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**Dr. Michael Jeffries** was the University's keynote speaker for Black History Month.

## Black History Month Speaker Lectures on Hip Hop

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University students and faculty received a lesson in the history and reception of hip hop, by Dr. Michael P. Jeffries of Wellesley College on Tuesday, January 1. After the lecture, attendees were encouraged to purchase Jeffries' new book, *Thug Life*, for \$20.

Jeffries' lecture included key points on a PowerPoint presentation and addressed issues which Jeffries' described as those that are important to get together and think critically about. One such issue is the false respect for the founders of hip hop. DJ Kool Herc who, along with his contemporaries, is credited for beginning hip hop in the Bronx, is currently in the hospital without medical insurance.

Another issue facing hip hop is the debate concerning the industry itself. A claim outside of hip hop, particularly views held by the PMRC and critics like Bill O' Reilly, is that hip hop is indicative of a moral crisis especially for young people of color. The popular claim inside of hip hop is that corporate interests have destroyed the art. According to Jeffries, this claim is justified through studies like those conducted by Lena in 2006 demonstrating change in the content of popular rap music once big labels

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## Snow Tests the Attitudes and Efficiency of University Community

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The University weathered the elements during the record-breaking snow fall that pummeled the East coast this past January.

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A total of 38.7 inches of snow have buried the West Long Branch area since the initial blizzard that occurred on December 26, 2010, according to the Office of the New Jersey State Climatologist at Rutgers University.

This total is up by 20.7 inches from the winter of 2009-2010, during which West Long Branch did not see its first snowfall until mid-February.

The University administration has been working closely with Facilities Management during the snow storms to keep the campus clear and classes in session.

"We have 20 crew members

and it takes 25 man hours per inch of snow to clear the campus," said Stephen Ruggiero, 41, the Director of Turf Management and Landscaping for Facilities Management. "We can't start using plows until there are two inches of snow on the ground," he said.

"If the storm is predicted overnight we have to break up our crew so that we have people working the overnight hours and then the next day on the main campus and the residence halls," said Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services.

Also working with Facilities Management is the Office of Residential Life, who would like to see students call in any icy areas that look dangerous

so they can clean it up immediately, said Raymond Gonzalez, the Associate Director of Residential Life.

Additionally, Gonzalez would appreciate students obeying the notices that instruct them to move their cars so they can clean the parking lots. He also advises students to keep a shovel and snow brush in their cars.

The recent storms have cost the University financially, as it has spent \$139,644 on snow removal thus far, compared to \$81,393 for the entire winter of 2009-2010, said Swannack.

The amount of snow this winter has also made for a difficult commute to campus.

"Many commuting students find the University at fault for not canceling classes on Feb-

ruary 2, 2011. Driving conditions following an ice storm the previous night were not ideal," said Cristina Marzilla, 20, a junior who commutes to the University from her home in Freehold, New Jersey.

"The Monmouth University commuter is left with no choice other than to face a disastrous drive due to the fact that some professors do not consider dangerous driving conditions an excused absence. To me, this policy is nothing short of ridiculous," said Marzilla.

Commuter students are not alone regarding this matter, as many campus residents have posted Facebook statuses calling

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## Four Basketball Players Suspended from Team Students Taken Off Due to Academic Ineligibility from Fall 2010 Semester

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Head Basketball Coach Dave Calloway announced that four of his players – juniors Will Campbell, Matt Pritchett, Gary Cox, and first-year student Jordan Davis – were suspended for the remainder of the season due to academic reasons on Tuesday, January 4. All four athletes had GPAs below the minimum 2.0, which is required of all athletes by the NCAA in order to be eligible.

"We hold our players to certain academic standards. Playing basketball for Monmouth is a privilege not a right. It is up to them to learn from this experience and to be more responsible in the classroom," said Calloway.

Currently, the team is playing with eight players. Their record

is 6-18 overall, having gone 2-10 in NEC play. While the team suits up night after night and have been praised for their efforts, but the team has gone 1-9 and have lost five of these games by three points or less since losing the four players.

The Department of Athletics Office stated the players' grades are not where they need to be in order for them to be eligible to play here at the University.

Tony Graham, who has been covering Monmouth Athletics for the *Asbury Park Press* since 1983, said he has never seen anything like this happen at the University in all the years he has covered the Hawks. "I've seen multiple suspensions happen at other schools throughout the years, but to see it happen at Monmouth is unprecedented," said Graham. "There had to be some sort of fumbling of

the ball that occurred. Whether it be on the athletes or athletics, somebody missed something."

University President Paul G. Gaffney II also discussed how he regrets losing players due to academic reasons and how it is unusual here at the University. "I regret losing members of any team, but academics come first. We, and they, need to work hard now to get them on a good academic track. Men's basketball has, over the years, had a model academic record when compared to peers and national averages," said Gaffney, who himself was a member of the track team as an undergraduate at the U.S. Naval Academy.

"Athletics monitors the academic progress of all of our student athletes through mid-term grades and MEWS reports, one-on-one meetings, study hall,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MU Athletics

**Head basketball coach Dave Calloway** now has only eight eligible players.

etc. All of these student-athletes were on our watch list, and many people were working with them to keep them on the right track,"

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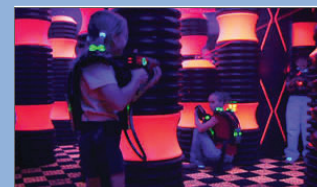
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Student Activities hosted a laser tag trip for students last month.

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# Kickoff Party Marks a New Beginning for Relay for Life

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The Relay for Life committee kicked off their fundraising season in the Multipurpose Activity Center’s Varsity Club on February 3. The kickoff party was attended by both students and faculty who wanted to support the Relay for Life, which will be held April 15-16 at Kessler Field.

Attendees were excited to be able to support the cause and guest appearances by Shadow and Ross the Magic Man helped to support the fundraising efforts for cancer research. The Relay Committee has set this year’s goal at \$50,000.

The Relay will have a carnival theme this year. Tents and activities will be set up for the overnight event in which participants will stay up all night to stick to the Relay’s motto, “Cancer never sleeps, neither do we.” The kick-off party also had tables set up with carnival themed activities where Lauren Niglio, senior, and Brad Bennett, Residence Hall Director, were in charge of activities at the Relay and had Minute To Win It games, Wii Carnival, face

painting, and a Fight Back table. There was also a raffle for the first choice in campsite.

While the overnight event is held to raise money and awareness for cancer research, it also supports cancer victims, survivors, and current patients. A luminaire of bags with glow sticks will be placed around the track to remember, celebrate, and honor all of those affected by cancer. The bags, which participants began making at the party, will have the names of people affected by cancer.

Relay Committee Co-Chairs Jessica Rohr, junior, and Alissa Catalano, sophomore, addressed the party and expressed their appreciation of the support that has already come in. Last year, the event had 69 teams, 650 participants and raised \$43,000. This year, at the beginning of the effort, there were already 44 teams and 470 participants. The University has also raised the most amount of money online in the eastern college division. The Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society’s signature fundraiser with 3.5 million participants nationwide each year.

Senior Devin Menker has been involved with the Relay since his first year at the University. Menker joined the committee during his junior year and explained to the audience why he became involved with Relay for Life. Menker’s mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in June, 2005 and he clearly remembers the day when his family was gathered around his house on what turned into a day he would never forget. Menker says he is very grateful that he is able to support the fight against cancer.

The Relay committee has 10 members and three staff advisors: The American Cancer Society’s staff partner Kathleen Gelchion, Director of Special Events of the American Cancer Society, Shannon Smith, Human Resources, and Vice President and General Counsel Grey Dimenna. Alexa Passalacqua, junior, is the President of Colleges against Cancer at the University, which raises money and awareness for cancer research and is the student in charge of overseeing the Relay.

“Thank you so much for coming out, I hope to see everyone at the Relay April 16,” Passalacqua said.

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# Snow Falls Affecting Classes and Commutes

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for the University to cancel classes when there is snow in the forecast. However, there is more than a prediction of snow that has to be taken into account when University officials decide to cancel classes or have a delayed opening.

“The snow and ice forecast, forecast certainty, regional surface temperature observations, radar depictions, our ability to move snow, our ability to hire a contractor to help us [move snow], reports we hear through radio, television, and our police department about local and near-local road conditions, our own experience driving around, how tired our snow removal team is, [and] whether icing is likely to happen as sunset arrives,” are just some factors to be considered in closing the school, said President Paul G. Gaffney II.

Also considered are, “the class loading the next day, how many cars are on campus, how long it will take us to open the parking lots knowing that for resident students we must clear sidewalks in some places for safety reasons too and first, [and knowing] when is it too late or too early to make the notification,” said Gaffney, who was once the head of oceanography and meteorology for the U.S. Navy.

“We think of safety first,” continued Gaffney, “but we also know that

students are paying to be in class. Bottom line, we look at each storm individually.”

Ultimately, it is Gaffney who makes the call to cancel classes after conferring with on-campus experts, including MUPD, Student Services, the Provost, and even Athletics “since there may be student-athletes living on campus during a break or we are hosting a competition,” Gaffney said.

However, some students would like to see this decision made earlier than it has been thus far this year.

“Since I have 8:30 am classes, it would have been nice to let us know of delays earlier than they have,” said Rachel van Beke, 20, from Hopatcong, New Jersey, a junior who commutes from the Diplomats, an off-campus apartment complex sponsored by the University, located a mile and half from

campus.

“When the University chooses to stay open during bad weather conditions, students are left to find out via e-mail whether or not their individual professors choose to can-

versity’s texting and recorded phone calls work fine when the University decides to close altogether.

Besides posing a challenging commute to campus, the snow has also affected faculty and students in terms of missed classes.

“The snow has only really put me behind in one class, but it’s one of my most important classes and it’s causing confusion when trying to teach myself all the missed material,” said van Beke.

“We missed our first department meeting of the semester so now we need to find another day to reschedule. This is difficult because department meetings can only take place during one Wednesday every month since the rest of the month’s Wednesdays are devoted to other types of meetings,” said Jingzi Huang, the Chair of Curriculum and Instruction in the

University’s School of Education.

Huang said that even when classes in her department were cancelled, students did not miss out entirely as many professors resorted to offering their courses online. “The education curriculum is very tight. We can’t really afford to lose a day,” she said.

On the other hand, some departments have not felt any significant effects from the amount of snowfall.

“Facilities Management has done a masterful job of keeping the campus clean, we haven’t had a problem accessing the buildings,” said Chad Dell, the Chair of the Communication Department.

“I wish it would snow after Spring break so that way we could assign our projects to students in the beginning of the semester and they would have plenty of time to work on them,” said Huang jokingly.

One reason the University has seen such a snow-filled winter may be a result of its location close to the ocean.

“The Eastern Seaboard between Washington, D.C. and Boston is close enough to the warmer ocean and the warmer Gulf Stream that the ocean can actually help a storm get rapidly worse,” said Gaffney. “Depending on where we are in the worsening storm’s track, we might get more rain like last week or more snow like over winter break.”



PHOTO COURTESY of Sinead Friel

Snow is seen all over campus and create obstacles for students walking to class or parking.

cel classes at their own discretion,” said Marzilla who has often driven to campus in bad weather to find out her professors were not coming in.

Otherwise, Marzilla said the Uni-

# CRIME BLOTTER

**STUDENT MISCONDUCT**  
2/02/11 - 9:39 PM  
MULLANEY HALL

**PULA/STUDENT MISCONDUCT**  
2/04/11 - 1:25 AM  
MULLANEY HALL

**WEAPONS POSSESSION/ENDANGERING/STUDENT MISCONDUCT**  
2/05/11 - 10:57 PM  
DIPLOMAT APARTMENTS

**PULA/STUDENT MISCONDUCT**  
2/06/11 - 12:12 AM  
LAUREL HALL

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**  
2/06/11 - 10:03 PM  
ELMWOOD HALL

WED.

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# The University Celebrates Black History Month

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Every February, the University celebrates Black History Month. Whether the month is 28 or 29 days long, the University does its best to inform the students of this important month.

However, not many students, and people around the world, know the background of Black History Month. In 1926, the leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Carter G. Woodson founded “Negro History Week.” At this time, most of the people omitted any African American history to do with the growth of America and Woodson was determined to change that.

The month of February was chosen because it corresponded with two birthdays of men who fought for freedom of American Slaves: Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. In 1976, Woodson got his wish and Negro History Week was expanded to Black History Month. Because of the month, more people were starting to become aware of the significance that African Americans played in America’s history.

The University tries to embrace this message in the activities it holds throughout the month of February. During the whole month, the library will have a display of books and vid-

eos celebrating Black History Month. On Tuesday, February 1, A flag raising ceremony took place inside Wilson Hall at 12:15 pm, featuring the University’s Choir and a speaker, Michael P. Jeffries in Versailles at 1:00 pm. On Sunday, February 6, a film “Do the Right Thing” was shown in the Oakwood Lounge at 7:00 pm.

There are many upcoming events that students can attend. On Thursday, February 10th at 1:00 pm, Darrell Lawrence Willis will give a lecture: Importance of Being August Wilson, in the Magill Commons Club Lounge room 107/108. On Friday, February 11, two events will be held:



PHOTO COURTESY of Jacklyn Kouefati

**The University** holds numerous events on campus open to all students to celebrate Black History Month. The University library will display books and videos celebrating African American culture and history all month.

be filled out in order to attend.

On Sunday, February 13 and Sunday February 20, two films will be shown in Oakwood Lounge: Good Hair and The Great Debaters. A Poet, Aracelis Girmay, will be speaking on Monday, February 21 in the Wilson Auditorium at 4:30 pm. The last speaker for the month, Bakari, will be speaking about the Culture of Hip Hop in Polak Theatre on Wednesday, February 23. Later on that night, a Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Celebration will be held in Anacon Hall at 7:30 pm.

A tribute to African American Culture will take place in Anacon Hall at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 24. A flag lowering ceremony will con-

clude the month’s events on the Great Lawn on Saturday, February 26.

Heather Kelly, the University’s Assistance Director of Student Activities for Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives, is in charge of bringing most of the events to campus.

“I’m excited about what we’ve got, I just hope the students take advantage of it,” Kelly said. She tries to show other students that they do not need to be African American to go to these events. Every year, the Black History Month Committee tries to bring new ideas to the University. This year, they tried to bring “very now” speakers and events. “We have an amazing array of what students will like,” Kelly said.

The University is trying to make students more aware of this month.

“Black History Month celebrations are an important means to educate the public about things we all may not know,” Claude Taylor, the Co. Chair of the Black History Month Committee and a professor in the Communication Department, said.

Black History Month has been celebrated for over 80 years. It is a month that not most people take into consideration to celebrate. However, the University makes it a point to show students to always commemorate this important month.

## Michael P. Jeffries Lectures on Hip Hop

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got involved, in the early 90’s. Academic critics, or the group with which Jeffries is associated, support the viewpoint that hip hop has replaced real politics.

So what then is the hip hop identity? According to Jeffries, hip hop counts as a social movement because it provides tools to build individual and collective identity.

Jeffries added, “When you say I am hip hop, you’re leaving behind all other identity baggage you were carrying with you.” While conducting research for his book “Thug Life,” contributors were categorized under white and black, but all agreed that hip hop is more than music, it’s a culture. One individual in particular, Paul, stated “it’s more like somebody speaking to you.”

Differences among people interviewed dealt with racial distance between hip hop origins and present day. According to white responders, hip hop was black music, but in the black responders’ eyes, hip hop is black music. Nate, of the black group, commented “it’s a voice for black people to be heard”.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Jeffries’ held a question session. A reoccurring point made during the question session was that he refuses to defend the nonsense that goes on in hip hop today. However, he admitted that there is something

seductive and alluring about pop culture commodities, therefore it is our responsibility to have an honest engagement with virtues and vices of hip hop, as well as raise conversations again after the music stops playing.

Another topic tackled through discussion between speaker and audience was politics. “The music itself doesn’t constitute political art...but it’s that first step

and initial spark,” Jeffries’ explained. “Young people get more involved with politics when hip hop is the hook that brings them in,” he reiterated.

Concerning censorship, Jeffries’ said, “I think some things should be censored because some people are unprepared to be exposed to it. The problem with censorship is who controls it; the decision making groups for radio are getting smaller to the point where there is often one station owning multiple stations.”

While exiting the lecture, Kyle Hunt, freshman, comment-

ed “Although I don’t normally listen to a lot of hip hop, this lecture has given me a new appreciation for it”.

“The student response was very strong,” Hettie Williams, a lecturer of African American History said. “They felt that he addressed something of interest to them: the history of hip hop and how it has changed. They were very interested in the fact that corporate record industries took over and now they influence the content, with less political activism and much more sex and violence.”


This lecture was one of the events held in honor of Black History Month. Other hip hop related events this month are Bakari The Culture of Hip Hop at Pollak on the 23, and The Hip Hop Bus Tour Trip on the 27.

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MICHAEL P. JEFFRIES  
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# Film and Media Scholar Lectures on Cultures and Humanities

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Film and Media Studies scholar Chris Robé, Ph.D., gave an in depth lecture on culture studies and humanities to a packed Wilson Auditorium on Thursday, February 3 titled “Beneath the Paving Stones: The Beach: Reimagining a Radical and Relevant Humanities.”

Robé, a New Jersey native, spoke to faculty and students about “why we do what we do” and how people struggle through their cultures. The event, which kicked off the Distinguished Speaker Series for the Spring 2011 semester, was free and open to the public.

Robé is an assistant professor in the School of Communication and Multimedia Studies at Florida Atlantic University. He has written several articles and books, including “Left of Hollywood: Cinema, Modernism, and The Emergence of U.S. Radical Film Culture.”

In the book, Robé discusses the failure of capitalism in the 1930’s. Once this failure occurred, the majority of the United States, including Hollywood, followed this “left” way of thinking, which Robé studies. The book focuses on the ways critics and film theorists attempted to persuade audiences that film and other media should “move to the left.” Social relations and gender bias were other elements in Robé’s work.

