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N.J. Senate OK's Gay Marriage Bill, Governor Christie Vetoes

Members of University Community Comment on Recent Political Events

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New Jersey lawmakers gave the long-awaited "OK" for gay marriage last Thursday. Although the bill did pass 42-33, that was a dozen less than the number needed to override a veto by Governor Chris Christie.

"If the bill comes to my desk, I am vetoing it, and I will use every resource that I have at my disposal to make sure that my veto is sustained," Christie had said. The bill was said to have been put on his desk last Friday. Gay marriage is a controversial issue all over the country nationwide. Currently, seven states and the District of Co-

lumbia allow gay marriage. As a result of Christie's veto, New Jersey will not be the eighth state to permit gay marriage. Dr. Rekha Datta of the Political Science Department offered her perspective on the recent events. "Governor Christie's veto of the bill was not unexpected," she said. "Under such circumstances, technically, an

override is a possibility. In this particular instance, however, that remains unlikely. It seems that there will be a referendum on the question in November's ballot." Jackie Centifonti, a senior, said, "Marriage is between a man and a woman, not all states have to make gay marriage legal, and New Jersey

just isn't one of them." Christie might have vetoed the bill, but he invoked a conditional veto, meaning that it can be looked over by the legislation and returned to Christie with revisions. This allows the people of the homosexual community,

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Know What Courses Cost More

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As of this semester, current undergraduate students at the University are paying anywhere from \$760 to \$1140 for each credit, depending on the number of credits they are taking. On top of tuition, students are also faced with the expenses of textbooks, room and board, and additional supplies needed for each class. So why are lab fees for classes such as information technology, graphic design chemistry, biology and other lab sciences necessary?

According to Dr. Michael Palladino, Dean of the School of Science, lab fees for science classes range from \$35-\$100. He says that these fees are intended to support certain classes' needs that generally exceed the cost of non-lab courses. "For example, in the sciences, specific laboratory courses require instrumentation and supplies that are not needed in lecture and discussion based courses. This allows the University to maintain a tuition structure that is the same for all majors but any student taking a lab-intensive course pays fees associated with that course," said Palladino.

"Institutions with no lab fee structure often charge higher tuition for all students and then use a portion of that tuition to cover lab expenses. In that model, students are paying for costs that may provide little direct benefit to them if they take relatively few lab courses." Palladino also

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The Dangers of Over-the-Counter Drugs

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Frequently popping over-the-counter pills for everyday aches may be more damaging than the pain itself. When it comes to taking over-the-counter pain medication such as Tylenol or Advil, most people have developed their own system that has little to do with the recommended doses. When pain is holding us hostage, our overwhelming desire to stop it consumes us, and sometimes counting out the correct dosage does not. The outcome may be that we double the amount, or even combine acetaminophen and add ibuprofen to our cold medicine as assurance. Most of us, if we bother to do anything, give the microscopic type on the label a quick look over and not think twice about it.

Melanie Ratajczak, a sophomore, said, "I don't really see the long-term effects of OTC drugs. Any pain I feel, I just take an Advil."

"I'm very concerned because nobody pays attention to the information on the side of the boxes," says Lewis Nelson, M.D., associate professor of emergency medicine at New York University's Langone Medical

Center (OTC) pain relievers, which fall into two categories: non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and acetaminophen, the active ingredient found in Tylenol. Acetaminophen is used strictly for pain

failure in the United States.

NSAIDs, meanwhile, dull the pain and fight inflammation. They include ibuprofen (Advil and Motrin), naproxen (Aleve), and aspirin. The most serious side effects linked to NSAIDs are ulcers and gastrointestinal bleeding. These side effects, according to *the New England Journal of Medicine*, is responsible for sending more than 100,000 Americans to the hospital each year and result in 15,000 deaths.

"A lot of OTC medicines have different medications in them," said Kathy Maloney the Director of Health Services.

Of course, when taken properly, all of these medications are considered to be safe. And if things weren't confusing enough already, recent studies suggest that there could even be some benefit to taking NSAID's regularly. A study by the National Cancer Institute found that their daily use decreased

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"It's confusing. Every time you reach for a cold medicine, it has three different ingredients in it, unless you are getting pure Advil or pure Tylenol."

KATHY MALONEY
Director of Health Services

Center. "And if you say, 'You can take 1,000 milligrams,' people don't know what that means, and they say, 'Well OK, two pills sounds like the right dose'."

According to *USA Today*, more than three quarters of American's take over-the-coun-

ter and fever. Unlike NSAIDs, acetaminophen doesn't irritate the stomach. But because it is perceived as safe, people tend to load up on it without thinking. This has resulted in acetaminophen poisoning, the leading cause of acute liver

School of Science Donates 500 Books to Zimbabwe

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The University School of Science has collected over 500 science textbooks to benefit the Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) in Zimbabwe through a book donation. The project, led by chemistry professor Dr. Tsnangurayi Tongesayi, asked students and faculty to donate textbooks to support the BUSE community, which is in need of basic educational resources.

"Because of the economic

downturn in the country over the last decade, [BUSE] has not been able to replenish some of its very basic needs," said Tongesayi, who has a strong relationship with BUSE as the first lecturer and Chair of the Chemistry Department from 1996 through 2001.

Tongesayi's idea for a book donation project developed during a recent research visit to the school when he recognized the school's need for textbooks. Upon his return to the University, Tongesayi received the support of the School of Science

and put the project into action.

Students and faculty were asked to donate new or used science textbooks about any topic. In addition, several students and faculty volunteered time to further sort the books to be packaged.



TONGESAYI

Lauren Lechner, a sophomore majoring in chemistry, cataloged and packaged the books for delivery as a participant of the project. "I felt that it was a great idea," she said. "It's always a great feeling to help out and donate time and materials to other students who need more resources."

Chelsea Bray, a senior chemistry major and member of Tongesayi's research group, participated in the project

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Former University Soccer Player Prepares for Olympics

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Last July, the U.S. women's soccer team lost in an overtime shootout final to Japan in what has become known as one of the most exciting games in FIFA Women's World Cup history. Leading that team was Christie Rampone, the star of the University's women's soccer program in the mid-1990's. Using that game for added motivation, Rampone is now preparing with her teammates for a chance at winning a third consecutive gold medal in the 2012 Summer Olympic games in London this July.

"There's a lot of emotions still lingering from that loss, but we've had time to recover and use that to our advantage as we train for the upcoming Olympics in London," Rampone said.

Rampone, who has been captain of the team since 2008, said that having the Olympics in London brings added excitement to the event. "England is such a huge soccer country, so the enthusiasm of the crowd will really bring a lot of energy into the atmosphere," she said.

The Olympic atmosphere is something that Rampone is used to. She has represented the United States at the 2000, 2004 and 2008 Summer Games. She also played in the 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup Finals. The 1999 U.S. women's team took first place in the World Cup, and the 2004 and 2008 U.S. teams won gold in Athens and Beijing. According to www.teamusa.org, Rampone is the most capped active woman soccer player in the world, meaning that she has the most

international games played of all active players.

Rampone's position on the team is center back, which is the last line of defense before the goalie on the soccer field. Although this was not her position while playing at the University, the skills she acquired through training at a national camps and learning from other experienced players allowed her an easy transition to this defensive role.

Krissy Turner, coach of the women's soccer team at the University,

taining the strength and endurance needed to compete on such a high level of intensity as the Olympics. "I continue with my routine of rigorous training every day, such as sprints and kettle ball exercises, but I've also added yoga to my schedule which helps in keeping a good balance to the routine," Rampone said. "I make sure I recover as much as I train."

Rampone's commitment and dedication also can be seen in her relationships with her teammates and coaching staff. Turner is friends with one of the assistant coaches of the U.S. women's soccer team, who told her that Rampone is a player who teammates go to when they have a problem. "As a captain, she is an extension of the coaching staff," Turner said. "She is well respected because of her work ethic, fitness and veteran experience."

Along with helping some of the younger members of the team, Rampone's knowledge of the game also assists in some of the coaching strategies as well. "On many occasions, Christie breaks down

game film which helps the coaching staff in making any necessary changes that need to be made on the field."

Rampone's love for the sport is evident through her visits with the University's women's soccer team. In the fall, Rampone cheered on the women's squad and talked with the team before and after the game. "I love going back to Monmouth," Rampone said. "It's always great to catch a game and it is encouraging to watch the girls working so hard and being successful. I make it a priority to remember where I came from."



PHOTO COURTESY of Mitchell Haaseth/ NBC Olympics
Christie Rampone, former star of the University's women's soccer team, is preparing for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

she said that Rampone's athletic ability allowed her the opportunity to adjust to a new position and become a dominant figure on a successful national team. "Christie has a tremendous athletic talent and she has proven herself at the highest stage of competition so many times," Turner said. "Her talent to organize a play through communication and positioning is what makes her such a great center back."

Along with staying mentally sharp to support her keen awareness on the playing field, Rampone said that her daily workouts are critical in main-

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as well as heterosexuals who are in favor of gay marriage, a glimmer of hope.

Students at the University voiced their own opinions on this controversial issue. "I believe everyone should be able to get married," said Christine Amoscato, a sophomore. "Love is love no matter who it is, and everyone deserves it."

Amoscato wasn't the only one who commented on love being for any and all people. "It's fair and there is no reason that all people shouldn't be allowed to be happy," said Brooke Verdiglione, a sophomore.

The College Republicans also released the following statement: "We commend Governor Christie for standing by his promise to the voters of New Jersey and the principles on which he ran and continues to demonstrate in his daily work for the state of New Jersey."

However, the sentiment is not unanimous. Mike Rizzi, senior and member of the College Republicans, believes the bill is okay because "it doesn't impose on religious beliefs, it's only imposing on the state."

When word hit that Christie did in fact veto the gay marriage bill, senior Gina Swedin said she was not pleased with the outcome. "I think he's totally absurd for doing

that and now more people are going to hate him more than they already do," Swedin said. "When are people going to realize that gay marriage isn't hurting anyone? We are taking happiness from people who deserve it just as much as we do."

Jess Beetsch, President of All Lifestyles Included, said that the repeal of the bill is ridiculous. She said that people who are not gay should allow gay marriage to be legalized because it does not affect their lifestyle. "I hope that one day people realize that there's no difference between who you marry," she said. "Love is love; it doesn't see gender."

Beetsch also said that, even though civil unions are permitted in New Jersey, gay marriage should still be legalized. This is because marriage allows for more rights than civil unions.

Alan Foster is a professor in the Sociology Department who also spoke about the bill. "Having the opportunity to marry anyone you want to me is a basic civil right," Foster said. "Putting it to the electorate, as the Governor suggests, is not how any form of civil rights has been achieved - the right for women to vote or the integration of the schools, to name a few. I think the Governor is wrong and is only maneuvering for a vice-presidential nomination."

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Health Honor Society Raises Money for Kortney Rose Foundation

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The University's Pre-Professional Health Honor society, Alpha Epsilon Delta, helped collect over \$240 for the Kortney Rose Foundation for their annual charity fundraiser "Kiss Brain Cancer Goodbye" on February 13 and 14. The Kortney Rose Foundation was created by Kortney's mother and the secretary of the Political Science department Kristen Gillette, and serves to raise awareness on the issue of pediatric brain tumors and to enhance and fund research for pediatric brain cancer.

The history of the cancer organization can be summarized in Gillette's own words. "In 2005, my nine-year-old daughter Kortney Rose Gillette was diagnosed, out of the blue, with a very rare and always fatal brain tumor. She died four months later. To help pick up the pieces and move on from our grief and help other children with brain tumors through research and awareness, we started The Kortney Rose Foundation." Gillette said that the organization is a non-profit organization with a mission of raising awareness of the number one cancer-related death among children ages 19 and younger: brain tumors.

Efforts by the organization have now culminated in the month of May

officially being designated as "Brain Tumor Awareness Month." They have raised over \$528,000 in the last five years for The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In addition to the events that are listed on thekortney-rosefoundation.org, they also have a 5K run on campus on April 6. The foundation has also set up many other fundraisers for local schools and businesses with their "Kiss Brain Cancer Goodbye" movement.

Alpha Epsilon Delta's second annual kick-off of their "Kiss Brain

we were able to beat the amount that we raised last year. Hopefully in the years to come we can keep the trend going."

Another member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, Thomas Priolo, was also involved with "Kiss Brain Cancer Goodbye." "It's for a good cause, and I cannot wait to do it again next year," Priolo said. Many who donated felt great about the opportunity to support a good cause in addition to helping out one of our own. Abshan Malik, a junior biology major,

said in regards to donating money, "there are lots of good charities with good causes, but knowing this is benefiting a member of our community and to actually know what is going to happen with the money just makes it all the

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KRISTEN GILLETTE
Founder of Kortney Rose Foundation

Cancer Goodbye" fundraiser consisted of selling wooden roses, bracelets, and hanging the names of all whom donated in an appropriately valentine-themed "heart-shape" in the windows of Edison Science Building and the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. When inquired about the program, Caroline Lay, a junior and Vice President of Alpha Epsilon Delta said, "It was awesome to see the group (Alpha Epsilon Delta) come together for a great cause and I was so happy to see people around campus help us and the Kortney Rose foundation out. I'm so happy

better."

The next event of the organization will be their first annual Plungapalooza on February 25 at The Avenue in Pier Village from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm to benefit the Care for Kelly Fund. As for the Kortney Rose Foundation, Gillette encourages anyone willing to help out their cause to email her at kortneyroseorg@aol.com. According to Gillette, although Kortney may be gone, Kortney's legacy is rapidly growing and impacting the hearts of many, and most importantly touching lives especially here at the University.

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by organizing books based on subject content and packing accordingly. "There were over 500 books," she said. "At times it was overwhelming and seemed like it was never going to get done in time." Despite the chaos, Bray is grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the project. "It was such a great feeling knowing that all of the books being packaged were going to be put to use instead of just sitting on a bookshelf," she said. "It definitely was an experience that opened my eyes to realizing that the little things in life, like books, that we take for granted are really things that should have

more value in our lives."

Tongesayi and participants are eager to send the packages and plan to have them ready for delivery during the upcoming spring break. "Words alone cannot express the impact that this donation will have at BUSE," Tongesayi said. "I know the donation is going to be huge, it is going to be significant and I know that the entire BUSE community is going to be thrilled."

In addition to the positive im-

pact of the textbook donations, Tongesayi is hoping to establish a strong connection between the University and BUSE for future interactions. He said he is opti-

"It's always a great feeling to help out and donate time and materials to other students who need more resources."

LAUREN LECHNER
Sophomore

mistic that both schools could benefit from a student exchange program. "I will be elated to see formal collaborative links established between faculty and

students at BUSE and those at Monmouth University on the research front," he said. "This will expose BUSE students to authentic science research with modern and sophisticated instrumentation, which will help them in their quest to secure graduate school places at U.S. universities."

Student participants of the project also agree that they would be interested in helping with future donation projects whether these projects are within the school of science or

a project expanded further throughout campus to include the entire University community. "I thought this was such an important project not only for the school of science at Monmouth, but for the whole University, and I do think our school should try to do another similar project," Lechner said.

After helping with the project, Bray said that she's supportive about repeating a similar project. "Books are so accessible to us that we don't think twice when we open them up," she said. "If this was a yearly project or even done every five years, think about how many lives we could touch. I would encourage everyone to do something to help anyone out, no matter how big or small."

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Hawks Should Soar Above Flames

THE OUTLOOK STAFF OPINION

The sidewalk along Brighton Avenue that was covered in a pile of concrete rubble and twisted steel following last week's fire is the same sidewalk that has been walked countless times by some of *The Outlook's* editors during their weekly trips to the local establishments from their apartments along Ocean Avenue.

Prior to the fire, the sight of Brighton Avenue near its Ocean Avenue intersection were largely taken for granted. However, after finally comprehending the shock associated with viewing the damage to this familiar area, *The Outlook's* editors have been re-evaluating their feelings about the surrounding community.

Obviously, we are connected to the surrounding community through our education at the University. However, our bond with local neighborhoods and businesses should go further than this, especially for those of us who moved here to receive a higher education.

Last week's fire might have bred destruction, but it also delivered an important message. The surrounding community is more than just a playground that we inhabit during our college years. The fact of the matter is that the University and its surrounding neighborhoods have become our homes away from

home. We may not have moved here until we turned 18, but by the time we graduate we will still have done a considerable amount of maturing here. During that time, we need to respect the setting in which we form our college memories.

The businesses that burned down in the fire were some of the same businesses that we took notice of when we were prospective students who were trying to get a feel for the University's surroundings.

