

# The Super Bowl is Speculated to be the Largest Sex Trafficking Event in the US

### ANGELA CIROALO

This year's Super Bowl XLVIII at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ will host over 80,000 people and attract thousands more creating an enticing location for sex trafficking.

Sex trafficking, defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.

Clemmie Greenlee, a sex trafficking survivor and advocate working to prevent sex trafficking, told the Times-Picayune that during her time as a victim she was forced to work a significant amount more around the time large sporting events to meet the needs of the increased customers.

"When they come to these kinds of events, the first thing you're told is how many you're going to perform a day," Greenlee said. "You've got to go through 25 men a day, or you're going through 50 of them. When they give you that number, you better make that number."

Large sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, are known for causing an increase in sex trafficking, Chloe Contarino, Director of Development at Love-True, an organization fighting to end sex trafficking in America, said. "Unfortunately, due to the ficking increases during events like vent sex trafficking have created



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Fourty-one percent of trafficking cases reference victims as U.S. citizens, according to a study done by the Polaris Project between 2007 and 2012.

mass collection of men at one single the Super Bowl, the state of NJ has event, there is more of a demand for prepared numerous trafficking prepurchased sex at events like the Super Bowl, the Olympics, and the World Cup," said Contarino.

In response to the belief that traf-

vention initiatives since the location of the game was announced, media outlets report.

Organizations fighting to pre-

programs, information sessions and volunteer operations over the past few months to educate the public about the issue and how to prevent

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PRSSA Members Intern with Oxygen and MTV**BRIANNA MCCABE** 

CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

Members of the University's Shadow PR Firm and Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter interned with celebrity publicist Johnny Donovan at Oxygen's "Bad Girls Club" season finale red carpet event and MTV's "Real World: Ex-Plosion" season premiere party.

Donovan, an American Reality TV Booking Agent and casting director, is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of J Donovan Productions, a media events and talent production company. With his expertise in event planning and celebrity publicity, PRSSA invited Donovan to speak to the University as a part of their Speaker Series on Wednesday, Dec. 4. After his presentation, Donovan extended the opportunity to PRSSA members to intern with him at various events, with the first being the "Bad Girls Club" season finale party. Donovan said, "I was over-

whelmed with emails [of people wanting to intern] following my discussion [at the Speaker Series]... But, I'm honored." After reviewing the hundreds of résumés he received from students with inquiries of interning, Donovan chose five University PRSSA members to join him at the season finale red carpet event on Friday, Dec. 13 at G Lounge in New York with host Gina "GiGi" Lopez of "Bad Girls Club: Miami" son 11. These students included junior Kelly Hughes, senior Dallas Lewis-Bryant, junior Brianna McCabe, junior Allison Phillips and junior Maggie Zelinka.

# MU Alum Finishes 10,000 Mile Bicycle Ride on Pan American Highway

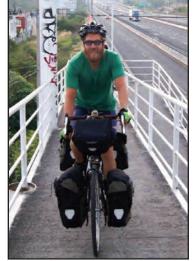
#### MAGGIE ZELINKA SPORTS EDITOR

On most bucket lists, there are the usual 'go sky diving' or 'travel the world' descriptions, but University alum Paul Mandala's bucket list consisted of a 10,000 mile bike ride from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to Panama City, Panama.

My initial motivation started years ago in 2007 when I was asked by my best friend Luke to join him on a cross country charity bike ride working with a non-profit organization," Mandala recalled. He explained that elements as he preferred the natthe organization groups together 18-25 year olds and sends them on a touring bicycle ride where they stop along the way to help build houses.

days with each of the groups and hear what I had learned about when he stayed with us one night but also so much more in that at dinner someone asked him there were new environments what his other dreams were. His as well as people and culture," response was 'the Pan American Mandala continued. "My love Highway," Mandala said. "As for travel and education would what usually happens in life, I got busy with life and the idea later when I studied abroad stayed deep in the back of my in Australia, and was lucky

"One of the heads of the pro- was able to explore what was in gram came out to ride a few my text books, to see, feel and only be furthered a few years enough to snag a humpback whale research position, take biology classes, and still have time to explore all over the different landscapes of eastern and central Australia and Fiji." Mandala also helped further the University's connection to "First I went to the Bahamas the outdoors when he became



mind as a dream.

Mandala graduated from the University in 2011 with a degree in marine biology. While enrolled as a full time student, he consistently cast aside material ural environment and traveling.

for a two week research class. I fell in love with travel instantly because in those two weeks I

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PHOTO COURTESY of Paul Mandala Paul Mandala (pictured above) completed the 10,000 mile journey from Alaska to Panama on his bicycle.

Students met at Long Branch train station at 4:48 pm to take the train to the city

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# University Mourns the Loss of Brandon Fiornascente

JACKLYN KOUEFATI EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Brandon Fiornascente, a sophomore, died unexpectedly on Monday, Jan. 20 at his home in Montclair, NJ before returning to the both I and his classmates valued University from this past winter break.

Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student and Community of Laurel Hall but as a freshman Services, sent out an email last he lived in Elmwood Hall. His Friday informing the campus resident assistant (RA) during community of the tragic news. "The University regrets the untimely death of a member of our community and extend its deep sympathies to his family and friends at this most difficult time," the email read.

cause of death. "Out of respect for doors down from him he made his family we're not pressing for an answer," she said.

Fiornascente was studying psychology and had Dr. Jamie Goodwin, instructor of psychology, for I know he's going to be extremely abnormal psychology during his missed especially by me. Until we spring semester last year. "I can- meet again buddy, Rest in peace." not claim to have known him well

incredibly bright, hard-working student who had one of the highest final grades in a very challenging class," said Goodwin. "He had an aptitude for psychology, and his insightful contributions to our discussions."

Fiornascente was a resident his freshman year was Daniel Roman, a junior political science major. Roman posted a Facebook status last week stating, "I had the privilege of being Brandon's RA but more importantly I am lucky to have also been his friend. I'm Nagy explained that the Univer- really going to miss his incredibly sity is not aware of Fiornascente's nice personality. Living only two our floor and Elmwood a much better place. I can't remember a minute where he wasn't smiling or laughing with the rest of the floor.

Fiornascente was also a part of

(EOF) program, which is how he met Sarah Van Heusen, a sophomore anthropology and elementary education major. "Brandon was the sweetest guy I have ever met," said Van Heusen. "He did everything he could to help others and make sure they were happy. He was smart and had a great life ahead of him. He was always there for the EOF group when we had hard times during the summer."

"One of the most sad things that can happen on a campus is the loss of one of our colleagues " said President Paul. R. Brown. He continued to explain that the University is currently discussing holding a type of public memorial, but they are deferring to Fiornascente's family first.

Friends and family members of Fiornascente, along with students have been posting their condolences and kind words on his Facebook page ever since his sudden death. Patricia Fiornascente commented on his page saying, "I am today, in your own way, to think so brokenhearted over the loss of about Brandon and his family and Brandon Fiornascente was a my nephew Brandon Fiornascente friends."

on a personal level, but he was an the Educational Opportunity Fund the pain is so deep my home will never be the same without sweet thoughtful Brandon. I want him home so bad .... I will miss him profoundly ...'

> People were able to pay their thought of." respects in Montclair, NJ this past Sunday at the Caggiano Memorial Home and Monday at the Immaculate Conception Church. Caggiano Memorial Home created an online page where people can find out information about the services and also leave condolences or light a virtual candle for Fiornascente.

"Our department is deeply saddened at the loss of one of our students. Any loss of life is tragic, but it is particularly difficult when a life is cut short at such a young age. Our thoughts are with Brandon's family, friends and fellow students," said Dr. Gary Lewandowski, Chair of the Psychology Department.

"The loss of such a young person is truly tragic," read Nagy's email. "Please take a moment

Van Heusen said. "I don't think anyone who knew [Fiornascente] could say anything bad about him. I hope he finds his peace in heaven. He'll always be missed and

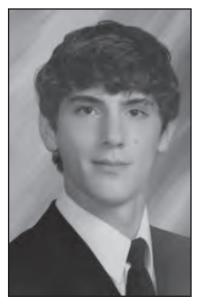


PHOTO TAKEN from caggianomemorial.com sophomore psychology major.

### A Letter From the President

Welcome back and welcome to those students who are new to Monmouth University!

I trust you had a refreshing 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; men's lacrosse competing their first season; Global Understanding Convention in April and many more. The Outlook is a good source of information for you regarding events held on campus.

With the many events taking place, I'd like to point out one of your main priorities. It should be to establish a relationship with your professors and focus on good results in class. Your hard work now will prove to benefit you later in life.

Wishing you all a succesful spring semester. Go Hawks!

Sincerely,

Paul R. Brown, Ph.D. President

### A Letter From the Vice President

Welcome and Welcome Back!

I trust you enjoyed the holiday season and semester break and are well on your way to adjusting to life at Monmouth University. The fall semester was a busy one, and I expect spring to be more of the same!

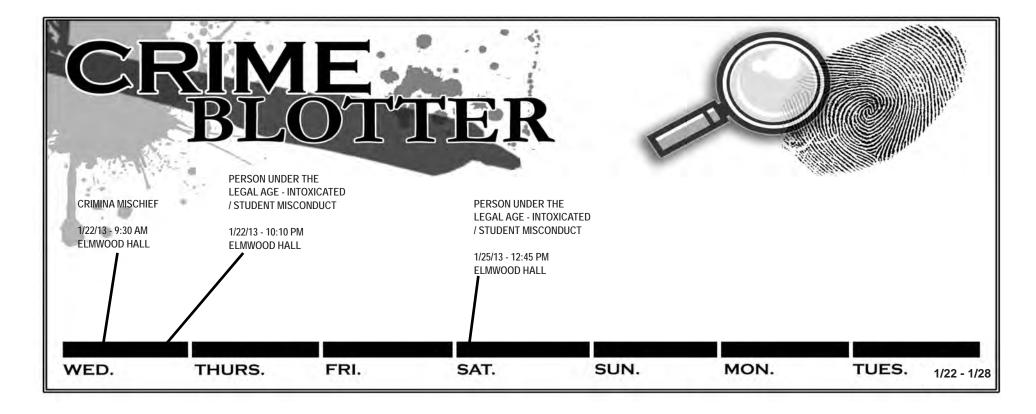
Spring semesters always have a way of flying by us, and this one will be no different. Plan accordingly and take advantage of all that is offered. Come watch our men's and women's basketball teams compete in their first season as members of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). There will be some great basketball at the MAC. Consider joining a fraternity or a sorority. Whatever your interest is - get involved!

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 2014 semester!

Mary Anne Nagy Vice President for Student and Community Services



# **Construction Creates Fewer Parking Spaces in Lot 13**

### PAUL WILLIAMS STAFF WRITER

Construction of the University's newest building, Pozycki Hall, began in the field between Bey Hall and the Rebecca Stafford Student Center during winter break and will continue throughout the school year, causing construction inconveniences, Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, said.

for equipment and safety of the workers on the construction site, approximately 44 parking spaces in commuter parking lot 13, adjacent to Bey Hall, are fenced off along with the entrance to the lot coming from Norwood Ave.

The new traffic pattern and reduced parking spaces will likely resemester, according to Swannack.

Pozycki Hall will be an addition to Bey Hall to provide additional space for the Leon Hess Business School and the Kislak Real Estate Institute. It will consist of four classrooms, a 175-seat auditorium, faculty offices and a student lounge. The 20,000 square-foot structure is anticipated to be completed by summer of 2015.

Despite the temporary cut in commuter parking spaces, Swannack believes the construction should not act as a noticeable interruption kind of loud by [Bey Hall]," he said.

to the student body. "Normally, there is less demand for parking in the spring semester than in the fall, so we anticipate the impact will be minimal," Swannack said.

University students seem to echo that sentiment. Jessica Sayad, a senior communication major, said, "I'm always able to find a spot near Plangere. Parking over [by the construction] would be my last resort, and I haven't had any problems yet."

Although, Sayad does believe In order to provide ample room that to avoid any inconveniences the construction should have begun in the summer ... "because it's a little annoying to walk around the structure, but I can see why the campus needs it."

Sayad also stated that she believes Pozycki Hall will help fill the need of more academic space for the University. "We definitely need more main in effect for the duration of the classrooms. Look at Plangere, it is such a big building, but it only has about six or seven classrooms in it."

Rob Rubin, a junior communication major, said he has not had any problem finding a parking space yet either, but does raise some concern over the potential distractions the construction noise could cause during the semester. "I just thought it was a lot of construction to start over winter break. Depending on the circumstances, maybe they could have held off until the summer. It could be

construction to interfere with the classroom environment and noted that the foundation of Pozycki Hall is only being set down at the moment and the heavier construction is still months away. "The actual construction will not begin until April 2014, so our goal is to get the building foundation installed and the frame up so that the majority of the work will be performed inside the frame, thus reducing construction noise," Swannack said.

Gregory Bordelon, lecturer of political science, teaches several classes in Bey Hall and is confident that the construction will not cause a significant disturbance to classes during the spring semester. "It hasn't been an issue thus far, and I'm sure facilities management have taken steps to mitigate [noise] issues during instructional times," he said.

Bordelon continued to say Pozycki Hall will act as a reminder that the University is continuing to grow in stature and will serve as a functional space for academic instruction.

"Construction on a college campus is a very specific example of that college excelling. We're building because of Monmouth's continued upward recognition," Bordelon said. Pozycki Hall will also feature an

enclosed bridge that will connect it to Bey Hall, making each build-

Swannack does not anticipate the ing easily accessible to University students without having to travel outside. The bridge will be similar to the internal bridge that currently connects Howard Hall and Edison Hall

> Dr. Robert Scott III, associate professor of economics, teaches in Bey Hall's financial markets lab directly below where the bridge is set to be built, and is mildly concerned that once that construction commences it could potentially impact the classroom setting.

> "I've never taught in a building with construction going on, so I'm not sure how loud or disruptive it

could be. They could potentially be doing things above the classroom," Scott said. As a result of Scott's fear. he hopes the construction over his classroom will not begin until the summer.

However, Scott is also excited by the new additions that Pozycki Hall will offer the campus community. "The auditorium will be another place to hold seminars and things of that nature," Scott said. "From a student perspective, I like students to have more meeting areas. Downstairs in Bey Hall, we have some tables, which are nice, but I like the idea of students having more space."

PHOTO TAKEN by Paul Wi

baby's arm," Greenlee added.

The psychological issues that are

caused by these forms of trickery

can be very damaging to the vic-

tim. "Methods that keep women in

the sex industry include restricting

women's freedom to go where she

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and alcohol dependency, using por-

nography as educational tools for

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sexual violence from the pimps,"

There is Hope

In an effort to heal and support

victims trying to leave the commer-

cial sex industry, Love-True plans to

create the first home for underage

victims of domestic sex trafficking

in NJ. Currently there are not any

care facilities for trafficking victims

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dia exposure of trafficking during

sporting events like the Super Bowl.

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Construction for Pozycki Hall, an addition to Bey Hall, will continue until the summer of 2015.

# The Average Age of a Sex Trafficking Victim is 12 to 14

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and react to it. "We're going into hotels around mostly the Meadowlands area and educating the hotel managers and staff on the signs of human trafficking and asking them to put these mini hotel bars," said New Jersey Junior Leagues State Public Affairs Committee.

The information session that Flynn attended on Jan. 25 and 26, called the S.O.A.P. Outreach, included presentations about trafficking to raise awareness and educate law enforcement, airport staff, taxi drivers, students, parents, and any other personnel that may witness or have the opportunity to prevent sex trafficking around the area.

The event also welcomed volunteers to label bars of soap with the national human trafficking hotline to show sex trafficking victims that help is available, Flynn explained.

To further prepare for the Super Bowl, John Comiskey, a criminal justice professor at the University, said even national homeland security is keeping watch to prevent sex trafficking. "High level criminals and terrorists ... see this as an opportunity to make money, a lot of money,'

statistics able to confirm this belief.

Flynn said that during any large sporting events there is a slight increase in sex trafficking, although it is also an ever-present problem that is occurring throughout the nation every day of the year.

The Polaris Project stated, "This Sue Flynn, the Chairwoman of the is a crime that demands attention, vigilance and resources to fight it in our communities 365 days a year." Not only does trafficking occur every day, it is also occurring in every state of America, The National Human Trafficking Resource Center found in a study.

Sex Trafficking is a Nationwide Issue

The reason that sex trafficking has become so common is explained by Louise Shelley in her book, "Human Trafficking: A Global Perspective."

14-years-old when she was lured into trafficking in a mall in Atlantic City, NJ.

"After exchanging numbers, this man called at night while my unknowing parents watched television in the living room," Austin Smith said. She explained that the man called her often and got to know her. He convinced her, like most pimps do, that they were in a relationship until the point that she trusted him enough to run away with him.

'Within hours of running away with a man who turned out to be a manipulative and menacing pimp, I was forced and coerced into working in Atlantic City, NJ until dawn the next day," Austin Smith said.

average age a victim is taken and the pimp gains full control.

sex slavery in America. She was lying, preying, withholding money or blackmail. Coercion can include threats, intimidation, controlling a victim's daily life, and causing victims to feel dependent upon them, inhibiting them from escaping, as defined by the Polaris Project.

Flynn explains that pimps use what is known as grooming or seasoning, to prepare victims for commercial sex with strangers, "...they show them love and affection and then all of a sudden there's a switch, now I have done all this for you, you need to pay me back," Flynn explained.

The trafficking victims must also follow all of the pimp's commands, the Polaris Project states. Including commands such as when to sleep, The Polaris Project found that the eat and how to walk, ensuring that

"Within hours of running away with a man who turned out to be a manipulative and menacing pimp, I was forced and coerced into working in Atlantic City, New Jersey until dawn the next day."