“It’s important to reconstruct these old ways of history. We don’t recover history, we reconstruct it,” Robé said.

The lecturer presented a hand-

ful of ideas concerning the ways in which humanities can comprehend the surrounding socio-cultural struggles people face and contribute to the movements for social justice. Robé spoke of a sense of deep disempowerment.

“You know you’re doing something that’s not right,” Robé said. He looked upon culture as a process; moreover, he discussed where culture comes from and how it is distributed amongst people.

Communication Professor Claude Taylor thought Robé was a great initial speaker to start off the Distinguished Speaker Series.

“It was a very abstract and ‘in your face’ presentation filled with humor and more facts than I thought was possible to fit into the tight time constraints he was given.”

KEVIN MARTIN  
Junior

“The speaker raised some challenging issues we don’t really get to talk about. He spoke about the intersection between faculty and the institution they teach in. His cultural studies...people don’t talk or know much about it, but it’s valuable,” Taylor said.

Although several students were present at the lecture, it was a possibility some of Robé’s concepts were not easily understood. Taylor said students probably comprehended the lecture at a very basic level.

“Students often find themselves not really understanding their role in their education. They understand they’re paying for something, but what is it that you’re getting?” Taylor asked.

He also presented some videos

to the audience, which Taylor described as “non-traditional media texts.”

“I think the students missed quite a bit of that. Few people have a frame of reference for that type of text,” Taylor said.

Junior Kevin Martin attended the lecture as a requirement for his Communication Theory course.

“It was a very abstract and ‘in your face’ presentation filled with humor and more facts than I thought was possible to fit into the tight time constraints he was given,” Martin said.

Robé covered a range of topics during his lecture. For example, the 90’s was the worst decade for media conglomerates, according to the speaker. Throughout these years, the Telecom Act, Digital Millennium Copyright Act, and the

Sonny Bono Copyright Extension Act all took place. Robé also spoke about the false light Disney shed on its consumers.

“Disney gives the illusion of diversity, but all of these other companies are really under one umbrella,” Robé said.

Robé has also published essays in “The Velvet Light Trap,” “Jump Cut” and “Cinema Journal,” and also contributes often to “Pop Matters,” an online journal.

“In high school, history is about times, dates, etc...but you don’t know the reason why those things are important,” Robé also said to the audience. Towards the end of his discussion, Robé stated, “It’s not about the person you are; it’s about the person you are becoming.”



PHOTO COURTESY of Marisa Sottos

Film and Media Studies scholar Chris Robé holding a copy of “Left of Hollywood: Cinema, Modernism, and The Emergence of U.S. Radical Film Culture.”

## University Awarded Certificate of Environmental Stewardship by NJDEP: Recognized for Voluntary and Proactive Measures to Improve the Environment

The University was awarded a certificate of environmental stewardship from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for its green building implementation, water use reduction, transportation energy use reduction, renewable energy use, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) voluntary programs.

The NJDEP determined that Monmouth University was engaged in or had completed activities eligible for recognition under its Environmental Steward initiative. As a result, the voluntary and proactive measures the University has taken in an effort to improve the environment have been formally recognized with a Certificate of Stewardship.

Monmouth University’s 454-kw solar-powered system was installed in 2006. The system helps the local community by lightening the load on the power grid, which results in fewer power outages at peak times. In addition, Monmouth University retrofitted lighting to slash energy consumption thirty percent in the gymnasium, added energy-efficient police vehicles, and replaced light bulbs with bulbs that use one-third less energy.

The Environmental Stewardship Program was initiated in January 2008 by the NJDEP’s Compliance and Enforcement program. For more information, visit [www.stewardship.nj.gov](http://www.stewardship.nj.gov).

Details of the stewardship activity for which Monmouth University, and others, were acknowledged by the DEP can be found online at [http://datamine2.state.nj.us/dep/DEP\\_OPRA/stewardship.html](http://datamine2.state.nj.us/dep/DEP_OPRA/stewardship.html).



## College Graduates Buried by Debt

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MCT CAMPUS

It’s no small thing to make it to the top of one of *U.S. News and World Reports’* college lists. But the folks at Seton Hall University aren’t exactly celebrating their No. 1 national ranking for student-loan debt.

Sixty-one percent of students graduating from the South Orange, N.J., campus have to pay back student loans, the average totaling \$37,724, according to America’s Best Colleges 2008. The numbers are high but they are not an aberration. Nationally, nearly two-thirds of graduates of four-year schools have debt, according to the Project on Student Debt. That debt load averages \$20,000.

New federal measures are expected to ease some of the burden going forward. But, for now, student debt, which is estimated to have more than doubled in the last decade, has a stranglehold on many students and families.

“I’ll be paying it off for at least 10 years,” said Andrea Antwi, who quickly ran up \$20,000 in debt during her freshman year at Seton Hall. She ultimately decided on a less-expensive route, attending Essex County College and now Rutgers University, where she is a junior. Still, she will graduate with at least \$35,000 in loans to repay.

“When you’re a senior in high school, these kinds of things don’t enter your mind,” said Antwi, who hopes to follow her parents into a career in nursing. “But it’s crazy. It’s depressing.”

Experts warn that the burden is weighing heavily on a generation

who may make a host of life-altering decisions, such as career choices and homeownership based on a large debt acquired at a young age. They say the debt problem may even be greater than reported since the numbers take into account only specified student loans, excluding other borrowing such as a parent who may have tapped a home equity loan to pay for college.

The averages are bad enough, but the extremes are downright scary. There are stories of students graduating with six-figure debt and looking at payments well into middle age.

Debt numbers for New Jersey students are a bit above the national average and, paradoxically, students at some of the state’s most expensive schools have the least debt. That’s because schools such as Princeton and Drew Universities, which cost more than \$40,000 for students who live on campus, have large endowments that allow the institutions to supplement tuition for middle-class and lower-income students.

Princeton, for instance, has an endowment approaching a staggering \$15 billion. Princeton students, on average, graduate with the lowest debt load in the nation, according to the U.S. News survey. About 26 percent of Princeton graduates carry student-loan debt, averaging \$4,965.

Tom White, a spokesman for Seton Hall, said the University and other Catholic schools don’t have a history of amassing large endowments.

Tuition at Seton Hall is more than \$27,000 and living expenses add \$10,000 to the tab. Part of the cost issue has to do with being located in an expensive part of the country, said White.



# Center of Distinction for the Arts

AT MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY



The Department of Music and Theatre Arts presents:



## Godspell

Thurs, Feb 24 - Sat, Feb 26 | 8 pm  
Sun, Feb 27 | 3 pm  
Wed, Mar 2 & Thur, Mar 3 | 8 pm  
Woods Theatre

The National Theatre of London, Live presents:

## Danny Boyle's production of *Frankenstein*

A play by Nick Dear,  
based on the novel by Mary Shelly

Thurs | Mar 24 | 7 pm  
Pollak Theatre

### Ailey II

Masters of Dance  
Sun | Feb 13 | 7 pm  
Pollak Theatre

### Leahy

Celtic-Scottish Performers  
Fri | Feb 25 | 8 pm  
Pollak Theatre



Adams  
*Nixon in China*  
Sat | Feb 12 | 1 pm  
Encore:  
None  
Pollak Theatre



Gluck  
*Iphigénie en Tauride*  
Sat | Feb 26 | 1 pm  
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Cupid Shuffling in and out of Relationships?

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, isn't it ironic that this commemoration of love and affection between intimate partners often results in an increased chance of a break-up? Last November, a scan of 10,000 Facebook statuses compiled by British journalist David McCandless revealed that a spike in break-ups occurs around Valentine's Day and Spring Break. While a new year often brings reevaluation of current situations and future goals, it makes sense that many would assess their personal lives, too. In turn, many people find themselves single by the time the most coupled-off night of the year rolls around. However, is the Facebook "relationship status" telling us something else? Are relationships being affected by the high expectations we set for Valentine's Day? The answer is not certain, but one thing is for sure: Valentine's Day can be a major cause of stress. Escorted by a cloud of loneliness and defeat, Valentine-less individuals spend February 14 acutely aware of singleness. Valentine-less people vow that they don't need Valentines, that the holiday is just a money-maker, and that their friends can be their Valentines. Yet, there is still a sense of exclusion that lingers—Valentine-less people can't participate in this highly publicized holiday that is supposed to celebrate the love in

their lives. Meanwhile, those with Valentines are pressured into finding the perfect outfit, the perfect date location, the perfect gift, etc. The agonizing time spent over the perfect card, the scouting out of the perfect restaurant, the internal dialogue: "What does this flower say?" "What's his/her favorite candy?" and "Will he/she think this is too cliché?" all leads to one thing—STRESS. Valentine's Day sometimes feels like it isn't about celebrating the love between people anymore. It can seem like a competition about one-upping your friends' moonlit beach ceremony. In recent years, Valentine's Day, along with other holidays, has in fact become quite the commercialized business. Restaurants, magazine ads, and television commercials all devote massive amounts of money advertising Valentine's Day products and themes, but love should not be measured by what you purchase. Prices for dinners and gifts can get out of hand; however, all hope should not be lost. Some couples are busy and may not have the time to show each other how much they care throughout the year, so on February 14 they can do just that. It's a day to remind people who are sometimes too busy to pay attention to their relationship to do something nice for each other and spend quality time with one another. The gift of time can sometimes be the best of all.

While Valentine's Day may represent a starred occasion on your calendar, it is important to not place immense pressure on you or your partner. On a day you should be focused on spending time with the one you love, don't forget the reasoning behind it. For singles, Valentine's Day may be a complete bust for a multitude of reasons. You may have just gotten out of a serious relationship and are wondering why you aren't together anymore (time to drown your sorrows in the pity chocolate your mom sent you) or you find your friends with boyfriends/girlfriends suddenly flaunting their mutual mush in your face. As a single it can be difficult or even annoying but it's a day to grab a group of single friends to go out with. So, do our Valentine's Day expectations have anything to do with the spike in the "single" statuses on Facebook? We may never know, but it sure seems like a valid claim. Instead of building up Valentine's Day into a culminating declaration of love (whether you're single or taken), celebrate all the love in your life—if it's doing yoga, babysitting your dog Fluffy, or hanging out with the friends you couldn't survive without—Valentine's Day does not have to be about celebrating your soul mate or recognizing a lack thereof. And if you're feeling down, remember: Facebook says people are more likely to break up after the big day anyways. Cheers, Fluffy.



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# Achieving Organization is Key

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Are you one of the many students that made the resolution to become more organized this semester? Did you start off fairly well and then start to slowly slip back into old habits as the semester carried forward? This year, make the conscious effort to buckle down and try some new ways of organizing your life, so that you may keep up with what you are trying to achieve.

First, you must find your nook. No, I'm not talking about your Barnes and Noble e-reader, I'm talking about your space to just relax and clear your mind. It can be a favorite chair or a certain spot you like to sit by the window. This is probably your best area for focusing on your studies. If you can have a clear atmosphere to concentrate on education, then you won't have the problem of external distractions keeping you from achieving your educational goals. You will find that once you can keep your attentiveness only on your studies, classes will become easier and your grades will skyrocket.

Secondly, you must go through all of your clutter and decide on the things you can do without. I guarantee you won't need that

paper you wrote on industrialization from back in high school or those stuffed reminders of a past relationship that no longer exist. I promise, it will benefit you so much more to move forward in life and give your mind the space it needs to succeed instead of pointing your attention to the past. If you can keep your eyes on the prize and remind yourself that this is for your own personal gain, you will turn your focus from all past experiences to your present attainment and well-being. Don't

worry too much about preserving the past or you won't give yourself the time to shape your future.

Third, consider your space and

outfit it with necessary materials to keep your life contained. You can do this with various storage containers, filing systems, pencil cases, binders, labelers—anything you need to feel comfortable and to keep a solid, organized system that you can easily follow. One possibility is you can create a binder for each of your classes; any papers you receive, any handouts your professor provides, the millions of slides you print out or any notes you write down can be kept in a binder so that everything you need for that particular course is right there. Some might think

this is too bulky, but in the end it is far better to gain a little extra muscle carrying around a binder than it is to lose weight (and sleep) over trying to find that one exam or that one homework that you could have sworn you put in your notebook.

There are many benefits to being organized and your educational success is not the only benefactor. Once you can organize your life, you can advance in other areas that you would never even imagine would be benefited. If you can clear your space, not only will you have plenty of room to spread out all of your thoughts (and ultimately all of your homework), you will also become a lot less stressed. Becoming organized is just the beginning of a whole chain of positive changes in your life.

When you are de-stressed you become happier, which leads to you becoming more confident and attractive in all of your social endeavors, which can lead to a great job opportunity. You will go from being the cluttered and stressed college student to a positive and organized asset to the working world that every company strives to find among the masses of applicants. Achieve organization- achieve success.



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Organizing binders are key to minimizing stress and staying on top of your game.

# Religion Makes Peace on Earth Impossible

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I didn't have a religious upbringing. I was never taught anything about religion. Growing up, my friends went to Sunday school and I had no idea why. People would talk to me about the Bible like I was supposed to know what they were talking about. And I felt as though I was supposed to know. My mom would answer the questions I had, but I was never given any substantial details. Before college, I knew the basics: God, Jesus, Adam and Eve, something about an apple... you get the idea.

A few weeks into my junior year, my Grandmother died. During one of the viewings, I was approached by a cousin of mine who asked me to read an excerpt from the Bible at the

funeral the following day. I remember being extremely hesitant and nervous – I didn't turn down the offer, but I expressed my concern with having no knowledge of what I was reading. I was told not to worry and that my beliefs didn't matter because it was "just a reading".

Coincidentally, a couple weeks later we read the Hebrew Bible in my literature class. This was my first real glimpse into the world's most commonly read story. To say I was let down would be an understatement. I couldn't distinguish the stories from a children's fairytale. I couldn't grasp the idea that educated adults believed this published

nonsense. I was curious, but certain that I missed something along the way – there had to be something more than stories about talking snakes, parting seas and pregnant virgins.

I started asking around and researching different aspects. I

cent believe in the same inevitable power, why are so many wars caused by religion?

On September 11, 2001, the lives' of Americans were forever changed... because of religion. Osama Bin Laden lists religion, amongst other things, as a key motive for the attacks. This is not a modern day excuse for hate crimes – religious wars have been stirring for as long as we know.

Since the crusades, Jihads and faith-driven terrorist attacks, religion has caused a majority of the daily prejudices in the world. During this past fall, the nation mourned the death of a Rutgers college student who committed suicide.

Tyler Clementi jumped off a bridge after his sexuality was exposed and broadcasted via Twitter. According to most religions, homosexuality is a sin. Gays and lesbians are still at war with those who shun them, fighting for equal rights. I have to wonder... if the Bible never considered homosexuality to be a "sin", would gays and lesbians ever have had to face such speculation?

Many of the defenders of religion believe that it brings them "hope" and positivity in their lives. When did war become a positive thing and something to hope for? When did openly discriminating against people become a good thing? I have faith that one day we will live in a religious-free world where wars will be few and far between and everybody will truly be created, and treated, equally.

Since the crusades, religion has caused a majority of the daily prejudices in the world.

# Nonsense in New Jersey

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Have you ever sat and really thought about New Jersey's ridiculous law on no left turns? Being an outsider from the great state of New York, this really makes my blood boil.

I want one good reason as to why I cannot make a left turn out of Dunkin' Donuts after I get my morning latte? Or why I have to go 45 minutes out of my way to go 5 minutes down the street. If I could just talk to someone that could give me a really good reason, besides the one I always hear, "it's safer!" I will let this pet peeve of mine go.

When I am home in New York and I see those "golden arches" on the left-hand side of the road, and I realize I want a McFlurry, I make that left-hand turn. I get that McFlurry much faster than any person from New Jersey will ever be able to.

Maybe by making me go the extra 50 miles to make the left Jersey is aiding me against obesity, but I don't need their help,

thank you.

They tell me that it is safer to use the jug handle than it is to have a turning lane and arrow, but I refuse to believe them. It's probably because of the many accidents I have almost been involved in because of this absurd law. When I have to quickly turn into a 7-11 parking lot to avoid going the extra miles and I avoid a head on collision by two seconds, I don't consider that to

be a safer alternative. Or how about the traffic that the famous jug handles cause? I'm sorry but I already have to go a mil-

lion miles out of my way to get to your stupid jug handle, my apologies that when I get there I don't want to sit in 45 minutes of traffic waiting to get to the other side of the road.

The traffic created by these jug handles is enough to make me never want to drive in New Jersey again.

But what do you do when your own family won't come visit you because of it? It was a sad day when my own father told me he

rather iChat with me than come see me because he "cannot wrap his mind around the ridiculous laws in that state". Thank you New Jersey for being the sole reason I only see my parents on Christmas.

Not only does this law restrict me from my favorite drive-thru, almost kill me on a daily basis, AND give my parents good reason not to come see me but it also wastes my precious money. If New Jersey wants to offer to pay for every extra mile that I have to go to make a left, I will let this go, but I doubt that will happen. Wishful thinking I suppose.

In conclusion, New Jersey, get a grip and let me make a left-hand turn.

I would like to thank you for making my decision that much easier; I have decided that I will never move to this state. Because of your law, once I graduate I will return to the great state of New York, the "concrete jungle where dreams are made of, there's nothing you can't do," and that includes making a left-hand turn.



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No left turn signs are a nuisance to many drivers traveling in New Jersey.



# Plowing Deeper into New Jersey’s Budget Deficit

## *Snow Causes More Problems Than Icy Sidewalks*

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Snow has been receiving a lot of attention throughout the state, as we move past the snowy months of winter.

A New Jersey law was amended by the Senate transportation committee in the fall that requires motorists to remove all ice and snow from their vehicles before traveling on the roads.

Violators will be subjected to tickets and fines written by local police as well as state troopers patrolling the highway.

Fines for violating the new law range from \$25 to \$75. The fines increase to \$200 to \$1,000 when injuries or auto damage occur. Perhaps this new law will relieve the budget shortage the state has succumbed to.

New Jersey towns have been struggling with snow cleanup this season due to a lack of funds and cut services.