They also were some of the same businesses from which the University's clubs and organizations have sought donations for fundraising purposes. Now, they will never grace the eyes of the University's prospective students again, nor will they be able to continue contributing to the University's students like they have in the past.

Considering how welcoming the surrounding neighborhoods have been to the University and its students, we should take it upon ourselves to help it heal. The business owners who we were so quick to approach in search of donations for our clubs and organizations should be the same owners who we now run to in search of ways to help them rebuild their lives.

A current University student and alumnus were among the firefighters who helped extinguish the fire. Now, it is time for the rest of the

University's student body to pick up where these brave young men left off.

On a much larger scale, the University's administration should be stepping in on some level. Perhaps they should be offering community service hours to those University students who volunteer to help revive the businesses that burned down. They also should organize a food and clothing drive on campus, with all donations going to those who lost their possessions in the blaze.

Finally, the University community should be looking at this tragedy as an opportunity to inscribe a permanent positive mark on the minds of local residents. The typical associations made with college students are scenes of partying and binge drinking. We can revise this misconception by reaching out to the local community in its hour of need, and showing that we do care about what is happening in the real world. It's about time that we took what we have been learning in the classroom and apply it to the outside world.

We should be seizing the chance to impress local residents with a reminder of why the University is the place "Where Leaders Look Forward," and silence any doubt as to how capable college students are capable of caring about more than partying.

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What Studying Really Means to Students

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What is this action called “studying?” For some reason the utterance of the word alone just causes me to feel depressed. Thanks to my handy-dandy pocket dictionary, I looked up what “studying” actually means:

Studying (verb): to devote time and attention to acquiring knowledge on an academic subject.

That whole definition right there just spells out p-r-o-c-r-a-s-t-i-n-a-t-i-o-n. For someone who can actually discipline themselves to sit down with an open text book and memorize whatever it is they need to for an exam, I’m going to have to consider you a Jedi master, because that’s harder than it looks.

Sure the definition that my itty-bitty dictionary gave you was an accurate definition of the word “studying,” but I don’t think it was an accurate definition that can be applicable to the college setting. This is my own definition of “studying”:

Studying (verb): act of texting, eating, and watching TV with an open textbook nearby.

Yes, it’s so incredibly accurate. I’m completely guilty of studying this way. But let’s dissect this new definition. Why is it that when it comes to studying, we can’t stay focused? Is it because

we are too excited about wearing that new outfit we bought at Forever 21? Or maybe is it because the new *Halo 4* is supposed to be coming out? Or possibly because we are just waiting to receive texts from friends, hence why the cell phone is placed strategically next to the open text book.

So if you do in fact receive a text message, you’re able to pounce on your phone as if you’re a lion pouncing on its prey, open the message and respond to it within mere seconds. Honestly, what would happen if your phone wasn’t by you while you were studying? I’d probably be having withdrawals because everything and anything is on my cell phone.

I feel like college students have the need to constantly be on their phones, even when it comes to sitting by ourselves in the library writing a paper. Our phones are

placed right next to the computer. Oh but wait a second folks, it isn’t just the text messages that can distract us from studying, food can play a factor too. See now, food is everything for me.

If I went on an impromptu trip to Italy, I’d probably have a relationship with my pizza, and

just makes you want to punch the cinder block walls (as if you’re the incredible hulk or something). And then comes the “grumble, grumble, grumble, roar” sounds from your stomach. However, your stomach is making noises not because you are hungry, but because you are bored (guilty).

Then you begin to think about the chips and salsa you have in your refrigerator, or the Twinkies that just so happen to staring at you in the face saying, “Eat me! Eat me!”

Next thing you know you “just so happen” you be scarfing down three Twinkies and a handful of chips. Now cue the palm to face action because you just realized you wasted 15 minutes of studying because you were too busy chowing down on some super delicious snacks. Stupid food, why must you be so delicious and addictive?

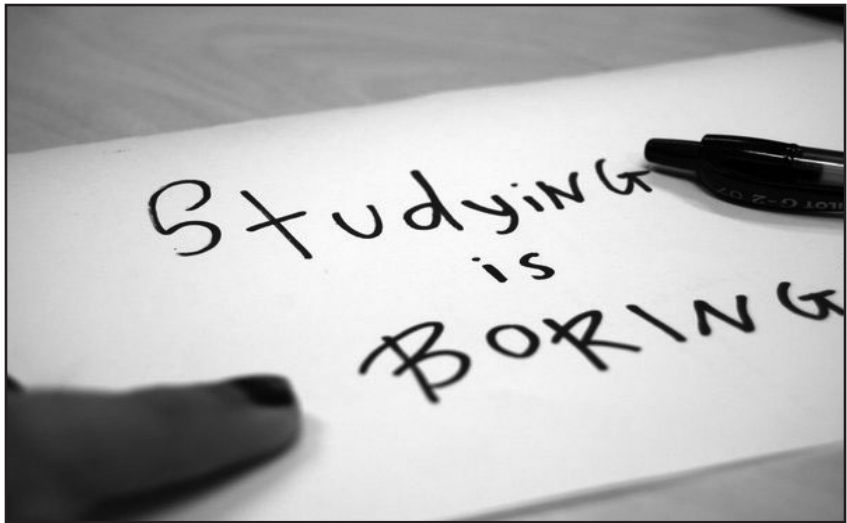


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Studying can be a dull task, and getting distracted is easy.

I wouldn’t be ashamed of it either. Yeah, so I love food, who doesn’t? But when it comes to studying food can become a huge distraction.

Let’s say you’re studying for your biology test, looking at the millions of notecards you made

Obsessed With Technology Much?

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It’s a bold statement, but I truly don’t think you could live without me. I may have been a recent addition to your life, but I know you consider me to be one of your closest and trusted confidants. Maybe it’s because I’m more reliable than anyone else you know. I strive to not to ever let you down.

I wake you up every morning and do my best in attempting to keep you from falling back to sleep. I remind you when you have things to do, places to go and people to see. You tell me everything and I never tell anyone else, unless you ask me to.

I’m really exceptional with researching whatever it is you need to know at incredibly rapid rate. I’m also a first-rate multi-tasker and make a fabulous personal assistant.

I can, without hesitation, inform you of the game updates while instructing you on how to cook a full Thanksgiving meal for your overly critical family of 15.

I’m ideal when you need to capture the moment. I take top-notch pictures and videos, and have the ability to edit, and save them for you for whenever sometime down the line you may need them again.

With me, you’ll never be behind on the latest trends. I keep you up to date with the latest music releases, and even take the time to organize them in such a way that you’ll know what playlist to choose when you’re trying to party.

With me you’ll never get lost, at least not for too long, and I have the ability to keep you in contact with even the most remote friends and family.

You might be a little obsessed with me though, if you don’t mind

me saying so. If you can’t find me, even for a split second, you panic. If I’m having a slow day, you get frustrated with me, and if I do something wrong, you act as if it’s the end of the world and the mistake is irreversible.

What you don’t seem to realize is that I’m not perfect. I have my flaws and my moments just like you do.

Sometimes I’m so drained I die inside, and just like you, I need an energy boost to kick me back into full gear. Sometimes I feel over worked, like you expect too much from me. There are only so many tasks I can accomplish at once and I’m sorry if completing them takes a bit longer than you would like.

I constantly try to better myself, to make your life easier. I put you first; you are the center of my world and the entire sense of my being. I want to out do all possible competition; I

feel I am in a category of my own. I will continue to amaze you, but only if you allow me to.

People say I am like no other, the originator of all that is to come. I am a technological masterpiece. I am an iPhone.

We as a society are obsessed with technology; that cannot be argued by even the most convincing of individuals. We rely on our electronic devices for more or less every aspect of life: from something as simple as needing to check the weather for the week, to the luxury of being able to keep in contact with our friends overseas, which in essence, is an amazing technological advancement that should not be taken for granted. Generations before us relied on pen and paper, while we literally have the world at our fingertips.

It’s not our fault; our generation was born into this vast wonderland

Now, hello there pretty little television screen. As you’re studying you’re not 100 percent sure why the TV is even turned on, but let’s face it, “Dance Moms” is on and you missed the last episode, so why not have it on? I have reason to believe that the television has the ability to hypnotize people, especially when they need to be studying something.

It’s as if the TV goes, “No dear student, you mustn’t study for your history test, glue your eyes to me instead.” Then boom, you totally just watched the full hour of “Dance Moms” and missed a full hour of studying. Stupid “Dance Moms,” you’re tacky and addictive.

So I’d like to extend an apology to all the open text books out there. I’m deeply sorry that my cell phone, Twinkies and “Dance Moms” are more appealing than you. I mean, it’s nothing personal, but you’re only words on a page. And do I really need to know the mass of the sun when I go grocery shopping? Probably not. I’m sorry that I pay very little attention to you, maybe you can add some pretty pictures to keep my eyes on you and not on the TV.

I hope you accept my apology my poor open text book. I hope we can still be friends. In the meantime, there’s chips and salsa in my fridge, so I’ll study later.

of ever changing technological accomplishments. We were brought up around computers and cell phones, but what technology has become is far more than playing “Snake” on your Nokia phone.

Now games are interactive; today, it’s Words, Scramble, and Dice With Friends. “Face-time” has surpassed the once imperative-to-adolescence AOL Buddylist and the coined phrase, “There’s an app for that,” is as literal as it is overused.

If 20 years ago, our parents could not imagine what metamorphosis the iPhone, or any smart phone for that matter, would bring to their lives, it is scary to think what the world may be like for our children, and even more advanced, our grandchildren.

There is nowhere to go but forward in advancing technology, making our lives easier and hopefully better as a whole in the long run.

President Looking to Increase Hawk Alert Frequency

Dear *Outlook*,

Last week you reported on a random criminal attack on a student very near our campus. You had information in your story that we did not have. You asked questions for which we had incomplete information at the time. Time and tide wait for no man [or woman]; neither does press time. Today, we all understand more about the isolated incident. Your article was important to me in that it inspires us to press our neighboring police departments harder for information when incidents are nearby, but out of our jurisdiction.

I am eager to alert students to potential or occurring dangers. You have seen that in our messages about norovirus, shootings on other campuses, etc. In this particular case we followed Federal Clery Act procedures, but

did not issue a Hawk Alert late in the night, because it was apparent, at the time, that the threat was gone. I spoke with your Editor and Managing Editor about the story and about Hawk Alerts. It was a very good conversation; helped me understand the perceptions of some students. As a result, I have asked our VP (Administrative Services), General Counsel and Police Chief to re-review our procedures for Hawk Alerts as they pertain to off-campus crime, even if random. I am aware of the “cry wolf” syndrome, too many warnings at the wrong time turn people off. I am also concerned about safety and I will err on the side of too many warnings. So *Outlook*, thank you for the article and for the helpful conversation.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

MUPD Shares Thoughts on Last Week’s Assault Story

I would like to respond to the recent article in the February 15th edition of *The Outlook* entitled, “Student Beaten on Road Near Library. MUPD Fails to Alert Campus Community of Attack.” I would like to respond from the perspective of the Monmouth University Police department.

Although the jurisdiction of the incident was in West Long Branch, the initial call concerning a fight was placed to the University Police. The University Police immediately responded. They established control of the situation by locating the victim and witness. They further apprehended and detained two possible suspects prior to the arrival of the West Long Branch Police. MUPD Officers turned the matter over to the West Long Branch Police Officers because they have ultimate jurisdiction in this matter. Upon completing their initial investigation that evening, West Long Branch Police charged one of the individuals that MUPD turned over to them, with Simple Assault.

The article goes on to say that a witness reported to *The Outlook* that he was treated rudely by a Po-

lice dispatcher. A review of the audio tapes of the incident indicated that the caller was treated professionally and was politely denied requested information as per normal police procedures. There was no mention to the police, by the caller, that he feared being recognized because the suspects saw his face, and also that he yelled at them, as the witness told *Outlook* reporters.

Most importantly, I would like to address the issue of not notifying the campus community. Notification of the campus community was carefully considered. A determination was made that since it appeared to be an isolated incident, and since the subjects were apprehended that night, that it would serve no purpose. A review of our records indicates that there have been no incidents of this type prior to, or since, this incident.

I would also like to say that Monmouth University has always been extremely proactive in doing everything possible to safeguard our campus community. This includes a professional, proactive, sworn, Police Department and a Police Dis-

patch Center that has the immediate ability to contact all members of the campus community in the event of an emergency. We have utilized our emergency communication system often, when a determination is made that there is an imminent threat to the campus. The Police also regularly train in Active Shooter situations, campus lockdowns, as well as all other forms of emergency management type situations that might occur on campus.

In closing, I would like to comment that Monmouth University is a safe campus in a safe area of New Jersey. I am glad to see students involved and concerned about incidents on and about campus. I have always felt that the only way that we can maintain a safe campus community is through the joint collaboration of the University Police and the campus community. As always, if anyone has any concerns about the recent incident, or other safety concerns on campus, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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Why Students Should Know About the Supreme Court

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The Supreme Court of the United States of America is one of the three branches of government. There are eight associate justices and one chief justice. The Supreme Court has been in existence since the Judiciary Act of 1789. It became an official organization in February of 1790. Their two primary duties are to interrupt the Constitution and settle disputes between states.

The Supreme Court was established from Article III of the Constitution. This branch's objective was unknown at first, aside from keeping a legal check on the other two branches of government. The Supreme Court gained its power in the landmark case Marbury v. Madison. This case was about how James Madison attempted to stop last minute appointments by outgoing President John Adams. William Marbury was appointed by Adams and Congress right before Thomas Jefferson was to take over as President. James Madison saw this as unconstitutional. At the conclusion of the case, the Supreme Court ruled four to zero saying that Marbury should be granted his position but it was not up to the Court to force Madison to give it to him. This case was historic because it gave the Court the power to overrule an act of Congress based on the Constitution.

A case can end up before the Supreme Court in two ways. It is either through original jurisdiction or appellate jurisdiction. Original jurisdiction means that the Supreme Court is the only court to hear the case. Appellate jurisdiction means the Supreme Court is hearing a case once heard by a lower court and can either affirm or overturn a decision made by the lower court. In order for a case to be appealed to the Supreme Court, the appealing attorney must file a writ of certiorari. This is a formal request to the Court for the case to be heard. According to supremecourt.gov, there are approximately 7,000 cases that are petitioned but only 100 to 150 are actually brought before the Court. This petition can only be filed after a case has gone through the U.S. Circuit of Appeals or as been heard by a state supreme court and has something to do with the Constitution. Once a case is heard and decided upon, the justices responsible for the case do one of two things. They either affirm the decision or dissent it. Following the decision being made, the Court releases a writ-

ten statement authored by one of the justices in the majority stating the reasoning behind the decision. The dissenting side can also write a statement explaining their side. Some justices even write conflicting opinions based on various reasons.

who recently retired. Since her appointment there are now three female justices. The first Latino justice is Sonia Sotomayor. She is a voice that advocates for minorities and fair treatment. The first African American justice is Clarence Thomas. He has been serving on

installed on the 11th day. Jones was subsequently tracked for 28 days and an indictment issued on drug trafficking charges. The Circuit Court suppressed the evidence obtained while the car was parked at Jones' home. However, the Circuit Court did not suppress the evidence

majority belief is that by not allowing corporations and those involved with them to speak, it was violating the First Amendment. Justice Stevens, who disagreed with the majority and has since retired, stated, "Corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no thoughts, they are not themselves members of, We the People, by whom and for whom our Constitution was established." Professor Gregory Bordelon, Lecturer of Law at the University, would say this was the most influential case during the most recent term stating, "It has had drastic effects on this upcoming election and has changed the way campaigns are run."

The Supreme Court hears cases in terms. These terms begin every October and continue until the following year in September. This term will hear 87 cases. One of well-known cases will be whether the national health care bill commonly known as "Obamacare", will become law. The main part of this bill being debated for constitutionality is whether a federal mandate is constitutional. This would force health care upon the people. Republicans argue that this mandate is not constitutional because it is forcing a good or service on the American people. Democrats including President Obama believe this will help lower the costs of health care especially in a struggling economy. Boredelon said this case will change the Supreme Court because, "This was a circuit split and this legislation was a major accomplishment for the Obama administration." Another case that Boredelon recommends keeping an eye on is United States v. Xavier Alvarez. It is about the military veteran, Alvarez, who lied about his honors while serving.

