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Student Beaten on Road Near Library

MUPD Fails to Alert Campus Community of Attack

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An unidentified student was beaten by a group of three individuals on Cedar Avenue near Norwood Avenue on Sunday, January 29 at approximately 3:28 am, according to Bill McElrath, Chief of Monmouth University Police.

Captain Larry Mihlon of the West Long Branch Police Department said it was unclear if there was a motive, but he did say that it appeared to be a crime of opportunity.

According to the police report, the victim was returning from walking home friends from a party when he was jumped by the attackers, causing some injuries. Following the assault, the victim appeared to be confused and a little dazed, as he had problems recalling details of the incident.

A junior student, who asked to remain anonymous, witnessed the crime.

"There was a car parked outside the library, a maroon Impala possibly. In between the car and the

sidewalk, there was a kid laying in the middle of the street lifeless with two guys on him, basically beating the crap out of him," said the witness. "There was a third person standing in the middle of the street with a knife watching the beating. My friends and I pulled up alongside them and yelled to try and get them to stop."

Following this, the witness called the MUPD to report the incident

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Brighton Avenue Blaze Destroys Several Buildings and Businesses



PHOTO COURTESY of Nick Hodgins

Firefighters assess the damage caused by the raging fire that broke out on Brighton Avenue in Long Branch on Monday.

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A fire blazed throughout Brighton Avenue, Long Branch, N.J. on Monday, February 13, taking out 10 businesses and 14 apartments on the street. The fire began around 10:30 am and was still being hosed down after midnight. It took 11 fire departments and approximately 100 firefighters to contain the fire, according to the *Asbury Park Press*. There were no reported injuries, aside from a few minor ash burns to some of the firefighters and a cut lip to one.

The businesses affected include West End Dance Academy on 59 Brighton, Sacred Circle New Age Center, Universe Graphics, Shelly's Jewelry, Heedless, The Wave and East Coast Coin.

According to Andrew DiChiara, junior and firefighter for West Long Branch Fire Department, the fire was thought to have possibly originated in the basement of the dance studio.

The Wave issued a statement on their Facebook page post-fire. "Thank you to everyone who has reached out to us. We really appreciate all the phone calls, prayers and messages, and we know with the help of all of you we will be back and better than ever."

Over a dozen residents were left

homeless, losing their apartments, possessions and some pets in the fire. The tenants were brought to the Long Branch Senior Center, where they were assisted by Red Cross officials. Some tenants had to be evacuated but many were at work during the fire, according to the *Asbury Park Press*.

Locals gathered to watch as the fire grew, some crying over the tragedy taking place. With the ocean winds blowing strong, ash was carried across Ocean Avenue causing the roof of Wells Fargo Bank to catch on fire. The firefighters were able to put it out without much damage done to the building.

With multiple fire departments fighting the flames, water sources became an issue at points, explained DiChiara. "There were so many different fire hoses running that we would lose pressure or divert water to another hose," he said.

Dan Gregory, University alumnus, also works with the West Long Branch Fire Department. He explained, "Each hose puts out 1,000 gallons a minute, with each gallon weighing eight pounds. People don't realize the hoses themselves do damage to the buildings as well."

Joe Reale Jr., President of the Long Branch Historical Association,

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Norovirus Outbreak at Some N.J. Colleges

University Goes on Health Alert to Take Precautions

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The University was warned of an outbreak of the Norovirus via an e-mail early Thursday evening, urging students to take caution when navigating the campus.

At about 5:15 pm on Thursday, the e-mail was sent out to the members of the University community, informing them of the recent widespread virus that has previously appeared at Rider University and Princeton University.

Although the virus typically only lasts 24 to 72 hours, the Norovirus proves itself a brutal and lingering annoyance to students and staff at the aforementioned universities.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), one can remain ill for a couple of days with symptoms not limited to diarrhea, vomiting and dehydration. The virus also is highly contagious.

Being briefly described as "an intestinal virus that can cause

stomach cramping," students are urged to take simple measures to protect themselves.

Precautions such as washing hands thoroughly, washing food

In the e-mail, Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student and Community Services, informs students that the campus is sans virus for now. The University's Facilities Management staff is continuing to clean and sanitize, perhaps even on an elevated level. She also says that students are more than welcome to contact Health Services should they feel symptoms or need attention.

As for taking precautions, the situation is being closely monitored, according to Kathy Maloney, Director of Health Services. She said Health Services is prepared in the event of an outbreak, and that every February and March, "we do see some form of gastrointestinal illness (GI) hit the campus. Spring Break usually breaks the cycle. The last time a true norovirus hit the campus was Spring 2007."

According to Maloney, there have been no norovirus outbreaks

before preparing it, not preparing food if infected, cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, not sharing towels, utensils, bottles, etc., and washing clothing and linens will assist in not spreading the virus.

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Norovirus

- **Symptoms:** Vomiting, non-bloody diarrhea and stomach cramps. An individual may also have headache or low-grade fever. Typically lasts a couple of days.
- **Onset:** Ranges from 10 hours to three days after exposure.
- **Treatment:** Antibiotics don't work, because it's a virus. Drink clear fluids, rest and wait it out. Some symptoms, such as diarrhea, can be treated.

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Students Commemorate Black History Month Through Read-in Chain

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Faculty and students from the University gathered for the Black History Month Read-in Chain that took place at 9:00 am on February 6 on the second floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

The event was designed to celebrate African-American history in a manner that showcased the importance of literacy in today's society. This event was organized by University students, as well as Mercy Azeke, Dean of the Center for Student Success. Attending this event were students of the West Side Christian Academy Elementary School (WSCA), a sociology class from the University and New Jersey State Senator Joe Kyrillos.

The room was set up with several chairs for students and a podium where students read poems and literature in front of the crowd. The walls were decorated with

several inspirational quotes and words spoken by famous African-Americans, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. The other room was designed to have fun activities where the children were able to write their own poems and literature; they could then hang them upon the "Poetry Clothesline," where classmates and family members could read them. Children wrote about anything they wanted, such as baking cakes and playing sports. There also was an area where the children could read books to each other.

Children, volunteers, parents and teachers all came together to dedicate the day to reading poems and literature of several different African-American authors. The readings included selections about African-American culture, skin color, how they were raised and life experiences.

"This event is a celebration of literacy and to embrace the African-American literature in general," said Marilyn Ward, the Coordinator of Service Learning and

Community Programs.

One of the poems read was by renowned author and poet, Maya Angelou. Another poem read was about George Washington Carver, who taught himself to read in pursuit of a higher education.

The sociology class in attendance was divided into four groups. Each group read one piece involving the importance of literature. Though the students were expected to attend and participate, many were glad to have the opportunity to promote literacy and education to the young audience.

"The event was very enjoyable and featured many works by well-known African-American writers," said William Scarano, a student in the class. "I feel that there might have been a larger Monmouth student turn-out had the event been publicized a bit more widely, but I was very pleased to see that Monmouth provided a forum for the promotion of cultural sensitivity and diversity."

One of the WSCA students happened to have written a short story

and read it to the audience. It was a tale of three swans who lost their parents and embarked on a journey to find safety and their remaining family. The faculty of WSCA was very proud of her ability to write without provocation, as well as read her story in front of a large audience.

Soon after this, Senator Kyrillos took the podium and read *White Water*, a children's book about a young African-American in the earlier, segregated days of America who became preoccupied with the idea of drinking from the "white's only" water fountain.

He was warmly welcomed and has been invited to various University events in the past. He will likely attend future events as well.

"I loved being with the kids, reading and discussing some important lessons, and letting them know how important it is for them to learn to love to read," Kyrillos said. "[They were] a bright, happy group."

Jeffery Jackson, the school's principal, said that he was extremely proud of the event's turn out. According to his father's wise

words, he said "People always ask about what educators should do about kids struggling with their education. Well, now, we are doing something about it. It's amazing."

Mercy Azeke, Dean of the Center for Student Success, said that he was very pleased with the event because it was very successful in promoting literacy, as well as African-American authors to the youths in attendance.

"I thought that the event brought together community leaders, the MU administrators, faculty and students for a very good cause, which is to encourage our grade school students to read," Azeke said. "I was very happy that it took place at Monmouth University; [it was] an opportunity to expose our grade school children to a university environment."

West Side Christian Academy has been focused on children's education for nearly 12 years. Children are inspired to write every day, especially while studying African-American literature in dedication to Black History Month.

University Partners With Ranney School

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The University's Honors School has formed a partnership with the Ranney School in Tinton Falls to spread their knowledge on ethics in business, science and politics. University specialists and professors have agreed to present different lectures to the Ranney School's Upper School. The students will be enjoying a six-week symposium where they will be able to ask professors questions, discuss topics with each other and enhance their knowledge on a college level. From February to May, there will be a series of lectures, activities and workshops allowing the students of Ranney to get involved to their full potential and understand the topic that much more.

"Our presentation will highlight the importance of debate in public policy," said Professor Joseph Patten, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department. Many University students also have strived to participate in the program. During Patten's

program, "Ethical and Effective on Capitol Hill are Mutually Exclusive: A Debate," the students of Ranney will be experiencing what Patten says is a "hands on workshop on how to compete in policy debate."

Lawrence S. Sykoff, the Head of the Ranney School, is excited to grant their sophomores the opportunity to learn about the value of ethics at a more in depth, experienced level, according to a University press release. "We are always looking for ways to connect with our neighbors in Monmouth County," he told the University's newswire.

Giving the first presentation of the group is Dr. Michaeline Skiba about ethics and business on February 24. "The earlier and the more information that is communicated to the students, the better," Skiba said. "This program will give students an edge that most college students don't have."

Skiba added that this presentation will allow the students of Ranney to ask questions and join in open discussions about ethics

and business. "These high school students have the desire to change the unethical behaviors in business settings," she said. "We're looking to build future managers who think about being business leaders and good corporate citizens. It's important to stop unethical practices at the issue stage rather than at the crisis stage."

Dr. Kevin Dooley, Dean of the University's Honors School, held the first event on January 26. Last fall, Dooley was invited to give the keynote address at Ranney School's Convocation where he spoke about ethics and leadership. His presentation was found interesting to the listeners and he was asked to come back in the spring with plenty of professional topics to present. Dr. Dooley sought out some of his faculty and administrators experienced in ethics and business to be a part of the program. "The faculty jumped at the opportunity," he said. Dr. Dooley said that he and the rest of the faculty hope to be able to expand this program, and hopefully bring it into more high schools in the area in the future.

Message from the President



Dear Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors:

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President

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Turnitin Follow-up: Professors Finding Software Beneficial

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Last semester, the University introduced a new plagiarism-detecting program called Turnitin. The program scans essays that are submitted to eCampus and compares the words to similar papers within the database. The program includes papers from other universities, as well as scholarly databases. The program highlights the areas that are similar and estimates a percentage of how much the paper is plagiarized.

Using Turnitin is not mandated by the University. Instead, professors are given the option to use the program in their classes and will not be penalized if they do not choose to use it.

Professor Noah Lippman teaches in the history department at the University. He said that numerous teachers in the history department have begun using the program. "It is a great program; I have been using it for years," Lippman said. "It saves me a lot of time and I no longer have to worry about students cutting and pasting. Now I am guaranteed to have students' original work."

Other professors view the program as very beneficial. They

are able to concentrate on the content of the students' papers as opposed to trying to determine whether the student has plagiarized. Professor Lauren Sampson has been teaching at the University for several years now and has taught a vast majority of communication classes. This past year, she decided to begin using Turnitin in her classroom. "I believe that Turnitin is helpful to both teachers

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Professor of Communication

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Professor Susan Stever teaches English 101 and 102, and she also just recently began using the Turnitin program. Stever attended a workshop at the beginning of February and learned how to effectively use the software. "It's a brand new program and we're excited to use it,"

Stever said. She added that she used the program in her English 102 class because her students write essays that include many quotations from books. "In 102 we work on how to use other people's words. You want to feel comfortable when using their words in your essays and use them correctly. Students often inadvertently plagiarize without ever knowing it," she said.

The professors are here to assist the students by teaching them how to correctly cite a source. "We are here to help students by using Turnitin, we are not trying to police anybody," Stever added. The program ensures that students are writing their own, original work, which reveals that the students are learning and applying their knowledge.

University students have become more conscious of their work after being told that Turnitin can scan their papers for plagiarism. "I think it is a good idea," said Nicole Adamusik, a sophomore at the University. "Students will no longer get away with copying work from the Internet. Students will learn to fully engage in their work as opposed to robbing themselves of their education by cheating, which is plagiarism."

University Takes Precautions Against Norovirus

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on the University campus; however, there have been a handful of cases that resemble more of the seasonal GI virus that Health Services typically see this time of year. "That does not mean that it won't hit here. It just means that we have not seen a true norovirus outbreak yet. Facilities Management is wiping everything down with bleach-based products and Aramark is prepared to stock in fluids for oral hydration, if needed."

However, things seem more immediate to Megan McGivney, a senior at Rider University. Rider Alert, the University's Emergency System, notified students at 3:16 am last Thursday that approximately 40 people had thus far contracted the virus, and at 1:09 pm, they got a follow up e-mail.

"Rider continues to receive reports on both campuses of students and some employees experiencing symptoms of a gastrointestinal illness, likely to be caused by a norovirus," said the e-mail.

Kelly Sprouls, a first-year student at Rider University, had the virus herself. "I had it the past three days before the huge group got it," she said. "People have been going to the health center since Monday with symptoms and that's when mine started."

Sprouls added that for three days she felt so-so, but for two days, just as the virus insists, she had the chills alongside all of the additional symptoms.

"There are so many more students and teachers who have it now," she said. "The dorms were quarantined last night and they ran out of ambulances so they had to use vans. Forty

kids were rushed to the hospital last night and more were rushed just before."

The Princeton University campus also is on heightened alert. Entitling their statement about the virus, "Campus Hygiene Advisory," it encouraged students to have, "increased attentiveness to personal hygienic practices."

Although health alerts of a higher magnitude are being sent out at Rider and Princeton, Monmouth students are making attempts to do what they can to keep the virus away.

Alyssa Caporaso, a public relations major, said that she entertains the thought of the virus. "I am concerned that the norovirus will happen at Monmouth, but to prevent myself from getting it, I will take all the necessary precautions," she said.

Because the University is free from the virus right now, there is seemingly less to be worried about. Although this is true, students, faculty and anyone inhabiting the campus must be constantly aware of their surroundings. Being that the virus is contagious through common daily practices, it makes living and operating the University a lot harder.

As Nagy mentioned in the e-mail, "Prevention is key!"

Maloney added, "The key things to keep in mind with regard to prevention is wash your hands. I just can't stress that one enough. However, the key point here is to wash hands before putting anything in your mouth and wash after using the bathroom facilities. This is how the virus is transmitted. The other key point is if you do experience symptoms, stay hydrated with clear liquids."

Student Attacked While Walking Near Library

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that was going on right outside their office in front of the library. MUPD arrived at the scene and notified the West Long Branch Police Department, who handled the situation from that point forward. Later, the witness called MUPD to check the status of the situation. He said that he was not given any information. "I asked them what was going on, and they were like, 'Why? Are you involved in this in any way?' And I said, 'No, but they (perpetrators) kind of saw my face and I screamed at them.' [MUPD] blew me off."

McElrath said MUPD did not notify the campus community because the incident occurred out of their jurisdiction. He claimed, "The incident occurred off campus and was solved by the arrest of the suspect by the West Long Branch Police Department."

The victim was not stabbed, but was taken by ambulance to Monmouth Medical Center for

treatment. According to the witness, the victim's head was hit on the pavement several times during the attack. Captain Mihlon said the attack caused some injury, not serious enough to be hospitalized for the night, but still requiring some medical attention.

The West Long Branch Police Department arrested one individual, Shawn Barber, 19, of Long Branch on assault charges. Barber's bail was set at \$5,000 by municipal court judge Louis Garippo and Barber has been sent to Monmouth County Jail as he could not post bail, according to Mihlon. The police are currently not looking for the other two attackers and according to Mihlon, the assault charge will be faced solely by Barber.

The witness said one of the worst things about the incident was seeing several fellow students walk right past the scene, doing nothing to help. "People walked right around him as if he was nothing but a traffic cone," said the anonymous student.

The eyewitness also raised the

idea that West Long Branch may generally be a safe town, but the campus is in the vicinity of some not-so-safe towns, as well. "Keep in mind our school is surrounded by Asbury Park, Neptune and Long Branch, which aren't exactly the safest towns. They (MUPD) probably wanted to keep the idea that the University is safe, which could be why students were not notified," he said.

No e-mails or text messages were sent by University administration alerting students that this kind of attack had occurred literally one step from campus, although to officials this appeared to be a random act of violence.

Greg Cenicola, a junior criminal justice major, believes MUPD handled the situation well. "I believe, though, that information like this is public knowledge, as are any crimes that normal police departments deal with," Cenicola said. "I would have liked to have been notified, do not get me wrong, but being notified would not have changed my daily

life. I would have still went to class and carried on my day. Being notified would have just made me pay more attention to my surroundings for probably a couple of days until I forgot about it."

The eyewitness explained that students can often be seen walking on and around the campus. "The police know kids walking down the path are going down Norwood or Cedar to party and the cops should patrol these walkways and streets. MUPD picks a parking lot and they sit in it on a Friday or Saturday night. Students are going to go out, so police should keep an eye out on these walkways for students' safety," said the eyewitness.

McElrath claims that MUPD's jurisdiction is solely on campus; however, he points out that they do work with the surrounding townships on certain occasions. "University Police have patrolled certain areas in Long Branch that have been identified as 'problematic' in an attempt to encourage 'responsible socializing'

and 'being a good neighbor.' When conducted, the program involves the Long Branch Police as well. It is a proactive attempt to prevent incidents from escalating into situations involving police enforcement. Ultimately, if enforcement action were to be taken, the Long Branch Police Department would be the lead agency."

McElrath continued to say that incidents happening in areas surrounding the campus, or roadways not actually within the campus (Cedar Ave., Norwood Ave., Larchwood Ave., etc.) would be investigated by the municipality in which it took place.

According to the eyewitness, University students should be notified about what is going on in the streets surrounding campus, especially assaults. "[Students] are not guaranteed safety once they leave campus... students are at risk," he said. Had he not alerted MUPD, the witness believes the assault could have turned into a stabbing or worse.

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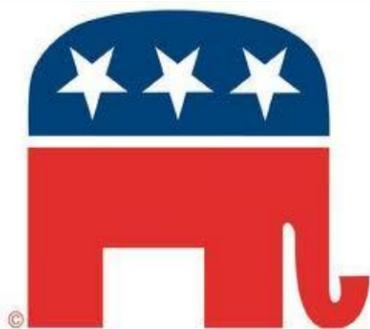
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Grad Students Create Documentary on Living a Monsanto-Free Lifestyle

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Two University students working toward their masters degrees in social work have teamed-up together to document their experience living a Monsanto-free lifestyle for six weeks. Mary Szacik and Jessica Kostenblatt hope to bring awareness to the public about the large corporations that have a strong influence over the global food supply and food policy. In particular, they are focusing on Monsanto Inc., a multinational agricultural biotechnology company who is the leading producer of genetically engineered seeds in the world.