The day-after-Christmas snow storm, which left some parts of New Jersey in over 20 inches

of snow, also cost the state substantial payroll increases including overtime and holiday pay.

After hundreds of cutbacks and layoffs in New Jersey, snow removal was among the top priorities after the storm hit, but with fewer employees to dig the state out.

Fewer drivers statewide arrived to compile the snow. State officials also cut back on rock salt.

In Brick Township, for example, workers facing a new layoff plan did not show for work on the days after the storm. Eleven public works employees, possibly annoyed by layoff plans, called in sick.

“We are going to require everybody to have a doctor’s note,” said Mayor Stephen Acropolis of Brick Township. “If we had those guys on board, we could have met the goal (of clearing the snow) by 10 o’clock,” he said.

The reasoning behind this is due to New Jersey’s snow removal budgets and stripped public works departments.

“This is going to be the new picture of New Jersey government,” said Acropolis.

The state needed more drivers and equipment, which is why residents throughout the state were still digging themselves out of their driveways and streets Wednesday, when the storm concluded Sunday, December 26.

“It takes longer because they don’t have the manpower or the money to get contractors, or the money to buy that much salt,” said Paul McCall, president of the Public Works Association of New Jersey.

“With all the budget cutbacks, it’s really tough to get all these things done in a decent amount of time,” McCall said.

Public administrators explained that planning a budget for snowfall is more difficult than most expect. Neptune Mayor Mary Beth Jahn said, “It’s a roll of the dice,” she said. “Do you buy equipment for a 15-year storm like this, and then let it sit around while you pay the bond

note? Or do you go out and rent (equipment) and take longer to clear the roads?”

But how much does snow removal actually cost?

Michael Jacobs, an Old Bridge business administrator, said he expects to pay \$330,000 to clear snow this winter.

Another question this season was what to do with all the piles of snow crowding streets and accumulated into large piles in parking lots. Department of Environmental Protection spokesman Larry Ragonese said depositing the snow in waterways such as streams and wetlands can be counterproductive.

“We don’t want to end up causing pollution of these waterways that we work hard all year to try to keep clean.” Although, most municipalities simply wait for spring to come and the snow to melt.

In New York City, the problem of snow removal is much more serious.

“You just try to get rid of the snow, there’s no place to put it, it

ices over, sanitation trucks come down to plow the street, you kind of get blocked in each time, you dig out and get blocked in again,” said resident of Queens, Eileen O’Grady.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg was harshly attacked for the city’s slow efforts at removing the snow.

Sanitation workers were also blamed for not coming to work, as they protested the city’s recent layoffs and benefit reductions instead. But is it fair to place the blame on the cheated workers?

Problems along the upper east coast are all the same after big snow storms. Cars are snowed out, parking spaces are hard to come by, residents, especially the elderly may be stuck in their houses for days, and sidewalks and roads are slick with ice due to a lack of salt.

While snow removal should be an immediate top priority and safety issue, budget cuts have severely impacted the handle the state has had on the situation.

# The Clean Energy Debate: When Will We Use It?

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In President Obama’s State of the Union address, he challenged the nation to join him in “setting a new goal: By 2035, 80 percent of America’s electricity will come from clean energy sources.”

Easy to say. Who is going to stand up and say, “No, we want dirty energy!”

But so far, agreement on the definition of “clean energy” has been elusive.

As the president said next, “Some folks want wind and solar.

fund these behemoth projects, is nuclear power really a satisfactory answer?”

Thorny questions, all.

Here’s a smattering of reaction to this new goal.

Eileen Claussen, president, Pew Center on Global Climate Change said, “President Obama understands that capitalizing on today’s clean energy opportunities will propel American job growth and help ensure that the United States has the most competitive and innovative economy in the world. Providing the regulatory certainty businesses need for industries to

friendly way. But the devil is in the details; what will qualify and in what proportions.”

A poorly calibrated clean energy standard can be as harmful to the economy as a restrictive renewable portfolio standard. As a general proposition, governmental mandates can have unintended consequences. For example, the cost impact of the President’s proposal must be viewed in the context of the substantial regulatory burdens his administration is also imposing on the power sector.

These regulations, which include Clean Air standards, waste

tecting our health. The best way to do that is to invest in a clean energy future that makes our workers more competitive, our companies stronger, our country more secure and all of us healthier.”

Alex Flint, the Nuclear Energy Institute’s senior vice president of governmental affairs commented, “It was encouraging to hear the President lead with a call for an inclusive clean energy policy. Nuclear energy provides 70 percent of the nation’s carbon-free electricity supply and, especially if we are to develop one million electric cars by 2015 as he proposed, we’re

Boehner, and members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have identified nuclear energy as an area of potential cooperation; it is a linchpin to the success of meeting the significant energy challenges that our nation faces.”

A joint statement from the Center for American Progress Action Fund, Environment America, League of Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club and Union of Concerned Scientists read, “We are pleased that the President recognized that we cannot rely on 19th Century energy technology to



According to Obama’s plans, we may be seeing more nuclear power plants and wind turbines throughout the next 25 years.

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Others want nuclear, clean coal and natural gas. To meet this goal, we will need them all and I urge Democrats and Republicans to work together to make it happen.”

The coal industry certainly touts clean coal. Critics say that with current technology, there is no such thing. It’s an oxymoron.

As for natural gas, will the dirty extraction that some say exists make up for the cleaner-burning flame?

And until the nation comes up with a way to deal with spent fuel rods, not to mention a way to

invest in clean energy to drive economic growth should be a key Administration priority over the next two years.”

Scott Segal, an energy expert at Bracewell and Giuliani, a firm that often represents industry said, “The President’s challenge is interesting because he mentions a wide range of clean technologies, including coal, that could meet his clean energy standard. That is a positive development and underscores the notion that traditional fuels, including coal, can be utilized in an environmentally-

regulations and water regulations, collectively place approximately half of US electric generation at risk. Coal-fired capacity, for example, indirectly or directly represents over a trillion dollars in gross economic output and almost seven million jobs. Adding an ill-fitting clean energy standard to a substantial regulatory burden could be a great risk.”

Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council said, “The president got it right. Nothing’s more urgent than creating American jobs and pro-

going to need to develop every possible form of low-carbon technology.”

The President’s continued commitment to nuclear energy has reinforced the bipartisan nature of support for nuclear energy.

This properly highlights as a policy issue the strategic importance of the United States maintaining a leading role as a developer of advanced nuclear energy technologies, for use domestically and for export to a fast-growing global market.

The President, House Speaker

power our 21st Century economy.

In establishing a clean energy goal, getting the details right is crucial: we need a goal that will promote truly clean energy innovations, not become a Christmas tree for nuclear subsidies, interference with critical pollution standards, and environmentally destructive fossil fuel development. Any energy proposal that blocks, weakens, or delays vital clean air standards to reduce harmful carbon pollution is a non-starter because it will stifle innovation and eliminate clean energy jobs.”



# Political Debate: Should the United States Support the Anti-Mubarak Movement?

## Side 1: The United States Should Support the Anti-Mubarak Movement

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For several days now, hundreds of protestors have gathered in Cairo, Egypt in opposition to the 30-year regime of President Mubarak. Protests, which began as peaceful demonstrations have turned into days of rock throwing and aggression. The news footage coming from this area has depicted a hostile scene where order appears to be breaking down.

The people in the streets demand one thing, the removal of President Mubarak. In my opinion, the US needs to continue to offer more support of the Anti-Mubarak movement because it is the only sure thing that will end the turmoil.

A recent White-House statement said, “President Obama reiterated our focus on opposing violence and calling for restraint, supporting universal rights, and supporting concrete steps that advance political reform within Egypt.”

Obama has already voiced some support of the movement however; the tone is certainly

based more around the prevention of violence than anything.

With the situation as unstable as it is, it would not take much for it to transform into something far more threatening. The main question certainly being asked by the people in support of Mubarak would be how to disperse the crowd without violent means.

The soon-to-be reformed government is, without a doubt receiving great pressure from western powers such as the United States not to respond with violence to the protests. From the way the situation is, I do not believe that there are more than two alternatives. One, Mubarak’s government uses force to restore order, or two, the removal of President Mubarak’s political power and the creation of a far more



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**Protesters argue that** Egyptian President Mubarak’s administration has been corrupt and left people struggling to keep up with taxes.

democratic institution. However, there are other factors to be considered.

Reports say that the Egyptian government has made steps to try and make negotiations with the protestors. As is said, currently there are mixed signals about the willingness to make negotiations by the opposition leaders. This shows a discord among the protestors. In my opinion, this is the most dangerous thing. Clearly, the protestors have made no indication of leaving without some sort of substantial reform. The problem is that the protestors are not completely unified and in this period of unrest there may be other unseen and more dangerous groups vying for power while the government is weak.

One thing will appease the crowd and that is the removal of Mubarak. The United States needs to stand behind the protestors.

There is too high of a risk in allowing the crowd to generate any more power outside of its disruptiveness. For one, because this situation is right on the edge of turning more violent and no one really knows who is entirely behind it.

The protestors are not going to leave without some sort of immense reform and the crowds do need to be appeased.

Obama needs to continue the support of the movement, to influence some sort of solution that will cause the crowd to disperse.

Doing this will end any possibility of a violent reaction by the military because the crowd will dissolve. This unstable period will end which will reduce any attempt by a more malicious group to seize power, the people will have their representative government, and everyone except Mubarak wins.

From where I see it, he has already lost. Mubarak needs to step down and the United States should urge him to do so.

## Side 2: The United States Should Not Support the Anti-Mubarak Movement

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The United States is undeniably intertwined and concerned with the conflicts in Egypt. The two-week-old revolt in Egypt has been an attempt for the people to overthrow President Hosni Mubarak’s thirty-year term. Mubarak has resisted this change, though. Once described as “cautious, conservative, predictable and pro-American,” Mubarak recently announced that he will not run for re-election, yet he refuses to step down from power. In an attempt to demonstrate legitimacy, Mubarak’s longtime confidant and former intelligence chief, Omar Sulieman was named Vice President. Unrest remains and battles continue to unravel on the streets.

There are various concerns of human rights violations within Egypt’s chaos. At every level of government, it appears that corruption prevails.

Among the turmoil, dozens of human rights activists have been rounded up in Egypt. Some have been freed, but others are believed to remain in custody. Advocates say the government refuses to release names or locations of detainees, and the involvement of both police and military agencies make it hard to determine who is responsible.

Aside from the conflicts happening on the streets, there are immense concerns regarding who will take power after Mubarak. A fundamentalist Islamic group, the Muslim Brotherhood, is regaining a seat in talks with the Egyptian government.

The Brotherhood said that its representatives would meet with Vice President Omar Suleiman to press its “legitimate and just demands.” Suleiman has accused the Brotherhood as being behind a wave of looting and arson that swept much of the country last weekend.

The talks between the Brotherhood and the regime mark a startling shift in policy after years of crackdowns against Islamic fundamentalists.

It also raised the possibility the group could be on its way to official recognition of its key role in Egyptian society.

On the other hand, if Sulieman is to remain in power, then it is vital that we maintain a mutually beneficial relationship with Egypt. This is where the dancing game comes in.

The Americans have pressure over a regime that depends on them for \$1.5 billion a year of aid and a substantial portion of its weaponry. Yet, as Mubarak’s government falters and the people of Egypt act out, Americans have struggled to maintain diplomatic balance.

We could not be seen to turn on a longtime, faithful ally. That would scare other loyal Arab allies, such as the Kings of Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Similarly, if Mubarak or Sulieman were able to hold onto power, America would not want to be seen as a new adversary to the regime.

Nor, though, could Mr. Obama be seen to take the dictator’s side against the people. Unquestionably, this would be at odds with all democratic principles that the United States attempts to project.

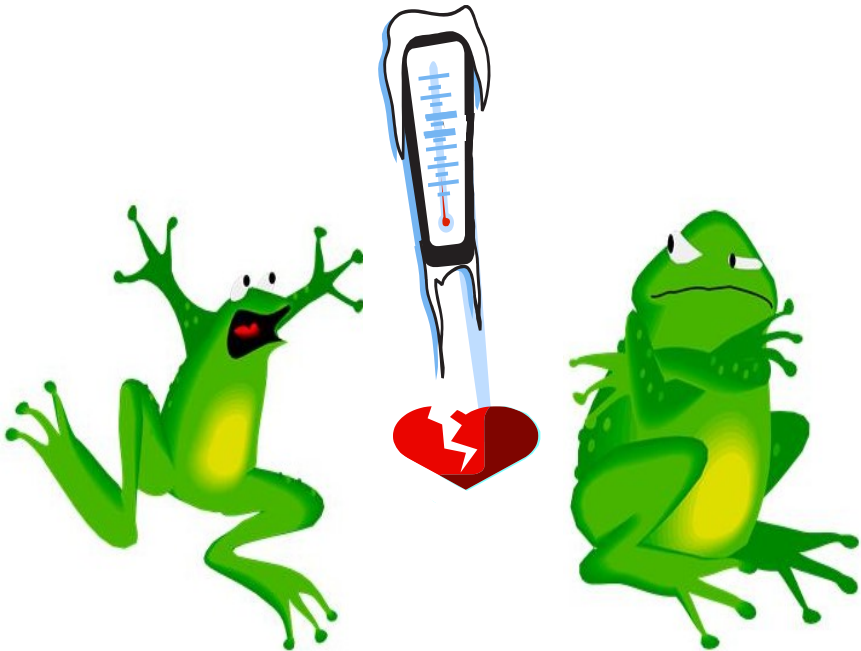
ect.

For these reasons, it is vital that the United States remain neutral in regards to the conflict in Egypt. If America turns on an ally, our country will be unable to maintain the trust of foreign nations.

They will simply turn elsewhere for protection. Similarly, if the United States were to support the regime and ignore human rights violations, the soft power that Americans have created based on the notions of democratic principles would significantly weaken.

The words of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton resonate, “Those of us who are trying to make helpful offers of assistance and suggestions for how to proceed are still, at the end, on the outside looking in.”

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# Sweet Treats for Valentine’s Day

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February is here, and love is in the air. Valentine’s Day is a time to celebrate relationships, and show appreciation for your partner. The day has been heavily influenced by the greeting card industry, so it is challenging to come up with a gift idea that is meaningful, and isn’t the typical “box of chocolates and roses” present. Who’s to say you can’t go out for a romantic dinner, and bask in the pleasures of a dining out experience?

However, why not surprise your valentine after the meal with a home-made, decadent dessert that will highlight your creativity, and act as the perfect ending to a romantic evening? This year I have discovered some of the most delicious desserts I have ever made, which surprisingly, are cupcakes. These are not your ordinary cupcakes. They are edgy, intricate, and most importantly, absolutely delicious.

Valentine’s Day would be incomplete without chocolate. There are so many variations of chocolate that the possibilities to find a recipe of your liking are endless. Whether you like milk, dark, or white chocolate, the following cupcakes are perfect. These happen to be my favorite that I’ve made so far.

The great thing about making these delicious little treats is that I was able to add my own twists to really personalize the dessert. For instance, instead of cocoa on top, I chopped up some dark chocolate, and sprinkled the shavings on top of the mousse, which added a subtle crunch.

I also added a few dark chocolate chips to the actual mousse, which was another pleasant textural sur-

**Recipe by: Lee Currie and the Murdoch Books test kitchen**

- Ingredients**  
Cupcakes  
· 3/4 cup plain (all purpose) flour  
· 1/4 cup self- rising flour  
· 4 1/2 oz unsalted butter, chopped  
· 1 cup super fine sugar  
· 3 1/2 oz white chocolate, chopped  
· 1 egg  
· 1 teaspoon natural vanilla extract  
· 1/2 cup milk  
Chocolate Mousse  
· 1 egg yolk  
· 2 tablespoons superfine sugar  
· 2 cups whipping cream  
· 13 oz dark chocolate chips
- Directions**  
Preheat the oven to 315 degrees.  
Line 24 standard cupcake holes with paper lining.

## Decadent Double Choc Mousse Cupcakes

Sift the flours together in a bowl and make a well. Place the butter, sugar and chocolate in saucepan and stir over low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and cool slightly.

Whisk the egg, vanilla and milk to combine, then pour into the well in the flour, together with the chocolate mixture, and whisk to combine. Divide the mixture evenly among the cupcake holes, until half full. Bake for 15 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted into the center of a cake. Transfer onto a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the chocolate mousse, place the egg yolk and sugar in a small bowl and whisk over a small saucepan of simmering water until thick and creamy.

Beat the cream in a bowl with electric beaters until soft peaks form. Add the melted chocolate and the egg mixture and continue to beat for 1-2 minutes, or until thickened. Decorate the cakes with the mousse, then place them on a tray and refrigerate for 1 hour, or until set. Sprinkle with cocoa before serving.

**Recipe by: Lee Currie and the Murdoch Books test kitchen**

- Ingredients**  
Cupcakes  
Makes 12  
· 6 1/2 oz unsalted butter, softened  
· 3/4 cup superfine sugar  
· 1 teaspoon natural vanilla extract  
· 3 eggs  
· 1 cup self rising flour  
· 1/4 cup plain (all- purpose) flour  
· 1/2 cup milk  
· 1/4 cup soft brown sugar  
Cream Filling  
· 11/2 cups cold milk  
· 3 egg yolks  
· 1/4 cup superfine sugar  
· 2 tablespoons plain (all-purpose) flour

## Cream Brulee Cupcakes

**Directions**  
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line 12 standard cupcake holes with paper lining. Beat the butter, sugar and vanilla together with electric beaters until light and creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift the flours together and fold in alternately with the milk. Divide the mixture evenly among the holes.

Bake for 15 minutes, or until skewer comes out clean when inserted into the center of a cake. Transfer onto a wire rack to cool. To make the cream filling, place the milk in a saucepan and bring just to the boil. Remove from the heat. Beat the egg yolks, sugar and flour until thick and pale.