As college students, decisions made now effect our tomorrow. Sidney Goldstein, a senior said, "It is imperative that we follow their decisions. After all, the Supreme Court has the power to rule our day to day activities. By not following their actions we may end up giving up personal rights we do not want to lose." Paying attention to these decisions is a duty as American citizens. Boredelon echoes this by saying, "As a professor and law advisor, I can only hope to spark an interest so you will go out and research issues like this." College students should be especially concerned because one day the country becomes an immediate issue. Being knowledgeable on things such as the Supreme Court and their decisions can avoid things such as constitutionally protected rights from being violated.



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The Supreme Court will hear 87 cases this legal term.

Becoming a justice on the Supreme Court is no easy task. First someone must be appointed by the President of the United States. Following the appointment, the Justice must be approved by the Senate. The Senate questions the appointed on anything in their past and what they hope to do as part of the Court. This part is often very messy and politically fueled.

As mentioned, the Court is made up of eight associate justices and one chief justice. The Chief Justice is John Roberts Jr. The eight associate justices are Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. According to their voting records during cases, there are five "conservative" minded justices while there are four "liberal" minded justices. While serving as justice of the Supreme Court, justices are expected to be neutral on matters and use the Constitution as their guide to what is best for the majority.

Today the Supreme Court has gone through some drastic changes. In the last 20 years, the Court has seen its first woman justice, first Latino justice and first African American justice. The first woman ever was Sandra Day O'Connor

the Court since 1991 and continues to be voice to reckon with.

Most people wonder "What does the Supreme Court have to do with me?" Well decisions that are made by the Supreme Court affect lives every day. Because of the Supreme Court, Brown v. Board of Education allowed for the desegregation of public schools. It is also because of the Supreme Court that when a person is arrested for a crime they are read their Miranda rights. This is because of the case, Miranda v. Arizona and makes sure that proper procedure is followed during an arrest.

Dr. Michelle Grillo of the Criminal Justice Department sees how these types of decisions affect not only the legal side of issues but the criminal side. "The U.S. Supreme Court decides on Constitutional issues, specifically those that violate the Bill of Rights. Many cases are a result of law enforcement investigations relating to searches and seizures of evidence in criminal cases. An excellent example would be the recent decision by the Court in United States v. Jones, decided January 23, 2012. In this case, the federal government obtain a warrant to place a GPS tracking device on the car of Jones' wife. The warrant stated that the GPS device be installed within 10 days in Washington, D.C. However, the device was

gathered while Jones was traveling arguing that there was no reasonable expectation of privacy on public streets.

Some critics of the Court believe in the stance "Do not legislate from the Bench." This criticism is saying that laws should not take effect just because of the decision of the Court; creating laws is the legislation's job.

For every case that has set a precedent and changed the country for the better, there are cases and decisions that spark controversy. One of the most controversial is Roe v. Wade. This case and decision allowed for abortion to be legal in the United States until the second and third trimester. This case is the foundation for the "pro-choice" and "pro-life" debate. Roe v. Wade is still debated on whether the Court made the correct decision and many are trying to overturn this decision.

Another controversial decision was Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. In this decision, corporations were given the same rights as a regular American citizen when it comes to political donations. This case is what allows for the "Super PAC" and can lead to untraceable money during a political election. The Court's

SGA Minutes

The SGA met on February 15 for a general meeting. President Nicole Levy reminded the Senate about volunteer opportunities such as the "Undie Run" possible "Penny War" and an opportunity to help those affected by the Brighton fire tragedy. Vice President Nagy addressed the Senate about the staff of the University being rude. She asks that you file a concise statement about the situation. Nagy also wanted to remind everyone that there is a doctor and psychiatrist at the Heath Center for eight to 10 hours a week and are available in case of emergency.

Alternative Spring break is

coming up and this year it is a trip to Guatemala. The group is requesting money to help fund their trips. This is a community service trip and those who have done it in the past have come back with once in a lifetime experience.

Nagy also commented on the 260 cases of the Norovirus at Princeton and Rider. She wanted to assure the students that there is an enormous effort to sanitize the campus. The fire marshal recently explained that the doors in the Student Center doors are intended to be used as fire doors and can no longer be propped open.

Ravi Shah of Student Affairs came and addressed the University's attempt at recycling more

on campus. The University is also looking into installing a large amount of new solar panels. Some students have complained that the landscaping crew has been using leaf blowers and lawnmowers too early in the morning on the residential side. The goal is to have them use the tools past 10 a.m.

Carmine Ruocco spoke with Vice President Nagy about the use of meal plans in multiple locations. Students will be able to use their meal plan in the Student Center, Shadows and Magil Dining Hall. Students will also be able to transfer declining dollars from the fall semester to the spring semester but it will not allow the dollars to be transferred

from the spring to the fall of the following school year.

In Academics, towards the end of this month or even before then, summer classes will be posted on WEBstudent. As a reminder, summer classes will come out before the fall and spring classes for next year. According to Dr. Tom Pearson, there is as disconnect between advisors and professor advice.

There are multiple events for fundraisers of those part of the University's community affected by the fire last week. A sister of Phi Sigma Sigma is collecting money for the three professors who lost everything in the fire.

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Student Performs Study About Women’s Role in Politics



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Abigail Adams was First Lady and an advocate for women's rights.

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Prior to the year 1920, women were barred from voting or holding public office despite desperate pleas such as Abigail Adams’ famous line, “Please, remember the ladies!” Slowly, progress was made and women can now be found at every level of the U.S. government including the Supreme Court. It is

vital for women’s voices to be heard in our halls of legislation. Nevertheless, Monmouth’s aspiring female lawmakers will be facing an uphill battle when trying to step into the political arena after graduation.

In spite of recent progress, women still only comprise about 24 percent of our state legislatures, according to the Center for American Women and Politics. The percentages of female legislators are high in some states while others have with low female representation. This begs the question: why do some states have higher percentages of female legislators than others? The answer lies in each state’s education levels, religious views, and political ideologies. In order to further investigate this issue, a regression analysis study under the guidance of Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of Political Science and Dr. Thomas Lamatsch, Assistant Director of the Polling Institute, was conducted.

The results of this study were

groundbreaking in the political research field, uncovering a direct correlation between state educational levels and the percentages of female legislators in each state. Education was the main factor contributing to this issue making it the study’s most significant finding. Patten believes that edu-

cation has a significant impact on voter participation.

“The level of education a person has is the most important predictor as to whether a person will vote or engage in our political process.”

DR. JOSEPH PATTEN
Chair of the Political Science Department

There is no law in Yemen stating how old a woman must be before she can get married, girls as young as 12 find themselves with a husband. Many people may say that these problems are too complex and that it is not the responsibility of the United States to send money to other countries. However, the Yemeni people are specifically asking the United States to help the revolution. Tawakkol Karmen, the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner and head of a leading non-governmental organization in Yemen wrote a *New York Times* article saying, “We

Gender came into play as previous studies have proven that voter turnout is higher among women than men, and according to a 2009 Gallop poll, “41 percent of women identify themselves as Democrats.” It is these liberal leaning females who come out to the polls in

droves to cast their votes on behalf of female candidates they believe will better represent them on women’s issues. All of which indicate the more educated the voter, the higher a state’s percentage of female representation.

State political ideology was also a major contributing factor as the data indicated that states with higher percentages of citizens who voted for Barack Obama also had higher percent-

ages of female legislators. As a result, these more liberal states had the highest percentages of women lawmakers. This comes as no surprise considering the Democratic Party’s continued support for welfare programs, women’s rights legislation and equal rights for women in the labor force. Most surprising was this study found religion to be a negative factor. States which had the highest percentages of devout Christians saw a decrease in their percentages of females in state government however; further research is needed in order to provide a clear explanation for this occurrence.

Overall, the message was clear. The states with the most females elected to state office tend to be more liberal, secular and have higher percentages of college graduates while the more conservative states with lower percentages of college graduates seem to lag behind. Education is the key as an informed voter is an empowered one. So, the next time you’re in that voting booth, take a cue from Abigail Adams and “Please, remember the ladies!”

Political Debate: Should the United States Get Involved with Aid to Yemen?

Side 1: The U.S. Should Give Aid to Yemen as a Form of Protection

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Currently in Yemen, protests and government instability has allowed Al-Qaeda to take over cities in the southern part of the country, particularly the port of Aden where 140,000 barrels of oil pass through every day. National Counterterrorism Center Director Michael Leiter has called Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula or ‘AQAP’ the biggest threat to the U.S. Homeland. The attempted bombing of U.S. flight 253 over Detroit on Christmas Day 2009 marked a shift in terrorist activity, since the attack came from Yemen, and not central Al-Qaeda leadership in South Asia. Most importantly, however, may be the scary possibility of a potential nuclearized AQAP. According to Larry J. Arbuckle, a Navy Lieutenant, Al-Qaeda could obtain nuclear weapons. The problem has been that they have not had enough financing to be able to do so

yet. AQAP taking over Yemen and gaining influence in the region can possibly lead to them obtaining a nuclear weapon. President Obama said in 2011 that if Al-Qaeda obtained nuclear weapons they would have “no compunction” of using them. According to Obama, “The single biggest threat to U.S. security, both short-term, medium-term and long-term, would be the possibility of a terrorist organization obtaining a nuclear weapon.” Stopping Al-Qaeda in Yemen needs to be a top priority for the American government.

In addition to Al-Qaeda, the United States have moral obligations to the women in Yemen. According to the Yemeni Secretary of Health, women have barely any rights in Yemen currently; they are arrested arbitrarily for “immoral” acts such as smoking, adultery, or eating in a restaurant with a “boyfriend.” Women also do not have the ability to marry who they please. If a woman wants to get married she must get the per-

mission of a man in her family, if she has no male relatives she must go to a judge. Women in Yemen have a one-in-three chance of being able to read and write. Women have a one-in-five chance of being attended by a mid-wife when giving birth, as well as a one in 39 chance of dying while giving birth. As the woman is the primary caregiver of children, if the mother dies the child has an increased risk of dying shortly thereafter. There is no law in Yemen stating how old a woman must be before she can get married, girls as young as 12 find themselves with a husband.

Many people may say that these problems are too complex and that it is not the responsibility of the United States to send money to other countries. However, the Yemeni people are specifically asking the United States to help the revolution. Tawakkol Karmen, the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner and head of a leading non-governmental organization in Yemen wrote a *New York Times* article saying, “We

ask our friends in Washington to help us build a democratic future.” She was also quoted as saying “Together, we can eliminate the causes of extremism and the culture of terrorism by bolstering civil society and encouraging development and stability.” Student Lex Todd agreed by saying, “Tawakkol Karmen the Nobel Peace Prize winner know exactly what the Yemeni people need, her calling out to the United States shows that sending foreign aid needs to be a top priority for the government of the U.S.”

According to the National Democratic Institute, Non-Government Organizations and Central Statistical Organizations have been successful at reforms regarding political, economic, democracy, and women. Democracy assistance has also been known to combat terrorism. Many new recruits are joining AQAP because they simply need to make money, or because they have no representation within government. By helping NGO’s and CSO’s in Yemen,

the United States will allow for the people of Yemen to have no reason to want to join any extremist groups. Dr. Joseph Patten, Chair of Political Science commented by saying, “It’s easy to topple a government, its harder to rebuild. NGO’s and CSO’s have shown the capacity to rebuild Yemen and help democratize the country which will lead to a prosperous future” The U.S. needs to change the culture in Yemen for the better. However, these same groups known to reform society are starving for funding. They have been successful at a small local level but Yemen is a very fragmented country, and they need more funding to be successful on a national level. The U.S. currently gives \$25 million per year to Yemen, not nearly enough following a recent request by the Yemeni government of an assessment of close to \$14 billion will be needed to implement the type of reforms necessary to solve for the abuses currently taking place.

Side 2: Yemen is Not Necessarily an Ally

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In the wake of the Arab Spring revolutions, Democracy in the Middle East is an increasingly important foreign policy initiative for the United States. Authoritarian regimes have been toppled in countries like Egypt Tunisia, and Libya, but atrocities against Arab citizens are still being committed, as seen in the past week, most notably in Syria. As we examine the crisis in the Middle East from an international political perspective, we must ask if democracy is realistic; ultimately make the region more stable and safe. These are the questions that will define American foreign policy in the region for years to come.

After an October U.N. resolution called for an end to violence against the country’s citizens, President Saleh who had been badly burned amidst this violence, signed power over to Yemen’s Vice President and called

for elections to be held by late November, according to an article in the *New York Times* in February of 2012. While on the surface these democratic elections can be a positive transition for countries like Yemen, in the long run they may not be so instrumental in ensuring global peace and security. Groups like the Muslim Brotherhood have been gaining a significant amount of power throughout the Arab Spring countries and have demonstrated their power in sweeping elections. This influence is evident in Yemen as well. According to the Council on Foreign Relations, even democracy building non-government organizations, such as the Syrian National Council, have had Muslim Brotherhood ties, furthering their political will into the governments of revolutionized countries. Bryan Nardone, Fiance major stated “More extremism in the region will most likely breed more civil unrest.” If these groups already have a hand

in the structuring of democracy, then these elections are not representing the democratic will of the voters. Professor Nicole Bizzoco, an adjunct political science professor said, “they have not historically been an ally. We are also spread too thin financially as well as militarily in other conflicts to really provide much in terms of those resources to Yemen. I think focusing on humanitarian aid and supporting the people’s push for democracy where feasible is our best bet.”

Israel is an important country to factor in while considering these democratic transitions. If these Islamic regimes start to gain power, will their hostility towards Israel be demonstrated by the policies they enact? In an October 2011 report by journalist Steven Emerson, prominent members of the group, such as Essam el-Erian, stated openly that the “Existence of a state for Jews is against all rules of states all over the world.” The group has also expressed wide spread

support for Hamas in Palestine. With a shift in power that crucial, it could trigger unrest in the Middle East that is even worse than it is currently. Open hostility and acts of aggression towards Israel would incite this.

American interests can also be compromised by a shift of power in the Middle East. With more of an extremist-Islamic influence being ushered into political regimes, an anti-western sentiment could be perpetuated. America must recognize that an increase in aid to the new democratic systems may ultimately fund and assist governments that display hostility towards them and threaten peace with Israel. If conflict enhances between Israel and the Arab states it would not only increase violence, but could call for the U.S. to get involved on some level when the country is just getting out of the war in Iraq as well as dialing down our involvement in Afghanistan. Pushing for such rapid change may not be

the most stable choice for the U.S. In a region where rogue elements like terrorist groups and extremist organizations wield a substantial amount of violent power, this governmental transition could become the ideal opportunity for a power grab. Bizzoco stated, “The U.S. government has the difficult task of balancing evaluating threats and determining where best to expend our limited resources. As we have learned from Iraq, however, the government needs to really perform due diligence on the intelligence it uses to determine if a military strategy is appropriate in a particular country within the region.”

The world powers must take gradual steps to ensure that progress will not be hindered by hasty actions influenced by the passions of the moment. As a prominent world power it is a responsibility for the U.S. to assist these countries in the most effective way. By doing this peace and stability can be preserved.

Spring Break 101

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Wild and crazy college spring breaks have been infamous in history. Glorified by MTV’s “Spring Break” for a long time now, this week has become the biggest party of the year for many college students.

StudentCity.com, an Internet based travel company specializing in spring break vacations tailored to college students, says some of this year’s top destinations are Cancun, Panama City Beach, Bahamas and Punta Cana. Each of these places provides both fun and sun, and many students here at the University are packing their bags to head to these cities.

Junior Shelby Goldman will be spending her spring break week in the Bahamas with her boyfriend. “I am so excited to be getting away to somewhere warm!” she says. Many other students will be visiting Panama City and Punta Cana as well.

However, not all students traveling for spring break are taking trips just for leisure. A new and different option that is becoming a popular spring break choice amongst students is volunteer trips.

These “alternative spring breaks” allow students to travel and see different parts of the world while at the same time making a difference in a community somewhere.

One volunteer trip offered by the University is to Guatemala. According to the University’s site, students “participate in volunteer activities in Guatemala such as building and education, along with other activities.”

University students may also consider a trip to Ireland for a week of studying abroad. Senior Kiley Minton is participating in the trip with several other students. “We are doing a tour that starts in Dublin and then we are heading across to Galway. After that we are going to tour through parts of northern Ireland,” she says.

“We will end up back in Dublin for St. Patrick’s Day. I am so excited to experience Ireland and I think it is awesome that Monmouth offers opportunities like this!” she adds.

For those students who do not have any travel plans, the break can still be enjoyed. Senior Laura Ledman says, “I won’t be going anywhere for spring break this year but I will still enjoy my week off. I am just going to relax and enjoy time at home with my family.”

