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Winter Storm Nemo Finds MU

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Winter Storm Nemo caused the cancellation of classes last Friday starting at 2:30 pm and all Saturday, while dropping nine inches of snow on the West Long Branch area and accumulations over two feet in parts of Connecticut.

President Paul G. Gaffney II explained that on Thursday at noon when he stood in front of 300 faculty members and said that the storm was supposed to be light, only a couple of inches. He assured everyone that no one was going to go home early and in response received a big sigh from the staff.

However, the University did wind up closing. Gaffney, who once was a meteorologist and oceanographer, stated that he was constantly watching the weather forecast and noticed they were changing as it was getting close to the day of the storm. "That got my attention because they had been saying for two days one to three [inches] and all of a sudden

now it's three to six [inches]," he said.

This was when he called the other Vice Presidents and told them that they all needed to keep an eye on Winter Storm Nemo overnight.

Bill McElrath, Chief of Police, stated that during storms, there is a "Storm Watch" policy that they follow. He said, "The purpose of the policy is to make sure that all major parts of the University (the Provost Office, Student Services, Facilities Management and the police) are all aware of the storm and are working together to prepare for the storm."

At about 6:30 am on Friday morning, Gaffney spoke to the Vice Presidents again and this was when the decision was made to close the school at 2:30 pm. "We didn't think that there'd be any snow until dark but we wanted to make sure that all of the students and all of the employees got home before the weather got bad," he said.

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Wilson Hall was covered with nine inches of snow on Friday night/early Saturday morning when Winter Storm Nemo rolled through the area.

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Legislature Juggling Jug Handles

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There is a bill in the New Jersey State Senate, Senate bill 207 that will "...prohibit the planning, designing, or construction of any additional jug handles on the public roads or highways in the State." The bill has been proposed by State Senator James Holzapfel of District 10.

State Senator James Holzapfel

said the three main reasons for proposing this bill is for safety, pollution and cutting down travel time. He also believes that jug handles have outlived their purpose.

"Jug handles were a wonderful thing 30 to 40 years ago but roads were also less crowded then," said Holzapfel.

According to Bloomberg.com, "New Jersey has at least 600 jug handles, more than any

other U.S. state, according to Tim Greeley, a spokesman for the state Transportation Department. The article also said, "The turns were engineered to remove left-turning vehicles from higher-speed lanes and control the congestion approaching a traffic light. They send drivers on a right-hand exit, then onto a U-shaped stretch that ends at the intersection with the original road. Cars go straight across the road and continue on their way - a three-step left turn."

Jonathan Weisman, sophomore marketing major, said, "I come from Pennsylvania where there really aren't too many jug-handles. While they're convenient so you don't have to sit in the turn lane waiting for a green arrow to turn left, they can be confusing and sort of a pain to deal with. Like the one on Route 36 near the mall."

University police captain Dean Volpe said that despite not having jug handles within jurisdiction, "I am not aware any 'dangers associated with jug handles in New Jersey.' It may be inconvenient but, it is in my opinion, safer than

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IMAGE TAKEN from lettersfromnj.wordpress.com

Jughandles would no longer be built in New Jersey if S207 bill passes.

Asbury Park High School Students Learn From Debate Hawks

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Every Tuesday afternoon, the University Debate Hawks, along with their head coach Dr. Joseph Patten, meet at Asbury Park High School and run an hour-long debate workshop.

The Asbury Park students learn about argument construction and are educated on the general rules of debate. This year, the efforts put forth in the weekly workshops were brought to full realization in the form of The 2013 Newark Invitational, a debate tournament headed by the Jersey Urban Debate League, an organization devoted to supporting the practice of debate for "predominantly African-American and Latino students."

The program is going into its third year with success going beyond the debate tournaments. One hundred percent of the participants over the past three years have gone to colleges such as:

College of New Jersey, Fairleigh Dickinson, Brookdale Community College, Rutgers and Monmouth University.

Dr. Joseph Patten, head coach of the debate team, said, "Watching our debaters coach the Asbury kids every Tuesday afternoon and then take them to debate tournaments on weekends around the tri-state area is beyond fun. It's inspiring to see our students volunteer their time to quite literally help to transform the lives of our Asbury students. It just doesn't get any better than this in life."

For many of the Asbury debaters, it is their first time entering the realm of policy debate, and with that, comes the uneasiness and nervousness of competition. Davon Byers, a first-time debater and sophomore at Asbury Park High School described his experience as initially "Nerve-

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Provost Thomas Pearson Hosts Guided Tour of Russia

Trip Will Run for the Fifth Time Since 1986

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Provost Thomas Pearson will host a guided tour of Russia and Ukraine for the fifth time that will last from May 25 until June 7. For about \$4,500, 19 people can join the tour, usually consisting of three to four students, University alumnus, University faculty, and several friends of the University, making for a diverse group of travelers. Currently, nine spots are open.

According to Pearson, the destinations on the tour cover the whole spectrum of Russia and Ukraine's history. The trip begins with Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, and the origin of Russian development and Christianity. Next, the group will visit the "Golden Ring" cities, Vladimir and Suzdal, which became the new centers of Russian life following the fall of Kiev in the thirteenth century. After, the group will visit Moscow, the capital of the country from

the fourteenth to the eighteenth centuries. Pearson said that Moscow represents the "Hollywood, New York City, and Washington, D.C." of Russia because it has 14 million residents and it is the city where Russians strive to live based on its wealth. More billionaires live in Moscow than any other city in the world. After Moscow, the tour will continue to St. Petersburg, which opened Russia's "window" to the Western world and varies greatly in architecture, art, and culture from that of Moscow. Pearson said that his goal in visiting these various cities is to "give travelers an in-depth appreciation and multi-sensory exposure to Russian and Ukrainian history and culture." Pearson also said that he recommends this trip not just to history majors but also to anyone who has an interest in Russia. He has had students from the anthropology, finance and biology departments who vary from sophomore students to graduate students. Even though 19 people can attend this year, in the past years (1986, 2007, 2009, and 2011) between 15 and 18

people could attend. Another new feature is that this year the group will stay in Hotel Pekin, located in downtown Moscow, which is close to the major theatres, concert halls, shopping centers and museums. This hotel was built for Chinese visitors to the USSR when the Sino-Soviet relations were good, making it a site of considerable history in itself. Also, the tour will be visiting the New Maiden Convent and Cemetery, also known as Novodevichy, which is the final resting place of many famous Russians. Pearson said that he is particularly looking forward to the group's visit to the St. Petersburg Institute of Law where they will speak with the Rector who will discuss Russian society and culture to the tour to provide attendants with an understanding of the changes and challenges that Russia faces today. Pearson, who has taught Russian history for over 40 years and has visited the country seven times (and lived there for ten months) feels that Russia is not an easy place to navigate for those traveling alone, but in a tour group, attendants can gain a full understanding of the life and culture of the country. The tours are run with the help of the Russian-American Consulting Company in New York and Intourist in Moscow. The Provost also collaborates with Marina Fokina, his close friend and fellow guide.

He also stressed that he can ensure that students are well-prepared to get the most out of their Russian experiences and that he can help them avoid typical tourist pitfalls, plus, he works with Russians who are equipped to handle possible issues. In relation to why students should visit the country, Pearson said, "Russia is different in cultural and historical complexion from most European countries, in part because of its size, its physiognomy, and its historical experience." He continued, "Knowing Russia's history and culture and being there will enable our group members to understand better what is going on in the world, especially as it involves Russia, a country that has nearly 40 percent of the world's most valuable resources which makes it a key player in our twenty-first century world." The costs breakdown is as follows: \$1,315 for all of the flights, \$2,590 for the land package, which includes all of the double-occupancy hotels, full breakfast and some lunches, and all of the tour sites with guides, transfers and other amenities, \$230 for a first-class overnight train trip from Moscow to St. Petersburg, \$190 for a Russian visa, and the balance to cover additional food. People who want single rooms will pay an \$830 supplement on the land package. For more information, do not hesitate to contact Pearson at pearson@monmouth.edu.



IMAGE TAKEN from siberiatravel.dubai.com
Saint Basils Cathedral is one of the many attractions in Moscow, Russia.

Relay for Life Planning is Underway

397 Participants Already Registered

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Relay for Life spreads awareness and raises much needed funds for research to save lives from cancer. Every year, more than four million people in over 20 countries participate in Relay for Life. The University, being a part of this global phenomenon, shows its compassion through the students who participate in the event. This year, the students who are bringing Relay for Life to campus are hoping for about 500 participants. There are already 397 participants that have registered with the event two months away, taking place on April 25. Relay for Life will be held in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). It is an overnight event of games and music starting Friday afternoon going into Saturday morning. Some of the games include dodgeball, Wii games, relay

races and scavenger hunts. There will possibly be live music to keep everyone entertained. Along with games, they have ceremonies to remember the true meaning behind the event, which is to raise money to find a cure for cancer. There will be a Luminaria ceremony, which is held to remember those who have lost their battles with cancer and a Fight Back ceremony to rally everyone together to become empowered and inspired to find a cure. Jenna Tshudy, junior history and secondary education major and Colleges Against Cancer co-chair, said that they hope to raise \$60,000 this year. All of the money that Colleges Against Cancer raises goes to the American Cancer Society. It is used for cancer treatment and research. They provide free information, resources and services for cancer patients and their families. Proceeds also go to Look Good... Feel Better, which is an organization that provides women with wigs and teaches them how to

who work together to plan Relay for Life. Their meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon. The president is Kaitlyn LaRose and the other co-chair is Leah Torres. The three of them work together to make sure everything runs smoothly and the event can be a bigger success each year. The faculty advisor is Sharon Smith, Employee Benefits Administrator at the University. The group also has an American Cancer Society staff partner, Bradley Bennett, who helps to oversee the event and is the main connection between the group and the American Cancer Society. "We have such a caring and dedicated group of people working with us to plan the event, which really makes all of our work enjoyable,"

Tshudy said. The University has been an active participant in Relay for Life for six years. Tshudy said, "I love being involved in Relay because I am very passionate about our cause and I enjoy inspiring and encouraging others to support the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. During our fundraisers and events, we always get people who come up to us and share stories of someone they know who was diagnosed or thanking us for all of the work that we do. Unfortunately, almost everyone in today's society is affected by cancer in some way. It is very empowering and heartwarming to come together and fight for such an important cause." Out of the 75 teams they hope to have participating there are currently 52 signed up. Anyone can sign up at RelayForLife.org. If you raise at least \$100 for the cause you receive a free t-shirt from the American Cancer Society.

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JENNA TSHUDY
Colleges Against Cancer Co-Chair

apply makeup after they lose hair from chemotherapy. They also provide college scholarships for students who are cancer patients or survivors so that they can pursue higher education. Colleges Against Cancer at the University consists of 30 students

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THEFT

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2/8/13 - 12:45 AM
SHADOWS

POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL WHILE UNDER LEGAL AGE

2/8/13 - 1:35 AM
MULLANEY HALL

UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

2/10/13 - 2:05 AM
MULLANEY HALL

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Final Presidential Candidate Visits the University

Dr. Stanley Preczewski, Vice President for Academic Student Affairs at Georgia Gwinette College

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Dr. Stanley Preczewski, presidential candidate, opened up his presentation to faculty and students by introducing himself as ‘Stas’, giving students a sense of who he is, what he has experienced, and what he could offer if ultimately selected as the next President of the University.

Preczewski currently serves as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC). He has also served as the Interim President of Georgia College & State University, along with multiple positions with the United States Military Academy at West Point for 11 years.

Questions about athletics, Greek life, extracurricular activities, commuter parking situations and academics buzzed throughout Wilson Auditorium and Preczewski acknowledged each issue while listening to each student’s concerns.

“I get my energy from students and I understand that I have a job because of students. No students, no job,” Preczewski said.

Preczewski cited examples from GGC of how administrators and faculty work to provide multiple

leadership opportunities for students in and out of the classroom. “We even created a leadership institute to support the study and teaching of leadership so that our students would have a solid foundation in applied leadership,” he said.

Alan Jean, senior Political Science major, explained what he took away from Preczewski’s conversation with students. “I feel like ‘Stas’ left a presence and has a passion and drive to bring a piece of himself to wherever he works and wants to use that presence to improve wherever he works,” Jean said.

Preczewski also explained an exercise that he had participated in to understand how students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, the community and trustees would describe the college.

Preczewski said, “Students would say they were ‘enlightened.’ Such that their eyes were opened to new ways of viewing their world intellectually; faculty would say they were fully ‘engaged’ with their students, research and community in meaningful ways; the staff would report that they are ‘supported’ by the administration and that they dedicate themselves in total support to the students

and faculty; that alumni report the campus they left will always be ‘home’ to them – a place to return to join lifelong friends they had made here.”

Preczewski continued, “Donors who came to know Monmouth would be ‘inspired’ to contribute their treasures to continue to enhance the mission of the college in producing truly outstanding graduates; that our surrounding community viewed us as ‘partners’ in building the community in service to others; and that if all of this were indeed accomplished, the Board of Trustees would view the university as ‘respected’ among its peers and beyond.”

Preczewski also explained how he visited the campus on multiple occasions prior to submitting his application for the presidency. “In a ‘secret shopper’ fashion, I visited the campus three times before the two interviews to get to know the students, faculty, some staff and coaches to see if Monmouth was the type of community I wished to join. I am pleased to report that it was an overwhelmingly positive experience,” he said.

The University’s immaculate, modern and historic structure caught Preczewski’s attention and he described how he met warm and

genuinely happy people.

“The visits inspired me to work even harder in my pursuit of the position. It would be an absolute privilege to be able to join this campus team for the next decade or so and see just how far we can take the University together,” Preczewski said.

Joseph Dellera, President of Tau Kappa Epsilon, commented on the conversation and on Preczewski’s membership with Theta Chi, Iota Xi chapter. “I think ‘Stas’ was very personable and clearly knowledgeable. Being in Greek life was definitely a plus too,” Dellera said.

Preczewski is a New Jersey native and married with three children. He enjoys rowing, personal fitness and traveling.

The Presidential Search Committee’s finalist campus visits concluded with Preczewski’s visit last week. Prior visits to the campus include candidates Dr. F. Javier Cevallos, Dr. Donald H. Sebastian and Dr. Paul Richard Brown.

The Board of Trustees is sched-



IMAGE TAKEN from gcsu.edu

Dr. Stanley Preczewski is currently the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC).

uled to meet on February 26 to discuss its appointment of a new president.

Grey Dimenna, Vice President and General Counsel of the University Administration, said, “Once a decision is made, the next step would be for representatives of the Board of Trustees to negotiate a contract for that individual to serve as president of Monmouth. Once agreement is reached, the announcement of the new president will be made.”

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STANLEY PRECZEWSKI
The Vice President for Academic Student Affairs at Georgia Gwinette College

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Dr. Neil Graves Hosts Oxford and London Summer Trip

JACKLYN KOUEFATI
MANAGING EDITOR

This summer, students are welcome to join Dr. Neil Graves abroad to England for ten days while taking a three-credit course called EN398/HS398, Literature of the English Civil War.

The summer trip has been around for the last two years and is based out of London and Oxford. Students will be staying at Oxford University College, according to Graves. The course offered for this trip can be used to fulfill a LIT General Education requirement, an English elective, a history elective, or a free elective, according to Graves.

“This is an unique opportunity as people cannot normally stay within Oxford University College,” Graves said. “This is possible because I am an alumnus of Oxford University College, having studies for my Ph.D. there, as well as having been a professor there.”

The students who spend a semester abroad in London stay at Regent’s College, Graves said. “Being at Oxford University College is a privilege and it is a wonderful part of this study trip that students get to experience this in person by staying there.”

Students do not have to only stay in London and Oxford. “This trip is designed so that the whole group [participates in] activities together in the mornings,” Graves said. “These include some of the wonderfully entertaining places and cultural events of the UK.” Graves added that in the after-

noon students were able to organize their own plans, with help if they needed or wanted. During the weekend, he assisted students in traveling to other places.

Elizabeth Uva, a senior English

was Abbey Road. We were able to see places we wanted to see while also sticking to the schedule of sites and monuments,” said Uva.

Graves stated that students have traveled to destinations such

land or Wales, the Lake District of the Romantic Poets, a football (soccer) match at Manchester United or another city or a myriad of other possibilities. It depends on your interests, but the UK has

“The first reason is that I wanted students to be able to work during the summer if they want to or take other courses at MU,” Graves said. “By placing this trip after the end of MU summer courses and at the end of the summer, students can take this course and do all their normal summer activities.”