HOLLY AUSTIN SMITH Sex Trafficking Survivor and Author of "Walking Prey"

Nora Smith, associate social work professor at the University, attended a Trafficking Awareness Community Forum on Jan. 11 sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, the All Saints Church of Navesink to discuss trafficking awareness in regards to the Super Bowl. "I became more informed about the topic of human trafficking in general, beyond the Super Bowl, more than expected," Smith said. One of the reasons that abolishing slavery was successful the first time is that it was completely visible," Contarino said. "We need to inspire outrage once more. This is such a hidden problem and the majority of Americans have no idea what's happening to our children, in our towns, on our watch."

said Comiskey. "The proceeds of this human trafficking, these crimes, these inhumane crimes, are being used to finance terrorism."

In a recent study, the Polaris Project, a Washington DC-based nonprofit, found that a pimp can make up to \$632,000 in one year from trafficking only four women or men. "One teenage girl was forced to meet the quotas of \$500 a night, 7 days a week and gave the money to her trafficker each night," the study completed in 2012 stated.

Comiskey said that the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State are working with international communities and immigration control and borders to maintain security.

Though many believe that trafficking is increased during large sporting events, much debate has arisen to whether trafficking does not increase, and instead is a consistent issue heightened by the media. Although, there are not any available

Shellev says, "Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises because it holds relatively low risk with high profit potential."

Shelley explains that criminals are attracted to the trafficking because, "unlike drugs, humans can be sold repeatedly." She also states that there is no legal limit to how many times a person can be sold or will stop the act from happening, unless caught.

Human trafficking is pervasive and it's not delegated to some third world country or part of the world that we don't really travel to," Don Moliver, Dean of the Leon Hess Business School, said during the November sex trafficking seminar. "It takes place in our own backyard."

Holly Austin Smith is an example of just how often trafficking can occur and how commonly, including small suburban areas. Austin Smith is a trafficking survivor and the author of, "Walking Prey," a book describing youth's vulnerability to sold for sex in America is between 12 and 14 years old. They also reported that on average, 100,000 children are forced into trafficking every year, although this is hard to determine accurately because many cases go unreported.

Trafficking, unlike prostitution, includes the buyer of sex. the seller of sex and a pimp or trafficker who controls the transaction.

Any child under the age of 18, according to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, is considered a victim of trafficking, not prostitution. "There's no belief in New Jersey that if you're under the age of 18 in the commercial sex industry that you choose to be a prostitute," Flynn said

In order to lure or trap young women and men into the commercial sex trade, pimps use force, fraud and coercion. Force can include any form of beating, burning, sexual assault, rape, or torture. Fraud can include false promises, deceitfulness,

Lisa Dinella, associate professor in psychology, said based on her research she found that "43 percent of the women reported trying to leave the sex industry multiple times... Others reported returning for economic reasons, sometimes to support their now existing drug habits." They are controlled and abused to the point that finding a way out is very difficult. Greenlee told the Huffington Post, "There's no such thing as we want to go back to these guys."

Greenlee, who was a trafficking victim for a majority if her life, explained that while in the situation, the victims feel that nobody is able to protect them. "They're terrified," she said. "You can say you're going to save us, you can say we don't have to worry about the pimps no more. We already know what power they have shown us. So either you come back to them, or you find out two days later they either got your grandmother or they just broke your little

To get involved, the New Jersey Coalition Against Sex Trafficking created the Half Time Challenge, to encourage people to talk about trafficking during the Super Bowl and raise awareness. To participate, tweet #HTChallenge during the game.

Those who suspect trafficking, contact police, the Department of Homeland Security or The National Human Trafficking Resource Center.

## University Weighs in on RateMyProfessors.com

#### CASSANDRA FIGUEROA ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Technology has enabled University students to measure the a better understanding of each quality of their professors with the use of RateMyProfessors. com. The website, which features online professor ratings, is easiness, and even hotness are a popular destination many students utilize when creating their class schedules.

"Users have added more than professors and 7,000 schools to RateMyProfessors.com. Usergenerated content makes Rate-MyProfessors.com the highest trafficked site for quickly researching and rating professors,"

month are using Rate My Professors."

Different categories on the website allow students to get professor listed. Categories such as department, overall quality, helpfulness, clarity, listed for each professor. Scores from 1.0 to 5.0 are given, with 5.0 being the perfect score.

Students generally use the site 14 million ratings, 1.3 million as a means to help them create a schedule with "the best" professor possible for a specific class.

"I, like many of my classmates at Monmouth, use RateMyProfessors.com to get a general idea of professors. If a lot of the rethe website states. "More than views are terrible, one might 4 million college students each drop or not sign up for a class

a freshman health studies major, said.

Comiskey added that although she finds most of the information to be accurate, students should speculate the reasons behind the ratings and comments.

"I do keep in mind that the students who post reviews are outliers," Comiskey continued. "They are usually students who loved or hated the teacher because very few people are going to go out of their way to write a review about an average quality professor," she said.

Students are not the only ones taking a look at the website. Professors are noticing the comments as well, and agree that different factors must be taken into consideration when reviewing the ratings.

"In terms of accuracy, I would say it really depends," Mary Harris, a specialist professor in communication, said. "As with any online ratings or reviews, sometimes people have one bad experience and then that is what they focus on, but in other instances, people approach their evaluations fairly and honestly."

Harris explained that a professor can receive negative ratings on the site; however, it does not always mean it will correspond with each student. Dominick Mascitelli, a junior

to begin with," Erin Comiskey, political science major, said, "A either flattered or disrespected. professor [on the website] had a low rating because he was a tough grader; he ended up being one of my favorite professors. He does grade hard but he's a great professor."

Meaghan Wheeler, a fresh-

man psychology and school

counseling major, said she

found the ratings to be mostly

accurate in relation to her pro-

fessors by focusing on the over-

overall measurement of the col-

lege or university's professors

as a whole, as well as the num-

ber of professors teaching at the

Comiskey stated that the rat-

ings can be both harmful and

helpful to the professors because

they receive evaluations of their

teaching. "When teachers catch

The website also gives an

all score.

school.

Sometimes, however, I think a few teachers get constructive criticism from it and improve next semester," she said. Although the professors are able to evaluate themselves

"They are usually students who loved or hated the teacher because very few people are going to go out of their way to write a review about an average quality professor."

> ERIN COMISKEY Freshman

> > through the comments, and the students are able to get an idea of each professor before taking the class, the students feel that not all of the site's categories are necessary.

> > Wheeler and Comiskey agree that the "hotness" category is irrelevant. Comiskey said that it is "unprofessional and does not tell whether or not a professor is actually good at her or his job."

Regardless of this slightly ineffiecient aspect of RateMy-Professors.com, the website can still be useful. Wheeler said, "I love the website; I use it every wind of their reviews they are time I schedule a class.'



IMAGE TAKEN from ratemyprofessors.com

RateMyProfessors.com allows students to evaluate professors after taking their class on a scale that includes categories from overall quality to hotness. A 5.0 is the perfect score.

# "Graduation Was The Easy Part"

#### ANGELA CIROALO NEWS EDITOR

Over 450 undergraduate and graduate degrees were awarded by the University on Friday, Jan. 17, as well as an honorary degree given to Robert Santelli, the commencement address speaker.

Santelli is a University alumnus and the Executive Director of the GRAMMY Museum. He was also a professor at the University in the music department. During his speech, he complimented the University as being a very special place to him. "Much of what I became in life and what I eventually did with it, originated right here on this campus," said Santelli.

2014 January graduating class, he reminded the students that graduation was only the beginning of their journey. "Hopefully, you went to almost as many frat parties as you did classes, because now your sleeves."

the years to come including global warming, student debt and the weakened job market in America.

However, to provide students with insight on their futures, Santelli provided them with guidance. "Unfortunately, I really can't offer you a road map of making your dream a reality," said Santelli. "... But I can offer you a few words of advice."

Santelli provided the students with five pieces of advice: find a mentor, always be reading a book, never be afraid of making mistakes or taking risks, find someone to love, and most importantly: listen to a lot of loud music.

"Wake the neighbors, rattle the As Santelli congratulated the windows and your bones, stir your soul and your passion," Santelli said. "Find your inner beat and later in life strive for these kinds of words from your kids, 'Dad, please turn down that music."

Joseph Dellera, President of the challenges really begin," San- the 2014 graduating class, gave telli said. "It's time to really roll up a similar message to his fellow the way," said Colleen Thomas, a Santelli recognized the many is- completed," said Dellera. "And we sues that students will face upon are not yet the men and women we ger to utilize the skill set I devel-Dellera explained that each of come. He addressed some of the the graduates are at different stag-

issues that the class will face in es in their lives. "Some of us are thinking about graduate school, while others are looking for their first job, while others may have just completed a life-long goal," said Dellera. "Whatever the situation may be, there's more that can be done, not only for yourselves but for others as well."

Dellera also provided advice to the University graduates. "If you think not just with your head, but also with your hearts, you will live with no regrets."

The graduation was an event that the 2014 January graduating class will remember for the rest of their lives. "[The graduation] ceremony will undoubtedly be one of the most memorable experiences I've had," said Brittany Hardaker, a University alumnus with a degree in communication. "And will stay with me forever."

Other students explained the feeling of graduation as bittersweet. "I will truly miss the friends and faculty members I met along classmates. "Our journey is not University alumnus with a degree in psychology. "However, I am eaoped during my time at Monmouth and am ready to embrace the next step in my life.' Robert Sculthorpe, Chairman of the University Board of Trustees, assured the students that though they will have many problems to face during the coming years, they will be well-prepared. "You have many opportunities and much to be optimistic about," said Sculthorpe. "The world is waiting for you to make your mark." Sculthorpe stated that he is confident in the University graduates, as he wished each of the students success and fulfillment as they seek to reach their full potential, and utilize the talents they developed at the University. Santelli reminded students, "Having a dream gives you something to shoot for. Going after it offers you the best chance to reach your potential and lead a complete and filling life."

### Love For Animals: A Call to Action

The volunteers at the Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society (MAVS) are hosting a free vegan potluck and presentation led by Debbie Kowalski and Theresa Sarynski, representatives from For the Animals Sanctuary. The event will take place at Monmouth University's Magill Commons Club Dining Room on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 1 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

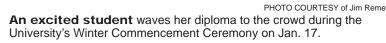
During the presentation, Kowalski and Sarynski will discuss what they do at the animal sanctuary and why animal sanctuaries are so important. "We plan on talking about the animals that we have living at our sanctuary, their rescue stories and how they are doing now with their new animal family," Sarynski said.

Kowalski and Sarynski will also compare the differences of animal treatment among the different farms including factory farms, organic farms and family farms. They will also address the importance of

graduation as well as the many must strive to be." hurtles they will be forced to overveganism for animal lovers and the impact that it can make on the environment.

Individuals who wish to attend the presentation and potluck are encouraged to contribute a vegan dish. Anyone interested in attending can RSVP by emailing Mary Harris at mcharris@monmouth.edu. To learn more about MAVS, please visit www.monmouth.edu/ wellness/MAVS.asp or visit their Facebook.

The Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society (MAVS) is a non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization. MAVS promotes healthy lifestyle and diet options and compassionate living. The organization also provides numerous educational resources to inform the public about the advantages of vegetarian diets. The organization features nutrition experts, health-care professionals, animal rights advocates, discussions on ethical and environmental issues to promote the organization's educational mission and goals.





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### Eenie Meenie Minor Mo?

#### THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

For many students, a college degree implies that a person graduated with a major and plans to pursue a career in that respective field. On the other hand, The Outlook believes that a minor is a very valuable asset for a college student and encourages students to pursue one.

While the pursuit of a degree can be a difficult path, the University also leaves extra credits avaliable for students to elective courses. If you have the ex-

focus it on a minor and put those credits to good use? Even if you have five open electives, that is enough to fulfill some minors offered by the University.

The Outlook thinks a minor can improve

skill sets so greatly that a college student or recent graduate may be a step ahead of their competition, especially if it is complementary to their major. An example of this would be pairing a degree such as journalism/public relations with a creative writing minor. Since both concentrations require a substantial amount of writing, having a creative writing minor furthers the skills that this particular student has already been acquiring. Some editors believe that this tactic can be used in many different schools of study.

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As a criminal justice major, a but we believe the benefits make student is required to know an it worthwhile. Even though the extensive amount about the ju- University's website makes it dicial branch of government. A rather simple to find the underpolitical science minor would increase the student's knowledge about the three branches of government by now becom- the minors. Places on campus ing involved in the legislative branch.

By pursuing a minor, students learn a different set of skills than your major provides while not having to weigh themselves down with too much work. This is especially true if you wish to arate advisor for each specific tra credits to be spent, why not declare another major but do not minor. Students each have a re-

> "If you have the extra credits to be spent, why not focus it on a minor and put those credits to good use? Even if you have five open electives field and yet that is enough to fulfill some minors offered by the University."

> > spots; instead of taking that double major, minor in it. "I think the topic entails? If possible perthey are useful to learn more about either something else you are interested in, or something you want to learn more about,' one editor said. "Taking a minor may open opportunities that you did not realize where there before.'

A minor is also great to acquire if you have an interest that you are passionate about and wish to learn more about the topic.

*The Outlook* staff understands Another example would be that some students are not willing to take on a minor mainly with a political science minor. because it requires more work,

graduate and graduate curriculum charts, it is not easy to find the curriculum requirements for such as the Center for Student Success would definitely have the curriculum charts, but not every student would initially think to use that resource.

Our solution to this lack of clarity would be to create a sep-

spective advisor who is an expert in their chosen field, but their minor may not be in that same the student is still expected to get advice their from already prescribed advi-

have enough general education sor. How can somehow help a student if they do not know what haps some minor curriculum training for the advisors should be offered.

In general, The Outlook staff hopes that the student body will consider the benefits of a minor and the University will do a better job educating their students on what options they have. In turn, the University will take one more step to bettering their student's futures. With a minor, you can show a potential employer that you are versatile and become more desirable. It makes you stand out a bit more than those who pursue only a major.



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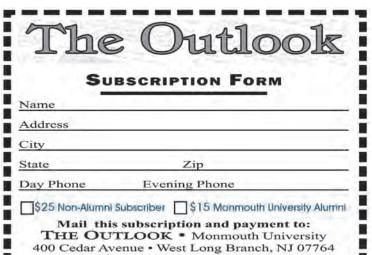




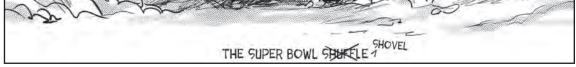
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# The Key Word is Professional

#### WILLIAM ROMBA STAFF WRITER

When kids begin to play Pop Warner football, their parents try to teach them to be good sports. They tell them to always congratulate the other team, be gracious in defeat and that there is no "I" in team. Most of the kids who hear these speeches are around the age of nine. So one would think professional athletes would have good sportmanship. Well, someone forgot to tell Richard Sherman.

In the NFC Championship game a few weeks ago, Sherman tipped the potential game winning pass from Colin Kaepernick to receiver Michael Crabtree. This forced an interception that guaranteed Sherman's Seattle Seahawks a 23-17 victory over Kaepernick's San Francisco 49ers.

After the game was over, Sherman was interviewed by *Fox Sports* reporter Erin Andrews and he was not shy about sharing his opinions about himself and Crabtree.

Well. I'm the best corner in the game," Sherman shouted into Andrews' microphone. "When you try me with a sorry receiver like Crabtree, that's the result you're going to get! Don't you ever talk about me!" When Andrews asked who had been talking about him, Sherman simply responded "Crabtree," telling the receiver not to talk about him and not to "open [his] mouth about the best or I'm going to shut it for you real quick!"

This interview has been the root of a lot of controversy over the last few weeks, morphing from a simple case of bad sportsmanship to the basis for accusations of racism because some fans took to calling Sherman a "thug" because of his actions. Some even went as far as to use the N-word in reference to the 25-year-old cornerback.

Sherman tweeted back to his detractors this past Monday, saying "Last night shows that racism is still

alive and well... And that's so sad ... At least some people respect MLKs dream." Sherman has since apologized for his actions, saying he was sorry "for attacking an individual and taking the attention away from the fantastic game by my teammates "That was not my intent," he said in a text to ESPN reporter Ed Werder.

This incident has simply been blown way out of proportion. Sherman was interviewed right after he was involved in a key play that led his team to their second Super Bowl berth in franchise history. He should not be made out as a villain and called a "thug" because he flew off the handle while being interviewed only minutes after a big win by his team.

However, his actions should not be condoned either. The overall reason why Sherman has caused such a firestorm of controversy is because American s hate a sore winner.

While his interview should not have consisted of a deadpan response, it also shouldn't have been a conceited rant against an opposing player that overshadowed his team's accomplishment.

Yes, Sherman lost his cool at the end of one of the most important games of his career, but he could take a lesson from those kids that play Pop Warner. He should have given credit to the 49ers, who played hard and made it a close game, in addition to mentioning his teammates like linebacker Malcom Smith, the player who actually made the interception to win the game.

The "best corner in the game" should take a lesson from Pop Warner football. Sherman plays professionally he should have tried to act like professionally in his postgame interview.

# Let The New Semester Anxiety Begin

#### NATALI GRECO STAFF WRITER

"The things that have been most valuable to me, I did not learn in school," said Will Smith.

Society has brainwashed our generation into believing that school is the only doorway to success, that attending school is the best option we have as young adults.

What if I said society was wrong? Now don't misinterpret my words, I am not talking about education, I am specifically referring to school. As Will Smith agrees, the most important things in life are not learned between four cement walls in an hour long lecture

We have recently started our spring semester at the University and I can bet my money that the majority would agree this by far has been the best start to a spring semester because of Mother Nature's wonderful touch.

Let's be honest now. The only reason we have not yet complained about our new classes and the dreading assignments is because most of us have not really had class all week.

