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New Social Networking Site Designed for Students Has Mixed Reviews

Likealittle.com Posts Anonymous Messages to MU Students

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Likealittle.com, a new site designed to anonymously flirt with people amongst individual colleges and universities, is receiving mixed reviews from students and staff at the University.

Evan Reas, CEO and co-founder of likealittle.com, decided it was time for there to be a site to flirt shamelessly without having the pressure of bringing yourself to say who you are or setting yourself up for rejection. Created in 2010, the site that was doubted as being a "flavor of the week," quickly was able to dismiss those claims when in just a few short months, over 450 colleges and universities nationwide have made separate sections for themselves on the site.

When one logs onto likealittle.com, they must first search their school. Then, after they get the results of their school, they are able to write to

whomever they wish. In doing this, the user first inputs minor descriptive information to get readers of the site a better visual of who they are talking about. For example, the user will input their "crush's" sex, hair color, where they saw them, and type a personal message.

However, people have found ways to misuse and abuse this social networking flirtatious site, due to the fact that whatever is said on the site is anonymous.

In the University's section of likealittle.com, founded by Cassandra Rosner, Kurt Baumgarten, Stephanie Dos Santos, and Jess Dooley, messages and responses have upset viewers who see their name, or friend's names, used in a negative manner.

"I feel it was originally designed for just good humored flirting, but I do think sometimes it can be taken out of control," said sophomore Kenny Piscitelli. Piscitelli first caught word of the site through Facebook. Many of his friends post-

ed statuses and links which is when his curiosity kicked in and he had to see what the website was about for himself. Piscitelli said, "At times when I have gone on there, some of the things I have read have been kind of rude and catty. This goes from either the original post or someone's response to the post."

Similar to Piscitelli, sophomore Ashley Regan also heard about the site through peers but feels differently about the content that is posted. "I feel like the content isn't really malicious. There might be some things on there that are mean but for the most part I see posts that are clearly jokes to friends or actual flirting," said Regan.

From a professional standpoint on the website, Dr. Eleanor Novek, a journalism professor at the University, is worried for students that may possibly get hurt from the

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Thefts from Cars on Campus Raise Students' Concerns

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Last week reports of two car thefts were brought to the attention of University officials. The incidents both took place in residential lot number eight, starting at night on Friday, February 2, and continuing into early Saturday morning, February 3.

"There were two cars entered. A GPS unit was taken from one car. An iPod, an iPod charger, a phone charger, sunglasses and four baseball caps were taken from another car," said Jeffrey Layton, Detective Corporal of the University Police Department.

In total, two students belongings were taken and are currently still missing. In the past

few days, no further incidents have been reported to MUPD. Layton reassures that officials and local town police are taking all measures to ensure students of safety. All patrols have been advised to pay extra attention to all parking lots throughout the night and day.

"An e-mail was sent to the residential students advising them of the incident and asking them to be watchful and report any suspicious activity. They were also reminded to make sure they lock their car doors," Layton said.

On the University Police Department webpage, statistics show that rates of burglary have remained low in recent

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Ireland's First Woman President to Speak at GUC

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The University will host the 10th Annual Global Understanding Convention (GUC) April 4-8. The theme of this year's annual University-wide interdisciplinary convention, sponsored by the Institute for Global Understanding (IGU), is "One World, One Humanity: Creating Our Common Future."

The keynote speaker at this year's convention is Mary Robinson, Ireland's first female President and former United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights. Robinson will speak on April 5 at six pm in Wilson Auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by the Jack and Lewis Rudin Foundation.

Dr. Rekha Datta, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute for Global Understanding, said that the Institute had been trying to secure Robinson as a guest speaker for many years. "This year is going to be our 10th convention, as well as

my last one as Director of IGU (my term ends in June), so I tried very hard to secure President Robinson," said Datta.

Datta also commented on the wealth of experience and knowledge Robinson will bring to the campus community. "President Robinson will [...] reflect on the effects of the global recession on countries around the world, the state of human rights, and the poor and disempowered who are often marginalized during difficult economic times. She has vast experience in other fields such as business ethics, climate change, and leadership."

Dr. Nancy Mezey, Associate Professor and Director of the



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WMCX Hosts Night at the Inkwell

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The University's student-run radio station, WMCX, teamed up with CommWorks and hosted their third annual "Night at the Inkwell" event on Friday, February 18. This free affair, streaming live on the radio and WMCX website, featured four acoustic performances by locals and University students, and some entertaining poetry by members of CommWorks.

The first performance was by two members of the group No More Pain, who had an early Kings of Leon look about them.



PHOTO COURTESY of Trevor Marden

Members of the band No More Pain, Mike Roman and Ryan Sullivan, performed at the Inkwell Friday night.

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RA Application Process is Underway

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Becoming a Residence Assistant (RA) involves a detailed process. Even though the candidates for next year are in the midst of being chosen, students can still take advantage of this opportunity, according to Residential Life.

Information Sessions to become an RA or an Orientation Leader (OL) started back in early December and ended the first week of February. There were additional dates added because of the snow days on campus.

These meetings gave students all the information they needed to decide on applying for the positions. The basic responsibilities of the RA position, the minimum requirements needed to apply, the timeline of the application process, and answers to any questions that students might have had were all covered during the information sessions.

At the last Information Session, a URL is given out to the candidates to fill out an online application. The RAs are then chosen based on their answered on the application. This semester, applications were due on Friday, February 11. About 103 students signed up to become a RA or OL, Liz Anton, the Resi-

dence Hall Director of Cedar Hall, said.

After a student is chosen to become an RA, training will begin. The training is held a week before students return to school after summer break. It teaches the future RAs what the rules are, how to react in certain situations, and how to stand your own ground in difficult circumstances. Group processing is also held. This is a big group interview that shows the RAs how to work as a team.

Michael Corsey, a senior who is currently the Head RA of Willow Hall, had a chance to be an OL for three consecutive summers.

"It is one of the most rewarding jobs you could ever have in your life because you get to help people with all kinds of different problems," said Corsey of the RA position. He feels students should be interested because of the amazing people they will get to work with.

A crucial quality needed to make a successful RA is strong leadership. "You must have a strong personality and be able to lead your peers," said Corey Inzana, the Residence Hall Director of Willow Hall. An RA must be available at all times and serve as a shoulder to lean on to other students or anyone else in need of help.

"We look for whatever makes you, you," Anton said. She explained how they select students who have unique qualities that make them stand out from others. "You must be someone genuine and excited to be at Monmouth," says Anton.

Being an RA is a responsibility and students must learn to manage their time if they wish to take on this position. "You must be willing to be involved in campus and balance academics," Corsey said.

Being an RA or an OL helps students further themselves in their future careers, according to Inzana.

"It is a big point of interest in future employers," says Inzana. After graduation, students are able to take what they learned from being a RA or an OL and use it in their career.

"It's rewarding to see people grow into leaders," Corsey said. Being an RA and teaching others, he has seen potential in many students. His favorite part about being an RA is "being a resource." Corsey took on this position "to be a leader on campus."

However, Inzana believes that the overall experience varies from person to person. The RA position can be rewarding, if the student allows it to be. "You will have to help students in their

toughest times," Inzana said. An RA must be versatile in order to handle different situations. Growing up and taking upon other responsibilities are "key points to growth" says Inzana.



PHOTO COURTESY of Jacklyn Kouefati
Michael Corsey, the Head RA in Willow Hall, is in charge of updating bulletin boards, along with other responsibilities of an RA.

New Social Networking Site

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website. Novek mentioned the website, "Hot or Not", which is similar to likealittle.com in the way that it rates people and sets them up for rejection. "These sites can be used to be mean and make people feel bad about themselves; however, if there are people moderating the site and taking off content that is inappropriate, I see no problem," said Novek.

Another professor at University, Claude Taylor, had another approach to the newly popular website.

"Social networking sites are ways that this generation experiments with who they are," Taylor said. "So many students can try out different versions of themselves and see what people think of them, whereas decades ago experimenting with who you are took a lot more effort." Taylor also added that the website is, "harmless by large" though he is concerned with the possible bullying which can go on due to the site's anonymous element.

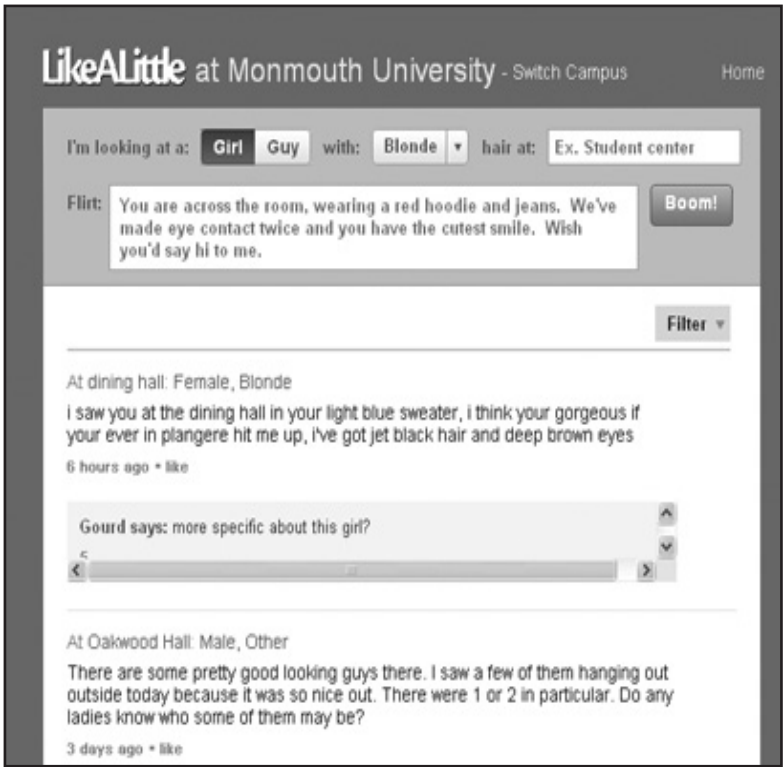


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Likealittle.com allows students to post anonymous comments about other students.

Thefts on Campus

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years. In 2009, there was a total of five car thefts and 11 additional burglary cases.

"As students rushing from place to place, we leave our whole lives in our cars. I guess these cases will force us to be more careful and watch for anything suspicious," said sophomore Rachael Gerstein.

It has yet to be determined who the suspects are in these two cases, but students are advised to send any leading information to officials. In the future, MUPD wants to make sure that all suspicious information is reported in order to provide the utmost protection and safety.

"Students shouldn't have to worry about their cars on campus because

campus is supposed to be a safe place. I hope they catch whoever has done this soon," junior Chelsea Otton said.

Recent updates on the MUPD web page state that some previous arrests have been made but the burglaries still continue. Also stated on the online report, is that all vehicles entered were initially left unlocked by the car owners.

"This is really unfortunate. I commute but this is still really concerning especially when night classes end late and its dark. We can only hope things won't happen again," said junior Kristy Stokhamer.

In the past days no additional thefts have been reported. Any questions or concerns, please contact Monmouth University Police Department at (732) 571-3472 or mupd@monmouth.edu.

"I guess these cases will force us to be more careful and watch for anything suspicious."

RACHAEL GERSTEIN
Sophomore

CRIME BLOTTER

THEFT OF CELLPHONE
2/19/11- 1:00 PM
MAC ARENA SEATING AREA

CRIMINAL ATTEMPT (BURGLARY) WITH CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
2/18/11- 5:02 PM
EDISON SCIENCE BUILDING

PULA / STUDENT MISCONDUCT
2/20/11- 2:03 PM
MULLANEY HALL

THEFT OF BIKE
BETWEEN 2/19 & 2/20/11
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Students Now Able to Attend Medical School in State

University Forms Program with University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The University has established a combined educational program with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine (UMDNJ-SOM).

This newly formed program, which will provide students with the opportunity to attend medical school and stay in New Jersey, was brought together by Dr. Datta Naik, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, and Dr. James P. Mack, Professor of biology and Director of the Pre-Professional Health Advisory Committee, and with the support of Provost Thomas Pearson

and hopefully eventually practice medicine here to benefit our local communities and health-care system.”

The program is available to students who have completed the pre-medical curriculum and baccalaureate degree and admission requirements include a minimum of 60 credits, a major in a pre-medical discipline such as biology or chemistry, a GPA of 3.5, and appropriate scores on the MCAT. Students who meet the requirements for this program can apply during the spring of their sophomore year.

“Gaining admission to medical school is very competitive,” said Mack. “This agreement will provide more opportunities

towards a DO (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) degree to practice as a physician.”

The top applicants for the new program will be selected by the UMDNJ-SOM after a face-to-face interview. The selected students will have seats saved at the School of Osteopathic Medicine for entrance after they have completed their four-year undergraduate degree at the University, have maintained a GPA of 3.5 or better throughout the rest of their time at the University, and have a minimum grade of a B in each required science course.

The University School of Science offers undergraduate degree programs in biology, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, medical technology, marine and environmental biology and policy, clinical laboratory sciences, and software engineering, as well as MS graduate programs in computer science, software engineering, and financial mathematics.

“This is an extraordinarily exciting time to be a student of the sciences,” Palladino said in a message addressing the School of Science. “Dynamic changes and new discoveries in areas such as biotechnology, chemistry, genetics, medicine, and engineering coupled with the technical challenges that must be overcome to solve major global problems are creating outstanding career opportunities.”

The UMDNJ-SOM is located in Stratford, New Jersey and, ac-



PHOTO COURTESY of StateUniversity.com

UMDNJ-SOM has partnered with the University to offer students the opportunity to attend medical school within the state of New Jersey.

“This agreement will provide more opportunities for well-qualified Pre-Medical students to achieve their goal of becoming a physician.”

DR. JAMES MACK

Director of Pre-Professional Health Advisory Committee

and Dean Michael Palladino.

“We are very pleased to have this new partnership with UMDNJ-SOM,” said Michael Palladino, Dean of the University School of Science. “The agreement will provide an excellent opportunity for students from Monmouth University to stay in New Jersey for medical school

for well-qualified pre-medical students to achieve their goal of becoming a physician. The University is constantly looking to create opportunities for the interested Monmouth students to pursue their career goals. The newest affiliation with the UMDNJ-SOM is for eligible MU students to continue their studies

according to its website, is “ranked number 1 of all U.S. Osteopathic Medical Schools in percentage of underrepresented minority student enrollment (20 percent), total minority student enrollment (50 percent) and female enrollment (55 percent).” The UMDNJ-SOM has one of the largest Graduate Medical Education Programs of all U.S. Osteopathic Medical Schools.

The UMDNJ-SOM, along with its affiliate, Kennedy University Hospital, is dedicated to

excellence in medical education, research and health care and emphasizes on health care and community health services that would “reflect its osteopathic philosophy, with centers of compassionate and culturally competent physicians from diverse backgrounds, who are prepared to become leaders in their communities.”

For further information regarding the program, students should contact Mack at 732-571-4436 or mack@monmouth.edu.

Ireland’s Former President to Speak at GUC

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Sociology Program and Associate Director of the Institute for Global Understanding, added “Mary Robinson’s work experiences have such breadth and depth that she was such an obvious choice to serve as the 10th annual keynote lecturer.”

The theme of the GUC, “One World, One Humanity: Creating Our Common Future,” was decided at the spring retreat that the GUC volunteers, students, staff, administrators and faculty attend yearly. At the retreat, attendees solicit speaker suggestions and proposals for the following year’s convention theme.

“During the spring retreat, we try to come up with a theme that encompasses and addresses what the group feels are the most pressing current global issues,” said Mezey. “In a world that feels so fractured, both locally in the United States and globally around the world, this year we wanted people to explore how we can create a kinder and more unified common future—one that leads our global communities in the direction of a more sustainable future.”

Marina Vujnovic, Assistant Professor of Public Relations/Journalism and this year’s Chair of the Global Understanding Convention, dealt with much of the planning procedures. “The planning process is often challenging. There is a lot to think about when one organizes a convention. For us, is to make sure all the rooms are reserved across the campus and sometimes we can’t have all the places we wish to have

because there are other important events on campus often happening at the same time as our convention. There are many planning steps we usually need to take, including the submission process, call for proposals campaign, and putting the program together,” said Vujnovic.

Mezey added, “The biggest challenge I find is that every year I worry that we won’t have enough submissions to fill the convention program. But every year we have more and more people, and particularly students, getting involved, which is really exciting to see.”

Despite the challenges, Vujnovic said that this year’s committee is very efficient and hardworking. “As Chair for this year’s Convention I am truly grateful to have such a great team who is dedicated to this project and I always look forward to our meetings,” added Vujnovic.

The GUC incorporates a variety of methods to promote awareness of issues and challenges both locally and globally. “Through a wide range of panels, exhibits, workshops, lectures, discussions, art projects, and performances, covering topics that include global health, culture, arts, poetry, climate change issues, poverty, economic challenges, education, peace, security, etc., that cover a variety of disciplines, interests, and local and global connections, the campus community demonstrates what a unique learning opportunity it [the GUC] provides,” said Datta. Mezey added, “The GUC is an effort to bring global issues to campus in order to facilitate that learning process in a vibrant, inclusive, and comprehen-

sive way.”