Gradually whisk in the milk. Return to the saucepan and stir over medium heat until the mixture boils and thickens. Remove from the heat. Cut out the center of the cakes, leaving a 1/2 inch border. Fill in the cavity of the cakes with the cream filling. Refrigerate until cold. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon of the brown sugar over each cake and place under a hot grill (broiler) for 3 minutes, or until caramelized.

prise. You could even slice a strawberry to place on top of each cake for a little color and refreshing bite. Be creative. There’s so many things you can add to really make this dessert your own.

That being said, these cupcakes are moist, sweet, and beautiful. I found that the longer they sat in the refrigerator, the better the taste. So, it’s even better to make these a few days in advance. Your valentine will surely be impressed with your mousse making capabilities and use of three types of chocolate to say the very least!

Though it breaks my heart, not everyone is a chocolate lover. So we have to satisfy those who aren’t (but hopefully will be after trying the Decadent Double Choc Mousse Cupcakes). These Cream Brulee Cupcakes are a modern twist on the classic dessert.

These cakes are adorable, moist, creamy, and sweet. The caramelized sugar on top gives a nice sparkle. They are certainly not your average cupcake, so perfect for Valentine’s Day or any special occasion.

If you’re feeling adventurous, why not try making both cupcakes? The portions are small enough to make a great variety of cakes to please all different tastes. There’s room for creativity and experimentation for the topping of the cakes. Most importantly, they are different and delectable, and most likely something your sweetheart has never tasted. Whether it is for Valentine’s Day or not, enjoy these recipes as the perfect sweet ending.

If you’re interested in a great recipe book with all gourmet cupcake recipes check out: “Cupcakes: A Fine Selection of Sweet Treats” which can be purchased through amazon.com.

# No More Dull Days, Experience Life for Less

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Have you ever wanted to be able to go to a Broadway show, have dinner in a fancy restaurant, get a facial in a NYC spa, learn how to sew, and maybe play some paintball? Of course these are all fun things that everyone wants to do.

Unfortunately being a college student we are subject to living a less than luxurious lifestyle. Lucky for us there has been a creation that can be helpful when you need something fun to do but don’t have the money for it. The websites Groupon, LivingSocial, and Restaurant.com have come to our rescue. These websites offer anything from cooking classes to discounted car show tickets, all at such affordable prices you will begin to wonder how you ever lived without them before. Now you might be wondering how this works, but these sites are effortlessly simple to use. Groupon and LivingSocial are

both similar, they offer many different events, restaurants, classes, retail stores, and so much more. Signing up for either website is easy. All you have to do is go to either one, enter in your closest city and your email address.

Every day you will get your daily deal sent right to your inbox. The best part about these websites is that you pay half or in some cases even less than half of the original price. For example, instead of paying \$50 to play paintball, Groupon lets you play for \$25. LivingSocial lets you go skydiving for \$150 instead of the original price of \$330.

Here’s the catch, these deals don’t stick around forever. They come in limited quantities so if you see something you like you have to jump on it before they are all gone. The better the deals the quicker they will sell out.

So if you see a local café discount or tickets to a concert you’ve been waiting to see tell your friends and buy the deals together. These websites are a unique way to get your friends together and try something that you typically wouldn’t because it cost too much.

Once you finally get on the website and start looking at all the deals you are going to be amazed at what they have. Using these websites is also a great way to explore other cities.

If you are planning a trip or vacation try using Groupon or LivingSocial to find some cool things to try in other parts of the country. Both websites cover major cities all over the country and have amazingly different things to do in each one.

LivingSocial has a part of their website that I found very interesting. LivingSocial Escapes is a section of the site that offers vacations at discounted prices.

You can get a five day Mexican getaway for \$770, when the actual

price was well over a thousand. They also have vacation spots in several other places across the country, this is a perfect way to vacation for a few days and not feel like you are spending too much money.

Like many other sites both have iPhone applications, Facebook and Twitter pages. If you start following or subscribe to one of their pages you will get even more deals.

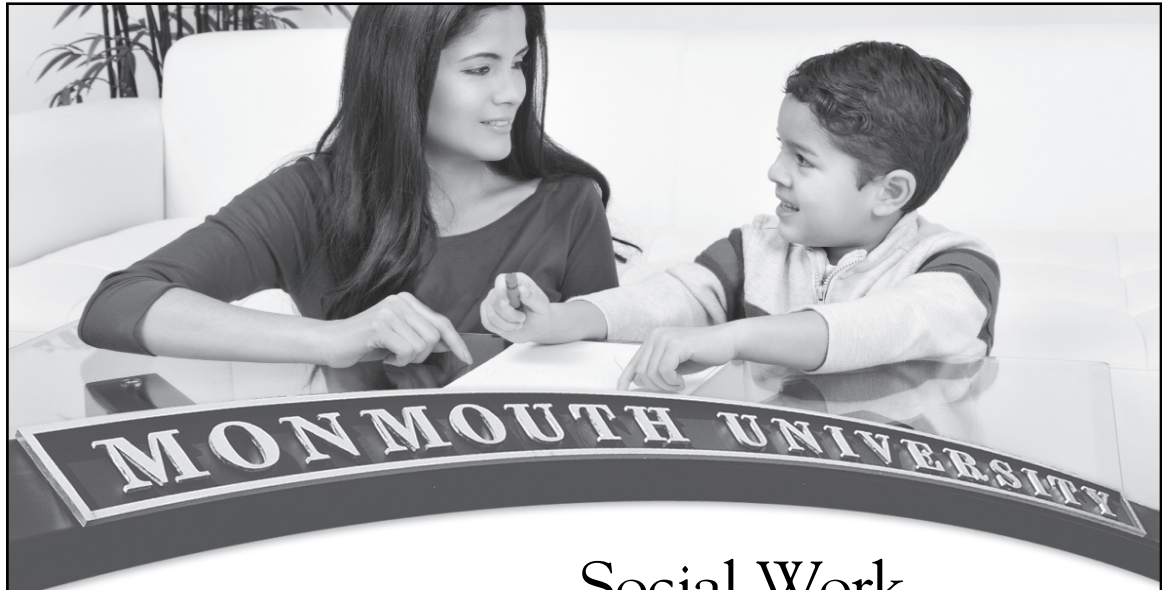
The deals on these sites can also be used for gifts. If you know someone who has always wanted to take yoga classes you can sign them up for some classes without having to dig too deep into your wallet.

If you are just interested in going out to dinner, then you should try Restaurant.com. This website is similar to Groupon and LivingSocial except that it is just restaurants, and they are ones that are right in your neighborhood. All you have to do is enter your zip code and soon you will see restaurants in your area that have deals on dinners.

Some of them might end up being your favorite ones you go to all the time. You can get a gift certificate worth \$25 but only have to pay \$10. Some restaurants even offer \$100 worth of food and you only have to pay \$40 for the gift certificate.

For college students sometimes you can get tired of eating at the same cheap places, but with the help of Restaurant.com we can now eat at nicer restaurants and not have to worry about spending too much money.

If you are interested in trying a new experience, different cuisines, or just want to do something different with your friends you should check out these sites. They won’t let you down and you will be happy that you found something new and exciting to try out.



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# Former Art Professor Unveils Exhibition

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The University welcomed back an esteemed professor—who never really left campus—on February 4. Retired art teacher, Edward Jankowski, returned to the podium to give a lecture explaining his artwork to an audience including friends, family, and former students for “the first and last time.” He also showcased over 40 years worth of art in the 800 Gallery.

“I’m here all the time. I still work here,” Jankowski said, “I have a studio right behind this room [the 800 Gallery]. The Provost let me stay, considering half of the tools are mine anyway.”

Jankowski’s lecture took place in the Wilson Hall Auditorium at 6 pm. The former educator used wit and charm to describe his eclectic collection of art pieces to the audience. Using a projector, he showed pictures of everything from a

painting of President Truman in his underwear to a compilation of tribal masks.

“I always paint Presidents in their underwear,” Jankowski told the audience, “it takes them off of their pedestals.”

Among the audience was Jankowski’s teenage daughter, Alexis, who still found the lecture intriguing although it wasn’t the first time she has heard it.

“I thought the lecture was really cool. I actually heard it before in our living room when he was practicing,” Alexis said while laughing, “But it was nice to see it come together because he’s worked really hard over the past couple of years.”

Alexis has been motivated by

her father to pursue a degree in the arts, particularly in the fashion industry.

“It’s hard for me to say this because I pick on him so much—but he’s probably the best dad anyone could have,” Alexis said. “He’s totally supportive, I could pick

the worst career in the world and he would pretend to be excited for me.”

The lecture was only an hour long, and the minutes flew by as fast as the images on Jankowski’s

projector.

After the lecture, the audience took a short walk to the 800 Gallery to see Jankowski’s work up close. Once inside, it was easy to tell that the slides shown on the projector did not do justice to the actual art: the paintings hanging on the walls were more vibrant and the sculptures standing on the shelves were more detailed.

Jankowski walked through the gallery with pride, while swarms of people surrounded him to shake his hand and congratulate him on his work. Occasionally, he would escape to the adjoining room to grab the free food and drink that was supplied.

“People get whatever they want to get [from the artwork].

I don’t do things with a kind of profound message; everything’s hidden,” Jankowski said. “I don’t have the pretentious nature to think that people should get something special.”

Scott Knauer, Monmouth Director of Galleries and Collections, had been planning this show with Jankowski for a while before he retired.

“It’s kind of a tribute to him and his time here at Monmouth,” said Knauer. “He’s extremely knowledgeable about arts, art history, and contemporary arts. He’s just an amazing resource and a lot of fun to be around and to hear talk.”

Jankowski’s artwork will be on display in the 800 Gallery until March 11. You never know, you might just run into Jankowski himself, who has been titled by former students as the “Jon Stewart of art historians.”

“Jon Stewart is my favorite political commentator,” Jankowski said while smiling, “it’s a compliment.”

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EDWARD JANKOWSKI  
Retired Art History Professor

## University Student Performs in Local Band, Loose Fit

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It is not often that I take a real liking to a local band. More often than not, the bands on the Asbury circuit are either middle aged men playing bluesy southern rock or some no-talent local kids trying to be the next A Day To Remember.

Heading down to Asbury Park to see a show at the Saint or the Stone Pony has never been a tradition that I could get into, mainly because of my distaste for and, quite honestly, my boredom with the bands that play at those venues every weekend.

I felt like that until I went to my first Loose Fit show in December.

Loose Fit is a four-piece rock/reggae band from Oceanport, New Jersey. My friend brought me to their December 4 show at the Stone Pony, and I was blown away. That’s the only way that I could describe it. They played great, and their live show has this intense energy that few bands can produce. I knew that I had to keep following this band.

So I drove down to the Wonder Bar in Asbury Park on January 27 to see them open for Voodoo Chile. They did not disappoint. Their fantastic set opened with an extended jam which led into their song “Little Sister.” They followed with their covers of Bob Marley’s “I Shot The Sheriff,” Phish’s “Waste,” and the Red Hot Chili Peppers’ “Aeroplane,” along with great originals like “Alien Song,” “Wasted Basement,” and “Leaving Song.”

The audience was dumbstruck with amazement; multiple spectators approached them to congratulate them, asking where they were from, how long they had been playing, and where they could get their music.

Local music legend T.M. Stevens, who played bass guitar in Voodoo Chile, danced in front of the stage through most of their set, cheering them on. Stevens, who brought the band onstage during his set for an impromptu jam, said he was proud of the band, ending his praise with “Loose Fit is awesome. You can quote me on that.”

I got to sit down with Loose Fit



Loose Fit, pictured above, is a four-man rock/reggae band out of Oceanport, NJ. Drummer Ray Cunneff, center, is a current University student.



The guys of Loose Fit pictured with Voodoo Chile bass guitarist and local music legend T.M. Stevens (far left).

after their set and ask them a few questions about what they do. The four band members, lead singer and guitarist Joey Henderson, guitarist and backing vocalist Pat Oakes, bassist Kevin Lipert, and drummer Ray Cunneff, all went to Shore Regional High School in West Long Branch, NJ, and started playing together in early 2010.

Cunneff, a freshman at the University, describes the band’s purpose and biggest inspiration as “just playing shows and making people happy.” They cite their favorite musicians and influences as Bob Marley, Phish, Pepper, Slightly Stoopid, The Allman Brothers, and Jimi Hendrix, among others.

The four band members have been playing music individually since they were all very young, sometimes playing together and jamming on-and-off before they formed the band last April. Henderson, 19, and Oakes, 18, both took piano lessons from the same teacher in elementary school, and both gave up on the lessons to learn how to play the guitar.

“Somewhere in middle school, Jimi Hendrix changed my life. I know it sounds cheesy, but it’s true,” says Henderson.

Oakes shared a similar story, saying that, in middle school, “piano just wasn’t cutting it for me anymore.”

Cunneff, 18, started playing the drums in a cover band in middle school, and Lipert, 17, picked up the bass by playing with his older brother. Henderson, Lipert, and Cunneff also played together in the Shore Regional High School jazz band, which Cunneff credited with influencing much of his drumming style. “If [our teacher] saw what we were playing up there,” he says, “he would be impressed.”

Loose Fit is entering the studio in March to record their original material. Their plans for the next year are to play as much as they can and start selling merchandise; the profits from which would fund a tour during the summer of 2012.

Live recordings of the band, as well as the studio version of “I Shot The Sheriff,” can be found at their website, [myspace.com/loosefitnj](http://myspace.com/loosefitnj).



# “The Mechanic”: A Solid Remake With Some Loose Bolts

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Jason Statham is one cool guy. He always manages to take a role and somehow add bravado to make the film exciting. This guy could read a bill on C-SPAN, and it would still be awesome (at least to me). Statham knows how to make the most of an action movie as well as speak each line of dialogue to give it more of an edge. He's been doing well making a career out of action movies like, “The Transporter” series, to become one of the leading stars in this genre. With his newest film, a remake of “The Mechanic,” it is no different.

Taking over the role first played by Charles Bronson from “Death Wish,” Statham plays Arthur Bishop, a mechanic or hired killer. He is the best there is, taking detail time to plan his assignments by placing pictures and documents on a wall and always able to get a kill without raising any red flags. After Arthur kills a guy in a pool, he moves the target's arms to make it seem like they are swimming, and escapes. No one is the wiser.

Based out of New Orleans in a remote luxury house, Arthur has very few acquaintances besides a prostitute and his old friend, Harry McKenna (Donald Sutherland). However, things turn sour when Arthur is informed that Harry ruined a mission and, he must now fix this mess. After Arthur deals with Harry, he meets Harry's son, Steve McKenna (Ben Foster), a disappointment who can't keep his temper. Arthur discovers that Steve is in a financial rut and living in a messy house, which soon will be taken away from him.

Later that night, Steve gets drunk and angry and decides to unleash his inner frustration by attempting to kill a carjacker. However, he is stopped by Arthur who was following him and prevents Steve from doing anything reckless. Realizing his

potential, Arthur decides to take Steve under his wing by teaching him tactics that come with being a mechanic. Although stumbling at first, Arthur and Steve soon team up to complete whatever mission they are assigned, but Arthur discovers that a certain assignment has been as bluntly manipulated as the deaths he executes.

Besides his slick British accent and intense action moves, Statham puts a lot of himself into the film and it shows. As in “The Ex-

well for Steve. This character could have been very annoying, but Foster holds things back. Although there are times when Steve is okay, Foster makes him interesting to watch as he gets into this field as well as throwing plenty of punches. He also does well playing around with the film's dry humor for a laugh or two. More so, when Statham and Foster are in Arthur's pickup truck, it is hard not to imagine Foster as a younger American version of Statham.

blood and bullets. Additionally, as West updates the look of “The Mechanic,” he also changes the original rating of PG in 1972 to R today. Therefore, audiences don't have to use their imaginations as much when someone bleeds or during intimate moments between the bed sheets. This plays more to the style of the film than the substance of the story.

While some scenes work better than others, West does succeed in “The Mechanic” with handling a

er and student plus lessons on vengeance.

The script by Richard Wenk and Lewis John Carlino based on a story by Carlino keeps the original story alive but are able to adapt it so that it feels new. Even if something looks or sounds familiar, scenes can still feel exciting as well as surprising. At times, they succeed in improving the original with a more stirring confrontation between Arthur and Harry as Arthur gives Harry directions out of his office building only for them to meet face to face. However, other instances don't work like when the movie shifts focus to Steve. Sure, it allows Steve to have a side story, but this character is more interesting when he is being taught by Arthur instead of going solo.

What Wenk and Carlino do have fun with is upgrading aspects of “The Mechanic.” They change the setting from Los Angeles to New Orleans and give the film more travel time to places like Colombia and Chicago than the first film did. Also, instead of getting assignments via a box delivery, Arthur goes to online classified ads and uses disposable cell phones to have conversations. These changes are nice details that help to bring Arthur into the present.

While the film is good, these 92 minutes could be just as entertaining on DVD as on the silver screen. Either way, action and Statham fans will still find a way to enjoy the movie. Plus fans of the original will be pleased with some Easter eggs like the music Arthur plays when setting up his assignment wall with pictures and documents and a glimpse of a pipe, which Bronson's Arthur was fond of smoking.

“The Mechanic” is a film that had the blueprint for a remake and made its own identity in the process. Yet, what is lost is how this remake discards the finite ending of Bronson's version for a more infinite one. The possibilities for more stories are endless, but the impact of the final twist doesn't feel that tight.