Nonetheless, I would not place the spring semester top in my list of things I am excited for, especially not after the long, relaxing winter break we just had.

Compared to high school and younger students, I guess we are lucky in the sense that we get an entire month of a break while they only have a single pathetic week and half off.

However, high school students do not undergo the stress and hair pulling we do during the excruciating three to four months of fall semester, so let's just call it even. My month long winter break

consisted of eating endless

amounts of food during the holidays and sweating them off every morning after.

My part-time job on weekends was dead (guess people don't favor eating out during the holiday season?), and my friends still somehow managed to be busy.

So as the spring semester approached, I could feel the anxiety about going back to school, spending Monday through Friday falling asleep in class, stressing over homework, projects and exams all night building up. As well as eating nothing but junk during the day because that's the quickest food around, yeah a total dream come true.

Don't get me wrong, meeting new professors and learning about new subjects is all interesting and fun in a sense, but the thought of giving up homemade food and relaxing afternoons kind of takes away from that excitement of a "fresh new start."

Let's face it, it's not really a fresh new start because after all, it is the same old academic year.

If your classes have two parts

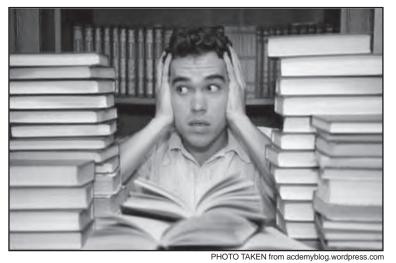
to them, you're most likely dealing with the same professor in the same classroom with the same projector and the same monotonous voice, or in the worst case scenario, the same overly-excited voice.

Did I mention that it has been, sadly, statistically proven that students perform worse in the spring semester than they do in the fall? Just the cherry on top of our delicious spring sundae, right?

At the end of the day, however, whether we are fans of it or not, spring semester has arrived and there is absolutely nothing we can do about it.

I don't think Mother Nature will be fulfilling my request of a threemonth-long snow storm, sorry everyone. But hey, like they say, when you can't beat them, join them.

I invite you all to join me in a better outlook on this spring semester ahead of us. Let's all put our best foot forward and make the best of it, after all, it's only four months 'till warm, loving, sun-bathing summer.



Try to have a positive outlook on everything the spring semester entails.

# 14 Things You Should Stop Doing in 2014

#### **KELLY BROCKETT** ADVERTISING MANAGER

Take a look at your Facebook or Twitter feeds and tell me what you see. If you don't mention links to popular websites such as "BuzzFeed" or "Elite Daily" with posts about the hundreds of things you should be doing in your teens, twenties, thirties, then I'd call your bluff.

grown accustomed to mainly life. With that being said, here all work and no play. are 14 things that young adults should stop doing in 2014:

wasted time could have been spent on engaging in something that you truly enjoy and that makes you happy.

taught us when we were little. embrace it and just be yourself.

**3) Freaking About Grades:** Doing well in school is certainly important. In all hon-The millennial generation has esty, we all are paying an arm and a leg for an education so we consuming media in list form should be working hard and car- tion, set a jar aside to put loose and relying on this practice to ing about our academic stand- change in or just a few dollars thankful for what you have. No to smile. spoon-feed the guidelines to ing. But college should not be When you're feeling stressed, go do something like exercising or talking to a friend to relive stress and clear your mind. Go out every once in a while and do not lock yourself in your room hate to break it to you but these with a large amount of work or studying that can wait a day or

ery meal, drinking heavily at catch on. the bar a few nights a week, impulse shopping and the list goes

Making a home cooked meal for a week or, god forbid, making coffee at home instead of paying five dollars a cup, could add up to the equivalent of a decent spring break trip or weekend in Atlantic City with your friends.

For some visual motivaevery so often. You will be suprised how much money you could be put towards a splurge item or a vacay.

is merely impossible. All of that of it-going out to eat almost ev- a habit or your professors will

8) Being A Negative Nelly:

A positive attitude can go a long way. It takes much more energy to be angry than to be happy. It is easier said than done but when you are pulling the dramatics and acting like your world is falling apart, remember there is always a light at the end of the tunnel and things do turn around.

9) Comparing Yourself:

Count your blessings and be one can have it all. And for all

five years, then it is time for a little less talk and a lot more action.

Actions speak louder than words. For those who doubt you, make it your mission to prove them wrong by being successful.

#### 12) Having Extra Baggage:

Life is short. Focus on those who prove to be worth your time and deserve your friendship. Disregard toxic relationships and the people that give you more of a reason to cry than

13) Cell-Phone Addiction:

on.

Remember what Dr. Seuss we're all a little bit weird," so

#### 1) Having Regrets:

Have you ever wanted to try something but held back because of uncertainty or fear of what others may think? Newsflash! The best moments of your life typically begin one two. step outside of your comfort zone.

that did not study abroad because of fear or doubt wish they did when they had the chance.

Be sure to take advantage of all the opportunities that are at moments of failure. your disposal while you can and not look back years from now with what-ifs.

#### 2) What Others Think:

live your life, then you will waste all of your time scrambling to please everyone, which

#### 4) Sweating Small Stuff:

Chances are there is someone For example, many students out there going through a heck of a lot more than you are and is holding their head high through it all. We all have our moments of success and we all have our

Instead of feeling sorry for ourselves, we should take each defeat as a new challenge, a lesson learned and move forward. If you allow others' thoughts It is easy to do, but remember and comments dictate how you life is short and is not worth stressing over minor things.

#### 5) Wasting Money:

#### 6) Waiting to Get Involved:

"Maybe next semester." I lovely four-thousand peers that walk the Monmouth campus with you everyday, along with students, are your competition in the real world.

Don't wait until it is too late. Join a club, get an internship There is no time like the present.

#### 7) Making Excuses:

Lets be real, sometimes assignments just do not get done by deadline. If that happens, be honest and explain the real reason why to your professor. Chances are your professor will be more understanding and re-

you know, that person you are collect after a few months that comparing yourself to, is envious of something that you have.

Remember everyone has insecurities, issues and concerns about life. Focus on yourself rather than others and everything will fall into place.

#### **10) Judging Others:**

With a generation so infatuthe millions of other college ated with celebrity news and reality television, it is only natural for gossip and drama to be carried over into our personal lives.

> The reality of the situation is that you are not in that person's shoes nor situation and have no right to comment or judge. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but comments made at another person's expense are not necessary.

#### 11) Talking the Talk:

If you have goals for your-The majority of us are guilty excuse. Just try not to make it where you think you'll be in tive outlook on the new year.

This may come as a shock to most, but I promise your cell phone will not self-destruct if you leave it alone for an entire class period.

You may not know this either, but your Facebook, Twitter or Instagram newsfeed is not nearly as valuable as the conversation you're avoiding. Put down the phone!

#### 14) Loving the Snooze:

The opportunity to sleep in is a beautiful thing. However, there is no need to sleep past noon every day of the week: it is such a waste. Wake up, eat some breakfast and make it a productive day. You will definitley surprise yourself and can make your dreams a reality.

It is a new year and if you're not one for resolutions, take these this list into consideration for what not to do. Be realistic spect your honesty over a lame self and aren't shy to tell people with your goals and keep a posi-

# University Students Experience the Politics and Culture of India Over Winter Break

#### JESSICA ROBERTS ASSITANT POLITICS EDITOR

Until Jan. 7, 2014 I have never left America. My 21 years of life and I had never left the country that I was born into, pretty crazy right? I have, however, been to Disney about 10 times which my bragging point was until now

The trip was a part of a fulfillment for a course offered this semester by Dr. Rekha Datta. The class is an International Service Seminar where the students will apply the customs, politics, and various educational experiences learned from the trip into a classroom setting. This method is believed to be a strong one when trying to learn about a different country, especially one as complex as India.

Dr. Rekha Datta, professor of political science and instructor of the course said, "The goal of the trip to India was to offer an immersion experience to students and encourage community engagement through international service."

India taught me a lot of valuable life lessons, some about travel and some about myself. I believe, however, the most important lesson that my experiences taught me is that no matter how much you read, study, and discuss a country or culture, you will never fully understand it until you experience it for yourself. There is a different type of education that comes from the actual experience of a culture, speaking with people, or working within the schools.

Calcutta

When we finally arrived to Calcutta, the time difference was ten and half hours ahead of the United States. By the time our plane landed, we got through immigration, and everyone claimed their baggage there was not a person in the group that could tell you what time, day, or date it was. Our professor met us at the gate and directed us onto a bus that was labeled with the word "TOUR-IST" in big letters on the front.

Everyone told me that when I got to India I would be culture shocked, and I always shook them off saying I knew what I was going into. This was the first time that I realized, it does not matter how much you think vou know about something, you have to experience it firsthand. I was culture shocked (well, to a degree) it was what I expected, what studied, and what I knew about India, but it was still a different feeling to be emerged in it firsthand.

The bus took us to our first hotel, Hotel Casa Fortuna, which was located in the center of Calcutta on a of them liked math). busy highway street. The hotel was

beautiful inside and collaborated with a very popular vegetarian restaurant that was located on its second floor. The employers were all very helpful (maybe overwhelmingly so) to the point you could not open your door without one standing there ready to ask if you needed assistance with something.

When we got to our rooms, we had about two hours to wash up and eat breakfast before our professor wanted us to get started on the day. Our first stop (and most of our time) in Calcutta was spent mainly with Loreto Day School working with the children who were part of the Rainbow Program.

Datta said, "Students got to see firsthand what children born into poverty, rescued from the streets, and the slums go through, how they overcome grave odds and are eager to receive an education, and how some individuals and schools such as the Loreto School in Calcutta through its Rainbow Program, are making a difference in the lives of abandoned children, trafficked girls, and those who have faced sexual and other kinds of violence at a tender age.'

Equal opportunity for education is a major issue in India. In an education forum with political science professors at the Institute for Social Science Research we were able to discuss the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act. This act means to provide more children the right to proper education, no matter what social class they happen to fall under. The Loreto Day School was already way ahead of the governmental legislature when they developed the Rainbow Program, giving the types of children that will be affected by the law the right to better education.

This law, however, puts the pressure on states and private schools to enroll the children. Private schools will now have to set aside a certain chunk of government aid to pay for children who come from lower incomes to attend their institutes.

The positive influence of such an education is clearly seen within the girls already a part of a program like the Rainbow Room. The Loreto girls were some of the most uplifting girls I have ever had the pleasure to know. They do not let their situations get them down; in fact they flourish under them, which is easily through how positive and smart each and every one was. They were all able to speak three languages-Bengali, English, and Hindi and tell us about their favorite subjects (almost none

who went on the trip visited the children of the Rainbow program with understanding, respect, and friendship. Through their compassion, understanding, and care, in the spring semester, they will engage in service projects that will enhance their commitment to making a difference in the lives of those children. Throughout this semester, the students in the International Service Seminar class will design and implement projects to raise awareness and resources for the children as well as address policy issues pertaining to poverty and the role of education in local and global settings.'

We got to take an amazing tour through the city of Calcutta. The tour we took was the "Culture Kaleidoscope" which was a three hour walking tour through the different areas of the city. The tour took us through the vast amount of religions and cultures that are thriving among one another from Christianity, Buddhism, and Judaism to the historical infrastructure of Chinese settlements in Calcutta. Perhaps one of the best parts as well was, with the aid of Manjit, we got to try street food for the first (and sadly only) time on the trip. He took us to the places he knew we could eat, and gave us perhaps the best fruit cake and chai tea I have ever had.

We also had the pleasure to attend various educational forums throughout the trip.

The first was with the college, Shri Shkshayatan College where we were able to participate in a question and answer dialogue with the girls that attended there. Mainly it was them asking us questions and we answered about what it is like to go to college in America. It was interesting to see their perspective on how we live, which they mainly got from movies and television shows such as "Pretty Little Liars" or "Gossip Girl" (we all wish we could be Blaire Waldorf but sadly we cannot be). It was fun talking to them, and seeing how similar their experiences were to ours, or finding out the differences between the two.

Another forum was with an Environmental Organization that discussed the various projects they were working on in order to improve the environment in India. The discussion was in a small room, filled with people who were in charge of the company who spoke along with a PowerPoint of their various projects. One was to work on lowering the amount of auto rickshaw's that were used in India at the moment. The rickshaws were apparently bad on gas and causing quite a problem. Datta continued, "The students The rickshaws were everywhere on



Students and faculty pose at Visva-Bharati University, the college that was started by the world reknown poet Rabindranath Tagore.

the streets, acting as little taxi like mobiles where people could be taken from one place to another. Shantiniketan

After spending a lot of time in Calcutta, we headed to Shantiniketan. There was a major difference in the transfer from Calcutta, a major city, to Shantiniketan a quiet rural area of India. There were cows and pigs walking down the long dirt roads, and a cluster of stores every few miles from one another. However, Shantiniketan was famous for being the home of the one and only legend: Tagore.

Rabindranath Tagore was a famous poet and political influence in his time. To this day, he is still widely regarded as a legend in India culture. Tagore was a strong advocate for education, women's rights, and advocate of India's independence from Britain. He was the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in 1913 for his remarkable work in poetry and music that are still highly influence and renowned today.

Shantiniketan happened to be the place where Tagore not only lived but also started his college, Visva-Bharati University. The campus was beautiful and unique, as it was filled with a variety of sculptures and is pieces done by the students.

#### Delhi

Our time in Shantiniketan was shortly spent, and we were soon on our way to Delhi. Delhi was different from Calcutta and Shantiniketan, as it appeared to be more developed.

Delhi, however is a historically filled city with a lot of site seeing to do. Beyond the beauty and cliché that is the Taj Mahal, there are a lot of military forts, various tombs, and temples to see, and we did not even see them all. We had tour guides to take us through the difference places who had our days planned down to the hour.

Datta said, "Our students adapted to challenges, demonstrated spirited engagement and cultural sensitivity, and extended their hands of friendship to children who are vulnerable, who have rarely seen anyone show any kindness toward them. That to me, is the greatest satisfaction that I got from the trip. It is one thing to come to know about street children and the poverty and harsh conditions they live in, by watching a film like 'Slumdog Millionaire.' It is quite another to get to visit them in reality. Our students cannot stop talking about the children, about social justice and global inequalities."

Datta continued, "With what they saw during their visit, and through their caring and understanding, they intend to create projects and design programs, keeping in mind the dignity of the children, to make a difference, however small the efforts might be. When students demonstrate such engagement and passion to make a difference, that, to me, is the soul of any learning, not just of global education! And, of course, we all had a lot of fun on the trip, we bonded through shared joys, challenges, and memorable moments.'

## **Political Showdown:** What Happned to New Jersey Gov. Christie?

### CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO MANAGING EDITOR

Bridgegate, Sandy advertising, political blackmail and a presidential candidate crumbling. This is what everyone is talking about in the state of New Jersey and around that lies in front of New Jersey Republican Governor, Chris Christie. The once GOP presidential front runner has had his political armor scratched up and dented as he defends his administration in the face of three different controversies.

dynamic figure in New Jersey polichampion that New Jersey needed impeach a man without a smoking

fight to Washington over the aid bill that his own party was holding up. I go back and forth about my feelings regarding the Governor. I am fascinated with him as a politician and the role he has played in New Jersey politics. Do I agree with him the country. This is the situation on everything? Absolutely not. But he did gather my attention with his brass and sometimes rude attitude? Absolutely. Post Sandy, I was glad he was there fighting for the people of New Jersey, especially the local shore area that I love.

With all these scandals circling Gov. Christie has been such a around, it's tough whether anything will stick and force the Governor's tics. I saw him speak in Manasquan hand. Bridgegate has a tie to his staff following Sandy and he was the but not directly to him. It's tough to

post Sandy. He took the New Jersey gun (anyone remember the Nixon tapes?). Honestly my thoughts are the same on the Governor, there are some things I respect and some actions he needs to reconsider his position on. If any smoking guns are tied to him directly, duck and cover for the well-deserved fire storm.

The two issues regarding Sandy money is disheartening if true. I was in Trenton when they funded the \$25 million and my hope is that it would be used for the good of the Jersey Shore and help put people who really needed the help back on their feet. For my belief in people, I hope that the political game did not matter that much that he would risk people's well-being.

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### KATIE MEYER STAFF WRITER

Let's face it: when it comes to politics and voting, we all come down on one of two sides: Democrat or Republican. Very rarely do we cross party lines when voting. It is just the way voters tend to be wired. Unless something drastic happens to change your mind and therefore your vote, you stick with the party you know.

I will be very, very honest with you. I am a liberal. Born and raised. That is something that is not going to change, probably, anytime soon. The few times I have voted, I have voted blue. I almost voted red in the last Governor's race. Why? Because Gov. Chris Christie almost changed

my mind.

When he first took office, uttering Gov. Christie's name in my house was like asking for a fight. You see, Mom is a public employee. She is a librarian who felt the property tax cap at two percent. This meant no raises for her or her fellow librarians. She also felt the backlash of Gov. Christie's negative attitude toward public workers. I cannot tell you how many times she came home from work, reeling from the hostile attitudes people would give her. "My tax dollars pay your salary," is something she hears regularly.

There are other reasons why Gov. Christie and I do not see eye to eye,

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# Gov. Christie Caught in Middle of Three Scandals; Two Involving Superstorm Sandy Related Aid

#### CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO MANAGING EDITOR

has been involved with three scandals that may ruin his chances for a political future on the national stage and change opinions of him around the state of New Jersey.

The scandal that involves the George Washington Bridge or "Bridgegate" as it has been coined was the first scandal in which a traffic study was deemed as political retribution for Fort Lee Mayor, Mark Sokolich, a Democrat, not endorsing Gov. Christie's re-election bid against Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Barbara Buono.