In December, Szacik and Kostenblatt started filming *A Patented Life: Sowing the Seeds of Human Rights*. The first day of their six week endeavor to live completely free from any food products or byproducts which incorporate genetically modified organisms (GMO's) was Jan. 15. Any personal hygiene products that have glycerin, or other GMO's, were discarded, and any new clothing purchased during the six weeks will be free from GMO's. Since Monsanto provides the technology in 90 percent of the engineered seeds in the U.S.,

the non-consumption and boycott of their products is called Monsanto-free.

But Monsanto's influence on everyday produce is so great that trying to avoid any products containing their genetically engineered seeds seems nearly impossible. "I never enjoy grocery shopping," said Szacik, "but when I spent hours reading labels to buy certified organic, my frustration level rose higher than ever." Szacik says that if food products are not labeled 100 percent certified organic, then there is a good chance that genetically engineered ingredients are in it. "Corn, for example, is one of five major commodity crops that are 90 percent genetically engineered, so it is difficult to avoid the biotech influence in such a widely used grain." Soy, canola, cotton and sugar (made from beets) are the others.

Another major problem related to GMO's is that products in the U.S. are not labeled specifying their presence. According to justlabelit.org, more than 80 percent of processed foods at U.S. grocery stores are likely to contain genetically engineered ingredients and the consumer is not even aware of those constituents. The Food and Drug Administration

(FDA) does not require labels for foods with genetically engineered ingredients. "One of our goals in making the documentary is to enlighten the public on GMO's presence in our food and to rally their support in convincing the FDA to label the products containing these genetically engineered seeds. The U.S. is the only industrialized country in the world that doesn't require this labeling," said Szacik. One of the ways to voice an opinion on the matter is to join a petition on justlabelit.org to urge the FDA to require labeling on GMO products.

To date, there have been no independent research experiments on the possible health effects from consuming GMO's. According to globalResearch.ca, the GMO agribusiness companies like Monsanto, BASF, Pioneer, Syngenta, and others, prohibit independent research. As a precondition to buying their seeds, farmers must sign an End User Agreement with Monsanto and other agricultural biotechnology companies that explicitly forbids that the seeds be used for any independent research. The only research published was pre-approved by Monsanto and the other GMO companies and the findings are ob-

viously biased. They credit their technology as "the solution to world hunger."

But in the shadows of this self-proclaimed savior lay rising speculation of potentially harmful side effects from ingesting the produce. "Concerns of liver, kidney, stomach and reproductive damage are in direct relation to the herbicides and pesticides used on the produce," said Szacik. To add, genetically engineering a seed means inserting or deleting certain genes in the organism's DNA structure which changes the biodiversity of the crop.

Ron Garner, author of *Conscious Health: A Complete Guide to Wellness Through Natural Means*, states that, "Since the body becomes what we feed it, genetically modified foods and produce will have a negative influence on one's cellular structure."

Kostenblatt says that working on the documentary has given her the opportunity to educate people on the omnipresence of GMO's. "Coworkers see that I am eating different foods than usual and ask what brought about the change. That leads to an informative and interesting conversation for the both of us. It is during these conversations that I notice

how little people know about GMO's and how much interest they have in wanting to learn about them," said Kostenblatt.

Because of this, Kostenblatt and Szacik decided to post their footage weekly on their blog page (apatent-edlife.wordpress.com) and Facebook page (A Patented Life), rather than release a final end product, so that those interested in their experience could follow along as it happens. "We decided that it would be more beneficial to the learning process to let viewers experience our daily routine along with us to see the different challenges that accompany a Monsanto-free lifestyle," said Kostenblatt. Some of the footage one can expect to see in the documented experience are cooking with GMO-free foods, interviews with farmers, chefs and nutritionists, and the daily experiences of Szacik, who just recently flew to Bangladesh for an internship on an organic farm.

"In general," said Kostenblatt, "the purpose of this project is to spark discussion about the human rights implications of Monsanto's influence on our food, and to bring awareness to our viewers of the dominant grip that it has on our everyday lives."

Fire Breaks Out on Brighton Avenue

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saw this fire as the end of an era. One of the buildings to burn was, according to Reale, the last original building remaining on the West End. The building was so old, in fact, that it didn't have fire-proof walls, he explained.

Angelo Ciaglia, Long Branch Assistant Fire Chief, was quoted in the *Asbury Park Press* saying the already older condition of the fire damaged buildings was a new problem for firefighters. The charred wood of the 100-year-old building is weak and can fall easily. At around 3:20 pm a wall of the historic building collapsed.

Kyle Durso, junior and his-

tory major, is a student living in the Diplomat Apartments, which were in close proximity to the fire. "The fire only really affected my commute to class," explained Durso. "The water pressure was decreased but that was understandable." Durso trusted in the competence of the police and fire department and was not concerned with his own safety in the Diplomat, but concerned with the safety of those on the scene working to contain the fire.

Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President for Student and Community Services, sent out an e-mail to students in the Diplomat alerting them of the fire taking place. "The smoke was quite heavy and blow-

ing towards the complex and we wanted the students to keep their windows closed. In addition, the water pressure in the area was significantly affected and we wanted to make sure that students knew this so they could plan showers, laundry, etc., appropriately. While I understand that local roads may have also been affected with traffic [...] our primary focus centered on communicating with our Diplomat residents."

Junior and history education major, Vinny Gonzalez, lives a street over from the Diplomat and noticed the flames when he was leaving for his 1:00 pm class. "I thought the Windmill was on fire," Gonzalez said. "I wasn't too

concerned about my own apartment, but the fact that Wells Fargo caught on fire was scary. I realized the severity of the fire when trying to drive back from class and was constantly running into police blocking off roads. The school should have told everyone because it affected people who live off-campus, and weren't able to get to school because of the traffic it caused."

Professor William Gorman, history and anthropology professor at the University as well as a West End resident, was already on campus when the fire broke out. He said, "I think campus did a good job as did the local media in notifying those who would be

affected, I noticed no lateness to class because of it and my attendance was pretty normal for the day." Gorman's normal two minute commute home took him about 25 minutes due to the traffic and detours. "I hope they are able to rebuild the small businesses and restaurants, as that was one of the most busy and heavily frequented streets in the West End section of Long Branch," said Gorman.

No serious injuries were suffered by the tenants or firefighters. According to the West Long Branch Fire Department, the cause of the fire is still yet to be determined. The fire was controlled at approximately 7:15 pm, according to the *Asbury Park Press*.

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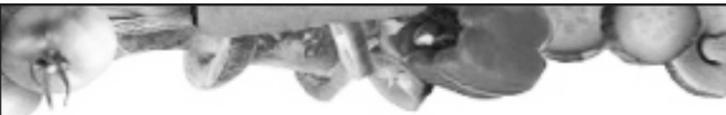
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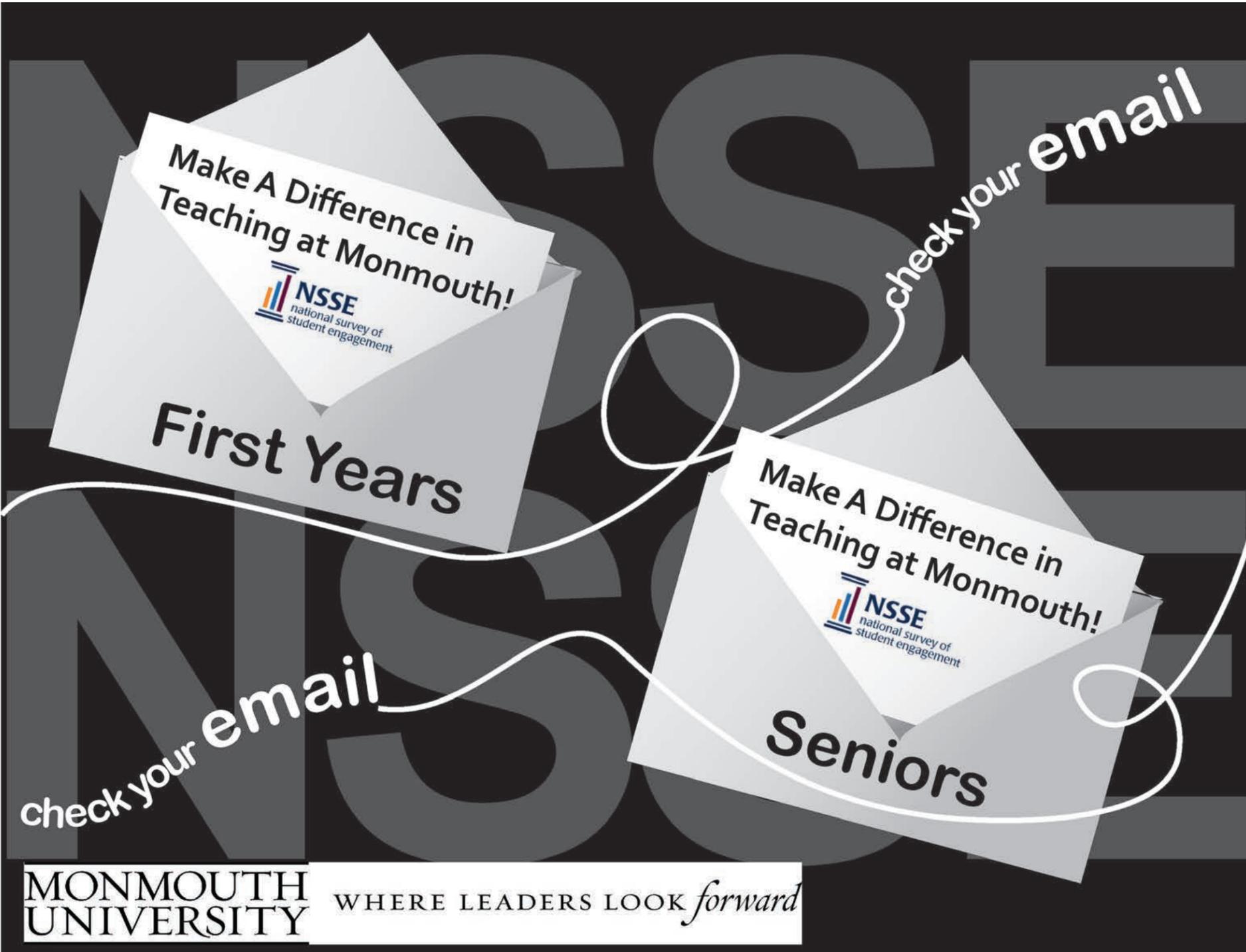
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New Dormitory Houses Different Opinions

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

One thing students might worry about when coming to campus is finding a place to live. With the limited housing available for campus dorms, trying to get a place could be harder than studying for a midterm. Yet, with the recent announcement that a new dorm is being built, it seems like incoming and/or returning students might have one less problem to worry about. However, the idea that this new dorm is intended for freshman might not be as well received equally.

First off, the benefit of having a new dorm on campus is the sense of having guaranteed housing. Although it might not be a total guarantee, a new number of living spaces on campus could help to even the odds for new and returning students.

Additionally, it demonstrates how the increasing number of incoming students is being addressed by the University. They see that the best way to match the number of high school students interested in attending the University is to find a way to create additional housing. With more living spaces, there's the possibility that these students might choose to attend the University rather than another institution.

Furthermore, having a new

dorm shows that the campus is continually growing. It's great to see the University wondering how they can continue to either fix an issue like on-campus housing or working to improve the University's look. Surely, students remember when the new science building was being built and how nice it appears on campus now. It will be interesting to see how the new dorm adds to the campus' aesthetics and improves upon them.

However, while adding a new dorm to campus geared toward freshmen is a fine idea, one cannot forget to think about upperclassmen as well. Considering that freshmen don't have to worry about entering the housing lottery or searching for off-campus residence, why shouldn't sophomores, juniors, and even seniors have as much of a chance to live on-campus? Of course, one should also be aware how upperclassmen do have the opportunity to live off-campus by either renting houses or finding apartments in places like Pier Village.

Ultimately, upperclassmen and freshmen are both paying students, so it should not be out of the question to think that upperclassmen should be able to use this new dorm as well.

While the new dorm appears to be earmarked for the new fresh-

men, one can think about updating the current dorms as well. One idea to consider is creating additions to on-campus apartments or developing more suite-style buildings where one could have a kitchen to increase not only the value, but also the look of these particular living spaces. Plus, some might think it would be nice to cook rather than have to walk to the cafeteria and/or get take-out food. This would continue to show the trend of keeping the University running smoothly and modernizing certain aspects. From here, freshmen are getting something new as well as upperclassmen.

In the end, the idea of a new dorm on campus will vary through different perspectives. For freshmen and sophomores, it means having a better opportunity to live on campus rather than trying to worry if they will or will not have a place to live. For some upperclassmen, it means not limiting a new dorm to only freshmen. Juniors should have just as much of a chance to remain on campus as long as they want to, rather than go off-campus.

All in all, a new dorm is a welcomed addition to the campus that should decrease the stress of finding housing even if it's only for a portion of the student body.



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Using Stress as Motivation



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Although stress often interferes with our daily routine, it reportedly can boost activity in immune cells.

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For some, stress is a part of life that makes things more difficult, but for others, stress acts as a motivator. Although doctors tell us time and time again that we should avoid stress for health reasons, is it possible that there are some benefits to stress? Recent studies have shown that stress is not bad all of the time.

According to health educator Carol J. Scott, MD, "Short term stress can increase activity in the immune cells that boost the body's defenses." Thus, a little stress can benefit the immune system and enhance its ability to protect the body and fight diseases. Small amounts of stress have also proved to make vaccines more effective and may even protect against certain types of cancer.

Also, according to oprah.com, studies have shown "Small amounts of stress hormones can sharpen your memory." Researchers at the University of Buffalo noted that rats that were forced to swim an activity which causes them stress-remembered their way through mazes better than rats that were relaxed.

Apart from some of the medical benefits of stress, it also motivates people to act. Stress causes people to behave in a manner simi-

lar to when they are under pressure, and when people are under pressure, they are more apt to act. Students who are stressed and feel under pressure are more likely to get started on the schoolwork that has been piling up for weeks, and workers in a professional setting who are stressed are more likely to make a schedule and outline everything which needs to be done and by what date and time the task needs to be done.

When people feel they have too much time on their hands, they are more relaxed about certain things, but when they approach close deadlines and feel pressured, they tend to work harder and faster because they are motivated by their high stress levels. It is human nature for people to become complacent when they do not feel backed into a corner, but when an individual is being forced or rushed into doing something, they work with more precision and feistiness.

On the other hand, for those who are under extreme levels of stress, life coach Ruth Klein recommends calling a friend or getting some distance from the situation before taking any action to combat the pressure. According to Klein, stress raises the body's levels of oxytocin, a hormone which helps people connect with others. Current studies

believe that the oxytocin "provides a coping mechanism, helping to convert stressful experiences into opportunities for social bonding." Therefore, those who are feeling extremely stressed may benefit from reaching out to others, even if it is only for friendly or soothing conversation.

Scott also suggests getting some distance from the stressful situation. When one feels pressure approaching, he or she should not panic, but rather, the individual should think rationally about the problem and a feasible solution.

"When women distance themselves slightly from stressors, they make excellent problem solvers, in part because of their unique mixture of creative, intuitive, and analytical thinking skills," Scott said.

The most important thing to remember about stress is that it should be all about balance. There are no benefits to intentionally stressing yourself out in the hopes that you boost your immune system, suddenly gain a sharp memory, or are more motivated to take action. However, it is important for each individual to know their limits and understand what stress levels cause motivation and encouragement, and what stress levels push him or her over the edge.

Facebook After Death

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Over 800 million people log on to Facebook everyday. Some change statuses, upload photos, or just stalk people who they used to be friends with, but something about Facebook has lawmakers wondering what is appropriate.

I am not talking about what is appropriate in regards to privacy concerns, I am talking about the ever-growing concern of what happens to an individual's online presence after they pass away. When a person passes, all their physical affairs are taken care of following proper protocol, but as of today, your social media presence can still live on even if you may not. This aspect of social media has lawmakers discussing possible solutions to this unfortunate and sometimes untimely problem.

Currently, there are five states in the United States that have passed laws in regards to the governing of digital asset management after death. Though this is a start to an inevitable future in digital asset management, the laws in effect now are extremely out of date.

For example, Connecticut's digital asset management laws only regard electronic mail as a platform that can be governed after death. Connecticut law does not represent Facebook, Twitter, or blogs in its quest to provide social media users with digital piece of mind after death. Though this law seems primitive to the times, it is a start to a future that will be full of digital asset management laws.

Oklahoma, Idaho, and Alaska lawmakers are busy developing an updated version of Connecticut's law that includes a person's social media presence as a whole. Lawmakers are eager to require a person to sign a virtual asset instruction letter (VAIL) in order to leave rights to an online account with an individual of their choosing.

Is this all a waste of time? After all, the fine print that you never read when you create an account on a social media website does state its own provisions

in regards to a death while being an active user of their program.

I do not believe that the lawmakers of our nation, in the state that our government is in, should be concerned about what happens to a person's Facebook and Twitter after death. All social media platforms have some kind of terms of service that cover the event of a death of the owner of one of their accounts. Facebook offers a deceased individual's family the option to request that the deceased family member's page be converted into a permanent online memorial. Facebook also makes it clear that no login information will be given out to any individual no matter if it is family or not. This is a term of service that can be made universal over the world of social media platforms.

Though requiring all platforms to follow the Facebook terms seems plain and simple, it may not be that easy. According to Mashable.com, a Marine who passed away in Iraq owned a Yahoo! account. After his death, his family requested their sons login information to his Yahoo! email account. Yahoo! refused to release the Marine's personal login information due to the strict privacy policies held by the company. A lawsuit ensued and eventually the family gained rights to their son's account. This story proves that even with the strictest privacy policies information can be obtained after someone is deceased.

Regardless, if these laws pass, an individual should entrust one person with the login information of there accounts just in case of any emergency. I know I have at least four different people, who are always going to be constants in my life, who know my login information. This is just in case I need information off my accounts and I am not able to access my information at the time or if any significant emergency approaches.

The bottom line is we do not need a law to tell us how we should handle our affairs after death. This should be simple, because there are more important things in life than what happens to your Facebook status when you pass.

Using Poverty as a Means to Abort?

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January 22, 1973. A date that should have been known for the death of one of American's most highly criticized Presidents. However, for our generation it is not. It is a date that took President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty" one step further.

President Johnson created policies that were designed to combat poverty, although he is not well-known for that part of his presidency. He wanted to see Americans get out of poverty and to prosper. However, he has yet to get that wish.