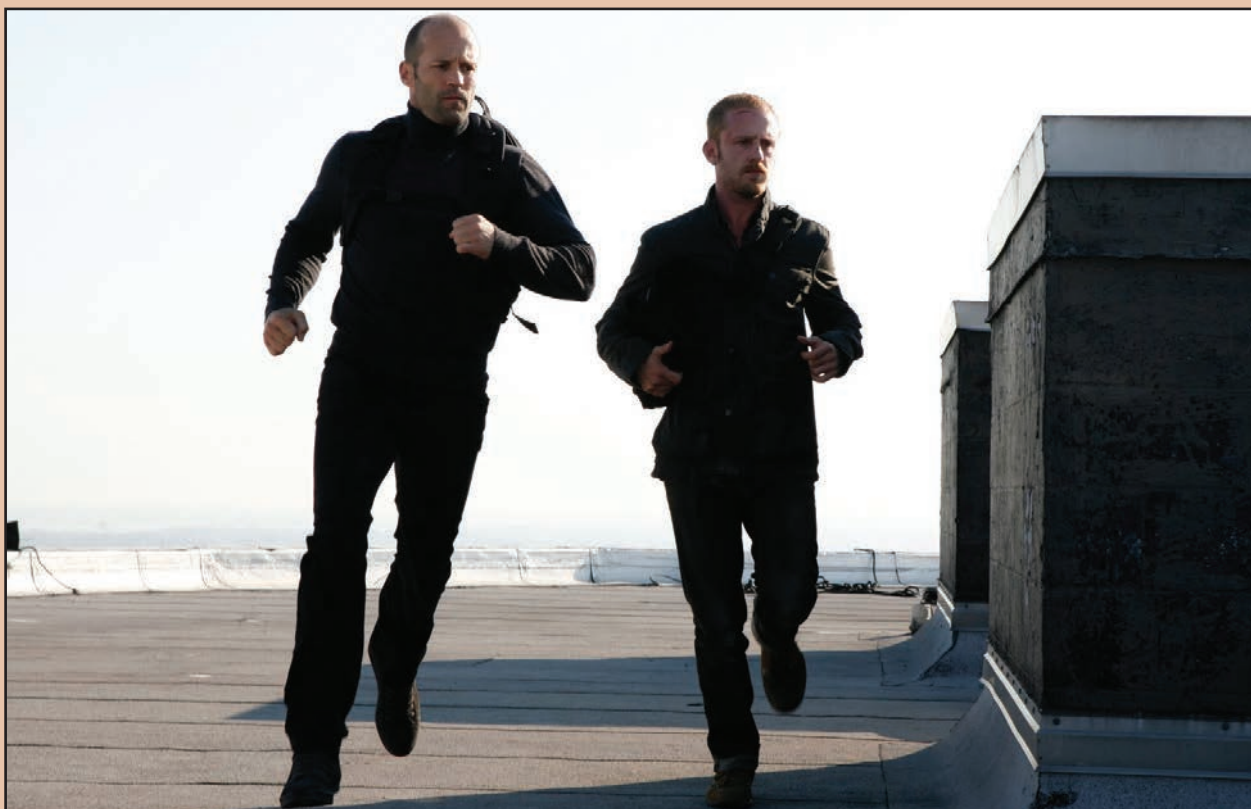


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**Arthur Bishop**, left, played by actor Jason Statham, is a “mechanic” or hired assassin who has a knack for eliminating targets without a trace.

pendables,” even when the movie starts to get bogged down, Statham presents energy to keep the momentum rolling. Without this devotion to playing a mechanic, the film would feel lacking. There never comes a point when it feels like Statham tries to follow Bronson's path. Instead, Statham adds his own technique to make this killer feel modern and deadly by his acting. He owns the role. At one point, when he is staring down a security guard, it is surprising this guard doesn't back away.

Helping Statham out in a supporting role is Foster, who has a swagger and attitude that works

They both share a strong independent, attitude that energizes the movie from its quiet moments to the loud sounds of guns blazing.

Simon West directs this remake so that it comes across slicker than the original and more violent. As with Statham, the director doesn't copy the feel of the first one, and thus, lets this remake feel like its own story. While the first film was more concerned with the character of Arthur than violence, this remake tries to keep both the characters and action on the same page so that audiences get character development and some rough fight scenes that end with

good level of tension. He presents certain scenes with enough excitement to deliver a few good twists that are surprising. This also helps to attain the action moments by making the suspense scenes the calm before the storm. When Arthur and Steve are hidden behind a mirror after completing a mission, they are silent as not to be caught but a tiny bolt ruins their plan. Thus, an intense and exciting moment commences. The action is a big part of the film, but luckily it never feels like it is the only thing. “The Mechanic” continues to be concerned with an examination of the roles of teach-

## “Glee” Episode Well Worth the Money

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The timeslot right after the Super Bowl is one of the most coveted spots in television. It's the night of the year that is guaranteed to have the most viewers watching one channel at one time. This year, pop culture phenomenon “Glee” scored the precious timeslot (though no one ever mentioned that it would come after 40 boring minutes of postgame coverage).

Just in case you haven't been living in civilization for the last year and missed the lunch boxes, folders, video games, clothing lines, platinum soundtracks and sold out concert tours produced by “Glee,” let's recap: The show is about a new glee club in Ohio full of underdogs. Even with the quarterback and head cheerleader in the club, no one likes the glee club. They're still at the bottom of the social food chain of high school. The other football players regularly throw slushies in the

faces of the talented glee members. This season, the tension between the kids are at an all-time high after openly gay student Kurt Hummel



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“Glee” cast member, Lea Michele, who plays Rachel Berry in the show, sang “America the Beautiful” before the Super Bowl.

(recent Golden Globe winner Chris Colfer) transfers to an all boys high school because he no longer feels

safe after so much homophobic bullying from the football players.

In Sunday night's episode, football coach Shannon Beiste (Dot-Marie Jones) forces the entire football team to join the glee club in an effort to ease the tensions between the two groups. Coach Beiste says that the boys will not play in the championship game if they don't perform with glee club during the halftime show. Eventually, after a lot of back-and-forth with the decision, even not playing in the first half of the game and forcing the girls of glee to temporarily join the team, the football players joined the glee club for what turned out to be an awesome mash-up of Michael Jackson's “Thriller” and the Yeah Yeah Yeah's “Heads Will Roll.”

Of course the boys don't get all of the drama. Quinn Fabray (Dianna Agron), Brittany S. Pierce (Heather Morris) and Satana Lopez (Naya Rivera) are cheerleaders as well as glee club members and they have to make a decision: cheer

or glee? Cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester (another recent Golden Globe winner) moved the cheerleading competition to the same time as the football game because if anything can be made harder for the glee club, Sue will make sure it happens.

In the cheer routine to Katy Perry's “California Girls,” Sue has girls running around in blue wigs with flaming hula hoops and fireworks shooting out of cheerleaders chests. When Sue decides it still isn't exciting, she comes up with the idea that she can shoot Brittany out of a canon (something with only a 30% success rate).

When Quinn realizes that she'll still have friends without being head cheerleader, Santana realizes that being on the bottom of the pyramid isn't fun and Brittany realizes she doesn't want to die in a cheerleading stunt, the three go back to glee club just in time to get into zombie costumes for the halftime show.

While the zombie idea seems

a little out of nowhere and something that should be saved for the next Halloween episode, it actually played out very nicely. When it was revealed that the iconic song “Thriller” would be mashed with another song, it seemed like an almost idiotic idea. You don't mess with what is arguably Michael Jackson's most famous song. As glee club director Will Schuester says in one of the many clever references to their time slot “It's the super bowl of pop anthems.”

Yet when blended with “Heads Will Roll,” it actually sounded really good. The makeup and costumes were all pretty fantastic (though I don't know what high school student can do their own undead make up quite that well).

Between the theatrics of the halftime show and the pyrotechnics of the cheerleading routine, it's easy to see why this episode was actually the most expensive episode of Glee ever produced. From where I'm watching, it looks like it was worth it.



# At the Corner Just in Time to See the Bus Fly By...

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STAFF WRITER

With graduation quickly approaching, we all will soon be facing the dreaded job interview. Many of us have already been on many of these, whether it is for a part-time job or internship, and for some reason that is always the day that everything goes wrong.

You spend the whole day before the interview scrambling to perfect your resume and build an amazing portfolio. But with that important task at hand, the computer always crashes and the printer always breaks. The printer somehow can sense that what you are printing is life altering and always decides to take that moment to run out of ink, jam your paper or just shut down and die.

Even though you're exhausted, sleep never comes. You spend the whole night tossing and turning and imagining everything that can go wrong, because you know it will. Lying in bed, you stare at the ceiling, playing through the interview and imagining every question that the interviewer can ask. Before you know it the alarm is blaring and you've gotten no sleep.

With exhaustion weighing you down, it takes you longer to get ready and you start running late. Combining rushing with your frustration and nerves, you get really flustered and start dropping everything. The toothbrush falls in the toilet, the straightener burns your finger and you drop your make up in the sink while the water is running. The last step is to put on the professional looking attire you carefully selected, but first you have to grab the "Tide To Go" pen and try to get out that small stain on



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**Running late** can make you feel like the world is against you.

the front. Finally you put the clothes on and oh crap, when did those extra five pounds get added to your body so that now the zipper doesn't go up?

After deciding to sacrifice the ability to breathe in order to get the zipper up, you make a mad dash for the car. Of course, just as you're pulling up to the bus stop, you realize you forgot the portfolio that you worked so hard on at home. You rush home to get it and just as you get back to the bus stop, the bus is pulling away. Having to wait for the next bus, you are once again running late. You finally get on the bus and amazingly, you get a seat. You think maybe the day is making a good turn around, but then bad strikes again and the bus stops in the bumper-to-bumper traffic going into the city.

Eventually you reach the city and you make the risky decision to grab a coffee because you're running on no sleep and an empty stomach.

Walking out of Port Authority, a large woman with a purse the size of a suitcase crashes into you and there goes your caramel skinny latte all over your new white blouse from Express. You try to walk as fast as possible down Eighth Avenue to the office, while trying to ignore the Jessica Simpson stilettos that are cutting off the circulation to your toes.

After believing that the building will never appear, you arrive at the front door. Approaching the front desk to check in, you try not to wince with every painful step and cover the coffee stain. You clear your throat and give your name clearly and professionally. They call upstairs to the office to check you in. You sit there, anxiously waiting and reviewing all the facts that you have memorized about the company. Security calls you back over and informs you that there is a problem with your interview. It's tomorrow.

# The Threat of Liquid Natural Gas

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"Liquid natural gas threatens our environment, our wallets, our safety, our energy security, and our way of life," says Joe Reynolds, co-chair of the Bayshore Regional Watershed Council, of the proposed project to import the foreign fossil fuel to terminals that would be anchored to the ocean floor just 16 miles off the coast of Asbury Park.

The project, called Liberty Natural Gas (LNG), would import the gas from Trinidad and Tobago by the Sonde Resources Corp (formerly Canadian Superior Energy), and require 44 miles of offshore pipelines, and an additional nine miles onshore.

The Bayshore Regional Watershed Council is a group of volunteers dedicated to the restoration and conservation of the Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays through education, advocacy and research.

They, along with 87 other organizations, municipalities, and businesses oppose the building of this industrialized fuel facility for a multitude of reasons.

Governor Christie also opposes the proposal, stating on Earth Day 2010 that his administration would oppose any such application. "New Jersey is not going to be a pipeline for...natural gas at the risk of ruining our shores, our beaches and our environment."

The Watershed Council believes that importing LNG would increase dependence on

foreign fossil fuels, undermine renewable energy, and hurt conservation efforts.

Marine life could also be affected due to the tearing up of the sea floor to build the pipeline. Additionally, the LNG facility would release billions of gallons of water per year at almost 30 degrees Fahrenheit higher than the ambient ocean temperatures, disrupting the surrounding ecosystems.

The local maritime industry may well suffer as well because public waters would be off limits as part of the government-set exclusion zones around both LNG terminals and tankers.

Liberty Natural Gas claims their project would lower energy costs, though Reynolds says otherwise. "LNG costs significantly more than domestically produced gas since there is a large cost of liquefying, shipping, and then regasifying LNG."

Two public hearings on LNG are set for the area this week: Wednesday, Feb. 9 at Long Branch Middle School, 350 Indiana Avenue, and Thursday, February 10 at NJ Convention and Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue in Edison, New Jersey.

All hearings begin at 6:30 pm, though the public is encouraged to arrive early to get a seat. There will be an open house with informational displays from 5:00 -6:00 pm.

For those who cannot attend the hearings, comments will be accepted until Feb. 23. For more information, email [citizens@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:citizens@cleanoceanaction.org).

# Things to Do Until Springtime Hits

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STAFF WRITER

During the winter months, it can be easy to run out of things to do, especially living in an area by the beach.

Students feel stuck indoors, unable to really use the Jersey

yet, there are plenty of events happening on campus during the cold winter months to keep you from freezing over. Luckily, you don't have to travel far to get to any of these entertaining shows.

The University offers many plays and exhibits right here on campus in Pollak Theatre and

duction that will be broadcasted from The Metropolitan Opera in Pollak on Saturday, February 12, and "Ailey II", a dance show, on Sunday, February 13, which according to the University's website, is performed by an "exceptional company that merges the spirit and energy of the country's

ary 25, whose music is described as "a turbo Celtic-Scottish-country-Riverdance-pop with enough energy to light up East Toronto."

Beyond the University's events on campus, the surrounding community also has many productions going on.

The Count Basie Theater in Red Bank will be presenting "The Pink Floyd Experience" on Saturday, February 19, as they perform "Animals" in its entirety.

Two River Theater Company, also in Red Bank is showing "A Thousand Clowns," a "delightful comedy about a whip-smart kid who lives with his far-from-

& Day Spa. With so many different choices, one can't go wrong spending the day, or evening, enjoying all that Pier Village has to offer.

Students who are 21 and older have many great options when planning a night out on the town, including Nip & Tuck Bar and Jack's Rib & Ale House in Long Branch, and Boyle's Tavern in Monmouth Beach.

As long as you are legal and able to visit these establishments, it's five o'clock somewhere!

Finally, for those students who want to get out of the area and get into some snow - pull out your snowboards, skis, and snow



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**Mountain Creek Resort** located in Vernon, N.J., has 167 acres of skiable slopes on four different mountains, rated among some of the best terrains in the nation. The ski resort has 41 trails for beginner, intermediate, advanced, and expert riders.

Shore to their advantage. While counting down the days until spring arrives, there are many things to do in the area to fill up the time between now and then.

For students who are not 21

Lauren K. Woods Theatre that are usually free of charge to students or at a discounted admission.

The many programs in both Pollak and Woods include "Nixon in China," a new opera pro-

best young dance talent with the passion and creative vision of today's most outstanding emerging choreographers." Also, there will be a performance by musical group "Leahy," on Friday, Febru-

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conventional uncle in 1960s New York" until Sunday, February 20.

If going to see these shows does not interest you, there are many places to go to in this area, including Pier Village. Some of Pier Village's well known restaurants include Sawa Steakhouse & Sushi Bar, McLoone's Pier House, Avenue & Le Club, and Sirena Ristorante.

Along with many different places to eat, Pier Village is also known for its shopping - including boutiques such as Nirvana, and Jenna & Molly.

There is also a Gold's Gym to work out at, and a spa to relax in afterwards - Aquamedica Salon

tubes.

The most popular winter spot for New Jersey residents is Mountain Creek Resort in Vernon, New Jersey. Mountain Creek is the closest ski resort in the New York/New Jersey area.

With 167 acres of skiable slopes on four different mountains, how could the skiers, snowboarders and tubers of Monmouth not want to go up for the day?

The best part about Mountain Creek is that it is less than a two hour drive, so people can drive up to enjoy the slopes during the day, and drive back home without staying overnight at the resort.



# Saving Lives by Donating Blood

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College students have enough on their plates with school and work, while still balancing a social life. While these are daily stresses that you face, imagine if you also had an illness that could keep you from even being able to attend school on a regular basis. This is what Awele Nwosu-Aken, a female living with sickle cell anemia worries about each day.

In order to stay healthy and in school, Nwosu-Aken needs to receive a blood transfusion every four weeks. She says, “I am very grateful to all the people who give up their time to donate the blood I need to survive.”

When Nwosu-Aken was 10-years-old, she was diagnosed with sickle cell anemia. Even though she spent more than half of her life in a hospital, sometimes calling it her home, she was able to pass the exams that she needed in order to be eligible to further her education. Nwosu-Aken is planning on going to a university next year to study biotechnology media.

There are many stories similar to this one, in which the patient constantly needs blood transfusions to survive; these are available at [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk). Nwosu-Aken’s story reminds people of why it is important to donate blood on a regular basis.

Everyone by now knows that the requirements for donation are that you must be older than 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and be in good health. However, only 37 percent of people in the U.S. are eligible to donate blood. The good thing is that if you are eligible, you

can donate every 56 days. [Americansblood.org](http://Americansblood.org) has more information and statistics on giving blood.

Many organizations both on campus and in the community host blood drives; we have them each semester Monmouth. Most people remember blood drives

percent of donated blood comes from a hospital.

Even though most people donate when their school hosts a blood drive, you do not have to host or attend a blood drive in order to donate. Anyone eligible can go to a local Red Cross or hospital to give

like 9/11. During this time, more people donated blood than normally. Each year, about 4.5 million Americans need blood transfusions as a result of being involved some type of crisis.

When you go to donate blood, the whole process of a physical

nurses usually take one pint of blood out of the volunteer. The average human being has 10 pints of blood in their body and the lost blood is replenished within a day. One pint of a donor’s blood can save up to three lives!

Once your blood is donated, hospitals have many options in terms of what to do with it. They can keep your blood “whole,” where nothing is altered or removed. They can also separate the blood into cells including: red blood cells, platelets, plasma and cryoprecipitate.

Each cell can serve a different purpose for people in need of the blood. According to [givelife2.org](http://givelife2.org), red blood cells are used in emergency situations like trauma and for surgery, and platelets are used for cancer patients.

Plasma is used for both large transfusions and burns depending on if the plasma has been frozen or not, and cryoprecipitate is used when a person has hemophilia which is characterized by constant, uncontrollable bleeding.

Some of the different types of cells in blood can be stored for up to a year, but cells like platelets only have a shelf life of five days meaning that doctors need to replenish the stock very often.

It is important to take time to donate your blood to those in need. According to [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org), 16 million blood donations are collected in the U.S. each year, and 9.5 million people donate.

If you are a person who is not eligible to donate blood, then you can still help by volunteering your time to The Red Cross or helping set up a blood drive.