Vujnovic noted the importance of student involvement in the GUC. “It is both a way to put our students in action and for them to learn what their teachers and other people in the community are doing to foster global understanding and make our world better. These types of events are sometimes eye opening for students. I get comments every year from students who were at first reluctant to participate, but who end up being so impressed with what they’ve learned that they want to continue being involved with issues of diversity and global understanding,” said Vujnovic.

The mission of the IGU, according to the bylaws, is “To promote awareness of issues and challenges of our dynamic, interdependent world. Through academic programs, field experiences, service learning, and engagement in local and global communities, IGU fulfills Monmouth University’s broad mission of promoting global understanding, diversity and leadership.”

Mezey would like to invite anyone in the University campus community to get involved with the GUC. “There are so many ways to get involved, including volunteering to help organize the convention, volunteering to help out during the convention, organizing a session, or just attending sessions. All of the convention events and sessions are free and open to the public, so bring a friend or family/community member with you,” said Mezey.

The complete program of events for the GUC will be out within the next week.

The Catholic Center

Sunday Mass
7 PM

Daily Mass
Tuesdays through Thursdays ~ 12 PM in Wilson Hall Chapel
Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 PM

Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Social Nights
Thursdays at 7 PM

Rosary
Last Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM

Guest Speaker from “Silent No More”
Thursday, March 3 at 7 PM

Training for Eucharistic Ministers
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The world of dating has changed immensely and the idea of courting has long disappeared from our lives, as we are busier and more career-focused than ever before. As college students, we have many opportunities to meet our significant others in classes, at the library, at the beach (located five minutes from campus) or at social gatherings on the weekends. But what happens once we graduate and have less leisure time because of our (hopefully) blossoming careers?

Graduating might lower our chances of meeting new people, and might limit our acquaintances to our old friends and our co-workers. Not too many options there. So what do we turn to? Social networking and dating sites where we can court and be courted while wearing sweatpants and sipping hot cocoa in our apartments and houses.

Maybe that's what appeals to us, and causes constant rising in the numbers of members on dating sites. According to dating-sitesreviews.com, eHarmony.com had over 30 million members in 2010, and match.com had 15 mil-

lion members, gaining over 20,000 members each day.

Because of our constant use of technology as a way to communicate, our communication skills are not exactly getting better. We rely on texting and Facebooking to exchange a few words with our friends or loved ones, and it's easier that way for most of us. It takes a serious emergency to actually call someone; otherwise, we sometimes find ourselves ignoring phone calls in fear of communicating.

The love letter still proves strong, whether it's in reality or cyberspace.

Using dating sites helps us evaluate who we are "compatible" with before even meeting the person. Through many questionnaires, the sites can establish a list of potential members that would be the best match for the user. And of course, getting rejected via cyberspace is a little less painful than face-to-face rejection.

The older we get, the harder it will be to meet the other half. A 45-year-old divorced man with two kids and a career is not going out to bars and clubs or fraternity parties not only because of lack of time,

but because it might seem inappropriate for him to go to those places. For him, as well as others in similar situations, using dating sites might be more successful than the old fashioned "meeting someone on a whim."

And of course, there is always the risk of meeting "creepers" online, who might not be looking for just a significant other. There is no way to tell other people's intentions, and a relationship through the internet complicates that even more. Creating a profile can lead to some consequences, such as unwanted attention from undesired people or loss of privacy.

There is a certain stigma to online dating. Some users may be embarrassed to have an account because they feel that it makes them look desperate. It might make users feel like loners and losers for not having opportunities to go out and meet people. But that stigma should be eliminated; dating sites give more and more people with busy careers the opportunity to meet their true significant other. The love letter still proves strong, whether it's in reality or cyberspace.



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In the February 16 issue of *The Outlook*, the article "Global Warming: Cause for Major Winter Weather?" had an incorrect byline. The article was written by Marissa Weber.

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The Cycle of Poverty Affects All of Us

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Imagine for a moment that you are not in this classroom, at your house, or your work desk. Imagine that you are not walking to your car, or to class, or into your home. Instead you are outside. Imagine that you live there; you are homeless. Imagine that you don't have shelter, when it rains you are wet, and when night falls you are freezing. Imagine having no money and no food, you are starving and need clothing. Today I would like to encourage you to imagine yourself suffering from poverty.

About 25,000 people die every day of hunger or hunger-related causes, according to the United Nations. This is one person every three and a half seconds and unfortunately, it's children who die the most often. Many people ask, what causes poverty?

Although there is plenty of food in the world for everyone, the problem is that hungry people are trapped in severe poverty and they lack the money to buy enough food to nourish themselves. Being malnourished, they

become sick and weaker. This then makes them even poorer and hungrier because they are less able to work. This unfortunate downward spiral is what causes poverty and the loss of lives.

Poverty in America varies from age, race, family composition, and by region. The poverty rate in 2009 was the highest since 1994. The poverty rate for children younger than 18 was 20.7 percent in 2009 and people 18 to 64 was 12.9 percent in 2009. In terms of race, the poverty rate for non-Hispanic whites was lower in 2009 than it was for other racial groups and the poverty rate has stayed the same with Asians, but has increased for all other race groups.

In terms of family composition, the poverty rate and the amount of poverty increased across all types of families: married-couple families increased 5.8 percent, female-householder-with-no-husband-present families increased 29.9 percent and for male-householder-no-wife-present families increased 16.9 percent. In terms of region, the poverty rate increased from 2008 to 2009 in the Midwest,

South and West.

Overall, this shows that poverty can and does affect anyone, regardless of their demographic.

Anirudh Krishna, a political scientist at Duke University, is the author of a remarkable new study on poverty called "One Illness Away: Why People Become Poor and How They Escape Poverty." This is a great effort to figure out the mystery of poverty and to help our understanding of economic deprivation, in which he spent 10 years working in five countries and the result of conversations and surveys with more than 35,000 families.

Krishna found that while 14 percent of households escaped poverty, another 12 percent became poor. He states, "Poverty is not an undifferentiated mass living beneath some theoretical or statistical line, it is rather, a constantly churning pool of deprivation, with those who escape being replenished by a new population that has fallen from relative prosperity." As some people come out of poverty, others fall in, and it is just one big cycle. I think that it is great that some-

thing like this is being done because I feel that although people try to help poverty, no one really knows what exactly causes it, and therefore are not doing the right things to help.

Akash Kapur from the NY Times said, "Like cancer, poverty is not a single disease. It is a scourge with many symptoms and causes. And it is for that reason that, also like cancer, it is so difficult to eradicate." I think that this is a brilliant way of explaining poverty and it is a great comparison. There are many causes for poverty and there are all different effects of poverty, and that is why it is so hard to eliminate this issue.

The government estimates that 17 million U.S. children face hunger. It is evident this year that community food pantries need more donations to meet winter needs because unfortunately, food relief programs are distributing more food this year than last year, which shows that more people are in need of help. In a survey conducted for the Hormel Foods Corp., more than one-quarter of those responding said that in the past year they

or someone they know had to choose between providing food for their family or paying their bills. One in 10 of the participants said they personally went to bed hungry at least once in the past year.

Once again, imagine yourself having to choose between paying your bills or providing food for your family. Or imagine yourself lying in bed with your stomach growling because you did not have food to eat that night.

Unfortunately, this is what poverty has come to, and there are things that you can do to help.

First, you could volunteer at a local food bank or pantry. Being involved personally will help you understand the severity of poverty and will make you want to continue to help in the future, not to mention make you feel good about yourself. Also, you could donate money or food items which is a huge contribution and very easy to do. Remember that there are people out there who need a shirt to put on their back or a piece of bread to put in their mouth and you can easily help.

Bill Passed Will Cut Funding for Planned Parenthood

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This past Friday, the House of Representatives passed a bill that will take away Planned Parenthood's federal funding. According to the *Huffington Post*, this will cut money "for contraceptives, HIV tests, cancer screenings and reproductive health services." It seems as though this is being done in an attack against Planned Parenthood's abortion services, as this is one of numerous proposed bills to severely limit abortion services. Still, as the article went on to point out, "Planned Parenthood does not currently spend federal money on abortion services." Then this bill, as it would seem, is not even cutting funding for abortions as its initiators had planned, but rather its cutting other valuable health services.

Feelings about abortion aside, we all have a reason to be upset with the passing of this bill. It is planning on cutting funding for

an organization that provides numerous sexual education, family planning, and reproductive health services; I cannot wrap my brain around how this is beneficial to the public. This means less people getting tested for STDs, less people being educated on safe sex, and less people receiving cancer screenings. How is this helping? If Planned Parenthood does not use its federal funding for abortions in the first place, is this not just a ruthless step in the movement against abortion? The problem to focus on here, believe it or not, is not abortions. The issue is that this bill is taking away services that help keep Americans healthy. This funding should not be taken away from Planned Parenthood because they perform abortions. In fact, cut funding for sexual education and

family planning and there will likely be an increase in the demand for abortions.

Putting peoples' health at risk to push an agenda is not fair to all of the people who depend on Planned Parenthood's services. With any luck, the bill will be turned down by the Senate.

Whether it is turned down or not, I still feel as though what happened in the House on Friday

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sends the message that the government is willing to abandon a critical area of health care, all because Planned Parenthood is a widely known abortion clinic. This makes me uneasy because it shows what can happen when

government officials are following a political agenda. Sadly though, this bill is not even the worst of what the other outrageous bills are proposing.

The other Republican-backed bills I mentioned earlier, "would allow hospitals to turn away women in need of emergency abortions or would limit funding for abortions to rape victims who can prove their rape is 'forcible,'" reported the *Huffington Post*. The word 'forcible' was revoked after women's rights activists voiced their opposition. The fact that the word 'forcible' was used at all is completely ridiculous. Women should have to prove that rape is forcible to ensure they get the health care they deserve? This is absurd and should be a huge indicator of the direction these bills are attempt-

ing to take us.

This bill being passed should be a rude awakening; it was for me. As a woman, I can say that I am afraid for the day when the other proposed bills are passed. Women's health care being restricted that way is not something I see helping the public as a whole. It sends the message to women that they are not in charge of their own bodies. With bills like these being passed, there is a good chance we could become a society where more people will unknowingly contract STDs, more people will find out about reproductive cancers when it's too late to fight and where more children will be born into a world that was not equipped to handle them.

I'm interested, and a little nervous, to see how everything will play out when this bill goes to Senate. Planned Parenthood provides health care we cannot afford to lose. Even if this bill is turned down, there are a few close behind it that are just as much of a cause for concern.

You Are What You Eat

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While America is known for its disgusting eating habits and obesity issues, a majority of the population continues to make 'fast food' a regular part of their diets. Very rarely do I see people ask for nutrition facts or read labels, even in my own group of friends I am the only one who does not eat these extremely unhealthy meals.

You can't even drive two miles in most suburban areas without seeing a McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, KFC, or Taco Bell just to name a few. It has been estimated that just about 15 percent of the United States youth is obese, and nearly one third of the adolescent community is as well. Obesity is a condition defined as being more than 30 percent above the ideal weight based on height. What is even more disturbing is the fact that obesity rates for children have doubled over the past 20 years.

The portions served by fast food chains and other restaurants are far larger than the recommended portion size for most

foods. In fact, just one meal from a fast food restaurant most often contains a minimal of 1,000 calories, which is almost the recommended daily intake for an adult!

As Americans eat out more and more frequently, they become accustomed to those oversized portions, and think that such portions are normal. The high caloric content of these oversized servings leads to weight gain for regular fast food customers, and obesity can lead to many dangerous health problems.

Fast food chains fail to alert their customers to the hazardous high calorie and fat content of the food they offer. It is definitely fair to say that they deserve some of the blame for the epidemic of obesity, and lawsuits brought by victims of their toxic food would force these companies to take some responsibility for their dangerous products.

Recently, overweight children are being diagnosed with obesity-related illnesses such as diabetes, sleep apnea and respiratory illnesses that in the past have only afflicted adults. While these fast food restaurants are to blame for much of the obesity dilemma in

America, so are the consumers. No one is being forced to develop such terrible eating habits. In fact, there have been numerous stories and television shows produced to cover the disgusting nutritional value of these meals in an aim to slow down the growth of fast food consumption.

In my opinion, one of the most effective was aired on television. The widely known show "Super-size Me" was viewed by many. After this show, a great deal of people began to watch what they ate more than usual. However, this slowly changed and the "dollar menu" began to take over again.

Also, in 2001 there was a book published titled, "Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal." In this book, Eric Schlosser educates America on the dangers of fast food, and the gruesome preparation of what many people consider a meal. In 2006 this book was even made into a movie because of how effective it was on readers; but still, people continue to live off of these disgusting and unhealthy meals.

During a meeting with my gym nutritionist I asked what

he believed the biggest issue is with the fast food obsession and America's obesity epidemic. He responded, "It is mostly about the lack of self control. High-calorie foods rich in fats, refined sugar and salt could reconfigure the hormones in the body in such a way that they make you crave for such foods and always leave you asking for more. So basically, fast food is addictive."

To start with, a simple change that one could make is to successively reduce the frequency of eating fast food and eat more frequently home-cooked food, with plenty of fresh foods and vegetables. If you are a female there is a great free support group called Diet Bug. They are there to encourage and help you. They offer meal plans, workout routines, and more to help you with your weight loss. Slowly your taste will change and your body will respond with new found energy. While this makes it easy for women, there are still very minimal sources for men to turn to in the struggle to lose weight.

Learning the habits of healthy eating can improve your health by boosting your energy, sharp-

ening your memory and stabilizing your mood. Expand your range of healthy food choices and learn how to plan ahead to create and maintain a satisfying, healthy diet.

Do we really want to be known as the "Fast Food Nation" anymore? Many agree that the image is not something to be proud of. Maybe if these chains would label everything they sell with the nutrition facts (or lack of nutrition facts) consumers would be more likely to refrain from ordering as often. With awareness and dedication to food that sustains our bodies and our environment, we can turn the obsession with fast food around and become a healthier nation.

You are what you eat, and until these labels become mandated ask for the nutrition facts every time you go to order a value meal. Stay away from processed foods, cook at home more often—care about your body and what you're putting into it. It's time to get on track and become a healthier population, because the negative effects from fast food and poor eating habits are definitely not worth it.

Abortion, Planned Parenthood, Morality, and the Republican Party

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New Jersey Representative Chris Smith (R) introduced the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act to Congress on January 20. The bill provides that, "No funds authorized or appropriated by Federal law ... shall be expended for any abortion."

The bill is meant to be the formalization of the President's promise to not use taxpayer's money to fund abortions. The idea behind the bill being that those who are against abortion would not be indirectly paying for it with their taxes.

The bill has come under criticism recently due to its wording and its alleged subversive agenda. The bill originally included a stipulation that allowed for an abortion in cases of "forcible rape" and incest if the girl was a minor.

Women's advocacy groups protested this wording stating that there was no difference between rape and forcible rape. Since the protests the bill authors' have agreed to change the language to the same language of the Hyde act which phrases the exception, "if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest."

However, over a week has gone by since the authors' agreement to change the wording, but no change to the bill has been made.

The bill also goes into detail about the removal of taxpayer funding from organizations and insurance programs that allow for abortion coverage. This means that all government aided institutions, such as Planned Parenthood, that perform or fund abortions will not receive one penny of taxpayer money.

The de-funding of Planned Parenthood has been a Republican goal for some time, and this bill would see a cut of over \$317 million to the organization. This cut would effectively cripple the organization and cause the end of most, if not all, Planned Parenthood services.

The Republican march on abortion also includes a number of state-level legislation.

The proposed Heartbeat bill in Ohio, championed by Republican state Rep. Lynn Wachtmann, states that once a heartbeat is detected in the fetus, abortion of the fetus is illegal. The heartbeat of a fetus is usually detected six-weeks into the pregnancy, but can be as early as 18 days. This bill is seen as unconstitutional and goes against Roe v. Wade by banning first trimester abor-

tions.

Iowa went a step further. The House Human Resources Committee put forth a bill that would define life at the point of conception and make it illegal thereafter to have an abortion, totally reversing Roe v. Wade and making abortion illegal under any circumstance including rape and incest.

In a unique twist on an unrelated law, South Dakota's state representative Phil Jensen proposed an amendment to the "Justifiable Homicide" law to include the murder of someone who would be harming a fetus, more or less opening the floodgates to a number of abortion clinic doctors being murdered and the murders claiming they were justified doing so.

But after the nation's spotlight got a little too hot for Rep. Jensen, he changed the wording of his bill to make it clear that the offender to the fetus would have to be committing an act that was illegal and since abortion is legal the bill would not apply.