The date of his death marks one of the greatest tragedies in American history. It was the date in which the Supreme Court gave many people an "easy" way out of poverty, through abortion (note that under Medicaid created under Johnson, only abortions of rape, incest, and endangerment to the woman's health are covered). Over the past 39 years, this has sadly become one of the number one options for many when facing financial dif-

ficulties.

This tragedy has had a great affect on us as a generation. We have seen one-third of our potential friends, family, and neighbors sacrificed, and for what? An answer to poverty in some cases?

In a 2004 survey by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, nearly one-fourth of all abortions were the result of being unable to afford having a child.

Bill O'Reilly said it best one evening on his show during the Factor Mail segment. In summary, he pointed out that not enough is done in this country to promote adoption. If adoption were more widely promoted, then those that face the option of having an abortion can one day have the opportunity to meet their child. Through adop-

tion, poverty-stricken men and women will not be almost forced into regret. I know I do my part through promoting adoption (although a small part) by proudly displaying my "Choose Life" license plates, which are printed

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to promote adoption in all circumstances.

Perhaps our President should not be worried about imposing on the social teachings of the nation's largest religious institution. The Catholic Church is only trying to promote responsibility in family planning. Obama does not seem to understand this as

he feels that it all can be solved, as his healthcare legislation suggests, through abortion.

If the President promoted better person responsibility then perhaps people would be more financially sound when faced with pregnancy, instead of the man or woman regretting it down the road. There are other means in which poverty can be combated such as higher education and job growth.

Please, ask yourselves: Is President Obama's promotion of irresponsibility what President Johnson envisioned in the "War on Poverty?"

It is not! Mandating policies do not help in the "War on Poverty." There is only one true way to combat poverty, and that is through education and self-promotion.

Let's say there is a young teen

in the inner-city that is faced with a pregnancy. Most likely, the teen will be unable to afford to take care of the child as the only job he or she would be able to get is a minimum wage job at a store or fast food restaurant. On the other hand, there is a woman who is in her late 20's working as a financial consultant also faced with a pregnancy. This woman, has obviously gone to college and is in a position of affordability and thus able to have the pregnancy if she so chooses. The young teen in this scenario most likely lives in a failing school system (as is usually the case in New Jersey for inner-city youths) and does not have a foreseeable opportunity to go to college and gain the affordability to raise the child.

In summation, we can all do our part to combat the "War on Poverty" by promoting responsibility and opportunity through education in order to help those that feel there only option in such a scenario is abortion. President Johnson had good intentions, but it is our task to properly promote them.

Will Super PACs be a Game Changer in the 2012 Presidential Election?

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Super PACs (political action committees) have already proven themselves extremely important to political candidates as well as their party affiliations thus far in the primary season. Free to flood a campaign with as much money as they can, this new type of political action committee has already had immense impact on the presidential campaign process. However, the question remains: Will Super PACs be a game changer in the 2012 Presidential Election?

According to the Federal Election Commission's website, a political action committee, or PAC, is the name given to a private group of any size that is organized to elect political candidates or to advance the outcome of a political issue or legislation.

Under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, an organization becomes a political committee by receiving contributions or making payments of more than \$1,000 for the purpose of influencing a federal election. When an interest group, union, or corporation wants to contribute to federal candidates or a particular political party, it must do so through a PAC.

In order to understand the basics of political action committees, the Federal Election Commission from which they stemmed must first be explained. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 is a United States federal law, which explained the rules and regulations behind federal campaign contributions.

It was amended in 1974 to place legal limitations on campaign contributions. This amendment, in turn, created the regulatory organization known as the Federal Election Commission (FEC) that we know today. By federal law as outlined by the FEC, PACs must report all of the financial activities, including direct donations and other expenses, to the Federal Election Commission, which then makes the reports available to the public.

Legally, what constitutes a "PAC" for purposes of regulation is a matter of both state and federal law. These PACs obtain and raise money from a "restricted class," that commonly consists of managers and shareholders of corporations and individual members who donate funds to candidates for federal office.

However, there are limitations as to what groups and individuals can contribute. The FEC explicitly explains that corporations and unions may not contribute directly to federal PACs. However, they are allowed to pay for the administrative costs of a PAC that is affiliated with a specific corporation or union. The website further explains, "contributions by individuals to federal PACs are limited to \$5,000 per year."

As a result of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit decision in

SpeechNow.org v. FEC, PACs which make only "independent expenditures," which are advertisements or other spending assistance or opposition in the federal candidate election process but are not coordinated with a particular federal candidate or political party, are not bound by contribution limits stated above.

In 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Citizens United

Professor William Mitchell of the Political Science Department described the impact of the Citizens United decision on political campaigns. "The Citizens United decision in essence privatizes the campaign process. In part, this is a positive development because it means candidates, in theory, should not have to spend as much time raising money themselves instead can let friendly Super PAC do

Super PACs have become so popular in the 2012 election as well as in the media, that even satirists Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert have one. "Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow," better known as the "Colbert Super PAC" is a political action committee started by Stephen Colbert. Like all Super PACs, Colbert's organization can raise unlimited sums

voters must be put in a position to make informed choices at the ballot box. Privatization of presidential campaigns and moving them out of the control of the traditional parties undermines the ability of voters to make rational decisions."

For the first time in election history, Mitchell described, it is not about what candidates say about other candidates, but what anonymous groups say about particular candidates and their positions. We are then approached with the question, "What's to stop a Super PAC from saying just about anything? Democrats and Republicans must deal with one another after Election Day, thus there are some formal and informal rules on their campaign behavior. Again, for me, Super PACs cloud the notion of accountability in campaigns," Mitchell revealed.

Lastly, Mitchell described that overall, money has always dominated American presidential campaigns, but that he is "not sure that the general impact of Super PACs is that significant. I favor public financing of presidential campaigns. Take the money out of the process and let campaigns focus on ideas."

Bordelon also offered an interesting legal outlook with regards to the innovation of Super PACs. "I think that actors in the campaign process have different expectations of the use of Super PACs. Plus, they are still a relatively new phenomenon. Certainly, candidates have an interest in showing to their constituents that they do not want to accept unlimited amounts of money even indirectly or otherwise appear unfair to the electoral process."

Bordelon went on to describe that the arguments focused on today's political action committees are not new, however, "are recast in a more technologically advanced era with more money to throw around and with more constant media scrutiny. He continued by explaining that the direct cause of an increased number of Super PACs as a result of the holding in Citizen United is still unfolding. While the Citizens United case was just decided in January of 2010, "this will be the first full campaign cycle where significant electoral impact could be felt," he said.

Phillips-Anderson expressed how Super PACs have had an immense impact on this upcoming presidential election. "This is the first presidential election since the creation of the Super PACs. We have seen that the Super PAC supporting Romney has used it to keep rivals at bay. The Super PAC supporting Gingrich has almost single handedly kept him in the race. And this week we learned that President Obama will consent to a Super PAC raising money and spending on his behalf, after saying that he thought Super PACs were terrible," Phillips-Anderson explained.

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v. Federal Election Commission, that the government may not prohibit unions and corporations from making independent expenditures in politics. The Supreme Court ruling in this case forever changed the rules regarding corporate campaign expenditures. Direct corporate and union contributions to federal campaigns, however, are still prohibited.

Soon after the Supreme Court ruling of Citizens United v. FEC, the 2010 election marked the rise of a new political committee called the "Super PAC," officially known as an "independent-expenditure only committee," which can raise unlimited sums from corporations, unions and other groups, as well as individuals.

However, since Super PACs are "independent," they are not allowed to coordinate directly with candidates or political parties. Although, according to Trevor Potter, former chairman of the

it. This is the Mitt Romney model. Yet in part this is a negative development as well. The biggest danger, in my opinion, is it breaks the accountability link between candidates and voters," Mitchell said.

According to a *New York Times* article, "Who's Financing the 'Super PACs'" from February 2012, "The Times tracked donors to 'Super PACs' as they filed reports on Tuesday detailing their activities in the final three months of 2011. Unlike candidates, who can raise a maximum of \$2,500 per person for each election, Super PACs are independent from candidates and can raise unlimited amounts from individuals, corporations and labor unions, and spend unlimited amounts to support or oppose a candidate." The article further outlines each Super PAC along with the particular candidates that they endorse and the funds raised by each member.

The "Restore Our Future" Super PAC, created by former aides

of money from corporations, unions and other groups, as well as wealthy individuals.

During the January 12, 2012 episode of "The Colbert Report," Colbert announced his whimsical plans to form a possible candidacy for "President of the United States of South Carolina." When told by his lawyers that he could not both run a Super PAC while running for "presidency" at the same time, he transferred control of the Super PAC to Jon Stewart, renaming it "The Definitely Not Coordinating With Stephen Colbert Super PAC." On January 30, 2012, Stewart transferred the Super PAC back to Colbert. Despite the satirical nature of both Colbert and Stewart's agendas, in the January 31, 2012 FEC filing, the Super PAC reported raising over \$1.02 million.

When asked what he thought of Colbert's Super PAC, Bordelon said, "I think it is very interesting what Colbert has done and what is his intent to present a social commentary on the process. He has set up a political action committee and collected funds in a way many would argue should be the way to collect funds in campaigning, but he's not running for office. He's essentially using that process to criticize the decision in Citizens United, a modern political satire if you will."

Similarly, Dr. Michael Phillips-Anderson of the Communication Department and professor of political communication believes that Colbert has used his Super PAC and television show to discuss and shine a light on Super PACs more than anyone else in media. "I think that without his show fewer people would be aware of the Super PACs and what they can do," Phillips-Anderson said.

However, Super PACs have only been increasing in their popularity as well as their controversial nature with this upcoming election. According to Mitchell, "Super PACs will no doubt have some impact on the 2012 campaign. The big losers from this development are the two political parties." Mitchell went on to explain how both Republican and Democratic Party establishments have lost control of the campaign process in that individuals outside of the formal partisan establishments run Super PACs.

Mitchell also offered an interesting approach in regards to money and politics. He indicated "For democracy to function,



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"Colbert Super PAC" is a political action committee started by TV host Stephen Colbert.

Federal Election Commission and lawyer of TV satirists Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, a candidate may "talk to his associated Super PAC via the media. And the Super PAC can listen, like everybody else."

Just like traditional PACs, Super PACs are required to reveal their donors. Despite the fact that many Super PACs do not have a formal connection to a particular campaign, Super PACs openly support particular candidates. For example, during the current primary season of the 2012 presidential election, the "Restore Our Future" Super PAC benefits Republican Mitt Romney while attacking his rival Newt Gingrich. In contrast, the "Winning Our Future" Super PAC endorses Gingrich while attacking Romney.

to Mitt Romney, is running advertisements in Florida, Nevada and Arizona to oppose Newt Gingrich and has raised the most out of all Super PACs in the 2012 election year with \$30.2 million raised so far.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, 318 groups organized as Super PACs had received \$98,650,993 and spent \$46,191,479 as of this February. In relation, there were only 84 groups organized as Super PACs during the 2010 mid-term elections.

However, Bordelon explained that, "the media coverage of the phenomenon is pervasive and surely litigation surrounding these matters will continue, particularly with political free speech challenges."

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Gov. Christie: Controversy with Civil Rights Comment

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Governor Chris Christie recently sparked a controversy because of a comment he made during his announcement for a voter referendum on same sex marriage in New Jersey. Stating citizens should decide on the issue and not the state legislature, Christie added "I think people would have been happy to have a referendum on civil-rights rather than fighting and dying in the streets in the South."

While Christie has received flack for wanting to put the issue on a ballot, his comment has received much more backlash from both state politicians like Newark Mayor Cory Booker, former New Jersey governors, and other African-American figures like civil-rights leader and U.S. House representative John Lewis.

Hettie Williams, a lecturer of African American History said the statement "was not grounded in historical context," as African American's rights were violated through statutes passed by local

and state governments "that led to the rise of segregation sanctioned by the Supreme Court."

"African Americans who attempted to vote or exercise their rights as citizens were routinely harassed, raped, beaten, and lynched," said Williams. "The Civil Rights Movement was a reaction to the violence leveled against African Americans despite amendments to the U.S. Constitution."

Dr. Nancy Mezey, director of the sociology program, is not surprised that Christie's comment was criticized and thinks they should be critical, as his statement was "based on ignorance on a time when a public referendum on civil rights would not have ended in favor of equal rights for African Americans."

"Christie not only holds a public office in which he should be advocating for all of his constituents, but he is also held in high regard by Republicans throughout the U.S.," said Dr. Mezey. "He has a responsibility to make well informed comments and choices."

Christie has made some con-

troversial remarks in the past that haven't sat well with both rivals and supporters, including telling a citizen that it was "none of her business" where his kids went to school, or telling a crowd that the "Sharia Law business is crap," and he was "tired of dealing with the crazies" after appointing a Muslim judge to a state bench.

According to Williams, all public officials should be held to a higher standard as "they should at the least have a basic understanding of U.S. history."

"It is not possible to understand the present without knowledge of the past," said Williams. "The beatings, rapes, and lynching of African-Americans are well documented."

Although the comment is still causing an impact for Christie and his reelection in 2013, Mezey is not sure the "comment will hurt him in the long run."

"Americans seem to have a very short political memory," said Mezey. "If the citizens of New Jersey think that Christie has done a good job overall during his tenure as governor, then they will disre-

gard his comment."

Christie tried clarifying his statements a week afterwards in an attempt to calm his critics, saying the "political climate" during the civil-rights movement "didn't give them a chance for a referendum." He also called NJ Assemblyman Reed Gusciora "numbnuts" for comparing him to segregationists like late governor of Alabama George Wallace.

"Christie's comment suggests that Americans would have affirmed the civil rights of African Americans," said Dr. Katherine Parkin, an associate professor of history. "But it was the compassion borne of witnessing the injustice of young women and men being harassed, imprisoned, beaten, and killed that allowed white Americans to concede that they would have to share the power their skin emboldened them with at that time."

Christie eventually apologized, a day after trying to explain his statement, saying sorry to anyone he "somehow offended" after his original statement "wasn't clear enough" and was left "open to

misinterpretation."

Dr. Parkin thinks based off his temperament Christie doesn't spend a lot of time apologizing so he was aware that he alienated African American voters, gay voters and many others.

"Everyone says things they don't intend, but in this case Christie actually said exactly what he meant, gay marriage should be put to a vote," said Dr. Parkin. "He said it while acknowledging that it is a civil right."

Christie has now switched gears from defending this comment to defending his decision to put the same sex marriage issue on the ballot.

"Christie was just commended by Garden State Equality, New Jersey's most active and vocal LGBT rights activist groups, for appointing Bruce Harris to the New Jersey Supreme Court," said Mezey. "If approved, Harris will become the first openly gay person, and the third African-American, to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court. So perhaps Gov. Christie's actions will speak louder than his words."

Israel Held Responsible for Deaths of Iranian Scientists

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Suspects behind the killings of Iranian nuclear scientists surmounted behind a homegrown terrorist group, but it was unclear where the group had been receiving its financing, training and arming until early Friday morning when Iranian officials levied the Israeli Secret Service and the United States as those responsible.

Since 2007, the People's Mujahedin of Iran (MEK) has launched fatal attacks, resulting in the deaths of five Iranian nuclear scientists.

The Iranian government discovered the make of the bombs, as well as the links between Israel and the MEK, after a failed bombing in late 2010 when the government interrogated the apprehended bomber.

The magnetic car bomb from last month matched ones identified from prior attacks.

Earlier last month, *NBC News* reported the dramatics behind planting the explosive devices to the scientist's cars. During peak commuting hours, the "motorcycle-borne assailants" approached the car, attached a magnetized explosive device to the side of the car, and sped away before it detonated.

The latest scientist to fall at the hands of his assailant was 32-year-old, was professor and deputy director at the Natanz uranium enrichment plant, Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan.

Earlier assassinations include Majid Shahriari, in November 2010, and Massoud Ali-Mohammadi in January of that year. The November assassination left Fereydoon Abbasi-Davani, wounded. He later became the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, according to *NBC*.

Iran's nuclear program has always been a subject of high debate throughout the international community due to the country's withholding of project information.

Dr. Charles Cotton, adjunct professor of the Political Science Department, said, "[It is vital] to remember Russia's role here. We are definitely seeing remnants of the old Cold War power struggle. The U.S. will have to take a strong stand, especially regarding their support of Israel," he said.

Despite strong international pressures to release its nuclear program information, Iran has announced that it would continue to pursue the development of its nuclear capabilities.

"America and Israel's heinous act will not change the course of the Iranian nation," the country released in a statement quoted by Reuters.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also denied any involvement. "I want to categorically deny any United States involvement in any kind of act of violence inside Iran," she said.

In a statement to the United Nations, Iran expressed "...deep concern over [the attacks], and lodges its strong condemnation of, such cruel, inhumane and criminal acts of terrorism against the Iranian scientists."

"There has never been and there is no MEK member in Israel, period. The MEK has categorically denied any involvement. The idea that Israel is training MEK members on its soil borders on perversity. It is absolutely and completely false," Ali Safavi, representative of the MEK, disclosed.

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, Professor of Political Science and Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives, specializes in Middle Eastern studies. Regarding Israel, "...it is no secret that among its top military strategic goals is the neutralization of Iran's nuclear program. Such an interest coheres well with MEK's struggle against the Islamic Republic of Iran. You might say, 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend, at least until the job gets done.' I would not be surprised if there is actual collaboration between Israel, MEK and other parties active in Middle East affairs. Similar collaborations have occurred in the past."

Along with the bombings and conspiracies behind the destruction of an Iranian missile research and development site at Bin Kaneh, 30 miles outside the capital, have circulated around the MEK, despite the Iranian government calling it an accident.

Early Monday morning, Israel blamed Iran for the dual bombing attempts in New Delhi and Georgia against affiliates with Israeli embassies; Friday's accusations have raised the level of tension between the two nations.

The True Laughing Matter

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As with every perfect storm, there are always the ideal conditions that allow for complete exploitation and bring such a force into strengthened new heights.

This permits such onlookers to watch in rapt amazement as to what is unfolding before them.

A blossoming campaign environment can be viewed purely as a clean slate to a promising political future, whereas the very same setting can serve as optimal stomping grounds for legions of political satirists.

Some of the most notable individuals in political satire, such as John Stewart, Steven Colbert and Seth MacFarlane, have boosted themselves into household name status simply by producing this certain breed of entertainment based on poking fun at mainstream journalism. Although it never hurts to see things from a different perspective, or in a lighter tone for that matter, is it quite possible that society might be taking such jokes a little too far? Furthermore, are such attitudes being developed by this entertainment hungry audience that might, quite frankly, be creating a self imposed blindness to new information?

Megan Fielding, a first year student, personally believes this is not the case. "I don't think people rely too heavily on comedians opinions, though I believe to some extent they do. In the end though, they are entertainers and the viewers should be able to formulate their own opinions," states Fielding.

However according to Professor Nogueira, a Communication professor, it is very possible that people are, in fact, relying heavily on these comedians and are allowing their jokes to become their true opinions. "There has been a lot of research done concerning Steven Colbert and John Stewart and the effect they have on the younger people, in particular college-age kids, who get their information solely from those sources," says Nogueira.