While Christie has not been directly linked to the scandal, members of his administration have been. His Deputy Chief of Staff, Bridget Kelly, sent an email to the Christie appointed Port Authority executive, David Wildstein, saying, "Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee." Wildstein responded, "Got it." The Governor has denied having any knowledge of the political retribution.

Dr. Christopher DeRosa, an associate professor of history, said, "The fact that his underlings created a massive traffic jam for their own or their boss's amusement is a difficult one to shake. It is the rare sort of the scandal that unpacks itself and tells you everything you need to know. It doesn't involve any complex maneuvers or gray areas. From the outline of the story, anyone can grasp the perpetrators' utter charges made by Hoboken Mayor, contempt for the ordinary citizen,

abuse of power.'

Dr. Michael Phillips-Anderson, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie an assistant professor of communication, said regarding the bridge scandal, "The George Washington bridge scandal presents a larger problem that the Hoboken issue. It is an understandable story and he has not framed his defense around be-

and see the completely indefensible and his staff may have held Sandy related aid funds unless Zimmer

went along with a real estate project. Assemblyman Declan State O'Scanlon (R-13) said in a press release, "My district was one of the hardest hit in the state...Now, over a year later we are still digging out from the rubble, folks here in Monmouth continue to need help that the Gov, may be given the bening upset that his staff thought clos- and every dollar is critical to our re- efit of the doubt with New Jersey

percent to 35 percent among registered voters. His job approval stood at 65 percent approve just one month ago." This is the first time since Superstorm Sandy that the Governor's approval rating has been below 60 percent.

Patrick Murray, Director of the Monmouth University Polling, said

### "While there is no proof to date, the allegations directly link the governor to a more serious charge than simple political retaliation."

PATRICK MURRAY Director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute

ing the bridge was a good idea; he's covery." upset that they lied to him. People don't like politicians who make everything about them."

The second scandal involved Gov. Christie and Superstorm Sandy funding for advertisements regarding the re-opening of the Jersey Shore. The \$25 million was used for multiple advertisements that showcased the Governor and his family enjoying the re-opened Jersey Shore. Normally this wouldn't have been a problem but because of its proximity to his re-election campaign, some question whether the Governor used the funds illegally in order to have free political advertising.

The third scandal involves the Dawn Zimmer that the Governor

O'Scanlon continued, "Personally I think Mayor Zimmer's credibility has been crushed with this accusation. Why did she wait so long to come forward with this claim? It seems all too convenient that she started talking on the heels of the recent media feeding frenzy attacking Governor Christie. This is nothing more than a political game of pileon.'

Despite the scandals the Governor has been dealing with, his poll numbers did not drop a substantial amount according to a Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press poll released on Jan. 13, 2014. According to the poll, "Gov. Christie's job rating currently stands at 59 percent approve to 32 percent disapprove

voters regarding Bridgegate. "They didn't really think he had come clean about what he knew about his staff's involvement after the fact, but they don't think he was directly involved. That is forgivable. Mayor Zimmer's charges, though, change that equation. While there is no proof to date, the allegations directly link the Governor to a more serious charge than simple political retaliation," said Murray.

Murray continued, "Up until this weekend's news from Hoboken, Gov. Christie was still the national Republican party establishment's choice for 2016. They haven't abandoned him, but they are anxious to see how he weathers this expanding set of allegations."

among New Jersey residents and 58 Christie may not be in trouble as far executive," said Roman.

as a political future is concerned. "It all depends on how he handles it [the scandals]. If he does not face impeachment or a major decline in approval ratings, it could be an important learning experience for the Governor's run for the White House. He will need to assemble a team with people outside of New Jersey who know how to run a national campaign," said Phillips-Anderson.

DeRosa said that the people of New Jersey should remember that there have been political comebacks despite scandals. "Political history is littered with seemingly foreverdisgraced officials who manage to make comebacks. If you do not want to see the underlings who took the fall in this episode creep back into positions of public responsibilitv when nobody is paying attention, it would be helpful to remember their names: David Wildstein, Bill Baroni, and Bridget Anne Kelly, so far," said DeRosa.

Daniel Roman, a junior political science major said he sees similarities between the scandals that have arisen. "It's a perfect example of how he bullies state officials and tries to show that he is the boss. I think that people always believed these kind of retributive politics happened behind closed doors, but are sad to see it when it really comes out. Especially from Gov. Christie who is believed to be 'above' that and someone people like because he tells the truth and goes against the grain for politicians. But unfortunately these scandals show hubris Phillips-Anderson said that and abuse of power from our state's

## Is Gov. Christie "Born to Run" in 2016? **Recent Scandals May Hurt His Chances**



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has been dealing with three separate scandals which may harm his future agendas and political ambitions.

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the Governor's vision of helping New Jersey but it's hard to say. The Bridgegate scandal baffles Bridgegate is a big deal but I think

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funds in two separate incidents. of that." It is my opinion that Gov. Christo eye, but I was willing to put tie can survive one scandal, but as governor of New Jersey, but me honestly. The Governor had the two Sandy related charges all that aside after Superstorm three just might be his undoing. I think his chances at the White Americans tend to have a very House just got slimmer. Espe-

He might be able to stay on

presidential aspirations whether emotions that would be tied to it, he publically says it or not. If the the political games he said he didn't Governor was foolish enough to risk a second term in office, where he has earned the respect of politicians on both sides of the aisle, and a 2016 run, that's politics at its finest and the Governor scandals have already taken a toll on the Governor's popularity. According to a Monmouth University poll, the Governor's approval rating went from 65 percent to 58 percent in a month's time. According to a Rutgers/Eagleton Superstorm Sandy, the Governor had a 68 percent approval rating and now he is in the mid-50s.

Do I believe the Governor may say. As I said before, without a political ambition did not cloud fighting for his job in NJ.

want played, and how he wanted to assist the people of NJ in recovery. So until more information is available, I think everyone should hold onto their fire and pitch forks.

As for his presidential aspiramay end up impeached for it. The tions, well his possible presidential campaign may have found its kryptonite. Scandals can either build up a politician or destroy him. Sandy helped build up Gov. Christie and now the three scandals could destroy him. Christie has been the punch line of every poll in January 2013 following late night comedian and other GOP presidential contenders. If Gov. Christie has no ties to these scandals, then I think he comes out looking like a fighter who people be impeached? That's tough to are looking to destroy but if he is tied to them, I think a presidential smoking gun, it's all circumstan- campaign should be the last thing tial evidence. I would hope that on his mind because he might be

a substantial lead over his oppo-nent, BarbaraBuono, and he has than Bridgegate because of the source of the source terrifying, hard, and left permanent scars. Governor Christie conducted himself with grace and his usual "take no prisoners" attitude. And when he stood in front of Congress and told them that they should be ashamed for stalling the relief money...he had my vote. That moment changed my mind because he proved that he could be fair - that he could be bipartisan, and that he really worked for the people of New Jersey. Then, Gov. Christie vetoed the gay marriage bill, something that is near and dear to my heart. And then he vetoed the medical mari-

juana bill, something that I have recently come to support because of the benefits it offers patients. And when I stood in that voting booth...well...I voted my issues. Now, Gov. Christie is facing three very big scandals: the Fort Lee bridge closing and the misappropriation of Hurricane Sandy he can say, "I had no knowledge and blue.

short memory, but politicians have proved to have a very long memory. And politicians hold grudges. I sincerely hope that Gov. Christie had no knowledge of the bridge closing and that he fired all of the people who had something to do with the closing. That will help his chances if it turns out he misused Superstorm Sandy relief funds. And if he did misuse the funds, I hope that he misused them on items that can be returned so that those people, who still need help, stand a chance at getting some of that money. And I also hope that he did not "bully" fellow politicians into sacrificing their beliefs for funds.

This scandal, in particular, may be the anchor that pulls Governor Christie down. Why do I say that? Because his friends already in political office are jumping ship faster than feminist is going to stay nice

cially because he keeps acting as if it were business as usual. Did you know he recently vetoed a bill that would make it easier for college students to pay tuition? You would think Governor Christie would throw us a bone, if only to help himself. Voters can be very forgiving. Former President Bill Clinton is proof of that. But Gov. Christie is going to have to sweeten the pot if he wants his political career to continue. Show me, Gov.Christie, that man who stood up in front of Congress. Show me that man who admitted that President Barack Obama was doing an OK job. Show me what you are willing to do for me, and maybe you can have my vote if you progress to the White House. Until then, Governor Christie, this die hard, educated, liberal

# Keeping Up With Your New Year's Resolutions How to Stay on Track to Achieving Your Goals Long After January Ends

#### CAITLIN GOLDEN STAFF WRITER

The tradition to create a farfetched New Year's resolution each year seems like a great way to achieve more than you did the previous year. Many people love to set resolutions to improve their health, work life, and grades in school. But how many people actually stick to not be the best way to make their goals after Jan. 1?

sci-Sophomore political ence major Kayla Moor said, "I really push myself to overall make more healthy choices and to also make a set plan for my future as in a career like setting up an internship in the near future.

Her goals are probably very similar to many college students. But what if you don't succeed? Most people forget about their big New Year's resolutions within a couple of weeks. Time moves fast and goals seems to be forgotten once hectic schedules begin, allowing old routines to quickly return.

Many resolutions are also unachievable or too intimidating to conquer at once. Committing to such a large goal can be scary. It feels great to say it aloud or write it down on Jan. 1, but when the going gets tough as the New Year progresses, you feeling encouraged instead your goal suddenly seems ununrealistic. attainable and Getting six-pack abs sounded amazing and simple, but after aren't going to have six-pack in a few tough workouts and the a month or make enough money temptation of late night snacking, you may feel hopeless.

are going to study extra hard and attain all A's and B's for the entire semester. Three weeks into it, after taking an unexpectedly hard exam, you may begin to give up. This happens every year to thousands of college students who start their year off with resolutions.

New Year's resolutions may changes in your life. But, what is a better solution? Don't stop setting goals, they are a great way to aim higher and feel accomplished when you do work hard and achieve them. Goals make it easy to see what exactly we want. But, try new ways to stick to them. Write them down. People tend to remember things better if they write it out. Next, place it somewhere you'll see. Leave it written on your desk, the background of your phone, or hang a sign on the back of your bedroom door. You can even make a vision board that maps out how you want your future to look in order to constantly stay motivated.

How do you make your goal attainable? Start with small goals you can easily achieve and build yourself up to larger resolutions as the year goes on. These small goals will keep of overwhelmed. Also, don't expect your resolutions to be achieved immediately. You this year to pay off your loans.

Break your goals up into The same situation happens months. On January 1st, make

right? You say to yourself you But, also make smaller, attainable goals for just the month of January that will help you get to your big resolution. Then do it again on the first of each month. The sense of accomplishment you feel at the end of each month will help you to keep pushing forward towards your resolution. Remember that a New Year's resolution is for the whole New Year. You have 12 months to accomplish it. Be patient.

Dr. Lisa Dinella, associate professor of psychology, suggests using the science of psychology to think about resolutions.

Dinella said, "Psychology is the science of understanding and changing behavior, which is what New Year's resolutions are all about. There are general psychology principles (e.g., positive reinforcement: rewarding good behaviors), desensitization (exposure to something that someone finds negative), that can be applied to changing behaviors in general. But there are also sub-fields within psychology dedicated to specific types of desired behavior change (e.g. changing alcohol and drug dependency).'

Even if you have never taken a psychology course, think about using the processes mentioned above to assist you in keeping your resolutions. It can be as simple as using positive reinforcement by rewarding yourself with a new piece of clothing for every pound you lose or good grade you receive.

with small changes in your diet time for break. Learn how to and physical activity. Starting the year off with an impossible workout routine and a strict diet that doesn't allow any food you like, is setting yourself up for failure.

Start your resolutions very slowly. Add an extra five minutes to your cardio, do two extra reps while lifting or try a workout like spinning. Expect that it will be difficult, but accept the challenge and listen to your body as well as your mind. Your mind may tell you to give up, but your body will tell when find yourself proud and accomto keep pushing or when it is plished.

listen to your body and you will conquer greater fitness goals.

New Year's resolutions are a great way to increase your motivation to complete aspirations to improve yourself. There is always room for improvement in every aspect of your life. However, you have to make your goals achievable instead of impossible. Still, never settle for anything less than your personal best. Remember these tips to follow through with this year's resolutions and you will



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If your resolution is to lose **Resolutions** such as going to the gym more may be difficult to stick all the time with your grades, one large goal if you choose. weight or be healthier, start to as the year progresses, but the results will be worth the sacrifice.

# Top Five Accessories that are a Necessity for the Winter Months

### JACKLYN KOUEFATI

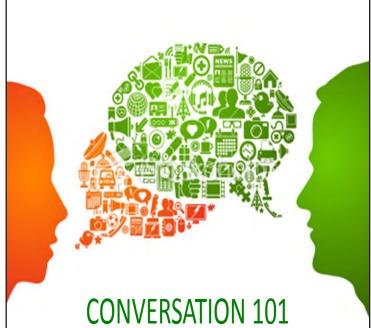
The cold weather is not coming to an end anytime soon, which means dressing warm and layering are an absolute must. These five winter accessories will be sure to keep you toasty and fashionable at the same time during the below zero degree temperatures.

winter months is a winter coat. This sounds like a no-brainer but there are so many different types taking off your gloves. of winter coats, it is hard to make a decision on just one. Some of the not only worn during the winterstyles include: puffer, pea coat, fur, military, slouchy, biker and more. Which style you choose ultimately depends on what look you are going for and how heavy of a coat you want. For extra warmth a puffer coat or a fur coat are recommended. For a trendier look, but a lighter feel, a biker coat or a pea coat is the way to go. Every woman out there loves shoes and every woman is sure to own a good pair of boots. Boots can be worn with almost everything during the winter. They can be paired with a slouchy sweater and leggings, a blazer and skinny jeans or a dress and stockings. Select boots can even change the look of your whole outfit, making it look formal or casual. Elisabeth Medino, a senior social work major, has several pairs of boots. "I have combat boots, booties and tall riding boots," she said. "I love wearing them because they are comfortable and they look great with any outfit."

The third winter essential is a pair of gloves. There are gloves that are fingerless but with the recent cold, fingerless gloves are not the best option. With all the touch screen phones, sometimes people get nervous to wear gloves because they think they won't be able to use their phones. No need to panic because there are many gloves created with special fabric on the thumb and The first winter essential for the pointer fingers that allow you to text, make a call, and do absolutely anything on your phone while never

> Scarves are accessories that are time. However, they are perfect for giving you extra warmth when lavering. They come in all different colors which allow anyone to add that extra pop of color to their ensemble. Alex D'Errico, a senior social work major, said that her favorite winter accessory is a scarf. "... I refuse to get my collarbone cold and it always makes the outfit better." she said. The fifth and final winter essential is a hat. There are all different types and a lot of people wear hats for fashion purposes, but in weather like this, hats are worn to keep your ears and your head warm. A popular style of hat this year is the beanie. They add a little bit of a hipster feel to outfits. "I don't do hats, but I love those knit beanies, young girls with straight Marsha Brady hair can get away with them," said Kristine Simoes, specialist professor of communication.





Other clothing items that are a necessity in the winter are sweaters, cardigans and earmuffs. All of these in full swing.

PHOTO TAKEN by Alyssa Gray Winter coats, boots and scarves are not only fashionable for winter but they also keep you warm.

clothing pieces and accessories make anyone look cute and fashionable in freezing temperatures. So even though we are all counting down the days until we can wear our leather shorts we got for Christmas or that adorable floral pattern dress you for your birthday, just wait a little longer. Be sure to bundle up and soon enough spring fashion will be

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# •The Wolf of Wall Street\* is Howlingly Good

### PETER QUINTON STAFF WRITER

The "American Dream" can mean a lot of different things, but to Jordan Belfort, the titular "wolf" in "The Wolf of Wall Street," it's quite simple: Getting rich and living large. But how far can one push the "American Dream" before it becomes a nightmare?

This is what director Martin Scorsese explores in his latest opus, "The Wolf of Wall Street," a stylish, fast-paced, and completely unforgettable romp through the greatest and most ridiculous excesses to come out of Wall Street that speeds through its three-hour run time in a pristine Lamborghini.

Set in the late 80's and early 90's, when everyone seemed to want a bite of Wall Street's cheddar, "The Wolf of Wall Street" tells the true story of Jordan Belfort (Leonardo DiCaprio), a stock broker who started his own firm called Stratton Oakmont with a bunch of scoundrels in Long Island, employed some more than shady business practices, and yes, got insanely, deliriously rich in the process.

It's sort of a rags-to-riches story, as Belfort's humble beginnings and naïve attitude in the film's beginning greatly contrast the ruthless, hedonistic monster he'd grow into, but "riches" feels like an understatement. In fact, what "The Wolf of Wall Street" does best is highlight just how rich he is, from the enormous pool parties to yachts with helicopters attached to all of the drugs and women in the world, to really paint the portrait of a man on top of the world. But wait, how does that old adage go? Oh yeah, what goes up....

'The Wolf of Wall Street" is without a doubt a Scorsese character piece, and while it's uncertain whether or not Belfort will join the ranks of Travis Bickle and Jake LaMotta, DiCaprio still does an excellent job of bringing the character to life. His slick black hair, fine suits, and terrible tan definitely help him look the part, but the wolf really comes to life in his performance, whether he pursues money-making like a bloodthirsty warrior as he riles up his crawling on the floor after popping

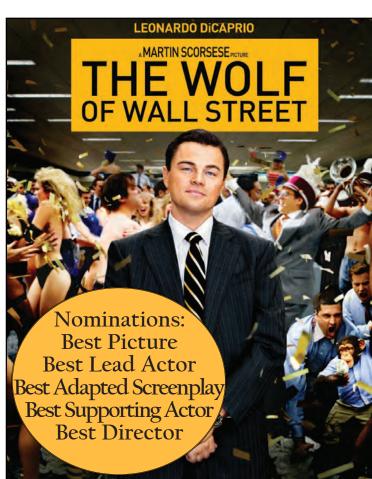


PHOTO TAKEN from dealflicks.com "The Wolf of Wall Street" used the f-word 569 times, the most in cinematic history, save for a documentary on the word.

tons of Brooklyn venom and sass no 80's songs. "Goodfellas" had an to put the Wolf in his place. Also memorable, though highly underutilized, is Rob Reiner as Belfort's father, "Mad Max" Belfort, whose rage-induced swear-a-thons never ceased to be amusing.

