run to start the half, leading RMU 48-34. The advantage was 15 after a Nesmith three with 12:15 remaining in the game.

From here the Colonials never gave up. Their defense stiffened and they started making their shots. With just over five minutes remaining in the game, an Anthony Myers layup tied it at 61.

The teams went back and forth and were tied at 67 with 36 seconds left. Monmouth put the ball in Steele's hands to make something happen. His shot at the buzzer was off the mark and the game headed into overtime.

The Colonials dominated in overtime, outscoring the Hawks 14-6 and winning the game.

Steele scored 15 points to go along with six steals in the contest for MU. Wait also got into double figures, scoring 12 points in only 19 minutes of action. Andrew Nicholas and Marcus Ware led the team in rebounds, each grabbing six boards.

Myers joined Jones in double figures for RMU, scoring 16 points off the bench. Lucky Jones led the Colonials in rebounding with 14. Velton Jones added six assists to go along with his 35-point performance.

Before this game, the Hawks finally put an end to their losing streak on January 19, when they defeated Saint Francis (Pa.) 68-50.

Mike Meyers Keitt led the way

for the Hawks with 17 points and seven rebounds. The Hawks led 24-23 at half time, and then had a dominant second half.

The Hawks put together a strong defensive effort and in the end they were able to grab an 18 point victory over a fellow NEC opponent.

This week the Hawks travel to Central Connecticut State and Bryant for Northeast Conference (NEC) contests.

Monmouth struggled while students were away on break. The team went 1-8. Their lone win came against Mount St. Mary's.

The Hawks are near the bottom of the NEC with a 2-6 record in the conference. Long Island University Brooklyn leads the conference at 7-0. Wagner and Central Connecticut State are tied for second with records of 6-1. Robert Morris is next with a 6-2 record.

Coming into the Robert Morris game, Monmouth had the worst defense in conference, allowing 79 points per game, 18.5 points more than the conference leader.

Monmouth is also eleventh in the conference in free throw percentage, making only 63.2%. Giving up a lot of points and missing out on easy opportunities like free throws are the kind of things that hurt a team. These are two important reasons why the Blue and White haven't had a successful year so far.

Up next for the Hawks, they will travel to Connecticut to take on Central Connecticut University on Thursday. Following that game then will play another game on the road in Rhode Island against Bryant University.

RJ Allen Selected Fifth Overall in MLS Supplemental Draft

THE OUTLOOK SPORTS STAFF

RJ Allen became the third Hawk to be selected in the MLS Supplemental Draft in the past two years. He joins the likes of Bryan Meredith (selected by Seattle) and Ryan Kinne (selected by New England).

Allen was chosen fifth overall by Chivas USA last Tuesday afternoon.

Allen's Hawk career came to a close with 37 points on 7 goals and 23 assists. He was monumental in helping the Hawks make three straight NCAA Tournament appearances and four-straight Northeast Conference Regular-Season Championships.

This season he also received his second straight All-American Honor and third straight All-Region First Team honors.



Monmouth University:
Where Leaders Look Forward...To The Pros

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Monmouth University; the small private college planted in the heart of the Jersey Shore, surely cannot produce professional quality athletes, correct? There is much doubt that a school of such size and caliber will ever contribute to the ranks of the NFL, NBA, MLB and various other professional outlets...Boy could that assumption be farther from right! Monmouth University, since its inception, has seen its share of draft picks and names heard once or twice on nationally broadcast television.

Today's focus will not be so much on every name of an alumnus who wore a professional athletic jersey, but to focus in on a handful which will dramatically change your perspective on the athletic talent here at MU.

Surely the name Miles Austin jumps out, especially as he repeats the words "Attended Monmouth University" on Sunday Night Football, Monmouth is the alma mater of Kevin Owens, a New Jersey born professional basketball player who has seen time in the NBA Developmental League and is now in Estonian professional basketball. Fellow Hawk alumni and basketball player Alex Blackwell made the leap to the NBA in the early nineties and put Division-1 Monmouth on the map as a member of the Los Angeles Lakers. Other notable alumni from the Monmouth hardwood, according to basketball-reference.com include names of draftees John Blair, Clair McRoberts, Bill Terry, and Don Wiley, who undoubtedly contributed immensely to the Hawk program in their heydays.

As a Division-1 AA football member, critics might claim the program cannot produce NFL ready players. But this again would be an untimely guess. Monmouth-groomed athletes have seen their share of NFL gameplay. This of course includes Dallas Cowboys' stand-out receiver Miles Austin, but also: John Nalbone, former MU tight end who was drafted by the Miami Dolphins in 2005. In more recent Hawk football history, former players Chris Hogan and Tom Ottaiano received serious NFL prospecting. Wide receiver Hogan was signed by

the 49ers as an undrafted free agent early in the season and later was signed to the New York Giants practice squad. Ottaiano, an MU offensive lineman, was drafted by the New York Jets before the 2011 season.

A respectable baseball program such as the one situated at MU bares no ignoring...much respect should be paid to them as they've seen countless numbers of players go on to the professional ranks. Those taken deserve a high respect level and include names like: seventies professional Ed Halicki, former MU standout and recent San Diego Padres September call-up Brad Brach, and recent graduate Ryan Terry who was drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays in 2011. This only touches on Monmouth's historic baseball past, but clearly, eyes must be opening as the column continues.

A nationally-ranked men's soccer program will clearly be expected to put forth professional caliber athletes...and that's just what the coaching staff here did! Players such as Bryan Meredith and Ryan Kinne entered the MLS in 2010 and Hugh McDonald, who played for the New York Red Bulls, even represented his West Long Branch roots in the MLS. These names only touch on a few of the outstanding athletes who have ran across the sacred Great Lawn in history. RJ Allen, just drafted by Chivas USA, is the next name to watch out for. The Women's soccer program can even add that they produced the US National Team's captain in Christie Rampone. Surely, the critics must be silenced by now.

A professional coaching staff may overlook the immense athletic drive this small school holds. But after briefing one's self on the broad history of dominant talent that has passed through the campus, maybe talent scouts may want to book their next trip to an MU athletic event. Being a part of the NEC, which itself has a history of producing professional athletes, Monmouth's future in the area can only be bright. As our programs continue to rise in national stature, attention will only begin to wane more and more towards the potentially of this oh-so-small private 'Jersey college.'



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