The second reason was that because the students will be taking the course at the end of august, Oxford University College would not be filled with other students. Graves explained that students will have the school all to themselves and will be able to take full control of it.

Even though the Oxford and London trip is not sponsored by the study abroad office, Robyn Asaro, assistant director of study abroad, helps students know about the ten-day summer trip. “We get involved by helping Dr. Graves promote his program on our website and with a few other administrative details,” said Asaro.

Nick Daddario, junior and health studies major, went on the summer trip and highly recommends it. “Once you graduate college it’s time for work and the real world,” Daddario said. What better time than now to go? It will only make your college experience that much more memorable.”

If students are interested or have any questions about the summer program to Oxford and London, they can contact Graves at ngraves@monmouth.edu or go to his office located in the Wilson Annex room 410.



PHOTO COURTESY of Dr. Neil Graves

Throughout the Oxford and London summer trip, students can visit places such as Abbey Road, Stonehenge, Scotland, and Wales. Pictured above are students in front of Blenheim Palace, the home of the World War Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

major, explained that there was not enough time to travel anywhere else besides within England, but she still enjoyed traveling around the country. “One thing I did see that I wanted to

as Stonehenge, a medieval castle at Warwick, watched a Shakespeare play in Stratford or bathed in the Roman hot springs in the town of Bath. Graves said, “Further possibilities include Scot-

something for everyone.”

The study abroad trip starts on August 25 and ends on September 3. Graves organizes the trip and explained that he picked the 10 days for several reasons.

Snow Storm Causes University Closure Over the Weekend

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the storm happened over the weekend, students and faculty might be driving far. “You have to think about more than the two-mile square area, you’ve got to think about maybe 10 or 15 miles on each side,” he said.

McElrath expressed the same confusion as Gaffney regarding the weather forecasts. “The biggest concern with this storm was getting accurate information on how big of a storm it would be and what kind of impact it would have,” McElrath said. “There was such a large discrepancy in forecasts that it was tough to make plans.”

Kyle Hasslinger, a junior political science major said, “I think the [MUPD] handled the storm fine. I didn’t hear about any accidents or incidents.”

There are three things the University does after a winter storm, said Gaffney. First, the paths from the residential side of campus to the Dining Hall are cleared for students living in the dorms. Second, the other pathways and roads around campus are cleared for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances or MUPD. Lastly, the parking lots are cleared so classes can begin again.

“We have just enough parking places for everybody,” Gaffney said. “You’ve got to think about the guys that come in here in the middle of the night with the snowplows and try and get that parking lot cleared [in] time for your 8:30 am class.”

When Gaffney was asked if the school was taking more precautions for inclement weather after Hurricane Sandy, he said no. “One of the burdens the University and the vice presidents have to deal with is that the president is a former meteorologist,” Gaffney said with a smirk.



PHOTO COURTESY of Gidget Zidik

Wilson Hall was covered in snow as a result of Winter Storm Nemo.

Gaffney continued by saying because of his knowledge in meteorology, he watches the weather throughout the day. “It’s very complicated here because we’re so close to the ocean, that just little bits of movement of storm system can either make it very hot here or very cold [temperature wise]. So you have to watch it very carefully,” he said.

Because of Nemo and Hurricane Sandy, the University has just made the federal requirement amount of days for classes. Gaffney explained

that the missing class time would be up to each individual professor on how he/she will make up the lost time. Gaffney said, “Missing one day, is not a big [issue]. If we did this five more times in February and March, then start to be worried.”

McElrath felt that the University was prepared for Winter Storm Nemo and responded to it well. “There were not unusual occurrences as a result of the storm. It was actually a fairly quiet weekend.”

Additional reporting done by Angela Ciroala.

Relay for Life Kicks-Off its Sixth Year at the University

What: The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life of Monmouth University is holding its sixth annual Kick-Off event. The Kick-Off Event will feature food and games, along with information about this year’s Relay for Life Event at Monmouth University.

When: Wednesday, February 13 starts at 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm

Where: Magill Commons

Relay for Life at the University invites the community to participate in its sixth Relay for Life Kick-Off event taking place February 13. The Kick-Off is the start of the Relay for Life season at the University. The event will offer students and faculty a better understanding of the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. Information will be provided about the upcoming Relay for Life event on April 26, 2013, and what goes into planning the overnight celebration of cancer survivors. People interested in creating a team for this year’s Relay for Life event should visit relayforlife.org/monmouthuniversitynj to make a team or by attending the Kick-Off event.

For more information like us on Facebook at Relay for Life of Monmouth University or follow us on Twitter, [relaymonmouth](https://twitter.com/relaymonmouth). For questions or concerns email us at relaymonmouth@gmail.com.





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To many college students, a “hero” is someone who saves girls from waiting in the cold in the Cedar parking lot as they wait for their cabs or volunteers to “take

A real hero, in the real world,

The distinctive college atmosphere unfortunately diminishes real heroism a little bit. There are tons of students right here on our own campus who do more than just designated drive for their friends- they make a real difference for those in their community, such as our own Debate Hawks

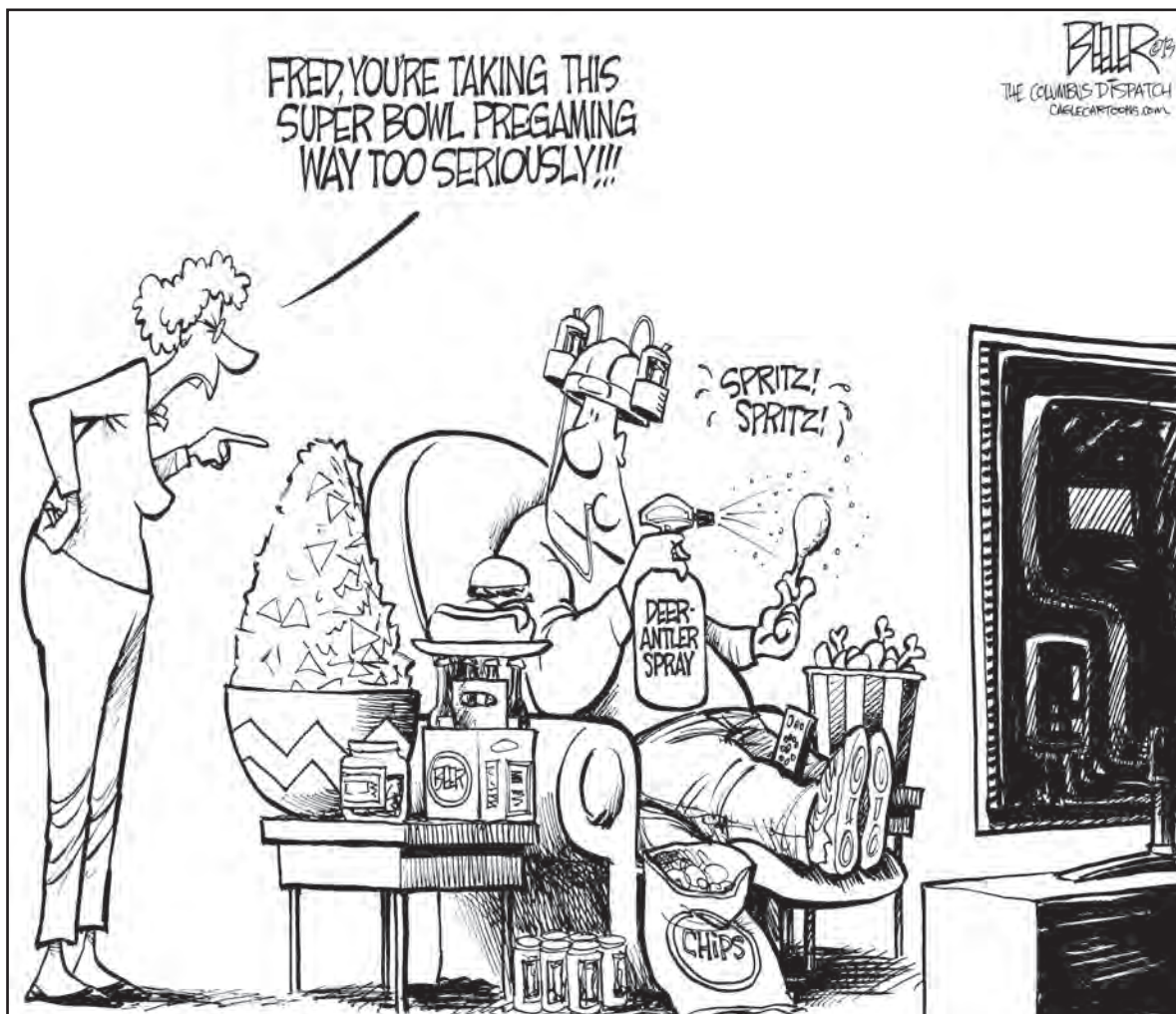
mentoring the Asbury Park Debate Team, where the graduation rate at Asbury Park High School is only 54 percent (read more about this on page 8).

We believe at *The Outlook* that the HERO Awards should be renamed- it is perfectly acceptable to reward those who volunteer to designated drive, but other heroes-real life heroes; need to be granted the same recognition, if not more. It's great to make sure that all your friends get home in one piece, but it's even better to make the community itself a better place for all.

"A real hero, in the real world, is someone who does good deeds as a matter of principle, triumphs over adversity to set an example, and tries to stop others from doing wrongful acts."

is someone who does good deeds as a matter of principle, triumphs over adversity to set an example, and tries to stop others from doing wrongful acts. They go out of their way to help someone else when there isn't necessarily a reward for it and they don't expect praise. They chat with the person sitting alone on the Plangere couches, they speak up when they see a girl walking home at 10:05 pm after classes realize that she is being followed.

At *The Outlook*, we also believe that heroic acts such as these happen everyday- in ways that are ei-



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Being Single on Valentine’s Day

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The other day I was in CVS picking out Valentine’s Day cards to send to my grandparents and family. As I was looking through the red and pink decorated aisle I heard a voice from behind say something that caught my attention.

“Ugh. I hate Valentine’s Day. It’s such a waste. It’s just another excuse for couples to buy presents for one another.” I turned to see that it was a teenage girl talking to her friend as they walked past. The reason why I was so intrigued by the girl’s statement was because when I was in high school, I had said exactly the same thing.

The sudden flash of déjà vu back to my adolescence got me thinking about what makes people so angry about this holiday that is supposed to be about love.

As a girl who, sadly, has never had a valentine, I can understand the hostility that comes from those who are single during this time of year. However, I do remember in elementary school being excited for Valentine’s Day. The whole school would be decorated in student-made hearts and traced cupids with music playing in the morning. Everybody received cards, ate chocolate, and the rest of the afternoon was spent playing fun Valentine’s Day themed games or watching a movie instead of doing our math lesson. Now as a 21 year- old, the day has seemed to lose its loving charm.

Because the holiday is extremely pro-couple, I feel that I have to be defensive about being single. People will ask what my plans are for the holiday, and I have to hear those horrible words being uttered, “Oh, that’s perfectly okay. I have spent Valentine’s Day alone and with someone. It’s really not that great either way.”

While it is a friend trying to be supportive, I cannot help but roll my eyes at feeling pitied. They say that having a valentine is not all that it is cracked up to be. Yeah, right. I will remember that when you are showing off that expensive bracelet or new sports jersey you received.

If spending the holidays alone were not bad enough, as soon as New Year’s is over there is the constant bombardment of Valentine’s Day advertisements. From flow-



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Single on Valentine’s Day? Not having a valentine is not the end of the world, nor is it a reason to dive into a state of self pity.

ers and “He went to Jared” commercials for women, to electronics and clothing for guys, there is that extra month of constant reminder that, once again, I will probably be spending the holiday alone doing homework or working. If that is not enough to turn someone like me who has a natural cherub- like attitude into a grump, the day after can be even worse for a few reasons.

First, there are those who feel that they must share their plans for the holiday with everyone. They post pictures online of the gifts they receive or have given to their “sweetheart”. Along with that, there are minute to minute updates about where they are going and how much they love their significant other. It is enough to give you a toothache.

Then there are the people that seem to use the holiday to complain or those who only got together for the holiday. If it is such an inconvenience, why even celebrate? However, these have only been my experiences with Valentine’s Day. I decided to ask a couple of friends who are also single for their own opinions on the topic.

“It doesn’t really bother me, being single on Valentine’s Day. I’m single most of the year anyway, so it’s not really any different. I don’t mind seeing couples spending the day together,” says junior Matt Scala. “I have seen people feel bad about themselves on Valentine’s Day because they are single, but that’s not the point of the holiday. You are supposed to be with your

significant other, and if you do not have one, it’s not the end of the world. Everyone thinks that it is, but I disagree.”

People do have a tendency to overreact about the holiday. I have seen this especially with the few who feel that if they have no one, there is something wrong with them. I learned a long time ago that it is not the end of the world if you find yourself feeling lonely on a holiday. There are so many other problems that exist in the world that if someone only has to worry about having a date for one day of the year, their life is pretty good. Still, there are others who have a positive outlook on the holiday even without a special someone.

“I like to take the day as a time to treat myself,” says junior and social work major Tess La Fera. “I feel it’s a big propaganda scheme. I love being single and I don’t feel that anything could swing me in the opposite direction, unless it was choice.”

To my surprise, it seems that those who are single are more positive about the holiday than I expected. After all, why can’t Valentine’s Day be a fun day for new people to meet while also celebrating long term relationships? While I do hold my personal grudges against cupid, I still plan to have a little fun with the holiday and spread the love to everyone I see. Just because you are single does not mean you can’t enjoy the holiday. Who knows? You may even meet that special someone in the process.

Pressure for Romance Why Women Worry on Valentine’s Day

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If there is one thing I have realized as I have gotten older it is that I really hate Valentine’s Day. Not to be a Debbie Downer or come off as the Grinch who Stole Valentine’s Day, but I honestly hate what the holiday has become. Apart from the fact that it makes single people feel even worse about being single, the day has become solely a hallmark holiday for retailers to play on womens’ emotions.

Women put so much pressure on their significant others to make Valentine’s Day special that they forget that it is not that important of a day. If your boyfriend or husband opens the door for you every time you go out, buys you flowers and brings you gifts on a regular basis, you should consider yourself a lucky woman. Therefore, why do you feel the need to pressure him into going above and beyond on one particular day?

In any relationship, I always emphasize that I do not want to do anything special on Valentine’s Day. I have no desire to stand in long lines at restaurants waiting for tables, holding the same bouquet of red roses every other woman is holding, or getting a cheesy teddy bear that will only end up in a pile of other cheesy teddy bears. I want to feel special on every date, but how can I feel special surrounded by dozens of other couples doing the same thing I am doing on the same day because it is what they are “supposed” to be doing?

The true test of whether he is the right guy or even a good guy is by observing how he treats you every other day of the year. If he buys you flowers and has them delivered to you simply because it is Tuesday, he is a keeper. If he stops by your house on his way home from work just so that he can give you the chicken soup he bought for you because he knows you have been sick all week, he is a good guy. If he opens the door for you everywhere you go, whether it is at the grocery store or an upscale restaurant, he might be the one.

However, I am not going to call my friends and tell them that I am hearing wedding bells simply because my boyfriend bought me flowers and candy on Valentine’s Day, nor would I consider him a keeper just because he actually took me to a restaurant where we did not have

to read the menu through the car window at a drive through. I want to be treated to fancy dinners and chivalry on a regular basis, and if I am given that, why should I put more emphasis on any one specific day of the year?

I cannot describe how many times I have been awoken by phone calls from friends sobbing first thing in the morning on February 15. “He didn’t even buy me flowers,” “I can’t believe he said he had to work,” “How could he forget that it was Valentine’s Day?”

Unfortunately, I could not tell these women that they were being foolish and that I had no desire to listen to them whine about something so trivial. Instead, I had to be a supportive friend and in some cases a mother and tell them that the guy was not worth it and that they will eventually find someone worthy of them.

At the end of the phone calls, I could not help but ask myself, do these women really needed to call someone in order to find out that they were dating losers. The reason they were so upset that their boyfriends had not done anything nice for them was probably because their boyfriends never do anything nice for them, so they expect to be taken to the moon and back on Valentine’s Day.

If these women, as well as women in general, were truly happy with their significant others and their relationships, there would be no need to worry so much about Valentine’s Day because every day with their boyfriends or husbands feels like Valentine’s Day.

The moral of the story is not to make every woman as disturbed by the emphasis put on Valentine’s Day as I am, but to make women realize that they deserve to be treated like queens every day of the year. Do not give your boyfriends an excuse to slack off on the romance during the rest of the year as long as he can play the role of a hopeless romantic on February 14. Show your significant other that as long as he is always good to you, you will not be the crazy lady crying on the phone to her friends and everyone who will listen, telling them what scum her boyfriend is because he did not bring her flowers or take her to a nice restaurant on Valentine’s Day.