Nogueira goes on to mention that the stories not reported by these outlets aren't being heard by the very audience that relies on them to obtain their data, therefore making the viewers

opinion very one dimensional.

First year student Shannon Messler expresses that, although she does enjoy watching such programs, she feels that the very shows are only popular because of the fact that it takes advantage of the public's awareness and need for distraction. "If I'm just watching television I will usually find myself watching shows like the Colbert Report instead of the news because it is more entertaining. But that's all it is, it's entertainment, not an actual news source," replies Messler.

It is this onslaught of interpreted opinion amongst the masses that is truly making the struggle for the people's support in politics all the more difficult. Even though the jokes themselves might not change the viewer's mind in the end, the negatives being ridiculed are going to be brought to the forefront of the observer's mind. As stated by Professor Phillips Anderson, the assistant professor of applied communications here on campus, this doesn't necessarily have to be a candidate's utter demise. "I don't know if comedians can really make or break a candidate. Dan Quayle was relentlessly mocked, but he did become Vice President. But he did not have much of a political career after that," says Phillips.

So although there are the cases, such as the one regarding Dan Quayle, that prove the power of applied political satire can be overcome in battles, it can be said that comprehensively, political comedy ended up trumping in the war. Is it possible then for someone to protect themselves from being too heavily persuaded,

whether it be consciously or subconsciously, by such a provocative source?

Both Nogueira and Phillips-Anderson agree that getting another opinion, fact checking, looking up the sources and research overall hold the key in doing so. "In order for someone to be an active participant in that knowledge they have to go out and get more background," Nogueira claims.

All in all, granting the truth that this category of comedy is easy to manipulate as one's own opinion, it also proves a productive method in approaching a slippery issue such as politics. "The benefits of using humor to approach tough issues is that it can allow the audience to feel more relaxed, recognize incongruities in their beliefs, and give them a new perspective on a significant issue," admits Phillips-Anderson.

As with anything good in the world, political humor is great in small doses. If one chooses to rely singularly on that source alone however, then great caution must be taken to avoid seeing the world and its issues with faulty eyes and a lack luster understanding to match.

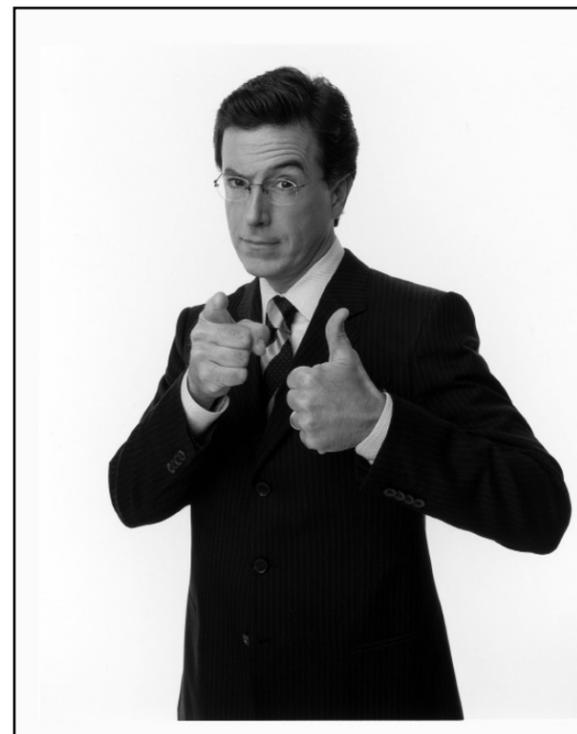


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Stephen Colbert has become one of the most popular individuals in political satire.

Feel Like Redecorating? Try Some of These Dorm Ideas

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Decorating a room is a great way to express yourself. Many interior-decorating techniques can be used to create an image you want to convey towards the company you have over.

One of the best places to try decorating extravaganzas is in a dorm room. Why you may ask? Well for starters, it's not permanent. By the end of this semester, many of you will be moving out of your dorm rooms. That poster, bedspread, or color-motif you originally set up in your room is not permanent. If in a couple of months, weeks or days you don't like your original design of the room, it's very easy to change it or spruce it up with a couple of steps.

The dorm is also a great place to express yourself because it's a time of independence. You're moved out of your house and this is your time to learn about yourself, especially through the form of expression. Use the dorm as a venue of expression, and decorate. There are many techniques and tricks to design a dorm room.

Set-up is the foundation of any room, especially when a room is limited in space. It can be difficult for many people to decorate a limited space without overdoing it, and essentially over-cramping it, making the room seem more cluttered and busy. In a dorm room, occupancy ranges from one to three individuals, which can lead up to three beds, three dressers

and three desks. Creating space in a dorm room can be difficult, but with some techniques, more space can be created, making it easier to decorate.

First space saving tip, invest in bunk beds. Bunk beds can achieve extra room, if you or your roommate is willing to take the top-bunk!

Next space-saving tip: put the dressers inside the closet. Final space-saving tip move the desks back-to-back, rather than side-to-side. With the right amount of space, a comfortable setting for yourself and or your roommates can be achieved. Just remember, less is more!

Now that the setup of the room is complete, a great idea is to create a theme for the room. The decor of a room can be anywhere from simple to drastic and can make decorating a room easier. A theme gives the idea of what colors, patterns, objects and overall ensemble of the room. The appearance of the room can be based off of a color, perhaps your favorite color of choice. Another idea is to follow is a particular pattern, such as animal print, polka dots, or stripes. Even combining colors and patterns is a fun way to integrate your favorite patterns and colors into one theme. "I loved mixing zebra print with my room because its a simple pattern and I was able to change it up with different colors every time I incorporate it," states senior, Jaimee Saracen, on her theme of choice. Some other popular themes that may ap-

peal to you may be, sport-teams, beach, nightlife, and glamour.

Once a theme is chosen, decorations, furniture, and accessories should be purchased to follow the chosen theme. Remember, you are working with a minimal amount of space so only purchase necessary furniture and accessories. Some recommended furniture for dorm rooms are ottomans, mirrors, bookshelves, storage bins, shoe organizers and clothing organizers.

Stores such as Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Walmart carry many of these products. Some recommended accessories for a room are wall decals, lights, throw pillows, and posters/pictures. Stores such as Five Below, Christmas Tree Shop, and TJ Maxx carry a variety of these products. "I found some great accessories for my room at Five Below for a reasonable price, and it added some liveliness to my room in a matter of minutes," states senior Jessica Lustman.



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There are a number of ways students can decorate their dorm rooms while still abiding by University policies.

Chris McKittrick, area coordinator of Elmwood and Spruce Halls, said that some of his favorite themes that students have decorated with were of jungles and pirates. He said that the pirate theme featured fishnets on the walls and other decorations, and was actually functional.

"However, stay away from duct tape. It may look cool, but it will cost you later when it peels the paint off the walls," McKittrick added.

These suggestions, however,

are not just limited to dorm-rooms and can transform many rooms into an enjoyable and comfortable setting for your liking. It's not too late to change around a room, or you can keep these in mind for the next time you are interested in decorating or re-decorating a room. With the right steps, tips and techniques an individual can transform any ideas into a reality. Decorating is a fun form of self-expression and can really show a person's creativity. Make it happen if not now, eventually!

Will the Real Winter Please Show Up?

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The weather that Mother Nature has been gracing us with seems to be the only thing more unpredictable than scoring a prime parking spot in the zoo, better known as the commuter lot.

Scarves, hats, gloves, and heavy puffer coats are considered typical winter fashion; however, the recent indecisive weather pattern has made wearing a t-shirt to class in February the norm on campus.

The Washington Post reported that many parts of the central and eastern United States have been experiencing temperatures 20 to 30 degrees warmer than average. The unusually warm weather has transformed winter fashion, causing students and faculty to adapt to the random changes to the best of their ability.

"I've noticed my students coming to class dressed in layers," said communication professor Shannon Hokanson. Hokanson, who takes an interest in fashion, sees the relatively warmer weather as a positive opportunity.

"Ponchos are also very popular among my students," explained Hokanson. Entering the world of high fashion this fall season, ponchos have made a smooth transition into the winter season considering the current weather pattern.

Ponchos are available in knits, sweaters, or coats. These three styles can be seen often on campus, particularly due to the often changing weather. The ability to incorporate layering without sacrificing personal style makes this fashion style ideal.

"I'm going to have to get myself one of those," said Hokanson.



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The uncharacteristically warm weather has students shedding their layers this winter.

Unfortunately for men, ponchos are not available in their size. However, a comparable male option is sticking with a classic zip-up and t-shirt look. Though nothing new, this style is ideal in order to keep up with

cold mornings and beautiful, warm afternoon weather.

Another way, according to Hokanson, to take advantage of the warmer weather is being able to expand one's daily shoe selection.

"Wearing open-toe high heels with stockings are perfect for this weather," said Hokanson enthusiastically. Hokanson has also noticed the shoe trend spreading among faculty on campus.

Though the abnormally warm

weather during the winter season has spoiled us and seemed to get a majority of people more impatient for the upcoming spring season, do not be too naive. Just as you thought it was safe to put away the winter essentials and store them away in the attic until next year, think again.

On February 2, Groundhog Phil revealed that we will be experiencing an additional six weeks of winter as he crawled out of his hole and showed his shadow in Punxsutawney, PA. It is ironic to say "another six weeks of winter," when in reality Mother Nature has barely graced us with any true sense of winter at all.

Angela Rosa, President of Monmouth University Snowriders club, is ecstatic for an additional six weeks of winter. "I hope the prediction is accurate," said Rosa.

"I've been trying to plan another trip to Vermont, but the constant changing of the weather is making it impossible. The rapidly changing weather makes any trip to the mountains a complete waste of money and time riding on snow that is not worth it," explained the 22-year-old senior.

"Speaking on behalf of all winter sport enthusiasts, there is nothing better than waking up to snow, the feeling is indescribable," explained Rosa. "I just want to grab my gear and go."

Whether Phil the groundhog's prediction will be accurate or not, time will only tell. However, there is one accessory in particular that both men and women can have in order to face nearly any type of weather.

"One fashion accessory I always have on me no matter what the temperature," said Rosa reaching for her black Oakley Frogskins. "My shades."

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In The Mood Was a Toe-Tapping Trip to the Past

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I hadn't even left the parking lot when I was knocking into elderly ladies in mink coats trying to hurry out of the cold and into the Pollak Theater Sunday, February 12 for *In the Mood*, a 1940's musical revue.

Without the use of a time machine, the performances somehow managed to bring the audience back to an era of gramophones, black and white films, and music, music, music.

In the Mood was more than just a celebration of music and "crafting harmonies from heaven." It paid homage to 1940's America and acknowledged the memories of all the men and women of that period in history buried within all the silly and sentimental tunes performed in one evening.

The String of Pearls Orchestra, featured the talents of Bud Forrest, Tom Bupin and, Eric Harper in rhythm, Gene Thorne, Brian Hicks, Greg Armstrong and, Hal Fryer on saxophone, Dan Smith, Bob Garrett and, Bill Moore on trumpet, and Brad Bobcik, Art Swanson and Brandon Moodi on trombone.

The Orchestra, without missing a beat, performed a selection of arrangements made famous by bandleaders such as Glenn Miller,



PHOTO COURTESY of In the Mood

The bygone songs of the 1940's returned to life this past Sunday when the musical revue, *In the Mood*, performed numbers like "Moonlight Serenade" for the audience in Pollak Theatre.

Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, and Benny Goodman.

In turn, the singers and dancers included ladies Jennifer Andrews, Elizabeth Baumgartner and Cori Cable Kidder, who also doubled as the Andrews Sisters for a few performances, and gentlemen Mark Brignone, AJ Converse and Tim Quartier, who served as soldiers.

The faces of the show sang along with the band, tunes penned by musicians such as Sy Oliver, Joe Garland, Cole Porter and Johnny Mercer.

At one point early in the revue, one of the performers brought

forth the spirit of what this music and big band sound meant to the individuals growing up during at this time. He recalled, "that wiggly music where you couldn't understand the words. My parents danced to that music, never touching each other," he added with an ironic smile as the romantic ballad, Moonlight Serenade, played behind him. "That was their music. This is mine."

The costumes, designed by Linda Tomlin, were brilliantly colored and appeared to be authentic to the era.

Whenever the three women performing as The Andrews Sisters

came on stage, their outfits were reminiscent of what the actual sisters wore to support the soldiers during the war. The male performers sported bona fide costumes of uniform men reminiscent of the navy and the air force's wardrobes.

Additionally, the dances were wonderfully choreographed. Not only were they suggestive of the Broadway play *On the Town's* ballet like sequences, but they also almost seemed to recall the old fashioned entertainment of films like *Holiday Inn*.

The audience perhaps would not have even been surprised if Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire had come back and hopped up on stage to perform.

At the end of the first act, audience members rose reluctantly from their seats to stretch and step out of the theater.

However, there was no break from the entertainment out in the lobby. Enthusiastic customers were spilling over the tables in search for albums containing the classic, big band music being fed to them and, the music being performed by the String of Pearls Orchestra themselves.

One elderly man talking to a friend was overheard saying, "It's great isn't it? Very entertaining."

"I like it," Zara Joseph, a freshman, said of the revue after the first act. "It's very high energy and they're such amazing musicians."

The second act dealt with the tragic events of Pearl Harbor and gave an overview of the state of the union at that time. The musical revue demonstrated that music was what boosted the morale of the people and what helped bring them together and let many become a part of the war effort.

Just before the end of the performance, *In the Mood* performers gave standing ovation to the veterans of World War II present. Of those in attendance, there were at least 20 sailors, roughly 10 members of the Air Force, one lone coast guard who proudly danced during his applause, and too many G.I. men to count.

The traditional Irish ballad, "Danny Boy," was then performed for all the heroes who did not make it back home.

"I thought the performance was great!" Caitlin Tompkins, a sophomore, said at the end of the show. "Very professional and it really allowed the audience to appreciate the time period with big band music while watching dancers and singers as well."

Overall, *In the Mood* was a spectacular experience, and it was a shame to have to walk out of the theater back into the present day.

Cherish the Ladies Brought the Sounds of Ireland to Campus

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Pollak Theatre hosted An Irish Homecoming last Friday night showcasing the many talents of all-woman Irish jig band, Cherish The Ladies, featuring Grammy-nominated vocalist Maura O'Connell.

The lobby was filled with people before the doors were open, families and friends sharing kisses and laughter, couples drinking coffee while conversing about their day as everybody waited anxiously for the doors to open.

There were a select few wearing green, sticking out like five leaf clovers. One elderly woman chose her Kelly green knit dress for the evening, everybody seemed overly excited for the concert.

Sam Tobias, of Matawan, is a jazz musician and had seen Cherish the Ladies perform at Pollak Theatre before, and fell in love with Irish music that night. He has since tried incorporating Irish music into his jazz playing.

"I'm very excited to see them again," said Tobias. "I went through a phase where I started wearing an Irish cap and I spoke an Irish accent for a while. I probably will tonight after seeing them."

After the doors were open and the auditorium was filled, Cherish the Ladies took the Kelly green stage and bandleader and flutist, Joanie Madden asked the

crowd, "You ready for some Irish music?" The band leaps into their first song off their latest album *Country Crossroads* as Madden played a tin whistle, shaking her head in joy and stomping her feet, just as excited as everyone else for what the evening held. Within less than minute the audience couldn't help but feel compelled to clap along.

Just when the audience thought nothing could make them happier, four Irish step dancers jumped onto the stage. Their feet moved quickly like the fingers of guitarist Mary Googan and fiddler Graine Murphy, tapping a percussion that mixed well with the lively music. Pianist Kathleen Boyle rounded the rest of Cherish the Ladies, each set in a trance as they played.

The audience gave a roaring applause and Madden thanked them for their enthusiasm. She said she's glad to be back at Pollak Theatre

after being away for so long. She was a great host, telling jokes and stories in between songs that kept the audience very entertained.

Cherish the Ladies changed the pace in their next song called "We Dreamed Our Dreams" featuring vocals by bodhran player, Deirdre Connolly. The song was somber but sweet with Connolly's beautiful voice, bringing any Irish man to the brink of tears.

The evening was filled with plenty of sprightly music as Boyle played the piano elegantly while Googan was flawless. Murphy and accordionist Mirella Murray were each set in a trance as they

played. Madden just couldn't seem to hide the smile on her face as she played her flute.

Eventually they were joined by "One of the greatest voices to come out of Ireland," as Madden introduced Maura O'Connell. Together they performed Teddy O'Neil, a slow moving piece with O'Connell's smoky vocals, and Irish Blues with Madden's brother John joining the group on drums.

Jerry O'Sullivan is the last musician to join the party, lending his skills and talent on the uilleann pipes, better known as the traditional Irish pipes.

As they play the audience could picture the fields of green with rivers streaming and the mist rolling down the mountains. Then they were sucked into a celebration at the local pub as the band played gallantly. The only thing missing was some Irish beer.

There was a small intermission and merchandise was set up on tables in front of the doors with t-shirts and plenty of CDs to accompany the long journey to Ireland. Fans surrounded the table, intently inspecting the album artwork and the selection of songs, judging which would be the best choice.

Bob Steiner of Red Bank didn't know what to expect when he came to the event as he was invited by Vaune Peck, Counselor and Coordinator of Arts Programming and Promotion, but



PHOTO COURTESY of Cherish the Ladies

Cherish the Ladies, a female Irish jig band, and special guest musician, Maura O'Connell, filled the Pollak Theatre with a number of Irish tunes like "We Dreamed Our Dreams" when they performed for concertgoers on February 10.

was purely delighted at what he discovered.

"I've listened to Irish music before but I never went to an Irish concert before," said Steiner. "It's unique and very uplifting."

After intermission, Cherish the Ladies kept the high spirits going throughout the evening by first playing "The American Wake." Madden explained the song dealt with the Irish coming over the Atlantic Ocean, "So that we can have a better life here in America."

It was such a moving piece that had a feeling of sadness and longing, but hope for something great such as imagining the sight of Lady Liberty as the ship steers its way through fog.

They played some sparkling songs that kept the audience clapping throughout the rest of the set, including one Mad-

den wrote in Ireland called "The Wave and The Spade," which was dedicated to University President Paul Gaffney.

Cherish the Ladies held the best for last, as they had the full band on stage playing happily and were joined by the Irish step dancers. The dancers' feet soared through the air as they dance around the stage. Even at the end of the show, Madden was still stomping her feet and the musicians continued to play effortlessly.

Deanna Kreger was ushering for the evening and had seen Cherish the Ladies last year, asking to work the event this year to see them again.

"It's not just for people that like Irish music, it's for everybody to enjoy and it's fun," said Kreger, a senior. "Joanie is really interesting and keeps it lively. I was really excited to see them again."