Every one of Scorsese's films feels unique in their own right, and "The Wolf of Wall Street" is no different. That being said, it's nearly impossible to watch the film without having flashbacks to one of Scorsese's most memorable films, "Goodfellas" (1991). At times, the comparisons might seem too detrimental, as the story follows an incredibly similar arc, focuses largely on crime (though not on Mafia crime), and utilizes narration and occasional fourth wall breaking to tell the story. And though DiCaprio's narration is full of color and enthusiasm, his voice does sound eerily familiar to Ray Liotta's in "Goodfellas".

But considering the lavish, exarmy of employees or hilariously cessive nature of Belfort's world, happens feels overly gratuitous "Goodfellas" feels like the perfect reference point to tell his story. Like "Goodfellas", "The Wolf of Wall Street" starts at lightning pace and never lets up, using quick cuts and transitions, incredibly inventive cinematography, and scenes that are just flat-out ridiculous. Seriously, the very first scene is of a group of wild, cheering stockbrokers tossing a little person into a bullseye. Also, like "Goodfellas" did beforehand, Wolf does an excellent job of fleshing out the world 1980's Wall Street through its characters and set design. The chaotic offices of Stratton Oakmont are adorned with the blocky computers, fax machines, and corded phones of the era, and many characters, from Donnie's laughable pastel shirts to Belfort's first wife Teresa's (Cristin Milioti) large hairdo, look the part without descending into parody. The only disappointment in this aspect of setting the scene was the soundtrack, which included almost

expertly crafted soundtrack that captured the film's changing time periods, but in Wolf, we get the incredibly out of place Foo Fighters and a pop punk cover of The Beach Boys? Come on, Scorsese; where's the Huey Lewis!

One thing that Scorsese refuses to skimp on, however, is the debauchery, as "The Wolf of Wall Street" might be his most excessive movie to date. "Goodfellas" was a pretty raunchy movie in its own right, but by today's standards, its child's play compared to the amount of sex, drugs, and partying depicted throughout Wolf's three-hour span. And though Scorsese's flicks are notorious for their use of profanity, Wolf sets a new record for use of the "F" word (literally, it has at 569 uses. Look it up).

Though a large threshold for such language and racy activity is required, very little of what or needless Wall Street in the 80's was known for being absolutely excessive and even irresponsible in the way people approached wealth and greed, and the way Belfort and the employees of Stratton Oakmont indulge so haphazardly perfectly drives this point home. Sure it's amusing to see Belfort and Donnie completely zonked out for half the movie, but their inability to compose themselves and dependency on getting high just becomes pathetic. If this is the American Dream, then it ultimately comes off as cheap and rather bleak. "The Wolf of Wall Street" is not only a brilliant examination ultimate trappings of greed and excess in 1980's New York, but an engaging, hilarious, and exciting film that deeply fleshes out not only its main character, but the world surrounding him as well. It's an incredibly fun movie; just don't try to have as much fun as the characters on the screen.

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Peter Jackson's second installment of J.RR. Tolkien's novel, "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug," follows a group of dwarves on a mission led by Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage)to take back the lands that once belonged to the dwarves during their period of success, growth, and stability. Their homeland is demolished by the tyrannical dragon, Smaug (a CGI version of Benedict Cumberbatch) who uses his great size and strengths to destroy the land of Erebor, the kingdom of the Lonely Mountain, and acquire all its riches, leaving many slain.

Thorin, with the help of Gandalf (Sir Ian McKellen) the Grey Wizard, other dwarves, and Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), treks into the Lonely Mountain in order to find the arkenstone-one of his most prized possessions lost among the riches Smaug claims in the Lonely Mountain

The film is filled with tremendous detail from the character's personalities, which reflects Tolkien's literary eloquence. The actors work well with that detail in order to make the story come alive and capture the audience's attention. The visual effects make the hunt for the arkenstone all the more dangerous with the inflections in light in the Lonely Mountain and the drastic changes in color. The changes in color and light exemplify the unsettling fears of all people under Smaug, including Thorin and his pack. It also serves as a simple means of representing Smaug's malevolent nature.

Smaug's large size and thick, impenetrable armor contribute to his fierceness as well. Not only that, but the voice behind the dragon is effective in stirring fear in the eyes of both the audience members and onscreen characters. Benedict Cumberbatch lent his illustrious voice to the role of Smaug and does not fail in capturing said fierceness of the dragon. Cumberbatch not only voiced the dragon but also did motion

capture for the dragon, meaning filmmakers used his face to model Smaug's face. Cumberbatch's role is definitely one of the most intriguing and engaging next to Martin Freeman's part as Bilbo Baggins.

Bilbo Baggins is an example of courage in this film. He serves as a reminder of how the smallest of people could be just as, or more, powerful in mind and spirit than those bigger. His courage is shown in the depths of the Lonely Mountain while searching for the magnificent arkenstone and evading Smaug.

His loyalty to the dwarves and dauntless attitude drive him to complete his task, though it is not actually uncovered by the end of the movie whether or not he actually does pocket the stone. This was a smart move on Peter Jackson's part because it certainly left everyone in the theater on the edge of their seats, fumbling in anticipation towards unfulfilled expectations. It makes the wait for the third film, titled "The Hobbit: There and Back Again," all the better knowing that fate of the dwarves and all others under Smaug's wickedness will still be in the hands of a hobbit who may or may not even have the key to redemption.

A calming excitement takes over as a shift in music occurs during the ending scene, into the credits as Ed Sheeran's, "I See Fire", filled the room. The rises and drops of the song coupled with Ed's silvery voiced lyrics accurately illustrates the feelings of the characters on their dangerous journey fueled by both hope and fear of the fires inside them all as well as the literal fires that destroyed lives and homes. It is a fire expressed by the upswing in Ed's voice mid credits that has a potential to completely take over surrounding lands and peoples. The song ends with light acoustics that again provide hopeful undertones that will be uncovered in the third film.

This film is highly recommended, along with the first, for those seeking a new thrill or cinematic adventure.



too many Quaaludes.

At his right hand throughout the film is Donnie Azoff (Jonah Hill), who although is much less developed as a character than Belfort, is no less memorable. With his tortoise shell glasses, obvious platinum veneers, grating Long Island accent, Donnie is as annoying and desperate a leech as they come, and Hill plays the role to the T as he frequently loses his cool in spectacular fashion and effortlessly spouts out memorable dialogue like they were punctuation marks.

"Wolf" is Belfort's show for the most part, but it wouldn't be a Scorsese film without a fair share of memorable characters peppered throughout. Naomi "The Duchess of Bay Ridge" Lapaglia (Margot Robbie), for instance, seems at first like she's only there to look pretty as Belfort's fantasy woman and eventual wife. However, Robbie finds her inner Mona Lisa Vito while arguing with Belfort, using

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"The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" added characters, such as Legolas (Orlando Bloom, right), who did not appear in the original novel. Hardcore fans find this choice controversial.

# **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KRISTI HUNT**

#### NICOLE MASSABROOK ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

newest artists to be welcomed Marlboro, NJ.

involved in choir and I haven't tivated to practice my butt off!"

#### stopped since," Hunt said. Hunt loves pop music, and

she admires the heavyweights to be in Applied Music Industry Kristi Hunt is one of the of the pop world. "I've always been drawn to pop music that into the Blue Hawk Records has a vocalist with a huge range. family. The music major's love I've always admired Chrisof music started as a child in tina Aguilera for her vocals... Since I was about six years old "I used to put on shows I always wanted to sing like where I would sing and dance her and emulate her. I'm so im- label's latest compilation, Hunt for my family. Once I started pressed by the power and range attending school I was always of her voice. She keeps me mo-

#### Hunt said.

The senior was lucky enough II and Applied Music Industry III, the classes that started the University's record label. This fall, Hunt decided to audition to be an artist on the label. Obviously, it went pretty well.

performed her own music for the first time. Hunt said, "I've performed all over, but the release party in Plangere was the first time I ever performed my own music. I was really nervous because I did not know how it would be recieved by my peers but it ended up being so much fun. A lot of people seemed to enjoy it and I definitely want to do it again."

Her songwriting takes a little more group work than some artists. While Hunt is a solo artist and has been learning guitar and piano for two years, she likes to work with other artists to create her music. Hunt explained, "All of my lyrics and melodies I write on my own but the music behind the vocals I have co-written with people. A few of my songs I co-wrote with Blue Hawk artist Natalie Zeller.'

Jesse Ruben serves as a big

influence for Hunt. Ruben, a Philadelphia native, is a singer/songwriter that Hunt was lucky enough to meet. "His songs are so honest and relatable. I actually got the opportunity to speak with him about songwriting and he gave me so much advice. It was really At the release party for the cool to have that experience with one of my favorite artists," Hunt said.

While Hunt's first single definitely has a light, pop sound, she doesn't want anyone to pigeonhole her. She said she is capable of sounding different. Hunt said, "I would say that my sound is pop with some sultry vocals. My single, 'Baby Get Back,' is very pop but some of my other music that isn't recorded yet is more edgy.

"Baby Get Back" is on the Blue Hawk Records Fall 2013 Compilation album and is available now on iTunes. You can also check out youtube.com/kristihuntmusic to see Hunt cover other artists' songs.

Check out Kristi Hunt's cover of "Royals" with Natalie Zeller at youtube.com/MUOutlook



#### NICOLE MASSABROOK ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

And the winners are ....

Record of the Year: "Get Lucky" by Daft Punk featuring Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers

Album of the Year: "Random Access Memories" by Daft Punk

Song of the Year: "Royals" by Lorde

Best New Artist: Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

Best Rock Album: "Celebration Day" by Led Zeppelin Best Alternative Music Al-

bum: "Modern Vampires of the City" by Vampire Weekend

Best Rap Album: "The Heist" by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

Best Rap/Sung Collaboration: "Holy Grail" by Jay Z featuring Justin Timberlake

Best Pop Vocal Performance: "Unorthodox Jukebox" by Bruno Mars

Best Country Duo/Group Performance: "From This Valley" by The Civil Wars **Best Dance Recording:** 

'Clarity" by Zedd featuring Foxes



PHOTO TAKEN from billboard.cor Pharrell Williams won five awards for his solo work and his collaboration with Daft Punk.

Producer of the Year: Pharrell Williams

**Best Urban Contemporary** Album: "Unapologetic" by Rihanna

Best R& B Song: "Pusher Love Girl" by Justin Timberlake Best Rap Song: "Thrift Shop"

by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis featuring Wanz

Best Pop Duo/Group Performance: "Get Lucky" by Daft Punk Featuring Pharrell Williams & Nile Rodgers

**Best Traditional Pop Vocal** Album: "To Be Loved" by Michael Bublé

**Best Rock Performance:** "Radioactive" by Imagine Dragons

**Best Compilation Soundtrack** for Visual Media: "Sound City: Real to Reel"



Kristi Hunt is one of the newest additions to the University's record label, Blue Hawk Records.

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#### JESSICA DEIGERT STAFF WRITER

"It's San Francisco. shouldn't be so hard to meet cool people in this town," said charming Patrick (Tony Award nominee Jonathan Groff), who's trying to find the right guy for him and figure out what has gone wrong on his search. This solidifies the focal point of HBO's new series "Looking": looking for love as a gay man in San Francisco. With his best friends by his side, looking is only the start of their journey for a happy ever after.

cisco, Patrick is a 29-year-old successful video game developer along with his two best about the lives of gay men and friends Agustín (Frankie J. women. Their explorations of Alvarez) and Dom (Murray their sexualities were common Bartlett). All three of them are amongst storylines. "Looking" gay and are trying to figure out is different, because these chartheir love lives. Patrick wonders acters are not struggling with where he goes mistaken, due to their sexuality, which was a a history of bad dates. Dom is approaching his forties, is still single and is saddened how he can no longer attract younger men with ease. Agustín, with his boyfriend are exploring whether to be monogamous or not. The pilot episode, "Looking For Now," opens with Patrick having an erotic encounter with a stranger in a park because he is desperate for companionship and love. He soon realizes that this isn't his style. He has just been invited to his ex-boyfriend's bachelor party, which next big thing from the looks of triggers emotions of loneli- it so far, but it is worth a viewness and wonder. He begins to question his dating life. Dom is hung up on his ex and Agustín is experiencing minor growing pains with his boyfriend. Anybody and everybody can relate to them and certain experiences of these characters already, no

matter what their sexuality is.

er with a magnetism of appeal. It They are likeable and realistic characters. Their efforts are seamless and flow smoothly to convey these characters truths. Leading man Groff steals the show with his charisma and very relatable journey to find love. His soft, easy-going voice with a hint of vulnerability is hard to not be charmed by. Alvarez and Bartlett add some extra spice with their sharp wits. All three main characters mix together in a modern and amiable fashion.

Many have already assumed Set in modern day San Fran- that this is just another "The L Word" or "Queer as Folk" from Showtime, which were shows major storyline for certain characters on those shows. These men all are already "out of the closet." Of course, each show is different with some similarities. Just like those other shows, "Looking" wants to capture the authenticity pertaining to characters, places, issues etc. and does so nicely. It wouldn't be hard for many people to see parallels of perhaps themselves, a family member or a friend in the show. This show is by no means the ing. It is lightly sprinkled with modern technology references ("Instagram filters ruin everything. I can't tell if this guy is cute or not," Patrick said) and humor. It can come off dry and dull at times, but that does not mean that it is a bad show.

what it wants to be. It wants to be a show that gives perspective of life as a gay man in San Francisco. In fact, they shoot the show only in San Francisco to enhance the validity, especially since it is a sexually open place. Unfortunately, many other places are not as open and accepting as San Francisco, a city notorious for its acceptance of the LGBT community.

10:30 pm on HBO. Although it is for it every Sunday.

It has heart and does not try so capable of having a wide range The cast blends nicely togeth- hard to be something other than of viewers that will be interested in watching, "Looking" is rated TV-MA for mature audiences only. Language and sexual natures within may not be suitable for younger audiences.

Give "Looking" a shot. It may not be everybody's cup of tea, but what show is arguably liked by everybody anyway? It has a realness to it that works and hopefully many can relate to the characters and themes within. It "Looking" airs Sundays at may have you glued and looking

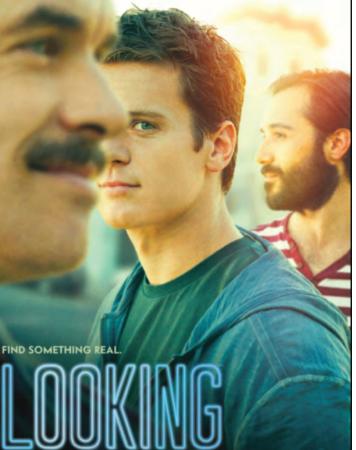


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"Looking" chronicles the life of gay men in San Francisco and is lead by Jonathan Groff, the voice of Kristoff in Disney's "Frozen."

Best R&B Album: "Girl on Fire" by Alicia Keys

Best Song Written For Visual Media: "Skyfall" by Adele Best Rock Song: "Cut Me Some Slack" by Dave Grohl, Paul McCartney, Krist Novoselic & Pat Smea

For a complete list of winners, check out grammys.com.



Macklemore, Ryan Lewis and Mary Lambert were joined by Madonna and Queen Latifah for "Same Love," during which 34 couples were married.

# Less Stress for Sophomore Housing in Fall 2014

### WESLEY BROOKS STAFF WRITER

The new semester means the time has come to start thinking about housing options for the next school year. Over the break students and their families received a lengthy packet in the mail about this process. Luckily, for rising sophomore students, things got a bit easier as they along with the incoming freshman class are also guaranteed housing for next year thanks to a new dorm that is set to open near the University library in September.

Ray Gonzalez, Associate Director of Residential Life said, "while the actual selection process is not changing, it does give us the ability to guarantee housing to all rising sophomores who are participating in the housing selection process. Prior to this year, while there was no guarantee of housall requests for housing over the last three years."

Freshman Erica Villa is excited about this. "I think it is good that sophomores are also guaranteed housing. I am excited to get a suite with my friends and have another vear on-campus."

Freshman Kelly Loebs is also relieved that this year there will be no worrying about getting a high number in a housing lottery or having to move off-campus. "I feel that it decreases stress for all of my friends as well as myself and we all get to stay together another year," said Loebs. "We were him or her in and they get a room originally thinking about getting a house off-campus, but changed our minds due to this option to avoid conflicts."

Freshman Michelle Bacchetta also agreed that there are more benefits than disadvantages when it comes to living on-campus. "I am excited to have another year on-campus because it is better than trying to locate an off-campus house or apartment which can be very expensive."

Sophomore, Jennifer Young, strongly agreed that staying oncampus is a positive thing, but more from the point that first year students have more to deal with in terms of adjusting to college life. "I know many first year students are stressed out enough by the new demands of college and having to get a house off-campus adds even more. Having another year set oncampus alleviates tension at selection time and some students are not ready to locate an off-campus house as freshmen due to this major adjustment."

A few students still think that ing, we were able to accommodate this will cause some stress. Freshman Annie Siegel said, "Students still have to figure out their dorm preference and it will be difficult for those with high numbers."