What Do Fairy Tales Really Teach Us About Romance?

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“Someday my prince will come.” It is the song that little girls around the world hear Snow White serenade to the little birds and squirrels she calls friends. The princess movies of our childhood teach us to wait for our Prince Charming. He should be tall, dark and handsome; brave, rich and passionate; kind, caring, and sensitive. Being royal does not hurt either.

But then we grow up, and we enter the real world where we meet the guy who works part-time at the Quick Check down the road between classes and who is only a little taller than you (when you’re in flats). Bye-bye beautiful stilettos you spent two paychecks on. Could he be the one for you? You will never get a chance to find out because instead, we look for a prince.

As little girls, many of us watch princess movies with such a passion that it is almost religious. We drink in what these movies give us, letting the lessons that are in

them influence us way past our canopy bed and Spice Girls stage.

So what do princess movies teach us as young girls? What are the life lessons we are absorbing while sitting in front of the television in a tutu with a wand? Let’s go down the list.

Cinderella, arguably one of the most popular princess movies, teaches young girls to cook, clean and be nice to people who are utterly terrible to you. Talk to animals it is totally normal. Don’t try to fix any of your own problems, just wallow in self-pity and someone will come and give you that pricy gown and one-of-a-kind glass slippers. Want to meet a man? Go to a ball, act completely different from who you are, make him fall for you but then leave without giving him your number or your name and expect him to rescue you from your horrid life with an extremely obscure object.

How about *Snow White*? She lives with seven men and cooks and cleans up after them. She eats apples from creepy old ladies. Basically, she dies until some guy comes and kisses her dead like

body.

Then there is *The Little Mermaid*, another cult favorite. Let’s see. She gives up her family, her life, her genetic code, her voice, her friends, her heritage (her dignity) for a man who saw her once while he wavered in and out of consciousness. Hopefully she can make him fall in love with her based on nothing but her looks, risk the lives of everyone she knows and loves in the process. She then marries him and agrees to be the only one in the relationship making sacrifices to make things work.

Beauty and the Beast? At least this one starts out promising. She neglects the boneheaded man who wants to marry her and immerses herself in books. She sacrifices herself to save her father and in turn becomes the slave of an incredibly violent man. She breaks through the tough exterior of the violent man who yells constantly and makes her quiver in fear. She snoops, a lot. Once again, she gives up her life and family to be with him.

So we’ve got cook, clean, wait

for a man, take food from strangers, give up your dreams, you can change a violent man, having conversations with animals is not weird and most importantly, if he is the man for you, let him come to you, let him rescue you. We’re learning a ton from these movies and stories about how to behave and what to expect from a relationship.

At this point, I know I have lost a bunch of you. Most of you would not give up a mermaid tail for a man, do not expect your fairy godmother to take you to a ball and would question a lady giving you an apple. But when you sit back and think on it, we see a ton of these rules and ideas in modern relationships.

Women expect a man to make the first move. We think that they should chase us. We have a habit of thinking that there is a prince out there for us. The perfect man is the one with no issue and who wants nothing more than to treat us like princesses. Many women give up dreams to be with a man, be it moving to follow him or sacrificing something impor-

tant. Many women believe that they can be the one to change a man from a violent one to a tender soul. Often, we feel that we need to be rescued. Some women believe that without a man, their lives aren’t fulfilled. It is tragic when you sit back and think about it.

While I love princess movies just as much as the next woman, I am taking a step back. Romance is not going to be as simple as the movies. I am not going to “live happily ever after.” Yes, I will live a happy life and will be loved by my husband, but we will fight and I will want to hit him in the head with a pot sometimes. I won’t expect him to constantly chase me if I keep running. Eventually, he will get tired. I refuse to let my dreams, morals, and ideals fall by the wayside for him. Every woman needs her own life separate from her man’s. I will remember that just because my fairy tale does not follow the traditional stories to a “T,” it is not any less beautiful.

Oh, and when the shorty at Quick Check asks for your number? Give him a chance.

“Gang of Eight” May Help Make American Dream a Reality

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Democrats and Republicans are coming together to resolve one of the major issues discussed throughout the election year: Immigration. A group of eight senators; four Democrats and four Republicans came up with an immigration proposal that they hope Congress will pass by spring or summer.

The Immigration Reform that is going to be proposed by March calls for undocumented citizens to go through a process in order to become a part of the United States. Immigrants already living in the country will be permitted to stay and work while undergoing the process to become legal citizens. The bill requires them to go through the procedure of background checks, paying fines, back taxes, and English and American Civics courses that they must take over a couple of years.

According to *ABC News*, the entire process will take up to 15 years, and that is for them to be eligible for citizenship, for which they will have to “get in the back of the line.”

For students, there is a different story. Any foreign student who graduates from an American University with a Ph.D. or Master Degree in science, technology, engineering and mathematics will be offered their green card to stay in the country.

However, undocumented citizens cannot begin this process until the borders are said to be “Secure.”

The “Gang of Eight,” as they are being referred to on Capitol Hill consist of New York Senator Chuck Schumer (D), New Jersey Senator Bob Menendez (D), Illinois Senator Dick Durbin (D), Florida Senator Marco Rubio (R), Arizona Senator John McCain (R), Arizona Senator Jeff Flake (R), South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham (R), and Colo-

rado Senator Michael Bennet (D).

It is believed that the bi-partisan group has come together after the importance of immigration was shown in the past presidential election. The President out performed Governor Romney with support from seven out of ten Latino votes. This led to the Republicans needing to come to terms with the need for immigration reform in order to get the Latino support.

According to Senator Chuck Schumer, “The politics on this issue have been turned upside down, for the first time ever there is more political risk in opposing immigration reform, than in backing it.”

Senator John McCain, who was an advocate for immigration reform in 2007 has attempted to pass a plan that he worked on with the late Senator Ted Kennedy that was never passed.

McCain is quoted in an *ABC News* article saying, “We have been too content for too long to allow individuals to mow our lawns, grow our food, clean our homes, and even watch our children while not affording them any of the benefits that make our country so great.”

Sociology professor Alan Foster agrees it’s time for a change in the immigration process.

“The entire Immigration process we have right now and have had for a long time is stupid, insensitive and unnecessarily bureaucratic... If people, particularly families, are willing to come here and work, and work hard, and become part of the American Dream then more power to them,” said Foster.

Foster continues, “Also, if young people come here to study, why not allow them to continue their expertise, and put what they have learned and their skills to good use in this country? And definitely NOT put them at the end of the line, which

would mean about ten years of placing them in limbo... What ever happened to the real Dream Act anyway?”

The proposal by the “Gang of Eight” is one that President Obama is optimistic about due to its similarities to his own.

He is quoted saying that the proposal is “very much in line with the principles I’ve proposed and campaigned on for the last few years. So at this moment, it looks like there’s a genuine desire to get this done soon, and that’s very encouraging. But this time, action must follow.”

The only difference between the two proposals are that the President is not for stricter borders first.

Barbara Caparn Nitzberg, Assistant Director International Students and Faculty Services, thinks that students being offered green cards would be a popular idea.

“It really depends on the student though, and the country. Some countries, students are obligated to go back because of the scholarships that they were offered which allow their country to pay for their education. Yet some students fall in love, or have lives here and would prefer to stay here after graduation,” said Nitzberg.

Kelly Printon, a junior social work major, said, “I believe that greater measures should be implemented to help strengthen border controls and crack down on the hiring of undocumented workers, however, I do not agree that those who are currently illegally living in the country should be placed in the back of the line for citizenship. Why should they be punished for the government’s lax supervision of its borders?”

Although the President has not been strict on the borders, he has been very strict with deportations.

Under President Obama’s first term, his administration has deport-



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Immigration reform has become a major topic of discussion thus far in President Obama's second term and could affect millions of Americans.

ed 1.6 million undocumented citizens, setting a new record.

According to a *New York Times* article, the Obama administration spent \$18 billion on immigration reform, making “detaining and deporting illegal immigrants, immigration control has become the federal government’s highest criminal law enforcement priority.”

There has been some controversy over the administration spending so much on deportation, especially in the current recession.

Printon continues, “The process to become a legal citizen in the U.S. should be easier, because it would, in the long term, pay for itself. More legal citizens means more citizens’ taxes going into the local and federal budgets.

We spend more federally ‘cracking down’ on illegal citizens than we do allowing them to live in our country

because despite contrary belief, illegal citizens do not and cannot benefit from any of our country’s social welfare programs. Without proper and necessary documentation, which illegals do not have, one is not even qualified for aid from social welfare programs. Therefore illegal citizens are not an expense, but the ineffective regulation of them is.”

The costs that have been funding the deportation process are only another reason to stress the importance and need for the Immigration Reform bill to be presented.

The President, however, reminds us all that “This not just a debate about policy. It’s about people. It’s about men and women and young people who want nothing more than the chance to earn their way into the American story. And throughout our history, that’s only made our nation stronger.”

Debate Hawks Mentor Asbury Park High School Students

Student Coaches Offer Skills For Debate Tournaments and Beyond

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racking, but after getting used to everything, [debate] became fun.” Byers also noted that the instruction he received from his Monmouth coaches gave him the needed preparation for entering his first tournament

Speaking skills, public posture,

analytics, critical thinking and speed reading are just a few of the crucial skills debate offers college bound students.

This training also allows for the winning results that Asbury Park High School students Iman-Tume Hall and Jerome Smith received in their very first round.

Lisa Miranda, debater and sopho-

more at Asbury Park High School observed the readiness of her fellow teammates and herself.

“I felt like we did well, considering this was our first tournament,” said Miranda

The mentoring program offers the opportunity for Monmouth students to put their knowledge of debate to uses outside of competition and facilitate the growth of future college students.

One University student coach, Samuel Maynard, a junior political science major, described the vital skills that debate offers students preparing to enter college, “It really prepares students to analyze information and think critically about issues that affect them.

It provides them with a real edge entering the college’s community. It also provides students with a concept of what ‘real’ academic work is like, which is something that even current college students are disgracefully foreign to.”

In addition to shaping the minds of future college students, the MU coaching staff is also gaining useful experience particular to their majors.

Lianne Kulik, a senior education major, describes her coaching obligations as “A fantastic opportunity to enter the teaching environment before graduation and witness [the students’] success in the debate world as an extension of my efforts as their educator. I also find solace in the fact that this group of kids is so eager to learn and improve on their mistakes, it makes this whole

experience beneficial to all who participate.”

As the year progresses, the Asbury Park High School debate team are set to encounter at least two more tournaments in New York

City and Baltimore, respectively. Before the season ends, the staff and team hope to win an entire tournament, which is not that tall of an order since last year they did just that in Baltimore.



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Buono Begins Bout For Governor

State Senator from Metuchen Hopes to Win Democratic Nomination for November

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Barbara Buono, a New Jersey State Senator from Metuchen, may become the Democratic nominee for governor this November.

Buono was the first Democrat elected official to announce her candidacy in December 2012.

The 59-year-old Buono has been in the New Jersey Senate since 2002. She was New Jersey's first female Senate Majority leader.

Buono has worked on many bills during her tenure in the Senate. She was the prime sponsor of New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights.

In December 2011, the Department of Education ranked New Jersey's anti-bullying law as number 1 in the nation.

Also, as the budget chair, she fought to cut \$4.7 billion from the state budget, while increasing investments in education, and health care.

On February 2, Buono held her first campaign rally at New Brunswick High School. In her speech she promised to help the middle and working class families of New Jersey.

She took a few jabs at the governor in her speech as well. "I was taught that treating others [well] was a responsibility



State Senator Barbara Buono is the only Democrat to officially file her paperwork to run for governor this November. If nominated, she will be up against Republican Governor Chris Christie.

to be met,"alluding to Governor Christie's infamous tough guy persona.

She also hit on issues such as gun control, marriage equality, and economic justice.

Her main points of the speech centered on attacks that Christie cut from our education instead of asking millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share. She is also pushing hard against

Christie for not signing the same sex marriage bill in New Jersey.

One advantage she may have is that she is a woman. Following a year in which a record number of women were elected into Congress, Buono may be running at the perfect time. Also, in a state as Democratic as New Jersey is, women will turn out the most. Fifty five percent of women voted for the Democratic President Obama over Mitt Romney last November.

Buono's policy proposals mirror President Obama's.

Michelle Grushko, freshman psychology major, thinks it's time for a woman to become Governor of New Jersey again. "A woman will have great support in this state."

She also thinks that women are very successful in politics. "A female has been elected in New Jersey before, and I think that a woman will be tough enough to stand up to Christie's attacks and forceful politics."

Buono definitely has an uphill battle in her race for Governor. Christie has seen his popularity rise following his response to Hurricane Sandy.

Sophomore political science major Ryan Kelly believes that Christie's handling of Hurricane Sandy has him in a good position for November.

"When you see Chris Christie walking around your town, you're going to feel like you matter." He thinks that Christie is going and reaching out to the people was key "He visited and aided so many people in such a short period of time, that is something that a governor should do," said Kelly.

The latest poll by Quinnipiac University has Buono trailing Governor Christie 63 percent to 22 percent.

Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of the Political Science Department, believes it's too soon to count Buono out. "A year is an eternity in politics," he said.

Patten brings up the example of George H.W. Bush, "In 1991 President Bush's approval ratings after the Gulf War was in the low 90s, he ended up losing to Bill Clinton the next year, so anything can happen."

Patten, however, acknowledges the force that Buono is facing up against.

"Christie's political strength had a major impact on who entered the race, it seemed to certainly keep Corey Booker out of the race," he continues, "Christie will be hard to beat."

Jug Handle Jumble May Take Place In NJ

Jug Handles May Be Replaced With Left Hand Turn Lanes

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making a left hand turn on a busy roadway or highway."

Harmony Bailey, sophomore history major, said that despite living in the tri-state area her entire life, she herself or her parents had not encountered jug handles until attending the University.

"I do think jug handles designed many years ago are often inefficient since they were designed with lower traffic volumes than today. The result is sometimes lengthy backups for cars entering the jug handles."

PETER REINHART
Director of Kislak Real Estate Institution

"We thought it was quite odd that we could not make left turns and for people who aren't from NJ, this is very frustrating. Although it does alleviate traffic concerns at times, it causes people to go out of their way to get where they want to go," said Bailey.

Holzapfel submitted the bill in 2003 when he was a member of the New Jersey Assembly and has since resubmitted it every two years. This year was the first time it made it out of committee and is being considered for a full vote.

Patrick Layton, sophomore communication major, said, "Personally, I prefer not having jughandles. Down in my area, they tend to clog the right lane, causing people to stop short."

Holzapfel believes that this is a common sense decision. "If they (jug handles) are such a wonderful idea, why aren't other states building them?," said Holzapfel. He continued, "In some states you can even make a U turn in left turn lanes."

Layton also believes left turn lanes

are the correct solutions. "I feel it is better to have left turn lanes with their own lights so that way more people can get through," said Layton.

Sophomore English major Andrea Buck said, "I'm from Connecticut, and I've never seen a jug handle before I came here. They seem pretty useless and confusing to me, so if there is an easier way to make a left

turn, I would gladly be in support of that."

Holzapfel believes that safety is the biggest issue with jug handles but jug handles also hurt businesses. By having to make property into jug handles it prevents the development of more businesses. This was one of the main inspirations behind the bill when he introduced it back in 2003. "This is not the way to go as far as the future is concerned," said Holzapfel.

Professor Peter Reinhart, Director Kislak Real Estate Institute, said "They have some impact on real estate shopping centers, small and larger, by impacting access to the centers. Signage for stores is impacted by requiring specific directions at times."

Holzapfel also believes that it is pointless to make a vehicle go right to go left. "Why should the same car go through the same intersection twice," said Holzapfel.

Reinhart agrees with Holzapfel. "I do think jug handles designed many

years ago are often inefficient since they were designed with lower traffic volumes than today. The result is sometimes lengthy backups for cars entering the jug handles," said Reinhart.

However, Holzapfel does acknowledge there are conflicting reports of whether jug handles are dangerous or not. The alternative that he suggests is adding in left turn lanes which would allow both lanes of traffic to go left and prevent accidents.

"If there is a five lane highway, then the two on the left would be used for turning purposes."

Courtney Locke, sophomore software engineering student, is from Paramus, New Jersey but had not seen a jug handle until attending the University. "I don't have a problem with them at all because I feel they are necessary if you do not have overpasses. Left hand turn lanes seem to cause traffic volume too frequently, where the jug han-

dles help alleviate that volume."