On Screen In Person Presents the Challenge of Growing Up

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Money Matters, written and directed by Ryan Richmond, kick started the second set of movies in the On Screen In Person series on February 6 in Pollak Theatre. On Screen In Person is a traveling film series along the East Coast where filmmakers present their work and participate in Q&A's with audiences.

This series is sponsored by the Department of Communication and the Center for the Arts. It is also funded by National Endowment for the Arts' Regional Touring Program.

Directors that have come to campus are: Nancy Kelly (*Trust: Second Acts in Young Lives*), Jim Hannon (*Bethlehem*), and Huey (*In Good Time: The Piano Jazz of McPartland*).

Chad Dell, Chair of the Department of Communication, welcomed a small crowd by saying, "I am really pleased you were able to come out tonight," and introduced himself and Richmond. Richmond is an NYU Tisch School for the Arts graduate, and besides writing and directing, is "an accomplished cinematographer." Dell said Richmond has worked on films like *We The People*, and his works have been screened in festivals like Sundance and Cannes.

Before the movie, Dell said *Money Matters* "started out as a short and [Richmond] expanded it."

Money Matters is about teenager Monique Matters (Terri Abney), nicknamed "Money," who is contemplating her life as she enters adolescence. She feels stuck and wishes to grow up, doing things like stuffing paper towels in her bra.

Her home life isn't any easier, sharing a two-bedroom apartment with her single mother, Pamela (Aunjanue Ellis), who gives her daughter tough love and forces her to read the Bible when she misbe-

haves. Monique's only outlet in life is writing poetry whether in her bedroom or during history class.

Meanwhile, Bobby Lewis (James Whalen), a priest with an unpleasant connection to Pamela's life, is trying to escape his past by offering hospital patients prayers and hope.

When Monique meets Braids (Victoria Wallace), a member of the A-Street Angels, she has someone to relate to, and gets a strong lesson on life, love, and growing up as they spend more time together. Eventually, Monique, Pamela, Braids, and Bobby all cross paths and their lives are changed forever.

Richmond tells a tough story, but always keeps our attention intact by placing the camera close to actors and scenes to fully witness emotion and drama. When Monique is going to a club with Braids and she sees a boy she has a crush on, Richmond puts the camera close to Monique to capture her nerves.

Richmond also knows to relax and introduces intimate, quiet moments in the drama. He has a good sense of letting a scene's momentum play out calmly and offering a sense of hope and happiness in a harsh world. When Monique reads her poems to Braids, there is a sense of peace in the film and sets up a connection between them.

Richmond's script at first appears like three different stories are happening concurrently with Monique, Pamela, and Bobby, but as it continues, these pieces fall into place and the stories slowly converge. Richmond's dialogue

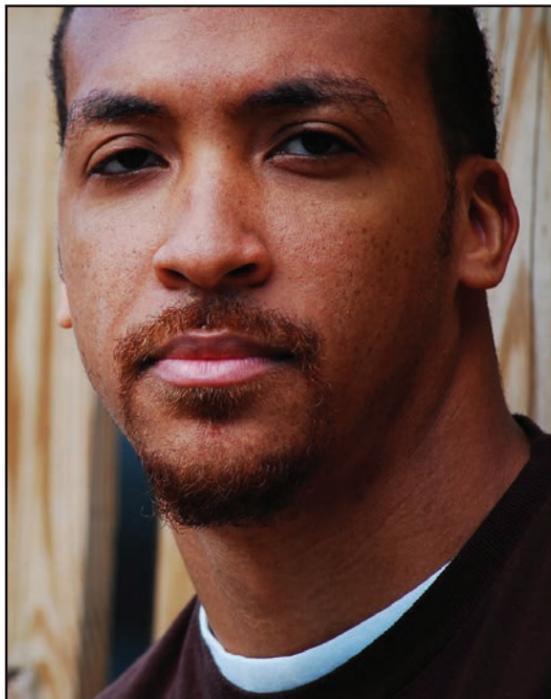


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Writer, director Ryan Richmond was the latest filmmaker to come to campus for On Screen In Person. His film, *Money Matters*, about a girl entering adolescence was screened for the public.

sounds like real teenager conversations. When a friend sleeps over Monique's apartment, their discussion about oral sex isn't forced but is natural in their discussion. We see these characters as actual teens rather than imagined versions.

In fact, Richmond said during the Q & A, "I hope the voices are realistic, but it's through the research in the process," such as focus groups and help from a friend.

Having been a cinematographer, Richmond films some nice shots of the D.C. area to feel like actually being on the neighborhood with Monique.

Lastly, with the acting, Abney and Wallace, create strong willed characters and do some tough scenes like when Monique and Braids kiss each other in the opening seconds. Ellis as Pamela

presents a tough mother hoping her child doesn't make the same mistakes she did. The cast works to make the audiences care about their individual futures.

After the film, Richmond thanked the audience and said, "I've been having fun screening [*Money Matters*] in schools and organizations." He added the film was shot in 2008 and finally came out on November 15, 2011.

The Q&A was very active as people asked about Richmond's film techniques, story decisions, and symbolism. Aaron Furgason, associate professor of communication, asked Richmond about his cinematic influences and Richmond listed Lenny Clarke (*Kids*), Spike Lee, and *Thirteen* by Catherine Hardwicke.

Andrew Demirjian, specialist professor of communication, asked about the sound in the film. Richmond said "I wanted it to have a different appeal" and worked with a guitarist to get the tone right.

Richmond continued to say the music was electric fusion but that it would change in the film such as go-go music at a party and urban music on the radio.

One student asked why the film was about a girl. Richmond said the film started as a short with a girl in a confessional, but "I hadn't seen a lot of young black female protagonists," noting certain films like *Akeelah and the Bee*. "Between these two influences, I wanted to tell a story that hadn't been done before. If you notice, the film is about the relationship between a young mother and an adult child...Are they really parent and child or peers? I wanted to ex-

plore that dynamic."

When it came to *Money Matters'* demographic, a woman asked, "Who will be the initial target audience?" Richmond said women 25 to 45-years-old, "but we are trying to present it to youth. It was used in D.C. high schools. I feel like it has an educational element because of issues in the film." He also added despite the language, "Schools have shown this as is."

Dell mentioned how Ellis has been in films like *The Help* and *Ray*, and Richmond said for the younger actors "to work with someone they've seen on TV and in movies, it gave them a confidence boost." Richmond also added, "I worked with the kids three months before we shot," but once the camera started rolling and the lights went up, "it changes the game a little."

Dell asked about Richmond's future plans and he said, "I'm writing my next feature, a comedy...I will try to be a little more commercially viable and genre friendly."

When *The Outlook* spoke to Richmond about how the film has been viewed while on tour, he said, "The reaction has been pretty consistent. [Crowds] enjoy it and relate to the characters, even the older crowd." He said that even if the older crowd at screenings "didn't get the language, they understood the struggle."

Lee Callahan, a junior, and Paridhi Shah, a freshman, were in attendance and enjoyed the film. "It was not what I was expecting," Callahan said. "I thought it was powerful." Shah said, "I've never seen a movie like this told from a unique point of view."

As for the On Screen In Person series, Callahan said it was "interesting" and Shah said, "I was glad we had the question and answer to clear up questions" about the film.

The next On Screen In Person film is *Fambul Tok* on March 5 in Pollak Theatre.

The Vow Promises to Shed Tears and Break Hearts

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To no one's surprise, it was mayhem at the movie theaters this past weekend as women of all ages dragged their significant others to see the sappiest new release, *The Vow*, just in time for Valentine's Day.

A heartbreaking story inspired by true events, the film meets the standard expectations of a romantic drama by not leaving a dry eye in the house, including my own.

Just by judging the trailer and comparing the film to similar recent releases, one would think *The Vow* was a Nicholas Sparks film. This is ironic, since both Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams have starred in movies based on Sparks' books like *Dear John* and *The Notebook*, respectively.

It's a bit sad to admit that every time I watched a preview for the film (which has been running across my television screen since November), my eyes would instantly well up. How many motion pictures really can affect you that deeply, especially in a matter of two minutes?

Tatum and McAdams star as Leo and Paige, a newly married couple who seem to have the blissful, fairytale future ahead of them when a car accident wipes away the last five years of



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The Vow follows Leo (Channing Tatum) as he strives to reignite the love between him and his wife, Paige (Rachel McAdams) after she loses the memory of their marriage in an accident.

Paige's life, including all recollection of her husband.

She suffers a severe brain injury, waking up believing she is a student attending law school, and still engaged to a former boyfriend, Jeremy (Scott Speedman). Having to go home to her husband, who's now a stranger, the two of them deal with immense pain and unfamiliarity. To Leo, his wife has already died because the woman staring back at him has no idea who he is.

Uncertain as to whether Paige

will ever regain her memory, Leo tries to make his wife fall in love with him all over again because, as he declares, he made a vow to her on their wedding day to be together through better or worse.

Directed by Michael Sucsy, the film definitely succeeds in bringing the audience up to date on the portrayed couple. Being that the first scene in the film is where the accident occurs, I was concerned that I wouldn't have the opportunity to see the earlier memories of the couple that brought them to

their current conditions.

Alas, I was mistaken, as the moment the accident happens, we are immediately brought to the first enchanting moments of Leo and Paige, from their first encounter, their first date, and their wedding day. Once Paige wakes up in her hospital bed, misunderstanding her marital status, our hearts break because we feel Leo's pain, and wish for that emotional connection between the two to reappear.

Throughout the entire film, I ended up feeling so terrible for Tatum's character, and again, knowing that this was based around true events made it easier to wallow in wretchedness.

I've always been a fan of Tatum himself, more so his looks rather than his acting, but nevertheless, he plays a grief-stricken husband incredibly well. Furthermore, McAdams also shines in romantic dramas (i.e. *The Time Traveler's Wife* and *The Notebook*), so there is little to say about her perfor-

mance besides wonderful.

If we're going to put a number to it, I give *The Vow* 4 out of 5 stars. It's easily the romantic release of the season and captures all of the love, beauty, passion and pain the less-than-average married couple endures.

Although the details of both stories are very different (the characters names even differ from the true couple), it still brings a reality dose of this-could-happen-to-you aspect of it as you ache for Paige to remember her husband, and have that fairytale ending they were meant to have.

At 104 minutes, I wished the film was just a tad longer just to add more depth to some scenes and major plot points, but that is something to judge on your own.

As careful as I am to not ruin too many significant plot points, you must make sure to bring a package of Kleenex. I absentmindedly left that behind before I arrived at the theater, and it was a huge mistake!

After seeing this film in its entirety, I will be visiting Barnesandnoble.com to purchase the NookBook version of *The Vow*, written by the real-life couple Kim and Krickitt Carpenter.

Who knew that such a personal, tragic story could be turned into something so beautiful for the world to see on the silver screen?

How You Know When It's Over

Evaluating Your Relationship Post-Valentine's Day

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So this one is for all of you who are having or have had relationship issues with your significant (or not-so-significant) other. We've all been there; the relationship is dead and done and yet here you are, stuck. Perhaps you are afraid you won't find someone else, or that maybe this person is, in fact, your "soulmate." Well guess what. They're not.

So the real question is, how do you know if the relationship is over? How do you know if the love is gone? (And by "gone," I mean it has run screaming in the opposite direction of you two lovebirds). Girls, ever had your man ignore all 17 of your phone calls when he's "out with his boys?" Guys, ever had your girl say she was having a girls' night and "didn't hear her phone?" If you answered yes, I suggest you keep reading.

In today's world, anyone who owns a cell phone has it attached to their hip. "I hate it when a girl I'm seeing ignores my calls," said Max Weiss, 19, first-year student. If your significant other isn't responding to your calls within a half-hour, you've got a problem on your hands. "From a girl's perspective, we always have our phone on us, always," said Kimberly Kravitz, 20, junior communication major.

Now we've all gotten the responding call that comes from the bathroom of some dirty club, where they can lie and tell you they are laying in bed thinking of you. That's the best, because we

all hear the echoing voice in the stall and the toilets flushing in the background. How romantic.

Chances are, your partner has come down with a bad case of "wandering eyes," and no love doctor can solve this problem. You know what they say, once a cheater, always a cheater. There's nothing worse than finding that text in your man's phone from some girl you've never heard of telling him she had a great time last night after he told you he was visiting his nana at the retirement home. If you've caught your "beloved" with their tongue down someone else's throat, they probably weren't looking for a Tic-Tac. "Cheating is the ultimate betrayal in a monogamous relationship," said Weiss. Second chances are for the weak. It's time to move on; there are plenty of fish in the sea. "No one deserves to be cheated on, it hurts too much," said Kravitz.

Now this is for all of you girls. As much as we like to think of ourselves as "empowered" and "independent," let's face it, we all want someone who will take care of us. Chivalry is not dead, it is underrated. There is a difference between your boyfriend letting you take him to dinner and straight up freeloading. If your boyfriend doesn't have a job, it's time to throw in the towel and get yourself a real man. You shouldn't be taking your unemployed dirt-bag boyfriend to Fridays only to have him order beer after beer and the steak special. You are a woman, not an ATM machine.



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If you're feeling like the relationship is dead and it's time to move on, then it's better to get it over with quickly and break up so that you can find someone new.

But guys, these women are not perfect angels either. If you have been blessed with brains or family money, you'd better get ready to battle off the gold diggers that are going to come your way. If you wear glasses as thick as a double-paned window and some hot blonde is even remotely interested in you, she's a gold digger. Get ready to have your heart broken. "It's dangerous territory when someone takes advantage of their partner's finances, that's not what a relationship is about," said Michele Ventricelli, 20, junior.

Another big relationship no-no is dating the momma's boy. No

girl on the planet wants to share her boyfriend part-time with his mom. How do you know you've got a momma's boy on your hands? If she still does his laundry past the age of 20, buys him a new piece of apparel any time she sees him, or if she ever asks if he's eating enough because "he looks too skinny." Somebody needs to tell her he's a big boy now (and it better not be you). "I couldn't handle dating a momma's boy. I want a man not a boy," said Ventricelli. And guys, stay away from those "daddy's girls." If you ever hear your girlfriend say

she wants her husband to be just like her dad, or hear him call her "pumpkin," you've found a daddy's girl and you may as well castrate yourself now, before she does. "I want a girlfriend, not a princess," said Weiss.

So now that you've got all of these wonderful tips, it's time to get out of that relationship as fast as you can say "we're over." There are thousands of bachelors and bachelorettes out there; you've just got to find one worth your while. No one's ever been punished for having standards and self-respect. Good luck fishing!

The Bonus Features of the Guggenheim Library

What the Library Offers to Students and Faculty

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"I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library," as stated by writer Jorge Luis Borges. The Guggenheim Library is frequently utilized by students, whether it pertains to their research or just for their leisure. Students can be found pouring over books and typing with such dexterity it hurts to watch. The sounds of clicks and pages turning set the background for the library's other more beneficial aspects.

The Guggenheim Library, with its four levels and countless available services, contains much more than meets the eye. Besides the numerous collections and study rooms, librarians are always there for the students who inquire help or assistance in whatever endeavor it is that they are working on.

The library is jumping on the technology band wagon and now includes a more diverse selection of informational media. Aurora Ioanid, Associate Librarian and Technical Services Coordinator, said, "The library is purchasing 4000-4500 new print/paper books each year in addition to other various resources, e-books, print journals, and media. Books are just a fraction of what the library offers as resources."

The plethora of resources available at the library is quite staggering if one can get their head wrapped around it. "The University community acquires and provides access to over 150 databases with various types of content. Most of them contain electronic

journals (ca. 45,000 of academic, trade journals and magazines), streaming videos, tools, and a mixture of journals, e-books, and non-published sources, like news," Ioanid said.

"We're trying to do whatever we can to make the research easier for students. That's what we do, because if we are not up to date then we are not doing our

job," Dr. Ravindra Sharma, Dean of the Library, said. By incorporating all this mixed media, students have a more in-depth attainability when it comes to their research.

near the Veteran Affairs Office and is available Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Matthew Doyle, Reference and Instruction Librarian, said, "The services goal is to extend one on one research support and library service into the student environment."

ing the right place to look can become a task in itself. That's what the focus of the Student Center Reference Desk is- to assist in the research process. Too often the research process becomes frustrating, discouraging and difficult for students, who with so many choices, often do not know where to start. The librarians

are experts in locating information and instructing students on the multiple ways they can access it. Now students working in the student center on research do not have to leave to get help, we have brought the help to them," Doyle said.

So why locate this service in the Student Center? Many students, especially commuters, may not venture over to the residential side of campus where the library is located because they may just go to class and then leave after it concludes. But because of the Student Center's ideal location in the middle of campus, it seemed like a good idea to include the Reference Service there. "The Student Center has been observed as a location in which students work both independently and collaboratively on work that involves research," Doyle said.

So what of all the questions asked by students pertaining to the help that they may need in navigating the myriad databases at their disposal? "Last semester, 1,520 reference questions and 921 technology questions were asked. And we had 121 emails or phone calls from students," Dr. Sharma said.

So whether the best spot to study or write is at the computer, in the corner behind rows and stacks of books, or in an empty cubicle upstairs, the library is a place where students should feel comfortable to ask questions and develop their thoughts. The librarians are there for a reason, which is to help students. As Dr. Sharma said, "We help students so they can become better students."



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The Guggenheim Library is home to resources such as e-books, print journals, and over 150 databases.

Electronic Fields Versus Cancer

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Almost everyone has been touched by cancer in some shape or form through its mark on a family member, friend, or loved one. Recently, modern science has armed physicians with a new fourth option for treatment against cancer in addition to surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy, called tumor treating fields therapy (TTF therapy).

When somatic cells divide, they traverse through a specific phase in their life cycle called mitosis, a process policed by myriad regulators. In cancer, certain aberrations arisen from genetic mutations deregulate cell division and cause the parent cell to divide not into just two daughter cells and cease dividing but into two deregulated daughter cells that simply don't know when to stop dividing.

This leads into a benign tumor which can be remediated by surgery; but if it persists and continues growing uncontrollably, it exacerbates into a malignant neoplasm, otherwise known as cancer. When the malignant neoplasm gains access to the bloodstream, it will metastasize and invade proximal and distal parts of the body, leading collectively to adverse symptoms too many to count.

Tumor cells pass through metaphase, part midway through mitosis in which all of the parent cell's genetic material is medially aligned prior to splitting into two daughter cells. The polar nature of the proteins forming the spindles holding this apparatus together allows us to view these proteins as a system of dipoles, which are objects with partial positive and negative charges.

At high frequencies, dipoles align with the direction of an electric field and in a converging, non-uniform electric field,

the dipoles move toward a region of high field density.

Novocure, a commercial-stage oncology company, has proposed two main mechanisms of using TT fields in mitotic tumor cell division.

In the first, an electric field is irradiated through the dividing cancer cell in metaphase, disrupting the polymerization of the polar tubulin subunits forming

every avenue to treat the disease has been tried."