> While housing is guaranteed, the number system that has been used in past years for the selection will still be used. This system, upon payment of the housing deposit, generates a random number for students to use to select their housing assignment. The higher the number, the less of a selection a student has. The only exception to this is if a roommate or friend with a lower number pulls together. Thus, a person with a high number who is not pulled in may not get his or her first choice of preference in terms of building

both suite and quasi-traditional style dorms available.

Sophomore, Lena Kaplan also agrees that some students may have had a difficult time finding some friends to live with for the following year. "Some students mate from last year and this will give the chance for students to find others who are more compatible with their living styles." This on Web Advisor and selection will would be even more important for students move to an off-campus sophomores.

style. For sophomores, there are may have not had a suitable room- house during their junior or senior vear.

Housing deposits will be collected from Feb. 3 through Feb. 14 take place on April 3 for juniors the coming year because many and seniors and April 5 for rising



PHOTO COURTESY of Suzanne Moore

Sophomores' stress over on-campus living in 2014 decrease as their housing options increase with a new dorm intended mainly for second year students set to open in fall 2014.

### The Buzz About *BuzzFeed:* A Rising Internet Media Platform

#### JESSICA DEIGERT STAFF WRITER

The internet never ceases to amaze with its vast amount of, well, everything. Just one click and endless amounts of information pop up to inform, amuse or pieces. If an issue is spreading ranged from, "19 Things You Miss

goes on in people's heads. Popular website BuzzFeed has recently risen to internet glory by capturing things in media, news and more, and having editors and users sprinkle in humor within most

just to make you wonder what like wildfire in the technology realm, then BuzzFeed is on it.

Upon visiting their website, there are various links for different stories and topics. Most links are chock full of lists to provide laughs. Previous articles have



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After Graduating College" to "The 40 Most Insane Things That Happened This Year in Florida." Users have flocked to the variety of topics provided on BuzzFeed in millions.

Humor isn't the only aspect to the site though. Worldwide issues strike a chord amongst the articles and readers. Poverty, war and politics are amongst the many issues compiled into the site. For younger readers who may not be as informed as older readers, this is a great way to spell out what is happening today with critical problems that affect everybody in one way or another.

The site was founded by Jonah Peretti in 2006 and is still Writing Services in the Center growing in popularity. It aver- for Student Success. ages about 85 million visitors each month. The site has ex- dia professions do head to the panded to many other countries site for the news often now for and makes millions of dollars its rapidness. However, it hasn't each year. Talk about a budding reached a certain "King of Soglobal domination. The question still remains however, what is the buzz with BuzzFeed? "I find myself constantly checking the site, because it's up to date with the media and has hilarious lists that make me laugh," said Junior Amanda Saginor. It's a tough media world out there when it comes to growing in popularity and being trendy. The numerous themes within their site and the ability to easily access and pick out what interests us, is pleasing to internet users all over. When so many people are complaining and arguing via comments and statuses on other social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter, BuzzFeed allows people to laugh or be informed, rather than to become infuriated. Com- can be entertained by another list ments are allowed on *BuzzFeed* of humor and amusement.

post areas, but are certainly not the main focus of the site.

*BuzzFeed* is immensely popular with this celebrity ridden society as well. If a star gets arrested, expect BuzzFeed to post in full detail about it in minutes. If a celebrity says something dimwitted, then the website is on the issue with funny memes to enhance this comical perspective on the person. It is almost to the point (if not already there) in which a troubled celebrity does not want to be spewed across the site's main postings for their misbehaviors.

"I initially thought that it was a paparazzi thing," said Dorothy Cleary, Director of Tutoring and

People in the pop culture/me-



### 7 Bizarre Trends That Predict An Economic Collapse

on cracked.com

At any point during an economic downturn, there are always obvious signs of the recession. But during these times, there are less-noticed but totally bizarre indicators that things are bad.

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### Doctor Who Yo Mama Jokes

Just a couple of Whovians exchanging some good old-fashioned Doctor Who yo mama jokes. WATCH VIDED 1

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The Most Popular Holiday Gifts Through The Ages The holidays mean one thing: running to the stores to grab the hottest toy in town. Take a look at some of the most popular holiday toys then and now, and the price tags that match the times.



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Newly trending media forum, BuzzFeed, combines fun and serious issues with humor, memes and gifs to make articles more appealing and understandable to a wider audience.

cial Media" status that most would agree belongs to Facebook.

"I've never even heard of it," said Junior Jake Sparacio.

Just with any company, they start from the bottom in order to make it to where they are currently. Growing pains come with everything. *BuzzFeed* is rising more and more with its trendy outline and contents. It is popping up on television now and is not just on Twitter or on Facebook as "shared" links. It is emerging quickly with notoriety and pretty soon, it may stand up against other internet sites with fame and popularity. The opportunities are endless with social media and BuzzFeed shows no signs of slowing down. If anything, it will have users slowing down the speed of their mouse scrolls, just so they

# University Alum Goes the Distance

### Class of 2011 Graduate Paul Mandala Completed a 10,000 Mile Bike Ride from Alaska to Panama

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sity's Outdoors Club which is still active today.

With a love for travel, Mandala set out to challenge him- roads, and secret surf spots," self and felt the Pan-American Mandala said of his American Highway bike ride was the perfect fit.

wildlife, weather, loneliness, out amongst the giant cactus unand differing environments, you are constantly challenged both physically and mentally," Man- low on water feeling like I was in dala said as he explained the obstacles on his ride. "However, the I cannot leave out the Costa Rimost difficult thing to overcome can rain forests as this on its own is by far mental fatigue, in particular the part that comes from a solo adventure. It's a lonely road breathtaking sites, not all of when pedaled alone, especially the sites were breathtaking in a when you're pedaling seven plus positive way. hours a day."

ity of the ride alone, Mandala global warming, urban sprawl, did have some company on certain legs of the journey.

"I was lucky that a few good friends came out of their way to I landed in upper Alaska above be a part of my adventure. We the Arctic Circle, it was almost looked like a pretty make-shift 90 degrees outside. It was an ungroup of riders; Rebekah had borrowed her mother's bicycle that area." was too large for her and only had a basket and rear rack, Sam bor- not the worst of what he saw. rowed my old road bicycle which had nothing gear wise for touring, and Luke was riding his old road deforestation. bike with a rear rack and brand new panniers. While I was riding est to reach, most dangerous my touring bicycle adorned with two front panniers, two rear panniers, a handle bar bag and even is actually the lumber compahad a waterproof bag strapped nies." on top of my rear rack. Although we couldn't carry much gear we Mandala's aspirations to better made it work," he said.

it was not so much the compansomeone to share the beauty of the scenery with.

Washington State, the beautithe founder of the Univer- ful and magical rocky shores of Oregon's misty shores, and the mountainous coast of California with the redwood forests, windy leg. "The Baha Desert was amazingly beautiful but hot and lone-"Endless hills and mountains, ly. I will never forget camping der the stars at night and struggling through the mid-day sun, the middle of nowhere. Of course was a dream come true!"

starting with the rain forests of

Although he saw many

"In my classes, I heard words Although he biked the major- like deforestation, overfishing, suburbs, cultural integrity, and sustainability. I learned the dark truth behind these. When precedented heat wave for the

Mandala noted that this was Throughout the bicycle tour, he witnessed an absurd amount of

"In fact, even in the toughjungles, filled with guerrillas and drug traffic, the real threat

This trip not only furthered the environment, but it also en-Mandala also made note that lightened him to better himself.

"If I were to redo my trip ion of friends that made the ride again, the two main things I complete, but primarily having would change would be my pace and that I would ride with a partner. I would go slower, "The west coast was gorgeous ride less, stop more, talk to



PHOTO COURTESY of Paul Mandala

Paul Mandala (pictured above) poses for a photo during his 10,000 mile journey.

more people, take more pictures and live every second of the trip to its fullest, and more if it were possible. While I loved my experience, riding alone has made me grow in ways I never thought possible and gave me plenty of time to think. I stand firmly on my belief that humans are not solitary animals."

Now that he has finished an-

has proven to himself that with a new language, and dive into the proper mind set, much can new cultures.' be accomplished.

his 10,000 mile bike trip. Along the way he was able "to learn perience all the changes of en- my future."

other item on his bucket list, he vironment, meet people, learn

In reflecting on this expe-At 25 years old, this remark- rience, he said, "It's been an able man challenged himself amazing experience so far. I and succeeded in completing don't know where the world will take me after this but at least I know I choose my path about the world first hand, ex- and that I will open the doors to

## Back to Class: Readjusting to Campus Life After Winter Break

#### VICTORIA KEENAN STAFF WRITER

In the popular movie "Billy Madison," Adam Sandler sings, "Back to school, back to school, to prove to dad that I'm not a fool." Many college students can relate to that, especially when they're heading back for their second semester.

may be in, the second semester is with your family, you get used to the time to put their old classes in their routines again. You're used to the past, reunite with friends, and seeing your parents, siblings and attempt to bring up their GPAs. But after a month of Mom's homemade food, sleeping in your own at school." She added, "It's nice to bed, and showering in your own see your family everyday, espeshower, going back isn't always as easy as one may think. As a junior, I live off-campus, so I get to cook my own food and only one other person uses the same things as I do. I lived on-campus for the first two years however, so I had my fair share of dining hall food and waking up at 3 am on Wednesday mornings because people were screaming outside my dorm hall. Still, I didn't really understand appreciation until I came home for my first Christmas break my freshman alarm clock again instead of natuyear and I could shower without rally waking up is an abrupt way sandals on. Going back to that was definatly a little rough. Junior Stephanie Hamilton, who lives in the Great Lawn apartments, said getting readjusted to being back at school is hard. "You get so used to having your 50-60 new names."

parents go food shopping for you, your laundry being done, and everything in the house always being cleaned."

Hamilton added, "It's also a change going from having your own space, especially your own bedroom, then going back to sharing everything with roommates."

Junior Chrissy Deliberti, who lives in a house off-campus, No matter what year students agreed. "After spending a month pets on a everyday basis, something that you can't do if you live cially during the holidays. You see family members you don't usually get to see and people are generally happier when in the Christmas spirit. It's definitely nice to come back and have your own space though, I think everyone at this age needs some time away from their families, even if you're close with them."

mester, I was itching to get back home. After many sleepless nights, countless hours of typing papers and studying things I was probably not really comprehending, the only thing that was pushing me through was getting to see my family. The thought of sleeping in my own bed for about a week straight didn't hurt either. No matter how much I decorated my off-

As finals wrapped up last se- campus house, it didn't compare was about that time to go back to to the elaborate display my mom pulled out, complete with every snowman figurine known to mankind. Needless to say, I wanted to be home.

As break went on, I was so happy to be able to lay around my own house and be with my family and friends. Yet as soon as my mom starting asking me to do chores four months until we're back with around the house again, I know it our families again.

school. Now that we're back, it's time to get back into school mode, focus on our new classes, and get used to typing papers again, all while managing to have social lives. Like Billy Madison said, lets all try to prove to our parents that we're not fools. Because if you think about it, there's only a short

Dr. Eleanor Novek, associate professor of communication, agreed that it is tough to readjust after break. "Having to use the to start the day. I really enjoyed being able to catch up on sleep. But it is nice seeing everyone again."

Novek added, "One thing that is hard for professors in the beginning of the semester is learning



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Students learn to readjust to doing their own laundry, going food shopping and sharing their bedrooms and bathrooms with roommates on-campus after a month long winter break at home.

## PRSSA Students Hit the Red Carpet in New York City

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to meet Donovan at the venue for 7 pm to prepare for the event in its entirety. Upon arrival at Penn Station, the students maneuvered their way through the streets of NYC until they reached G Lounge, the site of the red carpet event.

Students were divided into two jobs - press check-ins and celebrity arrivals.

Press check-ins consisted of students verifying the media that was to be in attendance, distributing their appropriate press credentials, and handing out celebrity one sheets, which are sheets that list all of the celebrities that will be in attendance so the press knows whom they are shooting.

Hughes, a public relations major and PRSSA Communication Director, was in charge of press network and distribute business check-ins. She said, "I have learned how a red carpet event works on a small scale. It is pretty cool to watch how it all plays out, start to finish, and what you need to do to handle the press." Hughes added she also learned about media relations during this internship.

"Our chapter has experienced

outstanding opportunities to

network with industry professionals.

We sincerely appreciate the

experiential education opportunities

that Mr. Donovan has offered to our

PRSSA students."

MARY HARRIS

Co-Advisor of PRSSA

arrivals were responsible for co- interested to join him at his next

carpet for publicity purposes, and escorting them to their appropriate seats in the roped off VIP section of the bar to enjoy their complimentary bottle service.

Lewis-Bryant, a television/ radio student and Co-President of Fundraising and Events for PRSSA, was assigned the duty of celebrity arrivals. He said, "I realized that you have to take this job seriously because not only are you representing Johnny, but you are representing the venue as well as the invited celebrities.'

Celebrities that appeared throughout the course of the night included Christina Salgado of *Oxygen*'s "Bad Girls Club" season 9, Love Majewski of *VHI*'s "Mobwives," and recording artist Lori Michaels.

Donovan urged students to cards to contacts at the event. He advised his interns if "an opportunity comes knocking on your door to take it, because you never know what can happen."

Once the "Bad Girls Club" event concluded, Donovan told the interns he was more than pleased with their combined ef-Students assigned to celebrity forts and invited those that were

"Real World: Ex-Plosion." Following the "Bad Girls Club" event, Hughes, Lewis-Bryant and McCabe remained as part of Donovan's staff for the "Real World: Ex-Plosion" event.

According to the confirmed guest sheets provided by Donovan, the "Real World: Ex-Plo-sion" event had over 200 people in attendance, which was almost triple that of the "Bad Girls Club" event. Due to the increase in size, Donovan accepted an additional four interns (junior Erica Bonavitacola, senior Jessica Rinaldi, junior Taylor Vullo and senior Sarah Yung), for a total of seven University PRSSA members, to help organize and run the event.

Students were again divided into working either press checkins or celebrity arrivals with the exception of Lewis-Bryant and Bonavitacola being given more responsibility than the rest. The pair received their own company email with J Donovan Productions and were responsible for contacting publicists and celebrity managers in order to invite the celebrities to the event.

Celebrities that were present on the red carpet were Farrah Abraham of  $\overline{MTV}$ 's "Teen Mom," Chris Scali of "*MTV*'s Are You the One?," and "GiGi" who made a return from "Bad Girls Club: Miami.'

Kristi Silver, Co-President of PRSSA, said, "I think it is awesome that a speaker we brought in is giving opportunities to our members.3

Silver said the goal of the PRSSA Speaker Series is to bring in professionals who are actively working in a specific field related to public relations to discuss what they do and the steps they took to get there, as well as to allow students a chance to network and gain internships.

Mary Harris, co-advisor of ordinating the travel times of ce- event on Tuesday, Jan. 14 from PRSSA and specialist professor, lebrities, checking them in, po- 8 – 11 pm at Bottomz Up Bar said, "Our chapter has experi-PRSSA and specialist professor, sitioning these stars on the red and Grill with host Jay Gotti of enced outstanding opportuni-



PHOTO TAKEN by Brianna McCabe MTV's "Teen Mom" star Farrah Abraham arrived at Bottomz Up Bar and Grill in New York to publicize Johnny Donovan's red carpet

ties to network with industry professionals. We sincerely appreciate the experiential education opportunities that Mr. Donovan has offered to our PRSSA students.'

event alongside University students.

According to Donovan, one of his next major events is Abraham's birthday and book signing event which is in the process of being developed. Because she is "major in the public eye right now," he said, it is going to take a lot of preparation and organization and therefore is interested in accepting more applications from prospective University interns

Lewis-Bryant, now an em- students.'

ployee of J Donovan Productions, said Donovan's events acted as an extension of what he has been studying in the classroom. "I feel amazing to be given the opportunity alongside my fellow classmates [to work with Donovan] because it helps build up our résumé while we are still in school and allows us to market ourselves when we graduate and apply for jobs," he said. "Donovan is someone that you definitely want to connect with because he knows a lot of people within the entertainment field, and I am so thankful for everything he has offered us

# Out of the Classroom and into the City: PRSSA Visits Top Public Relations Firm MWW Group

#### KELLY BROCKETT ADVERTISING MANAGER

Executive board members of the University's Shadow PR Firm and Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSservice public relations firm and lege level.

#### tern or employee.

Joseph Cohen, Senior Vice President at MWW and National Chair of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), expressed that campus visits are beneficial for aspiring public

Laurel Weber, a junior communication major and PRSSA Vice President, felt that it was important to note how welcoming the MWW staff was towards the visiting University students. "MWW promoted a really com-

ing to MWW and getting to experience what their typical day at work was like and getting a feel for the atmosphere, it totally opened my eyes and made me realize I could see myself there."

SA) chapter visited MWW, a full relations professionals at the colfortable, healthy atmosphere [during our visit] that, to my Talent Acquisition, offered valu- opened our eyes to how much global agency, on Thursday, Jan. Cohen stated that though knowledge, made us all want to able advice and solid tips on how 16 at the company's New York MWW often hosts several local apply on the spot," said Weber. to get a foot in the door at MWW.

said Rinaldi. "However, after go- individuals have more to offer the company and tend to possess more creativity.

Kelly Hughes, a junior public relations major and PRSSA communication director, felt that the agency tour was a valuable Alan Cohen, Vice President of experience. "I think [MWW] opportunity there is working at an agency, and the variety you get between all the different clients and job responsibilities for working with those clients," said Hughes. "The MWW staff also prided themselves on being willing to throw their interns right into the fire and work hands on which was appealing." The visit was organized by Casey Allocco, a junior communication major and PRSSA secretary, as a part of the University's student-run firm and PRSSA Chapter's newly implemented agency tour program for its members. "Our organization is looking to continue exploring more firms and asking as many questions as possible in order to network with industry professionals," said Allocco. "I would like if next time we can include some of our general members as well as the executive board so

City location.