However, Locke does say, "I admit they are a little difficult to maneuver at times, but I think they are more effective than a left turn lane."

Reinhart believes that traffic issues will arise regardless. "As for traffic safety, if there are too many cars seeking to make the left turn, either through a jug handle or a left turn lane, safety issues can arise in either case," said Reinhart.



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Nearby Restaurants To Impress Your Valentine

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Although cliché, dinner for two is one of the most valuable Valentine’s Day traditions instilled in our culture. With the holiday coming up right around the corner, these romantic restaurants in our college town area will make for a memorable meal this season.

Long Branch is a great place to start. While it is obviously the most convenient town in regards to travel for MU students, some of the best places are located in your backyard. Long Branch offers a number of different dining styles. If you and your date are looking for a romantic location with a great view, McCloone’s Pier House located in Pier Village would be a great start.

Student Government Association President, Oscar Sanchez Jr., adores the hot spot Pier House. “McCloone’s is a great date spot. Besides the amazing seafood they offer, you can enjoy the beautiful ocean view. That, combined with the dim lighting, can really create a romantic evening for a couple.”

Although a little pricey for college students on a budget, junior Kristen Harz says, “The food is worth the price. It is very delicious.”

An advantage of McCloone’s is it’s proximity to the beach. After dinner, you and your significant other can talk a nice walk on the beach.

If you are looking to stay in Pier Village, Sawa Steakhouse and Sushi Bar provides a unique setting. Sanchez suggests this restaurant for a group date rather than a couple date. “You get dinner and a show with the hibachi cooking so it’s a lot of fun for everyone,” Sanchez said. Sawa also has another restaurant located next to Best Buy on Route 36.

Another great find which many often skip over is Tre Amici. This restaurant is closer to campus than Pier Village and is also located on

Ocean Avenue and is not too expensive.

Sophomore food enthusiast Laurel Weber believes this restaurant is one of the best attributes of Long Branch, “The food was really, really good. It’s cool to know that the man cooking for you was on Food Network,” Weber said. “That might not be as neat to other people, but to me it was pretty great.”

Matthew Zappoli, chef and owner of Tre Amici, won Food Network’s Chopped competition. Zappoli has also been named one of the “Five Chefs to Watch” by Bon Appétit magazine.

Other popular restaurants in the Long Branch area which are worthy of a look include The Avenue, Sirena, Rooney’s Oceanfront, and Charley’s Ocean Grill.

For a classy Valentine treat, take a short 15 minute drive to Red Bank where you will see reflections of New York City’s downtown atmosphere. Surrounded by a number of lounges, bars, restaurants, and boutiques the town has a number of possible date locations.

Harz suggests Tommy’s Coal Fired Pizza. A quiet location, Tommy’s provides candles and dim lights for the ultimate romantic experience. “The food is good and tastes like authentic Italian, which makes it different from other places,” Harz stated.

The Melting Pot, located in the same Galleria as Tommy’s Coal Fired Pizza, offers an interactive dining experience with their fondue cooking style. While expensive, The Melting Pot offers a unique take on the traditional meal.

Harz describes the location as “very romantic” and notes “you can cook your own food and the food is made right there at the table. The food is really good and not many places have anything like it.” The restaurant has secluded booths and tables for those who wish to have some privacy and incorporates low lights.

Other locations in the Red Bank

area include Gaetano’s, La Pas-teria, Downtown, Dish, and The Bistro.

Close to campus and mainly known as Bruce Springsteen’s one true love, Asbury Park is another popular dining location.

Senior Class President Bryan Larco advises couples to go to Moonstruck. “The food is really good, they have good variety, and the lights are dim and romantic. It’s an upscale place, but not over-the-top where you have to go in a suit. It overlooks a small lake and serves cocktails on the first floor while you wait for seating on the second floor.”

While many go to local Long Branch areas, Asbury Park offers less of a chance to run into familiar faces; Thus it helps create a more secluded scene.

Health Studies professor and 17 year resident of Monmouth County, Julie Schaaff, suggests The Brick Wall Tavern and Porta Na-

tional Park for a Valentine’s Day dinner. Schaaff says The Brick Wall Tavern provides “great vegetarian meals” while Porta is “fun and has great food.”

She also adds that there are plenty of benefits for eating at a restaurant during the holiday. “Going out means neither person has to cook or clean up! You can focus on each other,” says Schaaff.

The Brick Wall Tavern and Porta National Park are more of a casual bar atmosphere.

Focusing on your significant other is the reason why the holiday exists in the first place. Dinner is a great idea because “it’s an excuse for two people to get together and talk,” Harz said.

However, upscale restaurants are not necessarily the best choice for some couples. Harz said, “I think it’s hard for students because there aren’t always the cheapest of places to eat and the cheap places usually aren’t healthy. My boyfriend

and I try to go out to eat once a month just to get away from all the craziness of school and then other days we just cook dinner together since it’s not too expensive.”

If you and your significant other are on a budget, do not let money be an obstacle. There are a number of relaxed chain restaurants with a variety of food options close to school. Friday’s, Chili’s, Ruby Tuesday’s, Applebee’s, Olive Garden and Houlihan’s are only about five to ten minutes travel time.

If you plan on taking your date out to dinner this Valentine’s Day, choose a restaurant that best fits your relationship. If you are looking for a romantic evening, pick a secluded location with low lights and quiet conversation. A more relaxed, inviting evening can be planned at a local, more popular restaurant. Whichever you choose, remember to enjoy the alone time you have with your special someone.



IMAGE TAKEN from tastebu.com

The Melting Pot began in 1975 in Florida. Mark Johnston collaborated with his two brothers to create the eatery as we know it today.

Gifts Ideas Galore For Those In Need of a Quick Fix

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It’s that time of year again sweethearts- the day filled with red hearts, roses and endless boxes of chocolate. Valentine’s Day is tomorrow which means another gift giving holiday for that special someone. If you are stuck on a gift idea for your significant other, here are some unique ideas that will hopefully make life a little easier.

It is often said that the typical boxes of chocolates and bouquets of roses have become a cliché and although some girls oppose the “thoughtless” gift, others love the tradition from their man. Boys take note.

Freshman business major, Brit-tany Lamb, revealed that she still gets smitten when given these classic gifts. “I absolutely love getting chocolates and flowers. In my book it’s not considered a cliché at all,” Lamb praised. “It’s an expected gift this time of year.”

According to gathered online statistics, Americans consumed 24.5 pounds of candy per capita in 2008. However, for the portion of girls that find chocolates and roses to be a bore, here are some different ideas.

Girls love embedding themselves in magazines so a thoughtful idea could be to get your special lady a subscription to her favorite magazine. She will appreciate the little mailbox gift every month. Along with magazines, you can buy her a book or get her

a gift card to a book store. Luckily, Valentine’s Day is one of those holidays where gift giving can get creative. Gift giving does not necessarily have to break the bank for us college students.

Another simple, yet thoughtful, gift idea for her is a movie night basket. Include her favorite DVD, a package of popcorn, some candy and a cozy blanket for a romantic night in. According to *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine “thoughtful, handmade Valentine’s crafts make the day extra

special for your sweetheart where the thought and gesture goes a long way.”

As girls will always love jewelry, an easy gift can be found at Kay Jewelers on Route 35. While the prices do vary, one can find an affordable present whether it be earrings, bracelet, necklace, or anything of the sort that a girl will really appreciate.

For those boys who want to splurge a little for their loved one, take note from communication professor Dr. Marina Vujnovic

about her most memorable gift.

“My favorite Valentine’s Day gift was a spa day my boyfriend got for me,” Vujnovic recalled. “It is an awesome gift and something every girl needs.” A nice touch for this luxurious spa day treat would be if you both attended.

Ocean Place Resort & Spa is one of the closer luxuries as it is located on Ocean Avenue in Long Branch.

If you are instead purchasing a present for a guy this Valentine’s Day, you have plenty of gift options to choose from. A typical boy is interested in either sports, video games, comedy or music.

If you are dating a jock per say, narrow your search down to his favorite sport. For example, if he likes football, you can purchase his favorite player’s jersey, get his favorite player’s autograph, or even go as simple as buying a football. Other gift ideas could be tickets to a game or you could compile a tailgating kit he could utilize during every home game he attends.

Maybe your man is video game savvy. Options for you include buying a gift card to GameStop, getting a new controller for his system, or buying a game he has not shut up about.

There is a multitude of choices if your boyfriend enjoys a good laugh. Conveniently, Nick Offerman from *Parks and Recreation* will be appearing at the MAC on March 28. Tickets go on sale this Friday at the MAC and Pollak Theater box offices.

If these three do not sound like your boyfriend, there is always the default of giving him something musical. For instance, you could buy him music sheets if he likes to play a certain instrument, give him an iTunes gift card, or maybe if you are the musically talented one, you could write him a song. Obviously, this can also be a present for a girl.

There are plenty of other options to choose that could be for girls or guys. One choice would be making a build-a-bear that resembles your boyfriend or girlfriend’s interests. If you have some artistic ability, you could always use that to your advantage and either draw or paint a picture. All these gift ideas can easily be accompanied by candy.

Communication professor Matthew Lawrence explains that sometimes, less is more. “Some of my favorite evenings have included cooking together and listening to some records,” Lawrence said. He goes on to reveal that he enjoys “quiet, low-key activities that are intimate in their own way.”

Instead of racking your brains on what to get your significant other, a small adventure to somewhere you have never been or even a concert together could be memorable and enjoyable. Hopefully these ideas put some of you at ease and provided helpful tips and ideas. Despite the giving of gifts, when it comes down to it, Valentine’s Day is all about being with your loved one and enjoying each other’s company.



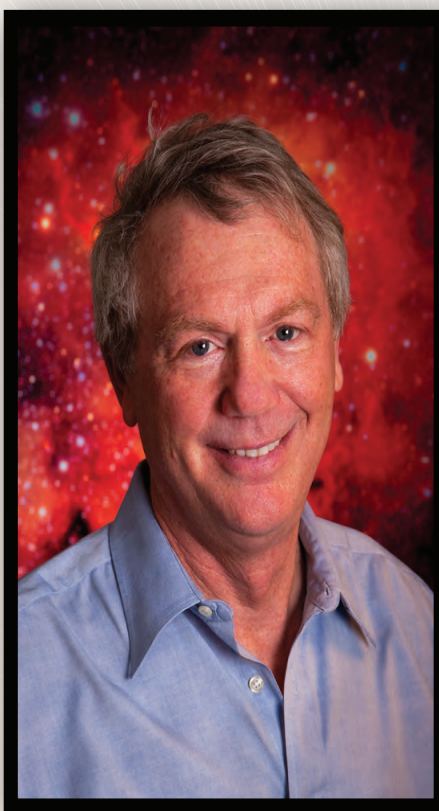
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Chocolate Boxes were invented by John Cadbury in the early 1900’s.

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Award-Winning Poet Astounds on Campus

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The University was host to the renowned poet Janice Harrington on Tuesday, February 5, as part of the Visiting Writer series. The event took place in the Wilson Auditorium at 7:30 pm, where she recited her work and discussed the inspiration behind it to a nearly full house.

Harrington has written two books of poetry, the first of which is titled *Even the Hollow My Body Made is Gone*, which won the A. Poulin, Jr. Poetry Prize from BOA Editions as well as the Kate Tufts Discovery Award. Her second book is *In the Hands of Strangers*.

She has also published several children's books, titled *Going North*, *The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County*, *Roberto Walks Home*, and *Busy-Busy Little Chick*.

According to her website, she is also the winner of a 2007 National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship for Poetry and a 2009 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award for emerging female writers. In addition, she now teaches in the creative writing program at the University of Illinois.

Harrington's enthusiasm and stage presence was clear from the beginning of the meeting. She began by joking about the faces of the Congressional figures during the inaugural poem, during which many are said to have made pained expressions, and that she hoped none of the audience members would give her the same face. "It's terrible," she confessed, "As a poet, I do that to people!"

Humor was clearly an integral part of Harrington's personality. "I'm a very particular person. I know what poems I'm going to read, in what order, when I'm going to start," Harrington said, smiling. "I time everything, then I get in front of the audience and change my mind."

Dr. Michael Waters, professor of English, was excited to have Harrington speak to the students. "How lucky we are to have a poet of such caliber at our university!" said Waters. "I hope she can inspire our students to one day write such wonderful poetry."

During the assembly, she chose to read selected works from her two poetry books, beginning with *Even the Hollow my Body Made is Gone*. From the start of the first piece, it was easy to see why the University asked her to be a part of this year's Visiting Writers series.

Centered primarily on rural Alabama, where Harrington spent many of the early years of her life, her readings from this book had a vibrant imagery that evoked a deep sense of the 50s-70s. Some of her work spoke on the Civil Rights movements, others on Baptist church revivals (replete with exaltations of "Praise Jesus!") while others touched upon the delicate, simple nature of her childhood through subjects like fried apple pie.

One of the most vivid from this selection was called "If She Had Lived", which is an imaginative exploration of a sister that had been born deformed, with many describing her as a goat-faced girl, though she died shortly after birth. The fact that the poem's contents were fictional, but based on one real

event, is testament to her imagination.

Another notable moment was during a poem on the Civil Rights Movements when Harrington asked all of the audience members to stand. She encouraged everyone to yell, whisper, and sing along to her poetic cues.

Though some murmurs of discontent were heard, the majority of the crowd smiled and seemed eager to engage with the poet.

The interactive nature of this scene was matched later when she instructed those in attendance to turn to someone they did not know and describe either a terrible job that he or she once held or the story behind a scar (she also reminded everyone not to remove any clothing to display said scar).

Her rationale, she explained, is that these are things we all have in common: most people have been hurt, had an awful experience in the work industry, or both, and that understanding the ways we are alike can help us better understand each other's differences.

This activity led into her reading from *In the Hands of Strangers*, a book full of accounts of mechanical nurses, elderly persons haunted by a life of turmoil, and the emotional strain involved with caring for those who are in the final stages of their lives.

Lauren Schmidt, adjunct professor of English, was glad to have attended. "I loved the visceral quality of her work," said Schmidt.

Courtney Luk, a senior English major with a concentration in creative writing, enjoyed Harrington's charisma. "I thought it was really different because she made us talk to each other and do things and

sing," Luk said. "I also liked how she incorporated music into her poems."

A brief Q&A session was followed by her reading a final poem. At the event's closing, Harrington was available to speak with and au-

tograph copies of her books, eager to greet attendees regardless of whether or not they liked her work because, as Harrington herself said, "It's not that you don't understand poetry, it's that you don't understand me."



IMAGE TAKEN from janiceharrington.com

Janice Harrington, awarded poet as well as children's author, spoke on campus as part of the Visiting Writers series.

Rising Stars Come to WMCX

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Stellar Young stopped by the WMCX studio this past Tuesday to talk about their tour and latest album, *Everything At Once*.

John Glenn (Vocals/Keyboard), Erik Flora (Guitar/Vocals), Curt Mulick (Drums), Kyle Hatch (Guitar) and Dave Parker (Bass) pulled up to the Plangere Center for Communication in their white mini shuttle bus, ready to hit the airwaves hours before their show later that night at The Trash Bar in Brooklyn. The band was featured on the WMCX specialty show, "Alternative Riot."

I caught the indie-pop group in the middle of their "Nor'East Tour" and when asked how the road has been, Flora replied, "Pretty good, you know so far we've had the two dates, one out in Oneonta, which is kinda like our home away from home, and our second one was down in Woodstock." Originally from Upstate New York, Stellar Young explained they were keeping this tour within the New York area.

"Actually, the way this little tour came together, we were just trying to book shows around the area and they kind of all came together in the same week and we were just like, let's call it a tour. I'm glad it came together the way it did so we can just hop on the bus and make a little trip," said Parker.

"We all met each other in Albany," explained Glenn. When Mulick, Flora and Glenn met in high school, they formed a band called The City Never Sleeps. Shortly after, they asked Hatch to join the band (who replied enthusiastically "hell yeah!") and from there they were introduced to Parker, an ex-live keyboardist for Coheed and



IMAGE TAKEN from ampkicker.com

Stellar Young, an up-and-coming indie band, explained its origins on the WMCX specialty show "Alternative Riot."

Cambria, at an open-mic.

When the final line-up released their eight-track album *Madison*, they were still The City Never Sleeps. However, they quickly realized people often got their name wrong (examples: City Sleep, The City That Never Sleeps, The City

is Sleeping). It became too much of a hassle, and after two years they went with the name "Stellar Young" instead, figuring it would stand out more and would be harder to mess up.