Jessie Sinai, another senior, is going to take the chance to visit friends at other schools. “A lot of my friends from home have different spring breaks than I do. I am going to take the chance to visit them during Monmouth’s break. It’s a great way to go somewhere new without spending too much money. It is also neat to see what other school’s campus life is like,” she says.

So whether you are spending your break in the tropics soaking up the sun, making a difference in a foreign country, touring and exploring the historical and famous sights abroad or simply spending your break with family and friends from home, everyone in the University community can find a way enjoy this week away from school work.

Over-the-Counter Drug Dangers

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the incidence of colon cancer by 28 percent.

The problems arise when people take more than the recommended dose. Maloney said that sometimes people could “double their dose” without realizing. “It’s confusing,” says Maloney, “Every time you reach for a cold medicine, it has three different ingredients in it. Unless you are getting pure Advil or pure Tylenol.”

However, it’s hard to be mindful of these risks when your head is throbbing. If headaches are chronic or debilitating, experts such as Richard P. Kraig, M.D., a neurologist at the University of Chicago Medical Center, suggest running through a checklist before ransacking the medicine cabinet. Could it be simple dehydration? Or, “When was the last time I ate?”

“Generally OTC medications are safe when used as directed,” says Dr. Sharon Stark, Associate Dean of the Marjorie Unterberg School of Nursing. However, keep in mind that medication side effects differ according to their ingredients and have the potential to interact with other medications, foods, drink, and supplements. So it is important to read the label for their ingredients, uses, and directions.

Jimmy Morecraft, a sophomore, says, “Every time I buy medicine, I make sure to read the label for the right dosage I should be taking.” Even for careful label readers, it’s easy to go overboard.

Acetaminophen is in prescription pain killers such as Percocet and Vicodin and many people don’t realize that it’s also a common ingredient

in cold and flu remedies. “So when you double up,” says Nelson, “your body doesn’t know that it’s coming from two different medications... it just knows that you’re taking too much.”

According to data from the Food and Drug Administration, if a person with a cold and a headache seeks relief in eight 500 milligram tablets and a few doses of another acetaminophen-based cold medication (like Sudafed or NyQuil) the risk of liver damage may increase significantly.

Given the rate of accidental overdose, many doctors are advocating for labels with plain language and clear icons.

When taking any type of medicine, it’s important to be aware of changes in your body and how you feel. It may be hard to know whether a certain symptom is caused by your illness or by an adverse effect from your medicine. You should tell your family doctor when the symptom started and if it is different from other symptoms you have had.

It is extremely important to be mindful about mixing alcohol and any OTC or prescription medicine. Check drug labels for warnings about drinking alcohol while taking OTC medicines. Drinking alcohol while taking any of the following medicines is risky. According to the Center for Disease Control, if you drink more than one alcoholic beverage per week and use NSAIDs you may increase your risk of gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding. Drinking alcohol while taking the cough suppressant dextromethorphan (Robitussin, Vicks) can increase drowsiness.

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STAFF WRITER

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Music and Theatre Arts Department is *Working* on Spring Musical

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Typically when you try to contact anyone famous, they ignore you. If you're Nicole Ricciardi, assistant professor of Music and Theatre Arts, they might get back to you immediately. At least that's what happened when Ricciardi contacted *Wicked* composer Stephen Schwartz about doing the revised version of *Working* at the University this spring.

The original musical was written in 1978, making it a bit dated. It's about how jobs affect and shape everyone's lives, so the concept is still very much relevant. However, there were references and jobs that really don't exist anymore. Ricciardi said, "I read it and I didn't like it that much. I did some research and heard through the grapevine that Stephen Schwartz revised it, and that it had actually been produced last year in Chicago. [...] On a whim I wrote to Stephen Schwartz and said this is the situation: I've committed to directing your show, I love the show, but I'd love to work on the newer version of the show."

Schwartz's office almost immediately contacted Ricciardi with much enthusiasm. They were completely on board with the idea of the revised version be-

ing performed at the University, but the revision wasn't quite complete.

While it was performed in Chicago, that wasn't necessarily the finished product. What Ricciardi was sent was sort of a mess. "[Schwartz's office] warned me that they were going to send me a mess. I was so excited that I didn't care. [...] They literally photocopied the prompt book from the Chicago production and sent it to us without any explanation as to what a lot of things are. It's like a puzzle: they took it apart, put it in a box, shook it up and sent it to us."

While some would find that annoying or intimidating, Ricciardi said it was very exciting and sort of liberating. "That's giving us a lot of freedom because we get to interpret things ourselves," she said.

Aside from the inclusion of modern day technology, the play also includes jobs that didn't exist when it was originally written. UPS delivery men and customer services representatives in India have been added in for the update.

Not only is the revision more modern, but it also has been cut down. Instead of the typical two

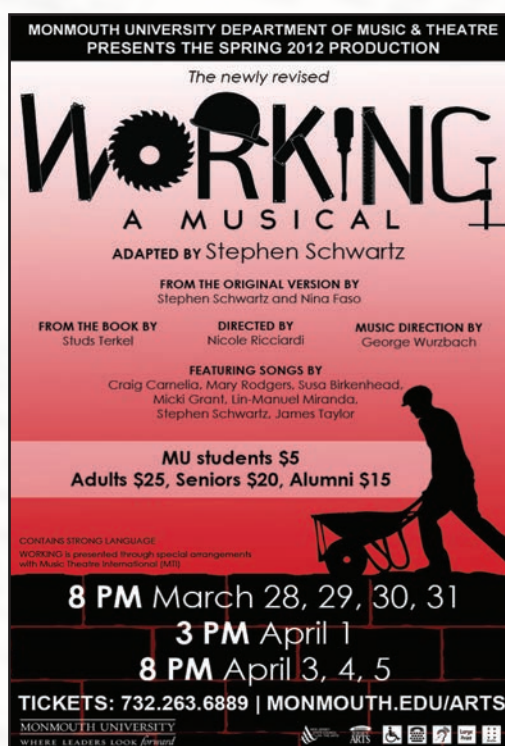


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Working, a show about how much jobs control and influence people's lives, will be directed by Nicole Ricciardi, Assistant Professor of Music and Theatre Arts, as the spring musical.

and a half hours with intermission, *Working* now lasts only 90 minutes without intermission.

Ricciardi was particularly enthusiastic about the two new songs that have also been added, both of which are written by Tony award

winner Lin-Manuel Miranda (*In the Heights*). Much of the soundtrack has remained intact and includes songs written by Schwartz, Grammy winner James Taylor, and a plethora of others.

Unlike most musicals, *Working* is nonfiction. All of the characters are based on actual people who have been interviewed about their jobs and these are their stories. Because the characters are real people, the play is relatable for anyone.

Student Sarah Clemency, one of the actresses in the show, said, "I think the students will be able to relate to the musical. It is all about different jobs. Some parts are about first jobs and how they are just trying to make ends meet. Some touch on the fact how bad the economy is right now and how hard it is to find jobs right out of college."

Clemency doesn't play just one part in the play, but four. She is one of six actors that share 26 parts. Clemency said, "It is challenging playing multiple characters. [...] Each one has to be different so people

don't see Sarah playing a different character, but they see that character. It takes a lot of work."

Taylor Bogan, Michael Rosas, Henry Siebecker, Jasmine Walker, and Brandon Weiner will be taking on the other 22 parts.

An ensemble cast, including Zoe Bullitt, Brooke McCarthy, Tristan Takacs and Kelly Thomas will provide background vocals and also function as a stage crew.

Maurice Moran, Production Associate and adjunct professor of Music and Theatre Arts, expressed his thoughts on having a musical like *Working* be performed on campus. "The Department of Music and Theatre is very excited about doing this newly revised version of *Working*. It's really a wonderful musical celebrating the work people do to give meaning to their lives. And the fact that we are one of the first theatres to do this new show makes it even more thrilling. We're hoping that students and the public will give a try to what is essentially a new musical that has not even been seen on Broadway."

Working will be performed March 28-31 at 8:00 pm, April 1 at 3:00 pm, and April 5-8 at 8:00 pm in Woods Theatre. Tickets are available at the box office by calling 732-263-6889 or going to www.monmouth.edu/arts.

The Music and Voice of Whitney Houston Remembered

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Pop icon, R&B soul singer and actress Whitney Houston passed away February 11, a day before the 54th Grammy Awards, in Beverly Hills, California, at 48 years old.

Clive Davis, the music mogul that originally signed Houston to a recording contract, still held his annual pre-Grammy show on the day of her death, telling audience members, "Whitney was a beautiful person and a talent beyond compare. She graced this stage with her regal presence and gave so many memorable performances here over the years," according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Houston's memorial service took place this past Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey where her singing abilities first began to shine as a soloist of the junior gospel choir.

The funeral was invitation only, but was attended by celebrities like Davis, Stevie Wonder, Alicia Keys and her *Bodyguard* co-star, Kevin Costner.

Houston leaves behind a legacy as a recording artist, being the only singer to have seven consecutive number one hits and the only female singer to have two albums reach multi-platinum in the same year, according to Recording Industry Association of America.

Her iconic hit "I Will Always Love You," a Dolly Parton song featured in *The Bodyguard*, was called "one of the best vocals ever recorded" by Aaron Furgason, advisor to WMCX and music industry professor.

"The first thirty seconds is just her singing. When's the last time a pop song did that, or a ballad did that? If you don't have the voice, forget trying to do that. It's just Whitney, it's stunning. There's so much emotion, you can hear her sigh at the beginning."

Houston was born August 9, 1963 in Newark to a family of vocalists and performers. Her mother, Cissy



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Whitney Houston was considered the voice of her generation with songs like "I Will Always Love You" and "I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)".

Houston, was a gospel singer and performed backup vocals for Elvis Presley, while her cousins Dionne and Dee Dee Warwick both had successful careers as recording artists.

Young Whitney was also introduced to her mother's friend and original diva, Aretha Franklin, at a recording studio, which led many to dub Franklin as godmother to Houston, but Franklin told Al Roker on "Today" she was more of an "honorary aunt."

"She was dealt a great hand as she was born with a wonderful voice, was surrounded by other great singers, had a great intelligence for making music and a work ethic that inspired a generation of singers," said David Tripold, Chair of the Music and Theatre Arts Department at the University.

Houston's family influenced and developed her singing abilities from a young age, singing in front of the public at the age of 11. When she was a teenager, she had recorded backup vocals for various acts, including pop star Chaka Khan. She was then discovered as a model after performing at Carnegie Hall with her mother.

While appearing in magazines like *Seventeen*, Houston still pursued a singing career.

While singing with her mother once more, Houston caught the eye of an A & R representative from Arista Records, who they told Davis, Arista's owner, to watch her perform. Immediately after seeing Houston sing, Davis signed her to an international recording contract.

In February 1985, Houston's first album, *Whitney Houston*, was released to critical acclaim and slowly began to take over the Billboard charts. Yet, it wasn't until the release of "How Will I Know" that Houston became a star, as the single skyrocketed to the top of the charts and the music video received heavy rotation on MTV. The single "Greatest Love of All" propelled Whitney Houston to the number one album for 14 nonconsecutive weeks.

Her second studio album, *Whitney*, was the first album by a female artist to debut at number one on the charts. It featured the huge hit "I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me)" which garnered Houston her

second Grammy award. Nicole Vitale, station manager at WMCX, said Houston "was a staple in my household growing up."

"My mom was an especially big fan; there were only two songs that really got her amped when she was driving in the car: 'Last Dance' by Donna Summer, and 'I Wanna Dance With Somebody' by Whitney Houston, of course," Vitale said.

Houston gained huge acclaim after her performance of "The Star Spangled Banner" at the opening of Super Bowl XXV in 1990. The rendition was soon released as a single and turned the national anthem into a success.

In 1992, Houston starred alongside Kevin Costner in *The Bodyguard*, a film about a superstar's relationship with her bodyguard after receiving threats from a crazed fan. According to Costner at her funeral, he fought hard for Houston to be in the movie, even halting production for a year while she finished her world tour.

While the movie did very well at the box office, it received mixed reviews. However, the real success was *The Bodyguard* soundtrack featuring "I Will Always Love You" a song chosen by Costner. The soundtrack won Houston three Grammys, including Album of the Year.

"When I heard 'I Will Always Love You' for the first time, I was blown away. I was used to the gritty sounds of grunge bands and the dramatic wailing from the metal bands, so Whitney's voice rang so pure that I was really taken aback," said Vitale, a senior. "I thought to myself, 'WOW. That's one way to make an impact.'"

Houston went on to star in other movies like *Waiting to Exhale*, *The Preacher's Wife*, and the made-for-TV movie *Cinderella* where she played the fairy godmother to Brandi's Cinderella. Each movie gained Houston more success as an actress and as a singer. The track

"Exhale (Shoop Shoop)" appeared on *Waiting to Exhale's* soundtrack, and she recorded with a gospel choir for *The Preacher's Wife* soundtrack.

While Houston had a lot of success as a performer, some say her downfall began when she married R&B singer Bobby Brown in 1992. The marriage seemed perfectly fine with Houston giving birth to her daughter Bobbi Kristina Houston Brown in 1993. But years of trouble with the law for Brown and substance abuse issues tarnished Houston's singing abilities and overall demeanor. Her public image was incredibly damaged with the reality TV show "Being Bobby Brown." Her cause of death is still unknown, but many speculate drug abuse was in some way the cause.

"I think my last memory was of her acting erratic in a clip from 'Being Bobby Brown' I saw featured on 'The Soup' a couple of years ago, where she was parading around the house and screaming to Bobby, 'Kiss my ASS!'" said Vitale. "I was hysterically laughing, but really, I and the world never really knew of the inner turmoil she had brewing inside."

Houston has had a great influence on many of today's performers, including Christina Aguilera, Mariah Carey, and Beyonce. In an eerie coincidence, on a "Glee" Valentine's Day special, star Amber Riley did a rendition of "I Will Always Love You" days after the passing of Houston.

Houston will be appearing on the big screen once again, in the remake of *Sparkle* with "American Idol" winner Jordin Sparks.

Still, many hold Houston close to their hearts and will always remember her great talent and the tragedy that unfolded before their eyes.

"I think that it's a tragedy that a woman with so much talent, someone who could have gone above and beyond with her voice, chose to go down such a dark and unfortunate path," said Britney Dupuis, sales director at WMCX.

Recalling the Best “Simpsons” Stories: The Most Memorable Episodes Out of 500

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Whether you like “The Simpsons” or not, this show has definitely left a footprint on our pop culture. In certain ways, we can recall the most memorable jokes, stories, and overall hilarity featuring Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie and all the residents of Springfield even if one has only seen a few episodes.

With “The Simpsons” having reached their 500th episode, it seems like a good time for this mega-fan to review the series. Although I could go on and on about my favorite episodes, I’ve chose to narrow down my list by focusing on each family member, original stories, Halloween specials, and Springfield itself along with honorable (or d’ohonorable) mentions.

Favorite Homer Episode: “Mr. Plow”

Among all the Homer episodes, the ones that stand out to me are when Homer leaves the Springfield Nuclear Plant to get a new job, and his career as a snow plow driver tops the list. Not only does this story highlight Homer’s idiocy (buying a snow plow at a car show when he was supposed to get something for Marge), but it demonstrates his spontaneity to just do whatever he wants regardless of consequences.

Looking back, it’s hard not to remember this episode without hearing Homer’s jingle (“Call, Mr. Plow...”) play in your head. Additionally, this episode offered a comedic look at business competition between Homer and Barney, the Plow King, as they hilariously try to stay on top.

D’ohonorable Episodes: “Homer Goes to College” and “The Trouble with Trillions.”

Favorite Marge Episode: “Marge in Chains”

In a family like the Simpsons, we have an idea of who everyone is but don’t truly understand their role until they leave. This is what happened to Marge when she forgets to pay for a bottle of bourbon at the Kwik-E-Mart and goes to jail. Without Marge, Homer and the kids realize how much she did for them from simple things like cooking dinner to dealing with odd problems like an alligator in the toilet.

More so, with Marge out of the picture, we saw how much she means to the community as a lack of her marshmallow squares leads to chaos.

I’ve always seen Marge as the glue keeping this family together through thick and thin and this episode just proves my case. Plus, this is a situation everyone has experienced before, giving us a new outlook on our families in the end.

D’ohonorable Episodes: “Brush with Greatness,” and “Itchy & Scratchy & Marge.”