The bill being proposed in Kansas would ban all abortions after 22 weeks of pregnancy unless a physician declares the abortion is necessary to save the woman's life. The bill does not include exceptions for the wom-

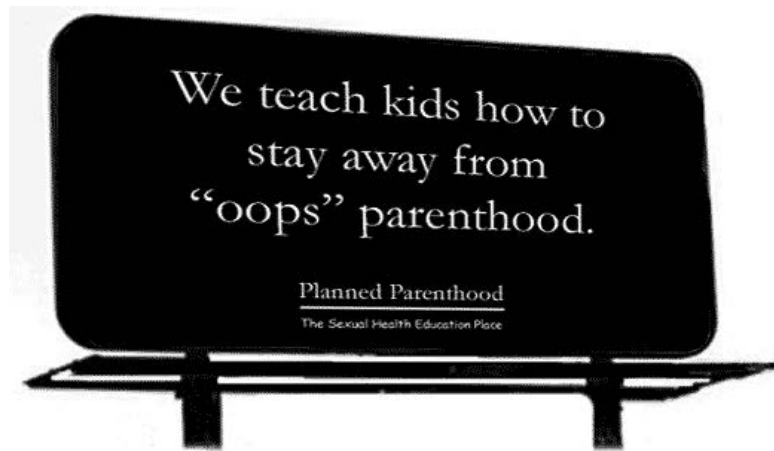


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Due to Christie's budget cuts, Planned Parenthood, the nation's leading sexual and reproductive health care provider and advocate will be cut by millions of dollars.

an's mental health. At least five other state legislatures are considering similar bills this year.

Down in Texas, the state Senate committee approved a bill that requires doctors to perform a sonogram before performing an abortion.

The doctors have to explain to the woman what they are seeing while they perform the sonogram. The woman would also have a chance to see the image and listen to the fetal heartbeat. In a last minute revision, the amended bill provides exemptions in cases where there are

fatal flaws in the fetus or for women who are the victims of incest or rape.

If the state representatives and the members of the Senate and House are meant to be the voice of their people, then what we as a nation are left to gather is that a Conservative shift in sentiment on a national scale is becoming clear.

The march on abortion rights is gaining steam and if the citizens with opposing views want to have their voices heard on the issue they need to be louder than they are right now.

Governor Christie's Education Reform: What Education Majors Should Expect After Graduating

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Republican Governor Chris Christie entered office in a precarious position, with the state overburdened with debt not only from the 2008 financial crisis and subsequent recession, but also from years of mismanagement and accumulated debt.

Upon entering office, Governor Christie faced a debt level of \$51 billion, and a deficit of \$10.7 billion, effectively 27 percent of all state outlays. States cannot run persistent budget deficits, being bound by their state constitutions.

That is a luxury only the federal government can afford. Cuts had to be made or taxes needed to be raised.

In traditional Republican fashion, Governor Christie pledged to eliminate the budget deficit without raising taxes. Necessarily, this means that the deficit will need to be closed by public sector cuts. Most people will not see a problem with a balanced budget, but wince at the thought of cuts to the education sector.

Only the fringes of the Republican Party would like to see the abolition of public education. Most conservatives believe in the validity of the government providing public education for those who cannot afford private education. Yet in the end, the axe fell light on education spending under Governor Christie's tenure.

Primary and secondary education state-aid grants under Governor Christie fell by a mere \$891 million. To blame this decrease in funding on the Governor would be misplaced, however.

The withdrawal of federal fiscal stimulus aid to states is the real culprit. State-aid grants stayed relatively constant.

To cover the short-fall, Trenton would have had to find an additional \$891 million from an already indebted budget. This criticism of the Republican Governor is unwarranted.

Monmouth students considering

going into teaching, either with an education major or another major relevant to teaching, such as History, would be wise to closely follow the new developments regarding education policy in New Jersey.

Governor Christie has a bold new plan to reform the New Jersey

teaching at their respective school. An even more radical reform plan is to remove teachers' tenure.

In his State of the State Address (SOTS) in early January, Governor Christie declared, "Perhaps the most important step is to give schools more power to remove

University students should realize that this perk may no longer be available in state.

"Teaching can no longer be the only profession where you have no rewards for excellence and no consequences for failure to perform," continued the Governor, "The

His plan will remove ineffective teachers from the system, which is undoubtedly a good thing. There is no question to that. Common-sense tells us that underperforming teachers should be removed, and that schools probably need more power to remove these paltry educators. Yet, eliminating the tenure system altogether may have the unintended consequence of producing a scarcity of willing educators.

It is simple economics, really. Individuals seek to maximize their utility and, thus, an out-of-state teaching job, with a tenure track, looks more advantageous.

Not only does Governor Christie's plan run the risk of making out-of-state teaching jobs more attractive to New Jersey residents, but it also makes New Jersey a less attractive destination to teach in, for those non-New Jersey residents.

The housing crisis makes it unlikely that in-state teachers will move out of state just for a tenure track, but as the housing market recovers that anchor will lose its weight.

Uncertainties still loom about Governor Christie's plans for fiscal year 2012 (starting on October 1). Barbara Keshishian, the president of New Jersey Education Association – a teacher's union – said, "Chris Christie has no respect for the teachers, school staff, and all public employees of New Jersey. He wants them to bear the brunt of the economic crisis."

Additionally, she stated that the Governor is preparing to privatise all New Jersey schooling, making public education a thing of the past.

Perhaps that means Governor Christie is, in fact, a fringe Republican. According to the NJEA, a proposed voucher bill (S-1872) would confiscate \$1 billion from public education and give it toward private education.

Those in the teacher's union feel that the Governor is blaming public teachers and the public sector in general for all the state's woes, and calls this unfair gobbledygook.

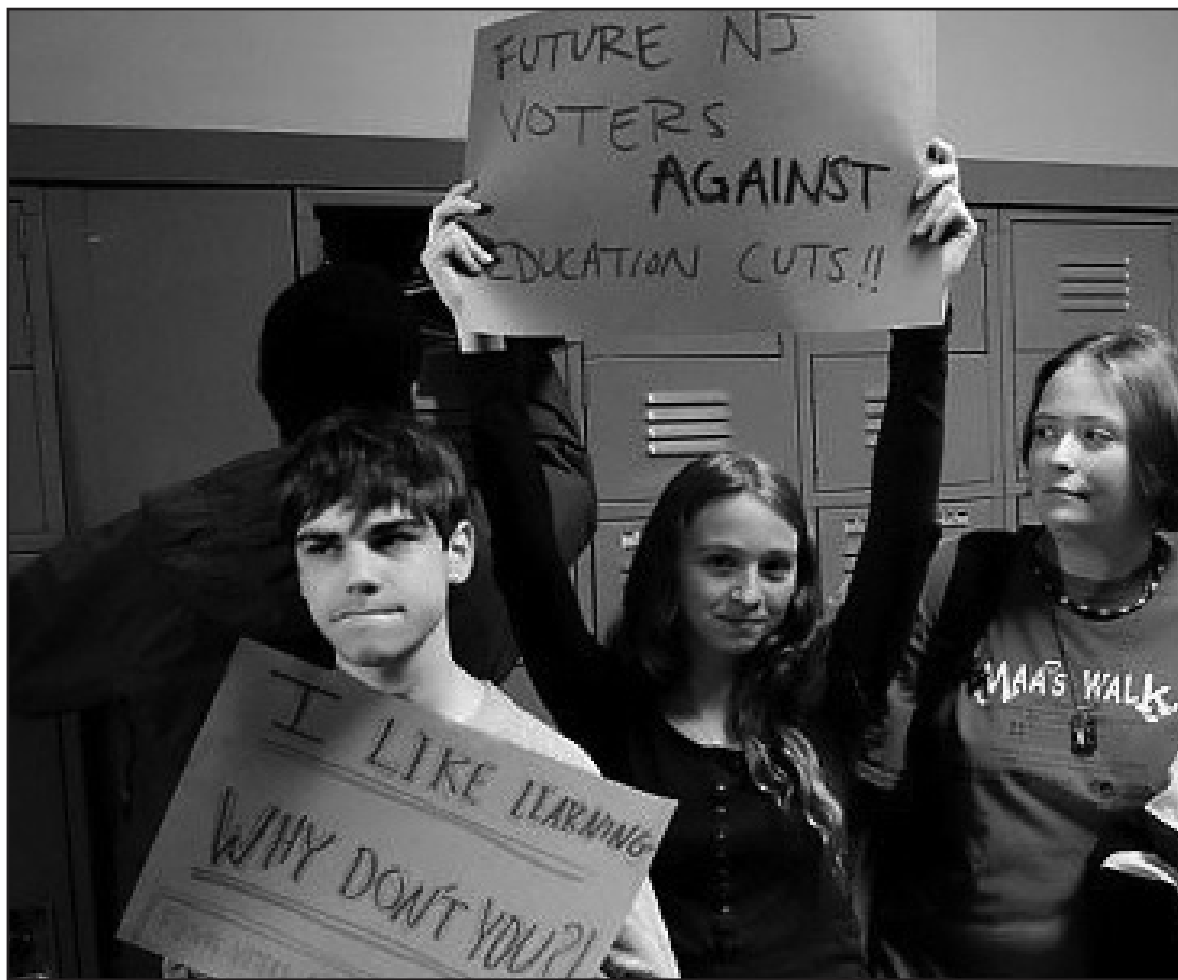


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Students at Montclair High School protest Christie's new education reform plans with signs reading, "I like learning, why don't you?"

educational system that will shake the ground.

The primary tenet of his monumental reform plan: public sector teacher's pay should be based upon performance. Raises teachers receive should be based upon their effectiveness in the classroom, not merely how long they have been

underperforming teachers." From the teacher's side of the equation, tenure is the bee's knees.

With good cause, it is one of the reasons many students out of college choose to become a teacher. Especially in this turbulent economy, job security is a primary factor in job selection.

time to eliminate teacher tenure is now." His new anti-tenure plan is a jarring departure from his previous plan of merely basing tenure grants on classroom performance.

One criticism of his radical tenure plan is that it will create a dearth of good teachers for the state of New Jersey.

Russia’s Racial War: How We are Still Involved

Should Americans Turn the Other Cheek at Violence Abroad?

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When the average American thinks of Russia, images of the former Soviet Union likely come to mind. It was a time when Communism ruled the Slavic countries with an iron fist, Eastern Europe remained largely isolated from the West, and nuclear Armageddon loomed as an ever-likely threat. But following the Soviet Union’s collapse in 1991, few

was the embodiment of embarrassment, and a reminder of a failing democratic system. Many viewed Yeltsin as a wholly incompetent leader, and he was largely blamed for the economic and social woes that plagued the newly emerged Russian Federation. While many Russians welcomed the rise of Vladimir Putin in the 2000s, Russia’s social ills continued, and soon the mass inflow of immigrants from the Caucasus into the country’s major cities became a

ical climate. “[Nationalism] arose largely as a backlash to the collapse of the USSR and Russia in the 1990s under Yeltsin,” said Pearson. “When the USSR fell apart and Communist Party rule ended, the West and especially American culture became an obsession of Russians...However, the impoverishment of much of Russian society in the 1990s resulting from the traumatic transition from a socialist centralized economy to a privatized market created much anger among Russians toward the West, especially the United States, and this was exploited by right wing elements in the Russian government and society.”

The most notorious of those involved in this movement are the racist skinheads, confrontational foot soldiers of an ever-violent campaign against non-Russians. As *Current TV’s* Christ of Putzel recently reported in the special, “From Russia with Hate,” physical violence against immigrants is on the rise; skinheads are now recording their violent attacks, and uploading them to the Internet as a deterrent against further immigration.

This uneasy culture, however, is not limited to skinheads. In December, the tensions boiled over after a gang of immigrants allegedly killed a young Russian, Egor Sviridov; the suspects were subsequently released from custody. Russians took to the streets to protest what they viewed as a combination of police corruption and immigrant-fueled violence, instigating large-scale riots that engulfed Moscow and injured 29 people. On January 24, a bomb was detonated in Domodedovo International Airport, killing 36



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin represents what Americans view as the enigma for Russian culture and angry citizens.



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A bomb was released in Domodedovo International Airport by a 20-year-old suicide bomber protesting Russian government on January 24. The attack killed 36 and injured 180.

Americans bothered to reacquaint themselves with their former rival. While Russian President Boris Yeltsin, viewed by many in the West as comically inept, managed to appear sporadically on “The Daily Show,” or other humorous news reports, Russia remained largely alien to many Americans. Thus, most are likely unfamiliar with the turbulent political climate that has engulfed the Russian Federation. While many Americans viewed former President Yeltsin as being nothing more than quirky, to many Russians, he

hot button issue. In a situation that should be all too familiar to Americans, many Russians began to fear that these immigrants, willing to work for lower pay, were unjustly taking jobs from ethnic Slavs. Thus began the rise of the far right; an ultra-nationalistic fervor over-swept a large segment of the country’s youth. University Provost Dr. Thomas S. Pearson spent several months living abroad in the Soviet Union, and also teaches two Russian History courses. He is intricately familiar with the current Russian socio-polit-

people and injuring an additional 180. Investigators later identified Magomed Yevloyev, a 20-year-old police officer from the Caucasus, as the suicide bomber. The current situation in Russia has gone largely ignored by the Western media. Perhaps it is because Americans simply don’t care what happens in a seemingly alien country. Or perhaps it is that Russia’s current economic woes, rampant immigration, and turbulent political climate are too reflective of our own, and it is simply easier to turn a blind eye than to see what we could potentially become. The question enlies, is this the right thing to do?

Counseling & Psychological Services

Events for the month of March

- Tuesday, 3/1

THIN! 7:30pm-9pm
Oakwood Hall
This current self-study about 4 young women's struggle with dysfunctional relationships with their body and food.
- Tuesday, 3/22

HATE AND PREJUDICE ON CAMPUS 2:30m-4pm
Wilson Hall Auditorium
Detective Dave D'Amico discusses prejudice and hate crimes.
- Tuesday, 3/29

STRESS AWARENESS DAY 11am-4pm
Student Center, Room 301A
Come to the CPS office for a brief screening for anxiety and other mood disorders. Get immediate feedback.
- Thursday, 3/31

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT 7pm-9pm
Steps of Wilson Hall
Come and Take Back the Night from sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Did you apply for graduation?



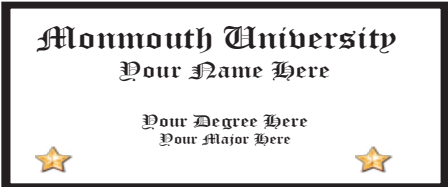
In order to be on target to complete your degree requirements and graduate, the ORR urges you to apply for graduation no later than 1 year prior to your anticipated graduation date. By applying early, this affords you the opportunity to receive an official degree audit from the Registrar’s Office indicating if you are ‘anticipated complete’ with your registered courses. If you are not ‘anticipated complete’, having this additional time allows you the opportunity to register for any additional required courses or requirements.

Good luck with your coursework this semester!
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March 1st, 2011: Deadline to submit Graduation Applications through e-FORM's
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April 15th, 2011: Deadline to submit any additional e-FORM's requests (i.e. Substitutions, Waivers, Declare/Remove Minor, etc.)
- **Please note: e-FORM requests received after the deadline dates will not be processed**



Keeping it Simple This Spring Break

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Spring break is right around the corner, and if the idea of traveling to a tropical location doesn't fit in your plans or your bank account, here are some ways you can spend your time in a more low key way.

With only a few weeks before spring break, you may think you have to plan a big excursion to somewhere warm and tropical in order to have a good time, but that's not true. The time off for spring break can be used to take short trips, and do the things you otherwise wouldn't have a chance to do.

Day trip! With the proximity of several major cities, taking a day trip is easy and convenient. You can take the bus, the train, or drive to New York City.

If you want to see and do it all, do some research on a travel website to find cheap rates for a hotel and stay in the city overnight.

Visiting Manhattan during the week is a great chance to see a Broadway show for a more affordable price. Stop by the TKTS booth for discounted tickets to many shows, which usually offer really great seats as well. Check out www.tdf.org/tkts for more information.

If you would rather stay in state, how about taking a drive to Atlantic City? There is much

more to do there than just gamble. You can stroll on the boardwalk, shop at the extensive outlet stores, see a movie at the I M A X theatre, and dine at the number of restaurants.

Also, many of the Atlantic City hotels offer cheaper rates for rooms for days during the week. This could be the perfect opportunity for you and your friends to stay at one of the casino's without having to spend too much money on a room.

Pamper yourself! Take the time to visit your local spa and

indulge in a facial, massage, manicure and pedicure, or whatever helps you relax. You could

pampered feeling may last all the way to finals.

Take the time to shop! Who has the time to really window shop or take your time when making purchases during the semester? Often, a shopping trip is scheduled in between class, writing a paper, work, studying, and so on. But with the free time of spring break, you can really take a whole day to wander a shopping mall and revamp your entire spring wardrobe. You'll also be able to compare and find the best sales so when you come back to campus, you can show off your great spring style!

Family reunion! Being home during spring break can be a great opportunity to catch up

with family you haven't seen since the holidays. Why not visit with grandma and grandpa?

Sleep late! Catching an extra hour (or three) of sleep is a great way to spend time during spring break, especially after the all-nighters spent studying for midterms the week before. Just don't get too used to it!

Worried bad weather will still be here for spring break? Use the dreary weather as a chance to start a book you've wanted to read, but never had the time to.