Unlike surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy, TTF therapy is tuned to affect only one particular cell type at a time. According to Novocure.com, it is delivered locally through a physical, non-chemical pathway allowing TTF therapy to treat brain tumors whereas "other mitotic inhibitor treatments such as

Bill Doyle, Executive Chairman of Novocure, showcased the results of the clinical trials of TTF therapy at a TEDMED Talk posted in January 2012. One of the patients from the trial was Robert Dill-Bundi, a famous Swiss cycling champion who won the gold medal in Moscow in 1980 in the 4,000 meter pursuit.

Six years ago, Bundi was diag-

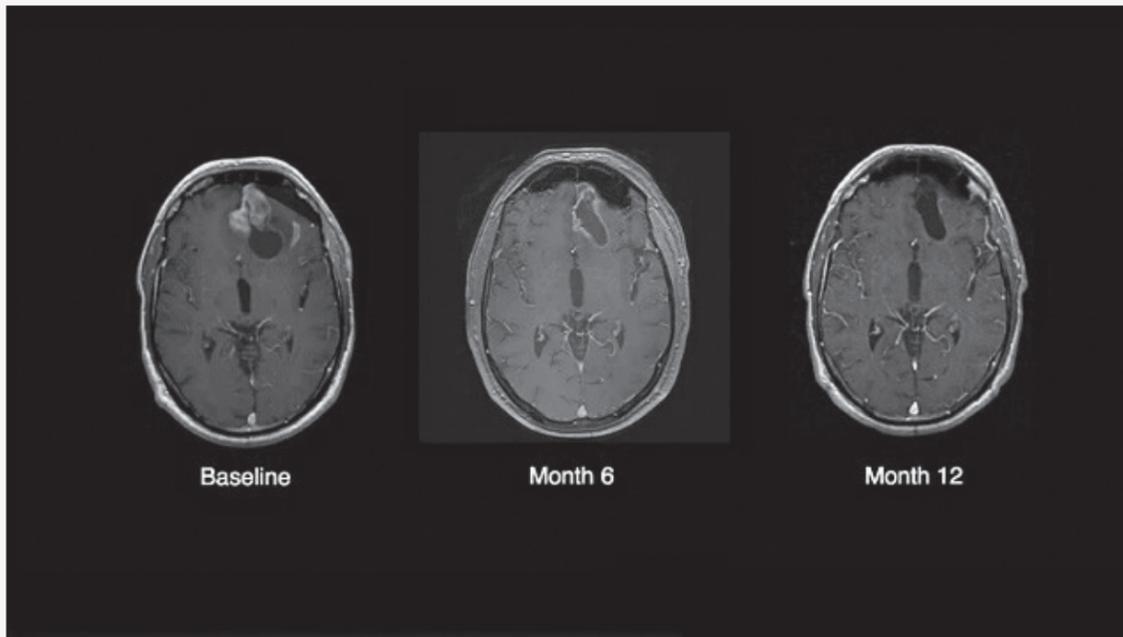
[nor any] sensation. It doesn't interfere with computers or electrical equipment [and] the therapy is delivered continuously at home, without having to go the hospital either periodically or continually," said Doyle at the TEDMED Talk.

After six months of treatment, Bundi's tumor had responded and begun to melt away. After one year, it was "essentially completely gone." Today, six years after Robert Dill-Bundi's diagnosis, "He's alive, but more importantly, he's healthy and he's at work," said Doyle.

In an interview with Doyle, Robert Dill-Bundi said he rates his quality of life a bit different from what most people would assume. "I am the happiest, the happiest person in the world. And every single morning I appreciate life. Every night I fall asleep very well, and I am, I repeat, the happiest man in the world, and I'm thankful that I'm alive."

Genevieve Fasano, sophomore biology major, feels that "The idea of using electric fields to treat cancer initially sounds pretty scary. However, the benefits easily will win patients over since using tumor treating fields helps a patient avoid the ugly side effects of chemotherapy. Also, being able to deliver cancer therapy at home, as demonstrated by the patient with GBM is a huge plus, and really shows the progress modern medicine has made to combat cancer."

As urbanization emerged in the nineteenth century, flat buildings transformed into monolithic towers, reaching to the skies. As we expand our base of research in science from the fundamentals to the interconnected unity between them, we will progress in a new direction and as one community bound by researchers, physicians, family members, and friends, we will give cancer a taste of its own medicine.



Robert Dill-Bundi, a famous Swiss cycling champion, was diagnosed with the most aggressive primary malignant brain tumor in 2006, yet benefitted from TTF therapy.

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the mitotic spindle, stopping the dividing cancer cell in its tracks.

The second mechanism accounts for cells that did complete the formation of the mitotic spindle. As the cells begin dividing, forming the famous "hourglass shape," an uneven charge distribution pushes all polar cell components toward the neck of the hourglass between the cells leading to structural deformation and cell fragmentation, according to Novocure.com.

Dr. Edward J. Kelsey, physics professor, said "I wonder a bit about why this is new. Electric fields aren't new and virtually

taxanes and vinca alkaloids have poor diffusion across the blood-brain barrier and are rarely used to treat brain tumors." Because the TT fields alternate so rapidly, they actually have no effect on normal cells or do they stimulate nerves and muscles.

"Targeting the mechanism of division in cancer cells with the use of a tumor-treating field is a fascinating approach in the field of medicine that can save many lives. In my opinion, more assurance is needed regarding the effect of these fields on normal cells," said Wardha Qureshi, sophomore biology major.

nosed with the most aggressive primary malignant brain tumor in humans, known as glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). Bundi had received surgery, a high-dose of radiation therapy to the head, and chemotherapy. After a year of treatment, however, his tumor had grown back and Bundi was told that he had three months to live. He then joined the clinical trial.

Noninvasive electrodes that deliver low-intensity electric fields were applied like bandages to Bundi's head. "Patients can undergo all the activities of their daily life. There is no tiredness

A Living Legend of Business

Meet Dr. Frederick Kelly, Former Dean of the Business School

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Dr. Frederick Kelly, Dean for the Leon Hess Business School from July 2001 to July 2010, had not always planned to be working at the University. He originally started pursuing an interest in teaching when he was pursuing his doctorate.

"I was planning to return to a career in banking when I finished my doctorate," Kelly explained, "however, there weren't openings available at the time and so I started teaching to earn some money while I waited for a job to open up. I found I really liked teaching and decided to continue it as a career choice. I later moved into administration, which I likewise enjoyed immensely."

Kelly was born in New York City and attended Manhattan College, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics. Following his undergraduate work, he went to earn a Ph. D in economics, finance and international business at Columbia University.

Before joining the University

community, Kelly was Dean of the Gabelli School of Business at Roger Williams University in Bristol and Providence, Rhode Island. Kelly also has served as Professor of Finance and Dean of the School of Business at Seton Hall University's Stillman School of Business, Fairleigh Dickinson University's Silberman College of Business Administration, and the University of Baltimore's Merrick School of Business. While in Rhode Island, Kelly also served as the Economic Forecast Manager for the state under the auspices of the New England Economic Project. Kelly also has served as an administrator and faculty member at Montclair State College, Medger Evers College of the City University of New York, and Adelphi University.

Kelly considers his areas of expertise to be higher education administration, health care administration and international capital budgeting. His work has been published in the Journal of Higher Education Management, the Journal of International Business Studies, the Journal of Pharmaceutical

Chemical Studies, among others. He has lectured in Poland, France, Italy, Northern Ireland, and the People's Republic of China, as well as before a variety of organizations in the United States.

"For an institution of its size and endowment, Monmouth has succeeded in attracting a large number of outstanding teachers and researchers," said Kelly. "Many of the faculty have international reputations and are better known than the University. I believe the greatest resource of Monmouth University is the faculty."

Besides the professors and staff of the University, Kelly also commented on this very publication. "I think *The Outlook* is an excellent student newspaper," Kelly said. "It's one of the best I have encountered in my career and I think this is recognized by the numerous awards it has earned over the years."

Although Kelly has nothing but good things to say about the University, his teaching career has come to an end. He has retired and moved to Florida. "I'm relocated to a community in Florida called 'The Villages,'" Kelly said. "It has

10 championship golf courses and 29 executive courses. My wife and I also play pickle ball there and belong to a number of social clubs."

But this doesn't mean that he will be leaving the world of academia forever. He currently sits on the Board of the Bon Secours Health System, Inc., as Chairman, as well as conducting accreditation visits for the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Kelly shared many fond memories of the University, as well as one specific occasion that he called "the proudest of my career."

"It was pointed out to me that a student who had written a book about overcoming the many challenges in her life, stated in it that a conversation with me had been instrumental in her decision to attend Monmouth and had helped her in deciding that she should attempt to pursue her college degree," he said. This is one of many memories that Kelly will go on to remember, well into his retirement and future endeavors.

The current Dean of the Business school is Dr. Donald Moliver.



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Dr. Frederick Kelly has worked at many other universities, including Seton Hall, Fairleigh Dickinson, and the University of Baltimore.

Sing Your Heart Out

SAB Hosts Open Mic Night With 'Stuff and Fluff'

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SAB hosted their first Open Mic night of the semester this past Friday, February 10. The event took place on the first floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center and consisted of live performances from about seven University students including a capella, acoustic performances and a magic show.

In addition to these performances, there were empty stuffed animals available to all the students who attended along with stuffing at each table to fill the animals with resembling the store Build-A-Bear. There were over 60 stuffed animals given away at the event.

Lucy Russo, Concerts Chair for SAB, organized the event. She explained how students have loved 'Stuff and Fluff' over the years and they have been trying to incorporate it more frequently into events. "We went with a Valentine's Day theme," Russo said, "So that students could make them for their loved ones or keep them for themselves."

Megan Pereira, sophomore and communication major, had never been to an Open Mic Night on campus before. "It was really great to see how much talent there really is on Monmouth's campus," she said. Pereira was there with her boyfriend and loved the stuffed animals. "I thought it was a lot of fun and very cute," Pereira said.

The acts of the night began with vocal performances by ju-

nior Kitty Moon and sophomore Brooke McCarthy. Moon sang over a piano recording and McCarthy performed an a capella song from a play. Her liveliness and energy really brought the song to life and made it equally about the performance as well as the singing.

Following them was Arturo Romua, junior. Romua did a vocal performance of Jason Mraz's "I'm Yours" and later in the night came back up to sing again. He performed with nothing but the microphone in front of him. Romua joked during his song about the upcoming high notes he would have to reach but ultimately hit them with ease.

Ross "the Magic Man" Bernstein later took the stage and changed the pace from vocal performances to an audience-involving magic performance. Bernstein was full of jokes on the stage. He immediately called a volunteer out of the audience to help him with his act. Bernstein performed illusions such as a magic bottle in a tube mysteriously changing direction as well as displaying multiple messages on a magic sign. Bernstein has been performing magic for 10 years now.

Sophomore Raymond Bogan followed the magic performance with his acoustic guitar, playing classic songs such as Eric Clapton's "Change the World." The lefty guitarist has performed at quite a few Open Mics since his freshman year at the University. Bogan has his own radio show at WMCX on Tuesday's at 4:00 pm and mentioned how the constant



The Reztones, an a capella group, performed for their first time at the SAB Open Mic on Friday.

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strain on his voice makes singing at open mics more difficult as opposed to when his voice is rested.

The final act of the night was the University's newly formed vocal group known as the Reztones. The group consisted of seven females and two males. Aforementioned Bernstein held down the baritone bass line vocally and the other male student

in the group laid down a beat boxing drum track. The ladies of the group rotated singing over the two, allowing for multiple harmonies and tones. The group just recently formed and is looking forward to performing again at the University.

Russo said, "This event was extremely successful. I was very happy to see so many students

come out on a Friday night and stay until the very end. I was also proud to see so many students fearlessly performing their talents and even coming up to perform a second time." SAB normally hosts one open mic night per semester, but that is not to say other organizations won't be running any in the future as well.

Club and Greek Announcements

Men's Lacrosse

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

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

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

Go Hawks!

RHA Movies in Oakwood

This Friday in the Oakwood Lounge, RHA will be screening two films in honor of Valentine's Day.

Casablanca starts at 8:00 pm and *Breakfast at Tiffany's* starts at 11:00 pm. Films are free to University students.

College Republicans

The College Republicans are looking for college students that are concerned about our future. During these economic hardships, many recent college graduates are having difficulty in finding jobs in which they are qualified for.

The upcoming presidential election is an opportunity to change that with a slate of candidates that are can change the status quo.

Please join us if you are concerned about the future economic outlook, including the country's ever-growing \$15.2 trillion budget deficit which could have consequences for our generation's future. Please e-mail us at mugop@monmouth.edu if you have any questions.

Our next meeting is slated for February 22nd in Bey Hall room 130. We will also be hosting a Debate Viewing Party that night as well for all that are interested in Varsity Club room 301 in the MAC, beginning at 8:30 pm.

Comm Works

CommWorks: Students Committed to Performance has a new weekly meeting time for Spring 2012!

Visit us on Thursdays 1:00 to 2:15 pm in Plangere room 235.

Energy Service Corps

This was an exciting week for the Energy Service Corps, a non-profit national organization. They hosted a very successful kick-off meeting on Wednesday February 8 that spread the word of energy conservation.

Weatherizations will be starting this week; they are a free service that will lower your utility bill about 30%. This service is funded by donations given by students and faculty from around the campus, every penny given will help bring this world to a brighter future.

Would you like to get involved with the Energy Service Corps? Check out their Facebook page at Monmouth University's Energy Service Corps or call Tom at (609)-271-3979.

Psychology Club

The psychology club is hosting guest speakers at the monthly meeting on Wednesday February 15th at 3:00pm in HH135.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is bringing speakers to talk about their dark days, acceptance, relationship to treatment, coping skills, and successes.

The Outdoors Club

Last week the Outdoors Club announced that they are scheduling a horseback riding trip for March 24 to 25. The beautiful setting of eastern Pennsylvania will be the backdrop for the ride, and there are rivers and hiking trails to be explored in the area as well. Look out for an email with further information!

The Outdoors Club also plans to give back to the Earth this semester by assisting with trail maintenance throughout the Monmouth County Park System. A free training session to get involved will take place on March 10 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you are looking to do some community service and enjoy the outdoors this is a great opportunity!

Economics and Finance Club

The Economics and Finance Club will be meeting every Wednesday at 2:30 pm in Bey Hall, room 231.

Students can check out our website for further information as well as our calendar of events at muefc.wordpress.com.

Hawk TV

Hawk TV Fans should look out for our new Spring Line up; including the newly re-launched Monmouth Music or M2 which is a music video show reminiscent of Total Request Live. Also keep an eye out for Rock N Raise tickets going on sale this week for \$3.00. For more information please email hawktv@monmouth.edu.

Lambda Theta Alpha

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

All Lifestyles Included

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

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

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

Outdoors Club Goes Indoors

Surf Portion of Outdoors Club Gives Paddle Boarding Lessons in University Pool

NICK HODGINS
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

The surf portion of the Outdoors Club had their first gathering this past Sunday, February 12. Steve Steger, junior and surf chair of the Outdoors Club, gave paddle board lessons in the University pool.

The club reserved the pool in advance from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Eight members came out in addition to Professor William Reynolds, advisor of the club. The club brought two of their own paddle boards and one hybrid kayak/paddle board which was supplied by Steve Steger.

Steger described paddle boarding as similar to surfing but with a larger board. Like surfing you stand and balance on the board, but unlike surfing you don't need a wave or even momentum to stand on the board. This made a still pool the ideal place to practice before jumping into the rough waters of the ocean. You use the paddle to sustain balance as well as to steer.

Kyle Reinhardt, senior and President of the Outdoors Club is happy with the club's absorption of the Surf Club and likes where Steger is going with it. "I think the paddle board lessons are a great way to start off the season," Reinhardt said. "I'm excited that people enjoyed it and I think it will increase interest in the club as well as give us an opportunity to expand our activities," he said.

Greg Cenicola, Secretary of the Outdoors Club, considered the paddle board lessons to be a great success. "More people showed interest than ultimately showed up," he explained, "But it allowed for us to help out with lessons more individually. Giving lessons in the pool is a great way for students

to get down the fundamentals of paddle boarding on a calm surface."

About halfway through the day the club took a break to relax in the shallow end and hit a beach ball around. "It's all about having fun and making friends along the way," said Cenicola.

Steger said, "I was happy to have had the opportunity to give lessons at the University pool, and I am looking forward to doing it in the near future, I'm glad people were able to come out. This sport is growing in popularity and it's great to be able to introduce it to the University community."

Reynolds stated, "I consider the event very much a success, because now when we do it again, these participants will bring their friends thus expanding interest in the club. Steger has brought a bright spotlight onto the Surf Club activities this semester. He has also been active in giving surf and ocean kayaking lessons in Long Branch, just minutes from campus."

Reynolds also explained how absorbing the Surf Club allows for more expenditures for the club's water activities. The club has asked for money for the 2012-2013 Outdoors Club's budget to buy two foam stand up paddle boards and they are planning a September surfing and camping trip to Montague, Long Island. "As the advisor to both clubs, I observed the Surf Club floundering and losing momentum but after giving them more structure as part of the outdoors club's e-board they are prospering, improving and gaining momentum. This is a win-win for both clubs and more importantly the students of the University."



PHOTOS COURTESY of Nick Hodgins

Paddle boarding on a smooth surface such as the pool, as opposed to the rough waters of the ocean, allows for a good environment to practice turning, balancing, and paddling.

Students Compete to Play at SXSW

PRESS RELEASE

WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ – Reverse Order would like to thank all our friends and fans that support us at shows, buy our merchandise and click on a "like" when we're in a contest. It's because of your support that Reverse Order was chosen as one of the top four finalists in a contest called Hometown Sound.

Our music will be played in 830 Maurice Stores across the US and people can either scan the QR code on our poster to vote or go to www.facebook.com/reverseorder and click on the link. Round two will run from February 6 through the end of the month and you can vote everyday.

The winner gets to perform at SXSW an annual music conference and festival held in Texas and shoot a professional music video in L.A., so we hope you'll continue to support us.

If you're not familiar with Reverse Order we hope you'll check us out. We're a pop/rock band with a high energy show. We like to have fun, get everybody on their feet and take them away from whatever is weighing them down.

We're on all the social networks as well as iTunes. For the 21+ we have a show coming up at the Nip and Tuck on February 11. Music starts at 10:00 pm and admission is free. On Sunday February 19 we are going to be performing with Allstar Weekend at the St. George Theater on Staten Island. We've set up a special link where you can get discount tickets and our CD free. Just go to www.reverseorderonline.com.

HIRE ME! Job Newsletter #13

HIRE ME! Newsletter was created in hopes of finding non-working Federal Work Study students jobs on campus. We currently have 226 Federal Work Study students on our waitlist who are looking for a job on campus. Please contact the Student Employment Office 732-571-3569 if you have ANY openings OR would like a copy of our waitlist.

Assuming the base pay rate of \$7.50 / hour, your department would only pay \$1.88 / hour to have any Federal Work Study (FWS) student work (departments pay 25% of a FWS student's wages).