Favorite Bart Episode: “Marge Be Not Proud”

Usually, our first thoughts of Bart are of a troublemaker. However, this episode shows that isn’t always the case as he grasps the difference between right and wrong and builds a conscience after trying to steal a video game. Sure, Bart has played pranks and drove his parents and teachers crazy, but here we see a different side to Bart as he grows up and learns the consequences of his actions from the store security guard to his mother. It’s a big change for him.

The episode also developed Bart and Marge’s mother-son relationship as he experiences regret for his actions and, Marge wonders about what happened to her baby. It shows parents dealing with their kids growing up as well as kids learning from



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When Homer became the snow plow icon, Mr. Plow, it was not only his best job, but also one of the top episodes of the entire series.

their mistakes.

While this episode still shows a wily Bart, we also get a sense of the good kid he can be.

D’ohonorable Episodes: “Three Men and a Comic Book” and “Lost Verizon.”

Favorite Lisa Episode: “Moaning Lisa”

Lisa continues to be the strong independent thinker of the Simpsons. She’s always searching for her identity and this early “Simpsons” episode approached that well. The story featured a depressed Lisa looking for her niche in life and finds it in the Blues with mentoring from saxophonist Bleeding Gums Murphy.

It’s sometimes hard to express one’s inner feelings at a young age yet the show did well to try to encapsulate this dilemma as Lisa sings a bluesy tune about her problems at home to Bleeding Gums. (Plus, this is where Lisa’s love of jazz and the blues came into the spotlight).

Overall, Marge’s message to her that you should be yourself and not listen to what everyone says to do was nicely presented and is still a motivation to Lisa as she chooses to do things she believes in.

D’ohonorable Episodes: “Lisa the Vegetarian” and “She of Little Faith.”

Favorite Maggie Episode: “And Maggie Makes Three”

Since Maggie doesn’t speak much, there aren’t many episodes with her as the star and she is mostly featured in side stories but one that stands out is the story about Marge’s pregnancy with Maggie and Maggie’s birth.

While she doesn’t appear until the end, it’s about the events surrounding the arrival of this soon-to-be Simpson. Though this new child means Homer has to leave his dream job at the bowling alley for the power plant, it also shows how much joy a baby can bring to one’s world.

One stand out moment is when we discover that while the family albums don’t have many pictures of Maggie, Homer has brought plenty to keep him happy at work. This installment shows what life was like before Maggie and how much this family wouldn’t feel complete without her.

D’ohonorable Episode Mentions: “A Street Car Named Marge” and “Four Great Women and a Manicure.”

Favorite Original Story: “Simpsons Roasting Over an Open Fire”

This was the episode that began the series record setting run. This introduction to the Simpsons was terrific, giving viewers a look at their dysfunctional aspects as well as love that binds them. Within this first tale, we fully understood who each family member was: the idiotic-yet-

loving Homer, the caring Marge, the outspoken Lisa, the troublesome Bart and the silent Maggie.

From Homer dressing as Santa to raise money for his family to Bart getting a tattoo saying “mother” but only getting as far as “moth,” it is clear to see now that these wild antics were only an appetizer for the next two decades.

Even today, by the end of the show when the dog Santa’s Little Helper enters the family, it genuinely feels like this family had always been a welcomed guest on America’s TV’s.

D’ohonorable Episodes: “Trilogy of Error” and “How the Test Was Won”

Favorite Treehouse of Horror: “Treehouse of Horror V”

“The Simpsons” annual Halloween specials are always a treat, but the fifth installment stands out for the best spoofs and wildest adventures. The best of the three tales is “Time and Punishment,” where Homer accidentally creates a time machine after fixing the toaster.

While the various worlds he visits are all hilariously frightening, the spotlight is when Homer first goes back and recalls advice about time traveling that his father gave him before his wedding.

The other stories that succeeded were a fantastic spoof of *The Shining* called “The Shinning” and “Nightmare Cafeteria,” where the Springfield Elementary faculty becomes cannibals.

D’ohonorable Episodes: “Treehouse of Horror” (featuring spoofs of “The Raven” and *Amityville Horror*) and “Treehouse of Horror XX” (featuring spoofs of *28 Days Later* and *Sweeney Todd*).

Favorite Springfield Tale: “22 Short Films About Springfield”

While the Simpsons are Springfield’s most famous residents, it’s easy to forget that there are more residents in this town. I love this episode because it allowed these various characters to be showcased in shorts or quick stories and made me really appreciate this community.

Some of the best moments included Principal Seymour Skinner hosting a nerve-racking dinner for Superintendent Chalmers, Nelson getting humiliated, and a *Pulp Fiction* spoof with Chief Wiggum, Snake and military expert Herman.

This episode offered a round viewpoint of the people in Springfield and the lives they lead that the viewer hadn’t previously seen.

D’ohonorable Episodes: “A Star is Burns” and “Who Shot Mr. Burns: Parts 1 and 2.”

Do you agree or disagree with this list? Sound off on The Outlook’s Facebook page with your favorite episodes.

Exposing Issues in Hip-Hop Beyond Beats and Rhymes

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The documentary *Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes* was screened on February 16 in Bey Hall’s H.R. Young Theater.

The event was hosted by Claude Taylor of the Communication Department and welcomed all University students and faculty to view the documentary and participate in a discussion.

The film screening was part of the University’s celebration of Black History Month, which continues to host events until the end of the month.

Directed by Bryon Hurt, the film thoroughly presented the deeper social issues that are apparent in hip-hop music, but often ignored. Within the opening moments of the documentary, film director and anti-violence activist Hurt identifies himself as a life-long hip-hop fan that is conflicted by the issues with the music he loves.

“The more I grew and the more I learned about sexism and violence and homophobia, the more those lyrics became unacceptable to me,” Hurt said in his introduction to the film, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2006.

Through interviews with hip-hop fans, rap artists, industry executives, and hip-hop culture experts, Hurt successfully exposes issues of masculinity, violence, representation of women, and homophobia within hip-hop music and the effect it has on society and, more specifically young black men.

Throughout the film, Hurt exposes that artists, corporate executives and record labels are a force in perpetuating a hip-hop culture that reinforces negative issues. The documentary included a series of interviews with artists including Busta Rhymes, Jadakiss and hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons, all who turn a blind eye to the negative effects of the issues in hip-hop songs, lyrics and music videos because it still sells.

The filmmaker successfully gives the audience realistic evidence of the effect of hip-hop culture on young men with the “BET Spring Bling,” a week-

long hip-hop spring break party in Miami, FL. Hip-hop fans and aspiring artists interviewed in the documentary claim that they identify with the hip-hop culture because the music relates to their backgrounds and struggles.

The documentary also showed the audience a different view when the same men interviewed were filmed sexually harassing women, fighting with each other to prove masculinity, and rapping about violence, weapons, and rape.

Taylor also led a discussion at the screening challenging all attendees of the event to reconsider the lyrics heard in rap music, regardless of one’s race, gender, and sexuality.

Taylor expressed interest in the opinions of University students concerning the issues in hip-hop. Admitting to be a fan of the music, he labeled rap as “the soundtrack of parties,” because it’s music to dance to. Taylor stated, “If you go to the bars and the clubs over on the West End, that’s the type of music you’re going to hear.”

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SKIP CAREY
Director of Disability Services

Senior Brian Morelli admits that although he’s not a big hip-hop fan, he still enjoys some of the music. However, he still raises questions about how a genre of music can have an image that sells.

“I’m in a heavy metal band and recently, before a show, one of my band members told me not to smile during the show because it’s not ‘metal,’” Morelli said, sharing his own experiences with images in music. “But as much as I speak against the ‘image,’ look at my hair,” Morelli added, pointing to his long black hair. “Why did I choose to grow it out?”

Other attendees shared their opinions concerning the image portrayed by hip-hop music including Skip Carey, Director of Disability Services. He said, “The movie gave me a glimpse into a world I know nothing about. I’ve heard the music, but I didn’t really pay attention to it; it was eye opening.”



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Filmmaker Bryon Hurt offered an introspective look into the business and music of hip-hop as well as its influence on society in the documentary, *Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes*.

Former Hawks Take Over Seaside Park and Become Nostalgic of MU

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Two Hawks, two generations and two winnings for the Seaside Park Council. That is the story for alums Robert Matthies, class of 1972, and David Nicola, class of 2000. Both individuals ran for the Seaside Park Council this past November; Matthies was elected as Mayor and Nicola as Councilman. With just a few months under their belts in their new positions, the two former Hawks had some time to discuss serving Seaside Park, as well as to recall some fond memories on the Monmouth campus.

This is not the first time Mayor Matthies has represented Seaside Park in an executive capacity. He was Mayor from 2004 to 2007, chose to take a few years off, and has now reprised his role. "I ran again because of the strong support of the community. I've been in elected council for 20 years, and I've always felt obligated to my community, and if that means being in a leadership role, then so be it," Matthies says.

As Mayor, he is Chief Executive Officer of the borough representing citizens of the Seaside Park community. Although the town's population is 1,500 in the off-season, there are around 40,000 full-time residents in the summer – which does not include visitors to the beaches.

Nicola is in charge of multiple duties in Seaside Park. As Councilman, he oversees the annual budgets for the town as well as the operations of the police, fire and first-aid departments, public works department and beach control. "Basically all of the issues in-between, like how the residents are doing, if there are any issues in town they need to be made aware of, and just overseeing a tremendous amount of people and information."

What the Councilman loves the most, however, is the ability to help others on a daily basis. "One of the most interesting parts of the job is being able to fix problems if you see them," Nicola says. "I believe in open communication, so I share as much as I can with the residents. I definitely don't believe in a transparent government. If there are any good ideas out there, then you can actually make them happen. It's a great way to put the people's wants and needs in front

of you and be able to make people's lives better."

Mayor Matthies agrees, explaining that he loves to interact with people and be of service to the community, and exhibit leadership to accomplish goals, to work on challenges. "That's just what I like to do."

Alas, with every job, there will be challenges and obstacles. However, the "Jersey Shore" cast is not one of them, as the MTV show is filmed in Seaside Park's neighboring town, Seaside Heights, so any havoc that is created does not affect Matthies and Nicola's jobs.

Matthies says with his occupation, it can many times be frustrating, trying and annoying, but overall a great pursuit. "It has a great effect. You're helping people in so many ways."

Other challenges, Nicola says, consist of enforcing stable taxes, public safety, budgets and planning for the future as much as you can; although "things can happen that you don't expect, which can affect your budget. You need to be diligent and look at costs each and every year, to scrutinize everything and to not pay up more than you absolutely have to. But most of all make sure you take care of the people and pay for the things you need to pay for to make sure everyone is taken care of in a proper way. Quality of life is important. I believe the people in Seaside Park deserve the highest quality of life possible."

Matthies looks upon his MU education as a significant time in his life. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in science and science and education, respectively. He occasionally visits the campus, most recently to Pollak Theatre for the

Cherish the Ladies performance and sat in front of President Paul G. Gaffney II. "I think he is a great leader of the University."

Recalling some favorite memories, he softly laughs as he remembers Greek Week 1971, where he was deemed King. Looking back on his time at the University, Nicola was working towards a degree in political science and history. With friends who played basketball and golf, the now-councilman was a

in general for Monmouth basketball."

As an alum who attended Homecoming each October for a number of years, Nicola has also noticed tailgating changes that he doesn't necessarily agree with. "Changes were made, and less people were going, and there was really a less of an incentive to go. However, in the last couple years, I see the University has made some strides to reach out

more to bring more people back to Homecoming, so hopefully the University continues in that respect and there's a nice mutual understanding of what needs to be changed and what needs to be left alone, and the alumni and students can have a great time once again."

Matthies discusses the extensive growth of the University's academic programs, as well as the increase in buildings and facilities. "It's much more of a comprehensive education for those who desire an MU education."

Alum Jeff Mass, now Career Counselor/Job Developer for Career Services, has known Nicola for over five years and the two are close friends. "Nicola is a smart, reliable and hard working professional who knows how to get the job done. I'm confident that he will be quite successful as the newly appointed councilman for Seaside Park, NJ."

Nicola agrees, saying Mass is a great person and addition to the University. "He always wants to help other people before he helps himself, one of those people. I always say people who went to Monmouth have the Monmouth connection."

Mass is also aware of Nicola's work-ethic and dedication. "Outside of the workplace, Dave vol-

unteers his spare time with the New Jersey Special Olympics. Last year, his Polar Bear Plunge team finished in sixth place out of 299 teams with contributions of just over \$15,900."

Prior to becoming Councilman, Nicola was involved in several committees in Seaside Park, including the zoning board, environmental committee, and a volunteer of the fire department. His desire to help other people in his town gave him the idea to go ahead and run for Councilman.

Matthies, as noted, has been involved with Seaside Park council for two decades. He was on the Board of Education for close to 10 years, and the planning board for five. Currently, he is also the Superintendent of Cape May County Technical School System.

To the college students and upcoming graduates, Matthies and Nicola offer their perspectives. Matthies insists, "Seize all of the opportunities you came for, don't forget to tell them where you came from, and say thank you to someone on your way out."

Nicola has a few tips himself. "Pursue the things you are interested in. Something might pay you a lot of money, but if you have no interest in it, don't do it. Life is more about making money. It's about being happy and doing things that you like doing. Happiness matters."

Overall, the Mayor cherishes the people he met at the University and the lifelong memories he's made. He explains his respect and admiration for all who attend MU, as well as his professors. "I'd like them to know how important their teaching was to my education, and to my life."

In the end, both men remain proud to be Hawks. "My time at Monmouth was one of the best times in my life," Nicola says. "My years after Monmouth, when I would go back and visit friends, were also one of the best times in my life. I think alumni of the school and the current students are working together, from what I understand, very well; and my hope is that the relationship grows stronger as years pass. Now and in the future, anything I can do to help, I will always do. In the end, it's a great place, it's a special place, and I always have a place in my heart for Monmouth University."



PHOTO COURTESY of David Nicola

Robert Matthies (left) and David Nicola (right) are Mayor and Councilman of Seaside Park, respectively.

huge supporter of University athletics. He attended numerous games of all of the sports teams, and also tried to reel in larger attendances. "We felt it was important to support all of the different sports," he said.

Overall, he enjoyed walking the campus and living in the Great Lawn and Garden Apartments, which he says are "really nice and fun places to live." Since his dorm days, he's noticed more buildings and an increase in student enrollment. He also speaks of the recent coaching changes with the men's basketball team. "Hiring King Rice is a great step in the right direction, and I think the future's very bright

Know What Courses Cost More

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says that lab fees remain relatively stable, as the cost of supplies increases only three to five percent each year.

Lab fees are also considered when creating financial aid packages for each student at the University, said Claire Alasio, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Director of Financial Aid. She said that students may use federal, state, and/or institutional grant and/or loan funds to pay for lab fees.

Science classes are not the only courses at the University that require extra fees. All information technology classes charge lab fees as well. The money is necessary for software and technology equipment in the labs. Jamie Kretsch, information technology professor said, "We use a variety of software products. We feel it is essential to expose students to mainstream software, those popular choices that are in use at the majority of companies and organizations students will move on to after graduation, so we always attempt to teach with the current software releases of

these top-rated products." Kretsch said that with these programs and products available to students in the labs in Howard Hall on campus, they do not have to purchase them for their own computers.

Palladino said other expenses for lab sciences may include lab manu-

To help students earn money to cover the cost of additional fees, the University offers a lab assistant program. Students must complete IT100 and be recommended by a professor to earn this position, where they assist IT professors in their classes. "It's a fantastic way for students to earn

periences with modern instrumentation and supplies," said Palladino. Francis Lutz, computer science professor, agrees. He said, "Unless another source of income was to replace lab fees, like charging all students more for tuition or raising more funds as donations in support

office to other organizations in different departments, keeping costs as low as possible is always a topic of interest. Palladino is part of a group that is "currently examining best practices for providing students with access to textbooks and other related materials in a way that provides choices and manages costs for our students."

Kretsch, Lutz and Palladino all agree that the University is more than fair in supporting the financial needs of each class and that the experiences gained by students is well worth the expense. Palladino said of his undergraduate education at the College of New Jersey, "The personalized college experience I had as an undergraduate student was the most influential experience in deciding my career path. Looking back on this experience, tuition at that time seemed inexpensive, but my parents didn't think so when they were paying the tuition bills. I can tell you that in my particular experience the benefits of my undergraduate education, in terms of professional success and satisfaction and monetary value in my career, have far exceeded the costs of my education."

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FRANCIS LUTZ
Computer Science Professor

als, safety glasses, goggles, and lab coats. However, these materials are often used for multiple classes. The additional costs of information technology classes cover equipment such as printers or new computers, according to Kretsch.

money, gain additional experience, and show prospective employers that they are comfortable with technology and highly regarded by our faculty," said Kretsch.