If you don't have anything in mind, ask a friend for a recommendation or just stop by the local bookstore and choose something that grabs your attention.

You can also catch up with episodes of your favorite television show you've missed, or start watching a new show you've been meaning to check out on DVD. The same goes for movies, have a movie marathon of classic films or just released titles, you've been wanting to check out.

These are just a few suggestions for ways to spend spring break. It's a great opportunity to do the things you haven't had the time to do all semester, whether that's seeing a Broadway play, having a spa experience, or just sleeping late.



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Spring break is the perfect week to visit new places and try new experiences.

even make a day of it, lounging in the sauna or steam room, have the full spa experience.

Though these kinds of treatments can be a little on the expensive side, they may rejuvenate you for the reality of classes and the mid-semester crunch time that often follows spring break. Who knows, that

Ironing Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

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If you are a part of the student population that lives in a rental home or apartment off campus, chances are you've experienced some sort of problems with your home's utilities.

The homes available for rent to college students are often very old, but best of all, they are affordable to share with a few roommates, and allow students to develop independently.

Living in a home off campus opposed to the dorms is a great way to enrich your domestic skills, experiment in the kitchen, and learn what it is like maintain a home away from your family.

However, with old houses comes problems, so what happens when your kitchen appliances stop working, and take out food for the fifth night in a row just isn't cutting it?

Inspired by a recent episode of Bravo TV's "Top Chef Masters," I have tried and successfully made a quick and satisfying lunch with one house hold item that is sure to work, when the rest of the kitchen does not.

Making a grilled cheese sandwich with your household iron is the perfect way to show off the imaginative, resourceful, and somewhat lazy demeanor of being a college student. After all, we are only in college once. Why not take advantage?

Best of all, you can create a sandwich any which way you want, as long as it requires some heating up and crisping. It can be simple or gourmet, and as long as you have an iron that reaches a high heat setting, there should be no problem in heating up a delicious snack.

Not to mention your roommates will be highly entertained when they come home and see you ironing your food.

It may sound silly, but it gets

the job done. After two years of living in an off campus house, I understand how frustrating it can be to contact the appropriate party to take care of utility issues. This trick is also possible to do in the dorms, where there are no real

kitchen utilities available.

So, enjoy. Relax, get some laundry done, and make a sandwich in the mean time while you're waiting for a repair person to swing by and fix your stove.

Grilled Cheese Recipe

What you'll need:

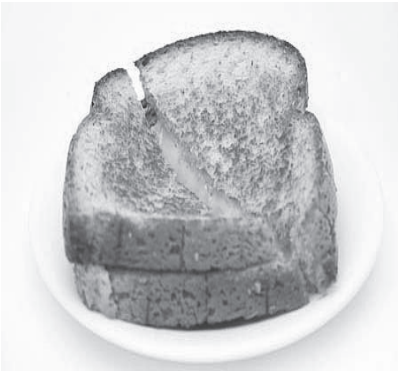
- bread
- your favorite cheese
- butter
- aluminium foil

Optional ingredients:

- Tomato
- Bacon
- Ham

Directions:

1. Turn your clothing iron on to the highest setting. Make sure to use your ironing board to prevent any surface defects.
2. Assemble your sandwich. I suggest your favorite cheese and meat, and even some tomato if you prefer. Here's where your creativity comes in. I enjoy my grilled cheese sandwiches with bacon and tomato, and occasionally, some ham as well.
3. Lightly butter each side of your favorite bread and wrap the sandwich in aluminum foil so that it's completely covered.
4. Press the hot iron flat on the foil-wrapped sandwich.
5. Press the iron down for about 30 seconds, or until the sandwich has been toasted to your liking.
6. Flip to the other side and repeat steps 4 & 5.



Dr. Seuss's

Read Across America

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This "Unknown" Mystery is Worth Discovering

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For fans of "Taken," the suspense-thriller, "Unknown," can be seen as a worthy successor. Each has strong momentum that keeps the films moving until the end credits. However, unlike "Taken," which was a search and rescue mission, "Unknown" is more of a search and rescue for one's identity. This premise builds suspense, making the title character, Dr. Martin Harris (Liam Neeson) rely on the trust of others to help him and avoid those who want to kill him. Every new revelation adds another thrill to find out what will happen next.

Director Jaume Collet-Serra finds the best way to make this movie a puzzle that is equally fun to watch and solve. Serra keeps the confusion of the film intact, while viewers remain focused for the excellent twist ending.

While "Unknown" is geared toward its mystery, Serra doesn't skimp on swift and fast action. The edgy moments are easy to absorb as one roots for Martin to evade his mysterious villains. Serra has these stirring scenes be a part of the narrative rather than an excuse for punching. There is also a cool, fast car chase that puts you in the race as Martin speeds through busy streets and drives onto sidewalks, raising excitement. The action is great although some fights are edited so quickly that they feel like a blur, so watch carefully. As for the car chase, seeing a prominent BMW logo makes it hard not to think of this scene as a deadly car commercial.

"Unknown" begins as Martin and his wife, Elizabeth Harris (a stale January Jones) arrive in Berlin, Germany for a Bio-tech seminar. When they get to their hotel, Martin realizes that he forgot a package and takes a taxi to retrieve it. While en route to the airport, Martin gets

in an accident when a fridge falls off a truck and his taxi swerves. The car falls into a cold river, and Martin hits his head against the window as the car plunges into the frigid water. Saved by the taxi driver, Gina (Diane Kruger), Martin is helped by paramedics as Gina disappears.

Martin awakes in a hospital and is told he was in a coma for four days. The doctor also explains that he came to them without any identification. Despite requests, Martin leaves the hospital and heads to his hotel. However, when he finds

role and does great. He presents Martin as worried and angry when nobody recognizes him. His ability to switch between emotions in a snap helps develop his character and adds to Neeson's performance. When Martin reunites happily with his wife and Elizabeth says that another man is her husband, he quickly reacts alarmingly. He bottles these emotions well to make the scene even better. It's not a role that needed a lot, but Neeson gave it even more, which helped to elevate the character to be someone that viewers could connect with. As the movie plays

In some ways, Kruger plays Gina to feel like a descent of her "Inglorious Basterds" role, Bridget von Hammersmark, with the same sly sensibility. Kruger has a nice grasp on her role as she plays it with plenty of smart. She makes Gina grow through the film, helping Martin reunite with his wife at an art gallery or fighting strange foes at her apartment, to come out a stronger individual in the end. All in all, Kruger properly presents viewers with a strong independent woman who is rounded out to

is nicely constructed. "Unknown's" warped atmosphere works well with other Dark Castle productions like "Orphan" (also directed by Serra) and "Gothika." The story has a strong noir vibe that is exciting as characters meet in abandoned parking garages or cramped offices.

As characters find clues, the writers present certain ones in unique ways as when Martin discovers numbers in his notebook correlate to certain words. They make each scene a puzzle piece for Serra to put together for audiences. The mystery itself is great as Butcher and Cornwell manage to plant red herrings in one's mind to think something different will happen. Their tale of a man trying to prove his identity or existence, for that matter, felt similar to "The Forgotten," where a mother was searching for a son people said didn't exist. Ultimately, "Unknown" thrives in tricking viewers, but it also captivates the audience's attention right up to the twist ending.

In some regards, "Unknown" is a wonderful suspense-thriller that has an Alfred Hitchcock sensibility. It's an ordinary man placed in an extraordinary situation and has to be clever to escape from it. Each character has a shady past to them that becomes known as the movie plays on. Simply put, "Unknown" is a better film that generates Hitchcock thrills rather than something like "The Tourist."

While "Unknown" is a conclusive film, the writers leave a thread hanging. When Ernst and Rodney meet, their conversation reveals pivotal background information that is ripe for growth. Even though "Unknown 2" is out of the question, a prequel featuring Ernst and Rodney could be a story to venture into the unknown (pun intended) for. It may be a while, or never, but like Martin said, "I'm very patient."



Liam Neeson plays Dr. Martin Harris in the suspense-thriller "Unknown."

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Elizabeth, she says he isn't her husband as another man (Adrian Quinn) explains he is Dr. Martin Harris. Martin tries to prove his identity as this other man continues to say he is the real Martin.

Lost, Martin is introduced to Ernst Jürgen (Bruno Ganz), a private detective, who is willing to help this scientist. Ernst tells Martin to find Gina in order to gather proof of his words. When Martin meets Gina again, he drags her into a mystery that requires both of them to work together to regain Martin's identity. As they begin to dig deeper, they discover this dilemma is a lot deadlier than they could have imagined.

Neeson knows how to play this

on, Neeson makes it easy to root for Martin to solve this mystery. Additionally, Neeson puts himself into the action bits well and builds intensity. He rounds out Martin by having him think quickly and ward off attackers. Neeson shows that he can play into a movie's action, whether sporadic like "Unknown" or non-stop with "The A-Team."

On a bonus note, Neeson was able to repeat his character concretely without being annoying. When you hear Martin say, "This man is not Martin Harris," you can feel Neeson had a handle to prevent this repetition from getting old.

Kruger is terrific as Gina, giving this female a tough exterior as she is caught up in this odd situation.

feel complete and just as important as Martin. I can't wait to see what Kruger does next.

Although a supporting role, Ganz is interesting as Ernst. He presents an air of mystery that is wonderfully kept under wraps until later. Although viewers see Ernst helping Martin and Gina, (giving them documents on a cold winter's day near a frozen river), Ganz plays the role to leave more to learn. Like the story, he keeps you guessing, especially when Rodney Cole (Frank Langella) appears.

The script by Oliver Butcher and Stephen Cornwell, based on the novel "Out of My Head" by Dider van Cauwelaert,

Taylor Momsen: Actress Turned Grunge Rocker?

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Let's be clear, I don't like Taylor Momsen. It's not that I dislike her because of her highly unlikeable character Jenny Humphrey on the hit television show "Gossip Girl." She just has that condescending attitude in interviews that says she is "way-too-cool-for-this." She smokes and runs around in lingerie on stage (she says Hustler is one of her favorite stores) because she has an inability to wear pants. She talks about masturbation and sex very publicly. Oh, and she's 17-years-old, not even legal.

So when I heard that she was starting a music career with a band called The Pretty Reckless, and that she wanted to bring rock n' roll back, I figured her idea of rock would be some of Avril Lavigne's earlier music. When I played her music on YouTube, I was anticipating something fake and possibly autotuned, like most other actresses turned singers. So here is the shocker: she is actually good.

This isn't pop music with a couple of guitar solos attempting to pass itself off as rock. This is rock music, more specifically grunge: the subcategory of rock that gave us the likes of

Nirvana, Pearl Jam and, most relevant to Momsen, Courtney Love.

Though Momsen continues to claim that Kurt Cobain is who she looks up to more than his widow Courtney

Her raspy voice sounds older than her years and her label paired her up with a band of male rockers over 25, making her appealing to an audience older than Gossip Girl's demographic of teenage girls.

Love, she seems to be a younger version of Love: Saying the wrong thing, wearing the wrong thing and getting attention for every reason except her talent. That's what is really a shame

because Momsen actually has talent. Her raspy voice sounds older than her years and her label paired her up with a band of male rockers over 25, making her appealing to an audience older than Gossip Girl's demographic of teenage girls.

Momsen wrote all of the songs for The Pretty Reckless' debut album "Light Me Up" (released February 8) with lead guitarist Ben Phillips and writer/producer Kato Khandwala. The lyrics make listeners wonder how much is written by Taylor and how much is written by Phillips and Khandwala. In "Nothing Left to Lose," the opening lyric is: "I was only 19, you were 29," which is interesting because Taylor still has a couple of years before she hits 19, and "having late night sex and smoking cigarettes" with a 29-year-old is still pretty illegal for her. That doesn't change the fact that the music is good.

Momsen's raspy voice is great when paired with catchy guitar riffs like those on "Since You're Gone," a song about all the perks of letting a bad boyfriend go, and "Factory Girl," a party girl song referencing Andy Warhol and Edie Sedgwick in the 60's era. A couple of songs, like powerballad "Just Tonight," seem a bit overdone, but stripped down songs like "You" show off a softer, more vulnerable side of Taylor Momsen.

If you're looking for another actress turned pop star, look elsewhere. Taylor Momsen could be a legitimate rock star if people start paying more attention to her music and less attention to, well, everything else about her. What is the likelihood that The Pretty Reckless front woman will stop making headlines for her personal

choices? The answer is in the catchy title track of the album, "Light Me Up" when Momsen sings: "I've got it on my mind to change my ways/But I don't think I can be anything other than me." The bottom line is that The Pretty Reckless is pretty good, and you should buy the album if you can get over the fact that Taylor Momsen is, well... Taylor Momsen.



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Taylor Momsen, actress from the hit CW show "Gossip Girl" is the lead singer of the grunge-rock band The Pretty Reckless.

Radiohead's "The King of Limbs" Released Early

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Radiohead released their newest album since 2007, "The King of Limbs," on February 18— a day earlier than the date they had announced, surprising fans everywhere. What fans got out of the album, however, was not so surprising. Radiohead's "The King of Limbs" is mainly electronic and expected from this band, but it would not really be considered a bad thing.

So maybe the new album is not their best. Previous albums such as "Kid A" and "Hail to the Thief" and the previous album released titled "In Rainbows" all are more impressive than the newest album. After my first listen, I felt a little disappointed and sad. But after giving it another try, certain tracks got me grooving.

The album as a whole is only 38 minutes, consisting of eight songs, yet the album took about four years to make. The first song, "Bloom," has looped keys with unusual timing. It is a chaotic song, displaying different sounds of mayhem with multiple layered tracks with violins ringing and birds chirping and echoed lyrics. As the opening of this CD, "Bloom" falls short on the excitement scale, being overly complex and a little annoying. The next song, however, is a completely different story.

"Good Morning Mr. Magpie" opens with lead singer Thom Yorke repeating, "You've got some nerve coming here." With its hypnotic riffs humming over repeating dance beats, it is one funky tune. I could only imagine how awesome this song would be to see at future shows.

"Little by Little" has a very catchy repeating rhythm guitar playing throughout the song. Yorke sings in a very high tone, and he does it slowly. It is followed by the all instrumental song called "Feral." It is the shortest song on the album, only running 3:13. Deep bass thumps in the background of this song, giving it a rave-like feel.

This song is the most electronic one on the whole CD.

The single "Lotus Flower" was released with a music video the

styled hat to the strange electronic sound. The song is sang elegantly, although the lyrics are pretty meaningless.

Radiohead often has lyrics that the listener cannot make logical sense of, but fans do not mind if it sounds great. For example, in "Lotus Flower" the lyrics read: "Slowly we unfold as lotus flowers, 'cause all I want is the moon upon a stick/ Just to see what if/ Just to see what is." Quite frankly, it doesn't need to make sense considering that it is so damn catchy.

"Codex" is a slow piano song and tends to be listless and depressing although the lyrics seem helpful. The phrase "Don't hurt

me," is looped continuously making it not an easy listen. The next song, "Give Up the Ghost," is also very slow and has simple repeating guitar riffs. The lyrics are decent at best, but it is so basic and expected that it seemed uninteresting.

The last song, "Separator," shines some hope to Radiohead fans everywhere when Yorke repeats, "If you think this is over, then you're wrong." It is once again another song that is more on the slow side, but it is very complexly layered and spacey. It is a beautiful song with great guitar fills harmonizing with Yorke's echoed lyrics. It is a perfect closer to the album.

For someone who is a fan of Radiohead's more rock-influenced albums such as "The Bends" or "Ok Computer," this album is not for you. The band has advanced very far past their rock roots in more recent albums, and are sticking with the electronic experimental genre.

Since multiple tracks seem unappealing to me, a huge fan of the majority of Radiohead's past records, I have to give this album three out of five stars. However, if you have ever seen Radiohead live in concert before, throw an extra star onto that rating. Tracks like "Good Morning Mr. Magpie," "Little by Little," "Lotus Flower," and "Separator" are sure to be concert crowd pleasers.