We hope you have work in your area and can hire great students like Melina!

Thank you very much!

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Student Employment



Name: Melina Morel

Title: Future MU Student Employee

Year: Freshman, Class of 2015

Talents/Experience:

Some of my talents are dancing and writing. I worked in a day care a couple of months ago assisting teachers with the children. I helped with minor tasks in the classroom. It was definitely a great experience and one that I will never forget.

Unique Skills:

Communication, cooperative, active listening, and speak Spanish.

Why I want to work on campus:

I want to work on campus because I feel it will be a great opportunity for me to become more independent and make money. The money would definitely help me with my economical needs and expenses. Overall I think that working on campus would allow me to become more responsible and it would serve as experience for a real job.

Major: Psychology

www.monmouth.edu/student_employment



What is the Coolest Place You Have Ever Been To?

COMPILED BY: JENNA INTERSIMONE



Anna
sophomore

"The Outer Banks, North Carolina, because the beaches are so nice and the atmosphere is laid back and relaxing."



Amanda
junior

"The Amalfi Coast, Italy. It was beautiful, breathtaking, and somewhere I had never been before."



Kristen
senior

"Costa Rica, because I went swimming in the Pacific Ocean, ziplining, and saw a volcano."



Brett
junior

"Eleuthera, Bahamas. It was a learning experience that I got to enjoy with my friends."



Amanda
sophomore

"Disney World, because it's magical."



Nicole
junior

"Turkey. It had amazing jewelry and the beaches were gorgeous."



Matt
junior

"France. I went with my chamber choir and we sang in the Notre Dame Cathedral."



Jess
junior

"Eleuthera, Bahamas. Snorkeling everyday and the things that we saw - it was incredible."



Klaudia
sophomore

"Dunn's River Falls, Jamaica, because we got to climb up the waterfall and slide down. It was really fun."



Mike
freshman

"Mt. Tammany, New Jersey. It was a cool experience. We climbed a mountain and you can see a lot of space from there."

February

15th to 28th campus events

Do you want to get involved with different clubs this semester? There is going to be a spring involvement fair at 2:30 in Anacon Hall on Wednesday the 15th. Come out and meet the various clubs and activities on campus!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 15th- Love Struck
10pm Pollak Theatre
- 16th- Film: Hip Hop:
Beyond Beats and Rhymes
4:30pm Bey Hall, Young Aud

Pajama Party
7pm Catholic Center
- 18th- WINTER BALL
8pm Wilson
- 19th- "Fat Sunday" Party
8pm Catholic Center
- 22nd- Big Man on Campus
10pm Pollak
- 23rd- Social Night
7pm Catholic Center
- 28th- Pocketbook Monologues
7pm Pollak

Highlighted Events

- 24th- A Tribute to African
American Culture
Anacon Hall
- Cowboy Junkies
8pm Pollak Theatre
- 25th- Comedy Night:
Chris McDevitt
8pm Java City

Athletic Games at the MAC

- 18th - Track Meet 10am
- 23rd - Mens Basketball vs St. Francis (NY) 7pm
- 25th - Womens Basketball vs Long Island 3pm
Mens Basketball 7pm

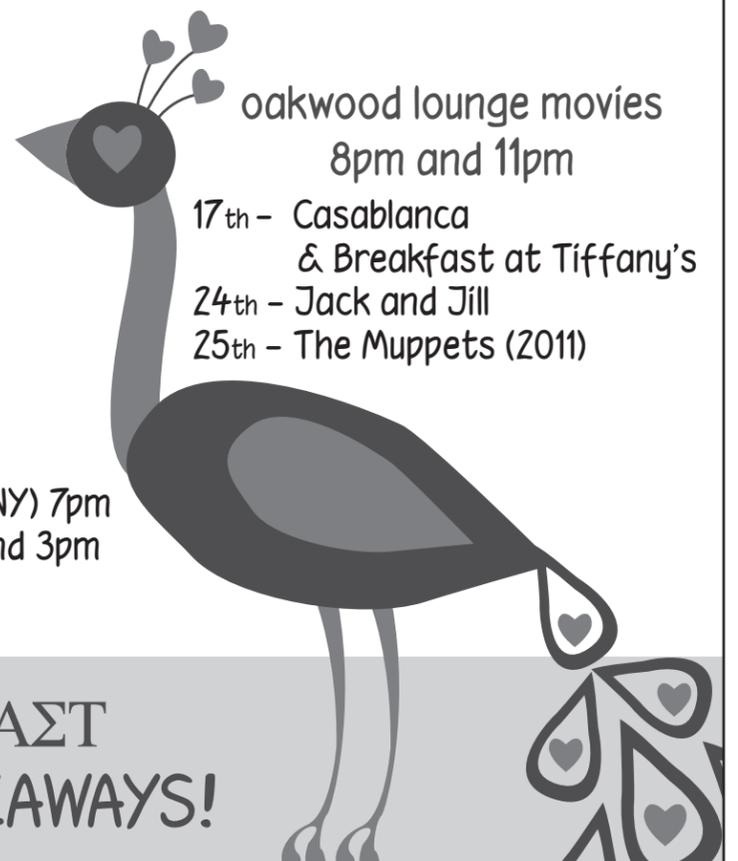
information sessions

- 15th- PLA 3:30 CSS Conf. Room
- 21st- Off-Campus 4pm Wilson Auditorium
- 22nd- PLA 3:30 CSS Conf. Room

oakwood lounge movies 8pm and 11pm

- 17th - Casablanca
& Breakfast at Tiffany's
- 24th - Jack and Jill
- 25th - The Muppets (2011)

17th Winter Boardwalk with SAB & AΣT
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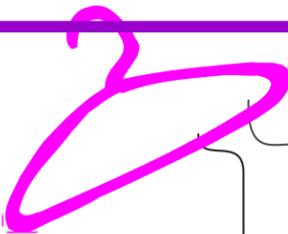


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Please contact Sandy Brown for details, sbrown@monmouth.edu or 732 571-3481.

DESPERATE MAMAS TEAM MEMBERS: Diane McQuay, Donna Mancini, Sandy Brown, Evelyn Herrera, Christina DelBene, Kris Simoes, Linda Mussara, Sheila McAllister, Mary Harris, Tina Johnsen

Catholic Centre

Sunday Mass
Sundays at 12 PM in Wilson Chapel

Daily Mass
Mondays & Tuesdays at 12 PM in Wilson Chapel

Catechism Group
Tuesdays at 4:30PM at the CC

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursdays at 12 PM in Wilson Chapel

Penance Service
Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 PM at the CC

Pajama Party
Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 PM at the CC

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Monmouth University Catholic Centre
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STUDY ABROAD

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Cadiz, Spain Summer 2012

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STUDY ABROAD OFFICE



From Cadiz to "You're hired!"

I can best describe the summer of 2009 with two words - life changing. That summer I took advantage of the opportunity to study abroad in Cadiz, Spain. This turned out to be one of the greatest decisions of my college career. The study abroad program at Monmouth greatly surpassed all of my expectations, not only that summer, but still to this day. When I returned from my trip to Spain I told everyone and anyone that "Studying abroad in Cadiz, Spain was the best decision I ever made."

Three years later I still stand by this statement wholeheartedly, and I strongly believe that studying abroad helped me to reach my goal of becoming a Spanish teacher. This past January, I graduated from Monmouth with a degree in Spanish and Special Education. As I listened to Ambassador Michael Oren speak during graduation, I realized that my dreams of starting a career after graduation were not looking too bright. However, ten days later, I found myself at my first interview for a full time teaching position. As I nervously entered the interview I was greeted with excited questions about my experience studying abroad in Spain. This instantly calmed my nerves and I was eager to tell them how my incredible experience in Spain made me the perfect candidate for the position. Before I knew it, I was hired on the spot due to my enthusiasm and passion for teaching, children, and Spanish. The principal later informed me that out of the 25 resumes they received, I was the only candidate with study abroad, which made mine stand out above the rest.

My enthusiasm and passion for Spanish developed during my study abroad experience in Spain. During those six weeks, we lived and breathed Spanish culture. We spoke Spanish and learned about Spanish history and art. We lived with amazing Spanish families and ate delicious Spanish food. We traveled to Madrid, Segovia, Seville, Granada, and Morocco and saw monuments and cathedrals, alcazars and palaces. We went to Bolonia and saw ancient Roman ruins. We went to the beaches until 9 at night when the sun was still out. We hung out in the plazas and made friends with natives of Cadiz. We became accustomed to daily life in Spain. By the end of the trip it was as if we had turned from Americans to "Gaditanos". There are no words to express how truly amazing it was. All of these experiences contributed to my success while at Monmouth and will continue to help me succeed in the future.

As I prepare to begin my career, I feel so grateful to have had the opportunity to study abroad. I literally found myself, personally and professionally. The time I spent studying, speaking and enjoying the language and culture has helped me to be the person I have become, and I will be a more effective and successful educator because of it. I plan on sharing my experience with my students and introducing them to an exciting and different culture and language. Maybe one day I will have the opportunity to travel with them to Spain.

For those who might be "on the fence" about study abroad - take advantage of the opportunity before it's too late. It can be a life-changing experience that will also help make you more "marketable". Study abroad was the key to success during my career search. Will you choose to add a line on your resume and a new chapter to your life?

-Nicole Kennedy

Abraham Lincoln Has a History With Comics

MATTHEW FISHER
COMICS EDITOR

Abraham Lincoln was many things during his life: a lawyer, a politician, and President of the United States. However, one thing people might not be aware of is that Honest Abe has also been featured as a comic book character. So, to honor the President Lincoln's 203rd birthday, let's take a look at how comic book creators have brought a bit of the past to the present.

Seeing presidents in comic books isn't something new as I discussed last year with my column on President Obama's appearance in "Spider-Man" and as Barack the Barbarian. Other U.S. presidents that have graced the comic pages include John F. Kennedy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and George W. Bush. Yet, what is interesting here is to see a U.S. president entering strange adventures and fighting with heroes at a point when superhero comics had yet to emerge.

According to comicvine.com, there are "132 appearances" of Lincoln in comics with his first appearance being, "Real Life Comics" #2.

Now, when comic book readers look to his more recent appearances, one unique title that stands out is "Time Lincoln" from Antarctic Press and written and drawn by Fred Perry. A synopsis on comicvine.com reads as such: "What happens when the Great Emancipator is suddenly freed from the bonds of time to right wrongs throughout history? Taken out of time on the night of his assassination with the help of H.G. Wells's time machine, Abraham Lincoln finds himself waging war upon the forces of evil in the past, present and future! In his last hour, he lived a lifetime!"

While a time-traveling Lincoln might appear strange, looking at the cover for "Time Lincoln," with the 16th President wearing time goggles and staring into the distance, it's hard not to be intrigued by the title's premise. Addition-

ally, a review on geek-life.com, it explains that Lincoln isn't alone on this journey. They report "Lincoln assembles a back-up team that includes Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, George Washington Carver, and Benjamin Franklin, all equipped with a bunch of fun steampunky devices."

Although this might seem like the first time Lincoln is time traveling, the truth is he's done so before in Marvel's "Bill & Ted's Excellent Comic Book." [Insert air guitar riffs].

As for superhero comic books, Lincoln has been featured in titles like "The Flash" Vol. 1 #270 and "Weird Western Tales" #33. However, iconic heroes Lincoln has stood next to include Superman and Spider-Man.

To start, Lincoln was featured in "Superman: A Nation Divided," an alternate world tale told through DC's Elseworlds series, where Superman's origin is told during the Civil War. In the story, Lincoln learns about Atticus Kent's powers but doesn't believe them until he sees the superman in action. In fact, Kent's superpowers save Lincoln from being killed by John Wilkes Booth, rewriting history all together.

Lincoln was also featured briefly in the graphic novel, "Batman: Detective No. 27" (another Elseworlds story).

With Marvel, one of Lincoln's most current appearances was alongside Spider-Man and Captain America in the 2009 digital comic, "Gettysburg Distress" by writer Matt Fraction and artist Andy MacDonald. The story features Spider-Man and Captain America going back into the past to hear Lincoln present the Gettysburg Address.

According to Dan Buckley, president of Marvel Publishing, on comicbook.com, while the desire to have Spider-Man and Cap meet Honest Abe came out of Spidey's encounter with Obama, there was another agenda as well. He said, "And in celebration of President Lincoln's historic Bicentennial,

we could think of no better tribute in the Marvel Universe than to have Spider-Man and Cap honoring one of his enduring legacies, the Gettysburg Address."

"Gettysburg Distress" was later collected as a bonus story in "The Amazing Spider-Man: Election Day" hardcover, which features Spider-Man's appearance with Obama.

Lincoln was also a character in the Dark Horse Comic, "The Amazing Screw-On Head," where the titular character is a secret agent for the President who thwarts villains from destroying the country.

Beyond all of Lincoln's superhero and otherworldly adventures, comic book creators still recognize this historical figure's role in shaping American history with a number of biographic comics like "Classics Illustrated: Abraham Lincoln" and "Abraham Lincoln: Life Story" from Dell Comics. These biographical tales show that this President's life was as rich and full of adventure as any superhero comic appearance.

A recent historical graphic novel featuring Lincoln was "Gettysburg: The Graphic Novel," by C.M. Bultzer, which details this famous battle and its aftermath. While speaking to graphicnovel-reporter.com, Bultzer discussed drawing Lincoln giving the Gettysburg address and said, "Some parts of the speech were easy, for Lincoln either directly or indirectly acknowledges specific events or movements. Whereas other sections were more abstract and were clearly my interpretation of his words. Ultimately, I wanted to try to bring this hallowed speech to life."

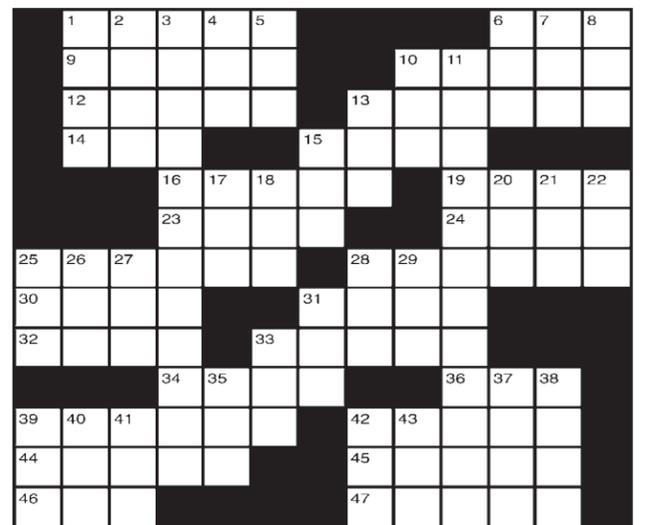
So, while films such as *Lincoln* and *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* work to both honor and honorably portray Lincoln, people should take note that comic books have done so as well whether it's traveling through time, teaming-up with Spidey, or delivering his famous Gettysburg Address. Happy Birthday, President Lincoln!



"I must admit, boy — that is some excellent digging."

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by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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- 24 Pest-killing spray
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- 28 Sitcom set at a Boston bar
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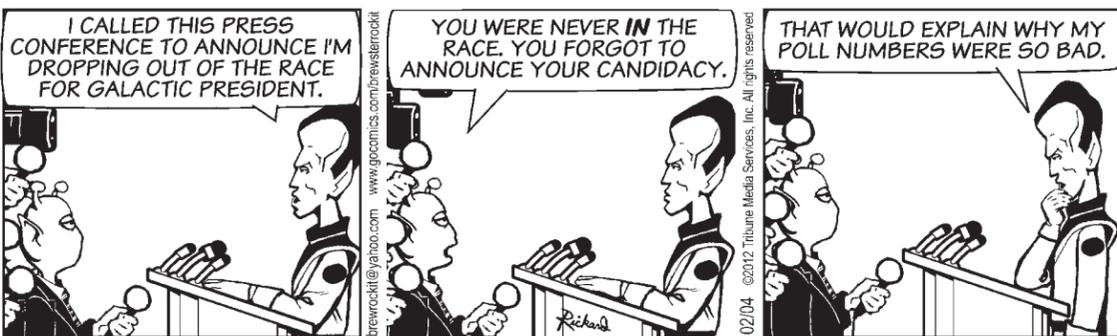
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- 17 "The ___ Skelton Hour"
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- 20 "Norma ___"; Sally Field movie
- 21 "Up in the ___"; George Clooney film
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- 27 "___ Pray Love"; Julia Roberts film
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- 38 Snakelike fishes
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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



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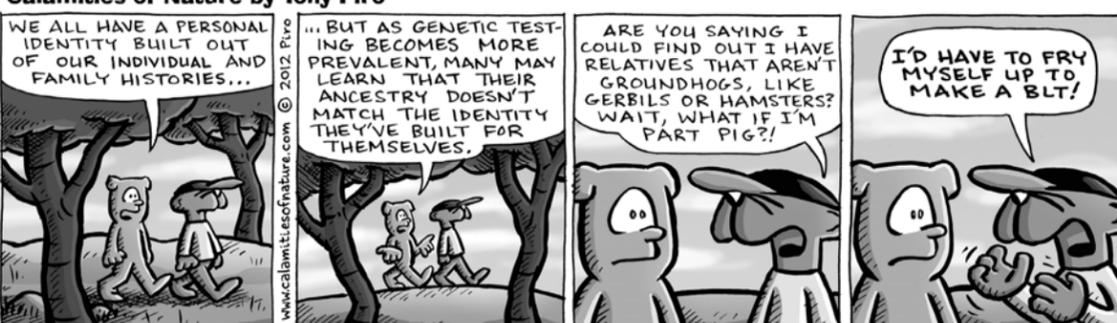
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Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Josh Shalek



Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro



Indoor Track NEC Championship Goes to the Hawks

First Title for Men Since 2007 and First Title for Women Since 2009

BRETT BODNER
MANAGING EDITOR

GAVIN MAZZAGLIA
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's track teams both claimed the overall first place team titles this past weekend in the NEC Championships. The men set a new school record for points scored with 170, which is also the second most in NEC Championship history.

"It feels amazing," said junior Shane Carle. "We have missed out the last few years indoors and we just came together as a team. Everyone stepped up and did their part and I'm glad we were able to get an indoor title, especially for the seniors."

Head Coach Joe Compagni said "It feels great. I'm proud of our team and our coaching staff. We are very fortunate to get so much support from everyone on campus, as the past few years we've come up just short in the NECs, but it was nice to see both teams win it this season."

The men's team dominated Sacred Heart University came in second overall with 116 points. For the women, it went down to the wire for them. The Hawks scored a team total of 143 points and Long Island University came in second overall with 142.

Heading into the final race of the day for the women, the Hawks were up by three points on LIU. The final race would be the 4 by 400 relay. Monmouth just needed either a first or second place finish, and they would claim the title. That's exactly what happened, as the relay team of Rachael Watkins, Colleen Rutecki, Kate Frye, and Laura Williams took second place in the race.