"Without lab fees, it would not be possible to have high-quality lab ex-

perience of laboratory instruction, the quality of lab sciences would diminish significantly if the lab fees were eliminated."

The University does other things to make these expenses easier on students. From the financial aid

Twins: Double is Better

What it's Like to be a Twin

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They always say two is better than one, and boy, are they right. Double the trouble, double the noise, double the mess, just double everything. When one thinks of twins, some first thoughts may be that they finish each other's sentences, read each other's minds, and even dress in coordinating

outfits. But beyond the surface of similar features and mannerisms lies many other characteristics that aren't displayed straight out of the gate. To those who grew up with large age gaps in between siblings, twins are born with a built-in playmate. Michael Pearson, senior communication major and a twin, said, "I was never bored growing up, because my brother

was always around. We didn't have to play video games all the time because there was always someone to play catch with or play sports against. Also, my brother and I were always on a team against our parents during arguments, so it was good to have backup," he said. A common question asked of twins is, "Do you ever get bothered by being associated with each other?"

Josh Lewis, senior business major, said, "When I was growing up, I went through periods of time when I hated being associated with my twin, Ben. I always tried to be independent and never liked being referred to as one of 'the twins.' Now though, I don't mind it." Lewis also said that since both his brother and himself have gone to college, they have actually grown closer than they were before. Sharon Smith, Employee Benefits Administrator in Human Resources, said that she never gets tired of being associated with her twin either, and that they still have a very strong connection.

Who doesn't find it fascinating to ask the mundane question that if one twin gets hurt, does the other feel it? Smith said, "Through the years we have 'sensed' when something is not right and have immediately called to find out what was going on." A similar instance occurred to Lewis. "Some of the connotations of being a twin are that people think we can feel each other's pain. I've even had friends test this theory. When I was in Israel a few summers ago, my friends made me call my twin and they punched me to see if he would feel the pain. He felt nothing," Lewis said. But on other occasions he said, "Sometimes we do think about the same thing at the same time. Like we will call each other around the same time and have the same thought."

"Being a twin is excellent once you master telepathy," said Steven DeCarlo, senior Economics major. What intrigues people the most is finding out that some twins are opposites in the sense that they have completely different tendencies and humors. Smith said, "She [my twin] is left-handed and I am right-handed. She always excelled in spelling and I was terrible. However, I was a much better athlete. She loves to knit and makes beautiful blankets and

sweaters for all the babies in our family. I have never knitted anything." Lewis said, "Ben and I are pretty different once you get to know us. We do look different, yet people still get us confused. He is more shy and passive, I am more outgoing and aggressive." Not all twins are super different, though. DeCarlo said, "We enjoy the same movies, music and cuisine. There aren't a lot of differences besides, seemingly, our attitudes toward people—unfortunately I tend to be less friendly than he is."

When one is a twin, there is always someone there for support if one is in a tight pickle or just needs someone to talk to. DeCarlo said, "I probably feel closest to Francis when I'm doing something that does not involve any kind of dialogue like music, reading, or writing. When we're playing or writing music, our imaginative ideas come to the surface and it is definitely a bonding experience. It's an acquired skill to be perfectly understood without having to say a word. Music affords this opportunity to Fran and I."

Once someone is able to look past the identical or fraternal faces, twins emerge to be just like everyone else. They just happen to conveniently have a look-alike brother or sister. Lewis said, "Having a twin is more like having a best friend that you grew up with and had most of your best memories with throughout your life. It is pretty cool."



PHOTO COURTESY of Josh Lewis

Josh Lewis, senior business major (left), said that although he and his twin, Ben, look alike, they are very different people.

A Separation from Divorce

How Divorce Affects Students and Society

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the current divorce rate in our country is up to 50 percent. That means that when a couple gets married, there is a 50 percent chance that the marriage will end in a divorce.

Alan Foster, sociology professor, said that part of the problem with divorce is that it is too easy to get married in this country. "You don't have to take a test and all you need is a couple of bucks and a license. We have a lot of freedom in this country to marry anybody we choose, which could be part of the reason why people get married for the wrong reasons," said Foster.

Foster also suggested that maybe there is a need for some sort of a pre-marital test to see if people are prepared. People need to make sure they're with the right person, they have enough money, and they are ready and mature enough to handle being married.

When a family goes through a divorce, they must experience the pain that both sides go through and the sadness that is felt if children are involved. They no longer get to grow up in a normal household, but instead have to live with one parent and see the other one from time to time. It changes everything for everyone involved and can leave a lasting effect.

Franca Mancini, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, discussed some of these affects one may see occur in a divorce, especially in terms

of young adults. "In my experience, in situations like this the individual response will vary, but it is always a major life event, and therefore some degree of anxiety will be present," said Mancini. "It is fairly common to see anger and irritability also, even in adult children who no longer live in the home, like college students. There is a sense of loss and certainly disruption on a material and psychological level. What was no longer in relationships and even day-to-day routines will need to be redefined. It is a stressful process, and often children get lost in it. Their feelings about it aren't brought to the surface clearly." Mancini also added how it seems like divorce is so accepted in society today. Because of this idea, this makes it difficult for all parties involved to identify the feelings they are having. This

ultimately has an effect on the healing process, as people may not be able to speak up and really say what they are feeling.

Foster used his brother as an example of this. His brother got divorced from his wife, and all three of his kids went on to marry and follow in their father's footsteps of getting a divorce as well. Something like this is a reality and is an unfortunate effect of divorce.

Not only does divorce leave an emotional effect on all those involved, but for the two parties involved who are getting divorced, it also has a financial impact. Albert Calise, practicing lawyer and professor, has studied divorce in law school and how it can financially affect people.

"I believe there is one winner in a divorce, and it's the attorney. People are getting divorced and they have their reasons, but financially, the attorney wins. As far as how much the attorney makes, it depends on each case. Some cases go on and on, and if a lawyer is getting an hourly rate he makes

out with a big check," Calise said. Calise added that people get divorced for good reasons and people get divorced for bad reasons. The cases are very unique because there are many emotions involved, which can make things very difficult for both parties.

Christine Gurrera has been divorced for nearly 15 years and agrees that divorce can have both an emotional and a financial impact. "It's a very frightening time. Emotionally, everything is difficult and you also have to face the fact that your finances are changing. The end result is you will be living differently from a financial standpoint and you will have a huge bill to pay for the divorce, especially in terms of paying for an attorney," said Gurrera.

Sometimes, divorces are necessary. Sometimes the people just are not in love anymore or maybe there is even the threat of violence in the household, which also deems it necessary. This again leads back to Foster's point that maybe divorce isn't the major issue.

The fact that people marry so young and the fact that the process is not difficult leads to the problem of divorce later on down the road. There is also the idea of how we as a society have become so attached to the idea of instant gratification that we look for quick solutions to problems. Instead of working on marriages, nowadays people just resolve to divorce, as sort of an easy way out.

For many, divorce isn't an easy fix; it's a disastrous solution for all parties involved.



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Divorce is a losing situation financially and emotionally for all involved, including husband, wife and children.

Children, who grow up experiencing divorce through their parents, are more likely to get divorced themselves when they are older.

Love Struck

Alpha Sigma Tau Raises Suicide Awareness

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Alpha Sigma Tau hosted their third annual Love Struck event at Pollak Theatre on Wednesday, February 15 at 10:00 pm. The event raised \$1,305, which goes towards suicide awareness.

“Love Struck is an annual event that Alpha Sigma Tau has been holding for the last three years,” said Lauren Jackson, Alpha Sigma Tau event coordinator. “The purpose of this event was to raise money for suicide awareness in honor of our sister, Dana Peskowitz. All proceeds are donated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention,” said Jackson.

Love Struck is a dating game where six boys and six girls from various campus organizations compete for a date with a suitor of the opposite sex by getting asked random questions and doing different tasks to show off their skills.

This was the first time that Jackson was in charge of organizing the event for the sorority. Jackson’s job included planning the event, acquiring the contestants and running the event itself.

The hosts of the night were junior Dayna Zeises and senior Brian Hentz. Zeises is a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, and was a contestant in this event last year. Zeises had never hosted the event before. “I’m a little bit nervous, hopefully it will go away when I’m up there,” she said.

Brian Hentz, member of Sigma Tau Gamma said, “I host our

event [Don’t Forget the Lyrics] every year so I’m doing that again in a few weeks. “Don’t Forget the Lyrics” will be held March 20 at 10:00 pm in Pollak Theatre.

In round one, Renee Oleniacz of Phi Sigma Sigma and Jay Giaquinta of Sigma Tau Gamma each asked six bachelors and bachelorettes a series of questions about their personalities, hobbies and what they look for in a significant other.

In round two, the male contestants had to show off their best dance moves and do as many push-ups as possible. The female contestants had to strike their best cat walk pose. In round three, Oleniacz and Giaquinta got to meet their matches.

This event was publicized through facebook promotions, the Greek Senate and through print advertisements.

“My sorority was involved with coordinating and running the event. We had contestants from Phi Sigma Sigma, ZTA, Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Tau Gamma, TKE, Phi Si, Alpha Kappa Psi, and Hawk TV. Delta Phi Epsilon also sent a donation in place of their absence, which was much appreciated,” said Jackson.

When students entered Pollak Theatre, they were greeted by a table of Alpha Sigma Tau sisters, who collected money for admission and handed out raffle tickets. During intermission, the students had a chance to win prizes which included a free cab ride from Moe’s Taxi Service, and gift cards to local places around campus such as Bubbakoo’s Bur-



PHOTO COURTESY of Alexis Orlacchio

Jay Gianquinta of Sigma Tau Gamma on stage listing his likes, dislikes and activities for the ladies of the University.

ritos, TGI Fridays, Let’s Yo, Scala’s Pizzeria and Juniors of West End. “Thank God [Juniors] didn’t burn down,” Hentz joked while awarding the prize.

Amy Bellina, Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations, approved this

event. “I met with her [Lauren Jackson] to approve the event and make sure that she knew who to contact for things like lighting, sounds, etc.” said Bellina.

The front half of Pollak was filled with students. “I came to support their philanthropy. Also,

one of my sisters [Brittany Lau-ro] is in it,” said Nicolle Rodriguez, member of Alpha Zi Delta.

“It’s a fun, entertaining way to raise money for a good cause,” said Jackson. “We had a very big turnout and was glad that it beat last year’s turnout.”

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!

Arete: The Honors Newsletter

The Honors Newsletter will be holding a peer editing meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at 2:30 pm in the Beechwood Lounge. Please bring what you have completed thus far of your articles. If you cannot make the meeting, feel free to send what you have written to Jenna Inter-simone at s0755038 so that it can still be edited before the submission date.

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 whic 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 22 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 Com-mitted 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 nonprofit 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 percent. 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.

The collection boxes have been placed throughout campus and will stay there until the end of the semester.

The ESC asks that all students donate in order to save our Earth from the toxic fluids ink cartridges and cell phones contain.

Because the Energy Service Corps is a nonprofit organization 100 percent of the proceeds will go towards suppliesfor weatherizations.

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.

The Outdoors Club

The Outdoors Club would like to remind everyone about the upcoming horseback riding/camping trip in P.A.

The trip will be taking place March 24 and 25, the weekend after spring break.

The club urges anyone interested to attend the meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at 3:30 pm in Bey Hall room 132 where details such as what to bring on the trip, cost, and spot reservations will be discussed.

Important details regarding the trip will be released, and you will be able to reserve a spot on the trip for just \$35!

Don’t forget to check out the official Monmouth University Outdoors Club Facebook page for updated information; feel free to post any questions or suggestions regarding the club or any of the trips.

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.

RHA Movies in Oakwood

This Friday and Saturday in the Oakwood Lounge, RHA will be screening two films.

Friday the 24 there will be a showing of *Jack and Jill* at 8:00 and 11:00 pm.

Saturday the 25 there will be a showing of *The Muppets* at 8:00 and 11:00 pm.

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!

Involvement Fair Springs Into Action

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COPY EDITOR

The University doesn't often have involvement fairs in the spring, but over 100 students turned out for what faculty and club leaders alike described as a very successful event. Thirty-six stands were set up in the meeting halls on the second floor of the student center, each allowing some of the University's most interesting and active groups a chance to introduce themselves to students.

All manners of students attended the event. The crowd was

last semester and joined a few clubs. [Involvement fairs are] a platform to meet people and get involved. For me, as an international student, it was important, as I joined the International Students Club."

Many clubs set up small games, colorful posters or refreshments to entice more students. The International Students Club gave out cookies, while the Social Work Club had a drink station.

Several Greek societies had party games and decorations to attract the eye and possible future pledges. Tri-fold poster boards showed off the clubs accomplish-

"It was a great opportunity for either new or returning students to make a connection on campus."

AMY BELLINA
Director of Student Activities

a colorful mix of freshmen, transfer students and upperclassmen who had yet to explore all of their club interests. Some came simply to support a friend's club, even if they weren't members themselves.

The event began with a slow trickle of students. In the first half hour, those perusing the stands came sporadically and in small groups. As classes let out and word got around, larger groups began filing through the double doors.

Laura Fiorelli of *The Monmouth Review* said, "I feel that not as many people are here compared to the fall, but the interest is clear."

The Monmouth Review was one of the many clubs at the fair. Also attending were *The Outlook*, the Student Activities Board, the Monmouth Math Club, Study Abroad Club, the Running Interest Group, Community Service Club and the Outdoors Club, among others.

Ashish Pagadala, Graduate Assistant, comments, "I was here

ments as well as photos of their members, showing the sense of belonging and friendship a student can find by joining up with like-minded people.

The faculty involved was very happy with the amount of students that came to the fair. Susan Damaschke, Coordinator of First Year Student Retention said, "This is the first time I've seen a spring involvement fair. I think it's important to give first-year students a chance to get involved. Many hesitate at first. I'm glad we did it."

She also commented, "Many clubs are showing a lot of teamwork here," saying that the organizations of the University have been cooperating and improving the overall feel of the campus.

Amy Bellina, Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations, says, "While it was smaller than the fair we have outside in the fall, I still think it was a great opportunity for either new or returning students to make a connection on campus."

Students to Launch Online News Portal

PRESS RELEASE

West Long Branch, NJ—The Verge, Monmouth University's first student-run online news portal, will launch their website on Wednesday, February 29 at 2:30 pm in room 206 in the Jules Plangere Center.

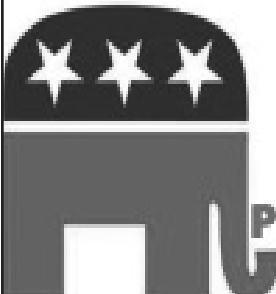
The event is open to all University students and faculty. Light refreshments will be served.

"I am very excited about the launch of The Verge," said Dr. Chad Dell, Communication Department Chair. "This represents a brand new opportunity for students to work in a multimedia environment and to get their work viewed by the world."

The Verge student news portal was created for the purpose of providing the Monmouth University community with information and issues in and around the university and to act as a forum for expression of the ideas of its audience. It allows students that are interested in journalism, communication and other multimedia to gain experience while also exploring the alternative platforms that are used in the creation and dissemination of the news today.

For more information, please contact The Verge Advisor, Dr. Marina Vujnovic at mvujnovi@monmouth.edu or (732) 263-5667.

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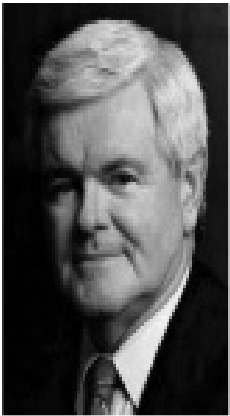
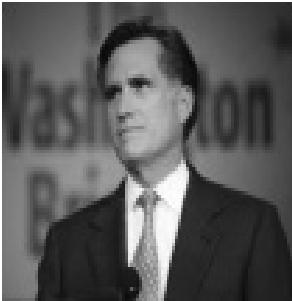


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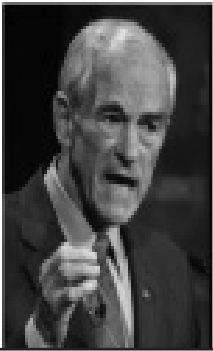
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Sigma Pi Sports Memorabilia and Collectibles Show

PHOTOS COURTESY of Cameron Nichols
Sigma Pi hosted a sports memorabilia and collectibles show this past December with autographed items by athletes Ripken.