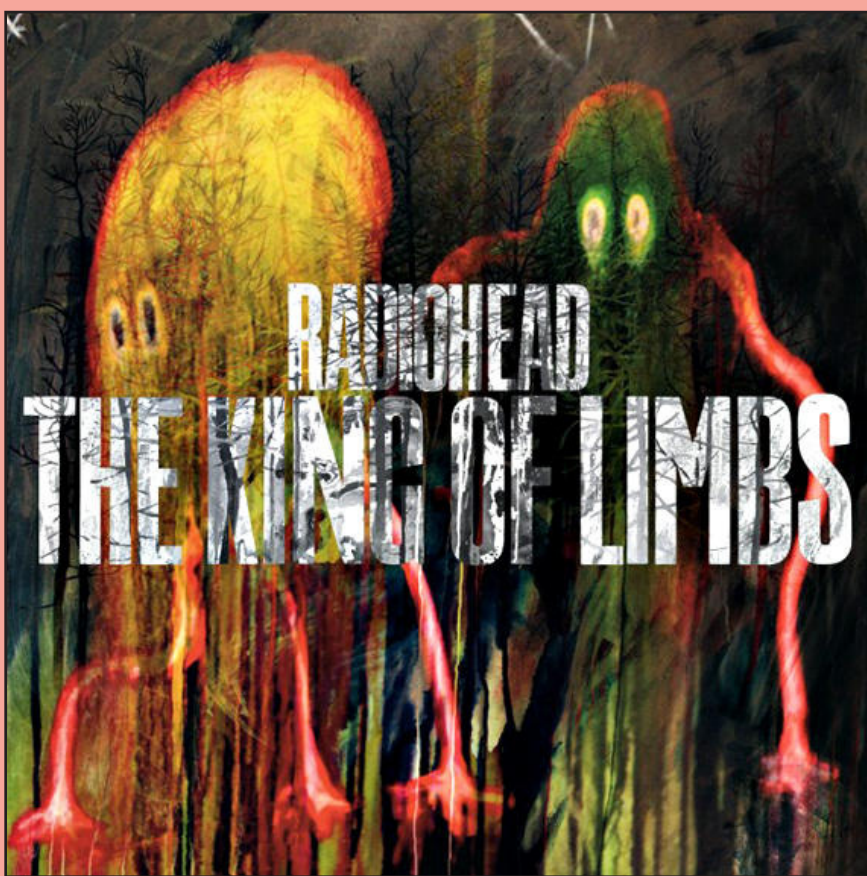


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Radiohead's new album, "The King of Limbs," continues to explore the band's electronic side.

Bond is Back, in Wii Form

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The original "Goldeneye 007" for Nintendo 64 is a classic. There is no denying this. All of the first person shooter franchises like "Call of Duty," "Halo," and the other 200 games owe their success to "Goldeneye." The extremely long story mode, the dozens of various weapons, the excessively fun cheats, and an addicting multiplayer made this game the precursor to first person shooters. If games like "Doom" and "Wolfenstein" created the first person shooter genre, then "Goldeneye" perfected it.

It's been around 15 years since the original was released. When it comes to remakes of classic games that are already considered perfect, there will inevitably be those that will automatically say that the new one is horrible. I prefer to look at things from an objective point of view, and so I played the game first before judging it. While I have some complaints, I was pleasantly surprised by what the remake had to offer.

As a James Bond fan, I have to point this out. The James Bond in this game is the Daniel Craig model, even though the original movie and game was the Pierce Brosnan model. While I like Daniel Craig as Bond, I'd still prefer the designers stay to the source. After all, it's a remake, and they've already gone off to a completely different actor. Oh well, the sooner you let this slide, the sooner you can enjoy the game.

In terms of levels, the remake does a good job of making the game have the nostalgic feeling, while still having a new level design. The escape from the exploding facility, the statue park, and the tank drive through St. Peters-

burg are my favorite levels from the original, and still are in the remake. With each level, you can tell that this was a part that happened in the game or the movie, but it is original enough that you don't know what will happen next.

One odd thing with the levels is the order you play them. In the original, it goes along the lines of the dam mission, Soviet Russia, French ship, Soviet Russia again, Statue Park, St. Petersburg, Train, then Cuba to deal with the Janus group. In the remake, the first run through Soviet Russia is removed (though to be fair, it never happened in the movie), and the Statue Park level happens after St. Petersburg and the Train levels. Also, you no longer go to Cuba to deal with the Janus group, instead you go to Africa. I know it's nitpicking, but when you're a diehard Bond fan like I am, you can't help it. The level design is still really nice though.

Graphics are also very nice, especially for a Wii title, which is notorious for its graphical limitations. The game looks aesthetically pleasing in almost all departments.

My only complaint is the lighting issues. Someone was a huge fan of darkness and felt the need to make even the day stages seem like the shadows were trying to devour the light. A major issue is when you can't see the stairs to the next part of the level, so you have to shoot in order to see two feet ahead of you, no doubt alerting nearby enemies of

that make this seem like a "Call of Duty" knockoff. The cinematic interruptions in the game in which you don't do anything and just watch things play out really, really bothers me. I don't want to see Bond escape a bunch of armed guards by hiding behind a canister of poison gas. I want to play this part, shooting at the guards while jumping

on the conveyor belt and escaping. I guess I'll have to wait another 15 years for another developer to re-make "Goldeneye" on the Nintendo's 10th generation console. Well, despite the "Call of Duty" moments, the rest of the game is incredibly fun. Pick up a machine gun and start raining some death on these



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"Goldeneye 007" returns to Nintendo after 15 years, and the Wii game has already sold over 1,000,000 copies worldwide.

your presence. At least everything looks pretty.

Game play is a different story. Remember when I said "Call of Duty" owed their success to the original "Goldeneye"? I don't think the developers remembered this part, because to be honest, this game feels like a Wii "Call of Duty." The limit of two or three guns, health regeneration, enemies having infinite grenades— these are the big problems

anonymous henchmen. Take down an attack helicopter like it was nothing. Storm through a city in a tank while the whole country tries desperately in vain to stop you; these are the moments of a James Bond movie that we love. These parts heavily outweigh the "Call of Duty" moments, so it does pay off to just ignore them and enjoy taking on a small army with a handgun.

A huge part of the single player

mode is stealth. After all, Bond is a secret agent. You're not very subtle popping people with a shotgun. Use a silenced pistol, use melee attacks, crouch walk, avoid security cameras, get the movements of the enemy down. It isn't mandatory, you don't get penalized for going Rambo on the enemy, but you'll find that it is a whole lot easier to take the swarms of guards down when only half are left. You'll especially be grateful when you realize that the AI in this game isn't "stand in plain sight and fire at the wall behind the secret agent" as much as it is "hide in cover and when the secret agent shows his head to shoot, I'll show my head and risk shooting".

Now onto the multiplayer; this in the original was what gave an already incredible game an incredible replay value. All I can say is "Call of Duty" knockoff again. I wish I could get a dollar every time I say that in this review; I could get rich doing that. But really, level up to get access to the better weapons; what does that sound like? Not to mention that melee hits kill you instantly, which means that camping will soon be replaced by clubbing. The only thing I can say is still original is the golden gun mode, which is the notorious one shot kill weapon. But then again, it's pretty hard to completely omit a standard of the series.

In conclusion, this game isn't too bad. If you can get over the obvious cloning of the "Call of Duty" formula, you'll find a fairly faithful remake which still brings its own new content to the table. It's not the best remake of a classic out there (Capcom is the reigning champion in this department) but you can see that the developers tried their best. I give "Goldeneye 007" an eight out of 10.

The “Big Thumb” Generation

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As a young kid, I loved reading books, especially “Sherlock Holmes.” I was always in the mood for a good mystery.

As a matter of fact, the only thing I enjoyed more than reading was playing video games. Like many other kids of my generation, I would devote countless hours to sitting in front of a hypnotizing television screen.

It didn’t matter what I was play-

say, of engaging in a virtual reality certainly gained the notice of my Uncle Robert who would often say, “You and your whole generation is gonna get big thumbs from playing so much of this crap.”

Of course, as a young teenager, I brushed this thought aside, laughing at my uncle as he said it while moving his thumbs in an effort to imitate someone operating a PlayStation controller.

However, as I’ve gotten older and, as I like to think, matured, this thought isn’t so funny any-

My doctor has even gone as far as to tell me that he sees more kids getting sick every year because they lack immunity, which he believes is a result of them constantly being indoors playing video games.

Uh oh, Uncle Robert might’ve been right. The money I spent on all of those video game companies when I was a kid might be coming back to bite me.

I’ve directly contributed to the growth of a virtual monster, one that creates a more powerful addic-

What’s that you say? The parents knew where their kids were because they called them on their cell phones?

Oh right, I almost forgot about those things. As a matter of fact, cell phones pose a whole other problem to this generation, but that’s another story for another time.

Back to the issue at hand. An astounding total of 3.6 million copies of “Call of Duty: Black Ops” were sold in December 2010 alone, according to the *New York Times*. That’s 3.6 million people who put \$60 towards a disc. What happened to saving money for baseball cards and *Playboy* magazines?

Kids don’t have imagination anymore or any desire to get out and see the rest of the world, let alone their own town. But why would they, considering “Call of

playing, making it impossible to progress without doing so.

This leaves little Timmy with no choice but to read if he’s so dead set on sitting in front of a television screen for hours on end.

On top of this, in an effort to get kids willing to venture into the old outdoors, video games consoles should only run on solar power. Sure, this may not mean that kids will be engaging in vigorous physical activity while outside, but maybe little Johnny will get a nice tan while breathing some fresh air.

That’s exactly how we’re going to overcome the widespread plague of video games like “Call of Duty.” Before the world knows it, there won’t be a single sucker left in line waiting to purchase that game as all kids will want to do is read and play outside.

I was so thrilled by this idea that I called my uncle one day to tell

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Video games like “Call of Duty: Black Ops” have greatly impacted the growth of younger generations, both mentally and physically.

ing, whether it was “Grand Theft Auto,” “Call of Duty,” or “Madden NFL Football.” I could play all day.

But sadly, somewhere along the line, video games overtook everything else. Not only did I stop reading, but I found myself “losing” the time to exercise, play baseball, and even hang out with my friends.

Ironically, when I did hang out with my friends on occasion, it was only to sit in their house in front of their hypnotizing television screen playing their video games.

The habit, or addiction I should

more. I don’t play video games nearly as much as I once did. I’m proud to say I haven’t for a while. But many of my friends at school devote more time to video games than they do to partying, a sad sign indeed.

More importantly, video games seem to be captivating audiences that are getting younger in age every year. Kids aren’t as active as they used to be. They don’t tackle each other in mud during a game of football, draw a baseball field on asphalt with chalk, or get run over by cars because they chased a basketball into the middle of the street.

tion amongst kids than alcohol and marijuana combined.

Just how big of an addiction are we talking about? Consider the “Call of Duty” video game franchise. Prior to November 2010, it had six installments and had established such a reputation that most parents were probably worried sick about their kids’ whereabouts on November 9, the day that the newest addition to the series was released.

Where were their kids? At the mall spending \$60 on “Call of Duty: Black Ops,” the seventh and latest installment to the series.

Duty” has been transporting their minds to places all over the world since 2003? Why bother leaving the house when all you need to do is hit a power switch and start mashing the buttons of your controller?

What we need is to find some way to start promoting physical and mental activity amongst these kids again, especially when it comes to literacy. However, making books popular again won’t be easy considering how many kids are too preoccupied playing games like “Call of Duty.”

We’ll need to advertise books where kids will be forced to take notice of them. Wait! I got it! Publishers can pay the makers of video games to advertise books as their games load!

More importantly, video games should require the reading of books as a prerequisite to playing. For instance, there should be a *Harry Potter* game that forces the kids who play it to read the book while

him about my genius solutions to the problem. My aunt answered the phone and I told her that I wanted to praise my uncle for his warnings about the addictive nature of video games he had barked at me years earlier. “The man is a modern day prophet,” I told her.

“Well Anthony, I’d love to let you talk to him, but he’s unavailable right now,” she told me with a hint of disappointment in her voice.

“What do you mean “unavailable?” I asked. “He just hit level 44 and unlocked the AK-47. There’s no pulling him away from that game now,” she replied. A few seconds of silence passed before my aunt spoke again. “Anthony? You there?”

The amount of disbelief that suddenly overtook me had paralyzed my mouth, leaving me unable to break the silence. I simply forced my hand away from ear, slowly placed the phone I was still holding on the hook, and backed away.

Always Wanting What You Can’t Have

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Most people want what they can’t have. It’s human nature and who are we to fight it? According to a study conducted through Facebook by the University of Virginia, females are more likely to respond to males who play the “hard to get” game.

Researchers surveyed 47 undergraduate female students at the University of Virginia and gave them four Facebook profiles to look at.

Each page was of a different good looking male – two Caucasians, one African-American, and one Asian. The researchers told the women that the men had also seen their profiles and rated them.

Then, the researchers gave the women one of three ratings, high, average, or a rating they couldn’t reveal for the sake of the experiment.

Of course, the women who received the “hidden” ratings were

the ones who were most anxious about the four men they had seen. Shocker, isn’t it?

The University of Virginia’s Psychological Department lead author in the study, Erin Whitchurch, said she came up with the idea for the study after reading a women’s magazine which had given opposing dating advice within the same issue.

First, the magazine specifically told its readers to be honest about your feelings toward them. Later, it gave instructions on how to “play the game,” according to Whitchurch.

“In one story, it (was) saying that it’s better to be honest about your attraction to a person, and in another (it was) saying the exact opposite, that it’s better to ‘play the game’ so to speak,” said Whitchurch. Confused by

the mixed messages, she decided to test out each theory for herself.

After completing the study, Whitchurch concluded that even though only women were surveyed in this case, that a survey of men would probably have a similar outcome.

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This research has lead me to think long and hard about whether I would rather chase someone I am interested in or whether I would prefer them to be straightforward, and easily won over.

Overall, I agree with the re-

sults of the study - the chase is more of a challenge, making the possible relationship more appealing. In fact, this complexity in the dating world is exactly why I am in my current relationship.

My boyfriend and I became friends during the first week of our freshman year. Apparently, he was interested in me, but I on the other hand, was already seeing someone else, and therefore, not looking.

After about six months of waiting, he finally decided to search for other “options” – and in walked this new girl.

She was tall, skinny, and gifted in all the right areas, if you know what I mean. All of a sudden, the slight crush I had for him exploded into a jealous rage.

Why? Because he wasn’t an option for me anymore, and this

was not going to be okay. Like any normal person, I was not too happy about this new relationship that had begun.

After breaking up with the boyfriend I had at the time (for different reasons), I decided to finally tell my friend that he was with the wrong girl. His answer? “Why didn’t you tell me this before?!” Valid question.

To make a long story short, we didn’t talk all summer because of my irrational desire for what I couldn’t have. However, I eventually won, and we have been together ever since.

I would say the moral of both my story and the University of Virginia’s study is that people always complain about how complicated love is, but does anyone ever stop and ask how it ended up this way?

My answer to that question is no, we all just continue to moan about it even though most of the time it’s only complicated because we make it that way ourselves!

Thrifty Student Traveling: Washington D.C.

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You’ve just received an invitation to play basketball with President Obama in our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C.

Your mind races as you scramble to wonder why it was you that was chosen, as if you did not even exist as a person until someone like the President verified your presence on earth.

After the moment of panic passes, you begin to slowly list all of the important things you have been doing in college (keg stand...keg stand...keg stand), now convincing yourself that, well of *course* he should know who you are.

Now, you’re envisioning the trip there - first class all the way, it’s well deserved. A private plane to fly you there, his own limo to pick you up, a guest room in the White House, photographs on Facebook of you two shaking hands, comments like “Dude you’re best friends with Obama.”

Sounds like a dream scenario for any college student who wants to travel for free. Too bad the chances of someone receiving an invitation like that are slim to none (after all, even a basketball game with him is probably some sort of meeting set up months in advance).

With the economy in a recession, you’re picking your pockets for dollars just to get a pitcher of Yuengling on a Friday night, but believe it or not, traveling is still possible, as long as you know where to cut the corners in

costs.

Washington D.C. is considered one of America’s most expensive cities, but knowing all the tricks allows you to be ahead of spending too much.

Find out where some of the most important decisions in history are made, each day in our nation’s capital (along with where the good looking future leaders hang out).

First off, there’s the obvious four ways to travel from New Jersey – by car, bus, train, or plane. The cheapest (and longest) options are by car and bus.

Driving allows you to get there in your own time (approximately 4-5 hours) as you get to experience the surrounding states, costs the price of filling up on gas, and gives you a car to use when exploring the city upon arrival, rather than paying for cabs or the Washington Metro.

Bus companies such as BoltBus (boltbus.com) and Chinatown Bus (Chinatown-bus.org), depart from different locations in New York City for as little as \$30 roundtrip!

Amtrak is a more expensive option (at least \$100), but allows you to depart from many train stations throughout New Jersey, without having to travel far from your home. Finally, the quickest option, flying can be a hit or miss

price wise – but usually well over \$150.

Next, figuring out where to stay. Obviously during holidays and special events, hotel rates increase – in Washington, the cheapest weekends seem to be in the summertime. While it is nice to stay in popular areas steps away from the biggest attractions, these are the most expensive hotels.

Sometimes, it’s best to choose a hotel on the outskirts of the city that is close to the Metro, or that has a shuttle service into down-

town Washington D.C. (many do) so it’s easy to make your way around the city and back. Also, if you drive into the city, staying in a hotel in Maryland or Virginia is also a good option – after all, they are nearby and Washington is known to be a city of commuters.

Once you’re settled in, it’s time to see the city (as cheaply as possible). Divide how you’d like to spend your money first – towards tourist attractions, going out to eat, nightlife, etc. Luckily, many

great attractions are free – but not all of them, so plan ahead which ones you most would like to see.

Popular sites like the Capitol, White House, the Smithsonian museums, the National Zoo, the National Gallery of Art, the U.S. Botanic Garden, and many other museums, monuments, and government buildings are all free.

However, the downside to this is that unless you arrive at these locations very early, the lines to get in are known to be ridiculous.