Out of the 17 events, both the men and women's team placed in 16 out of those. The women captured their fifth indoor conference title and have also scored in the top two for the past ten years. The men's team took their fourth title.

The men's team won a total of four events. Vince Elardo took first place in both the shot put and the weight throw. He was named Field Athlete of the Meet. For the pole vaulters, Peter Matano claimed first place. In the 400 meter relay, Ben Boyd took first as well.

In the mile run, Ford Palmer came in second place with a time of 4:14.06, which was good enough to qualify for the IC4A Championships. He also qualified for the IC4A's in the 800 meter run too. In the high jump, Jake Bartlett took second place followed by Ed Kramer and Erick Andersen who took third and fifth place, respectively. Jon Marques came in third in the 500



The men and women's indoor track team both won the NEC Championship this past weekend in Landover, Maryland.

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meter dash while Bayaan Oluyadi took fifth place. The team of Ben Boyd, Marques, DiBianca, and Oluyadi took the fourth place crown in the 4 by 400 relay.

On the women's side, Rachael Watkins took first place in the high jump with a record tying score of 5' 9.25". In the 800 meter run, Amanda Eller claimed first place as well.

In the 3,000 meter run, Jenni-

fer Nelson came in second place with a time of 9:52.75, good enough to qualify for the ECAC Championships. In the pole vault, Lauren McDonald came in second place. In the 500 meter run, Rutecki and teammate Ali Hehn came in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

"The season has been tremendous. We work on getting better every week and both teams have done that very well this season,"

said Compagni.

Both the men's and women's team will return home this Saturday to compete in the Blue-White Invitational. The action is set to start at 10:00 am.

"This weekend we'll have a partial team competing, but it will be a good meet and it will be nice to be at home. I'm hoping we can do a little something on Saturday to celebrate our NEC win," said Compagni.

Women's Basketball Splits Conference Games at the MAC

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This past week, the Hawks split their home stand with a win over Sacred Heart but a loss to Farleigh Dickinson. The Hawks are now have a 13-11 record while being 8-5 in the NEC bringing them to a tie for third place with Saint Francis College. With the playoffs approaching, Coach Jenny Palmateer does not believe it matters whether you face first or last place, it just matters if you win. "Right now every game is just important as the next," Coach Palmateer states, "All the teams in conference are jockeying for position as the regular season winds down."

Opening up the home stand was a win over first place in the NEC, Sacred Heart University. Star of the game was, as usual, Alysha Womack who scored a career high 27 points. Alexis Canady also put up impressive stats with 13 points, four rebounds, and three steals. The game started with a three-pointer from Sacred Heart followed by four more points from the opponent. MU quickly recuperated, and within six minutes of the first half, the score was tied 11-11.

The Hawks were able to pull ahead creating the first lead change of the game with a score of 16-13. The second lead change of the game occurred when Sacred Heart pulled ahead by two points bringing the game to a score of 18-16. Then MU's Gabby Singer sunk a three-point shot giving the Hawks a one point advantage. Sacred Heart did not fall far behind and was able to steal the lead with a three-point shot.

The Hawks did not give up and with eight minutes left on the court, they were able to create a slim advantage over Sacred Heart

at 24-23. Sacred Heart then hit another three-point shot bringing the game to 26-24 in their favor. Monmouth was able to recapture the lead via Womack and at 3:50, the game was 29-28. But Sacred Heart managed to go on a four point streak making the game 32-29 in their favor.

The last minute of play usually provides a cooling period for both teams but in this game's case, the last minute of play became the most intense part of the first half. With 53 seconds left, Monmouth's Gena Broadus was able to steal the ball and make a basket bringing the game to a mere one point difference at 32-31. With 35 seconds left on the clock, Sacred Heart attempted to take the lead with a three-pointer but fortunately for the Hawks, the shot went wide.

The scoreboard dwindled down to nine seconds when Monmouth's Canady was fouled and therefore got a chance for two three-throws. Sinking them both, it appeared as if the ladies would go into halftime with a 33-32 lead. But at the one second mark, a Sacred Heart's player put one in the basket taking the half-time advantage from Monmouth and making the score 34-33. The most interesting fact of the first half would be how the lead changed 10 times, a number which is usually for the whole game, not just a half.

The second half was played much differently than the first for Sacred Heart. Within the first five minutes, Monmouth created a nine point lead with a 43-34 score. Sacred Heart just could not get back on their feet the second half and with 10 minutes left to play, the Hawks created a ten point lead at a score of 48-38. As the scoreboard showed 1:45 left in the game, Monmouth created a sound 20 point lead at 68-48 essentially



Betsy Gadziala dropped a career high 18 points in Saturday's 72-64 loss to FDU.

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securing their victory. The final score of the game was 70-50 with MU picking up the victory.

Coach Palmateer explains why Sacred Heart was unable to succeed in taking the lead during the second half. "I think our defense was amazing. It was one of the best halves of basketball our team has played all season, especially on the defensive end," Palmateer claims, "It was suffocating. We were able to force turnovers, shot clock violations, etc. It was a tremendous team effort."

Gaining confidence from this game, the ladies were prepared to take on the 11-13 Farleigh Dickinson Knights. Within the first five minutes of play, the lead changed four times. This game showcased to equally talented teams making it difficult for one to gain a vast advantage over the next. Having

a two point lead was a common theme in the first half. The biggest gap between scores was a six point difference with Monmouth always on the losing end.

The game was a constant back and forth close battle and by the time the first half was over, Farleigh Dickinson was ahead by four points, 30-26. Monmouth began to look much like the second half Sacred Heart team once play resumed. At 14:31, the Knights created the biggest lead of the game with a 43-28 score in their favor. It looked like the Hawks were going to comeback around the ten minute mark since they were only suffering a deficit of seven points but the ladies just could not keep up with the Knights. The final score of the game was 72-64 Farleigh Dickinson.

Betsy Gadziala scored a career high 18 points for the Hawks but

this stat was not nearly the most impressive of the game. Knights senior guard, Mariyah Laury, scored a career high 42 points making that over half of Farleigh Dickinson's total points. Freshman Danica Dragicevic believes she knows why the team was weakened during the second half. "It is easier to play against teams when they are not united," Dragicevic continues, "And at that point, we were not united. No. 12 (Laury) on Farleigh Dickinson was a very good leader and she was able to keep her teammates together."

The Hawks have five games left until the post-season. The next will travel to Farleigh Dickinson University on Wednesday February 15 and then will go to Staten Island, NY, to take on Wagner this Saturday.

Men's Basketball Knocks Off Back-to-Back NEC Opponents

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The men's basketball team swept the home-and-home series against Farleigh Dickinson last week. On Wednesday, the Hawks handled FDU 75-62 in Hackensack, N.J. Saturday night MU rolled again 82-68.

The Hawks (9-18, 7-7) are tied for sixth in the Northeast Conference (NEC). The Knights (2-23, 1-13) are tied with Bryant for last in the NEC.

"I think our team is growing up right before your eyes," said Head Coach King Rice.

In Wednesday's game, the Blue and White built a 20-point first half lead and cruised in the second half to a victory over their in-state rival. The Hawks shot the lights out from three-point land in the first half, going eight of 10 from beyond the arc.

Jesse Steele led the Hawks with 15 points and six assists. Andrew Nicholas scored 11 points off the bench. Dion Nesmith added 10.

Melquan Bolding was the Knights leading scorer with 17 points off the bench. George Goode added 16 points and six rebounds.

"I am so proud of the effort they came out with. I want to take my hat off to my whole team," said coach Rice. "To get another road win is awesome, and with it being Rivalry Week, that's even better."

In Saturday's game, Monmouth never trailed. The game was close at times, but FDU could never take over control. With the help of a strong student section wearing "FD WHO?" shirts, the Hawks kept the energy up for 40 minutes.

MU jumped out to a lead right away. Just over four minutes into the game, the Hawks led 14-5. Ed Waite started hot, scoring nine points of the team's 14 points. Waite finished with 12 points in 22 minutes of playing time.

"I was in another zone today," said Waite. "I knew what I had to

comeback. He made a three-point basket and a couple free throws to put the game away.

Steele and Ware led MU with 14 points each. Myers Keitt added 12 points off the bench.

Bolding was the game's leading scorer with 24 points. Goode added 16 and Briahn Smith contributed 14 points.

If the season ended today, Monmouth would face Long Island University Brooklyn (18-7, 12-1) in the first round of the NEC tournament.

The Hawks have a pair of road NEC games this week. Thursday the team travels to Staten Island for a matchup with Wagner (21-4, 12-2). In their first meeting this season, Wagner defeated MU 89-79. Saturday the Blue and White travel to Maryland

to take on Mount St. Mary's (6-19, 4-10). When these teams met before, Monmouth came out on top 73-59.

Monmouth is tied with Central Connecticut State (10-14, 7-7) and Sacred Heart (13-14, 7-7) for sixth in the NEC. CCSU travels to Robert Morris (19-8, 10-4) later this week. Sacred Heart heads to LUI Brooklyn for a matchup with the first place team in the conference.

With CCSU and Sacred Heart having tough matchups this week, the Hawks could take a big step forward and improve their conference standing.

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KING RICE
Head Coach

do. Rebound, rebound, rebound."

The Knights made it a close game early in the second half. With just over 16 minutes remaining in the game, the Hawks led 51-50. Over the next 8:44 Monmouth went on a 17-4 run and took control of the game back at 68-54. During the run, Marcus Ware scored six points, Nicholas five, Mike Myers Keitt four, and Austin Tillotson two points.

With just over two minutes remaining in the game, FDU was threatening. They were down by eight following a 6-0 run. Steele turned out the lights on a potential

Football Team's 2012 Schedule is Announced

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University's Head Football Coach Kevin Callahan has announced the team's 2012 schedule.

Monmouth, which will be celebrating the 20th year of Division I FCS football, will take on a non-conference schedule that includes a rematch with NCAA quarterfinalist Lehigh University, a home game against future NEC member University of Rhode Island and the team's first contest against Ivy League opponent Cornell.

"We are excited for the challenge of the 2012 schedule," said Callahan. "Lehigh's Goodman Stadium offers a great atmosphere to start the season. We are looking forward to the rematch with URI and the first ever meeting against Cornell."

Monmouth opens the season for the second straight season against Lehigh, a team which has won 10 games in back to back years.

The following weekend, MU welcomes future Northeast Conference member University of Rhode Island to Kessler Field for the first time in history. The Rams were 3-8 last season in the highly competitive Colonial Athletic Conference but two of those wins came over nationally-ranked Delaware and William & Mary. The Hawks fell to the Rams 27-24 in the 2008 season opener in Kingston.

The quest for Monmouth's sixth NEC Title begins against conference rival Wagner in Staten Island on September 15. The visiting team has won seven out of the eight contests in the series and it should be noted that MU was a perfect 5-0 on the road in 2011. Monmouth hosts Sacred Heart on September 22, a team which the Hawks have won eight of the last nine meetings against.

Monmouth's open date comes at

the middle of the season before the team plays its final non-league game of the 2012 season against Cornell. The October 13 game will be the first between the Big Red and the Hawks and will be the first time in 20 seasons that MU has faced a team from the Ivy League.

MU owns a winning record against the four of the final five opponents of the 2012 season, beginning with Bryant, a team that went 7-4 last season. The Hawks then travel to Pittsburgh to play defending co-champions Duquesne on October 27.

The Hawks are home for back to back games for the only time all season as they open up November by

hosting Central Connecticut State on November 3 then host Saint Francis on Senior Day on November 10. The Hawks wrap up the 2012 season back in Pittsburgh against Robert Morris. "There is a great deal of parity among the teams in the Northeast Conference," said Callahan. "Every game is important as each of the league's nine teams are competing for the conference's automatic berth in the FCS Playoffs."

The Hawks were 5-6 overall last year, including a 4-4 mark in Northeast Conference play.

All times are still yet to be announced and dates are subject to change due to television scheduling.

2012 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent (Conference)	Place	Time
9-1	Lehigh (Patriot League)	Bethlehem, P.A.	TBA
9-8	Rhode Island (Colonial)	West Long Branch, N.J.	TBA
9-15	Wagner (NEC)	Staten Island, N.Y.	TBA
9-22	Sacred Heart (NEC)	West Long Branch, N.J.	TBA
9-29	Albany (NEC)	West Long Branch, N.J.	TBA
10-6	OPEN DATE		
10-13	Cornell (Ivy League)	Ithaca, N.Y.	TBA
10-20	Bryant (NEC)	West Long Branch, N.J.	TBA
10-27	Duquesne (NEC)	Pittsburgh, P.A.	TBA
11-3	Central Conn. State (NEC)	West Long Branch, N.J.	TBA
11-10	Saint Francis, PA (NEC)	West Long Branch, N.J.	TBA
11-17	Robert Morris (NEC)	Pittsburgh, P.A.	TBA

Carly Thibault Named to Academic All-District 2

THE OUTLOOK SPORTS STAFF

Monmouth University junior women's basketball guard Carly Thibault (East Lyme, Conn./East Lyme) has been named to the 2012 Capital One Academic All-District 2 Team, the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) recently announced. Thibault carries a 4.0 grade-point average as a psychology major, and has averaged 8.0 points per game while shooting a team-best 40.2 percent from three-point range this season.

"I'm just really happy for Carly,"

said Monmouth Head Coach Jenny Palmateer. "She's a hard worker on the basketball court and in the classroom. This is really a tribute to her just being a total student-athlete and really taking pride in that. It's something that's really important to her and I'm sure it's an award that will mean a lot to her."

This is the first year of the expanded Academic All-America program as CoSIDA moves from recognizing a University Division (Division I) and a College Division (all non Division I) and doubles the number of scholar athletes honored.



*One Small Step for the NCAA,
One Giant Leap to the 35*

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Being that it is a week after the Super Bowl, we now enter football limbo...a time of months upon months without the game we all love. We can only sit in our dorm rooms or houses and start the countdown until the next kickoff. Luckily, drastic moves take place in the offseason that catch our eye and shed a little light on the game we all miss. Instead of a Saturday afternoon top-ranked matchup or a Sunday Night Football NFL spot, we get a statement from the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

This past week, the NCAA made a striking proposal to its rule book. Like the NFL, the NCAA has asked to revise the kickoff process. The rule-change would involve the ball being spotted at the 35 yard line on the kickoff instead of the 30. Also, touchbacks result in having the ball spotted at the 25 yard line instead of the 20.

This proposal will drastically change the college special teams game, but will (in the committee's belief) dramatically lessen injury. It was analyzed that a majority of injuries in NCAAAF come on kick returns. Now, as kickers boom the ball past the uprights, teams will start at the 25 yard line. There is somewhat of a tradeoff in this rule because as the kicking team you lose five yards in field position on a touchback. And as a receiving team, you might lessen injuries towards your 'x-factor,' game-changing kick returner as they may not return the kick as much. Also, another side-note to this proposal is that kicking-team players can be no closer than five yards from the 35 yard line at the time of the kickoff.

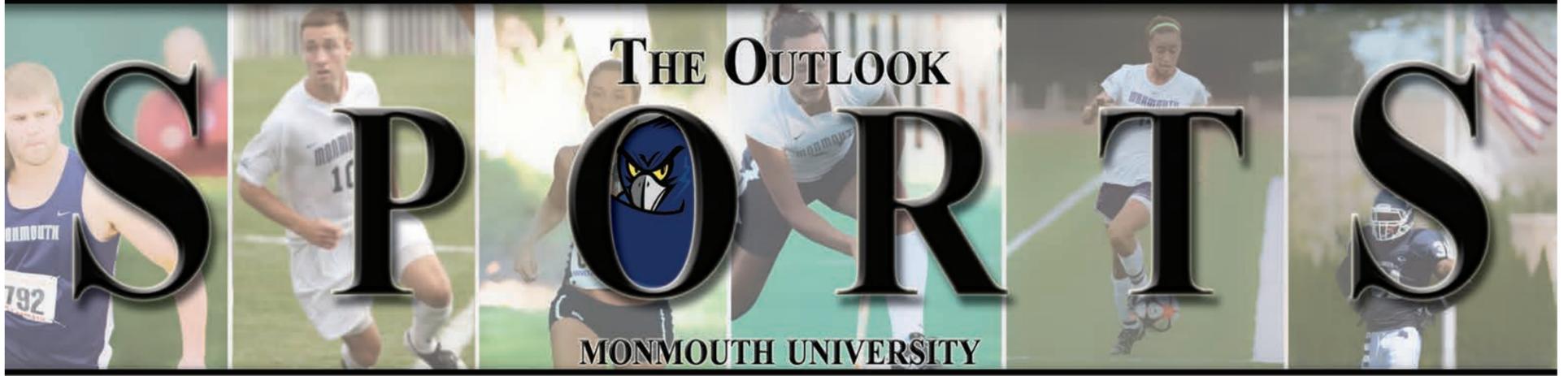
Citing safety precautions, if passed, the NCAA could enact this rule before the start of the 2012 season. The committee acted quickly this offseason with the proposal after the NFL limited some of its injuries with a similar move. The NCAA plans to follow in their footsteps and make the game a little safer. But, this could have a deeper effect on the game.

Now special-teams coaches really must be decisive in determining whether they want their kicker to send the ball off the field and give the team the ball at the 25 yard line, or try to continuously use high-kicks to pin the opposing teams deep. Special teams already affects the college game immensely, and it will be even more of a factor with the new rule. Even receiving teams have to decide if they want to return the ball five yards deep in the end zone or settle for a spot at the 25 yard line.

Personally, I think the NFL's move (and now possibly the NCAA'S) to safe-guard the kick returners was unnecessary. There were limited amounts of big kick return plays this past season as returners couldn't maneuver past the 15 or 20 yard line. Although we'd love to keep our players healthy and suited up every week, fans love to see electrifying plays. Many of these plays come from kick returns and when you limit them, you're limiting the chances of fans witnessing a great play, like one from a Dante Hall, Devin Hester or Ohio State-version Teddy Ginn, Jr.

Now that the NCAA is moving towards this precaution, I think the sport might actually lose some fans; because when you think about this on a business level, many people, not witnessing an emphatic 90 yard return, might change the channel. I think we need to go back to the golden age of both NCAAAF and the NFL. Make the kicking team put some leg into the kick and make that returner earn his share.

We could go on and on for days about whether this is the right move to make for football. On a safety level it's cautious but from a fan point of view, it's too conservative. We'll miss out on seeing a quality LSU return or a face-mask grabbing, juking and spinning dive into the end zone. At least it will be interesting to see how coaches face this challenge if it's passed. Either way, we still have a ways to go before we see a glimpse of high level football. So let's just sit back on cruise control for now and keep tabs on the NCAA Committee's next move.



HEARTS OF CHAMPIONS



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Men's basketball team picks up two consecutive home victories over conference opponents.

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After a successful regular season, both the men and women's indoor track teams were able to walk away from the NEC Championships with a first place finish.

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