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University's Sigma Pi fraternity hosted a sports memorabilia and collectibles show for the first time on December 4, 2011 in the Student Center, Anacon Hall, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Sports memorabilia included autographed balls, bats, helmets, jerseys, sports cards and more from professional athletes. Cameron Nichols, Fundraising Chair for Sigma Pi hosted and organized this event. All attendees received a free raffle and the prizes were a Jim Rice autographed 16 by 20 photograph and a Cal Ripken autographed baseball. This event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Proceeds benefited the Sam Spady Foundation to educate parents and students about the dangers of alcohol. The Sam Spady Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating parents and students about the dangers of alcohol. It honors the memory of Samantha Spady, a 19-year-old student at Colorado State University who died of alcohol poisoning on September 5, 2004. Sigma Pi raised \$600 for this charity from this event.



What was a situation where you realized diversity existed?

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Liz
senior

“In kindergarten when there were people that looked different than me.”



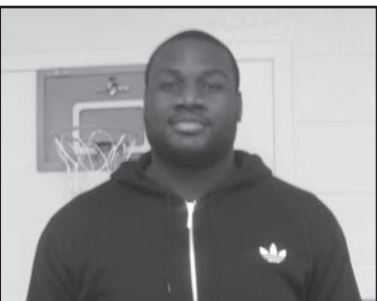
Eric
sophomore

“When I was at the airport for the first time.”



Christina
staff

“I’m not sure if it does exist.”



Jeffery
junior

“When I came to Monmouth and joined the track team.”



Taylor
freshman

“When I went to the city for the first time.”



Gaby
sophomore

“The first time I went to high school.”



Candice
grad student

“When I was studying at Purdue University. There was an overwhelming amount of international students.”



Deanna
faculty

“I see diversity in my classroom all of the time.”



Brittany
senior

“I just continuously see it more and more everyday, everywhere.”



Elizabeth
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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

The Comic Book Adventures of Professor Claude Taylor

MATTHEW FISHER
COMICS EDITOR

Communication professor Claude Taylor’s secret identity as a comic book fan has been revealed! Hearing Taylor talk about superheroes and comic books, it was easy to see he is not just a fan of the medium but a super fan.

In an interview with *The Outlook* about all things comic book related from his introduction to superheroes to the current status of comics. Taylor’s affinity for superhero adventures began upon finding his brothers comics at an early age. “My first contact with comic books was the ‘Giant Size’ large format books that were popular in the 1970’s,” Taylor said. “My older brother had some Marvel titles, and I used to look at the pictures when I was five-years-old.”

He also said that early on, he saw some comic book media on TV like “Wonder Woman” and “Batman,” but the one that stood out the most was “Super Friends.” “I was an avid viewer of Saturday morning cartoons and the best one was the ‘Super Friends,’” Taylor said. “That was the best...with the team you had multiple characters all the time.”

As his comics fascination grew, Taylor talked about how he would eagerly await the arrival of new comics. “I’d wait for the delivery truck at my local convenience store. I used to get it first out of the truck.” While an avid reader, Taylor said he was becoming a collector, too. “...I used to buy a ‘read-copy’ and a ‘collect-copy’ of my favorite titles,” saving them in plastic casings with back boards to keep them mint.

As time passed, Taylor gravitated more to Marvel comics than DC, saying he’s 80 percent Marvel and 20 percent DC. He mentioned how he was “fascinated with the Fantastic Four origin story. I remember going back and reading about them.” He also listed Spider-Man and the Hulk as other stand out characters. “As a kid, they are the kind of big superheroes that caught your eye,” he added.

Taylor said, “Marvel captured your attention in different ways. At the time in the late 70’s, Marvel heroes were easier to identify with and easier to just like the story while DC was dodgy and old...”

However, to this day, Taylor’s favorite hero is still Daredevil, attorney Matt Murdock who, despite being blind by an accident, had his other senses reach super levels. One of Taylor’s prized posses-

sions is the entire Frank Miller run from the series, where Daredevil experienced both extreme physical and emotional challenges with the sharp-shooter Bullseye and his ex-girlfriend, Elektra.

Taylor explained he liked Miller’s run because he “changed the game so much...Miller was the first artist and storyteller I remember to dirty [comics] up. He made it new and violent and that was what [readers] were all looking for.” Taylor added that he liked Miller’s grittier take on comics more than past artists like Jack Kirby, co-creator of series like Fantastic Four.

He also listed John Byrne and George Perez (especially his “Teen Titans” run) as other comic creator favorites.

Although he enjoyed certain solo heroes, Taylor said he is a big fan of superhero teams. “I have always been fond of team hero stories. My favorite heroes always and today are the Fantastic Four. I just love their story and concept. I also collected the Defenders, X-Men, the Avengers, JLA (Justice League of America), and Teen Titans over the years. Teams seem to capture and hold my attention the most,” he said.

Beyond collecting comics, he would also attend comic book conventions in New York City in the 80’s. Taylor described at the time that the event occupied “one floor of a hotel convention area” unlike the mega events in cities like San Diego.

However, Taylor eventually faced a dilemma in his comic collecting. “The summer before I went to college I was trying to collect at the same pace but I couldn’t do it.” He also said how the price increase of comics from the glory days of 55 cents books was also a factor in his purchasing. He explained that “...at the time, I had approximately 1,400 comic books. I have added a few here and there but I still have all the books I’ve ever bought.”

Some of his most prized comic collections beyond Miller’s “Daredevil” run include “Fantastic Four” #195-320, “The New Teen Titans/X-Men” crossover, and miniseries featuring characters like The Thing and Wolverine. Taylor also described his fascination with “What If,” a series that presented alternate Marvel storylines and mentioned he had 40 out of the 47 issues from Volume One.

As Taylor acquired jobs teaching in higher education, he never lost his passion for comics and was able to present discussions on them in

classes and conferences. While at Rutgers University, he had a class focusing on communication and pop culture and spent half a semester on superheroes. He had his class focus on questions like, “Where do they fit into society? What makes them interesting” as well as discussing the industry itself.

This professor also utilized his knowledge and desire at a comic book conference for academics in 2008 where he presented his own paper.

One of the highlights of the event, Taylor continued, was hearing comic book icon Scott McCloud (“Understanding Comics”) talk to a large audience about comics and the rise of digital comics.

While he might not read comics on a regular basis now, Taylor said he continues to follow series like “Daredevil” and “Spider-Man” as well as mini-series. He added that the latest title he has followed was “Iron Fist.”

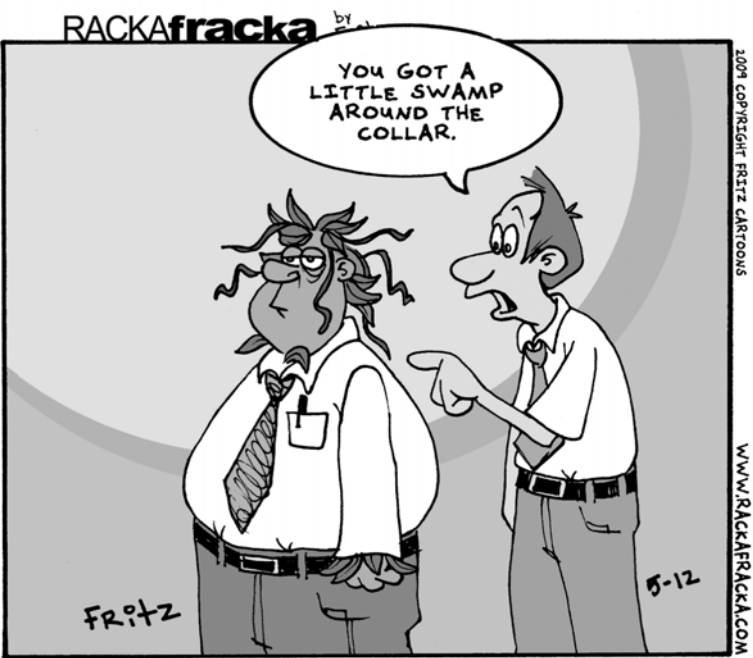
Today, Taylor said he sees artists having a stronger role in comic book stories than writers saying it’s “a reflection of our visual culture.”

On current comic book news, Taylor mentioned that although he hasn’t read any of the DC New 52 books, he likes how the company rebooted their series. He said, “Part of what they’re doing is cleaning up the slate and starting again. They are reinventing heroes for a new generation.”

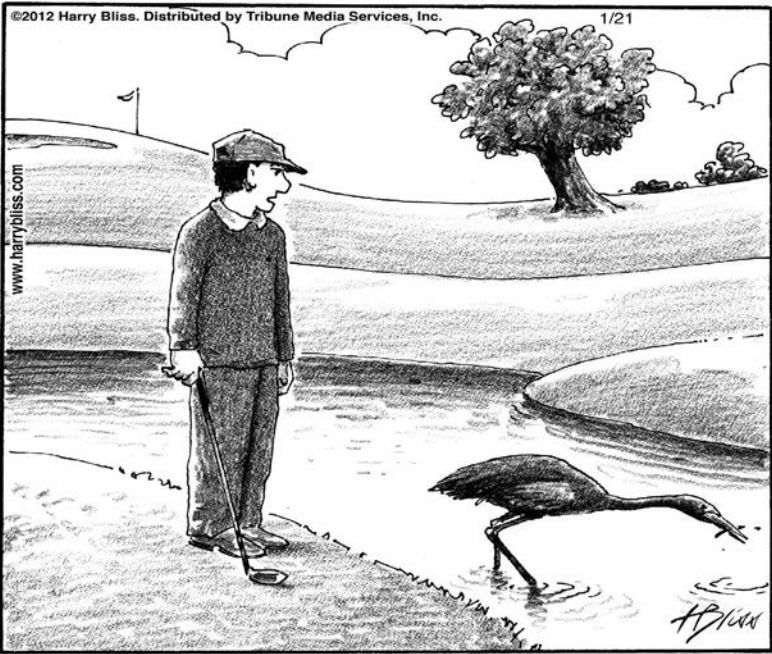
Now speaking of a new generation, comics have been entering fresh territory on the Internet and said he is “interested in what digital comics may offer.” He also recognized how online resources makes it is easier to look up past series and continuity details rather than having to search through back issues for answers like back in the day.

As for comic book movies, while these are successful for moviegoers and comic fans alike, Taylor isn’t as enthused about most of them. “I’m not really crazy about comic book films overall,” Taylor said. “I think the Spider-Man and X-Men series have been the best so far.” He described how movies are “not the medium for comic stories” by being unable to grasp the same excitement and thrills that artists bring to the page.

Ultimately, when Taylor remembers his childhood and collecting comics, he’s still engrossed by the hours spent traveling to new worlds and fighting villains. “Every weekend this was my entertainment, it was escapism. There were so many weekends I got swept away.”

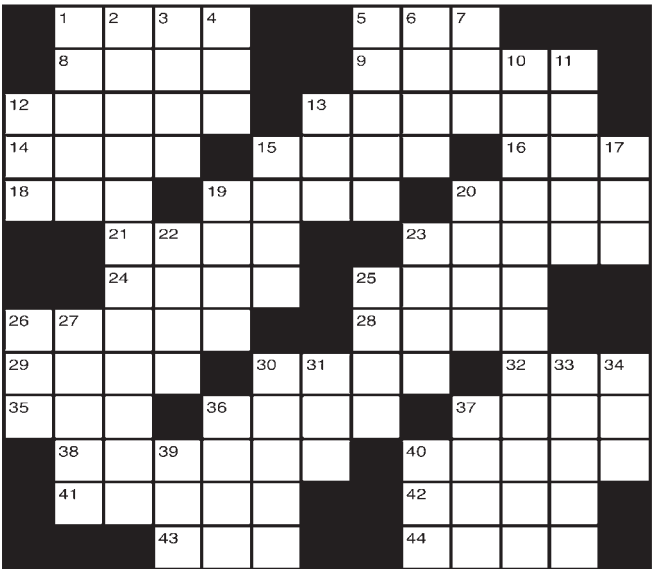


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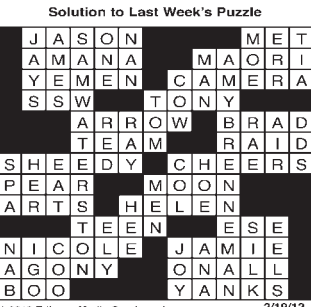
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- 31 Clock divisions: abbr.
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- 36 “As I was going to St. Ives, I ___ man with seven wives...”
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- 40 Playwright Shaw’s monogram



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Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro



Women’s Basketball Team Clinches NEC Berth

Alysha Womack Scores 1,000 Career Point in Victory over Wagner

MAGGIE ZELINKA
STAFF WRITER

With the playoffs beginning in only a week, the Hawks have secured their position in the Northeast Conference (NEC) tournament. Using their final games as practice for the tournament, the team had the pleasure of versing two conference opponents this past weekend.

On Saturday, the women traveled to Staten Island to compete against the Wagner Seahawks. MU was able to notch a win improving their record to 15-11 as well as improving their NEC record to 10-5 keeping them at third place in the conference. The game began with the Seahawks quickly taking charge over the Hawks’ defense.

The Hawks failed to take the lead until the scoreboard’s time showed 9:12 was left in the first half. Junior Chevannah Paalvast’s three pointer was the key for the lead change making it a 10-9 game. The Seahawks managed to stay in the competition and by 6:20 they had successfully taken the two point lead with a score of 19-17. But Monmouth did not fall far behind and when there was 1:25 left in the first half, the two teams had evened it up at 24-24 which is where the score would remain until both re-entered after halftime.

When play resumed in the second half, neither the Hawks or Seahawks seemed to lack endurance. It was not until five minutes into play when the Hawks took a definite lead. At four minutes and 47 seconds, Monmouth had taken a four point lead which

increased to a 13 point lead within the next four minutes. As the scoreboard read 10:43, Wagner attempted to make a comeback by scoring two points knocking MU’s lead down to 11 points, but via Womack the Hawks were able to score the next four points making a 15 point gap.

The ladies did not let the Seahawks come anywhere close to their lead throughout the next minutes of play and by 1:55, Monmouth took a 18 point lead over Wagner, 68-50. The Hawks would go on to win the game 70-54.

While the game did provide quality entertainment for fans, one player seemed to be the center of attention for everyone in attendance. MU’s junior guard, Alysha Womack, scored the 1,000th point of her college career on Saturday as well as having a game high 16 points. Womack has now become the 15th player in University’s D1 history as well as the fifth women at Monmouth to ever accomplish this endeavor as a junior. Head coach of the Hawks, Jenny Palmateer, could not be more proud to of Womack’s feat.

“I’m extremely happy for Alysha. Being able to score her 1,000th point her junior year really speaks to just how talented she is,” Palmateer continues, “She is a hard worker and very humble about the accomplishment. She just wants to do whatever she can to help the team win games which is real credit to who she is.”

When entering the game, Womack was aware that this encounter with Wagner may very well be when she would make her 1,000th point as a

Hawk. “I had been hearing about it [1,000th point] from my family and friends and of course a couple of write-ups before certain games I saw it, but I just play every game to help my team win,” Womack states. For most basketball players, their 1,000th point is one of their greatest milestones of the game.

But in Alysha Womack’s eyes, there is a greater milestone set. “My goal is to continue what I have been doing, and the ultimate goal is to get to the NCA tournament,” she goes on to say, “If i could play basketball [further] on, that would be nice but for right now, the goal is to get to the NCA tournament.”

MU had the chance to move one step closer to the goal of competing in the NCA tournament as they played Mount St Mary in Maryland this past Monday. Unfortunately, the women could not seize the opportunity presented and found themselves on the losing end with a close score of 60-56.

By half time, the two teams were tied 29-29. What really damaged the Hawks was the excessive amount of turnovers allowed with the number reaching 20 while the Mountaineers had 11. Monmouth had a total of 40 rebounds and made 70 percent of their free throws. Womack led the team with 19 points while Chevannah Paalvast led the team in assists with three. But all this was not enough and Monmouth’s record fell to 15-12.

The Hawks will next face a 20-8 LIU Brooklyn at 3:00 pm in the MAC for their second to last regular season game.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Photography
Chevannah Paalvast scored 13 points in the Hawks 70-54 win on Saturday afternoon. With the win, the Hawks locked up a spot in the NEC Tournament.

Attendance on the Rise for Home Basketball Games

DARIA DELUCCIA
STAFF WRITER

Basketball season is coming to an end, but that does not stop the sudden increase in attendance to the men’s home games.

2000 students, families, faculty, alumni, and community members came out to support the University’s men’s basketball team at their last home game. The rapid improvement is overall exciting for both the team and the crowd that come out to cheer on the team.