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**Blood drives** held nationwide bring in about 50 percent of blood donated each year. Only seven percent of donated blood comes from a hospital. In order to be a donor, you must be 17 or older, weigh more than 110 pounds, and be in good health.

from high school, when you got to leave class for about an hour and snack on cookies afterwards.

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blood. The nearest Red Cross to Monmouth is located in Red Bank and there is also one in Tinton Falls.

Blood is in a very high demand, especially during times of a crisis

and the health background check and donation of blood takes about an hour, but it only takes about 10 minutes to actually have your blood taken.

When people give blood, the

## “Are We Truly Alone?” Kepler Satellite May Provide Answer

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NASA has announced that the space telescope Kepler has discovered more than 1,200 potential planets orbiting stars near the Cygnus constellation.

Astronomers are at an apparent loss for words as the discovery has more than tripled the number of known planets in our galaxy.

“I expected Kepler would be finding a lot of planets,” said Debra Fischer, a Yale astronomer who is not a part of the Kepler team, at a press conference. “But I’m amazed to see these milestone discoveries so quickly.” The mind-

Five of these planets lie in the “habitable zone” of stars dimmer and cooler than the Sun, where moderate temperatures would notably increase the possibility of finding liquid water.

The other 49 exoplanets Kepler found in habitable zones are significantly larger than Earth. Some are even “as big as Jupiter” said Bill Jorucki, Kepler’s principal investigator.

For more than 20 months now, NASA’s space telescope Kepler has been constantly staring, without blinking, at a congregation of about 156,000 stars located near the Cygnus constellation, measuring their brightness every 30 min-

months of data, if a similar telescope were to look at our own sun, it would have been extremely lucky to even see the Earth pass even once.

In order for a planet to appear in Kepler’s database, the planet must make at least three transits in front of its Sun. Kepler’s next data release is scheduled for June 2012, a day some astronomers can hardly wait for.

had discovered a sun wielding six orbiting planets.

Dr. Lissauer and his team were able to calculate the planets’ masses and densities by measuring the slight variations in the transit times caused by the gravitational interferences of the planets with each other.

The results of such measurements confirmed that they were “super-Earths,” having masses

described them as “sort of like marshmallows with a little hard-candy core.”

Alan Boss, a planetary theorist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, jokingly said the Kepler 11 system, as it is now known, should “keep theorists busy and off the streets for a long time.”

Will this discovery finally be able to answer the question that epitomizes the field of astronomy:

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boggling numbers are not all that Fischer is talking about.

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Of these exoplanets (planets outside the realm of our solar system), 68 are one fourth the size of Earth or smaller, including a handful that are no bigger than Mars.

utes.

The nine million megapixel lens of the Kepler satellite are so precise that they are able to measure exactly when the light of stars dim very slightly, in a modular repeating pattern.

This is akin to being able to discern a flea traversing across a traffic light seen from 50 yards away. This pattern of dips was created by planets moving in front of their respective stars.

However, after analyzing four

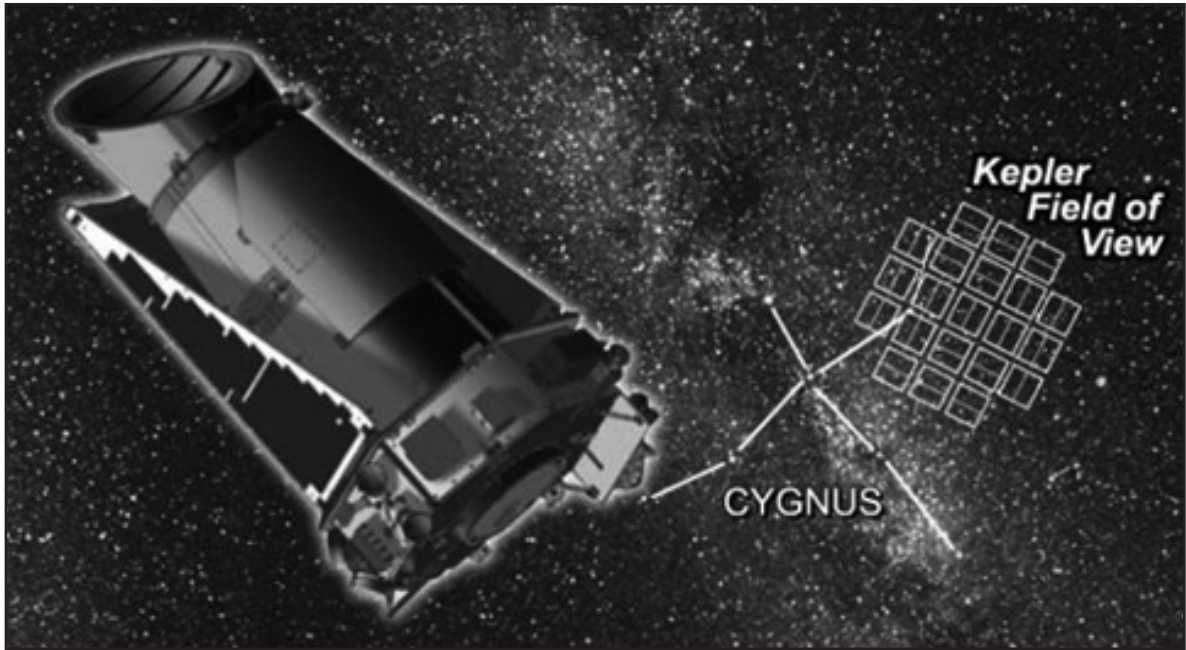


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**The Kepler Satellite** has been observing more than 156,000 stars near the Cygnus constellation where it has discovered more than 1,200 exoplanets.

On Thursday, February 3, the day after the publication of the Kepler publication, a group of Kepler astronomers led by Dr. Lissauer of Ames Research Center at NASA, announced that they

ranging from two to 13 times that of our Earth.

The team further concluded that the planets were particularly full, containing mixtures of gas, rock and water. Dr. Lissauer

“are we truly alone amidst the entirety of our cosmos?”

We may soon be able to answer this question as scientists delve back into their laboratories to analyze the terabytes of data.



# Saving the World, One Home at a Time

## Energy Service Corps Takes on Educating the Community about Energy Efficiency

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When it comes to saving our planet, every little bit counts. Every can recycled and every gallon of gas saved makes a difference, whether people realize it or not. However, conserving energy and at the same time conserving our wallets is not a topic that many people fully understand.

As of Fall 2009, however, the University was joined by the Energy Service Corps, a student run organization that takes on “real world issues that affect students and the community such as global warming, homelessness, hunger, and energy use,” as reported by Stephen Shaw, a graduate student who is in charge of the Community Education campaign of the organization.

Energy Service Corps is a joint project of AmeriCorps, which is a domestic PeaceCorps, and the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group (NJPIRG). Together, these organizations work to educate and engage communities about energy efficiency through various campaigns and community gathering places such as churches and schools.

Before Energy Service Corps existed, Monmouth was home to Water Watch, which was another jointly funded project. However, soon enough, the need for a group to conquer the problems of energy efficiency became apparent, so NJPIRG and AmeriCorps started to fund the Energy Service Corps.

In order to accomplish their goals, the Energy Service Corps runs four campaigns, which are Community Education, Home Assessments and Weatherization, K-12 Education, and Service Projects.

“We try to spread the word about who we are and what we do to local community members. We also do workshops to show community members, energy savers and energy wasters, how they can make a difference,” said Shaw. Also, they do assessments on the community

buildings themselves to show them how even slight changes, such as turning down the heat when no one is in the building, can make a huge impact on energy use and the bills.

Lisa Harris, who runs Energy Service Corps, said that their goal for this semester is to educate over 300 community members about energy efficiency. As of right now, the main obstacle in this is to find

less wasting of energy.

Trying to get as many people involved as possible is very important to the organization. Breana Schadt, senior student who runs this campaign, said, “One or two people being energy efficient means nothing if the rest of society does not pull their weight.” She said that her goal is to visit at least 30 homes to show them how to be

that their goal for this campaign is to educate over 500 children about energy and the environment.

Each year, the organization also runs several service projects, which usually involve helping local charitable organizations with energy conservation. Some of the projects they have been a part of were Project Porchlight, which was a light bulb distribution in Matawan, Education Week, where they educated over 1500 children about energy and the environment in Trenton and Atlantic City in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and a weatherization on the local Ronald McDonald house.

As of right now, the organization has about 20 active members, but they are aiming to have at least 50. The Energy Service Corps offers internships for their members which can qualify for class credits or independent study. There are also lots of volunteering opportunities, where members can weatherize homes, make follow-up phone calls, help out in service projects, or help recruit new volunteers. It is only with more volunteers that the Energy Service Corps can take on new campaigns and establish more chapters in the surrounding area.

Schadt said, “Anyone can volunteer. One can be involved as much as they want to be whether it is one home assessment a month or they can join in all campaigns and show weekly participation.”

For Schadt, it is this freedom that makes the organization truly great. She said, “I am able to do my work when I have the time. It is a relaxed and open work environment where I can contribute my ideas and do many things how I want them to be done.”

As of right now, a constant meeting time for the semester has not become definitive but will be soon. Interested members can come to the Energy Service Corps kick-off meeting on Wednesday, February 9 at 2:30 pm in Magill Club Room 109. They can also contact Lisa Harris at [lisa@energyservicecorps.org](mailto:lisa@energyservicecorps.org).



PHOTO COURTESY of Breana Schadt.

**Breana Schadt** of the Energy Service Corps visits schools and teaches children about how they can be more energy efficient.

enough venues to accomplish this through. To do this, Shaw said that they will try to get students, Greek life, and local residents involved.

The Energy Service Corps also goes in community members’ homes to show them personally how they can help to decrease their energy usage. They do things such as place weather stripping on doors and windows, make sure that the water heater is set to an appropriate temperature, and encourage the use of power strips to prevent the use-

more energy efficient.

The Energy Service Corps also strives to reach out to children as well through their K-12 Campaign. To get younger students involved, they play informative games or activities with them. Shaw said, “We feel that getting to students at a young age will help them be more energy conscious throughout their entire life. Plus, we hope that the students will bring some of this information home to their parents to help them save money.” Harris said

# Venezuela’s Idol Performs at the University

## Diego Val Sings at Java City for Student Activities Board Coffee House Series

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Diego Val, musician and winner of “Venezuela’s Idol,” performed at Java City in the Rebecca Strafford Student Center on Thursday, February 3. His performance was a part of the Student Activities Board Coffee House series.

Diego played his own work with a variety of upbeat songs like “Wake Up” and slower ones like “Dream Girl” on his acoustic guitar. He also performed three songs in Spanish, including one called “Luna,” which were all about his personal experiences. Along with his original music, he also played a cover of King of Leon’s “Use Somebody” during his set, which was about an hour and a half.

The turnout was small, but it allowed for an intimate, comfortable, and laid back setting. However, students were walking in out of the café and sitting in the cafeteria, so Diego’s music

was heard by others as well who were not specifically in the audience.

The small crowd did not seem to bother Val at all. From the moment he stepped on stage, he had a positive attitude and a smile on his face. He engaged in conversation, told stories, and joked with the audience, which they seemed to find enjoyable.

Carolyn Walker, Student Activities Board member, said, “I liked Diego Val. He was very personable, nice, and very open, and his voice was amazing. The songs that he sang in Spanish he sang with a lot of emotion.”



PHOTO COURTESY of Anna Chamberlain

**Diego Val**, winner of Venezuela’s Idol, performed in Java City for the Coffee House Series.

Cristina Steriti, junior, said, “I was so impressed by the performance. I never knew Monmouth sponsored such an event. Diego had so much talent, and it was a great experience to watch a good looking and cultured entertainer.”

Samantha Kofsky, freshman, said, “I like his style of music, it was a different vibe. The performance turned out really well.” The positive reviews from the audience suggest that the Coffee House series, and Diego Val’s performance, was a success.

Val seemed to be enjoying himself as well while performing. “I enjoy playing in front of people and the interaction, there

is really nothing I dislike about performing,” he said.

When asked about his interest in music, he explained, “I tried everything else, but I did not enjoy it. Then I tried music and I loved it.”

After 10 years, he still feels the same way. He has been on tour and has visited other colleges such as Villanova, Penn State, and Saint Thomas in the past week.

When he is not touring, Val is in his residence in Miami. Val is currently signed with the label Jim Johnson and is working on a reality show called “American Dream”. He is also going on tour this July with Maroon 5. He has a Facebook page for fans to follow with pictures from other performances, and videos of his work can be found on YouTube.

As for the Coffee House Series, it will be continuing throughout the semester, so check the calendar for more performances and other activities from the Student Activities Board.

## Animal Representatives of Monmouth University: Adopt Rudy!

Rudy is a handsome eight-year-old Setter mix.

He has been enjoying this weather because he loves to play in the snow. Actually, he really loves to do anything outdoors.

He can sometimes be shy, but warms up to people quickly and is a very sweet dog.

Rudy is very photogenic and will look right at the camera.

Right now, he knows “sit,” but he can still learn more tricks!

He really enjoys playing with other dogs. Dogs make him feel more comfortable and relaxed, so he would be a great addition to a family with another dog.

Bring Rudy home and give him some love this Valentine’s Day.

For more information on Rudy, you can call the Monmouth County SPCA at 732-542-0040. Or, you can come and visit Rudy at the Monmouth County SPCA which is located at 260 Wall Street in Eatontown, NJ.



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**Adopt Rudy**, an eight-year-old Irish Setter mix who loves to be outdoors and socialize with other dogs.



# Students Get in the Competitive Spirit at Funtime America

*Student Activities Sponsors a Trip that Includes Laser Tag, Arcade Games, and a Racecar Motion Simulator*

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Students were given the opportunity to visit Funtime America in Cliffwood for a night of free fun on Friday, January 28. Susan Damaschke, a co-ordinator of First Year Student Retention, hosted this event. The transportation to and from Funtime America was extremely simple; a bus loaded up all of the eager students at 7:30 pm right outside of the Student Center and then departed Funtime America at 11:00 pm. This free trip, sponsored by Student Activities, included one game of laser tag with fellow students, an endless amount of motion simulators, rock wall climbs, and many carnival rides as well. Students were sent an e-mail instructing them to sign up at the Office of Student Services on the second floor of the Student center if they were interested in sharing an action packed, fun-filled night with their peers. Funtime America made their racecar motion simulator available on the night of the event. Students were able to feel as if they were in the driver’s seat going the

intense and dangerous speeds of an actual racecar. The smiles on these students’ faces afterwards indicated that the fierce ride had definitely felt as if it were a NASCAR reality. The classic carnival bumper

cars ride seemed to have gained a lot of popularity that night as well. With laughter and decent driving skills, a plethora of students were eagerly smashing into their friends’ car, all in good fun. Pictures were taken and memories were made in these little moments at Funtime America. Jenna Tshudy, freshman at the

Jenna Tshudy, freshman at the

two of her suitemates and two of her other friends and all of them agreed that it was definitely worth attending. The laser tag game seemed to be the most popular event of the night. It gave students a chance to get a bit competitive with their friends, meet new individuals, represent teamwork, and overall have a good time. This trip gave students the chance to go out and do something different on their Friday night. Shannen Wilson claimed that her favorite part of the night was playing the arcade games. “They had your typical arcade games,” Wilson said, “You were able to win tickets from playing and then trade them in for prizes, and that is what I liked most about the whole night.” This trip

was a chance for students to get out of their dorm and do something fun and different. About 40 signed up with their friends and attended last Friday and the majority of these Monmouth Hawks undoubtedly enjoyed this experience. There was constantly something for everyone to do causing the time to go by unnoticeably. Funtime America was undeniably a success to get students involved and out having fun.

University, said, “I think my favorite part was the laser tag. I love laser tagging and I think that’s what most of the students enjoyed the most.” Jenna stated that she went with

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## SGA President’s Letter

Fellow Hawks!

Last Wednesday was extremely busy for Student Government. At the meeting, the Student Government Association approved two groups to become the newest clubs on campus. The Spanish club has been reinstated after a brief hiatus and the Mathematics Club will be providing services and events to the campus in due time. Also, the Student Government Association Senators unanimously approved changes to the Student Government Association Constitution and ordered a campus-wide vote for final approval. The Student Government Association hopes very much that the new Constitution will be approved so that we will be able to serve the student body better. The Student Government Association will be taking up several issues in the coming weeks to improve the campus for all students. I will personally be heading a group to go around campus to spot problem areas for Wi-Fi and cell phone service. The Student Government Association is already aware of several problem spots in Bey Hall and is working with Vice President Edward Christensen to rectify those problems. If you are aware of any issues, please email the Student Government Association with an exact room number

as soon as possible at [sga@monmouth.edu](mailto:sga@monmouth.edu). Also, growing concern for dining services on campus has led the Student Government Association to take the lead in addressing problem areas such as variety, cleanliness, and customer service. We are aware that Aramark is in a period of transition while they look to hire a new director. However, the experience that students are receiving might be lacking in several areas. Once again, make sure to email the Student Government Association with any concerns you might have. We will be sure to address them as soon as possible. The Student Government Association is also planning for our two big events on campus this semester- Springfest and our annual Charity Auction! We are all very excited for these two events as we think they will be the best we have ever put on. If you want to help out with Springfest or the Auction as a general member, all are welcome. Email the Student Government Association account for more information!



Finally, I hope all of you are able to go to the remaining basketball games of the season as we wind down our winter sports season. The men’s basketball team plays tonight so be sure to get out and show your support for the team as they look to finish up their season on a high note! Our spring sports will be starting soon (in warmer climates for now!) and we are all looking forward to strong seasons out of all of our spring teams! Keep up all your hard work, support our athletic teams, and finally, GO HAWKS!

Kevin Sanders  
SGA President

# Club and Greek Announcements

## Delta Phi Epsilon

Welcome back Delta Phi Epsilon! We hope that everyone had a wonderful break and would like to wish everyone a great semester to come! Thank you to everyone who came to Deepher Dude. We raised a great deal of money for our Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and could not have done it without all of you. Have a great semester and thank you!