Members of the University's student-run firm and PRSSA chapter were provided an inside look at what the agency has to offer from both a client and prospective employee standpoint. Current MWW employees thoroughly discussed the agency's areas of expertise, a typical day in the life of an MWW employee. as well as valuable tips regarding the company's recruitment and interview process.

A representative of each department spoke to the students about their practice area and what their specific position entailed. This provided students with an idea of the various areas of specialization and opportunities within the agency. Through the presentation, students were founded and maintains its corpoalso able to determine if their rate headquarters in NJ, we love personality would be a good fit supporting a great local school," for the company as a future in- Cohen continued.

"Over the years, we've hired a number of Monmouth students who have become some of our best employees ... As a firm that was founded and maintains its corporate headquarters in NJ, we love supporting a great local

school."

#### JOSEPH COHEN Senior Vice President at MWW

universities for campus visits, the agency's relationship with Monmouth is particularly valued. "Over the years, we've hired a number of Monmouth students who have become some of our best employees," said Cohen.

"Also, as a firm that was

Prior to visiting MWW, most members of the University's student-run firm and PRSSA Chapter had not given much thought about pursuing a career at an agency or firm. This originally forgone pursuit now became a goal for Jessica Rinaldi, a senior communication major and Shadow PR account executive.

"I was [originally] so against working in the city at a firm,"

He expressed that an applicant should not solely focus on promoting their work that has been accomplished through college, extra-curricular activities or internship experience, but to also promote one's personal brand. A company is interested in who the applicant is as a person and is looking for a well-rounded individual. The premise behind this that everyone has the chance to notion is that the well-rounded experience it."

## SAB Presents Comedian Thomas Dale in Anacon Hall

### LOUIS GARBARINI STAFF WRITER

approximately 60 students laughing out of their seats at the University's Comedy Night hosted by the Student Activities PMSing. He joked about how Board (SAB) last Friday, Jan. much he loved straight guys, 24, at 8 pm in Anacon Hall.

an was very involved with the wishes he was a girl and not a crowd and established a loose, gay man. comfortable and appropriate

comic environment.

Dale expressed his message through his comical spirit about Comedian Thomas Dale had growing up gay in an Italian family with a cop as a father, an emotional mother and three psychotic sisters who are always

his work on Chelsea Handler's staff. This research consists of running show, but Bellina adshow Chelsea Lately where he has been part of her round table. He also has a YouTube channel where his video "S\*!t Long Is-land People Say" has almost half a million views.

Comedy Chair Courtney Lockewood discussed what how nice it must be to be a girl, SAB did to host and set up com-From the start, the comedi- and how sometimes he even edy night. "The pre-production process started with general research conducted by the 12 Dale is most famous from manned SAB executive board

tral acts, or an occasional email from an agency," she said.

Once the prospects are found, the names are handed over to Megan McGowan who is in charge of SAB. According to Lockewood, the financial process is then completed, and calls to finalize dates and booking begins.

This year, SAB has been bringing the comedy shows to life by adding small intimate tables of four or more and adding tea light candles to really set the mood.

Amy Bellina, Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations, said, "There are a couple different ways that SAB works for pre-production. We get a ton of mailers and emails about information on different acts and performers, but also they attend The National Association of Campus Activities Conference where performers are showcased, where some of the prospects come from. The pre-production process is a long one that usually starts a semester ahead."

Once a comedian is selected, the school has no involvement with the material produced.

"The students choose the performer after an initial viewing, we have no say in the material. So far we have not run into any problems with that," Bellina said.

were satisfied with the smooth students to attend.

YouTube videos, Comedy Cen- mits that she would have liked to see more people. Comedy Night was open to all students, listed everywhere, advertised on campus and had free admission.

"I think comedy crosses a lot of interest. Where in music somebody may like one type of music or band and another may not. It is also a great stressrelease and it's good to laugh," said Bellina.

When asked how the University could increase attendance for campus-sponsored events, Allison Clarke, a senior, said, "The problem isn't with how the University promotes events, it's students who don't go to events. I go to events that I can contribute my time and money on and enjoy, but plainly put, most of these kids are too lazy to go to events or they are just too interested in partying instead of bettering themselves at educational events or going to fun campus events."

Whether this means taking more surveys of what the students want more on campus keeping prices low and planning events on days that students do not have other social activities, commitment, or reasonable show times, the University is working on in-creasing attendance and awareness of campus event and shows. Students should also realize that the SAB do not have huge budgets like other schools do and are required to have at Both Lockewood and Bellina least one program per week for



PHOTO TAKEN from ThomasDaleComedy.com

Comedian Thomas Dale had University students in hysterics when he joked about growing up gay in his Italian family.

# **CLUB AND GREEK** ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Monmouth Area Vegan Society

The Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society (MAVS) is hosting three free and fun events this semester that are open to the public. Events are held in the Magill Commons Club Dining Room. There will be a vegan potluck at each event, so please contact Professor Harris for details and to RSVP, email mcharris@ monmouth.edu. The first event is "Love for Animals: A Call to Action" presented by Debbie Kowalski and Theresa Sarzynski of For the Animals Sanctuary on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 1 pm. The next to be announced event will be held on Sunday, March 30 at 1 pm. The third event of the semester is "Vegan Advocacy: Empowering Others to Encourage Social Change" presented by Jon Camp of Vegan Outreach on Sunday, April 27 at 1 pm. Look forward to seeing you all there!

### The Running Club

The Running Club will be meeting this semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm. For now, we will meet at the track in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). When it gets warmer, we will run outside more often. Also, for anyone interested in competing, Monmouth will have several home indoor track meets which are open to all ages and abilities. The upcoming meets are on Wednesday, Jan. 29 starting at 6 pm (800 meter run or 55 meter dash), Saturday, Feb. 8 starting at 1 pm (1 mile run), Tuesday, Feb. 18 starting at 6:30 pm (1 mile run), and Wednesday, Feb. 26 starting at 6 pm (800 meter run). Contact our club advisor, Coach Joe Compagni, or Club President Mitchell Parker by emailing s0888670@monmouth.edu for more information.

### Monmouth Oral Communication Center

The Monmouth Oral Communication Center (MOCC) is your go to place for all things public speaking. Making a speech? A presentation? We're here to help! MOCC offers peer tutoring every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the first year advising offices in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Additional hours are available upon request. MOCC also holds

### Meet and Greet with the Greeks Semi-Annual Event held in Anacon

#### TAYLOR KELLY LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The semi-annual Meet the Greeks took place on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 9:30 pm in Anacon Hall. It was an opportunity for 300 students to meet members of all Greek Life organizations before formal recruitment which takes place next weekend.

Anacon Hall was flanked with tables, each one dedicated to a different fraternity or sorority. It was an opportunity for all of Greek Life to gather together in

a few minutes about your own experiences, you can change their minds about Greek Life.'

Senior communication major Christina Amascato has been a sister of Delta Phi Epsilon since her freshman year. She said, "Meet the Greeks is a really fun and enjoyable event not just for potential girls but for us as well. We get to meet different people and give them a preview of what we are all about. Hopefully, that will get them excited to register for round robin."

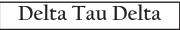
Jon Buchalski, Assistant Dione space. Interested students rector of Student Activities for had the opportunity to visit each Fraternity and Sorority Life aidtable which displayed various ed in making Meet the Greeks a crafts, flags, letters, and cloth- successful event. He said, "The event is always a successful op portunity to get a little more in-There, interested students formation about our fraternity Even though the event was a success, Buchalski noted that the weather caused some last minute changes. He said, "It was about the same turn out as the fall semester even though because of the snow storm we had to move locations to Anacon Hall in the Student Center. As our community grows, this event may not fit in the Student Center anymore." Guests were also able to watch performances by members of Lambda Theta Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha throughout the event. Meet the Greeks was an opportunity for students to become familiar with Greek members before formal recruitment which will begin on Friday, Jan.

### CommWorks

CommWorks meets on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in Plangere room 235.

Club Lacrosse Team

Meetings will be Wednesday at 2:30 pm. The location is still to be determined. If interested contact Kevin Houston email: s0851081@monmouth.edu



Delta Tau Delta is coming to the University in February to start it's newest chapter. We will be looking for men of excellence who are interested in being part of something new and very different than anything currently offered by fraternities at Monmouth.



Join 5678 Dance Club for a super fun Zumbathon, next Friday, Feb. 7 at 6 pm in Anacon Hall. Admission is \$3. See you there!

weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in Plangere 135.

### Gender Studies Student Club

We are writing to invite you to come learn more about the plans to re-activate the University Gender Studies Student Club! In the past, University students have been able to do amazing club events and activities that raise awareness on campus and in the wider community about gender justice issues, as well as create safe social spaces for interested students to come together and just have fun! Would want to be a member of a club like this if we could get officially re-approved by the SGA? If you answered yes to either question, please join us at one of the interest meetings on Friday, Jan. 31 in Bey Hall 230 or Wednesday, Feb. 5 in Bey Hall 230.

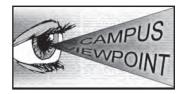
ing representing their organization.

mingled with members of each and sorority community." fraternity or sorority, asking questions about recruitment and Greek Life as a whole. They also brought around a sheet to mark off each fraternity or sorority in order to be entered into an iPad raffle.

Most students were freshmen, but there were also sophomores and juniors that attended the event.

Junior political science major Rhianna Grossi said, "It was great to meet all the girls involved in Greek organizations and everyone answered all the questions I had.'

Junior health studies major Matt Buccino is a member of Phi Kappa Psi. He said, "Meet the Greeks is a great opportunity to interact with people you may have never seen on campus before. By talking to them for just 31.



### What do you think of all of the construction on-campus?

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*Emily sophomore* "I'm a commuter so as a commuter it's kind of annoying with the parking lot out there and it blocking off everything."



Angelica junior

"Honestly I don't really think much of it. Yeah it can get annoying but it's not a real big interruption."



Mallory sophomore "We have a beautiful campus and it's just annoying because it's an eyesore. I'm a tourguide too and it just gets in the way of things."



Michelle junior

"It just sucks because the parking was already an issue to begin with and with less spaces it makes it even more difficult."



Dominick junior "If it supplies more buildings for students and gets more people to come to Monmouth then I guess I'm for it."



Moyi aka 'Pony' communication professor "I believe that it's totally necessary and useful to campus. Of course it will bring some inconveniences, like the parking, but that's all temporary."



Kosta graduate student "Well the construction is kind of inconvenient but it will be nice to have the new buildings. They probably could have timed it better though."



Eva senior "I think it's so annoying and so inconsiderate and there is nowhere to park. And it's

ugly!"



Jason freshman "I haven't really noticed it to be honest."



Maria and Alex freshman and junior

"It's whatever, new things are good. It's nice that we're expanding and that it will bring new students in."

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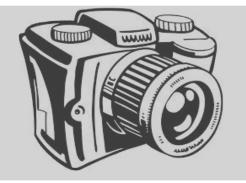
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# MOMENTS AT MONNOUTH

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A GROUP OF MONMOUTH STUDENTS POSE FOR A QUICK PICTURE WHILE AWAY ON A TRIP TO INDIA OVER THE BREAK (PHOTO COURTESY OF CALCUTTA PHOTO TOURS)

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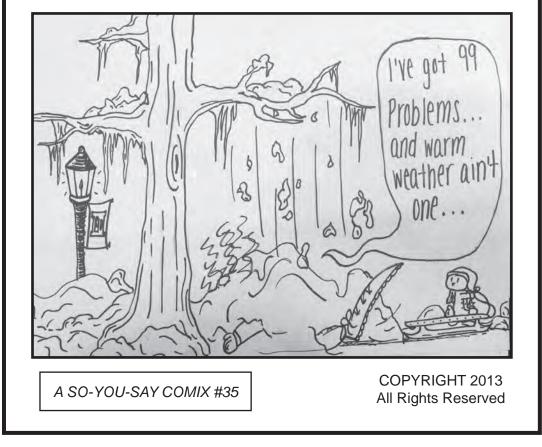
ONE OF THE INFAMOUS MU SQUIRRELS HUDDLES IN A TREE DURING THE FIRST BIG SNOWSTORM OF 2014 (PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GRAY)

#### **ABOVE RIGHT:**

SENIOR JESSICA ROBERTS POSES WITH A YOUNG GIRL WHILE VISITING THE TOWN OF KOLKATA, INDIA (PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA ROBERTS)



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# Preview of Super Bowl XLVIII: Denver vs. Seattle

### ALFRED TILLERSON STAFF WRITER

When the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos battle at MetLife Stadium during Super Bowl XLVIII, it will be a "Clash of the Titans." The game will take place this Sunday, Feb. 2, with kickoff set for 6:37 pm.

The Seahawks (13-3), the champions of the NFC by way of the NFC West after defeating their inner-division rival, the San man made headlines for insult-Francisco 49ers, have the NFL's top-rated defense. Led by a ferocious front-seven that can apply controlled chaos upon the opposition's backfield, they managed to hold their opponents to 102-yards rushing per game while collecting 44-sacks.

Even though the Seahawks' front seven is star-studded and very talented, led by Bobby Wagner's 120-tackles and KJ Wright's run-stuffing 80-tackles, the bunch that steals the headlines and draws the notoriety is the Legion of Boom, featuring the brash Richard Sherman and his band of terrors Earl Thomas, Kam Chancellor, Byron Maxwell, and company. Their no fly zone, led by Sherman's eight interceptions, have held their opponents to 172-yards per game.

A lot has been made of Sherman's post game antics following their victory in the NFC Championship Game over their divisional rivals 49ers, but he's the kind of athlete who talks a big game and backs it up with his onfield play. The third-year player out of Stanford has been tabbed with covering the opposition's top receiver and has done what has been asked of him. In three seasons, the Compton native has collected 20-interceptions while getting his hands on 57-deflections. Despite his stellar play, which has got him named to the All-Pro team with another on the way, his talk has overshadowed. He first made a name for himself sey native, Knowshon Moreno. by chewing out Tom Brady fol- They also have the league's deep-

toriety after being mic'd up by NFL Network during Seattles' playoff contest against the Washington Redskins last season and famously being punched in the mouth by Redskins' offensive tackle, Trent Williams, following another victory from the upstart from the Pacific Northwest.

Before this past incident, when he criticized and called out Michael Crabtree of the 49ers, Shering television broadcaster, Skip Bayless, on his show ESPN First Take. Sherman, a former 4.0 student from Stanford University, lashed out atBayless and repeatedly said that he is better than him at everything and life. Bayless, who is not very popular by most because of his strong opinions on professional athletes, was speechless and took the verbal jabs by Sherman.

While most applauded Sherman because he did what most viewers wished they could have done, the same people who cheered for him during that maylay took shots at him for his lack of professionalism. When looking at both incidents, my response to it is, "Did you expect anything different?"

In the other corner, we have the Denver Broncos (13-3), the champions of the AFC by way of the AFC West following their victory over Tom Brady and the New England Patriots. While Denver's defensive unit has been pretty stout, ranking in the middle of the pack of the league for total defense, the Broncos field a record-settle offense behind the right arm of future hall of famer and the older brother of Giants' quarterback, Peyton Manning.

Manning led the NFL in passing (5,477-yards) and rewrote the record books with 55-touchdowns. Denver also fields the league's fifteenth best rushing attack behind the legs of New Jerlowing a Seahawks victory. He est stable of pass-catchers with the field against the Broncos,

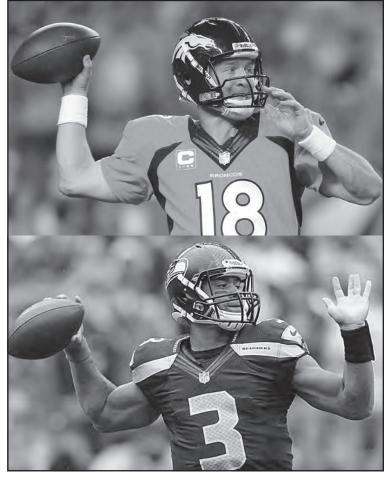
then drew more praise and no- five receivers able to take over a football game at any moment. Manning can find holes in the defense with Wes Welker, can put the ball in the hands of Demaryius Thomas and let him fight for tough yardage, hit tight end Julius Thomas down the seam, or chuck it deep for Eric Decker. He has a deep arsenal and the Broncos can kill a team in a multitude of wavs.

> For the last few weeks, Manning has been in the news for his usage of the word, 'Omaha!' He's been reported to have said it just shy of 100-times and he made jokes in the news about saying that the call either indicates a run or pass. Omaha, which is common football nomenclature, is a live word to tell his players on the field that the play clock is winding down and the ball is to be snapped on the next sound. During Sunday's game, listen to Manning as he barks out his commands as the ball is snapped on the first sound. "Omaha, SET!"

> With this dense background of each team, the question now asked is what are the expectations for the game? In terms of match-ups, I expect to see Sherman play primarily against Demaryius Thomas, who led the Broncos with 1,430-yards receiving and 14-touchdowns.

> Occasionally, you should expect to see Sherman play oneon-one against Decker, but expect more of his duties to be on Thomas. Also, I expect to see Seattle's front seven overwhelm Denver's offensive line, who onlyallowed Manning to be sacked 18-times, the lowest around the league. Pete Carroll, the head coach of Seahawks, is a defensive guru and will find ways to beat the Broncos' protection. I do not discredit Manning's ability to put his offense in the best position to win, but I expect Seattle's defense to apply a lot of pressure on The Sheriff.