Check out the many monuments that Washington has to offer for a good (and free!) photograph. Some of the most popular are the Lincoln, Washington, and Vietnam monuments. Find out all that the National Mall has to offer – and no, not stores. The Mall is an open-area national park with many landmarks, but check them out which ones you’re willing to pay for first.

Also, while getting into other places can cost you a pretty penny at times, there’s nothing wrong with some strolling and window shopping – emphasis on *just* window shopping.

Take a walk through the beautiful Georgetown area, but upon coming to its famous shopping M Street, hold on to your credit card. While you’re there, you can also walk by John F. Kennedy’s old red

brick home.

Peek into Washington’s Union Station and its travelers – look around for breathtaking architecture and statues. Visit the graves of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and both John and Bobby Kennedy at the Arlington National Cemetery.

While walking through Washington D.C., there are a few things to keep in mind to save some money. After leaving the hotel (probably in a not as expensive area), make sure to grab something to eat and hold on to something for later.

If you plan on buying food between going to the different sites – you’re not going to have enough for that mixed drink at the bar later.

When it comes to going out, the night life will be expensive. Consider this before picking where to go, and see what bars or places may exist in the area you are in before going to the pricey venues.

Adam’s Morgan is one of Washington D.C.’s most popular party areas for college students with many bars and restaurants. However, remember it becomes all too easy to drink away your money, and make for a hangover and broke trip back home.

Finally, on your way out of Washington and back to New Jersey, save your final bucks and refrain from buying any overpriced American pride souvenirs. Unless they end up stuck on a refrigerator forever, they’ll be placed in that miscellaneous drawer everyone forgets about.

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I.B.M. Watson Wins Over “Jeopardy!” Stars

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From now on, if the answer is ever “the first computer champion on “Jeopardy!”, the question will always be, “What is Watson?”

“I, for one, welcome our new computer overlords” wrote Ken Jennings, famous for winning 74 games in a row on the popular television show “Jeopardy!” after facing certain defeat against the I.B.M. supercomputer Watson.

The contest, which was held at the T.J. Watson Research Laboratory before a crowd of I.B.M. executives and engineers, lasted for three television shows. After the first show, Watson tied with Brad Rutter, the other

lytical processing of language that only we have been known to be capable of.

Though it may seem “all-knowing” with its lightning fast responses, Watson did not hold true to its title as it drew laughs from the crowd after replying “What is Toronto?” to the U.S. city clue “Its largest airport is named for a World War II hero; its second largest for a World War II battle.” (The answer was “What is Chicago?”).

“We failed to deeply understand what was going on there,” said Dr. David Ferrucci, the I.B.M. researcher who led the development of Watson.

“The reality is that there’s lots of data where the title is U.S. cit-

performance, and keep that information secure by providing access to the right people, all while determining every variations of a person’s name.

That is the analytics of Watson, representing a way to look at this data and extract the needle in the haystack, the key insight that is useful.

In contemporary society, the amount of information is flow-

of books from the Sun to Pluto, and back again.

Clever analytics software, like that of Watson’s, can be used to extract meaningful information out of this inundation.

On a pragmatic note, in order for a company to keep a precise record of its loyal customers, it needs to maintain a portrait of who they are, their wants, needs, and buying patterns.

Yet on a global scale, Watson’s analytic tools provide ample processing power to analyze the interdependencies of entire financial systems.

Watson can be used to understand the interlinked connections that cause such systems to fail, create a compendium of such connections, and use them to predict and avoid future catastrophes.

In the medical field, Watson’s

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Senior Vice President and Director of I.B.M. Research

“Jeopardy!” celebrity at \$5,000 with Jennings trailing behind at \$2,000.

However, on the second day, Watson went on an answer spree. At the day’s culmination, Watson commanded a staggering total of \$35,734 over Rutter’s \$10,400 and Jennings’ \$4,800.

Only on the third day did Watson finally cement its name in history books when it stumbled across a key Daily Double, resulting in a final tally of \$77,147 to Jennings’ \$24,000 and Rutter’s \$21,600.

From a superficial glance, it may look like science fiction writers may have been on to something; for today, a computer has championed over humans in a scenario that requires the ana-

lies and the answers are countries, European cities, people, mayors. Even though it says U.S. cities, we had very little confidence that that’s the distinguishing feature,” Ferrucci added.

Aside from this minor flaw, Watson’s applications outside “Jeopardy!” are indeed earth-shattering. “We are going to revolutionize industries at a level that’s never been done before” says Dr. John E. Kelley III, Senior Vice President and Director of I.B.M. Research.

Imagine a company that can look at all of its information at once, spot hidden trends before they even occur, predict outcomes and everything from weather forecasting to transportation scheduling to financial

ing, some even assert overflowing – from the written word to the spoken word, from 11th century manuscripts to 21st century computer databases, from emails to electronic medical records – and will soon grow to 988 exobytes, the equivalent of a stack

Analytic tools like Watson’s can analyze their internet experiences, purchase histories, and customer demographics to turn this information into insight and develop conclusive fact based strategies to gain that competitive edge.

prohress can be used to ring up medical records of patients and assign the best diagnosis for each unique patient for each unique condition. It will eradicate the “hunches” that play the integral part in major decisions to become tomorrow’s aide, in every field.



I.B.M. supercomputer Watson challenged “Jeopardy!” stars Ken Jennings, winner of 74 games in a row, and Brad Rutter, winner of three “Jeopardy!” tournament titles. After a key Daily Double, Watson finished with a tally of \$77,147 to Jennings’ \$24,000 and Rutter’s \$21,600.

Music, Poems, and Magic, Oh My!

Matt Koziol Hosts Open Mic Night for the Coffeehouse Series

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The Student Activities Board sponsored an open mic for their Coffeehouse Series that took place at Java City last Friday, February 18. The event was hosted by musician Matthew Koziol and consisted of multiple performances by musicians, poets, and even a magician.

The night began with Koziol introducing himself and playing a few songs for the audience. Koziol is 22 years old and was born in New Jersey. He has been playing the guitar since he was 14 and is currently taking a semester off from school at Kean University to travel the country and perform his music.

Koziol was extremely personable and made everyone feel a part of the show. There was not a dull moment and the room was frequently filled with laughter as he joked around between songs and performers. He opened with his songs “Color of Reason” and “Heart on the Line.”

As soon as he began to sing, it was clear that the audience was in for quite the night. Koziol’s voice and emotion filled the room and it was clear that he was extremely passionate about what he was doing.

The first performance of the night was a duet that featured Kayt Suppel and her friend Mike on guitar. Suppel is a student at Montclair University and a friend of Koziol’s.

When she found out that he was hosting an open mic, she jumped at the opportunity to perform with Mike. This was the first time they had performed live together but by their calm appearance on stage it seemed as though they had been

playing together for years.

Suppel and Mike performed two original songs, “Waves” and “Hysteries,” and two covers, “King of Anything,” by Sara Bareilles and “Black Sheep,” by Metric. Suppel had a beautiful voice and great control which was complimented by Mike’s deeper backup vocals.

The next performer was Tess LaFera. She is a freshman at the University and read three original poems. The first was called “In the Fields of Kansas.” It was an emotional piece describing a man that did not treat her right but despite that, she still cared about

ic Man took the stage. Ross is a freshman at the University and has been performing since high school. He has his own magic show on HawkTV.

To start off his performance, he brought up two audience members to help him with his tricks. He was extremely comfortable on the stage and was not only a great magician but a great entertainer. He had the audience laughing nonstop and even had his volunteers dancing disco-style to the Bee Gees as he casually cut up and pieced a rope back together.

Following Ross the Magic Man, was Conrad Sawicki, sophomore,

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MATT KOZIOL
Open Mic Host

him. LaFera read, “If I never meant anything to you, then you shouldn’t mean anything to me.” The other two were titled “Sailor’s Mount” and “Chimney Smoke.”

Koziol took the stage once again after some thoughts about how he would hate to be the guy LaFera was writing about. He then played his song “Sincerely Yours.” He said, “The song is a letter to no one in particular. It’s about when you’re stuck in a lousy situation and finally decide that enough is enough, it’s time to stop doing this to myself.”

The night soon took a turn in a new direction as Ross the Mag-

who read his original poetry. Sawicki was inspiring on the stage because although he was nervous at first, he got up there and read his poetry and really reached out to the crowd.

The next performer was Ray Bogan, a freshman student. Bogan plays every chance he gets whether it is on or off campus. He got up on stage like he owned the place and blew everyone away with his powerful voice and energetic attitude. He wasted no time talking and it was clear that he lives to play music.

Bogan played “Love Will Keep Us Alive” by The Eagles, “Pres-

ence of the Lord” by Blind Faith, “While My Guitar Gently Weeps” by George Harrison, and an original piece entitled “Born to Love You.” It was a blues style song and the entire audience was clapping along to the beat.

The final student performance of the night was by Ryan McCallum and Tohtee Lib Mayson. McCallum played guitar as Mayson rapped his poetry. The first song, “My Secret Valentine,” was written by Mayson for a friend of his who was feeling down on Valentine’s Day. The other song was a slower song titled “One of a Kind.”

Mayson and McCallum just started playing together this year. “We haven’t been able to stop making music,” said Mayson.

Koziol took the stage one final time to end the night. He first performed “Signed Sealed Delivered” by Stevie Wonder. There was not a foot in the room that was not tapping along. Koziol followed with “Doubting Thomas” by Nickel Creek. The final song of the night was one of Koziol’s originals titled “Substitute.”

The passion accompanied with Koziol’s music was truly inspiring. Each song had its own history and meant something to him. Koziol said, “Don’t be afraid of the response. Play for you. Once you do that people will respond, because they will see how much you love playing.” That’s what music is all about and it is clear when he plays that he is playing because he loves the music.

This was Koziol’s second time performing at the University. He said he would love to come back to play again. If you missed him the first time, be sure to catch him the next time around. You will not be disappointed.

Animal Representatives of Monmouth University: Adopt Tut!

Tut is a five-month-old Terrier mix. He has grown up at the Monmouth County SPCA and does not know what it is like to live in a real home.

Tut is a very active puppy who loves to play. He loves to socialize with other dogs.

Tut would love to learn all kinds of commands, like “sit,” “down,” and “paw.”

He is very energetic, so he needs obedience training to keep him out of trouble.

Tut wants an active owner so that he has an exercising partner.

Just look at his floppy ears and you will fall in love. Call one of the adoption counselors to speak about Tut at 732-542-0040. Or, come visit this adorable puppy at the Monmouth County SPCA located at 260 Wall St., Eatontown, NJ 07724.



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Adopt Tut, a five-month-old Terrier mix who is full of love and energy.

Love Strikes for Suicide Awareness

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Alpha Sigma Tau held their second annual dating show “Love Struck,” which took place in Pol-lak Theatre last Wednesday, February 16. The night of love and laughter was held to raise money for suicide awareness.

Dayna Zeises, a sophomore and member of Alpha Sigma Tau, is the philanthropy chair for her sorority and played a major role in planning the night. She was also one of the five female suitors.

Zeises’ goal for the night was to raise \$500

but that was more than doubled with \$1,050 raised. All of the money raised was donated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The money is given in memory of an Alpha Sigma Tau sister who took her own life.

Love Struck was hosted by Dana Kaufman, a senior student from Alpha Sigma Tau and Vin-nie Oliva, senior student from Tau Kappa Epsilon. All of the music was done by DJ Chris Spirito.

The night was set to the 1970s and 1980s hit show, The Dat-

ing Game. Other than the dater’s questions, the night was completely unscripted which prompted some funny answers and a lot of laughs.

The event had a great showing and members from almost every fraternity and sorority came to fill the theatre.

Daters Kelly Delle Donne, junior student from Alpha Xi Delta, and Kevin Kinsella, a sophomore from Phi Kappa Psi, both had five suitors to choose from.

The goal for the night was to raise \$500 for the American Foundation for Suicide Awareness, but that was more than doubled with \$1,050 raised.

The game had three rounds and each suitor was asked one question per round. At the end of each round two suitors were eliminated and at the third round the dater picked a suitor to go on a date with. The daters and the suitors could not see each other so the dater’s final decision was based solely off of the answers they received.

Some questions that were asked were “What would we do on a first date?” “If you were a kitchen appliance, what would you be?” “If we were to play a sport to-

gether, what would we play?” And finally, everyone’s favorite, “If we dated for a while, what would your pet name for me be?”

During round two, the suitors were asked to show their physical side. Male suitors were asked to do pushups and female suitors were asked to give their best pose. The audience judged the suitors and cheered based on how much they liked the suitor’s effort.

At intermission, members of Lambda Theta Alpha put on an original step dance for the audience’s viewing pleasure. A 50-50 raffle was

also held.

Finally, during round three, both the daters chose a suitor to take on a blind date. After making their final eliminations and thinking over all of the answers, Kelley Delle Donne ultimately chose Jared Quintaglie, junior, and Kevin Kinsella chose Emily Blanchette, sophomore from Delta Phi Epsilon. Both couples were given gift baskets filled with things to do on their date including movies, popcorn and gift certificates to restaurants.

WMCX Hosts Night at the Inkwell

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With their long locks and charming banter, cousins Mike Santini, guitarist, and Ryan Sullivan, the group’s singer, quickly won the crowd over. They started out by playing a few of their original and easily relatable songs but it was their covers of “Pardon Me” by Incubus and Seal’s “Kiss From A Rose” that eventually hooked and shook the audience. The 25 onlookers were left giggling when they introduced one of their more emotional songs by saying “Feel free to get in the fetal position and cry yourself to sleep. We’re all friends here.”

The audience was also able to interact with the members of No More Pain. It was clear that music is their chosen language, and all else pales in comparison. The boys were very excited about their biggest gig so far, where they opened for Monster Magnet at Starland Ballroom this past Sunday, February 20.

Two Monmouth upperclassmen, Nicole Vitale and Sam Lillis of CommWorks had a poetry reading in between acts that consisted of a loathsome poem on the topic of an ex-boyfriend, and a comical poem about how, in our generation, having intelligence is curiously out of fashion. Vitale and Lillis later recited two poems from the book “Kinky,” by Denise Duhamel.

After this quick performance a few acoustic songs were performed by senior Amanda Tucci and her brother Johnny, who call themselves Dear Night Sky. Tucci astonished the audience with her excellent range covering a mainly eighties set list. This music performance major has been singing since she could speak and has enjoyed doing various projects with her brother for seven years. When asked about her biggest influences, Amanda said, “everything really- Paramore, No Doubt, everything stripped down acoustic. You can take anything loud and make it soft with acoustic.”

The night continued with an entertaining performance by Steve Martinho of Jackson and was wrapped up by Candace Schur of Toms River. Both individuals offered a brilliant mix of covers and original tracks. Each of the artists offered their own individual flavor to a delicious evening free to the crowd.

Along with the pleased audience, Trevor Marden, the general manager of WMCX was content. Marden said, “This year was the best we’ve ever had. I honestly think we had a really good crew, all the songs were really great and I don’t think it could have gone any better.” It is clear that he and WMCX enjoy providing a comfortable setting for young local artists to reveal their talents and creativity to a friendly and receptive audience.

HawkTV Schedule 2/23-2/26

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11:00-1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NewsEPPG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NewsEPPG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NewsEPPG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NewsEPPG
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5:00-7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M²M² Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M²M² Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M²M² Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M²M² Live
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9:00-11:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I Love You Man	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Going the Distance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I Love You Man
11:00 PM-Midnight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M² Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M² Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M² Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M² Live

SGA President’s Letter

Fellow Hawks,

I hope the semester is progressing nicely for you all as we head into the final days of February. Spring Break is right around the corner! Good luck with any midterms that you may have in your classes. Be sure to study hard and keep focused! As a reminder, Monmouth has many resources to help you get over the hump and get the grades you need. Be sure to check out the Writing Center, the Tutoring Center, the Math Learning Center, or any advisor for extra help you may need during these stressful test-filled days.

As our winter sports wind down, we start to see our spring sports take shape and start their seasons. The women’s lacrosse team has already started their season and will be playing their next match on Saturday at Kessler Field against Columbia University. The softball team will begin their season in a tournament in Norfolk, Virginia. The team has been projected to finish second in the NEC and win a birth into the NEC Softball Championships. Our baseball team begins the year on Friday in Richmond, Virginia projected to finish second as well. The tennis, golf, and spring track seasons will be starting as well. Needless to say, it will be a busy spring for Monmouth Athletics. Hopefully, we will see great success as well. Be sure to plan to go out and support your teams this spring!

On another subject, President Gaffney was able to come up to our Student Government Association Senate meeting and give Student Government Association a preview of the same budget presentation that he will give to the Board of Trustees. Student Government Association was very pleased with the report that President Gaffney gave us. I hope to give you all a full report of the budget proposal after it goes to the Board of Trustees this week. Hopefully, the entire student population will be pleased with the budget for next year as well.

If you have any questions about Monmouth’s budget, or any other questions or concerns about the Monmouth campus, do not hesitate to email sga@monmouth.edu to get answers. We can provide them for you. Have a great rest of the week.