## Italian Club

The Italian Club will be hosting its first annual Carnevale on February 15 in Magill Commons from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have light refreshments, music to dance to, and we will be decorating masks for the occasion. Please come support the Italian Club as we will be announcing future events as well!

## Phi Eta Sigma

Phi Eta Sigma Induction Ceremony 2011 of Monmouth University Chapter will be held in Pollak Theater on Sunday, March 20 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The requirements for Phi Eta Sigma membership are to be a full time freshman for Fall 2010, registered full time for spring 2011, and to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the end of the fall semester. A letter to all qualified inductees will be mailed out soon. The advisor for Phi Eta Sigma is Golam Mathbor. The officers are Bryan Martin, President; Matthew-Donald Sangster, Vice President; Lori Mueller, Secretary; Sonya Shah, Treasurer; and Aziz Mama, Historian.

## Alpha Sigma Tau

We would like to welcome our six newest members. Alpha Sigma Tau’s Annual Suicide Awareness Week was very successful. We raised over \$200 throughout the week for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention. The sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau also went to Rutgers and participated in AFSP’s “Out of the Darkness” walk in memory of those lost to suicide. We also worked with the Ashley Lauren Foundation to raise money and build scarecrows with children affected by cancer and their families. For Homecoming this year Alpha Sigma Tau and Phi Kappa Psi participated in the float building contest and won second place. We have many plans for this semester.

## All Lifestyles Included

Become an ally of the LGBTQ community! Come to the ALI meetings on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in the Mullaney Hall Lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Club President Yuri Albertao at [s0701349@monmouth.edu](mailto:s0701349@monmouth.edu).

## Pep Band

Welcome students! The Monmouth Pep Band is always looking for new members to fill out our ranks. If you play an instrument and are looking for a great place to play, come be a part of what we do! The Pep Band is one of the busiest performing groups on campus performing between 50-60 performances on average every year. Played in high school? Awesome! Continue making music with us. For more information, please contact the director, Professor Bryan Jenner at [bjenner@monmouth.edu](mailto:bjenner@monmouth.edu) or stop by the Pep Band office on the third floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center to talk to one of the directors.

## Field Hockey Club

The Field Hockey Club is looking for new members! No experience is necessary. If you are interested in being a part of the Field Hockey Club, please email Kerri Bohse at [s0689678@monmouth.edu](mailto:s0689678@monmouth.edu) for further information.

## Student Activities Board

The Student Activities Board would like to thank everyone for two successful past events- the Welcome Back Black Light Dance Party held on Friday, January 21 and the Winter Carnival held on Saturday, January 22. If you would like to be a part of the Student Activities Board, come to our meetings at 3:30 pm every Wednesday in the SAB office, located on the third floor of the Student Center.

## Yoga Club

Yoga Club meets every Monday night at 9:00 pm in the Magill Commons Club, Room 108. Mats are provided for those who do not own their own. Weekly meetings include a hatha yoga demonstration and a brief discussion of club activities at the University.

## Sigma Tau Gamma

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity is proud to announce that we have initiated six new brothers: Mike DiBerardino, Henry Siebecker, Chris Trotta, Deep Patel, Dan Bracey, and Max Signore. Congratulations! The fraternity also has a lot going as we have recently placed first in float building for this year’s Homecoming and co-sponsored Substance Awareness’ Alcohol Screening. We also plan to help with “Project Pride,” an event where prisoners share their stories on how their choices concerning the use of alcohol and drugs got them put in jail.

## Hawk TV

If you are interested in being a part of Hawk TV, then please come to our meetings located in the Hawk TV studio at 3:30 pm every Wednesday. If you would like to be a part of our News team, then please come to our meetings at 3:00 pm every Wednesday in the Hawk TV studio.





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Kristina sophomore

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Maria sophomore

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Dan junior

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Jacklyn freshman

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Nick junior

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Pat senior

"I wouldn't do it. It's probably better for older people."



Kevin sophomore

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Laura senior

"If a person is more comfortable, it could be a good idea for them."

Campus Activities This Week

wednesday, february 9

HERO Campaign Night @ Men's Basketball vs. FDU, 7:45pm MAC

thursday, february 10

IFC/PHC Open Recruitment Bid Pick Up  
LGBT & Questioning Meeting, 1pm Afflitto Conf. Room  
Darrell Lawrence Willis, Sr. The Importance of being August Wilson, 1-2:15pm TBD  
Make a Valentine Card, 6-8pm Magill Dining Hall  
Yoga 9pm Cedar Basement

friday, february 11

Annual Diversity Awareness Day Part I: Break the Cycle, Be the Change, 9-10:30am Wilson Auditorium  
Part II: Journey Into Diversity, 11am-4pm Anacon  
Movie: The Next Three Days, 7pm & 11pm Oakwood Lounge  
New Member Welcoming, 7:30pm Anacon  
Late Night Mullaney: Karaoke, 9pm Mullaney Lounge

saturday, february 12

NYC Bus Trip: Departs RSSC @ 11am, Departs NYC @ 7pm \*Sign up in Student Activities  
Nixon in China – Adams, 1pm Pollak Theatre  
Hoops for Heart, 7-9:30pm Boylan Gymnasium  
Movie: Due Date, 7pm & 11pm Oakwood Lounge  
OL Interview Day, TBA RSSC

sunday, february 13

Ice Hockey vs. Rowan, Ice World, Howell, NJ  
Dance Company: Ailey II, 7pm Pollak Theatre  
Valentine's Party, 8pm Catholic Center

monday, february 14

Housing Deposit Collection, 11:30am-1:30pm Magill  
Women's Basketball vs. FDU, 7pm MAC

tuesday, february 15

Housing Deposit Collection, 11:30am-1:30pm Magill

Showings are in Oakwood Lounge @ 7 & 11 PM

Feb. 11 The Next Three Days

Feb. 12 Due Date Free Admission & Popcorn

Wednesday

All Lifestyles Included club 2:30pm, Mullaney Lounge

CLub

3:30pm, Carol Afflitto Conference Room

SGA (Student Government Association) 2:30pm, SGA Suite.

Thursday

Friends of Socrates 11:30am McAllan Hall #230

Clubs Send in Your Spring 2011 Meeting Times!

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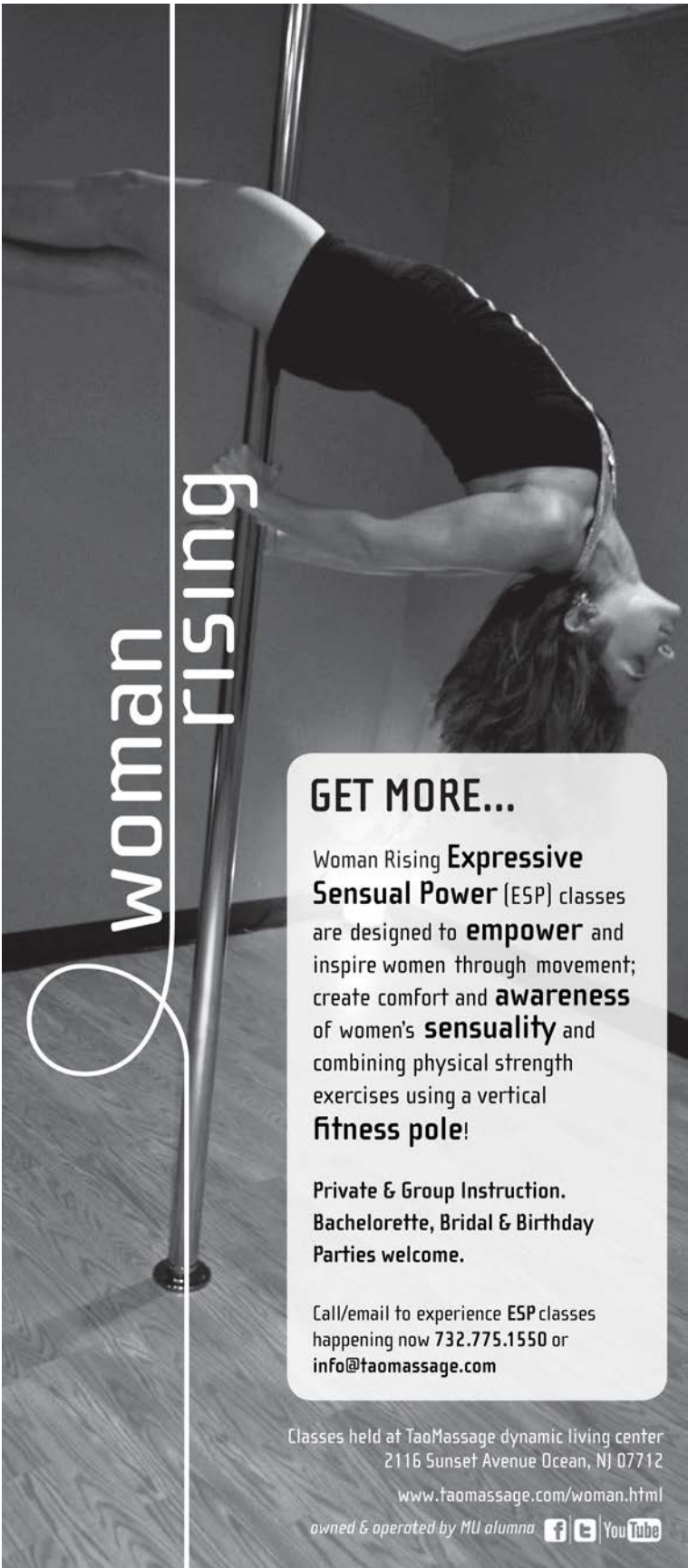


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# IDW Titles Confront Zombie ‘Infestation’

MATTHEW FISHER  
COMICS EDITOR

It appears IDW publishing forgot to get a zombie vaccination since the living dead are invading various titles in the epic crossover, “Infestation.” Having started Jan. 26, this eventful tale will run all the way to April.

IDW follows on the heels of other publishers who have had their own encounters with zombies from the reanimated heroes in DC’s “Blackest Night,” Marvel’s own super zombies in “Marvel Zombies,” and of course the hungry denizens of Image’s “The Walking Dead.”

What makes IDW’s storyline different is the fact that their zombie plague affects characters featured in their licensed properties that include Transformers, Star Trek, Ghostbusters, and G.I. Joe. “Infestation,” in some ways, feels similar to when Dark Horse Comics brought its licensed properties together in the crossover miniseries “Aliens vs. Predator vs. The Terminator” in 2000.

While this idea feels wild, IDW’s Editor-in-Chief and Chief Creative Officer, Chris Ryall, told idwpublishing.com, “This is definitely one of those ‘there’s no way they’ll ever do this’ kind of events... But not only are we doing something fans never thought they’d see, we’re doing it in a way that should confound and exceed their expectations.”

However, before this problem spreads to these series, the story begins by featuring two of IDW’s original creations, CVO (Covert Vampire Operations) and Zombies vs. Robots (ZvR was created by Ryall and artist Ashley Wood).

The nuts and guts for “Infestation” come from a key technological element in the ZvR world that

allows these hungry creatures to pour into the other realities.

The set up for the series is that “Infestation” #1 and #2, both written by superstar writers Dan Abnett and Andy Lanning, will begin and end the series.

Meanwhile, the miniseries (“Transformers: Infestation,” “Star Trek: Infestation,” “Ghostbusters: Infestation,” and “G.I. Joe: Infestation”) help fill in the blanks for this crossover. Each tie-in story will explore how the characters in their individual books deal with the zombie danger.

Although Abnett and Lanning could have created completely distinctive zombies for this story, they keep things in-house somewhat. The zombies featured come from the Zombie vs. Robot world, however, Abnett and Lanning will keep these creatures unique as they terrorize the various heroes and villains.

At the 2010 New York Comic Con, IDW editor Tom Waltz told Comicbookresources.com what readers should look forward to within these miniseries.

He said, “I don’t want to give anything away, but rest assured, each book will be fresh and exciting and different - each license facing down the same dangers, but no two in the same way. Success and survival are *not* guaranteed.”

When zombies attack these properties, Waltz went on to say that Transformers and G.I. Joe will experience this in their comic book universes.

Star Trek will deal with this threat in its film series (read: “Star Trek: The Motion Picture”) while the Ghostbusters will confront the undead in its expansive continuity that includes the films, comics, and TV show.

This particular assignment

strikes a challenge for all the creative teams since it is not often that G.I. Joe confronts the living dead or the Enterprise crew finds such creatures on an alien world.

However, writer Erik Burnham told Comicbookresources, in a separate article, why his book, “Ghostbusters: Infestation,” is a bit easier to digest (pun intended) in addition to his approach to the story.

“The Transformers, Starfleet, and the Joe team can and will all show you the horrifying aspects of the infestation, but the Ghostbusters deal with the supernatural all the time. They’ll come at it from another angle and give a little humorous contrast to the event. At least, that’s my hope and intent,” Burnham said.

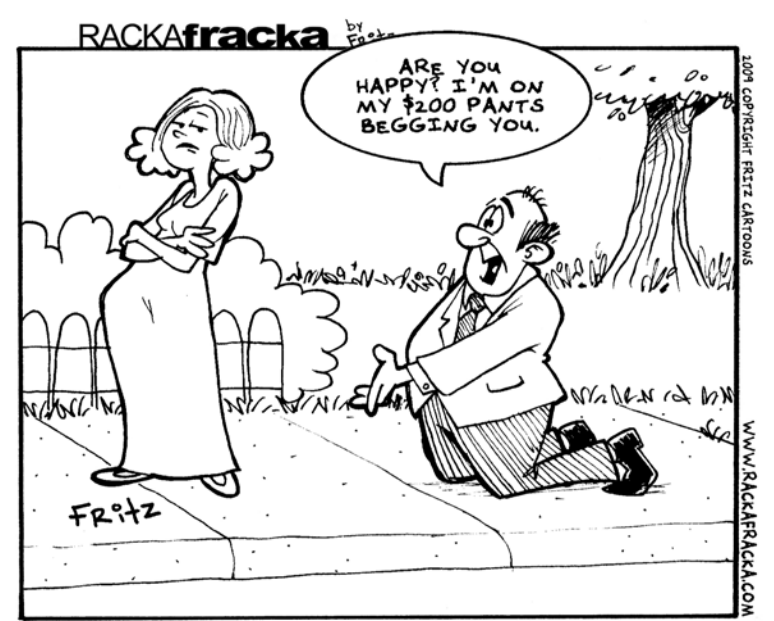
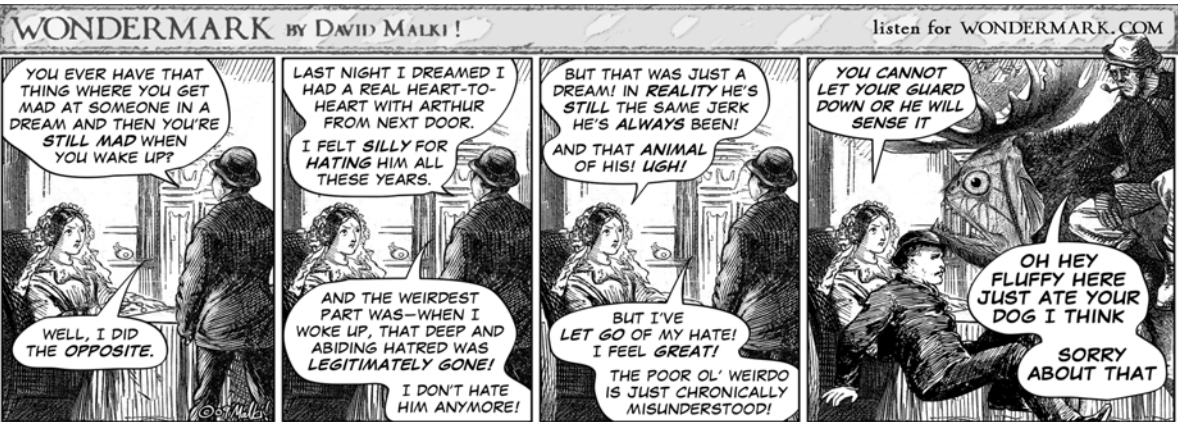
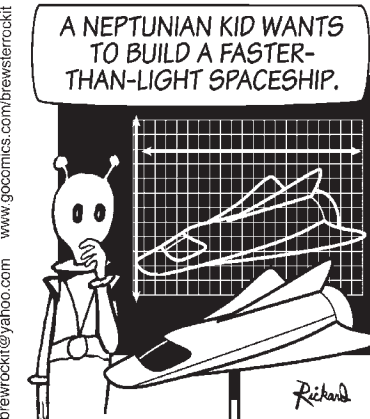
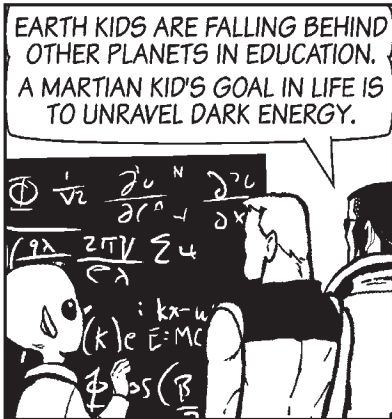
It seems that this prelude to zombies crossing into the worlds of Star Trek, Ghostbusters, G.I. Joe, and Transformers appealed to the comic readers and fans of these series since “Infestation” #1 sold out. A second printing will be in shops next week.

Although “Infestation” has just begun, that has not stopped IDW from thinking beyond its conclusion. When this crossover ends, two new series will entertain readers.

One of the series will be another “Zombie vs. Robots” tale known as “ZvR: Undercity,” written by Ryall with artist Mark Torres. The other series is unknown at this time.