When asked to describe their sound, Hatch explained, "It's kind

of mixed, we all bring our own influences to the table, we all agree on indie rock with some pop-rock influences. I read a review a little while ago that called the new CD 'Atmospheric indie rock with a healthy dose of pop' and I kinda like that. It's indie rock but it's got

some nice catchy hooks so you'll leave with a song stuck in your head."

"We definitely play with coloring of the chords and make it interesting, jazzy and you know it's all over the place," Glenn added.

Everything At Once made its debut online December 18, 2012 and marked the first album release for the group Stellar Young.

When asked the band how they formed their direction for this album. "I think it was more of a continue to find our sound type of thing, rather than a real decision based on what we should do," Parker replied. "There are some differences and also some similarities between this and The City Never Sleeps's *Madison* album, but I think this is a step further down the road rather than a left or a right."

Even though they are constantly in the writing process, Stellar Young explained their focus at the moment is to expose new listeners to *Everything at Once* before they come out with another record. "[With] *Madison* we were still kind of learning what our sound was and playing around and seeing what we could come up with. *Everything at Once* was more like 'alright, we figured out what we're about now,'" said Parker.

After their show in Brooklyn, the New York boys headed to Nyack, Saugerties and last but not least, Albany on February 9 for their CD release party at Mcgeary's Pub.

The digital version of *Everything at Once* is available on the Stellar Young's website and you can name your own price (even for the price of zero if that's what you can afford). For more on Stellar Young, Flora told WMCX listeners, "Just go to stellaryoung.com and all of our links are listed on there, simplest way to find us."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: CLIMAX RACE

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Any students hanging out at Brighton Bar on Saturday night had the opportunity to see Climax Race rock out with their guitarist Mike Baranowski. The senior has been playing with his band for the last couple years and has been playing guitar for 12 years. We got the opportunity to chat with Baranowski about his passion for music.

“I owe it to my parents for my love of music. They introduced me to their music and I took it from there,” Baranowski said. “I first got into music when I was about 11 years old. The first band I fell in love with [was] the band AC/DC. My dad put on a their album *Back In Black*, and I instantly felt like rock and roll was calling me to join ‘cause I’ve been missing out.”

Baranowski cited 60s and 70s rock staples like The Doors, Led Zeppelin and The Beatles as his influences. Baranowski explained, “I felt like these artists were more than just making music. I felt that I could identify with their music and the culture they expressed. By age 14, I was completely in love with music. I was listening to a wide variety of artists from BB King to Nine Inch Nails.”

The Brick native was specifically influenced by Led Zeppelin’s Jimmy Page’s guitar prowess. “The rock riffs Jimmy Page created just thoroughly appealed to me during my beginning stages as a guitar player,” Baranowski said.

Baranowski has been dedicated to his guitar skills. He took three years of lessons when he first started and continued to learn from professionals at the University. Baranowski said he has taken three semesters of guitar lessons with professor [Aaron] Leone. His talents also extend to the piano and drums, instruments he taught himself to play.

“I like to improvise guitar solos and riffs which is a key element in blues and some rock music,” Baranowski said. So it makes sense that Climax Race is an alternative progressive rock band.

The musician finds it hard to categorize Climax Race’s sound, however. Baranowski said, “We have a very unique sound in my opinion. The [other] guitarist (Taylor Calise) and I love to show off, so there is a lot of guitar solos in our music. We have a female lead singer (Kristina Marrufo). She has a very soulful sound to her voice. Some of us have similar influences and some of us don’t. ... It’s where we meet in the middle that we discover the sound for Climax Race.”

Climax Race came together in 2011. They started out as a cover band, but Baranowski said, “After two or three months we decided to be an original band. We felt it would be a good way for us to go.”

Though the band has gone through some line-up changes since Climax Race’s conception, Baranowski said that he is great friends with all of his

band mates. Some of them even have friendships going back to high school. “I think it’s great that I have a band with my best friends,” Baranowski said.

In addition to guitarist Baranowski, Climax Race includes Kristina Marrufo on vocals, Dan Barber on drums, Taylor Calise also on guitar and Dan Lyttle on bass.

They have played in local venues such as The Saint, The Stone Pony and Brighton Bar, and they have even managed to score a few gigs in New York City. “We hope to get more shows in the city. We also have played Graduation and Halloween parties. I think the most unusual place we played was at this super dome in Toms River, NJ. It was an autism awareness event. There wasn’t many people there, and it’s a big dome so 100 people didn’t even look like many,” the senior said.

At that particular autism awareness event, Climax Race was concerned that their name wouldn’t be family friendly. Baranowski said, “We thought the parents might get offended by our band name because it can be taken in an obscene way. So we decided we should be introduced as ‘The Big C.’ ... I just wanted to lighten the mood, I guess. I tend to be very silly sometimes, so I immediately said ‘The Big Cheese, we’re the Big Cheese.’ ... It was kind of an awkward experience.”

The music industry major likes his jokes, but he also loves his art. Led Zeppelin, The Doors and Radiohead are who Baranowski admires when it comes to song



IMAGE TAKEN from facebook.com/ CLIMAXRACE

Student rock band, Climax Race, consists of (left to right) Taylor Calise, Mike Baranowski, Kristina Marrufo, Dan Barber, and Dan Lyttle.

writing. “Jim Morrison [of The Doors] took certain things to the next level. I also loved how he incorporated poetry into music. When I first heard The Doors, I got a better sense of music as an art and that was completely influential to me.”

Climax Race writes their own songs, a process that requires a lot of focus according to Baranowski. “Some of the members of the band meet up and play our songs acoustically. In these types of acoustic sessions we’ve found to be a successful process for us. There are fewer distractions as opposed to when we’re practicing in the drummer’s basement and we’re all plugged into our amps,” Baranowski explained. According to Baranowski, the

band “strives to keep [songwriting] a collaborative process.”

The guitarist’s post-graduation plans definitely include music, even if he isn’t in the limelight. “I would like to work in the areas of concert promotion or music licensing and publishing. I’m really open to any field in the music industry because you have to start somewhere in the industry. ... I guess time will tell. I’m just an avid music-lover who loves to perpetuate the art form in some fashion.”

For upcoming shows or to listen to their music, check out facebook.com/CLiMAXRACE, reverbnation.com/climaxrace, soundcloud.com/taylor-calise, or search ‘Climax Race’ on YouTube to relive the band’s past performances.

My Bloody Valentine Makes a V-Day Return

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I don’t think a single album released this decade will have had more weight hanging over it than *m b v*, the long, long, LONG awaited new album by Irish indie rockers My Bloody Valentine. Now, you might be asking yourself, “My Bloody who?” or “I hated that movie,” but stick with me here, as it’s quite an interesting journey.

Before *m b v*, the world had not seen a new album from the group since 1991. Yes, as in 22 years ago, before some of you reading were even born or just barely in diapers. And let’s just say that this album, the magnum opus known as *Loveless*, is, to this day, regularly considered a masterpiece of such unique and groundbreaking quality that it single-handedly defined an entire genre known as “shoegaze.” Now, after 22 years of break-ups, reunions and near total silence save for a few dispersed hints and rumors, a follow up is abruptly released almost out of thin air. No pressure, right?

Living up to those expectations is just about impossible, and the fact that Kevin Shields, the group’s guitarist and driving creative force, even had the guts to finally put out an album after keeping fans in the dark for so long seems almost insane. In the past few months that the finished product was teased, fan reactions were everywhere. Could this be the greatest album of our generation, a catastrophic disaster or simply a sick practical joke played on unsuspecting fans?

These expectations even

made me nervous before I first listened to the album, but as the next 45 minutes of harrowing guitars and gorgeous melodies washed over me, my fears were quickly vanquished. It may be hard to judge how it lived up to its predecessor, but discounting all of the needless hype and expectations, *m b v* stands out as simply a beautiful, strange and outstanding record that could have come from no other band.

It’s essential to point out that *m b v* is undoubtedly a My Bloody Valentine record, and is heavily indebted to the sound they perfected on *Loveless*. If you’re new to the group or the shoegaze genre in general, picture this: walls and walls of guitars, sounding as if their plugged into jet engines, playing dreamy, distorted pop melodies as ethereal, disembodied vocals drift in and out. It’s a blend of beauty and chaos that the group previously mastered on *Loveless*, and, on *m b v*, they attempt to push even further.

This established sound may make it seem like the group is a one trick pony, but, as *m b v* goes to prove, the band manage to twist and contort their sound into a variety of different statements, all while still being undoubtedly them.

The album is split into nine expansive tracks and, interestingly enough, the songs feel almost perfectly linked together in groups of threes, with each group accomplishing something different. The first three, for instance, are the most familiar feeling of the bunch, but still offer a fresh and exhilarating start to the album.

Opener “She Found Now,”

with its slow-motion, rumbling wall of feedback and breathy whispers, slowly encompasses the listeners environment with an aural, ambient glow that you almost wish would last for hours. The following two tracks, the chunky “Only Tomorrow” and the gargantuan “Who Sees You,” offer a grittier, post-punk inspired take on their sound. Though these tracks are the most *Loveless*-y of the bunch, their glittered ferocity still sounds as fresh and unique by today’s standards as they would have back in 1991.

The next three tracks, “Is This and Yes,” “If I Am,” and “New

You,” are some of the calmest and prettiest sounding tracks that My Bloody Valentine have ever produced. “Is This and Yes” even dares to forego the serrated guitars for organs and synths, backed by nothing other than an almost subliminal drum line and the sweet, serene vocals of Bilinda Butcher to float along with it.

But if these three tracks glow with a cool bluish hue, the final three furiously burn fiery red, as these songs are easily three of My Bloody Valentine’s most confrontational and challenging. The first 30 seconds of “In Another Way,” with its jarring squeals, manic drums and short-

circuited guitar noise, sounds like the musical approximation of a heart attack, while the droning “Nothing Is” feels almost hypnotic with its swirling, repetitive drum and guitar patterns.

It is “Wonder 2,” however, that really pushes things over the edge. Through six minutes of panic-fraught euphoria, Shields’ guitar takes on a near unrecognizable form of chaos, resembling a Boeing 747 spinning out of control over what sounds like a fast-forwarded dance beat. It’s completely bizarre and sounds almost inhuman, and it offers clear evidence that My Bloody Valentine weren’t satisfied with just repeating their past successes.

Although I encourage everyone to give *m b v* a shot, I do have two stipulations: 1) Listen to the whole thing from front to back, and 2) Listen to it LOUD. The songs themselves are beautiful and terrifying in their own right, but when blasted at full volume as one enormous piece, the experience feels almost transcendental, as Shields’ guitar rips and splinters the walls around you and lifts you up into a euphoric state. It’s a truly wild experience that few artists could match, let alone after 22 years of retirement.

It’s hard to tell if *m b v* would, or could even go toe to toe with its legendary predecessor, but in its own right, it’s clear that My Bloody Valentine have created something truly special. Though I wouldn’t say the album is for everyone, just go into it knowing this is something unlike anything you’ve ever experienced musically.



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My Bloody Valentine released a surprise album on their official website on February 2 after a 22 year silence. The release crashed the site.

From Regents College to MU

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Many of us have heard or even have had the pleasure to study abroad while attending the University, but for sophomore Charlotte Carne, the University is her new home away from home this semester.

Carne is a theater and acting major at Regents College located in London, England. There are many differences in the program there than there are here, according to Carne. One being that study abroad is not mandatory for students here, but it is at Regents. There is also special emphasis placed on how to apply for study abroad programs and the options for one's desired major.

There are a number of choices given and each must be listed in order of preference. "For the course I am currently studying at Regents College a study abroad semester is mandatory," said Carne. "If we don't go then we fail the course. Therefore, the study abroad office goes through how we should prepare for our study abroad period very thoroughly before we go. The acting and global theatre class has six schools in different locations to choose from."

She explains that her options included three universities located in the United States as well as universities in Chile, Prague or Australia. She was given a breakdown of the departments connected to her field of study. From there she applied in order of her top choice to last. "The choice to come to Monmouth was pretty easy for me," said Carne. "The course content for the theatre department was, in my opinion, far superior to the other choices, and I believe I made the right decision. Had I gone to Prague, I would have just been there for the culture, but here I have not only a brand new culture to explore but a solid academic base to explore within."

Likewise, the post-secondary education system at universities in England are somewhat different

from those here in the U.S. "Post-secondary education in England is very different both academically and leisurely," said Carne. "Academically, the courses work differently. At an English university you would pick a course to study, which I suppose would equate to a major, however, say you chose, like I did, an acting and global theatre course; you would only have classes on your course topic, there are no general education classes and you don't pick minors. You can choose to take two courses merged which would be like double majoring but that's as similar as it gets."

She also added, "The university experience is still very different to me because as an acting student I am in classes nine to five, five days a week whereas any other course, such as business, your class schedule would be very split up like it is here, doing only so many hours a week. It is also abnormal for someone to go to their local university. Usually in England if you go to university you leave home; it's a right of passage."

Social activity and leisure in England is a completely different world as well. This comes down to England's lower drinking age for leisure. Here one would go to the cinema, go shopping or sit and watch a film in the evening. In London one normally has to travel from where you live to your university. "For leisure we'd go to the pub for a pub quiz or we have a chain of pubs called Weatherspoons that has great offers on food," said Carne. "We'd go out for a cheap meal and a pint before heading home, because, of course, in London nobody drives. We rarely go to the cinema. As a student in England you only go to the cinema when there's an offer on. The ability to stop at the pub on your way back to the tube (subway) station for a social chat completely changes the dynamics of leisure in England."

As with many other study abroad students, the experience of living with different people and learning about the world proves to be one of the most important lessons Carne



IMAGE TAKEN from en.wikipedia.org

Charlotte Carne explains the difference between universities in England and the United States in terms of academics, living, and extra curricular activities.

notes that her learning has never ended and in fact expanded.

"Everything I'm learning while I'm here is valuable and I am nowhere near done learning yet," said Carne. "I believe the small things I'm learning that will really add up are the differences in culture, the way we speak and the acceptable behaviors which are completely different from those in England."

The University's number of athletes is of high interest to her. She said, "Athletes play such a huge part at this school whereas back home I wouldn't be able to point out a single person on any type of sports team. The experiences I'm gaining while being here are all valuable and worth exploring. However, if there is one very valuable thing I'd really, really like to learn it would be how to use

the coins here. I've been taught a thousand times and I just can't seem to get it!"

Living with a roommate is another experience that she is enjoying and will be valuable even though she has shared a dorm briefly with her sister in the past. With nothing but pop culture to build her expectations on, Carne was a little anxious about not getting along with her roommate. While she and her roommate do not go out or socialize together, she found that they work very well living together.

Carne discovered, however, that the dorm arrangements are not optimal for getting work done. She added that having friends just across the hall can make for a difficult study period.

In Carne's term here, she is in-

involved in numerous activities, despite the fact that her course load encourages minimum involvement.

"I had a great interest to really get involved in the extracurricular organizations available at the school when I got here, so I kept my ear to the ground for groups I really wanted to be a part of," said Carne. "I'm now a member of Boom Roasted, the student theatre group. Carne has a very busy semester planned with a performance in the play "Almost Maine" on April 12 and 13. "Another organization that caught my interest more than enough to join is the MU Glee club."

Carne has been making the most of her time here as a MU Hawk, where she will take many valuable lessons home with her, as well as many new friends.

How to Succeed in Business

ERIN MCMULLEN
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Succeeding in the business world obviously takes skill. You have to be good at your job in order to advance in your field, however, one of the less obvious ways to move up in the office is by demonstrating appropriate behavior.

Being the best at your job does not, by any means, make you the best employee. It is by behaving in ways that exemplify particular company ideals that can help

you impress those in charge and make you successful.

As a way to help you succeed in the workplace, William Hill, the Assistant Dean of Career Services here at the University, has provided a few things to keep in mind while working in the office. Although there may be other guidelines and rules that are synonymous with certain companies and offices, the following tips are general enough to be used anywhere:

1.) Avoid using the Internet for personal reasons. This includes,

"Using your company email address for social use, checking Facebook while working, and sending or receiving improper or inappropriate messages, photos or other information on company computers," said Hill. Don't give in to the temptation to tweet about how you can't wait for the weekend or post a picture on Instagram of the view from your window during your working hours. Save it for your lunch break.

2.) Dress appropriately. According to Hill, "Dressing poorly on the job, sloppiness and general lack of hygiene," are a big no-no in the business world. It's important to make a good impression, and one of the easiest ways to do that is by dressing nicely. When on the job, be sure to wear clothes that are relevant to your working environment and not your usual weekend social scene.