Go Hawks!
Kevin Sanders
SGA President



Club and Greek Announcements

Zeta Tau Alpha

The Kappa Nu Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha would like to congratulate their nineteen new members; Bree Aceti, Kim Butler, Nicole Chiszar, Gabby Coffey, Kelly Curci, Annelise Delemarre-Brand, Tara Esposito, Laura Garcia, Michelle Greico, Sofia Mandia, Cheley Newman, Maria Rafferty, Mary-Anne Ricca, Jackie Schadewald, Samantha Silvent, Stefania Tatoli, Megan Van Time, Hannah Walbert and Theresa Witek. Congrats Girls!

Zeta Tau Alpha sister, Colleen Russel, has set up a scholarship fund with her family and friends in memory of her brother, Marcus Ruta, who was killed in a tragic car accident earlier this month.

Marcus was one of those people who lit up a room. He was always smiling and kind to every person he met. This scholarship will be intended for young men just like him.

In order to raise money for this scholarship, Russel will be selling What Would Marcus Do (WWMD) bracelets.

These bracelets will serve as a reminder that we should all live life with a big smile on our face.

Bracelets will be sold for \$3 a piece for the next two weeks.

If you would like to support this cause please contact Colleen Russel at 201-873-3029 or s0729523@monmouth.edu.

Thank you so much for helping the memory of Marcus Ruta live on.

Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Sigma Alpha, which is the National Political Science Honor Society, will be holding its induction ceremony on April 12. If you would like to become a member, there is still time to qualify. The deadline for accepting applications for the Spring 2011 induction ceremony is February 28.

The requirements for Pi Sigma Alpha are: no less than 12 political science credits with at least nine credits taken at the University, a minimum 3.0 GPA in political science, and a minimum 2.75 overall GPA.

If you think you meet the eligibility requirements, please submit an online application by Monday, February 28. The online application address is: http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/political_science_and_sociology/application.asp

Each application will be evaluated and those students that meet the requirements will be notified about being inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

Yoga Club

Yoga Club meets every Monday night at 9:00 pm in the Magill Commons Club, Room 108.

Mats are provided for those who do not own their own. Weekly meetings include a hatha yoga demonstration and a brief discussion of club activities at the University.

Circle K

Circle K will be meeting in the Student Center room 202 Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We hope to see everyone there in order to make the world a better place!

Hillel

Do you like pizza? If so, come join Hillel every Wednesday for pizza, sponsored by the Chabad, in the Student Center at 3:30 pm.

Alpha Sigma Tau

We would like to welcome our six newest members.

Alpha Sigma Tau’s Annual Suicide Awareness Week was very successful. We raised over \$200 throughout the week for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention.

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau also went to Rutgers and participated in AFSP’s “Out of the Darkness” walk in memory of those lost to suicide. We also worked with the Ashley Lauren Foundation to raise money and build scarecrows with children affected by cancer and their families.

For Homecoming this year Alpha Sigma Tau and Phi Kappa Psi participated in the float building contest and won second place. We have many plans for this semester.

Phi Eta Sigma

Phi Eta Sigma Induction Ceremony 2011 of Monmouth University Chapter will be held in Pollak Theatre on Sunday, March 20 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The requirements for Phi Eta Sigma membership are to be a full time freshman for Fall 2010, registered full time for spring 2011, and to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the end of the fall semester. A letter to all qualified inductees will be mailed out soon.

The advisor for Phi Eta Sigma is Golam Mathbor. The officers are Bryan Martin, President; Matthew-Donald Sangster, Vice President; Lori Mueller, Secretary; Sonya Shah, Treasurer; and Aziz Mama, Historian.

PRSSA

PRSSA will be meeting in Plangere Room 234 every Wednesday at 3:00 pm.

We have speaker series, career building sessions, and many other awesome events. Hope to see you there!

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to congratulate 21 new candidates for receiving bids and taking the first step in becoming a new member of our fraternity: Matt Avellino, Joe Brandl, Chris Bruno, Billy Carrigan, Jesse Chapnick, Taylor Copp, Joe D'Amico, Joe Deller, JP Dunne, Brandon Jonas, Robb Juliano, Joey Kaye, Dave Kim, Mike Maull, Phil Nappen, Brian Newman, Amir Patel, Jason Rothstein, Lorenzo Russomanno, Dan Wendel, and Zac Werkmeister.



What celebrity are you tired of seeing in the news?

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Kyle
sophomore

“Justin Bieber, he may be talented but he doesn’t need a movie documenting his life.”



Brittany
junior

“Katy Perry, her songs are too overplayed on the radio.”



Valeria
sophomore

“Miley Cyrus, I don’t think she can sing or act well.”



Concetta
sophomore

“Lindsay Lohan, Her career’s over, she needs to stop trying to fix it and get herself help.”



Marissa
sophomore

“Angelina & Brad, I’m tired of hearing about every aspect of their lives and their children.”



Kristen
sophomore

“Lindsay Lohan, her problems shouldn’t be so over-publicized.”



Dominick
junior

“Sam & Ronnie, they need to move past their break up, they’re ruining ‘Jersey Shore’.”



Rob
senior

“Snookie, she’s not as funny as she thinks, she is just gaining attention for being a mess.”



Vince
sophomore

“Justin Bieber, there was too much talk about him during the All-Star game.”



Kiley
junior

“Lady Gaga, she’s crying out for attention, Madonna should be offended.”

Campus Activities This Week

wednesday, february 23

Bakari Kitwana “The Culture of Hip Hop”, 3pm Pollak Theatre
Ms. Monmouth, 10pm Pollak Theatre
MLK Tribute, 7:30-9pm Anacon

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‘Doomsday’ Returns To Superman Family

MATTHEW FISHER
COMICS EDITOR

Even though Doomsday first appeared in 1992, his name still creates shivers as the only villain to have ever killed Superman.

While Superman came back from the dead and eventually defeated this deadly monster, his presence is about to be felt once more in the DC Universe with “Reign of Doomsday.” However, this time it won’t only be Superman fighting Doomsday.

For those unfamiliar with Doomsday (originally known as the Ultimate), he is a bulky creature with a number of rocky spikes poking out of his gray-skinned body.

Doomsday was an original inhabitant of the planet Krypton before the human like Kryptonians populated the planet.

Prior to the Kryptonians arrival, Doomsday left the planet in a spaceship as he encountered other DC characters as Green Lantern and Apokolips.

However, when he returned to the planet Calaton, which he destroyed years ago, the hero Radiant supposedly killed Doomsday and sent him into space. Doomsday eventually traveled to Earth, beginning the countdown to Superman’s demise.

After “The Death of Superman,” Doomsday would return in miniseries (“Doomsday: Hunter/Prey”) as well as DC cannon (“Infinite Crisis”- where he was freed from imprisonment by Doctor Psycho and Warp).

Doomsday then returned in the pages of Superman during “The New Krypton” saga, when Superman, Supergirl, and the freed Kandorians, from Brianiac’s bottled city, all defeated Doomsday once and for all...or so they thought.

Today, this monstrous beast is back for revenge in the Superman crossover, “Reign of Doomsday.”

Teasers for this storyline started back in November when DC released an image of Superman’s ‘S’ crest bloody and dripping. It was reminiscent of the image used in the ’90 to foreshadow the Man of Steel’s death.

On “The Source,” DC Comics blog, DC Executive Editor Eddie Berganza said, “Doomsday is back - and he’s hunting down each of the four characters that rose from his first strike on Earth: Steel, Superboy, The Eradicator and Cyborg Superman. Something about those four has drawn him back... And nothing is getting in his way, not even the JLA.”

This small crossover started with “Steel” #1 as John Henry Irons/Steel battled this villain but became deadly when the creature countered John’s attacks. In the end, Doomsday took the fallen Steel to whereabouts unknown.

This storyline will continue to play out in “Outsider” #37 (Part 2), “Justice League of America” #55 (Part 3), “Superman/Batman Annual” #5 (Part 4), and Superboy #6 (Part 5). The comic that will act as the final installment, Part 6, is unknown at this time.

While it might seem odd for Doomsday to appear out of nowhere and attack the heroes who emerged after Superman’s demise, DC Comics co-publisher, Dan Didio, talked to Comicbookresources.com about how DC has been setting this up.

“We knew we wanted to build up to a fight with Doomsday in ‘Action Comics’ #900, but we had stories running in both ‘Superman’ and ‘Action.’ As we started to think on this, we thought it’d be fun to do ‘Reign of Doomsday’ as a play off of ‘Reign of The Supermen.’ We looked at where those characters were, and since Eradicator was in ‘Outsiders’ at this moment, it seemed to fit perfectly,” Didio said.

Beyond the Outsiders, the Justice League (JLA) will also have

as much of a problem with Doomsday’s wave of violence in the DC Universe.

As when Doomsday visited Earth the first time, the Justice League did not have its three shining stars (Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman) in it. Instead, heroes such as Booster Gold and Guy Gardner, a Green Lantern, confronted this spiky monster.

The current Justice League line-up includes Supergirl, Congorilla, Starman, and Batman (Dick Grayson).

While talking to Comicbookresources, in a separate article, Berganza explained what the thought process was for writer James Robinson by pitting the JLA against one of Superman’s worst rivals.

Berganza said that, besides recalling elements of “Reign of Supermen,” “...there’s also the new element James is bringing into it, which is that on the character’s mind is ‘Hey, this is Superman’s killer. What chance do we have to survive this? What can we put against him?’ It’s almost like fighting a force of nature, which ups the ante a lot. And James really wants to say, ‘This is the Justice League.’ They’re not just standing by.”

As Doomsday’s impact is felt again, history will repeat itself somewhat. Superman will confront this deadly nemesis while other heroes try their best to assist him in this tough struggle.

Whatever happens, the Superman family might continue to feel the brutal punches of Doomsday after he tears through their lives as indicated by the cover to “Action Comics” #901.

It features Doomsday standing over the fallen bodies of Superman, Supergirl, Superboy, Cyborg Superman, the Eradicator, and Steel.

“Steel” #1 is on sale now while the second installment of “Reign of Doomsday,” “Outsiders” #37, is in stores March 9.



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by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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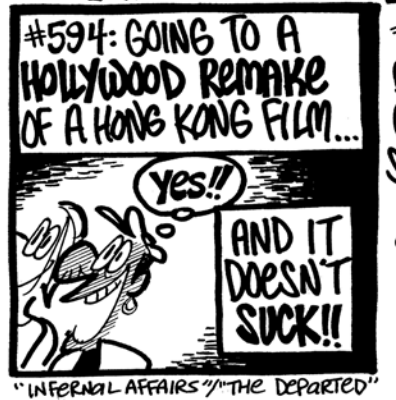
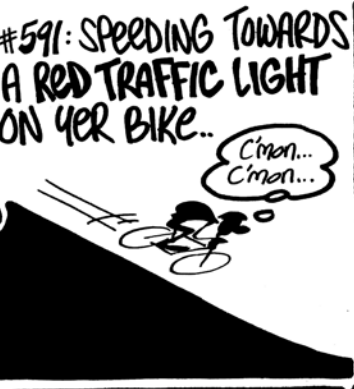
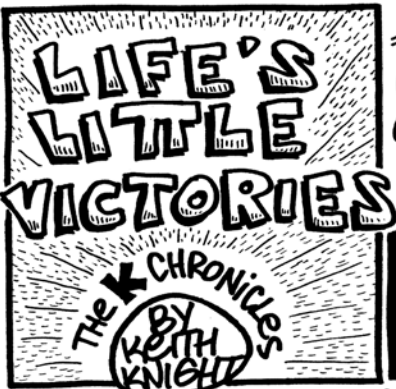
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Women's Basketball Extends Win Streak to 3

DAN GUNDERMAN
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In a Valentine's Day showdown at the MAC, the Hawks took on the Knights of Fairleigh Dickinson. From the early moments in the first half and on, the game was mostly one-sided.

The Hawks controlled both sides of the ball and never gave up their lead. Following the last possession of the game, the Hawks ousted the Knights by nearly twenty points; winning 67-48. Following another solid team win, the Hawks upped their record to 17-8, and 9-5 within the NEC. The Knights fell to 12-13 and 5-9 in the Northeast Conference.

Leading the way for Hawks was sophomore Erin Rooney, who scored 15 points and gathered five rebounds, four assists and even four steals. Alexis Canady scored 11, and Abby Martin scored 10 points while also collecting five rebounds.

In summary of the game, MU shot 41 percent from the floor, and dished out 17 total assists. Nine Hawks hit the scoring books and thirteen on the Monmouth roster recorded a rebound. FDU seemed quite careless with the ball throughout the game, and totaled 21 turnovers, of which 24 Monmouth points resulted. FDU was further pressured by Monmouth's bench, who came in as usual and contributed highly to the winning effort.

Early on, a notable play from Adrianna Allen assisted an Erin Rooney field goal, and she followed the basket with yet another put-back. Shira

Schecht's three point field goal helped extend Monmouth's lead early on, which never was placed back into the hands of the FDU Knights.

At halftime, following shooting 50 percent for the half, the Hawks led by 24 points (45-21) and following the brief intermission, they continued to be relentless towards FDU. A 30 point advantage was soon gained just minutes into the second half, as Gabby Singer connected on a field goal with fifteen minutes still remaining.

Dominant Hawk scorer Alysha Womack recorded eight points in the game and her four assists contributed greatly as well. Adrianna Allen quietly scored



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Erin Rooney had a career best 22 points in a 64-55 win over RMU.

seven points and grabbed six rebounds. Shira Schecht tied a career high with six points, and proved herself to be a solid weapon off the bench. FDU who shot a low, 33 percent in the game, were paced by Danielle Pankey who recorded double digits, (10 points). Monmouth's next game was Saturday February 19 at the MAC, but this time versus Robert Morris.

The Saturday matinee against Robert Morris proved to be another solid day for Monmouth, which increased its win streak to three straight games. Monmouth improved its record to 18-8, and 10-5 in the NEC. RMU fell to 13-12 overall, but 10-5 in NEC play. Their prior NEC record was

10-2 until three straight conference losses, which happened for the first time in seven years for the Colonials.

With 15 minutes remaining in the second half Monmouth led by as much as 15, but Robert Morris managed to keep the game respectable. Early on, the game was well-balanced and multiple lead changes and ties occurred. Sophomore guard Erin Rooney, whose been leading the Hawks in scoring, posted a career day by scoring 22 points for MU. Alysha Womack even added 17 points while snatching four steals.

Early on, Alexis Canady's free throws gave MU a lead. A Womack fast break upped that lead and going into the second half, Monmouth continued its tradition (of late) and steadily increased their lead to maintain possessions and control the game. With approximately eight minutes remaining, RMU went on a scoring run and cut the lead to six, but a Rooney three pointer quickly silenced the Colonials.

By the time the horn had rung, and the Hawks had won, the other side of the scoring column was still respectable for RMU. They were led by three players who reached double digits. Destiny Harrison led these three players with 13 points, and Artemis Spanou tallied a double-double, (11 points and 14 rebounds).

Monmouth's next game is Monday against Saint Francis at the MAC, and will prove to be another crucial game for MU, as they look to continue their impressive win streak.

Men's Basketball Splits Last Two Home Games of the Season

ED MORLOCK
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Hawks played two crucial NEC games this weekend at the MAC. Thursday night, Monmouth won against Saint Francis 57-51. Two nights later, on senior night, the Hawks lost a heartbreaker to Robert Morris, 62-60.

Monmouth played phenomenal defense in their battle against Saint Francis. The Red Flash have scored in the high 60's, 70's and even 80's in nine of their last ten games. The Hawks were able to hold them to a lowly 51 points in this contest. Marcus Ware and James Hett both had three steals for the MU defense.

Jesse Steele stole the show for

Monmouth in the game against Saint Francis. Steele finished the game six of twelve from the field and five for seven from three-point range for 20 points coming off the bench for the Hawks. Steele also led the team in offensive rebounding, grabbing four boards to keep possessions for the Hawks. Steele understood how big of a win this was for his team, saying after the game, "Oh it's huge, it's three in a row for us, we're trying to keep winning."

Steele had two particular plays that were big for Monmouth in this game, both coming in the second half of action. With just over 16 minutes remaining in the contest, Steele took a three-point shot from NBA range and drilled it. He was fouled in the

process and completed the four-point play, giving the Hawks a 29-28 advantage.

Fast forward to under seven minutes remaining in the game. Following a beautiful no-look pass by Ed Waite, the Hawks led the Red Flash by seven points. Tony Peters of Saint Francis was controlling the ball outside the three-point line. Jesse Steele was guarding him. Steele, who played high school basketball for Oak Hill Academy, guarding Peters, who played his high school ball for Seton Hall Prep. These are two of the highest rated high school basketball programs in the nation. Steele poked the ball loose, raced down the court for a layup, and was fouled in the process. He missed the free throw, but put the Hawks ahead 49-40 with 6:25 remaining in the contest.

With just over a minute left in the game, Mike Myers Keitt made a beautiful play that won't show up on the stat sheet. The Hawks were leading by five, and Saint Francis had the ball. Tough defense by MU led to no open shots for the Red Flash, so they continued to pass it. As a loose ball was going out of bounds, Saint Francis tried to make a heads up play to keep possession. They tried to throw the ball off of Myers Keitt but he was prepared. "I knew he was falling out of bounds, so he needed to throw the ball out to his teammate or throw it off of me. So I kept looking at the ball and where his eyes were and just jumped up," Myers Keitt said of the play. This play gave the Hawks possession and allowed them to close out the game.