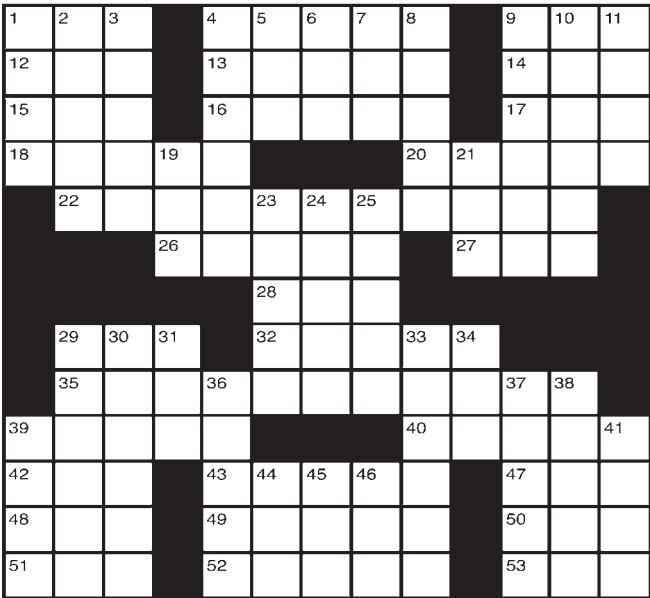
Regardless of its future, “Infestation” demonstrates how sometimes the craziest ideas can become the most intriguing... especially when zombies are involved.

“Infestation” #1 and “Transformers: Infestation” #1 are out now, and “Star Trek: Infestation” #1 is in comic book stores today.



## THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



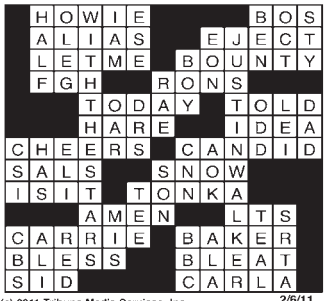
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- \_\_\_ Thurman
- Julia Child and Emeril Lagasse
- Places of refuge
- Star of "Grey's Anatomy"
- Last name for Ryan and Tatum
- Football six-pointers, for short
- "El \_\_\_"; classic film for Charlton Heston
- Role for Ted Danson on "Cheers"
- "Lois & \_\_\_: The New Adventures of Superman"
- Ricardo Chavira's role on "Desperate Housewives"
- Van Peebles or Cuomo
- "\_\_\_ Gets in Your Eyes"
- Spanish gold

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- Stylish
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- Polly Holliday's role on "Alice"
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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



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# Player Suspensions Leave Hawks Undermanned

**Players** continued from pg. 1

said Athletics Director Dr. Marilyn McNeil. “However, at the end of the day, it is their responsibility to take care of their academic work. This lesson is a hard one to learn, but one that must be learned.”

Outlook reporters invited the athletic department personnel charged with academic student development to comment in this story, but they did not answer inquiries.

Junior guard Will Campbell, one of the suspended players, is saddened by the fact that his season was cut short. “I just feel terrible. I should be on the floor helping my team, but instead I am suspended because I did not want to put a full effort into school. I knew I needed to do my work, but I didn’t take the initiative to do that. I devoted myself to the gym, but I did not do the same for school. It is no one’s fault but my own,” lamented Campbell.

Campbell was also suspended for one game back on November 19 for academic reasons as well.

“The program has been down for a couple of years now, and to only have eight eligible men this season certainly does not help the hopes of turning things around. The team continues to play competitively, but

the effects of the suspensions are very clear” said former team manager Charles Kruzits.

Senior guard James Hett and sophomore forward Ed Waite are both feeling the effects of playing without four of their teammates.

“It’s tough. We’re all upset about it, but we have to change and we have to try to adjust on the fly during conference season,” said Hett.

“We have fewer guys, but the guys who are able to play can get it done. The last couple games we only lost by two or three points. I think we would be a different team if we did have them, but we don’t. We got to play with the cards we have,” said Waite.

“I’m proud of the players who have been playing. These eight men – three seniors, two juniors, and three sophomores – have played their hearts out and have given it all they have in each game,” said Coach Calloway.

Assistant Sports Editor Ed Morlock covers the Men’s Basketball team and feels that maybe the season could have had a different outcome, had the athletes kept their grades up. “The team is playing with great effort on the court, but is still struggling to win games. It

the commercial TV station and an adjunct professor in the communication department for over 10 years, feels that the team is faced with, “a very rotten situation.”

“It’s unfortunate for the guys who are playing and for the school. It is very disappointing and they could have had more of a chance for a much better season than the one they are having,” said Harmon.

Not only is this a disappointing situation for the players and the school, but it has also discouraging to other athletes as well. “As an athlete, I feel like athletes should be held to a higher standard and that players should worry more about grades than sports sometimes. It angers me to see athletes like this get full rides to college and then do horribly academic wise and then don’t have the grades to be able to play,” said the athlete, who preferred to remain anonymous. “The athletic department does a lot to help student ath-

letes. It’s a shame to see them [not] take advantage of the opportunity that is given to them.”

According to Calloway, all four of the suspended players are currently working very hard in school so that they will be able to play again next season. They also continue to help out the team by doing service in the community. A few weeks ago, the coach points out, they helped out in an autism clinic, while the rest of the team was playing in a game.

“They’re going to have to learn to be more accountable for their work, even though we will be following them more closely. It is still up to the athletes to be more responsible and to know that services are here to help, but it comes down to the students to do their work. That’s what they need to learn,” said Calloway.

*Editor’s Note: The University was not in session when the story initially broke in early January. Assistant Athletics Director for Communications initially declined the paper’s request to speak with sources from Athletics, who felt “it wasn’t appropriate at this time” to cover the issue. At that point, reporters reached out to sources on their own, and this week’s story is the result of the inquiries.*

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DAVE CALLOWAY  
Head Men’s Basketball Coach

gives people the idea to think of what could have been this season, had the suspensions never occurred. With the way the Hawks are playing, no one can say that if they had their full line up they could not be up there with the best in the NEC,” said Morlock.

Professor Matt Harmon, who is the voice of the football team on

## Football Unveils 2011 Recruitment Class

GAVIN MAZZAGLIA  
STAFF WRITER

February 2 was a big day for the Monmouth University football team, and no one was as excited as Head Coach Kevin Callahan, who will be entering his 19th season as the head man. The celebration was held in the third floor conference room in the MAC on February 2nd. It started at 5:00 pm and lasted until 6:30 pm

The room was filled with members from the football team’s coaching staff as well as representatives from local newspapers. Radio announcers Ed Occhipinti and Matt Harmon of GoMUHawks.com held their live webcast from the ceremony.

According to Coach Callahan, this 2011 recruiting class features some very talented kids, coming from a range of numerous states. The class includes five players from New Jersey, four from Maryland, two from New York, two from Pennsylvania, and one from Delaware.

“This is a very talented recruiting class. This class is talented and able academically as it is athletically,” said Coach Callahan as he spoke during the celebration. Callahan exclusively stressed the fact that many of the players from this group have excelled academically in high school as well.

A surprising fact was that the state of Maryland produced the second most players in this class. Callahan explained that he has been recruiting from Maryland for about five years now, and has received plenty of talent from those recruits coming from Maryland.

The 2011 class consists of 14 players, who range from many different positions. Towards the end of the celebration in the MAC, Callahan showed a highlight video of each player. Many oohs and ahhs swirled around the room as some of the videos were shown.

Coach Callahan also discussed the many rules and regulations that recruiting high school athletes consists of, regarding con-

tact with players. For example, when looking at a player in high school, if a player texts a college coach a coach cannot respond to that text. That goes to show how strict these regulations are when recruiting high school players.

The first player shown was Nick Carrol, a 6-0, 200 pound defensive back from Bath, New York. Carrol played running back and linebacker in high school, but Coach Callahan is expecting to

linebacker from Geneva, New York. Also rated as a two star recruit on Rivals.com, Cooper was a standout at both linebacker and tight end in high school.

Next is Peter D’Addio, a 6-2, 275 pound offensive lineman from Manheim, Pennsylvania. He was named as a second team all state player his senior season at Manheim Central High School.

Followong D’addio was Dementri Dennis, a 6-1, 180 pound

as being a standout linebacker in high school, he was a fantastic tight end, posting some school receiving records.

After Hunt, Dan Kowal was announced, a 5-11, 175 player from Pompton Lakes, New Jersey who is listed as an athlete. He played both quarterback and cornerback in high school, but Callahan wants to make him either a cornerback or a wide receiver. Coach Callahan exclusively pointed out

er. He is a 6-0, 185 running back from Union, New Jersey. Isaiah made the All-Union County team as a senior rushing for over 1,500 despite only playing seven games. Following graduation at Union High School, he played at Milford Academy for one year. Callahan described McLean as having great speed ability.

The next player is Evan Ruane, a 6-3, 215 pounder from right here in West Long Branch. He played quarterback and defensive end at Shore Regional High School, but is listed as an athlete coming into Monmouth. Coach Callahan stated that Ruane is a great long snapper, and is expecting to put him as either a tight end or a defensive end.

Eric Sumlin was the next player featured. He is a 5-9, 180 pound wide receiver from Dover, Delaware, where he set numerous school records.

To wrap up the 2011 recruiting class is Hakeem Valles, who is the latest signing for Monmouth. Valles is a 6-4, 200 pound wide receiver from Sickerville, New Jersey.

Coach Callahan explained that Monmouth tends to compete with the Patriot League, the Colonial Athletic Association, and other NEC schools when it comes to recruiting. He talked about how there were many recruits that he tried to sign, but he couldn’t get in the end. Despite that, he was very satisfied with the group of 14 kids that committed to Monmouth.

“It’s hard to say if any of these players will be competing for a starting job, but all of them have the ability to make an impact on the team,” Callahan explained.

The Monmouth Hawks are hoping to improve on last season’s final record of 3-8. The team begins spring practices on April 2nd and The Annual Blue/White Spring game is scheduled for April 30.

“I am very happy and excited about this year’s class. It is an extremely talented group that satisfies our positional needs while, at the same time makes us a better team,” stated Callahan.



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**Head Coach Kevin Callahan** introduced the 2011 football recruitment class on National Signing Day, this past Wednesday.

put him at the defensive back position here at Monmouth.

Next was David Coffin, a 6-1, 275 pound defensive lineman from Edgewater, Maryland. Rated as a two-star recruit according to Rivals.com, Coffin played both offensive and defensive line in high school. Callahan pointed out that Coffin has very similar characteristics in his arsenal as defensive lineman Jimmy Lawson, who was a standout player for Monmouth this past season as a freshman.

The third player announced was Colin Cooper, a 6-3, 225 pound

defensive back from Laurel, Maryland. As a two star recruit according to Rivals.com, he played on both sides of the ball at Reservoir High School. Callahan exclaimed that Dennis has very good size for a defensive back.

Next was Ed Hunt, a 6-5, 275 pound offensive lineman from Odenton, Maryland. Also rated as a two star recruit according to Rivals.com, Callahan described Hunt as a very quick moving lineman for his size. Zak Irizarry is the next player. He is a 6-2, 230 pound linebacker from North Brunswick, New Jersey. As well

that Kowal is one of the most athletic kids in this class.

After Kowal is Taylor Krenzke, a 6-3, 275 pound offensive lineman from Damascus, Maryland. Krenzke was also rated as a two star recruit according to Rivals.com.

Eric Macik is the next player. He is a 6-2, 260 pound defensive lineman from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Macik played linebacker and fullback at Hempfield High School and played at defensive end at Navy Prep following his high school graduation.

Isaiah McLean is the next play-



# Women’s Basketball Fly Past St. Francis, but Find Trouble at Wagner

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On January 16 the Hawks took on a familiar NEC opponent St. Francis at the MAC. They continued their dominant play as shown of late and went on to defeat the Terriers 66-44. The Hawks controlled the matchup as they never gave up their lead throughout the course of the game.

After the 22 point victory, the Hawks became 15-6 overall on the season and 7-3 in NEC play. Also, the Hawks have won four of its last five games and their postseason hopes are only getting larger, as they have their eyes set high on the NEC tournament.

In the Hawk-Terrier matchup, Erin Rooney put together another impressive game scoring 15 points and adding in five rebounds for the Hawks. Alysha Womack contributed 14 points and seven rebounds and Abby Martin provided a further spark from the floor, adding ten points for the Hawks.

Erin Rooney made a field goal early that put the Hawks in the lead in which they never relinquished. Carly Thibault provided a necessary spark early and made a field goal that helped add to the Monmouth lead. A Gena Broadus jumper made the game increasingly difficult for St. Francis as they trailed at the half by a significant figure.

Prior to the intermission, the Terriers cut the lead to as close as 8 points, but Monmouth’s depth and shot percentage were

far too overwhelming for St. Francis. Dominant offensive rebounding and a significant advantage in total on the boards also gave the Hawks quite an advantage.

Only minutes into the second half, Monmouth extended its 12 point lead to 20 points. By the time the second half was nearly halfway done, the Hawks had hardened its grip on St. Francis, and took a 27 point lead.

By the time the game ended, over ten Monmouth players had provided scoring for the Hawks, and they completely and utterly dominated the boards and follow-up shot opportunities. St. Francis’ squad, which shot 36%, was led by Jasmin Robinson’s 10 points.

Following this matchup at the MAC, the Hawks traveled to Long Island to take on Wagner. This February 5 matchup proved to be a significant downgrade from the way the Hawks played just days earlier against St. Francis, as they lost by nearly 20 points at the hands of the Wagner Seahawks.

The final score in this one was 67-50 and the defeat put Monmouth at 7-4 in NEC play and 15-7 on in total. The game was balanced in the first half, seeing multiple lead changes, but the second half saw the Hawks trailing the entire way. Abby Martin led the Hawks again, scoring 12 points and grabbing 6 rebounds.

Erin Rooney added 11 points for the Hawks, which was the team high for the game. Alysha Womack scored 8 for Monmouth

and Gabby Singer provided a spark off the bench, scoring 7 points and grabbing seven rebounds. The game saw an early Wagner lead but the game was kept close as Abby Martin scored two close range baskets.

Scoring from Rooney and Alexis Canady gave the Hawks a brief lead in the first half, which slipped away when Marie-Laurence Archambault drained a well-needed three for Wagner. The Seahawks even went on a 14-0 run, sparked by quick buckets and tight defense. At halftime Wagner lead by ten points.

The Hawks had a sub-par first half shooting wise, as there was a point where they did not score a field goal for eight minutes. At that point, Archambault and the Wagner offense took control and gradually increased their lead, all the while shooting 55% in the first half.

With only twelve minutes remaining, Wagner had a solid 15 point lead and the game started to become out of reach for Monmouth. But the Hawks never quit and cut the lead to single digits, following clutch 3 pointers off the bench. The shift in momentum was brief and the Seahawks again increased their lead to double digits with only minutes remaining, putting the Hawks out of reach of a victory.

The victory for Wagner gave them their third conference victory, but following the loss, Monmouth hopes to bounce back quickly as they will take on Mount St. Mary’s and Fairleigh Dickinson this week.



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**Abby Martin** led the Hawks with 12 points and six rebounds despite a loss to Wagner 67-50.

# Men’s Basketball Fall in Two Heartbreakers

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The Hawks’ Men’s basketball team had a couple tough games this week. They had close games that came down all the way until

the end against Mount St. Mary’s and Wagner.

Monmouth had the lead late in the second half against Mount St. Mary’s, but couldn’t close the game out.

MU took a 54-53 lead with 18

seconds left in the game after Marcus Ware made an important basket. Julian Norfleet of Mount St. Mary’s was able to hit a three-pointer with only six-tenths of a second remaining in the game. This put MSM up by two points

with the Hawks having no time to put together a game-winning play.

Mike Myers Keitt led the Hawks in scoring with 16 points on five of nine shooting from the field. Marcus Ware and RJ Rutledge also scored in double figures for Monmouth. James Hett led the team in rebounding with eight boards.

As a team, MU shot 17 of 44 from the field, including 5 of 12 from three-point range. The Hawks got some opportunities at the foul line, successfully making 15 of 21 attempts. Monmouth out-rebounded MSM 33 to 25 on the glass.

The Mount was led in scoring by guard Lamar Trice. Trice was five for 11 from the field, resulting in 15 points. As a team, MSM was 21 of 46 shooting, including nine of 21 from three-point land.

Monmouth had another late-game loss against Wagner on Saturday. With 50 seconds remaining in the game, the Hawks got within two points of Wagner, with the score 61-59. Myers Keitt was fouled for MU and went to the free throw line with 20 seconds left. He was able to connect on one of two foul shots. Tyler Murray of Wagner made both his free throws to extend the lead to 63-60. James Hett put up a three-pointer to tie the game, but his attempt failed, bouncing off the rim.

Marcus Ware was the Hawks leading scorer in this game with 20 points. Myers Keitt added 13 points, playing in 39 of the game’s 40 minutes. The free throw line was big for the Hawks in this game. MU made 30 of 39

free throw attempts. Monmouth was 14 of 37 from the field in this one, two of nine from beyond the arc.

Latif Rivers was the leading scorer of the game, putting up 27 points for Wagner on 10 of 19 shooting, including four of 12 from long range. Tyler Murray and Josh Thompson also contributed with double digit scoring. As a team, Wagner was 19 of 57 from the field, including seven of 30 from distance. Wagner was 18 of 21 from the charity stripe. Rebounding was pretty even in this game, Wagner having a 34 to 33 edge.

These were two very winnable games that the Hawks couldn’t finish at the end. Both games were against NEC opponents and would have given the Hawks a little bit of confidence heading into their final six games of the regular season. They couldn’t get it done on the scoreboard, but the Hawks can look at these games for some motivation. Monmouth knows they can compete with anyone in the NEC, and they will not be intimidated.

The Blue and White have a home-and-home coming up this week with rival Fairleigh Dickinson. The first game is Wednesday night at 7:45, at the MAC. Fans are encouraged to go out and support the Hawks against their hated rival. On Saturday, Monmouth travels to Hackensack, NJ against Fairleigh Dickinson at 2:00.

These are both important games for the Hawks. Not only are these games important now, but they can help build confidence for MU looking forward to next year.



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**Marcus Ware** tied his career high in points (20) on Saturday in a 63-60 loss to Wagner.





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**The Football team recruited a host of high school seniors on National Signing Day.**  
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