3.) Don't engage in office gossip. It's easy to get caught up in the rumor mill, especially when one of your co-workers does something that makes your skin crawl. Do your best to refrain from participating in the petty gossip that will eventually begin to circulate around your office. This also refers to "Off-color, sexist or racist jokes," Hill further explained. Trying to make your co-workers laugh is one thing but to do so at the expense of someone else in the office is another. Next time you're engaged in water cooler talk, be cautious of your choice of words.

4.) Avoid engaging in any kind of sexual harassment. This one is self-explanatory. Sexual harassment is no joke, and it is something that is taken very seriously in today's society. Not only can inappropriate touching be deemed as harassment, but any kind of crude, offensive or vulgar language can also be considered as such. Be respectful of your co-workers and don't overstep your boundaries.

5.) Punctuality is important. "Showing up late on a consistent basis or taking an extraordinary number of sick days without a legitimate reason" is not a smart decision, Hill explained. Actually showing up to work is crucial, but being on time is even more important. It shows respect to your boss and fellow co-workers, and it also demonstrates your willingness to start the day's work. No one will ever want to promote you if you're known for constantly being tardy.

"Employers, in general, look for employees who are smart, considerate, loyal, want to advance at work, and show genuine interest in doing a good job," Hill added. "No surprises there. It's just common sense."

Alissa Catalano, a senior, currently works as a student associate at Madison Square Garden. Not only does she embody all of these qualities, but she is also very aware of the importance of appropriate workplace behavior. "I do believe that it is different in every workplace, but overall, you have to be professional," she

explained.

Catalano was surprised by the atmosphere in her own office, for it was much more relaxed than she had anticipated, especially in the ways that people acted and dressed. However, when asked what she deemed "appropriate workplace behavior," almost all of her points matched up exactly with Hill's.

There was only one thing that Catalano brought up that had not already been said by Hill. "I believe that you need to have two separate lives. You shouldn't bring any personal, un-work-related problems into the office because it can affect your work and your coworkers around you," Catalano said.

By dragging along your personal issues with you to the office, your work may start to suffer, which is most definitely not a way to move up the ranks within your company. Pushing away problems that are not work related while you're in the office will enable you to finish your work properly and successfully.

Though every company may be different, there are a handful of general guidelines that are followed in just about every office. Regardless of where you work, respectable behavior is incredibly important; it can take you very far in any career field. Simply by remembering the tips provided by Hill and Catalano along with showing dedication and hard work, you will find that succeeding in business isn't so hard after all.



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Knowing how to behave in your place of employment is the key to moving up while keeping a happy work environment.

Valentine’s Day: Stigmas, Plans and Pancakes

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Here it is: the one holiday that sends single ladies to their couches as they pop in *The Notebook* screaming to Noah Calhoun to build them a porch, followed by a Mount Everest of tissues. It’s also the one holiday that sends couples reeling to the tippy-top of their relationship peak.

Everyone, welcome to Valentine’s Day, full of candy hearts and fluffy bears. It seems impossible not to feel the love in the air. But how do the singles and couples plan to spend their Valentine’s Day? It’s time to open up a box of chocolates and see what’s inside.

First, one must address that it is already half way through February. Secondly, one must realize that tomorrow is Valentine’s Day. We can officially conclude that the month of February is going by fast. Since tomorrow is the big day of love, break out the candy hearts, get out the freshly cut roses and summon all the chocolate lovers! There is about to be an overload of sweets a’comin’.

Despite all of the decadent treats and sweet kisses of Valentine’s Day, how do people go about planning and spending their day of love, regardless if they are single or in a relationship? Does everyone on this jam-packed love fest of a day get a teddy bear with “Be Mine” stitched on the belly?

Maybe if they were giving them away for free.

We can wish, right?

There are a lot of stigmas that center around Valentine’s Day. For people who are representing the single life for this holiday, people tend to assume that they will sit at home on their couches and complain how they will forever be alone. That’s right; I’m talking to every girl who says she will be a cat lady.

The singles will often feel excluded from the celebration just because they have no one else to

proclaim love to. According to www.gettysburg.edu, a Gettysburg College professor of sociology and women’s studies, Jean Potuchek, explains how singleness is often looked at as failure for women, especially on Valentine’s Day.

“If many of these women find that singleness is often difficult, it is not because they find their daily experiences of single life difficult, but because other people’s reactions to or assumptions about their lives are so difficult to deal with,” Potuchek said.

Single women seeing people engage in PDA or public displays of affection can definitely affect their Valentine spirit. For sophomore Jessica Costello, it is pointless to even have the holiday at all.

“I just don’t see why you need one specific day to express how much you love someone when you should be doing it everyday,” Costello said.

However, women who do want to celebrate find comfort around other women who are single as well. Single people who have single friends all meet together and celebrate with each other. It is a much better, and positive, way to go about spending Valentine’s Day.

Let us not forget about the stigmas of people who are coupled off.

However, as many stigmas as there are for the singles, there are just as many for the couples. Valentine’s Day for couples is the one day they can whisper “I love you” in the ears of their beloved.

According to www.stvalentinesday.org, that is the proper way to start the day off. “The romantic gesture is usually accompanied with an exchange of red roses, chocolates, cards and other gifts,” the website explained.

It is the traditional lovey-dovey way to spend Valentine’s Day.

And yet, as for the students and faculty of the University, they have other plans in mind for this year’s Valentine’s Day.

For students who are going to spend their Valentine’s Day on the single side of the relationship spectrum, they may be found going to the movies, attending their late classes, and working in the Residential Halls.

Senior Tara Cooney will be seeing a brand new film starring Josh Duhamel and Julianne Hough. She has a very quirky and refreshing attitude about how she is going to spend Valentine’s Day.

“I am going to be going to the movies alone to see *Safe Haven* and indulge in popcorn, and if any hot men want to meet me there, this is your invitation,” Cooney said.

Some students who cannot attend the movies are simply in class. Brian Boehler, senior, is keeping his Valentine’s Day academic only.

“I have two classes at night, so I won’t be doing anything,” Boehler said.

However, junior Ashley Pacifico is not letting work get in the way of spreading the love to other people. Pacifico will be on duty in Cedar Hall on the holiday, but that doesn’t mean she won’t be celebrating in her own special way.

“I’ll be holding down the fort, and I plan giving valentines to my residents in Cedar,” Pacifico said.

As for the couples at the University, some treat it as any other day, and others really want to make some pancakes.

Pancakes, you ask?

Yes.

For senior Christopher Down, he wants to spend his Valentine’s Day with his girlfriend... and pancakes. Well, not just pancakes.

“I’m going to spend it with romance, chocolate strawberries, wine and pancakes,” Down said.

It’s a new spin on an old tradition on how to spend the holiday.

Professor of communication,

Donna Dolphin, doesn’t stress over Valentine’s Day.

“I don’t pay much attention to the holiday, and it sneaks up on me. I’ve been married to a great guy for a long time, and we try to appreciate each other all the time,” Dolphin said.

So what is the big, bolded and underlined, sealed with a kiss, point of Valentine’s Day? Valentine’s Day is for celebrating love, on a very wide range.

If you’re single, you can spread your love to your friends and family or hey, maybe even some good food. You can catch the premiere of a highly talked about movie or even give out some homemade valentines to people close to you.

If you’re in a relationship, share it with a special someone who you’ve been with for a long time or make that special someone of yours pancakes. Who knows, maybe pancakes will be the new chocolate.

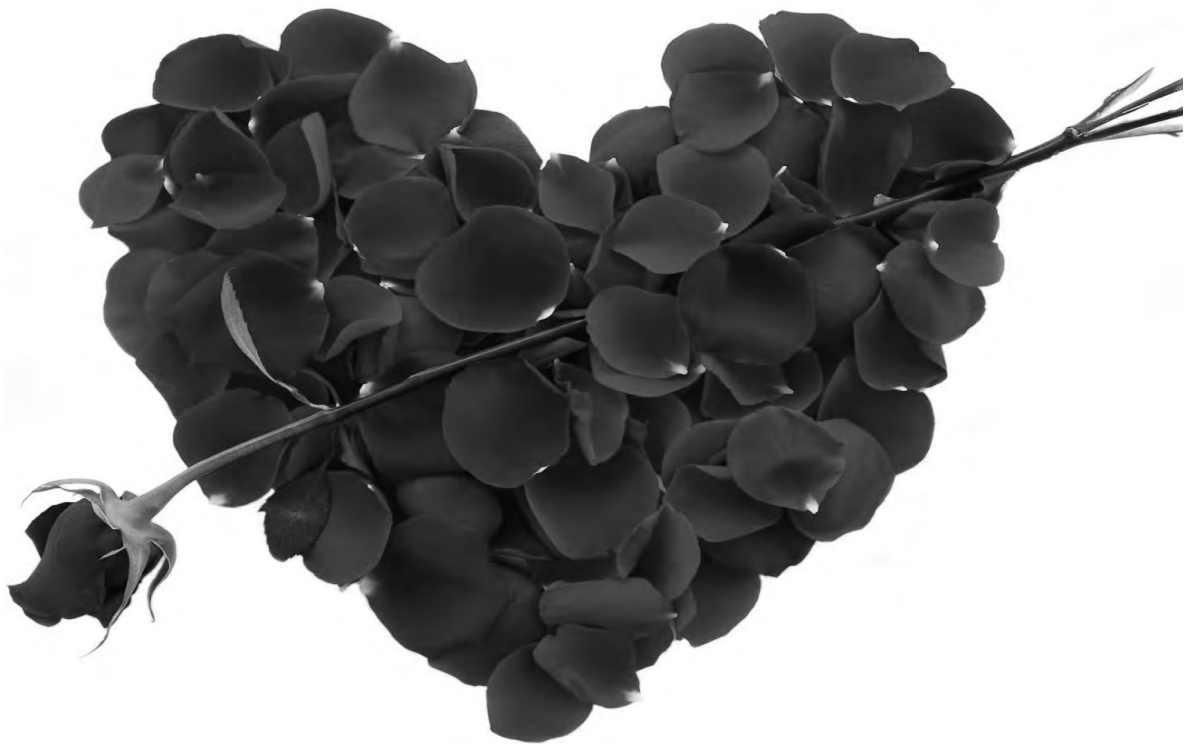


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Valentine’s Day is not only about chocolate and roses, but friends, family, new releases and personal traditions.

From the Airwaves of WMCX to ESPN Radio New York

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Life is full of many journeys filled with twists and turns that could take you anywhere. For senior Brad Brown, life has taken him from putting on the headset for WMCX sports to sitting in a booth a few feet away from ESPN analyst and radio host Stephen A. Smith. Brad’s dream is to one day be a professional sports broadcaster. Thanks to hard work and

a drive to succeed, Mr. Brown is well on his way.

Brad is currently interning at the radio station ESPN New York 98.7 FM, located directly above Madison Square Garden at Penn Plaza in New York City. Every Monday and Wednesday, Brad takes a two-hour NJ Transit train into the city to work.

Brad has two different jobs as an intern for ESPN New York 98.7 FM. On Mondays he works in programming and on Wednesdays in

promotions.

A typical day in programming consists of arriving around 11:00 am, completing prep work, helping with the rundown of topics, and making sure each host is aware of the topics. Once the shows begin, he tracks all of the topics discussed on the shows by entering them into a Microsoft Excel sheet, so they can figure out which topics draw the most listeners. He does this for the Mike Lupica Show, Stephen A. Smith & Ryan Ruocco Show, the Michael Kay Show and Dave Rothenberg’s show.

“Other jobs include using adobe audition to cut up interviews with Steve Young and Coach Woodson for the Knicks,” said Brown. “I did a Dwight Howard one which I rolled footage off ESPN Sportscenter, so they can put it in the system and use it on the air.”

In addition to those tasks, Brad must also be prepared to do other jobs as they pop up. “If they need me to cut up audio I’ll cut up audio, if they need me to run paper inside to them during the show I’ll do that,” said Brown. He added that sometimes the occasional lunch run for host Stephen A. Smith, could come in a day’s work at ESPN Radio.

Promotions is what Brad is most familiar with, as it is what he did all summer at his internship with WPLJ. He is expected to help pre-

pare guest lists for events the station is sponsoring like Clyde Frazier’s Wine and Dine and to go to promotional events at sports bars in the area. Brad said he hasn’t officially been to an ESPN Radio sponsored event yet, but he did finally receive the ESPN polo so he believes it is only a matter of time.

His favorite moment of the internship so far came on the Monday following the Super Bowl. He was sitting in the studio listening in on the Stephen A. Smith and Ryan Ruocco show when they were discussing the commercials from the Super bowl. Stephen A. Smith brought up the Go Daddy commercial with Bar Refaeli and the “nerd looking dude”. “It [The conversation] was absolutely hysterical and I couldn’t stop laughing along with everyone in studio. It was probably the funniest and best moment at ESPN radio so far and I’m sure there’s more to come,” Brown laughed.

Sports have been a love of Brad’s since he was just six years old when his father took him to a Miami Dolphins vs. New York Jets game. He fell in love with football from that day forward and wound up not choosing a local team to root for, but instead chose to root for the Denver Broncos because of his love for the colors, logo, and the starting quarterback at the time. “At that age I decided to be a rebellious kid and wanted to

go to the next best QB who could compete with Dan Marino and I ended up picking John Elway and the Denver Broncos,” said Brown with a grin.

Brad’s ultimate dream is to one day have the privilege of covering professional football and he hopes it will be for his beloved Denver Broncos. “I think the ultimate goal is football because I love it so much, but I would love to be a play-by-play broadcaster for any sport and be able to bounce around and do as much as I can,” said Brown. “The ultimate dream is to be the play-by-play announcer of the Denver Broncos on 850 KOA.”

Brown was able to land the internship thanks to his hard work at WPLJ over the summer and because of the resume Brad has built here at MU.

For students seeking internship opportunities, Brad recommends getting involved in on-campus organizations. “Get involved with anything you can freshman year because there really isn’t enough time,” said Brown. “Whether it’s getting involved with WMCX, Hawk TV, or here at *The Outlook*, whatever you need to do, whatever you want to do, whatever you think you want to do just go after it as soon as you can because that will propel you to be that much better when you get out of college.”



PHOTO COURTESY of Bradley Brown

Senior Brad Brown explores his dream job in sports broadcasting through a once in a lifetime internship at ESPN New York radio station.

So We Meet Again

With a New Semester Comes Another Introduction Night for the Greek Community

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Meet the Greeks was held on Tuesday, February 5 at 10:00 pm in the Multipurpose Activity Center.

"The purpose of Meet the Greeks is for the fraternity and sorority community to join together in order to showcase their chapters and reach out to potential new members interested in Greek life," stated Vic Nazario, Greek Senate President. Meet the Greeks is the initial step within the process of joining both fraternities and sororities in Greek life at the University.

10 representatives from each chapter are chosen to attend Meet the Greeks with the duty of informing potential members about their specific organization. They are asked to decorate a table with their individual letters, pictures, banners and other symbols in order to represent their chapters and provide an idea of who they are as an organization. Students are asked to sign a list at each organization's table which they are interested in and provide their name, student ID and GPA as the first step towards formal recruitment.

Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, Jon Buchalski, further explained the event by stating, "Meet the Greeks is usually a preliminary contact for people to meet each chapter at the beginning of recruitment. You hope students meet as many members of organizations they are interested in as possible in order to find their match and begin their journey into Greek life."

This was the second consecutive semester Meet the Greeks was held within the MAC. "Having this event in the MAC is just the start of positive changes to come. These changes

come in steps, but each step shines a positive light on Greek life and all it has to offer," Nazario continued, "I just want to be able to come back in the future and see how these small steps have improved down the road, such as encouraging more students within the Monmouth community to learn more about Greek life, having more overall potential new members, as well as increase the cooperation between each chapter and work closely together to achieve all of these goals."

Nazario notes how special this last Meet the Greeks is to him, being a senior of the Greek life community. His passion for not only his fraternity, Theta Xi, but for the wellness of all chapters at the University shows how close-knit this community truly is. "We have the ability to control our destiny as the Greek life here at Monmouth, and I hope we all take steps towards making that destiny a place that more people desire to become a part of."

Alessandra Buonincontri and Stephanie Friscia, potential new members and attendants of Meet The Greeks, both displayed their excitement for joining Greek life and how they can both hardly wait for the recruitment process to begin. "I'm so excited to meet some new girls and make even more friends by joining a sorority. Everyone is so welcoming," Buonincontri stated. Friscia agreed by explaining, "Everyone seems so genuinely excited for us new girls coming out. All of the chapters are so friendly and inviting!"

Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority Incorporated put on their traditional performance of the night. It is custom for the sisters of this sorority to "stroll." The rest of the Greek life community, as well as the potential new members, stood back in silence

as they watched the sisters of LTA dance their hearts out. This performance exhibited sisterhood and pride of their sorority. The sisters of LTA have been featuring their traditions ever since their foundation in 1975.

Meet the Greeks leads to the process of Round Robin, which is the next mandatory step within the procedure of joining either a fraternity or sorority.

Casey McCabe, Chief Panhellenic Officer, is assisting in the formation

of Round Robin this year. McCabe explains, "Round Robin is the overall process which matches potential new members with their best fit fraternity or sorority."

The three-day process allows potentials to meet each separate chapter, while the chapters have the ability to explain who they are, what they stand for, and the benefits of joining their organization.

McCabe went on to say, "Throughout this process, potentials are able

to narrow down the organization of which they feel is their perfect fit, while chapters also collaborate with these preferences in order to choose who they feel should receive a bid in return."

"Joining Greek life enhances your college experience at Monmouth University," McCabe added, "It is such an amazing community to be a part of and I could not be more excited for everyone who decided to come out and join this year."

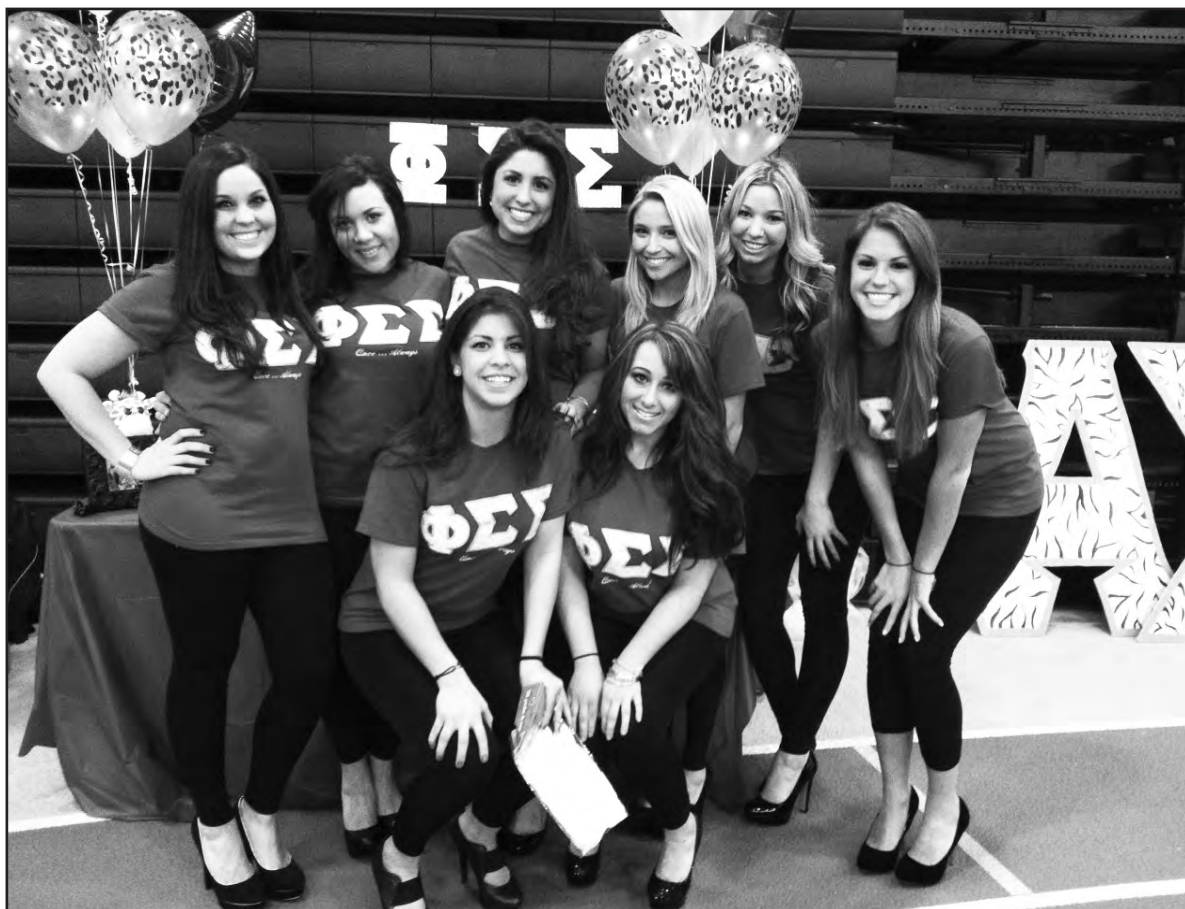



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Members of Phi Sigma Sigma take part in Meet the Greeks in hopes of recruiting new members.



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Club Spotlight: Council for Exceptional Children

A Worthy Club for Education and Special Education Majors

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Here at the University, The Council for Exceptional Children works to improve the educational successes of children and youth with disabilities, gifts or talents. Kate Muller, President of the Council for Exceptional Children, said, “We plan events that involve interacting and engaging with special needs students, visit other schools or facilities to help out with their events, and also attend lectures and workshops about individuals with special needs.” The main goal of the CEC throughout the school year is to obtain as many opportunities as possible to work with individuals with disabilities. The club meets to discuss future event plans once a month on a Wednesday at 3:30 pm in McAllan Hall. CEC has paired up mostly with the Harbor School in Eatontown to host some of their events and work with disabled individuals. They hope to soon work with The

Shore Center for Students with Autism in Tinton Falls. Other e-board members include senior education majors Leah Russo and Aly Yager. Yager said, “CEC works hard for the individuals with disabilities. It is something every member feels very

Carol McArthur-Amedeo, lecturer of Educational Leadership, School Counseling, and Special Education, and Stacy Lauderdale, Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, advise the club. CEC has about 50 active mem-

Later that day, CEC will be attending a Behavior Lecture at The Shore Center for Students with Autism given by Dr. Vincent Carbone from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Dr. Carbone is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral with over 35 years of experience

Active general member, Kristine Lee, senior, said, “I love being a part of CEC. It works perfectly with my schedule, looks great on my resume, and is one of the more rewarding groups I have been a part of while at Monmouth.” Muller said, “It is a great club to be a part of and to help boost your resume. It would mostly benefit education or special education majors, but all majors are welcome. It is not demanding, yet very rewarding. The events give you experiences to refer to on a job interview. This club also introduces you to administration and staff at the local schools and facilities geared towards individuals with special needs.” For anyone looking to get involved with The Council for Exceptional Children, contact Kate Muller at s0751689@monmouth.edu to be added to the mailing list for meeting information. Students can also join the “MU CEC Club” group on Facebook to receive quick updates.

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KRISTINE LEE
Senior

dedicated about. We like that we give Monmouth students the opportunity to make a difference in these individuals’ lives. We encourage anyone who is interested to come to the meetings or join the mailing list. It is one of those experiences you would never regret and be thankful you joined.”

bers attending meetings and working on the events that are put together throughout the year. The CEC has multiple events coming up within the next week. On Wednesday, February 13, there will be a general member meeting at 3:30 pm in room 125 in McAllan Hall.

designing learning environments for persons with autism and development disabilities, according to Carboneclinic.com. On February 14, the club will be hosting a Valentine’s Day Dance at Harbor School with disabled students from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Lent/Easter 2013 - Catholic Campus Ministry @ MU

Ash Wednesday - February 13 - All Liturgies will be held at the Varsity Club on the third Floor of MAC
12:00 pm - Mass with Distribution of Ashes
3:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:00 pm - Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Teaching Mass – February 17, 7:00 pm, Withey Chapel
Been away for a bit and want to get back into mass? Learn more about mass at this unique opportunity.

Lent Retreat – “We Walk by Faith”- February 23, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Spend the day with students from MU, TCNJ and Rider U. Relax, reflect, pray, meet others and have a great time. Register by February 20, Email Father Bill at blago@monmouth.edu or sign up at masses.

Stations of the Cross and Simple Supper – February 15, February 22, March 1, and March 8.
Meet at the Catholic Center at 4:00 pm – Pray the Stations of the Cross then share a simple meatless meal.

Alternative Spring Break service experience - March 20 - 24 Serve those still affected by Hurricane Sandy. Arrive Wednesday evening, “camp-in” at the Catholic Center, work together, pray together. Ends Sunday at 12:00 pm. Register by March 3. Email Father Bill blago@monmouth.edu or sign up at masses.

Mass Schedule – All at Withey Chapel, Lower Level Wilson Hall.
Sunday - 7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 12:00 pm - Tuesday - 7:00 pm

Holy Week Celebrations

Palm Sunday Mass - March 24 - 7:00 pm Withey Chapel

Chrism Mass- March 25. Leave from Catholic Center at 6:00 pm for mass at the Cathedral in Trenton with Bishop David O’Connell, where he will bless the Holy Oils, used in the sacraments.

Holy Thursday Mass- March 28 - 7:00 pm Withey Chapel with adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm

Good Friday Service - March 29 - 3:00 pm Withey Chapel

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil - March 30 - 7:00 pm meet at the Catholic Center. We will drive to St. Jerome’s parish and experience the joy and solemnity of the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday Mass - March 31 - 7:00 pm Withey Chapel. Followed by an Easter Party at Catholic Center.

CLUB AND GREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pre-Law Club

The Monmouth “Law Hawks” Pre-Law club is seeking officers for the 2013-2014 school year. Please email Professor Bordelon, University pre-law advisor at bordelon@monmouth.edu for more information.

Hawk TV

Hello Everyone!
We hope you all had great winter breaks and are excited to be back at Monmouth for the spring semester. On Friday, February 22, Hawk TV and WMCX will be hosting Rock and Raise, a battle of the bands event to raise money for Relay for Life. The day is always a blast, and is a fantastic way to help in the fight against cancer. Tickets will be on sale soon. For now, good luck in all your classes, have a great spring semester, and don’t forget to keep your televisions tuned to channel 12 for movies and Hawk TV original programming.

Council For Exceptional Children

The CEC Club will be having a meeting Wednesday, February 13 at 3:30 pm in McAllan Hall, room 125. New members are always welcome. It’s a great club for education majors.

Monmouth Area Vegetarian Society

(MAVS) would like to announce its first event of the spring 2013 semester. The event will feature speaker Marc Rosimillia, co-owner of Bio-Balance Fitness, located in Rumson, NJ. Rosimillia will be speaking about incorporating a plant-based diet with metabolic workout regimes to achieve optimal fitness and healthy lifestyles. The event is free and open to the public and will be held Sunday, February 24 at 1:00 pm in Magill Commons. If interested in attending, RSVP to mcharris@monmouth.edu.

Sociology Club

The Sociology Club will be hosting their second annual Stratified Streets Tour on Saturday, April 13. This visual tour of inequality will include a guided tour of the Tenement Museum in New York City’s Lower East Side. Here, students will see the Lower East Side through the eyes of the immigrants who have lived there for 150 years. After lunch, we will tour the African Burial Ground National Monument where both free and enslaved Africans were buried in Lower Manhattan. A bus will be leaving for New York City at 7:00 am on Saturday April 13 and will be returning to campus at about 7:00 pm on that day. Please contact Amanda Divita, president of the Sociology Club at s0736434@monmouth.edu or come to a meeting if you are interested in attending this event.

Outdoors Club

There will be a mandatory meeting in Bey Hall room 132 on Wednesday for all who are interested in skiing, snowboarding or tubing at Blue Mountain on March 3. Payment of \$30 is due today and all members going must sign a waiver at this meeting. The Game Night has also been moved to this Friday night from 8:00 pm -11:00 pm in the Student Center, near the Student Employment and Study Abroad offices.

WMCX

WMCX will be hosting their “12 Hour Music Fest” on March 14 from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm (yes, there are actually 13 hours). Each hour, we will have a different band performing a live acoustic set and interviewing with one of the WMCX DJs. Tune in to WMCX 88.9 fm and check it out!

Phi Kappa Psi

Phi Kappa Psi will be holding a prize drawing at the men’s basketball game on February 16.

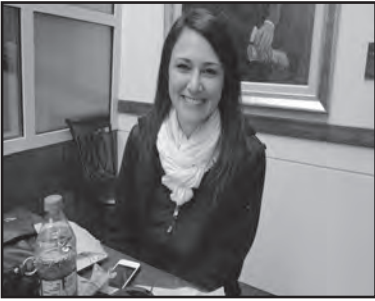
Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta - Iota Nu is hosting Karaoke for a Cure on Wednesday February 20 at 10:00 pm in Anacon. This will be our first ever AmaXIng Challenge event here at Monmouth! This competition style event will have teams of two signing karaoke songs. Judges will pick their top two teams. They will then go head-to-head for top prize with the winner being chosen by the audience. Even if you do not participate there is still a chance for a prize. During intermission we will have door prizes to give out. Tickets will be sold in the Student Center at the door prior to the event. The pricing for tickets will be \$5 prior to and \$7 at the door. All proceeds will go to our philanthropy Autism Speaks. Come out for a fun night! If you are interested in participating with someone or being a judge please email s0753481@monmouth.edu and or let a sister of Alpha Xi Delta know.



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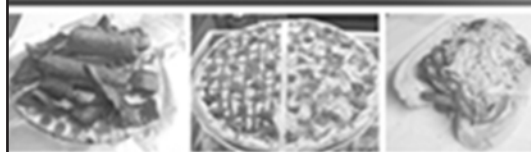
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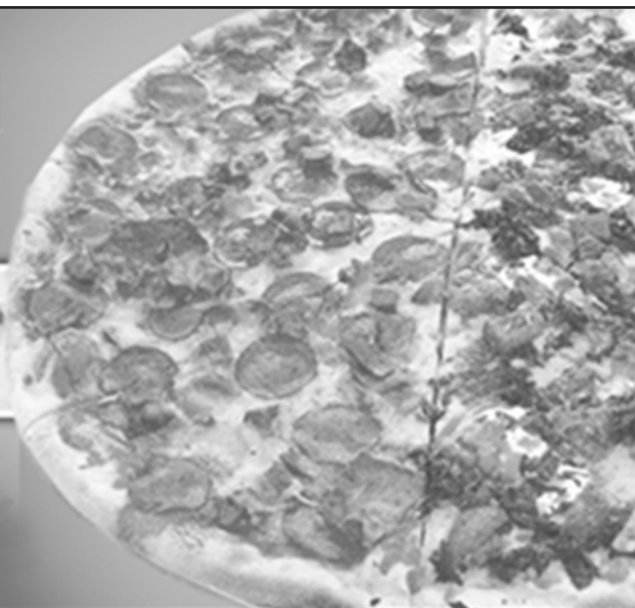
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♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) -This week is a 9
The time has come to quit with the dilly-dallying and surrender to your passions wholeheartedly. The action lies behind the scenes at first though so don't be discouraged if everything isn't falling together as fast as you thought. Confer with family and friends about any inhibitions and you will make it through to success.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) -This week is a 6
There is a light at the end of the tunnel, finally! But you've begun to realize why rush out when you can dance in the dark? Embrace your silly side and do things that suit you and make a smile appear on your face; no matter what people might think.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) -This week is a 7
This week is all about partnership and togetherness! Rely on those around you, whether they be family or team members, and get inspired to work together towards a common goal. Even if you are not in love with the work load, if you pretend that it is fun it will be. Just remember, in the end, to share the winnings.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) -This week is an 8
It's a good time for romantic plans, obviously with Valentine's day right around the corner. Seize an opportunity and you might just have a great outcome. Make subtle refinements along the way and learn to be happy with what you have, the results will be that much sweeter.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) -This week is an 8
Dress well and relax, for your confidence is doing all of the work for you this week. Your friends are saying nice things about you which helps maintain your positivity, but remember that ultimately you are in charge of your happiness.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) -This week is a 7
The time to bring out your leadership prowess has never been better, especially since the work that you love is paying well. If you find yourself spending a little more than you would like then try to do some trimming in the monetary output. Shop carefully and give yourself a pat on the back for your increase in self-control.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) -This week is a 9
Looks like it's time to get out your planner because a good amount of opportunities are about to come forth. Consult with an expert about anything you might have your doubts on and accept the words of someone close to you. Take into account all that you learn and stay true to your word; you will go far.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) -This week is an 8
Any of the recent problems you have been having are now easily solved with a creative solution. Get others to help you out in this endeavor and be a team player. You will impress those around you with your work ethic, cooperation, and well executed planning..