Myers Keitt also added 12 points and four rebounds to help out Monmouth. Marcus Ware had a tough night shooting, but made up for it on the glass. Ware grabbed eight rebounds, which was the game high. As a team, the Hawks shot nine of 19 from three-point range, which really helped them get the win in front of their home crowd at the MAC.

Next up for the Hawks was a Saturday night meeting with the Robert Morris Colonials. This was a back-and-forth matchup with seven ties and eight lead-changes. The Hawks

lost this game in dramatic fashion. Monmouth tied the game late, lost it late, and almost won with a desperation buzzer beater. The Colonials came out of the MAC with a 62-60 victory.

Robert Morris' best player, Karon Abraham, collapsed on the court just over five minutes into the game and never returned. His backup, Coron Williams, came in and shot the lights out. Williams took five shots from three-point range and didn't miss one. He set a career high with 15 points in this contest.

Monmouth's struggles from the foul line really hurt them in this game. As a team, Monmouth was ten for 20 from the charity stripe. In a two-point loss, you can't help but look at missed free throws and wonder "What if..."

Myers Keitt led the Hawks in scoring, with 14 points including three of four from three-point range. Jesse Steele added 12 points off the bench. Ed Waite led the team in rebounding, grabbing 10 boards to go along with his eight points.

Rebounding was another Achilles heel for the Hawks. They were out-rebounded by the Colonials 37 to 25. Robert Morris grabbed 15 offensive rebounds, leading to 11-second chance points.

Monmouth struggled offensively at the end of the game. On three consecutive possessions late in the game, the Hawks made bad passes that led to turnovers. Even after giving away the ball three times, the Hawks were right in the game due to great defense.

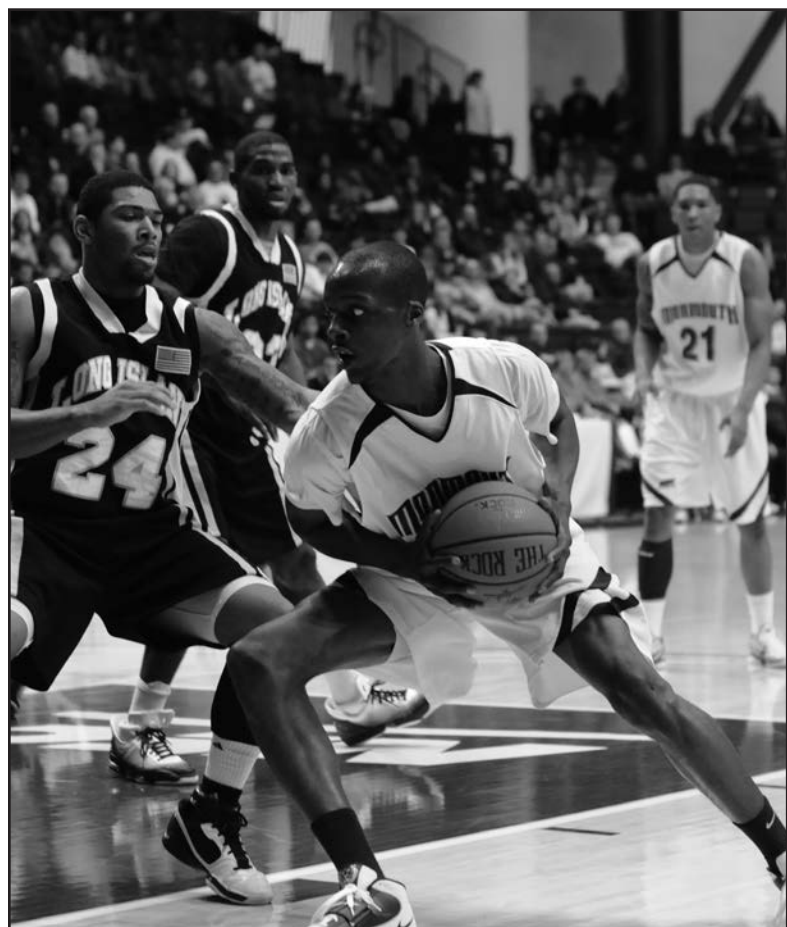


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Mike Myers Keitt added 12 points in 57-51 win over Saint Francis.

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Baseball Team Ready to Rumble

BRETT BODNER
SPORTS EDITOR

Spring is in the air and with that comes the arrival of the baseball season. On February 25, the Hawks will open their season in Richmond, Virginia against Virginia Commonwealth. The team will be looking to bounce back from what many consider to be an off-season.

The Hawks finished 22-27 last year, which was the first losing season since 2004, when the team went 22-29.

Graduate pitcher Nick Meyers said the losing season was something that many guys were not used to, but they have high hopes for this season.

“Last year was difficult for a lot of guys on the team; many guys have never had a losing season. The team has a very different attitude for the upcoming season. Guys on the team are doing a lot more work and preparation to never have that feeling that we had when the season ended last year,” said Meyers.

Last season, Meyers lead the pitching staff with a record of 6-3, an ERA of 3.93, and 51 strikeouts. He also pitched in the Hawk’s biggest game of the year last year, when they upset East Carolina who was ranked in the

Top 20 at the time.

Offensively, junior infielder Jamie Rosenkranz and Ryan Terry look to pick up right where they left off last year. Terry led the team in runs scored (49), hits (66), doubles (20), home runs (9), and slugging percentage (.597). Rosenkranz was second on the team in batting average (.347), slugging percentage (.556), and tied for second in home runs with seven.

Part of the reason why the Hawks struggled for most of the year was due to injuries to many of the players, as well as inexperience. There were several freshmen that saw a significant amount of time last season and this year they will be looking to build on the experience they had last year and settle into key roles on the team.

For example, of the 32 games last year started by pitchers, the team returned pitchers who started 25 of those 32 games.

Adding to the returning members of the team comes nine new players to the team. This includes eight freshmen – Tim Bickford, Frank Fantino, Stephen Frey, Jake Gronsky, Jon Guida, Andrew McGee, Craig Sweeney, and Tom Valichka – and junior transfer Ed Martin.

Ed Martin transferred here from Brookdale Community College, where he played the last two seasons. Martin was on the 2010 All-Region Team and had a batting average of .400 with 46 hits, 12 doubles, 20 stolen bases, three triples, 24 RBIs and 32 runs scored last season.

Martin is looking forward to having the opportunity to be able to play for the Hawks and hopes he can break into the starting lineup.

“I just try to work hard every day and get better. In the end it’s Coach’s decision but I try to make the decision for him easy. It’s all about earning the trust of the coaching staff that when they put your name in the lineup they know you’ll do well. And if I don’t find my way into the lineup then I’ll do whatever I can to help us win, that’s what being on a team is all about,” said Martin.

Up until last season, the Hawks had posted three straight 30 or more win seasons, including the NEC championship in 2007 and 2009.

C o a c h Ehehalt has coached the Hawks for the past 18 seasons and has lead them to four NEC Championships. This season he hopes to get back to playing at this level and to do things that are characteristic of being a championship baseball team.

“We just have to go out there and play and be relaxed. The game never changes, but the teams that win throw strikes, play

good defense, and execute. These are all things people talk about, but they only talk about them when they don’t do it. Any team that wins has to take care of the little things,” said Ehehalt.

The team battled the injury bug last season and Coach Ehehalt referred to it as a “freakish thing” that the team had five to six years worth of injuries in one season to several key players.

“To avoid injuries we won’t do anything different or crazy. We will stay on the first floor of hotels and have our bus drivers travel slowly,” joked Ehehalt. “But we won’t do anything to crazy. It will just be business as usual and hopefully have good health throughout the season,” said Ehehalt.

If the team can remain healthy this year, many believe that they will be amongst the top teams in the NEC. In the early preseason coaches’ poll, the Hawks were selected second overall and even received four first place votes.

“We will be there until the end and there is going to be peaks and valleys throughout the season. Once you get in on cruise control it can either be extremely disappointing or extremely easy. One thing I can predict is that we will get better as the season goes on,” said Ehehalt.

“The team has a very different attitude for the upcoming season. Guys on the team are doing a lot more work and preparation to never have that feeling that we had when the season ended last year.”

NICK MEYERS
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Women’s Soccer Introduces Incoming Class of 2015

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Monmouth University women’s soccer head coach Krissy Turner announced 11 more additions to the incoming class for the Hawks, joining UConn transfer Ally Mancino (Belle Mead, N.J./Montgomery). Turner, who is entering her 14th season as the head coach of the Hawks, has received commitments from Carly Long (Downingtown, Pa./Downingtown East), Martika Hubbard (Poughkeepsie, N.Y./Franklin D. Roosevelt), Jocelyn McCoy (Crofton, Md./Archbishop Spalding), Carly Yost (North Wales, Pa./North Penn), Alexandra Farley (Shelton, Conn./Shelton), Kimberly Clemmer (Jackson, N.J./Jackson Memorial), Jill Root (Havertown, Pa./Haverford), Alexa Freguletti (Mahwah, N.J./Mahwah), Kristen Brett (Hebron, Conn./RHAM H.S.), Estefania Bermudez Delgado (Madero, Tamaulipas, Mexico) and Areli Bermudez Delgado (Madero, Tamaulipas, Mexico).

“Overall, this class is expected to fill some of our needs from graduation, as well as add tremendous depth and talent to our roster,” commented Turner. “This is the largest group we have brought into our program. This class is not about adding players to a roster, but about the fact we have attracted some of the best players in Region One and tremendous student-athletes to Monmouth.”

Turner, who also signed the twin Bermudez Delgado sisters from Madero, Mexico, added, “We have added an international flavor to our program which is terrific. Our staff worked diligently to identify these players individually who would enhance our performance on the field and who are committed to hard work and love the game. We are excited to welcome them to the Monmouth soccer family.”

Long, a defender/midfielder and two-time team captain, played varsity soccer for four years at Downingtown East in Exton, Pennsylvania, where as a senior, she was earned All Ches-Mont First Team and All Area First Team status, while being selected to play in the Ches-Mont vs Pac 10 All Star Game. As a junior,

Long, was named to the All Ches-Mont Second Team, as well as All Area Honorable Mention. Long currently plays club ball with Penn Fusion 92 Gaels, and was a USYS Region One Premier Finalist and EPYSA State Cup Champion.

“Carly will compete for starting minutes on the left side as she is a natural lefty,” stated Turner. “What sets Carly apart is her work ethic on the field. She will make any sacrifice necessary to win the ball.”

A defender, Hubbard was a four-year varsity letterwinner at Franklin D. Roosevelt in Hyde Park, New York. Hubbard was named an All-MHAL midfielder and first team Poughkeepsie Journal. Hubbard plays on Syosset SC, a Region I Premier team, as well.

“Speed and quickness allow Martika to standout on the field,” commented Turner. “Her experience playing for a national championship club contender in Syosset have prepared her for college.”

McCoy, a goalkeeper, was a four-year varsity letterwinner at Archbishop Spalding High School, where the Cavaliers were two-time conference champions. McCoy, who recorded 42 shutouts in 55 games played, registered a .048 goals-against-average, and a .923 save percentage, while surrendering just 20 goals in 3,769 career minutes. McCoy plays on Freestare Fury, a club team that is part of Region I Premier and the ECNL leagues.

A first team all-county performer for The Capital and Baltimore Sun in 2008, 2009 and 2010, McCoy was also tabbed first team All-Metro by the Washington Post twice and the Baltimore Sun in 2010. A two-time first team all-conference (2009, 2010) keeper, McCoy was honored as first team all-state as a senior, after being named second team all-state in 2009. In addition, the netminder was named an IAAM A Conference All-Star (2009, 2010), and an ESPN RISE Magazine: Athlete of the Week in 2009.

Turner stated, “Jocelyn was the best goalkeeper coming out of Maryland and one of the top goalkeepers in Region One. She is an outstanding athlete with good size

and hands, which will allow her to compete for the starting nod in goal for us.”

Yost, a midfielder/forward, played varsity at North Penn High School, where she was named an all-league honorable mention Suburban One League Girls Soccer as a senior. A team MVP of the school’s cross country squad, Yost played for the FC Delco Force, a Region I premier club team, with teammate Jill Root.

“Carly is a lefty who has the experience and versatility to play up front as well as in the back,” added Turner. “Carly is a competitor, so she will be on the field somewhere making a contribution as a rookie.”

Farley, a defender, was a three-year varsity letterwinner at Shelton High School, and a team co-captain as a senior. During her final season, Shelton won the Class LL state and Southern Connecticut Conference Championships, as Farley was named the 2010 SCC Tournament MVP. As a senior, Farley was named to the New Haven Register All-Star Team and the Connecticut Post All-Star Team, while earning the SHSGS Xara Coaches Award. In 2009, she earned all-conference recognition, and the SHSGS Defensive Player of the Year Award, in addition to the Player of the Season and SCC All-Academic Team. A South Central Premier Club Player for four years, Farley also won SHSGS Defensive Player of the Year honors as a sophomore.

“Alex will compete for playing time as a back,” commented Turner. “She is very gifted athletically, and will chase down opposing attackers.”

Clemmer, defender, was a four-year varsity letterwinner in soccer at Jackson Memorial, where she was a teammate of current Monmouth standout Dana Costello. Clemmer, who helped lead the Jaguars to three League Championships, two Central Jersey Group IV titles, and a Shore Conference Championship, was named third team All-State Group IV, first team All-Shore and first team all-division as a senior. Clemmer, who won a total of 12 varsity letters, was named second team All-Shore in 2009, as well as second

team All-Group IV, second team all-county and first team all-division. In 2007, Jackson was the Shore Conference Champs, while in 2009, the Jaguars claimed the A-South title, and Central Jersey Group IV crown. Clemmer plays club ball for Match Fit Chelsea Academy, which has been a top program in New Jersey for 10 years.

Turner stated, “Kim has great size, athletic ability, outstanding leadership skills and passion for winning. She is expected to play central midfield for the Hawks.”

A midfielder, Root competed on varsity for four seasons at Haverford High School in Havertown, Pennsylvania, where she was a team captain as a senior. A three-time All-Central League performer, Root was named All-Main Line in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Root, an All-Delaware County player as a junior and senior, was added to the All-Southeastern Pennsylvania All Star Team this past season, as well as to the All-State squad. Root, who was listed as the Central League Most Valuable Player in 2010, was also the team’s MVP and a team offensive MVP in 2008 and 2009. Root plays on the same club team, FC Delco Force - a Region I premier power and in the ECNL league, with Yost.

“Jill is technically sound, terrific at running with the ball at her feet and finding the open player,” added Turner. “She will solidify the attack for the Hawks with her creativity.”

Freguletti, a defender/midfielder, was a three-year varsity player at Mahwah High School. A senior year captain, Freguletti was named NBIL All-League in 2009, and Big North All-League, all-state, and second team All-Bergen in 2010. A YPSL all-conference midfielder in 2009, she helped lead Mahwah to the Big North League and New Jersey State Championships as a senior, as well as the New Jersey State North II Championship in 2009. Mahwah was also the NBIL League Champs in 2009. An SYL National Camp attendee in 2007, Freguletti competed for the Millburn Magic, as well as Morris United/Sta Cruch.

“Alexa is a solid athlete who will compete for women’s soccer in the

fall and lacrosse in the spring,” stated Turner. “She loves to compete and will challenge for minutes in the back or midfield as her versatility is her strength.”

Brett was a four-year varsity defender at RHAM High School in Hebron, Connecticut, where she was named all-conference, all-state and All-New England in 2010. In addition, Brett was tabbed the Best Defensive Player as a senior, while leading the side to the Connecticut State Championship, and being named to the All-Courant Team. A two-year varsity captain, Brett also earned all-conference and the Best Defensive Player award as a junior. Brett also played club ball for CFC United, which competes in the ECNL and Region I Premier leagues.

“Kristen will help anchor the Hawks’ back line,” commented Turner. “She is expected to compete for a role of central defender, and is excellent in the air and strong in the tackle.”

Estefania and Areli Bermudez Delgado have each played and trained with the Women’s National Team Under-17 of Mexico. Estefania is a forward/midfielder, who helped lead her Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Tamaulipas squad to three district titles, alongside her sister, who is a defender.

Estefania and Areli each played for three years at ODEIP (Mexico), a squad that was league champions three times, and won four national championships with the Tamaulipas state team.

“Estefania is terrific in the air in front of the goal, which will bring us a presence we have never had before,” stated Turner. “Areli is a crafty outside back who reads the game well. Their experience playing with the Mexican U 17 National Pool has exposed them to a very high level of soccer.”

Monmouth, which finished the 2010 campaign 10-6-2, claimed its fifth straight double-digit victory season under Turner. The Hawks, who had three departing seniors - Ali Kliment, Lia Fierro and Mary Wilks - earn all-conference status, earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award for the 13th consecutive year.



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