When Seattle's offense is on



PHOTOS TAKEN FROM businessinsider.com and cbssports.com Peyton Manning (top) and Russell Wilson (bottom) will star as this year's Super Bowl quarterbacks.

viewers will see a heavy dosage of power runs from Marshawn Lynch. Lynch, who finished the season 1,257-yards and 12-touchdowns, should find some wiggle room against the Broncos, who ranked seventh in the NFL in rushing defense tied with Seattle.

When the Seahawks aren't pounding the football up the middle, expect Russell Wilson to buy time with his feet to find talented receivers Golden Tate, Doug Baldwin, Jermaine Kearse and tight end Zach Miller down the field. Lastly, I expect Seattle's offense to eat up a lot of clock to keep Peyton Manning and the Bronco's potent offense on the sideline. Can't win if your offense doesn't score, right?

All in all, I have to go with the old football adage, "Defense wins championships." As much as I'd like to see a good old shootout, I expect Seattle's defense to take advantage of their opportunities and for that to lead to a victory over the Broncos for their first Super Bowl title.

This would make a very surreal story for the Broncos and their fans, which had to watch their head coach, John Fox, miss some time due to an aortic valve replacement. Also, this would be Denver's first championship since John Elway repeated in 1997-1998.

However, I expect the underdog Seahawks to prevail in this game, 28-24.

# Track and Field Place Top 10 in Events

### MAGGIE ZELINKA SPORTS EDITOR

The University's track and field squads competed in the 2014 BU John Thomas Terrier Invitational held in Boston, Mass as well as the NYU Team Challenge at the New York Armory this past weekend. The Invitationals split up most of the events with the majority of the race at 7.74 landing her in the the women's events on Friday and 13th. Graduate student Lachelle then men's primarily on Saturday. The NYU Team Challenge featured performances from freshman Steph Sparacino as she placed 14th in the women's 200 meter dash with a time of 28.01. Freshman Noel Labb competed in the women's 400 meter dash where she took 17th place finishing at 1:02.65. Sophomore teammate Chelsea Penn was close behind placing 22nd with a time of 1:03.48. Freshman Melissa Ganz participated in the women's 500 meter dash for MU placing 18th at 1:24.05.

crossed the line at 7.09 seconds earning him ninth.

The women had a rather busy Friday as they also competed in the Terrier Invitational which featured over 20 colleges. Senior Mariah Toussaint was one of MU's top finishers in the women's 60 meter dash as she completed Wallace was not far behind as she

ten 60 meter dash finish a senior Garner, Williams, Antoinette Isekenegbe, and Frye finished in fifth place out of 38 teams.

> Junior Lauren McDonald led the Hawks in the pole vault with a second place finish of 11' 9 3/4". Sophomore Hawk Brittany Papa finished close behind in fifth place.

Toussaint showed an impressive second place finish in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, eight inches. Senior Rachel Aliotta placed fifth in the shot put and third in the weight throw. Day two of the Terrier Invitational showcased the men's events and brought many top ten finishes for the Hawks. The men's distance medley group placed first in their event with a time of 9:54.86 which now qualifies them for the IC4A but also marks the second best finish in the University's history. The group included junior Andrew Langille, freshman Dylan Capwell, sophomore Kevin Sullivan and sophomore Domenick D'Agostino. The squad finished nearly seven seconds ahead of the competition.

for the IC4A but also marks a freshman record.

Sophomore Ahmier Dupree rounded out the 60 meter dash top ten and finished as MU's top runner in the 200 meter dash.

Senior Jalen Walker earned third place in the 60 meter hurdles finishing the event in 8.05 seconds. Freshman Tim Wilson landed in the top ten for the men's weight throw with a distance of 56' 10 1/4". Junior Joey Marini placed third out of 35 for the high jump with a height of 6' 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>". Senior Errol Jeffrey bested 64 throwers to take home first in the shot put with a toss of 59' 1 1/2". Jeffrey continued his winning streak by placing third in the weight throw. The women competed in one event, the DMR, during the second day of the Terrier Invitational and in that one event, MU placed first. The DMR group which the Hawks took first in with a time of 11:59.78. Freshmen Garner, Naumov, Cupp, and Coakley made up the winning group and finished with a time of 11:59/78 marking a freshman record. The track and field teams will continue their season at the Bison Open and Multi at Bucknell University on Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1. The team will also be competing at the Columbia meter event with a time of 1:51.15. Lions' Invitational on Saturday,

### Alumni Goes Professional

Former Monmouth University men's soccer star goalkeeper Bryan Meredith has signed with the San Jose Earthquakes, the team recently announced. The goalkeeper from Scotch Plains, NJ, joins the Major League Soccer (MLS) club following recent stints with Seattle Sounders FC. IK Brage (Sweden), and the New York Cosmos.

Sparacino and Labb finishd 11th and 13th respectively in the women's 60 meter hurdles with times of 9.91 and 10.02.

On the men's side of NYU Team Challenge, sophomore Stephen Adkisson finished eighth in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.78 seconds marking a personal best. Junior Luis Reyes competed in the 500m and placed seventh at 1:06.78. MU also recorded a top the 4x400 relay as the group of His time not only qualifies him Feb. 1 at the New York Armory.

crossed at 7.81 giving her 15th place.

Junior Mel Lewis was the Hawks top finisher in the women's 200 meter dash with a time of 25.90 earning her 47th place.

The women's 400 meter dash featured back to back finishes by junior Kate Frye and senior Laura Williams in 16th and 17th at 56.50 and 56.55 respectively.

Freshman Jenna Cupp finished seventh out of 89 in the 800 meter run with a final time of 2:12.47. Freshman teammate Zoya Naumov finished two spots behind her with a time of 2:13.27.

Freshman Jessica Ball also finished in ninth place for the Hawks, but in the 1000 meter run where she recorded a 2:58.38 time.

The women placed first in the DMR with the squad of the group of Naumov, Coakley, Cupp and freshman Tionna Garner.

The women also fared well in

Langille also had a top finish in the 1000 meter run where he placed sixth with a time of 2:24.53.

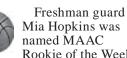
Capwell brought in another top finish for the Hawks in the 800

Meredith claimed a pair of allregion first team honors earned two All-Northeast Conference honors at Monmouth. A captain as a senior, he led the NEC in goals against average (0.70), save percentage (84.2%) and shutouts (11) in 2010. Meredith, who was named the NEC Tournament Most Valuable Player in helping the Hawks advance to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season, ended his stellar collegiate career with 36 shutouts and a 44-7-10 record.

Meredith helped Monmouth to four-straight Northeast Conference Regular Season Titles and back-to-back league tournament crowns.

The Hawks were ranked in the NSCAA National Rankings for the entirety of his senior season.

# SIDE LINES



Rookie of the Week for her perfomance this past weekend.

Hopkins averaged 9.5 points and five rebounds in the Hawks two contests against Iona and Manhattan.

Hopkins is now the second Hawk to be named Rookie of the Week. Helena Kurt was given the honor on Nov. 25

> The Monmouth Bowling Team placed 11th in the Kutztown Invita-

tional Event this past weekend. Sophomore Kaitlyn Reth led the team with a pinfall of 1,265 and finished eighth overall. Reth was named to the Second Team All- Tournament for her efforts.

After going 2-3 in matches Saturday the Hawks finished strong by going 3-0 Sunday afternoon. The team next travels to Ormond, Fla to compete in the Wildcat Invitational from Feb. 7-9.

Freshman goalkeeper, Eric Klenofsky, has been named the 2013 NCCA Division I statistical cham-

pion for goals-against average. Klenofsky allowed just 0.22 goals per 90 minutes and also had a 0.914 save percentage this season. Both of which were MAAC single season records.

### UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, January 30 WBB at St. Peter's Jersey City, NJ 7:00 pm

MBB at Marist Poughkeepsie, NY 7:00 pm

Friday, January 31 WT&F at Bucknell Lewisburg, PA 4:00 pm Bison Open

MT&F at Bucknell Lewisburg, PA 4:00 pm Bison Open

Saturday, February 1 Men's Lacrosse at Stony Brook Stony Brook, NY 11:00 am Scrimmage

Men's Tennis at Army West Point, NY 2:00 pm

# Men's Basketball Plays Two Thrillers

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found themselves on the right and wrong side of two nail-biting contests this past week as the defeated the Fairfield University Stags Thursday, Jan. 23, but then fell to intrastate rival Rider University on Sunday, Jan. 26.

eight point second half deficit to halfway through the second pebeat the Stags 63-60 on Thursday night in the MAC. Junior forward Andrew Nicholas led three point shots made against the team with 19 points while them, the Hawks continued to freshman guard Josh James chipped in with 15 points of his own on 5-7 shooting from the field. James also led the team hit a layup to tie the game at with six assists.

"I take my hat off to Fairfield," said head coach King Rice after the win. "They had a great plan coming in here. Sometimes in these games you have to be fortunate to get a win tonight, but we made it happen because our kids kept believing."

Fairfield got off to a quick start as they took advantage of two MU turnovers and gained an 8-2 lead behind three point baskets from Sean Grennan and Marcus Gilbert. The blue and white would battle right back, however, and two James free throws knotted the game at ten with 13:14 remaining in the half.

As the half went on the Stags continued to stay hot from deep and eventually took a 23-14 lead behind three point makes from Gilbert, Maurice Barrow, and Steve Smith.

Despite the barrage of threes, MU stayed aggressive. With just over two minutes left in the half James took over for MU as he scored seven consecutive Hawk points to give them the lead 29-28. However, another three from Gilbert with just seconds remaining gave Fairfield a 31-29 advantage as both

teams headed into the half.

Neither team was able to gain a substantial lead through the The men's basketball team first portion of the second half as the Stags still held a slim two point lead with 13:37 remaining in the game. Fairfield then began to control play over the next three and a half minutes as they went on a 9-3 run highlighted by yet another three point make, this time from K.J. Rose. This The Hawks first overcame an run gave the Stags a 54-46 lead riod.

Despite the accumulating battle. After scores from James, Nicholas, and junior Deon Jones freshman center Zac Tillman 54 with just over six minutes to play. The Hawks were finally able to take back the lead when James drove the lane and scored to make the score 60-59 with 2:37 left.

Junior guard Max DiLeo and I think we were fortunate made perhaps the play of the game when he blocked a Rose lay-up attempt to preserve the one point lead, and then made one of two free throws to put two minutes gave RU their larg-MU up by two with 1:43 left in est lead of the night at 35-17.

the game. After a potential go- The Broncs would eventually go ahead jumper from Barrow fell short, free throws from Jones and DiLeo then helped the Hawks seal the three point win.

"I thought we showed a lot of character today," elaborated Rice. "Our guys keep believing in each other and that is giving us a chance to win games."

Just three days later MU found themselves in another tight-knit contest, but the Hawks were unable squeak out another win as they fell to the Rider University Broncs in overtime despite to 65-43 after a MU turnover led coming all the way back from an 18 point deficit.

DiLeo and sophomore Collin Stewart paced the Hawks offense with 12 points each while Jones and Nicholas each scored ten apiece. DiLeo also recorded three steals on the game while James again led the team in assists with six.

The first half was all Rider as the Broncs jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead behind the play of Daniel Stewart. RU didn't let up and continued to build on their lead as the half went on. A Stewart lay-up with less than



Deon Jones (above) scored 13 points in MU's win over Fairfield and leads the team in scoring with an average of 15.2 points per game.

## Women's Basketball Splits Weekend Games

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The women's basketball team split their weekend as they fell to the Iona Gaels Friday, Jan. 24, but Jaspers on Sunday, Jan. 26.

On Friday night, senior center Sara English lead the way for MU contributed a season-high 13 points while shooting 5-of-6 from nah Paalvast also scored 13 points on 6-of-10 shooting. As for the Gaels, junior guard Damika Martinez scored a game high 28 points. She is the MAAC's leading scorer averaging 24.2 points per game. Sophomore forward Joy Adams also added a double-double with 21 points and 13 rebounds. Early on in the game Iona jumped out to a 9-4 lead before English added a three-point play followed by a jumper to tie up the game. Then Martinez scored on consecutive three-pointers to increase the Gaels' lead to 17-11. The Hawks kept it to within five points until Iona scored the last 14 of 18 points in the half to increase their lead to 44-29.

increase Iona's lead by 21 points. However, MU trimmed the deficit to 13 points after English scored on a bucket in the post.

The Gaels increased their lead came back to beat the Manhattan to as many as 24 points when freshman guard Christina Rubin hit a three-pointer with 9:22 remaining in the game. Less than by compiling her fourth career a minute later, the Hawks were double-double. In the game she trailing 70-53. MU then gained man forward Jenny Horvatinovic next 26 points in the game, to trail by only three points. During the stretch, Horvatithe floor. Senior forward Chevan- novic scored nine points, while sophomore guards Jasmine Walker and Kasey Chambers added five points each. However the blue and white were unable to make enough shots at the end of the game as the Gaels finished them off at the free-throw line to beat the Hawks 86-77. "We're not that high-powered offensive team that we can afford to [go down by 24 points]. We got ourselves in a jam in the first half. We started in zone, knowing that we couldn't really match up," explained head coach Jenny Palmateer. "We knew offensively, our best shot was to go with two true posts. With that, it's a match-up problem with their quickness and penetrators. In the first 10 minutes, they killed us. They drained The second half began much three after three after three. So, like the first one ended. Martinez then we go man, but can't stop

knocked down a pair of threes to their penetration. So we just got a pair of Skrec free throws and into too big of a hole in the first half."

For the game, Iona outshot MU 47.4 percent (27-57) to 44.4 percent (32-72) from the floor. With a 51.7 percent (15-29) to 18.2 percent (2-11) edge from long range. The Hawks shot 73.3 percent (11-Iona shot 65.4 percent (17-26).

to the Gaels' 15. The Hawks also held an edge in points in the paint 40-14 and in second-chance points 17-4. The women bounced back Sunday afternoon when they took down the Jaspers 75-70. English again led the Hawks with 19 points while shooting 8-12 from the field and added 14 rebounds. Paalvast chipped in with 16 of her own on 6-13 shooting and filled the stat sheet in other ways by adding seven rebounds, five assists, and three steals. Manhattan's Monica Roeder was the highest scorer for the game as she put in 20 points. Allison Skrec added 14 points for the Jaspers while also dishing out 10 assists for a double-double on the game, and Ashely Stec chipped in with 10 points.

Roeder gave them a 5-3 lead with 17:29 remaining in the first half. Neither team was able to take over as both battled back and forth with Manhattan holding a slim 16-15 lead halfway through the half.

After a short Jasper run gave 15) at the free-throw line while them a nine point lead, the Hawks finished out the half on a 15-2 The blue and white out re- run behind the play of Paalvast tallied a career-high 19 points and some momentum and went on a bounded the Gaels 41-35, while and English. Paalvast hit another contributed 10 rebounds. Fresh- 15-0 run, and scored 23 of the turning the ball over just 11 times three with just 13 seconds left to give MU a 34-30 lead at the half. As the second half got underway, the pattern of the game stayed the same with both teams unable to gain control. MU was finally able to seize some momentum when, at the 11:17 mark, Mia Hopkins's three kick started an 11-0 run for the Hawks to give them a 55-43 lead with just over eight minutes left in the game. The Hawks maintained their lead for the rest of the game and, despite a last minute run from the Jaspers, held on to take the victory MU shot 52.5 percent for the game while they held the Jaspers to just 43.3 percent shooting on the day. The Hawks also dominated on the boards as they out rebounded Manhattan 44-27. The Hawks next take the court Thursday, Jan. 30 when they travel to Jersey City to take on instate rival St. Peters University. Tip-off is set for 7 pm.

PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

us for 20 minutes," said Rice after the game. "Our kids continued to fight, but we weren't able to get all the way back." MU shot 43.1 percent for the game compared to 46.9 percent

for the Broncs. RU also dominated at the free throw line as they hit 20 of their attempts compared to just five for the Hawks.

into the locker room leading 37-

20 after a lay-in from Anthony

Momentum began to change

when the second half began as

the Hawks went on a 17-4 run

to bring the score to 41-37 with

12:39 left in the game. The run

was highlighted by four three

point shots with Stewart hitting

two, DiLeo one, and freshman

Justin Robinson also hitting

RU was able to extend its lead

to a Thomas Khalil bucket with

6:27 remaining in the game.

The Hawks continued to battle,

however, and showed their true

resiliency when, with just 20

seconds remaining, Nicholas hit

a three to put the score at 64-61.

Robinson then beat the buzzer

with a three of his own to tie

up the score and bring the game

Both teams traded baskets to

open up the extra period and

with under two minutes left the

score was knotted at 68. A three

point play from Myles gave the

Broncs a 71-68 lead and RU

would not look back as they hit

free throws down the stretch to

bring the game to an end with

They came out after a tough

loss to Manhattan and put it to

"Give Rider a lot of credit.

the final score reading 77-71.

into overtime.

Myles closed the half.

one.

After the weekend the Hawks are now 10-11 on the season, and have a 4-6 record in MAAC conference play.

MU looks to bounce back Thursday, Jan. 30 when they travel to Poughkeepsie to take on Marist at 7 pm.

MU opened up the scoring when Paalvast hit a three just 20 seconds into the game. The Jaspers answered right back after WBB vs. Marist

W. Long Branch, NJ 2:00 pm

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Monday, February 3 MBB vs. Iona W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, February 4** WBB at Fairfield Fairfield, CT 7:00 pm

**Thursday, February 6** MBB at Fairfield Bridgeport, CT 7:00 pm (Webster Bank Arena)

WBB vs. Quinnipiac W. Long Branch, NJ 7:00 pm



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The men's basketball team defeated Fairfield 63-60 in a comeback win that was aired live on ESPN 3. Freshman Josh James (pictured above) scored 15 points, contributed for six assists and had four rebounds in the MAAC conference victory.

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