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -This week is an 8
Follow your partner's advice, for it is surprisingly wise, and take their encouragement to heart. You're receiving good news from far away which also adds to your motivation. Take that energy and invest in something that will grow in value; just don't forget all of the advice you've obtained along the way.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) -This week is an 8
You'll find this week that you have valuable resources hidden. Use them to your advantage, once you find them of course, and think about the benefits they could offer; perhaps even use them to finally pursue studying what you love.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) -This week is an 8
What you give freely returns to you tenfold. Build up that income by saving it and avoid letting others spend it for you. It may seem alien at first to be denying certain requests by peers but you will find it easier to do as time rolls on; people will also find this new will-power in you fascinating.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) -This week is an 8
You're learning good stuff this week but remember to keep your long term goals in mind. Everything isn't all about strict work though, so have a nice social gathering and receive a pleasant break..

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Track & Field Dominates NEC Championships

MAGGIE ZELINKA
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The track and field team continued their ongoing success as they competed in the Boston University Terrier Classic, Yale's Giegengack Invitational, and the NEC Championships this most recent weekend in Landover, Maryland.

One of the best meets of the season for the Hawks is the Terrier Classic. "We had a lot of great performance up there (Boston)," head coach Joe Compagni recalled. "The Terrier Classic is one of our favorite meets that we go to every year."

One of the stronger performances was by distance runner senior Ford Palmer as he set a Northeast Conference season record of completing the men's mile at 4:01.90.

Compagni said, "It was great to see his hard work pay off in his junior year and clearly he is at another level this year as a senior." Palmer's record time beats his own personal best by about eight

teammate and second place NEC record holder junior Bayaan Oluyadi.

Other strong performances of the meet include sophomore Khari Bowen's 14:47.64 for the 5,000 meter run. With this time, Bowen ranks second in the NEC for the season. Senior Rachel Watkins also set a NEC record at the Terrier Classic, as she ran the 400 meter race finishing with a time of 56.26.

Seniors Amanda Eller, Emily MacEwen, and Danielle Toritto finished in first, second and third place in the women's 800 meter run with times of 2:10.79, 2:11.83 and 2:13.65 respectively. The women's 4,000 meter distance medley also ranks first in the NEC with the Terrier Classic of 11:44.56. Senior Rachel Watkins also performed successfully in the 400 meter besting the entire league with a 56.26 time.

Compagni attributes his team's recent success to their constant training and will to get better. "As the week's go on, it's important

tional, Jeffrey set another NEC record for the weight throw as he tossed a distance of 61 feet and 2.25 inches.

Compagni does not believe Jeffrey has reached his full potential. "It's only Errol's second year with us," Compagni said. "He has improved a lot working with Coach Flores and he is still learning."

When asked if he believed the Terrier Classic and Giegengack Invitational will foreshadow the Hawks' NEC Championship outcome, Compagni said, "I hope so, that's the plan. As much as we like all the meets on the schedule, we absolutely circle the NEC championship as a huge two days for us every indoor season."

The Hawks won the NEC Championships by a very comfortable margin. The men had a total of 164.5 points while the women tallied 162.5 points. They finished ahead of Long Island University Brooklyn, who gathered 128 points for the men and 100 points for the women.

Jeffrey won the shot put on the first day and second day with a distance of 57 feet 1.5 inches while teammate Shane Carle came in third for the shot put on the first day at 55 feet 8.25 inches and placed in third on the second day with a throw of 55 feet 5.5 inches. Jeffrey also secured first place in the NEC's for his 62 feet and five inches weight throw this past weekend.

Sophomore Ben Boyd won the 400 meter run on both days of competition and made a new NEC record time of 48.45. As expected, Palmer won the mile with a time of 4:16.88 and also placed second in the 800 meter race with a time of 1:51.37 on day two of competition. Palmer is currently ranked second in the NEC records for his 800 meter timing.

Junior Jalen Walker prevailed in the 60 meter hurdles on day one and two as he finished at 8.14 seconds and 8.07 respectively created a new 60 meter hurdle NEC season record. Junior Ed Kramer



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The throwers celebrate the Hawks' NEC Championship in Landover, Maryland.

"The team that can handle the pain and work through the mental beating will always come out victorious, and that team was no other than the Monmouth University Hawks."

CHRIS RUTHERFORD
Senior Sprinter

seconds.

Senior sprinter Chris Rutherford was amazed by Palmer's Terrier Classic performance. "He ran a breathtaking 4:01 mile which is something that I have never seen on this team," Rutherford said. "He works hard year round and it has paid off."

Rutherford currently ranks seventh in the NEC for the 500 meter sprint with his Terrier Classic time of 1:04.87, just .58 behind

for us to see progress in every area. For people to put the training in each week and their means to execute and be able to perform at a higher level due to their strength getting better and their fitness getting better."

Senior Shane Carle threw 56 feet .5 inches in the shot put making him second in the NEC only to teammate junior Errol Jeffrey who threw 58 feet and 4.5 inches earlier this year. At the Invita-

came in second for the high jump with a height of six feet 8.25 inches and also ranks second in the NEC season records. Fellow high jumper and teammate sophomore Erik Anderson holds third place in the NEC with his six foot seven inches height at the Championship.

Junior Mariah Toussaint won the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.14 while teammate sophomore Kate Frye prevailed in the 400 meter race with a time of 57.61 seconds on day two and 58.15 on day one. Eller won the mile on the second day with a time of 5:07.78 and finished at 5:06.81 on day one. The women's 4x400 relay placed first crossing the finish line at 3:49:06 which is a NEC season record.

As far as meets are concerned, senior thrower Sandra Jean-Romain believes there is no comparison to the NEC Championship. "The Championship is the highlight of our season. We train hard all season for this meet. For most of the team this is the end of their indoor season. For those

of us who have qualified for bigger meets, we will continue to compete for a few more weeks to go after our personal and/or relay goals," Romain said.

Rutherford shares his teammate's opinion. "Being that it is a two day meet, it is often hard to stay physically up to par and mentally drive. However, the team that can handle the pain and work through the mental beating will always come out victorious and that team was no other than the Monmouth University Hawks. I am happy to claim my second indoor title and looking forward to outdoor where we will win our 5th straight outdoor NEC title," Rutherford said.

This victory counts as the 32nd and 33rd NEC Championship title the Hawks have won in cross country and track alone and also counts as the winter track team's final NEC title as they move to the MACC conference next year. They will next travel to New York this Friday to compete in the NYU Meet on Friday and the Millrose Games Saturday.

Men's Basketball Splits Two NEC Games

ED MORLOCK
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team lost to Quinnipiac on Thursday, defeated Farleigh Dickinson on Sunday, and are now 9-16 overall and 4-8 in the Northeast Conference (NEC).

The Bobcats (10-13, 6-5) beat the Hawks 79-63 behind 18 points from both Ike Azotam and Shaq Shannon.

Quinnipiac opened the game with an 11-0 run in 3:09. MU scored its first points on a layup by Jesse Steele, but the Bobcats answered immediately with a couple of baskets to take a 15-2 lead.

"They started the game seven for seven from the field and we couldn't recover from that," head coach King Rice said. "I feel bad for our kids because they have been working hard, but just haven't been able to get over the hump. But we are going to continue to work and continue to try to get better."

The blue and white narrowed the lead to seven at 15-8, but they never got any closer the rest of the night. A dunk by Stephen Spinella, free throws by Marcus Ware and a layup by Ed Waite accounted for their 6-0 run, but they couldn't put anything together after that.

The Bobcat lead ballooned to 27 points with 11:21 remaining in

the game. From there, the Hawks outscored Quinnipiac 24-13, but it was a little too little, a little too late.

Azotam, the preseason All-NEC selection, was nearly flawless shooting throughout the night. He made eight of his nine shots from the field and connected on both of his foul shots.

Steele led the Hawks in scoring with 13 and Waite was right behind him with 12. Steele was five of 10 from the field, two of four from beyond three-point range. Waite was four of nine from the field and grabbed three rebounds.

Freshman Tyrone O'Garro scored eight points and led the team with eight rebounds.

The Hawks bounced back on Sunday afternoon to beat Farleigh Dickinson and complete the season-sweep on their in-state rival 80-76. Steele scored a career-high and led MU with 28 points. Waite and Dion Nesmith both scored in double figures as well.

"I am proud of Ed, Dion and Jesse for being the older guys on the team and really stepping up to lead us today," Rice said. "I am proud of all of our guys for making free throws down the stretch, and I hope that is going to jump start us to put a few together."

The game was close throughout, with the Hawks' biggest lead

standing at six and the Knights' (7-18, 2-10) largest lead was seven.

FDU had a seven-point lead with 7:05 remaining in the first half at 24-17. Waite made a couple of free throws to cut the lead to five. After trading baskets and five points from Nesmith, Steele drilled a three and gave MU its first lead of the game, 29-28 with 3:33 left before half.

A Spinella dunk before half and Steele layup 16 ticks into the second frame gave the Hawks their biggest lead of the game at 38-32. The Knights quickly turned it around and led 46-43 with 15:22 remaining.

Farleigh Dickinson opened up a seven-point lead after a Dylan Moody three with 12:02 on the clock, Knights ahead 54-47. A jumper by Christian White, tip-in by Max DiLeo and layup from O'Garro cut the lead to one.

Kinu Rochford made a basket for the Knights to give them a 56-53 lead.

Steele made a jumper and two free throws to put MU back on top 57-56. Rochford made another shot at 6:22 to give FDU their final lead of the game.

All knotted up at 64, the Hawks put together a run. Five straight points had the blue and white leading 69-64 with 1:34 to go.

Mustafa Jones made a three with 27 seconds left to cut the MU lead to one.



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Tyrone O'Garro grabbed eight rebounds in a loss against Quinnipiac and six in a win against in-state rival Farleigh Dickinson.

A free throw from Nesmith and two from Spinella put the game away at 80-76.

After setting a career-high 27 points last week against Bryant, Steele scored 28 in the win. He was eight of 16 from the field and five of nine from three-point range.

Waite recorded a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Hawks. Nesmith scored 14 and was 10 of 11 from the free-throw line.

MU returns home this week for home games on Thursday against LIU Brooklyn and Saturday against St. Francis (Brooklyn).

Women’s Basketball Completes Sweep Over FDU

BRAD BROWN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The women’s basketball team played just one game this past weekend after Winter Storm Nemo hit the northeast. MU was able to bounce back from a seve- point deficit at half and score 50 in the second half to top in-state rival Fairleigh Dickinson, 76-71. This keeps the Hawks in fourth place in the Northeast Conference (NEC) with a 7-4 record in conference play and a 10-4 record overall. The Hawks matchup was moved from Saturday February 9 to Sunday February 10 at 12 pm, where the blue and white

“I think for her (Singer) this is a really gutty performance. She really makes our team go. Invaluable for us today, she was definitely a key to this win.”

JENNY PALMATEER
Head Coach

would try and bring the Codey Cup back to West Long Branch. The Codey Cup is won by which- ever school is able to win the combined four game series that takes place between these teams on both the men’s and women’s side. Each Hawks’ team won their first matchup against the Knights, so all that was needed was one victory in Sunday’s double header for MU to retain the cup. This would also be the final time these two schools would meet as NEC Rivals. The Hawks started out slow in the first half, trailing the Knights 20-6 at the 11:29 mark and shot

just 25.7 percent from the floor while the Knights put up a 42.9 field goal percentage. FDU lead at half by a score of 33-26. A big part of the Knights lead was thanks to their stand-out guard Stephanie Issacs. In the first half, Issacs dropped 16 points going five of eight with four of her shots from three-point range. Brianna Thomas added seven for the Knights and senior Alysha Womack also totaled seven which lead the Hawks in the first half. After the game, head coach Jenny Palmateer had this to say about Issacs, “Well, actually she killed us in the first half...our second half goal was really to

keep her from being able to get threes off.” In the second half Issacs shot just 2-6 from the floor and made only one three-point shot the rest of the way, she totaled 24 points on the afternoon. The Hawks were led by Womack, who totaled 20 points on the day. Senior Gabby Singer added 12 points and red-shirt junior Chevannah Paalvast, coming back from injury, was right behind her with 11 points. Palmateer was very pleased with Singer’s performance when she said, “I think for her this is a really gutty performance... she really makes our team go.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Photography
Chevannah Paalvast returned from an injury and scored 11 points in the win against Farleigh Dickinson, when the Hawks won 76-71.

Invaluable for us today, she was definitely a key to this win.” The Hawks were able to shoot 64.3 percent from the floor in the second half compared to the Knights 36.7 shooting percentage and MU outscored their opponent in the second half 50-38. The blue and white would go on to win 76-71 over the Knights, sweeping them in the season series. With the win, MU was also

able to hold on to the Codey Cup for the final time. The women’s next matchup will be against the Quinnipiac Bobcats that reside at the top of the conference standings with an unblemished NEC record of 10-0. The game was originally scheduled for Monday February 11 and was pushed back due to Winter Storm Nemo. Palmateer was thankful for the extra day of

preparation. “Any extra time to get ready for Quinnipiac is huge and we are going to take advantage of that,” she said. “They are a really tough team. It’s going to be a great challenge for us and I’m really happy to have the extra day to prepare.” The rematch of the NEC Semi-finals game last season will take place on Wednesday February 13 at 7 pm.

Jesse Steele Sets Career-Highs

DARIA DELUCCIA
STAFF WRITER

Coming off yet another successful game this past Sunday, senior basketball player Jesse Steele is continuing to stand-out on the court. Hitting two career highs within the past three games, Steele shows that all of his hard work is truly paying off. The University’s star picked up his first basketball in the third grade. After trying plenty of other sports he realized what his true calling was. “My Dad just put me into a lot of rec sports like football, basketball, soccer,” explained Steele. “And I just really liked basketball.” Thankfully, basketball was where Steele felt the most comfortable. He has worked nonstop to become the player that he is today. After playing for one season at Army he realized that the ‘wake up at 5 am’ lifestyle was not what he wanted. Coming to Monmouth for the young athlete “felt like a great situation at the time.” Steele, however, wasted no time making his mark on the team. Although he sat out the fall semester of his sophomore year because of his transfer, Steele came back playing the final 18 games stronger than ever. He finished off the year ranked third in scoring and hit the second most three pointers on the team. “I put in a lot of work dur-

ing the off-season before I even came to Monmouth and it felt good that all of my hard work paid off,” described Steele. This type of training and dedication never slowed down either. It was only the beginning. By the end of his junior year, Steele led the Hawks by starting in all 32 games of the season. Within the conference he ranked nineteenth in scoring, twelfth for steals, sixth in the league for free throw percentages, sixth for assists with 133 which is ninth in MU history, all while landing at eighth for minutes played per game. After playing for the Hawks for

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JESSE STEELE
Senior Guard

a season and a half at this point, Steele never stopped proving himself since day one. “I worked in the offseason and all summer,” portrayed Steele. “Coach Rice did a great job of getting the team together and playing together.” Whatever head coach King Rice did for Steele must have worked. Steele came back out his senior year ready to play. Shooting everyday and making sure he makes 500 shots everyday could be one reason why Steele is ranked second in scoring and

leads the team with three pointers. On February 2, the Hawks faced Bryant University. Although they lost 77-62, Steele still shined brightly on the court. He finished the game with a career high of 27 points, along with five assists, four rebounds, and four steals. “I was more aggressive the whole game. I just kept attacking them,” explained Steele when asked about a change in his mindset for the game. To add to that milestone, Steele topped that by hitting yet another career high this past Sunday against Fairleigh Dickinson with 28 points leading the team to an 80-76 victory. The basketball star, who is very precise about taking a 45-minute nap and making 200 shots before every game, has high hopes for a basketball career in his future. Steele hopes that after graduation he will play for a team overseas. Any team in particular? Of course: Steele hopes to play in Paris, France, in hopes that his mother, who loves the city, would come and visit him often. If he follows the advice given to him by his mother many years ago, he will definitely be able to reach that goal. “Never give up,” is the simple phrase that has gotten the athlete to where he is now.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Photography
Jesse Steele has scored 68 points in his last three games, including a career-high 28 points in a win against Fairleigh Dickinson.

As for the Hawks team, Steele is hopeful for the rest of their season. “We’re not where we want to be as a team, but we still have games to change it around and hopefully we can just stick together and do that,” expresses Steele. “Work all the time and always

put in your best whenever your on the court,” stresses Steele to anyone stepping foot onto a basketball court. Following those wise words, the Hawks are scheduled to play Long Island University this Thursday at 7 pm and then St. Francis on Saturday in the MAC.



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