“When we see the crowd hyped, we get hyped,” stated junior player Jesse Steele. The energy that the crowd produces for the team is contagious and it’s evident how the excitement level at the games is increasing each week with fans coming out.

What brought on this sudden increase in game attendance? There are numerous answers for this question, because with a new team, new program, and new coaches, many people are curious how the team will respond to all of these changes. At each of the games it seems as if there is always something going on. Between the cheerleaders and dance team performing in between plays to the announcers that keep the crowd intrigued, there is no shortage of entertainment.

According to junior Brittany Herrmann, there is definitely a major difference between the games last year and this year. “The atmosphere is very different compared to last year, more upbeat, exciting, and fans are behind the team percent,” described Herrmann.. “There’s an obvious increase in supporters from last year because the games are always crowded now.”

“The more people that come makes you want to play better,” explained senior Mike Meyers Keitt. With the players feeding off the excitement from the crowd, it is becoming obvious that with a little bit of support from the community the Hawks can play an even better game.

Starting off the season with barely a few students occupying the student section of the bleachers, the Universities student section is now overflowing with enthusiasm and positive reinforcement. “We just try to put on a show for everyone,” described Steele. “If we keep winning then we’ll get the attention we’re looking for.”

“It’s been great, our students have picked it up. They make it a fun environment for our guys.”

KING RICE
Head Coach

Along with the support from the student section, other Hawk teams are coming out to help represent their fellow athletes. With the support from the University, the men’s basketball team has been able to give the crowds exciting games that are continuing to attract even more spectators. “Some football players started coming to the games,” explained Head Coach King Rice. “Now more people are starting to notice.”

Along with the students who are showing their support, the community is also making a strong presence at the games. As the new head coach, Rice has taken the initiative to involve himself in the community as much as possible. By doing so he has taken men’s basketball to a level beyond just watching a ball game.

The interaction between the fans and the game is also playing a large role in the athletes’ performance.

“Fans are going crazy and getting into the other teams’ heads,” explained Steele. With all of the crazed fans trying to distract the other team, the Mac instantly turns into an echoing dome full of Hawk pride.

“The more people that come to the games makes us want to win for them,” stated Myers Keitt. “It’s like an energy booster for us.” The players explained to me that the overall morale and perseverance they experience from the crowd multiplies as soon as the crowd gets enthusiastic.

Although Coach Rice is excited about the increase in fans, he will not rest until his team is playing in front of a full stadium. Now that he has taken on the community, Rice wants to work harder on influencing more students to come out. “They want to play in front of people they go to school with,” explained Rice.

How can they continue to improve the attendance at games? The players explained that it is very important for them to win more games, and they understand that more wins will bring more fans. Along with winning games, Rice also stressed the importance of playing hard and giving everything into each game and practice.

Overall the team is very thankful from all of the support that they have received from everyone who attends their games and cheers them on. “It’s been great, our students have picked it up. They make it a fun environment for our guys,” expressed Rice. “Our fans have been very supportive even though we haven’t had the best record.”

The Hawks take on St. Francis at home this Thursday at 7:00 pm and hope to have an even larger turn out from the campus community.



PHOTO COURTESY to MU Photography
The student body has stepped up their support for the men and women’s basketball teams this season.

Men’s Basketball Team Qualifies For NEC Tournament

ED MORLOCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The men’s basketball lost to Wagner Thursday night 74-67. They bounced back on Saturday and defeated Mount St. Mary’s 68-66 to secure a spot in the Northeast Conference (NEC) tournament in a couple weeks.

The Hawks (10-19, 8-8) are tied for fifth in the NEC with Quinnipiac and Central Connecticut State.

Thursday night, Tyler Murray scored 20 points for Wagner (23-4, 14-2). Latif Rivers added 13 points and four assists.

Four players scored in double figures for MU, but it wasn’t enough to get passed one of the NEC’s top teams. Phil Wait, Jesse Steele, Andre Nicholas, Austin Tillotson and Dion Nesmith combined for 56 of the team’s 67 points. Steele led the team with four assists.

Free throw and three-point shooting hurt the Blue and White in this one. The team made only 55.6 percent of its free throws. Nesmith and Steele each made a three, as the team shot only two of 10 from beyond the arc. Wagner was 21 of 26 from the charity stripe, and 11 of 28 from three-point land.

“You’ve got to take your hat off to Wagner to take a lot of three’s, and to make as many as they did. They shot it better from the free throw line than we did, but I thought it was a very even game,” said Head Coach King Rice. “I thought our kids came out with the right type of attitude, but Wagner is just a little bit better than us right now, so they came out with the win.”

Saturday night, Nesmith and Nicholas carried the Hawks, combining for 39 points. Nesmith was six of seven from beyond the three-point line. Nicholas connected on all of his eight free throw attempts.

The Blue and White trailed by nine with fewer than 10 minutes remaining in the game. A 16-2 run put the Hawks ahead 67-62 with 3:28 remaining in the game.

“I am so proud of our kids. This was a shoot-out that came down to the last possession,” said Rice. “I thought our kids fought extremely hard to get us back in the game, and once we got back in the game I thought we did a great job guarding them the way that we needed to, to pull out the win.”

Julian Norfleet led Mount (7-20, 5-11) with 21 points in the game. Danny Thompson added 13 points and a pair of assists.

Norfleet had the ball in his hands as the final seconds ticked away to try and send the game to overtime or win it. The Hawk’s defense made a stop when they had to and didn’t allow Norfleet to get off a shot.

Turnover differential was an important part of this game. The MU de-

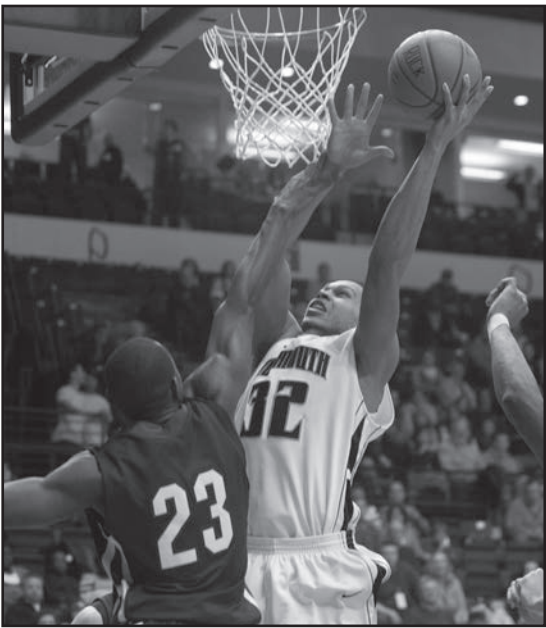


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Ed Waite puts up a shot against Mount St. Mary’s in Saturday night’s 68-66 home victory.

fense was able to force 17 turnovers. The offense only committed nine. In a two-point victory, the eight extra possessions proved to be crucial.

The Blue and White could finish the season anywhere from fifth to eighth in the NEC.

MU closes out the season this weekend with two home games. Thursday night, the Hawks host St. Francis (NY) (15-12, 12-4) at 7pm. Saturday night LUI Brooklyn (21-7, 15-1), the NEC’s top team, comes to West Long Branch for a 7 :00 pm game and possible preview for the first round of the NEC tournament.

Indoor Track Breaks MAC Records in Blue and White Invitational

PRESS RELEASE

Fresh off its 2012 Northeast Conference Indoor Championships, the Monmouth University women’s and men’s track and field teams, ranked ninth and 10th respectively in the latest U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Index, returned home for the 2nd Annual Blue-White Invitational, Saturday afternoon at the Multipurpose Activity Center. At the event, which featured six collegiate teams, pole vaulting freshman Lauren McDonald (Roseland, N.J./West Essex Regional) set the new freshman record and facility mark for the women’s team. On the men’s squad, Joshua Lewis (Montville, N.J./Montville Township) qualified for the IC4A Championships in the long jump.

“While we did not have our full team in action after last weekend’s league championships, this was a great day for our field event athletes,” said head coach Joe Compagni. “They had some great results and lined up with some top-notch post-collegiate competitors.”

McDonald cleared 3.38m (11’ 1”) to earn first in the pole vault and set the new freshman standard. Her mark is .03m better than MAC record which was set last February.

Alison Day (West Chester, Pa./Bayard Rustin) set the MAC record in the high jump with her mark of 1.73m (5’ 8”), also good for first in the event.

MU finished in the top-four of the weight throw led by Tilah Young’s (Barnegat, N.J./Barnegat) toss of 17.57m (57’ 7.75”), which also resulted in a facility

record. Rachel Aliotta (Cheshire, Conn./Cheshire) finished second with her toss of 14.84m (48’ 8.25”) followed by Qiyanna Hill (Middle Island, N.Y./Longwood) and Jessica Toritto (Smithtown, N.Y./Smithtown East) who posted marks of 14.28m (46’ 10.25”) and 13.54m (44’ 5.25”), respectively.

Rookie Kate Frye (Point Pleasant, N.J./Point Pleasant Boro) continued her stellar freshman campaign with her first place mark of 5.40m (17.8.75”) in the long jump.

Marissa Felicetti (Old Bridge, N.J./Old Bridge) earned her first career victory, finishing first in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 11:11.65.

In the shot put, Aliotta was the first MU finisher, second overall, with a throw of 13.51m (44’ 4”) followed by Amber Brown (South Brunswick, N.J./South Brunswick) in third with a mark of 12.06m (36’ 7”).

For the men’s team, Lewis cleared an IC4A qualifying mark of 7.06m (23’ 2”) to finish second overall in the long jump.

Peter Matano (Wayne, N.J./Wayne Hills) vaulted himself to second place with a jump of 4.42m (14’ 6”). Craig Van Leeuwen of Apex Vaulting jumped 5.40m (17’) to set the new MAC record and narrowly missing the qualifying mark for the U.S. Indoor Championships.

Vincent Elardo (Forked River, N.J./Lacey), the NEC Champion in the shot put and weight throw, continued his stellar season with another first place result in the shot put. The senior threw for 17.61 (57’ 9.5”) followed by Errol Jeffrey (Brooklyn, N.Y./Transit Tech [Bronx CC]) who landed a throw of 16.86m (55’ 3.75”).

Shane Carle (Jackson, N.J./Jackson Memorial) took third with a throw of 16.68m (54’ 8.75”).

Elardo, who finished in second, threw for 18.62m (61’ 1.25”) in the weight throw followed by Jeffrey in third who registered a mark of 16.59m (54’ 5.25”).

Josh Mann (Warwick, N.Y./Warwick Valley) cleared 13.76m (45’ 1.75”) in the triple jump, while Nick Waltman (Colonia, N.J./JFK Memorial) landed a jump of 13.71 (44’ 11.75”) for second.

Jake Bartlett (Middletown, N.J./CBA) posted a mark of 1.99m (6’ 6.25”) in the high jump followed by sophomore Ed Kramer (Marlton, N.J./Cherokee), who finished in second, with a jump of 1.94m (6’ 4.25”).

Aaron Aquino-Rodriguez (Haskell, N.J./Lakeland Regional) ran 50.75 in the 400 meter dash to finish third. Colin MacDonald (Dix Hills, N.Y./Commack [Wagner]) claimed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:59.52.

Dakota Dalzell (Margate, N.J./Atlantic City) crossed the finish line in 4:29.40 in the mile to earn third.

Eric Grossman (Rahway, N.J./Bishop George Ahr) and Daniel Rath (Brick, N.J./Brick Township) finished 2-3 in the 3,000 meter run, registering times of 9:24.55 and 9:28.60, respectively.

MU is back in action again on Thursday at the N.Y. Armory in its final tune-up before ECAC and IC4A Championships in Boston. Elardo, one of just three collegiate athletes in the country to throw over 60’ in both the shot and weight this winter, will compete at the U.S. Championships in the shot put next Friday in New Mexico.

Baseball Team Jumps Out to 3-0 Start

THE OUTLOOK SPORTS STAFF

The baseball team participated in the Cary, NC Tourament. The team knocked off all other opponents they played and their game against Marshall on Sunday was cancelled due to inclement weather.

On Friday, the Hawks knocked off Wright State 10-2. Saturday they defeated St. Joseph’s 7-1 and they blew out Youngstown State 14-2 later that day.


Pat Light started off the season strong by pitching seven innings with six strikeouts. He allowed only one run in the season opener against

Wright State.

The next day, the Hawks got two strong pitching performances out of their starters on Saturday. Dan Smith, who threw six innings and allowed one run on four hits against Saint Joseph’s. Stephen Frey threw five innings, struck out two and allowed two runs on four hits.

Offensively, Jake Gronsky and Owen Stewart led the way for the Hawks. Both drove in six runs and had five hits each over the weekend.

The Hawks will be back in action next weekend as they travel down to the University of Virginia in a three game series.



What’s on the ‘Linside’: A Look Into Jeremy Lin’s Ascent and His Link to College Athletics

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What exactly is the plight of today’s modern college basketball athlete? Well for some it could be NBA stardom and a life no one could forget, for others it could be troubled-filled years of D-League debacles and mishaps. But what if I told you there was one person, who in his actions, revolutionized the sport in only two weeks and has put the NBA back on the map after its lockout.

What if I also told you that this person has cast an example for thousands of college athletes and those pursuing their dreams? Many of you may know already who this week’s spotlight will be on, but for others, read on to find out just why college athletics, a little bit of good luck and a coach’s gamble has changed the sports world.

A quality (but apparently not stand out) Palo Alto High School senior, Jeremy Lin knew he had what it took. But he was not given a chance as talent scouts did not even put him on their radar. When it came time for applying to nearby Stanford University, the team discussed the possibility of having Lin walk on for them. But he denied this offer and headed to Harvard University, without a scholarship.

Earning a degree in economics, Lin became a leader on his college squad. Told he might have the potential for an NBA draft spot, Lin graduated Harvard University with the intent of making it big, but not knowing if his dream was absurd or not.

Lin went on to become an undrafted free agent who was invited to the Dallas Mavericks mini-camp. Later offered contracts from three teams, Lin choose to sign with the Golden State Warriors. But fate was not ready to overtake Lin’s ascent just yet, and he was later cut. After being a part of two Houston Rockets pre-season games, Lin would again meet the same ill-fated result.

But the humble Harvard grad was not deterred; he still planned on using his experiences from the Ivy League and his impressive 16.0 points per game as a senior to land him credibility in someone’s system. That system just so happened to be the New York Knicks.

This Knick signing, an omen of what was to come, was far from life changing for the point guard initially. He was sent to the D-League multiple times in the beginning of this season and logged only 55 minutes

in close to 25 games. But impressive D-League numbers and an extension on the injury to Baron Davis led Knick head coach Mike D’Antoni to give Lin another shot. This opportunity came in a time when the Knicks were getting embarrassed by the Celtics and Mike D’Antoni gambled with putting Lin in the game.

Soon after, the head coach would look to Lin again in a game versus the New Jersey Nets. From that point on, Linsanity was underway. In the next 8 games, Lin went on to average 25 points per game and 8 assists. Number seventeen Lin jerseys began flying off the shelves, New York Knick stocks were at their highest level in years and Lin’s twitter exploded to a million followers.

Every movement in mainstream media became a briefing about Jeremy Lin and no one could turn away from the headlines he was producing. He took over the point guard spot and showed the world that this Asian-American and first Harvard player to play in the NBA since 1954, was here to stay. Displaying an unbelievable work ethic, Jeremy Lin has remained in the lineup while helping to turn around the Knicks’ season.

There’s absolutely no saying where Linsanity will take us next, but as of now, the Knicks have continued to win repeatedly under their new point guard. In the two week process it has taken Lin to conquer the basketball world, he has moved off of his brother’s couch and into a Trump Suite in White Plains, N.Y. and has also silenced many critics.

The Asian-American point guard has defied stereotypes of Asian basketball players and has shown the college world what a little hard work can do. As an undrafted free agent, Lin used his experiences and smarts to maneuver his way into the ‘big-time.

As a wake-up call for all college athletes, this has shown that no matter who you are (whether that be a star at a Division one program or even a Division three walk-on), there’s no saying what you can do once you put your mind to it. As cliché as that might be, just listen to the next press conference with the humble Jeremy Lin. There you’ll see a man who has defied the boundaries society has placed down on mediocre college players with larger than life work ethics.

As Linsanity continues, lets just remember to bear his name in mind when we see the next cast of athletes who have sprung from little except for the sneakers on their feet.



High Score 1000



The women's basketball team qualified for the NEC tournament behind Alysha Womack's 16 points, which put her over 1,000 points in her career as a Hawk.

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